



THE DENVER FOUNDATION

Impact100 Metro Denver is pleased to invite you to submit a \$100,000 grant application.

Impact100 Metro Denver is a donor advised fund of The Denver Foundation. It was founded in 2015 and is pleased to announce the third round of funding. In 2018 Impact100 Metro Denver will issue a \$100,000 grant to support a transformational change for a nonprofit organization. Eligible organizations must have an existing focus of 1) mental health, 2) refugees 3) children & youth and/or 4) housing.

Mission

The mission of Impact100 Metro Denver is to increase participation among women in local philanthropy, raise awareness of the unmet needs of nonprofits in Metro Denver, inspire members to become more involved with local charities, and make a substantial and lasting impact on the long-term sustainability of our nonprofit community.

Impact100 Metro Denver is about the power of collective decision-making and collective grant-making. As a grant-making organization, Impact100 Metro Denver brings together women in our community to do something truly remarkable: give a gift of \$100,000 to a nonprofit organization in our local area that has a big idea and great potential, but may have little access to large-scale funds.

Definition of Transformational Change

A change in the structure or composition of a program/project or the addition of a new program/project which has a significant impact on the constituents served by the organization. Examples include the implementation of new technologies or the utilization of innovative techniques/methods/procedures/delivery in a current program/project or in the introduction of new services/products. Transformational change will create a dramatic, rapid improvement in the way in which an organization's constituents are served.

Who is eligible to apply for an Impact100 Metro Denver grant?

Tax-exempt 501(c) 3 organizations that are located and serve people predominately in the Metro Denver area. Metro Denver is comprised of: **Denver, Boulder, Broomfield, Adams, Jefferson, Arapahoe and Douglas counties.**

Organizations with a focused mission addressing one or more of the following areas of need:

- **Mental Health**
- **Refugees**
- **Children & Youth**
- **Housing**

Organizations that have an ongoing **budget of \$1 – 5 million**

Prime evaluation criteria

Competitive applications will clearly:

- Define the need and the capacity of the organization to provide measurable results that will impact that need.
- Demonstrate that the organizational budget and project budget are consistent with project goals and activities.
- Demonstrate how a one-time \$100,000 grant will make a **TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE** (see definition above) in the organization's ability to deliver upon its mission.
- Describe how the transformational change will be sustained in future years.

Additional requirements

If chosen as a finalist, agree to present to the Impact100 Metro Denver membership at a live event on June 13, 2018.

Agree to include Impact100 Metro Denver in all communications related to the funded project.

Grant term

The grant term is 12 to 18 months and will be dispersed in payments upon meeting mutually agreed upon benchmarks by the winner of the grant and Impact100 Metro Denver.

Impact100 Metro Denver will not fund:

- General operating expenses
- Debt reduction, operating deficits, bridge funding
- Endowment funding
- General capital campaigns (unrelated to a specific project)
- Fundraising events or activities
- Private foundations or individuals
- Activities that are religious, partisan or political in nature
- Organizations that discriminate in any way
- Litigation or legal expenses
- Pass through funds or regranting

Application Process

All proposals must use the Colorado Common Grant Application (<http://crcamerica.org/resources/common-grant-forms/>) and include all of the required attachments with two exceptions:

1.) Replace the cover letter with a ONE page Executive Summary that includes:

- Which of the four areas of need described in this RFP your proposal will address – list all that apply, indicating which is primary.
- A brief statement describing the focus of the organization, including the population served
- Summary of the proposed project
- Service area
- Projected Budget Statement: Total Projected Project Expenses are \$_____. In addition to Impact100 Grant Request of \$100,000, Funds from Other Sources are projected to be \$_____.

- How the project will be transformational
- How the project will be sustained after the grant ends.

Executive Summaries of the finalists will be distributed to all members before presentations are made on June 13, 2018.

2.) Include two years of audited financial statements

Your proposal must be received by Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Email your proposal as a single pdf to impact100@denverfoundation.org.

The Grants Committee will review all proposals between March 1 and April 15, 2018. After all proposals have been reviewed, the committee will determine which organizations will be chosen for site visits.

Those agencies not selected for a site visit or further consideration in 2018 will be notified in late April.

Finalists will be asked to present to the Impact100 Metro Denver membership meeting on June 13, 2018. The membership will vote and the \$100,000 grant will be awarded to one of the finalists at that meeting. Additional funds may be awarded to the other finalists, as available.

Grant Application Webinar - Questions about the grant application process will be answered on a webinar to be held on February 2 at 11am. To participate you will call 303 248-0285, use access code 2467012 and sign into <https://www.readytalk.com/r/x33gcr4388ou&eom>.

If you cannot attend the webinar you may email a question to impact100@denverfoundation.org in advance and it will be answered. No phone calls please. The webinar will be posted for your viewing at impact100metrodenver.org.