



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 a second round of funding. In 2017 Impact100 Metro Denver will issue a \$100,000 grant to support a transformational change for a non-profit organization. Eligible organizations must have an existing focus of 1) mental health, 2) early childhood development, 3) prisoner reintegration and/or 4) training & education geared toward self-sufficiency focused on women and girls OR disabled OR youth at risk.

Mission

The mission of Impact100 Metro Denver is to increase participation among women in local philanthropy, raise awareness of the unmet needs of non-profits 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 non-profit 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 non-profit 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 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**
- **Early Childhood Development**
- **Prisoner Reintegration**
- **Training & Education focused toward self-sufficiency for women and girls OR disabled OR youth at risk.**

Has an ongoing **budget of \$1 – 5 million.**

Prime evaluation criteria

Competitive applications will clearly:

Demonstrate through financials, budgets, narratives and detailed action plans 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.

Forecast how the transformational change in service will be sustained in future years.

Address the need and the capacity of the organization to provide measurable results showing the need is being impacted.

Align the organizational budget and grant budget with the grant budget consistent with project goals and activities.

Agree it present to the Impact100 Metro Denver membership at a live event in early June.

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 **and include all of the required attachments with two exceptions.** 1) Replace the cover letter with a ONE page Executive Summary that includes a brief summary of the proposed project, project budget, service area and history of organization. The top of the summary should note which of the four areas of focus described in this RFP your proposal will address – check all that apply. Our finalists' Executive Summaries will be distributed to all members before presentations are made in June. 2) Include two years of audited financial statements.

<http://crcamerica.org/resources/common-grant-forms/>

Applicants must indicate which of the four grant focus area(s) it meets. More than one area may be appropriate. If so please indicate which area is the primary.

Your proposal must be received by Tuesday, February 28, 2017 Email your proposal as a single pdf to impact100@denverfoundation.org.

The Grant Committee will review all proposals between March 1 and April 15th, 2017. After all applications have been reviewed, our grant review committee will determine which organizations they will visit. Those agencies not selected for a site visit or further consideration in 2017 will be notified in late April.

Finalists will be asked to present to the Impact100 Metro Denver membership at an early June meeting. The membership will vote at the meeting the \$100,000 grant will be awarded to one of the finalists at that meeting. As available, additional funds may be awarded to the other finalists.

Questions about the grant application process will be answered on a webinar to be held on January 27 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.