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# Want to Make a Difference in Your Community?

At the Foundation, we fund impactful work – including promising programs or projects, innovative ideas and policy advocacy – that <u>reflect our cornerstones</u>. These outline who we serve, how our work is informed and our intent to <u>create health equity</u>.

We invite you to visit our website to learn how available funding can help you make a

difference in your community. Our next grant application deadline is Feb. 15, 2019. We encourage you to connect with us before applying to talk through your ideas. If you don't already work with a program officer, please reach out to us by <u>email</u> or by phone at 303-953-3600, and be sure to note the county you work in and your area of interest.

<u>View our funding calendar</u> to learn about funding that will be available for our June and October grant deadlines. We hope this information will help you consider getting a head start on engaging in a conversation with our program staff on how your organization's programs and/or projects may align with ours.



### Exploring Equitable Evaluation

The Equitable Evaluation Initiative asked our Learning and Evaluation team what it means to bring an equity lens to their work, highlighting a rapid cycle evaluation as part of our <u>Supporting Healthy Minds</u> and Youth Resiliency funding opportunity.

Read...



### Montbello Champions Access to Healthy Food

The Montbello Organizing Committee – a grantee of the Healthy Places initiative – is spearheading efforts to increase fresh, nutritious food in the community by bringing in a new neighborhood grocery store.

Watch...



### Register Today for Symposium Unplugged: Disrupting Poverty

Disrupting the poverty cycle is necessary to bringing health in reach for all Coloradans. Access to quality health care, a living wage, fresh food, transportation, education and affordable housing—all fundamental to our health—are often out of reach for Coloradans struggling to make ends meet. At <a href="Symposium Unplugged: Disrupting Poverty">Symposium Unplugged: Disrupting Poverty</a>, you'll hear from local and national experts from a wide range of sectors in one venue, and have the opportunity to learn, share and network.

This event features a luncheon keynote by Michael Patrick MacDonald, author and community activist. MacDonald is the author of the New York Times bestselling memoir, "All Souls: A Family Story from Southie." After losing four of his eleven siblings and seeing his generation decimated by poverty, crime, addiction and incarceration, he learned to transform personal and community trauma, becoming a leading Boston activist, organizer and writer.

Join us to learn how poverty impacts the health of individuals, families and communities, along with innovative solutions to effectively combat all aspects of poverty.

Location: Otero Junior College, 1802 Colorado Ave., La Junta, CO

Date: Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019

**Time**: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Breakfast and lunch will be provided)

**Note**: The venue is ADA compliant. If there are other accessibility requests that would help support your full participation, please <u>contact us</u>.

#### Registration is free, but required. Please register by Friday, Feb. 22.

Unable to make it to La Junta in-person? Be sure to tune in to our live broadcast of the event throughout the day. <u>Sign up for our livestream</u> to receive reminders as the date approaches.



### **2019 Foundation Policy Agenda Highlights New Advocacy Focus**

Our <u>advocacy work</u> seeks to improve the health of Coloradans through public policy. Each year we lay out a vision for the policies we plan to advocate for in our annual policy agenda. The agenda is rooted in what we have heard from Coloradans as critical health

equity issues facing their communities. It highlights opportunities for local, state and federal policymakers to take action to bring health closer in reach for the people of our state.

The Foundation's 2019 policy agenda reflects our <u>updated strategic framework for how we work</u>. It includes efforts focusing on affordable housing, behavioral health, food security and access to safety net programs. However, given the unpredictable nature of our political landscape, we're constantly listening to become aware of – and responsive to – other equity-related challenges affecting Coloradans' health.

You can find the 2019 policy agenda and read more about our policy advocacy work in this recent blog post.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Next Grant Application Deadlines** 

Feb. 15, 2019

June 15, 2019

Oct. 15, 2019

NFF Financial Training Seminars Application Deadline

Feb. 15, 2019

Symposium Unplugged: Disrupting Poverty

Feb. 28, 2019

### The Foundation in the News

Weldon Valley School getting new water bottle filling stations, Fort Morgan Times (1/10)

Plans for Greeley's East Memorial continue as city seeks to hire healthy neighborhood coordinator, *Greeley Tribune* (1/1)

Regis University's provost named board chair of evolving Colorado Health Foundation, The Denver Post (12/24)

GUEST COLUMN: 2019 a vibrant year for Southeast Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Gazette (12/24)

86 affordable condos will go up just down the block from the Art District on Santa Fe, Denverite (12/19)

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