

Boulder Human Relations Commission

Human Relations Fund

Proposal Guidelines

Fund Description

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is committed to supporting community-initiated activities that raise awareness on emerging civil-rights issues and problems in Boulder; facilitate interaction, understanding, collaboration and civic participation among diverse communities; and enable members of Boulder's communities to celebrate events significant to them while they provide learning opportunities to the general population.

Human Relations Fund (HRF) grants are limited to:

- Nonprofit organizations;
- Activities held within Boulder city limits; and
- Events that are free and open to the public.

Additional criteria considered include:

- Diversity among planners and decision makers
- Inclusivity among event participants
- Youth involvement in leadership roles
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Ability to access multiple sources of funding

Money available to the HRF depends on city revenue and therefore varies from year to year. Awards are made quarterly with deadlines in January, April, July and October. Only events that occur during the calendar year of their HRF funding will be considered.

The maximum amount an organization can receive in HRF funding in a calendar year is \$3,000. Funds may be used only for non-personnel related expenses, such as food, postage, marketing and office supplies. Funds cannot be used to compensate event organizers, though the grant may pay for a guest speaker at an event.

Additional factors considered in funding decisions include:

- The extent to which the event might engage and educate the larger community.
- The extent to which the event reinforces the goals of inclusivity and respect for diversity.

All grant recipients are required to recognize HRC support on any event advertising and at the event itself. Following the event, recipients are required to appear at a designated HRC meeting and report on the event. Failure to appear at the designated HRC meeting will negatively affect future funding requests.

The HRC will not fund:

- Proposals that are not from community organizations.

- Groups that have failed to meet their contractual requirements with the HRC in the past.
- Events that are not free and open to the public. Admission may not be charged at HRF-supported events.

Application Deadlines

The HRC accepts proposals for funding throughout the year. Proposals received after each quarterly deadline are automatically entered into the following funding cycle. The HRC will consider proposals on a quarterly basis at its January, April, July and October regularly scheduled business meeting. Except for the months of January and February, the HRC typically holds its business meetings on the third Monday of each month. In order to be considered at one of the regular business meetings in January, April, July or October, proposals must be submitted to staff on or before 5 p.m. on the Monday *prior* to the HRC's meeting.

Based on unforeseen circumstances, the HRC may determine a specific area of need, and solicit proposals to address that need, with or without a proposal deadline date.

Approved Proposals

If the HRC votes to award funds for your proposal, staff will negotiate a contract between the city and your agency or organization for completion of certain deliverables before any payment is issued. Depending on the award, total funding may be provided at the start of your program or project, or some portion may be withheld pending completion and submission and approval of a final report.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and irregularities in proposals received, and to accept any portion of any proposal or all items proposed if deemed in the best interests of the city.

Proposal Guidelines

All applications to the HRF must follow the guidelines presented below.

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Funding priority criteria includes:

- Community Initiated Event
- Nonprofit Agency/Group
- Diversity
- Inclusivity
- Youth Involvement in Leadership Roles
- Multiple Sources of Funding/Collaboration
- Free and Open to the Public
- Event to be held within Boulder City Limits

Available Funds

- Community groups are eligible for grants with a maximum amount of \$3000.
- Awards will be made quarterly (January, April, July, and October) so the amount of funding remaining available may decrease throughout the calendar year.

Eligibility

Funding requirements include the following:

- The event needs to occur during the calendar year it was awarded;
- The event must be within the city limits of Boulder; and
- The event must engage and educate the larger community.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- Cover Sheet** (see attached)
- Narrative** – Each of the following five points must be addressed in the following order. All five responses should take no more than two single-spaced pages.
 1. Describe the agency/organization applying for this funding.
 2. Describe the need for this funding. What is the problem/opportunity this program/project would address?
 3. What are the goals of the project? How many Boulder city residents will be impacted and what specific impacts or benefits will they receive?
 4. How would this effort promote a more inclusive, engaged and respectful community?
 5. How will the effort be promoted to Boulder residents?
- Budget Table** (see attached): Using the attached budget sheet, provide a detailed, projected budget of expenses and funding sources for your project/program (including this source of funds). HRC funding may not be used for personnel expenses, though outside speakers may receive an honorarium with HRC money.

Proposal Submission – Submit one copy of your proposal in one of the following ways:

U.S. Mail

Human Relations Fund
Community Relations
Department of Human Services
City of Boulder
P.O. Box 791
Boulder, CO 80306

Hand Deliver

Community Relations
Department of Human Services
2160 Spruce St.
Boulder, Colorado, 80302

Email

GelhaarL@bouldercolorado.gov

Human Relations Fund (cover sheet)

<i>Agency/Organization</i>
<i>Street Address</i>
<i>City</i> <i>Zip Code</i>
<i>Telephone</i> <i>Fax</i> <i>Website</i>
<i>Project Name</i>
<i>Contact Person</i>
<i>E-Mail Address</i>
<i>Project Description (please do not exceed space provided)</i>

Proposal Budget Table	
<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Projected Expense</u>
Postage	
Advertising	
Copying	
Office Supplies <i>(Please specify)</i> 1) 2) 3) 4) Office Supply Total	
Space Rental	
Food	
Other Direct Expenses <i>(Please specify)</i> 1) 2) 3) 4) Other Direct Costs Total	
Total Expenses	
<u>Revenue Sources</u>	<u>Revenue Amount</u>
Amount Requested from HRC	
Other Sources of Revenue 1) 2) 3) 4)	
Total Revenue	