Grant Details

Funded By: Gates Family Foundation

Visit Website

Geographic Area
- Colorado – Statewide

Areas of Interest
- Arts / Culture / Humanities
- Children & Youth Services
- Community / Public Affairs
- Economic Development
- Education
- Recreation / Sports
- Youth Development Activities

Grant Type
- Capital Improvement / Purchase
- Challenge / Matching
- General Operating Support
- Project / Program Support

Purpose
Capital Grants are generally limited to comprehensive capital campaigns, which are typically for building purchases, construction, expansion, renovation, and/or land acquisition. Only nonprofit organizations with capital projects that benefit Colorado and its residents are qualified to apply. When making funding decisions, the Foundation prioritizes:
- Projects that address root problems with substantive solutions
- Projects with strong evidence of support from the community and the organization's board
- Projects in rural communities that face greater challenges in accessing funds for capital projects
- Projects that reinforce the foundation's strategic priorities in K-12 public education, natural resources, and community development
- Projects that incorporate green building and sustainable development practices
- Organizations with sound management practices, effective executive leaders, and engaged board members

These priorities are seen in the following areas of interest:
- Arts and Culture
- Community Development
- Education
- Parks & Recreation
- Well-Being of Children, Youth & Families

Each of these priorities has more specific intricacies, each of which can be viewed through the website.
Application Criteria

**DETAILS**
- Accepts Capital Common Grant Application
- Check website for details
- Has specific grant guidelines
- Has specific reporting requirements

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please send completed grant applications by [email] or by direct mail to the Foundation's address.

There are helpful resources on the Gates' website to help with submission. Visit the Resources and Guidance section of the How to Apply webpage to find a Capital Campaign Planning Guide and other relevant information about the Capital Grant process.

Contact the Assistant Grants Manager with any additional questions.

**RESTRICTIONS**

Eligibility:
- Be classified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), classified as a public charity under section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Code, and be able to provide documentation of tax-exempt status issued within the last five years. In limited circumstances, the Foundation also considers grant requests from governmental entities.
- Provide services benefiting the state of Colorado and its citizens.
- Have commitments for approximately 30% of the funds needed to complete the project in place prior to submission, unless a waiver of this requirement has been granted.

Restrictions:
- Grant funds for general operating or program expenses unless initiated by the Foundation.
- Provide loans, grants, scholarships, or camperships to individuals.
- Grant funds for projects that have been substantially completed prior to the next trustees' meeting.
- Grant funds for conferences, meetings, or studies that are not initiated by the Foundation.
- Consider more than one proposal from an organization in a calendar year unless initiated by the Foundation, and does not reconsider previously denied proposals.
- Grant funds to other private foundations or organizations engaged in grant making.
- Grant funds to retire operating or construction debt.
- Grant funds for the purchase of vehicles.
- Grant funds to purchase office or computer equipment unless they are part of a comprehensive capital campaign.
- Grant funds directly to individual public schools or public school districts unless initiated by the Foundation.
- Grant funds for medical research or grant funds for the construction of major medical facilities.
- Purchase tickets for fundraising dinners, parties, benefits, balls, or other social fundraising events.
- Support religious organizations or activities.
- Schedule interviews with the Foundation trustees unless the trustees initiate the meeting.
- Grant funds for political or lobbying activities.
- Grant funds to supporting organizations described in section 509(a)(3), other than a Type I, Type II or functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization.
of which is not (and the supported organization of which is not) directly or indirectly controlled by a disqualified person of either the Foundation or a family fund.

- Grant funds to foreign organizations.

Contact

ADDRESS
1390 Lawrence St. Ste. 400
Denver, CO 80204

EMAIL
grants@gatesfamilyfoundation.org

Colorado Grants Guide®
Powered by Community Resource Center

Community Resource Center creates opportunities, tools and strategies to develop nonprofits and community groups to strengthen Colorado. CRC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Colorado Grants Guide License Agreement.