



Boulder YouthBoard

Request for Grant Proposals

Due February 13th by 5:00 pm

The Boulder YouthBoard of YouthRoots is now accepting grant proposals from registered 501(c)3 tax-exempt youth-serving organizations that meet at least one of the following needs in the Boulder County community:

☐ Need #1: Sexual/Physical Assault

Sexual Assault in Boulder County is a growing issue, and the standard prevention methods are ineffective. A report from the Daily Camera states that 92% of sexual assault victims at CU Boulder are unreported. Similarly, MESA (Movement to End Sexual Abuse) states that 1 in 17 men in Colorado are sexually abused. This issue will continue to arise if we don't attack the problems at the root. We are looking to fund nonprofits that help address sexual/physical abuse in Boulder County.

☐ Need #2: Teen Homelessness

In Boulder County, teen homelessness is a prominent issue. Our board seeks to provide support for homeless teens looking for shelter or necessary resources. According to the Daily Camera, 5% of the homeless community in Boulder are teens, and an additional 17% are young adults. We are hoping to fund nonprofits that are able to give these teens the resources necessary to succeed.

Geographic Restriction: The Boulder YouthBoard is accepting grant proposals from organizations that benefit children and/or youth in Boulder County by addressing one or more of the above funding priorities.

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April 10th *Presentation:* You will be notified if you are a finalist by **March 10th**. If you make it to the finals, you will be asked to present to the YouthBoard on April 10th. The presentations will be 10-15 min presentations given anytime between 5:00-8:00pm at a location to be determined. The presentations will be a brief summary of your organization and program with time left for a Q & A session.

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North YouthBoard

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☐ Need #1: Access to Higher Education

In the Northern Denver community, students face many barriers trying to access higher education. Of the 75% of students in the Mapleton Public Schools district that graduate, only a third of them go on to post-secondary education. Those who do pursue college often need assistance navigating higher education, but do not know how to reach out for assistance. The North YouthBoard is looking to support nonprofits increasing access to higher education.

☐ Need #2: Food Deserts

The lack of accessibility to healthy, affordable food in North Denver is a problem that has had significant effects on low-income families. We are looking for organizations that provide access to healthy food options to low-income families and educate about the importance of healthy eating.

☐ Need #3: LGBTQIAP+

An overwhelmingly large percentage of homeless youth identify within the LGBTQIAP+ community. Youth-serving organizations that provide supports, awareness, and mentorship around this issue are encouraged to apply.

☐ Need #4: Substance Abuse

Due to the recent legalization of marijuana, students on the North YouthBoard have noticed an increase in marijuana use amongst minors. We are looking for organizations dedicated to providing preventative educational resources and rehabilitation services for youth.

Geographic Restrictions: If your organization serves youth within the following regions: Thornton, Northglenn, Westminster, Adams County, Arvada, Broomfield, or the north half of Jefferson County, your organization is eligible to apply for a grant.

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☐ Need #1: Substance Abuse

Colorado is ranked #2 in the nation among young adults age 12 to 24 for self-admitted, non-medical use of prescription painkillers according to the Colorado Consortium of Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention. The Central YouthBoard seeks to support both preventative and treatment programs to help address substance abuse.

☐ Need #2: Mental Health Awareness

According to mental health experts, 70% of students who struggle with mental health don't get treatment. The Central YouthBoard would like to fund mental health supports and awareness.

☐ Need #3: Educational Opportunity Gap

The achievement gap in Denver Public Schools is larger than the gap in 90% of major US cities. While 48% of white students meet at least 3 out of 4 ACT college benchmarks in Colorado, only 14% of African American students and 18% of Hispanic students meet the same benchmarks (according to Colorado Succeeds.) The Central YouthBoard seeks nonprofits working to close the educational opportunity gap.

Geographic Restrictions: Non-profits serving youth in the city and county of Denver.

Other Notes: We will give preference to organizations that prioritize education and awareness about the issues we have identified as a method for combating them in the general community.

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Need #1 - School-to-Prison Pipeline

The South Denver YouthBoard is seeking to address the school-to-prison pipeline by helping keep students out of the justice system for minor offenses. Many students are given harsh punishments for student errors such as arguing with classmates. Nonprofits that help combat the school-to-prison pipeline are encouraged to apply for a grant.

Need #2 – Mental Health

Mental health challenges such as ADHD, depression, and eating disorders are often overlooked but can be debilitating to student success. The problem of students not having access to mental health supports is pervasive in schools.

Need #3 – Nutrition

The South YouthBoard would like to help provide youth with access to healthy meal options. According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 1 in 4 children in Colorado are overweight or obese. Causes of this issue include the price of healthy food options and food deserts.

Need #4 – Education

We would like to ensure access to necessary educational resources to ensure youth are able to succeed academically. Funding for educational resources is insufficient and some youth can't afford these resources.

Geographic Restrictions: The South Denver community, including Arapahoe County, Douglas county, and Jefferson County (South of 6th Avenue). We are looking for organizations that benefit children and/or youth within this community.

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Grant Making Policy

YouthRoots

Each YouthBoard of YouthRoots will have the ability to determine how the funding from their Grant Making Fund can be distributed within the following guidelines:

- In order to further our exempt purposes, grants must be made to youth-serving (youth is defined as persons 0 -18 years old, unless otherwise obvious in funding priorities description) 501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations. Individuals are not considered.
- Grants must ultimately serve youth in and around the community where the granting YouthBoard is located.
- YouthRoots will operate in parallel with a typical school year, August through May. Grants will be accepted once funding priorities are set, sometime in the 4th quarter (October-December). Each grant will be considered once the money is pooled from that particular YouthBoard, usually this occurs in the first quarter of the year (January-March). Grants are made in the spring each year, most likely in the 2nd quarter (April-June).
- Whenever it is considered necessary or desirable, the YouthBoard will make site visits to the applicant's program. Also, presentations by applicants may be necessary or desirable and those would take place early spring of each year.
- Once a grant is awarded, a follow up report using the Colorado Common Grant Report, is requested for monitoring purposes within 1 year of award date.
- Grants are restricted to one year. Requests for more than one year of funding will not be considered.

For applicants:

- The grant must specify the responsibilities of YouthRoots and the responsibilities of the grantee.
- The applicant must use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made.
- The applicant must use the Colorado Common Grant Report form to account how the grant funds were used.
- Applicant acknowledges that YouthRoots has the authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused.
- Individuals and organizations supporting political candidates are ineligible to apply.