



GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES

FY 2020 Greater Vail Valley Women's Fund Request for Proposals

About The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO)

Since our founding in 1987 as the only statewide community foundation focused on dismantling barriers to women's economic prosperity, WFCO has worked to ensure woman and their families in Colorado have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Our Vision

A future where Colorado women and girls of every background and identity prosper.

Our Mission

Catalyzing community to advance and accelerate economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families.

Our Core Values

- **Promise:** We believe in infinite possibilities. We know all women and girls have the innate potential and power to succeed.
- **Leadership:** We are willing to take risks in pursuit of our vision. We will lead in harnessing passion to include and amplify the voices of diverse women and girls. We believe that leadership by women and girls in all sectors makes a positive difference in communities and society.
- **Community:** We understand that advancing women's economic self-sufficiency is complex, requiring the insights, investments and commitment of many. We believe that we can achieve more in partnership with others.
- **Learning:** We seek to learn from our grantees, strategic partners and others to inform our research and to identify needs. We believe mutual and continuous learning will not only advance progress toward our vision but also stimulate innovative solutions to issues impacting women and girls.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** We strive to understand intersections of identities and to address structural systems of inequity in the pursuit of equity. We believe that deliberately including diverse perspectives in our work and in our decision making will lead to better results.
- **Stewardship and Accountability:** We act with integrity and intentionality, look back and forward on important issues, focus on systemic change, and measure our results. We hold ourselves accountable to our mission, our donors, our stakeholders, and the communities we serve.

Our Inclusiveness Statement

For more than 30 years, The Women's Foundation of Colorado has worked to ensure that, without exception, all women and girls across our state thrive. As a community foundation, our work is guided by inclusive philanthropy – the love of human kind. It is in accordance with our values and our unwavering belief in the promise of all people -- regardless of gender, class, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration or refugee status, sexual orientation, gender expression, abilities, political affiliation, or any other community -- that we lead change. We firmly ground all of our work, including grantmaking, in ongoing research through

which we identify the issues and places, and with whom, we can have the greatest impact. For more information about our research, visit our [website](#).

Vail Grantmaking Details

The Greater Vail Valley Women’s Fund, a fund of The Women’s Foundation of Colorado, is a collaborative philanthropic fund giving community members the opportunity to work together and enrich their region and state through informed, strategic grantmaking. The Greater Vail Valley Women’s Fund will support unique, community-based needs in the Vail/Eagle River Valley as well as catalyze change by fueling cutting-edge research, advocacy efforts, and statewide policy change.

This fiscal year, the Greater Vail Valley Women’s Fund Grantmaking Council has discretionary funds to grant one-year grants within their community (Vail/Eagle River Valley from Vail to Dotsero along I-70), as a direct result of their fundraising efforts. This opportunity is separate from WFCO’s larger statewide grantmaking process and is controlled locally. Applicants for these funds should align with The Foundation’s mission of catalyzing community to advance and accelerate economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families. Only organizations invited to apply will be eligible for funding.

WFCO invests in programs and organizations that apply a gender lens to their work. We hope to support organizations that share our commitment to supporting women and their families in our state, and that respond to the unique strengths and challenges of diverse women in their communities. Our grantees will demonstrate knowledge of and deep engagement within their own communities, and will work with women and/or girls, other nonprofit organizations, government entities, and corporations to open opportunities and eliminate disparities so that more women can move from surviving to thriving.

How to Apply

All applications must be submitted [here](#) by 5 pm MT on December 13, 2019.

Please login to CyberGrants, complete the basic organization information requested, and also **attach an Application Letter of no more than 2 pages with font 12 point Times New Roman**. Your Application Letter should include:

- Your organization’s mission statement
- Information on your organization’s operating budget for the current fiscal year
- A description of the program or initiative including project title and the number of participants that will be funded by this grant, if received
- A statement on how your organization aligns with the mission, vision, and values of The Women’s Foundation of Colorado
- If you received funds in the last fiscal year, the amount of funds received and a brief summary of the project including any challenges/successes/learnings

In CyberGrants, you will also be asked:

- The total grant amount requested (the allowable request range is \$2,500-\$7,500)
- Information on the number of individuals served (approx.) by your organization each year, and the percentage of those individuals that are women and/or girls

- Demographic information including the age of those served, their race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic status

All applications received [here](#) via CyberGrants by 5 pm MT on December 13, 2019 will be reviewed and evaluated by the Greater Vail Valley Women's Fund Grantmaking Committee and WFCO staff. This team will evaluate submissions during the months of January and February, and present their recommendations to The Women's Foundation of Colorado Board of Trustees at their March meeting for final approval. Organizations will receive information on the final status of their grant request no later than March 31, 2019, and grant agreements and funds will be dispersed shortly thereafter.

For any questions or additional clarification, please contact Alison Friedman Phillips, director of programs, at alisonp@wfc.org, or via phone at 303-285-2972.