GRANT OPPORTUNITY
The Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund was established in 1999 by the family of Lauren Townsend, a vibrant and inspiring young woman who was a class valedictorian and co-captain of the girls’ volleyball team at Columbine High School. Lauren was one of 13 victims killed in the shootings on April 20, 1999.

Lauren worked at an animal hospital and loved everything from wolves to spiders and any other animal that needed protection. “We established the fund to honor Lauren’s love for animals and learning,” said Dawn Anna, Lauren’s mother. She would be humbled to know that she is still able to help others even after her death. The fund awards grants to nonprofit organizations that focus on animal welfare or wildlife preservation.

Grants from the fund range from $500 - $5,000 and the fund typically awards a total of $15,000 - $20,000 annually.

ELIGIBILITY
Applications are open to organizations that meet the below criteria. Smaller nonprofit organizations are particularly encouraged to apply.

• Organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.
• Organizations with a focus on animal welfare or wildlife preservation.
• Organizations seeking funding for a specific project or program.
• Programs operating in the United States.

The fund does not award grants for:

• Administrative expenses (including salaries and other general operating costs).
• Lobbying activities.

*Note: If in the last three years you have been awarded two or more grants from the Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund, you are not eligible for funding this year. You are welcome to reapply in the next year’s funding cycle.*

DUE DATE
Applications must be submitted online by Friday, May 15, 2020 by 5:00pm MST.
APPLY ONLINE
Applications should be submitted online. You will need to register on The Denver Foundation’s grant application portal before completing your online application. Click on these FAQ’s for more information about the portal and links to registration.

Registration takes approximately one business day to process in our system. We strongly urge any organization interested in submitting an online application to complete the registration process no later than May 8, 2020 for the Friday, May 15, 2020 deadline.

CONTACT
Please email townsend@denverfoundation.org with any questions about the process. No phone calls please.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
On the online application, applicants will be required to submit:

• A brief overview of the organization’s mission, history, and goals.
• A summary of the organization’s programs and services.
• A summary of the project to be funded and amount requested.
• Organization’s current budget and most recent balance sheet.
• A budget for the project or program that funding is being requested for.
• Most recent 501(c)(3) determination letter.

PREVIOUS GRANTEES
If you received a grant in 2019 from Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund and would like to reapply for funds, you will be required to submit a final report on the work funded by the previous application.