



2026 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION WEBINAR

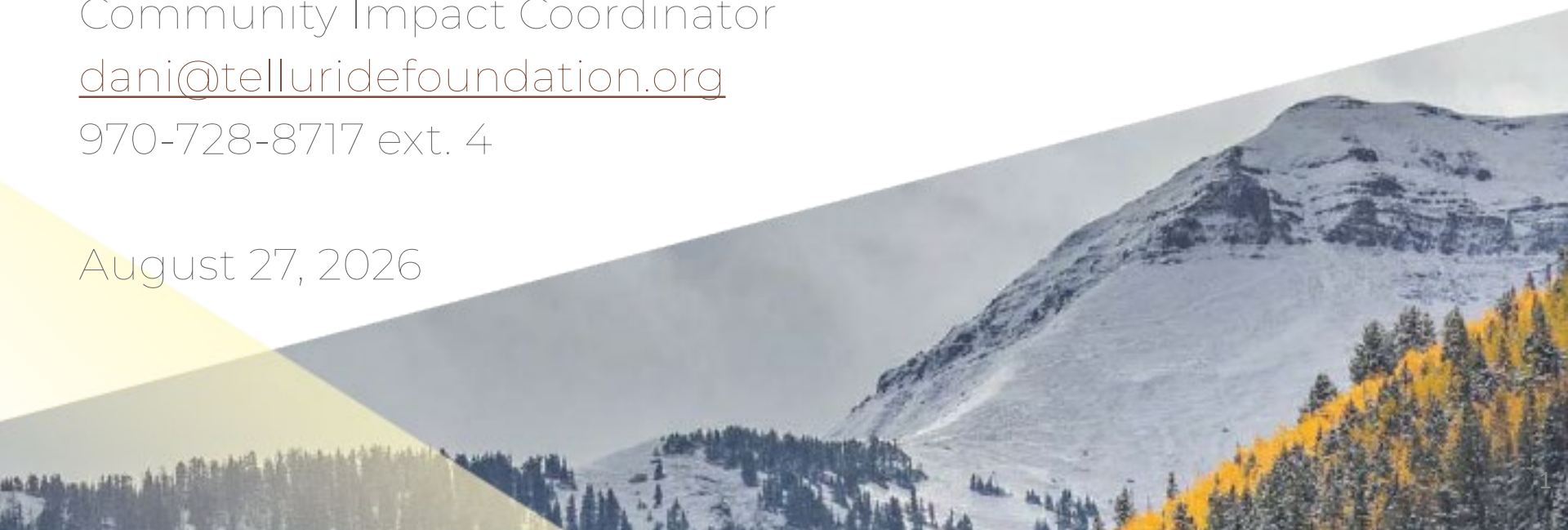
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AGENDA

- What's New in 2026
- Overview of Grant Application
- Key Points to Remember
- Questions
- Optional Application Walk Through

NEW THIS YEAR

- Format/Question Order Shift
- No Separate Application for Capitol.
 - Still requires a Capital Project Attachment
(link to file in the attachments section)
 - Same as Multi Year grant Requests

