Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, with the Department of Local Affairs, Seeks Applicants for the Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant Program

Gunnison, Colo., June 2, 2023 - Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) announced the Nonprofit Infrastructure (NPI) Grant Program, a statewide grant program for small, community-based nonprofit organizations providing services to communities who have historically been underrepresented, underserved, or under-resourced.

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, collectively with DOLA, seeks applicants with annual budgets between $150,000 and $2,000,000, that have been affected by the infrastructure aftermath of COVID-19. While the grant is not for programming, it does open doors for other opportunities such as strategic planning, professional development for board and staff, technology, etc.

The application will open on July 5, 2023, and close on August 31, 2023.

The Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant Program

The Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant was created after the Colorado House Bill 22-1356 was signed into law on June 3, 2022, to help underrepresented communities with limited access to state and federal funding and those impacted and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The emphasis on infrastructure and capacity building will help small nonprofits build critical staff and boards, while providing funds to proactively invest in the organization’s makeup. The grant is designed for nonprofits in historically-marginalized communities that need more foundational help. $33,100,000 in grants will be awarded - with selected organizations awarded up to $100,000.

Additionally, if a tax-exempt charitable or social welfare group operating under a 501(c)(3) acts as a fiscal sponsor to small community-based groups (SCBG) that are not registered nonprofit organizations, those groups are also eligible for this grant funding.

“We are committed to supporting nonprofits in our very own Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties region and are thrilled to collaborate with DOLA to help make our community even better. This grant will extend relief for small charitable organizations in our locality, those that are still affected by the aftermath of COVID-19,” said Lauren Kugler, executive
director of the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley. “These nonprofits are important to all of us, and we are pleased to help them.”

How to Apply

To apply, interested applicants should contact the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, the geographically-appointed Regional Access Partner (RAP), directly for technical assistance and to learn more about the process, criteria and funding. RAPs are collaborating with DOLA to help select and administer grants within their particular regions, emphasizing a hyper-local focus on teamwork and support.

Organizations must provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number from the federal government and meet the eligibility requirements. Applications are submitted directly through one of the eight Regional Access Partners (RAPs), determined by the location of the organization’s headquarters. Funding is allocated for infrastructure needs only. Grant awardees will be notified by their RAP by January 31, 2024.

About the Regional Access Partner Network

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley is one of eight Regional Access Partners collaborating with DOLA to help select and administer grants within distinctive regions, emphasizing a hyper-local focus on teamwork and support.

For more information about this Program and to find a geographically-appointed RAP, please visit https://cfgv.org/npi.

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