



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Fort Collins Community Fund – Grant Guidelines

The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado creates transformational community impact by inspiring philanthropy and engaging the region. We value fostering collaboration and inspiring community action, serving as a trusted steward, and creating a more engaged, philanthropic, & visionary community.

Grantmaking goals

Through its grantmaking, the Foundation aims to:

- Support strategic, transformational, or catalytic projects
- Support high-impact work resulting in meaningful outcomes
- Encourage collaboration among nonprofit organizations

Community-specific priorities and guidelines

In addition to the broadly stated Foundation goals above, the **Fort Collins** community funds have additional specific priorities and guidelines.

- Grants awarded from the **Fort Collins** community funds must be used for the benefit of residents of **Fort Collins**.
- Organizations may apply for a grant up to \$25,000; however, grants awarded in recent years have ranged from \$1,500 - \$25,000.
- In addition to the broadly stated Foundation goals above, special funding is available for:
 - Youth programs
 - Senior programs
 - Educational opportunities
 - Health and human services
 - Dental health (can serve those in the broader Larimer County)

Eligibility

The Community Foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) charitable entities, educational institutions, churches, or government entities that are in good standing with the IRS. If you are group, club, association, or organization that does NOT fit these criteria, but are seeking funding for a charitable project, consider partnering with a 501(c)(3) or government agency that can be your fiscal sponsor and apply on your group's behalf. This grant opportunity is available to these types of entities serving the community of **Fort Collins**.

The Foundation typically does not fund:

- Individuals
- Businesses/for-profit companies
- Political lobbying/candidate campaigns for political office
- Sponsorships, tables, or tickets for special events or fundraising events
- Debt retirement/deficit financing
- Private foundations

Due to limited funding available, nonprofits should not expect or depend upon receiving grant support. Preference will be given to organizations that have not received a grant in the last 12 months. In addition, organizations may only apply to one community fund per cycle.



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Documents requested

- Board of Directors/Governing Body (PDF file)
- Current annual operating budget (Excel or PDF file)
- Project/program budget (Excel or PDF file)
- Profit & loss statement (Excel or PDF file)
- Balance sheet (Excel or PDF file)
- If using a fiscal sponsor, a memorandum of understanding (Word or PDF file)
- If collaborating with another organization, a letter of confirmation (PDF file)
- Additional support document(s) – optional (PDF file)

Important dates

Cycle	Cycle Opens	Cycle Closes	Notifications
Fall 2023	August 3, 2023	August 31, 2023	late October 2023
Spring 2024	February 1, 2024	February 28, 2024	late April 2024

If you have additional questions, please contact our team at Grants@NoCoFoundation.org.