



## Community Grants & Aligned Giving Program | FAQs

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- 1. What type of entities can apply for funding (*Aligned Giving and Community Grants*)?** Active 501c3 nonprofits, government equivalents (including Tribal Governments, public schools and universities, state and other municipalities), and fiscally sponsored organizations that operate in Colorado are eligible. (501c4, 501c6, and 501c7 entities are not eligible to apply to receive direct funding).
- 2. What type of funding will be granted (*for both Aligned Giving and Community Grants*)?** Capital, program (educational, research, public art and other exhibits), and some events are eligible if the event will have a long lasting and significant impact on the community. The Commission Community Grants Program is designed to support quicker, localized initiatives that foster participation, storytelling, and community engagement during the commemoration.
- 3. How many of the submitted projects will be funded by Foundations?** The America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission has partnered with the Anschutz Foundation, Daniels Fund, El Pomar Foundation, Boettcher Foundation, Gates Family Foundation, and the Adolph Coors Foundation who have collectively committed over \$5 million to support projects celebrating the America 250 – Colorado 150 Commemoration. This \$5 million includes both proposals submitted through this process and other related projects under consideration by foundations in their regular grant making. The Commission will review all proposals to determine alignment with the Commission’s objectives and forward all proposals to partner foundations. Foundations will consider the Commission’s feedback but will ultimately make their own funding decisions. The Commission will review submitted forms and will share them with participating foundations, which independently determine whether a project aligns with their priorities. If so, they will request a conversation, and the Commission will facilitate introductions.
- 4. What is the funding range from Foundations?** Funding amounts can be discussed with the foundation should you be asked to have further discussion about your project and to submit a full proposal.
- 5. What is the funding range for the Community Grants?** The Community Grants Program awards up to \$7,500 per project.
- 6. Can I apply for multiple projects?** Yes. The Commission asks that a separate interest form is submitted for each project.
- 7. If my project does not have interest from the Aligned Giving foundations or is not selected for a Community Grant in one submission cycle, can I submit it again in a different cycle?** Funding requests for a specific project or program should only be submitted once. If you have submitted a project(s) in a previous cycle the Commission asks that you do not submit it again.
- 8. Will I need to complete an additional application to the Aligned Giving Foundations?** Yes, you will be notified if a foundation partner would like to continue the conversation. You will be responsible for submitting materials directly to that foundation.
- 9. Will I need to complete an additional application to the Community Grants Program?** No, the Commission does not require another application.

**10. I have a question that is not being addressed via the online materials:** For questions regarding the Community Grants Program, contact [250-150communitygrants@state.co.us](mailto:250-150communitygrants@state.co.us). For questions regarding the Aligned Giving Program, contact [cgonzales@philanthropyexpert.com](mailto:cgonzales@philanthropyexpert.com).