



"For the Good of Golden" Community Grant Program

2024 GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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In alignment with the Golden Civic Foundation's vision, a thriving community is defined by a collection of people and ideas that come together in a resounding chorus of purpose, pride, and spirit. We believe that a vital voice in that chorus is that of the non-profits serving the Golden community in a variety of ways. Therefore, the Golden Civic Foundation intends to support our great community organizations to carry out their missions by providing the "For the Good of Golden" Grant Program.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Although all innovative ideas that meet emerging needs or opportunities of the Golden community will be considered, the following are the Golden Civic Foundation's funding priority areas:

- 1 CIVIC DEVELOPMENT**
"Brick and mortar" type projects that provide improved amenities for our community such as improvements to a property (like a school track complex) or land, or property acquisition and re-purposing for the community's benefit (like our old high school's new use as the American Mountaineering Center).
- 2 ARTS & CULTURE**
Vibrant art and cultural amenities and experiences to promote cultural enrichment and help drive the local economy (examples include: public art, theater, music, dance, etc.).
- 3 SOCIAL SERVICES**
Infrastructure to give residents of all ages equitable access to opportunities for healthy living (such as social service facilities, amenities and services).
- 4 EDUCATION**
Projects that benefit Golden students with high quality learning and development, meaningful opportunities to pursue post-secondary education, career training, and pathways to gainful employment and fulfilling lives.
- 5 ENVIRONMENT**
Projects that sustain a healthy local community and provide opportunities for outdoor entertainment and recreation (things like gardens, parks and land preservation).
- 6 PUBLIC BENEFIT / COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT**
To provide "For the Good of Golden" at large and empower individuals or groups of people with the skills they need to effect change (strategic and organizational planning).

THE GOLDEN CIVIC FOUNDATION

At the core of the Golden Civic Foundation is our mission to invest in the economic and cultural vitality of the Golden community. We do this by mobilizing resources, gathering and sharing critical information and making meaningful connections to keep the special character of our Golden community.

Since 1970, the Golden Civic Foundation's Community Grant Program has provided more than \$7 million to Golden's cultural, social service, clubs, schools and civic organizations. In 2023, the Golden Civic Foundation invested more than \$270,000 into the Golden community via four main areas: Community Impact Grants, Helping Hands Grants, a Big Ideas in Golden (B.I.G.) Grant and Critical Needs Services Grant funding. The grants were awarded in 2023 to 35 different Golden-based non-profit organizations that provide social, civic, cultural and education-based services to Golden residents.

CONTACT

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The following list provides an overview of funding opportunities supported by the "For the Good of Golden" Grant Program. Before applying, please review the detailed descriptions and application information for each of these grant programs that can be found on our website.

Helping Hands Grants (Year-Round)

The Golden community is, and always has been, one that helps a neighbor. Our Helping Hands Grants are intended to help with unexpected expenses that impact an organization's ability to meet their mission, manage an unforeseen, time-sensitive emergency, or take advantage of an unanticipated opportunity that will enhance their work in the community of Golden. Helping Hands Grant awards range from \$500 to \$30,000 per award and applications are accepted year-round.

DUE DATE / FREQUENCY:

Applications will be accepted throughout the year and based on the available remaining funding. An organization that receives a Helping Hands Grant can only apply every other year.

Community Impact Grants (Spring Cycle)

The Golden Civic Foundation's Community Impact Grants fund measurable strategies to make a positive impact on the quality of life and create a better future for residents in our community. An organization can only apply once a year for only one of the following grants:

- **Collaborative Grant:** Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 that think collectively and act collaboratively in addressing a community need, improving community support, solving a problem, or enriching the people of Golden's educational, health, or cultural experience.
- **Support Grant:** These grants support programmatic activities and range from \$500 to \$5,000. They help fund community initiatives that advance solutions to our community's greatest challenges using innovative strategies and a collaborative spirit.
- **Organizational Improvement Grant:** Capacity building grants of up to \$7,500 that focus on an organization's planning needs related directly to how they might achieve their mission through strategic planning, merger conversations, and similar efforts.

DUE DATE / FREQUENCY:

Applications will be available on our website starting January 19, 2024 and will be due on March 1, 2024. Grants will be funded by April 2024. Organizations can apply every grant cycle.

Big Ideas in Golden (B.I.G.)

Over the past three years, the Golden Civic Foundation has raised over \$250,000 for three worthwhile projects through the B.I.G. Grant via the paddle raise at our annual fall fundraising event. These projects included the Golden Volunteer Firefighter Art Tribute, seating for the new Miners Alley Performing Arts Center, and outdoor seating for the new Foothills Art Center Astor House location. We were very proud to support these projects and deserving organizations.

DUE DATE / FREQUENCY:

This program is being retired in 2024 as we evaluate other strategies for maximizing our community impact.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible, an applicant organization must be classified as a 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service or be a local government agency or public school. Applicant organizations must operate within the City of Golden and funds must be used for the benefit of Golden citizens.

The Golden Civic Foundation will not consider grants to organizations which discriminate on the basis of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, religious affiliation, or presence of a disability. Additionally, no grants will be made to an organization whose primary purpose is to influence legislation or to participate in a political campaign.

WE DO NOT FUND

- Direct support of individuals
- Endowments
- Churches, church projects, or religious organizations
- Booster clubs
- Debt retirement or operational deficits
- General operating expenses
- Production of films or other media-related projects
- Preschools, day care centers, nursing homes, etc.
- Political issues or efforts
- Tickets, raffles, golf outings or sponsorships

GRANT PROCESS

It is intended that the applications that best meet the established grant criteria will be given preference for funding. However, the Golden Civic Foundation will judge the merits of each application and the amount of funding, if any, based on not only the selection criteria, but also available funds, current Golden Civic Foundation objectives, past experience and history, and other tangible and intangible criteria. The Golden Civic Foundation reserves rights as the sole decision-maker regarding grant funding.

Organizations receiving grants must allow the Golden Civic Foundation to use the name of the recipient organization in our publicity.

Organizations receiving grants are encouraged to recognize the Golden Civic Foundation on their website and in printed materials. As part of the application, the Golden Civic Foundation requires a photograph and description of how the organization utilized previous grant funding (if applicable) within six months of the grant payout.