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Colorado Compassion Initiative (CCI) Grant Eligibility and Guidelines

Area of Interest

- Programs that expand the capacity of faith- and community-based organizations to deliver social services in a secular manner to people 55 and older in need
- Volunteer and community engagement programs that specifically recruit, maintain and recognize people 55 and older in need as assets in delivering social services to the community

Grant eligibility

- Faith-based and community organizations are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants are *not* required to have 501(c)(3) status or to identify a sponsoring organization with 501(c)(3) status. However, for-profit businesses are not eligible to apply for funds.
- Organizations must serve people 55 and older in need: clientele must include at least 25 percent who are 55 and older, or one program must be dedicated to those 55 and older.
- Organizations must be located and provide services in at least one of the following geographic areas:
 - Denver/Aurora metropolitan statistical area (including: Adams, Arapahoe, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Jefferson and Park counties)
 - El Paso, Pueblo, Teller and Fremont counties
 - Larimer and Weld counties
 - Delta county and distressed parts of Mesa county¹
- Applicants will have organizational budgets of around or less than \$750,000 (or, if an organization of worship or a social service program affiliated with a larger entity such as a hospital, a *program* budget around or less than \$750,000).
- Preference will be given to organizations that have not previously received federal funding.
- For faith-based organizations, inherently religious activities must be separate in time and location from the program to be funded. (Please see 45 Code of Federal Regulations 87.1 for more information.)
- Organizations must agree to participate in capacity building activities as outlined below in the "Grant Requirements."
- No medical equipment or medical training programs will be funded.
- Former CCI grantees are eligible under this program, with the understanding that the requested funds are for a different purpose than that funded by a previous CCI award.
- All applicants are required to attend a pre-application workshop or Webinar (December 4, December 9, December 11 or December 15)

Grant Size

Maximum of \$15,000 (average between \$5,000 and \$8,000)

Application Due Date

Wednesday, January 6, 2010 by 4 p.m.

¹ Including the following U.S. Census tracts: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.01, 6.02, 7, 8, 9, 10.01, 10.02 and 11.01

Proposal Submission

Applicants must use the revised Colorado Common Grant Application (CGA) to apply for a CCI grant. A complete proposal will include 1) the completed CGA (including cover letter, summary sheet form, narrative and attachments), 2) CCI program budget (including a check box indicating if your organization has previously received federal funding) and 3) a signed Clarification of Religious Activities statement.

The CGA may be completed and submitted electronically or faxed.

- To submit by e-mail: cci@jvaconsulting.com
- To submit by fax: 1.866.707.3156

Revised Colorado Common Grant Application (CGA)

To download a copy of the CGA and the Users' Guide or to see additional information, go to <http://www.coloradocommongrantforms.org>. JVA strongly recommends that all applicants read the User's Guide prior to completing the CGA.

Special instructions for completing the CGA

- As noted above, CCI applicants are not required to have 501(c)(3) status or to identify a sponsoring organization with 501(c)(3) status. Therefore, applicants without tax-exempt status are not required to submit such documentation.
- **For organizations that have a fiscal sponsor**, include an agreement as requested under CGA "Additional Attachments for Organizations Using a Fiscal Agent/Fiscal Sponsor," item 1.
- CCI applicants **using a fiscal sponsor** do not need to supply the documents requested under CGA "Additional Attachments for Organizations Using a Fiscal Agent/Fiscal Sponsor" items 2, 3 or 4.
- In Section 4 of the narrative, describe the organization's capacity building program, as presented during the Pre-Application workshops

Award notification

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Grant requirements

- Attend a full-day CCI orientation meeting and workshop on February 9, 2010, in Denver
- New grantees: provide information for the Comprehensive Organizational Assessment (COA), conducted by JVA consultants, to include submission of organizational documents (e.g., bylaws, strategic plan if available) and participation in phone interviews between February 1 and March 30
- Attend a full-day CCI Summit on May 12, 2010, in Denver
- Collaborate with JVA consultants to develop a capacity building work plan to guide provision of technical assistance (TA)
- Participate in capacity building TA provided by JVA consultants prior to September 29, 2010
- Expend all grant funds by September 29, 2010
- Submit mid-year financial report by June 15, 2010
- Submit final report by October 8, 2010