Caring for Colorado FOUNDATION

Caring for PUEBLO County



FUNDING PRIORITY

Children, Youth, and Families

PART 1 APPLICATION DUE:

Thursday, January 14, 2027 by 5:00pm

Registration required on the Online Grants Portal is due Tuesday, January 12, by 5:00pm

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

1 Review the funding opportunity resources on our website.

We know your time is valuable, so we work to make the grant application process as simple and clear as possible. ➜ Review all funding opportunity resources. In addition to the information in this document, we encourage you to:

- ☐ Watch the ➜ Children, Youth, and Families Funding Opportunity Webinar to learn about our grantmaking approach.
- ☐ Review the ➜ Part 1 Application Questions to see what information is needed to apply.
- ☐ Refer to the ➜ Frequently Asked Questions to find more detailed information about this funding opportunity.

2 Select a Focus Area and confirm your eligibility.

Read the **Focus Area Overview** on the following pages. Determine the Focus Area and funding strategies that best align with your proposed work and confirm your eligibility.

Carefully review **What We Do *Not* Fund** before you apply.

Organizations invited to submit a Part 2 Application will be asked to complete a Learning and Assessment Plan based on their selected funding strategies. We strongly recommend limiting your selection to 1 to 3 strategies that reflect your core work.

3 Register for the online grants portal.

The Part 1 Application must be submitted through our online grants portal, Fluxx. Registration is required to access the portal. If you already have a Fluxx account with Caring for Colorado, you do not need to register again. ➜ All applicants must be registered in FLUXX by January 12th, 2027 to submit an application by the January 14th deadline.

The Fluxx portal is set up for individual users. If you have not yet set up a user account, please select "Create an account now" on the Fluxx homepage and input your information. You will receive an email to finalize setting up your account.

4 Submit your application.

➜ Log in to the online grants portal and follow the directions on the online form to complete and **submit your application by 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2027.**

Sorry, late applications will not be reviewed.

Connect with us if you need support.

If you have specific questions about your eligibility or proposed work, please schedule a virtual meeting with with Gina Lopez Ferguson. If you are having technical questions, contact our Grants Management team at *grants@caringforcolorado.org*.



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➜ Schedule an Office Hour

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW	
Purpose of Funding	To support opportunities that create equity for children, youth, and their families in Pueblo County.
Funding Type	General operating or Program/Project
Funding Amounts	Applicants may request funding for 12 to 24 months. The minimum request amount is $15,000, and there is no maximum amount that an organization can request. However, in the previous funding cycle, grants ranged from $15,000 (12-month) to $100,000 (24-months), with an average annual grant size of $41,130.

Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible for this opportunity, your organization must meet one of the following requirements:

- Main office is in Pueblo County and exclusively serve Pueblo County.
- Main office is in Pueblo County and serve both Pueblo County and the surrounding areas.
- Satellite office in Pueblo County and it is one of the communities that is served.
- Operate statewide or regionally and serve Pueblo County, but do not have an office in Pueblo County.

What We Do Not Fund

Applicants who do not meet Caring for Colorado's ➜ general eligibility requirements.

- Grants to individuals
- Scholarships
- Debt retirement
- Building endowments or reserve funds
- Capital campaigns
- Membership campaigns
- Individual financial assistance programs that are not supported by wraparound services
- Grants for academic research
- Anti-abortion efforts
- Religious organizations for religious purposes

FOCUS AREA: Basic Needs	
Desired Result	All children, youth, and their families experience equitable access to services and supports that help meet basic needs, including safety, nutrition, housing, and transportation.
Eligible Funding Strategies The application requires you to select at least one strategy. The number of strategies selected is not correlated with the competitiveness of an application.	☐ Prevent and minimize the impacts of violence and trauma within families, schools, and the community. ☐ Increase access to affordable, culturally responsive, nutritious food for those experiencing food insecurity. ☐ Support transitional housing and emergency sheltering with wrap-around support for young people and families experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness. ☐ Offer safe, affordable, and reliable transportation for young people and their families.

FOCUS AREA: Social and Emotional Well-Being	
Desired Result	All children, youth, and their families cultivate a strong sense of identity, develop supportive and nurturing relationships, and can fully engage in opportunities that build connections and community engagement.
Eligible Funding Strategies The application requires you to select at least one strategy. The number of strategies selected is not correlated with the competitiveness of an application.	☐ Create opportunities for parents/caregivers to build social support and strengthen relationships with their children. ☐ Help children and youth cultivate healthy and supportive relationships with peers and trusted adults, including access to diverse mentors. ☐ Help young people develop effective coping, self-management, and self-regulation habits and skills by participating in culturally responsive social and emotional learning programs. ☐ Implement evidence-based restorative justice practices with youth that aim to build a sense of community, while responding to conflict and harm. ☐ Encourage pride in community, culture, or identity through free or affordable extracurricular and enrichment activities. ☐ Help youth develop leadership skills and engage in civic life.

FOCUS AREA: Behavioral Health	
Desired Result	All children, youth, and their families experience optimal behavioral health.
Eligible Funding Strategies The application requires you to select at least one strategy. The number of strategies selected is not correlated with the competitiveness of an application.	☐ Help young people make informed decisions and establish positive health behaviors. ☐ Support for children, youth, and their families experiencing behavioral health crisis. ☐ Provide access to existing high-quality, affordable, and culturally responsive behavioral healthcare and/or services that address gaps in these services and remove barriers to quality care. ☐ Use systems-level efforts that maintain a diverse and affordable network of behavioral health services and support.

FOCUS AREA: Economic Stability and Advancement	
Desired Result	All children, youth, and their families experience economic stability and advancement, with the ability to access quality education and employment.
Eligible Funding Strategies The application requires you to select at least one strategy. The number of strategies selected is not correlated with the competitiveness of an application.	☐ Focus on career development and readiness for youth and their families. ☐ Offer holistic educational support for students. ☐ Improve quality and increase access to affordable childcare including home-based, center-based, preschools, and Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers.



Grantmaking Guiding Principles

The Community Advisory Board prioritizes funding for organizations and programs that are guided by community voice, are culturally responsive, focus on equity, and demonstrate significant impact. ➜ Learn more about the Advisory Board's definitions of key terms, guidance, and recommended strategies for success.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

November 10, 2026	Part 1 Application Open
January 14, 2027	**Part 1 Application Due by 5:00 p.m.**
February 8, 2027	Part 1 Application Notifications *Declination or Invitation to Submit Part 2 Application*
March 8, 2027	**Part 2 Application Due by 5:00 p.m.**
March 31, 2027	Part 2 Application Notifications, Declination or Site Visit Invitation
April 19–May 4, 2027	In-Person Site Visits
June 3, 2027	Community Advisory Board Decision Meeting
June 24, 2027	Grant Decisions Approved *by Caring for Colorado Centennial Fund Board of Directors*
June 25, 2027	**Final Award Notifications**
July 1, 2027	Grant Start Date