



COLORADO
Department of Public
Health & Environment

Farm to Child Grant Opportunities

Gardening and Growing Grants

Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) Grant

DUG's Grow a Garden program reduces barriers to local fresh food by connecting individuals, families, and community groups to seeds, seedlings, and education to get growing at home or in a DUG garden. [Learn more here.](#)

GroMoreGood Grant

This grant is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. [Learn more here.](#)

Healthy Food for Denver's Kids (HFDK) Grant

This grant's focus is to improve healthy food access and nutrition quality for children ages 5 and under in early care and education (ECE) settings in Denver. It also seeks to improve nutrition education, food skills, and healthy eating environments for children, families, caregivers, and staff. [Learn more here.](#)

Spring Planting Grant

[Win a \\$5,000 Food Garden Grant](#) for Your Community!

Local Food, Procurement, and Small Equipment Grants

Stabilization Grants

These stimulus-related grants are expected to start early in 2022 for licensed providers. Providers could choose to spend a portion of the money that comes through these grants on kitchen equipment that would allow scratch cooking. You can read more about this grant in Activity 1 [here](#).

Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Annual Funding Grants

Available to providers engaged in improving their quality through Colorado Shines QRIS. This can support the purchase of kitchen equipment if the provider included in their Quality Improvement Plan that they are establishing a food service program. However, there is a limited amount of funding available through this grant and a portion of that funding must first be used for coaching.

Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Minor Improvement Grants (up to \$7500) - Available to providers engaged in improving their quality through Colorado Shines QRIS. Providers must serve infants/toddlers and accept CCCAP. Providers can only apply once in a two year period for these grants.

Renewables and Resilience Incentive Program

Denver's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resiliency (CASR)'s Renewables and Resilience Program can fund up to 100% of the costs associated with installing solar panels, battery storage and EV charging. This program supports Denver's goal of a 100% carbon-free electric grid by 2030.

This grant is currently open for applications and includes child care providers as an eligible applicant. Grantees may use funds for the installation of solar panels, battery storage, and vehicles to build electric vehicle charging. This is a great opportunity to engage in reducing operating costs and utilities while promoting climate protective, renewable energy.

[Apply today](#) or visit this [website](#) for more information on future opportunities.

Education

Community Innovation and Resilience for Care and Learning Equity (CIRCLE) Grant
Led by the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), this grant will provide nearly \$23 million in grants to pursue innovative solutions to tough child care challenges worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. [Learn more here](#).

Expanding Ideal Learning Environments in Pre-K Through Kindergarten Grant
In partnership with [Trust for Learning](#), Early Milestones will award \$100,000 in *Expanding Ideal Learning Environments in Pre-K Through Kindergarten* grants to school- and community-based programs that serve pre-kindergarten- and kindergarten-aged children wishing to adopt a comprehensive early learning approach aligned with the [Principles of Ideal Learning](#).

More information can be found [here](#), including the [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#), [FAQ page](#).

2022 [Right Relationship Grant](#) by TLC and the Chinook Fund

From the time this land was colonized, systems of white supremacy, patriarchy, and capitalism have used brutal strategies of divide and conquer, separation of families and communities, and ideologies of “individualism” and “independence” to perpetuate oppression. This is why our work to heal relationships, build solidarity, and practice interdependence are some of the most powerful tactics to win our collective liberation. We also know that because most harm happens in relationship and in community - our greatest potential for healing is also in relationship and in community. In that spirit, Another World is Possible Fund is opening up a new cycle of grants focused on the theme of the right relationship.

To learn more and apply, please visit this [link](#). For more food and youth related opportunities, visit the DDPHE [grant spreadsheet](#), and check back often.

Supporting Holistic, Culturally Responsive and Youth-Driven Physical Well-being

The Supporting Holistic, Culturally Responsive and Youth-Driven Physical Well-being funding opportunity will support high quality, high impact youth programs or projects that advance physical well-being programming that is holistic, culturally responsive and informed or driven by youth and their families.

This funding opportunity will help to elevate the assets of youth and their families so they have the agency and self-determination to make decisions related to good physical well-being that pull from their cultural background and experiences.

To learn more and apply, please visit this [link](#).

Supporting Coloradans in Recovery Through Non-clinical Programs

This funding opportunity will support individuals with mental health and/or substance use challenges in accessing culturally responsive non-clinical support services close to home that will make recovery possible. Through this funding opportunity, the Foundation is interested in strengthening non-clinical recovery support programs that focus on the [community and purpose dimensions of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's \(SAMHSA's\) model of recovery](#).

To learn more and apply, please visit this [link](#).

Infusing Equity into Built Environment for Better Health

This funding opportunity aims to support capital investments in the built environment - such as playgrounds, parks and outdoor spaces - across Colorado that allow children, youth and families to engage in physical activity more regularly. This funding opportunity prioritizes communities living on low income, communities of color and rural communities in Colorado.

To learn more and apply, please visit this [link](#).

Capital Infrastructure: Increasing Access to Care for Coloradans of Color

This funding opportunity is designed to improve the capacity of clinics to serve more Coloradans of color with high-quality, comprehensive team-based primary care centered on patients' preferences, needs and values. It will provide shovel-ready capital funding to safety net practices in Colorado.

To learn more and apply, please visit this [link](#).

Community-initiated Solutions

With this funding opportunity, the Foundation is reaching out to community members directly and the organizations that support their actions through partnerships. Given the Foundation's intent to advance health equity, proposals that center on communities of color shall receive priority consideration. We want to fund ideas that increase health equity and lead to healthier communities by implementing solutions where community members drive the decision-making. We want to provide an opportunity for the people themselves to address the health challenges that directly affect their lives. The Foundation is not determining which health focus/challenge will be chosen, or suggesting the approach to solving it. We want community members themselves to identify the health issue they want to tackle and take the lead in implementing solutions.

To learn more and apply, please visit this [link](#).

Advancing Advocacy and Justice with Communities of Color

The Advancing Advocacy and Justice with Communities of Color funding opportunity aims to build power in the advocacy ecosystem with organizations that are most

critical and closest to the communities for whom health is furthest from reach. It will support both long-term movement-building and the ability of advocacy groups to act when high-leverage opportunities to bring about change arise. The Foundation hopes to shift and elevate power and further strengthen a nimble, adaptive, diverse and durable advocacy ecosystem.

To learn more and apply, please visit this [link](#).