



Progress Report

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Funding is Now Available – Apply by Feb. 15

Don't miss our next grant application deadline – Feb. 15. Check out these resources to learn about current opportunities:

- [Learn how our available funding](#) can help your community.
- [View our funding calendar](#) to check out upcoming opportunities.

- [View a webinar](#) to learn if your work is a good fit for our responsive grants program.

We fund promising programs, projects, innovative ideas and policy advocacy across Colorado that reflect [our cornerstones](#):

- Serve Coloradans who have low income and have historically had less power or privilege.
- Do everything with the intent of creating health equity.
- Be informed by the community and those we exist to serve.

After reviewing the resources above, we encourage you to have a conversation with our program staff to determine how your work may align with our priorities. If you're not already connected with one of our program officers, reach out to us by [email](#) or by calling 303-953-3600. Please note the county you work in and your area of funding interest so we can match you with the appropriate person.



Hunger Action Day is March 4!

A broad-based coalition of community organizations and partners will gather at the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 4 to educate community members and policymakers about policy solutions to eradicate hunger.

[Sign up to participate...](#)



Daniel Gottlieb and Ismael Guerrero Join Our Board of Directors

Daniel and Ismael bring a wealth of knowledge and on-the-ground experience that will help advance the Foundation's efforts to be community-informed in meeting the health needs of our state.

[Learn more...](#)



We Oppose Proposed Changes by HHS that Allow Discrimination

In December, the Foundation submitted a [comment letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) firmly opposing its proposed rule that would remove regulations prohibiting discrimination in HHS-funded programs based on sexual orientation, gender identity or sex.

Programs funded by HHS serve millions of families across the country and are critical to family health and well-being. The Department awards more than \$500 billion in grants each year to provide vital nutrition, health care, elder care, violence prevention and homeless services. If implemented, the rule would allow agencies and programs that receive federal HHS grant money to refuse services based on religion, sex, gender identity or sexual orientation – including to religious minorities, women, transgender individuals, married same-sex couples, and LGBTQ children or children with same-sex parents.

The Foundation supports protections against discrimination for all people and [advocates](#)

[for policies](#) that enable people living on low incomes, immigrants, refugees, people of color, LGBTQ Coloradans and people with disabilities to meet their health care, housing and nutrition needs. Promoting fair treatment is key to our core value of equity, and is essential to supporting the overall health of Coloradans.

This regulatory maneuver represents another step in the [recent wave](#) of proposed federal regulations that would make it more difficult for Coloradans living on low income to bring health within reach.



[Karen McNeil-Miller Reflects in Honor of MLK Jr. Day](#)

This week marks the celebration and remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., among the most tireless advocates for equity and justice in our nation's history. In recognition of Monday's holiday celebrating King's life, [Global MindED](#) profiled the life and vision of our leader, Karen McNeil-Miller, who they named the Inclusive Leader Award winner in the Foundations and Funders category last year. Below is an excerpt from [Karen's feature in Global MindED's January newsletter](#).

When asked, “How did your youth and early adult years influence how you approach equity?”

Karen replied: “First, I learned to grow up with an open mind in the midst of Jim Crow, which my parents shielded me from. And, I was a grade school student during desegregation, which was transitional and didn't just happen overnight. The experience of attending school at the helm of and after desegregation helped me learn about the commonalities we all have as humans, no matter our skin color. I eventually had to navigate two worlds - Black and white - and that gave me critical exposure to the stark differences between them. It also helped me navigate between and within them later in life.

As I grew older, I learned to navigate both worlds. My Black friends would say, "you talk white." My white friends would say I was "acting Black." I learned more about how so much of our society and culture was and still is driven by white privilege and traditions.”

[Read more.](#)

Mark Your Calendar

[Next Grant Application Deadlines](#)

Feb. 15, 2020

June 15, 2020

Oct. 15, 2020

The Foundation in the News

[Pueblo Food Project receives boost](#) *The Pueblo Chieftain* (1/12)

[CRSHE, Colorado Health Foundation partner to “Make It Happen” with \\$4.9M grant for rural student health and resiliency](#) *University of Denver* (1/9)

[New programs help Pine River residents through winter](#) *The Durango Herald* (12/28)

[One reason Colorado playgrounds are looking way more 'natural'](#) *Colorado Public Radio* (12/24)

[Longmont's Angel Initiative helps more than 200 people seek drug treatment](#) *Boulder Daily Camera* (12/18)

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