

THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF COLORADO GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES Vail Valley Regional Granting

About The Women's Foundation of Colorado

For thirty years, The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) has worked to ensure every woman and girl in Colorado has the opportunity to achieve her full potential.

Our Vision

A future where Colorado women and girls of every background and identity prosper.

Our Mission

Catalyzing community to advance and accelerate economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families.

Our Core Values

- **Promise:** We believe in infinite possibilities. We know all women and girls have the innate potential and power to succeed.
- **Leadership:** We are willing to take risks in pursuit of our vision. We will lead in harnessing passion to include and amplify the voices of diverse women and girls. We believe that leadership by women and girls in all sectors makes a positive difference in communities and society.
- **Community:** We understand that advancing women's economic self-sufficiency is complex, requiring the insights, investments and commitment of many. We believe that we can achieve more in partnership with others.
- **Learning:** We seek to learn from our grantees, strategic partners and others to inform our research and to identify needs. We believe mutual and continuous learning will not only advance progress toward our vision but also stimulate innovative solutions to issues impacting women and girls.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** We strive to understand intersections of identities and to address structural systems of inequity in the pursuit of equity. We believe that deliberately including diverse perspectives in our work and in our decision making will lead to better results.
- **Stewardship and Accountability:** We act with integrity and intentionality, look back and forward on important issues, focus on systemic change, and measure our results. We hold ourselves accountable to our mission, our donors, our stakeholders, and the communities we serve.

Our Inclusiveness Statement

For 30 years, The Women's Foundation of Colorado has worked to ensure that, without exception, all women and girls across our state thrive. As a community foundation, our work is guided by inclusive philanthropy – the love of human kind. It is in accordance with our values and our unwavering belief in the promise of all people -- regardless of gender, class, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration or refugee status, sexual orientation, gender expression, abilities, political affiliation, or any other community -- that we lead change.

We firmly ground all of our work, including grantmaking, in ongoing research through which we identify the issues and places, and with whom, we can have the greatest impact. For more information about our research, visit our [website](#).

Vail Grantmaking Details

The Women's Foundation of Colorado currently has an active volunteer Regional Committee in the Vail Valley. This fiscal year, the Vail Committee has discretionary funds to grant within their community, as a direct result of their fundraising efforts. This opportunity is separate from WFCO's larger statewide grantmaking process, and is controlled locally in Vail. Applicants for these funds should align with The Foundation's mission of catalyzing community to advance and accelerate economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families.

WFCO invests in programs and organizations that apply a gender lens to their work. We hope to support organizations that share our commitment to supporting women and their families in our state, and that respond to the unique strengths and challenges of diverse women in their communities. Our grantees will demonstrate knowledge of and deep engagement within their own communities, and will work with women and girls, other nonprofit organizations, government entities, and corporations to open opportunities and eliminate disparities so that more women can move from surviving to thriving.

How to Apply

All applications must be submitted [here](#) by 5pm on Friday, November 3rd, 2017.

Please login to CyberGrants, complete the basic organization information requested, and also **attach an Application Letter of no more than 2 pages with font 12 point Times New Roman**. Your Application Letter should include:

- Your organization's mission statement
- Information on the number of individuals served (approx.) by your organization each year, and the percentage of those individuals that are women and/or girls
- The total grant amount requested (the allowable request range is \$1,000 to \$15,000)
- Information on your organization's operating budget for the current fiscal year
- A description of the program or initiative that will be funded by this grant, if received
- A statement on how your organization aligns with the mission, vision, and values of The Women's Foundation of Colorado

All applications received [here via CyberGrants](#) by 5pm on Friday, November 3rd, will be reviewed and evaluated by the Vail Grantmaking Committee. This volunteer team will evaluate submissions during the months of November and December, and present their recommendations to The Women's Foundation of Colorado Board of Trustees at their January meeting for final approval. Organizations will receive information on the final status of their grant request no later than January 31st, 2018, and grant agreements and funds will be dispersed shortly thereafter.

For any questions or additional clarification, please contact Kelly Robenhagen, Women's Foundation statewide events and development manager, at kellyr@wfc.org, or via phone at 303-285-2970 or 970-692-3715.

Thank You!