



**America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission | Community Grants & Aligned Giving**  
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**Submission Process**

- **Submissions must be received at least 12 weeks prior to your program start date to accommodate Commissioner and Foundation review. Please note that should your project receive foundation interest for the Aligned Giving Program, this timeline could be extended.** Capital projects that have already begun are eligible but the groundbreaking, opening, or launch must take place by December 31, 2026.
- Applicant completes and submits online interest form with a project description as well as other project-related questions. A confirmation email will be sent upon submission.
- The Commission compiles submissions and will indicate alignment of projects based on an established scale and criteria; refer to the scoring rubric.
- **Community Grant Awards:** Commission grant recipients are selected by the Commission based on strong alignment with the Commission's goals, themes, and values; refer to the scoring rubric.
- **Aligned Giving Awards:** All projects are sent to foundations with the Commission's ratings. These ratings help foundations to better understand project alignment with the Commission's values but the foundations ultimately make all funding decisions based on alignment with their grant making priorities. Foundations will request to continue conversations for the projects they are interested in and the Commission will notify applicants of the next steps to work with the foundation directly. Applicants must complete the next steps of a full proposal submission directly with any interested foundation partners.