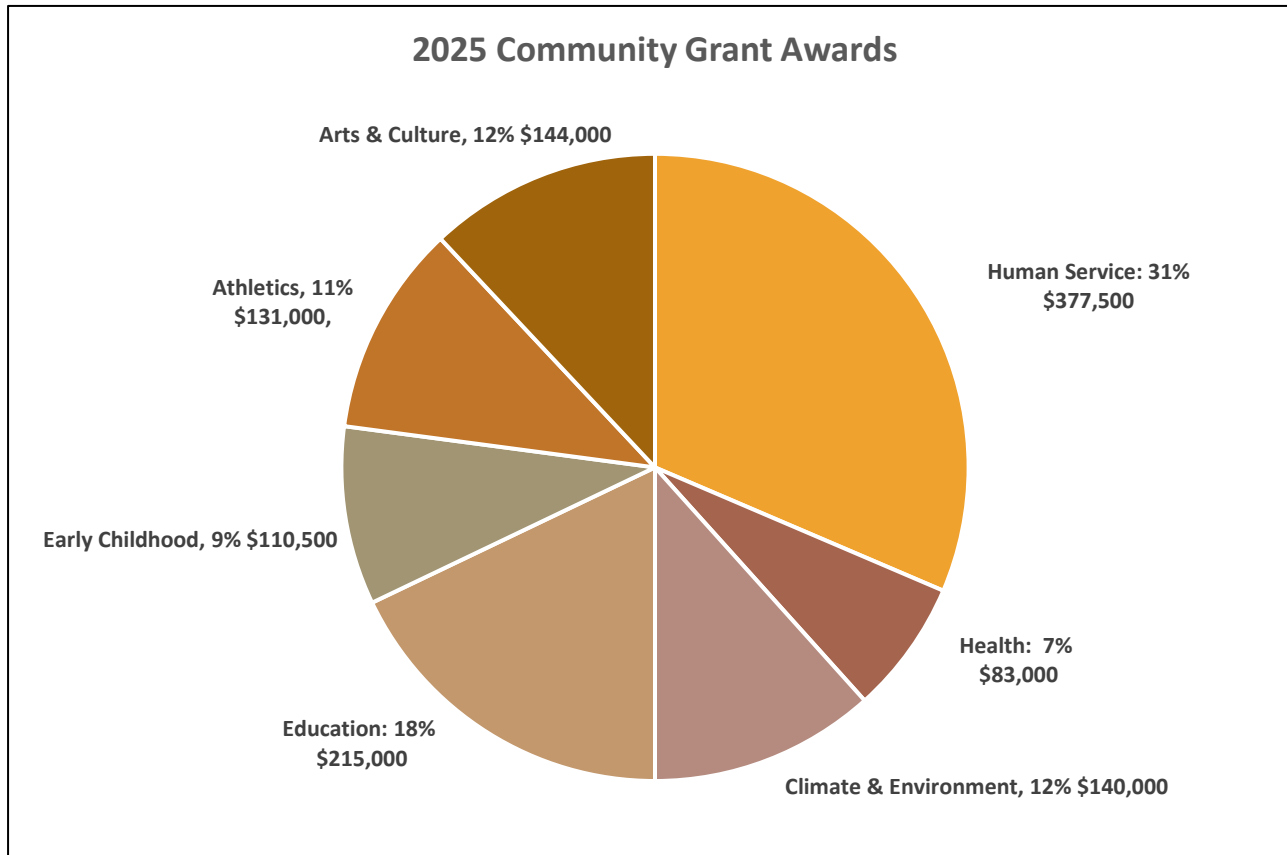
TELLURIDE FOUNDATION: MISSION & SERVICE AREA

- **Telluride Foundation Mission:** The Telluride Foundation is committed to enriching the quality of life of the residents, visitors, and workforce of the Telluride region.
- **Community Grants:** Community Grants are grants awarded through an annual competitive grants process for nonprofit or tax-exempt organizations in our service area. Grant recommendations from the applicants are made by the Grants Committee and final approval is made by the Board of Directors during their December meeting. If awarded a grant, funding is available starting January 2027.
- **Service Area:** Grants must be for programs serving San Miguel, Ouray, or west Montrose counties, as well as Rico.

OVERVIEW OF LAST YEARS GRANT FUNDING

- 2025 Community Grants Cycle:
 - \$1,797,324 - total amount of requests
 - \$1,202,000 - total amount awarded
 - 89 applications received
 - 81 applications funded
 - 16 new organizations to apply
 - 15 organizations took a year off from applying

OVERVIEW OF LAST YEARS GRANT FUNDING



AWARD AMOUNT FOR 2026

- We hope to award at least the same as last year.
- Please note that we continue to receive more requests than we have funding (e.g. received almost \$1.8M in requests last year and received requests from 16 new organizations).
- New organizations should consider modest requests and are encouraged to call Foundation staff to discuss their proposed application.

TYPES OF SUPPORT

- General operating support
- Existing/new programs and projects
- Equipment
- Technical assistance (TA)
- Joint requests from multiple applicants
- Capital projects

APPLICATIONS

- Applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 9th. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Application and all attachments (which must be in .PDF format) **must be** submitted online.
- To submit, go to www.telluridefoundation.org, click on “Our Work” tab, then “Community Grants” tab, scroll down to Community Grant application link, click on Community Grant Guidelines. Grants Portal Link.
- Once submitted, you will receive an **email confirmation** that your application was received.

APPLICATION INTRODUCTORY CHECK LIST:

- Does the funding request **serve** either Rico, San Miguel, Ouray or west Montrose counties (Nucla, Naturita, Paradox)?
- Either you/fiscal agent has a CO Certificate of Good Standing OR you are a govt. or taxing entity
- Have you checked/updated your organization's contact info?

APPLICATION SECTIONS

- Executive Summary
 - *Purpose of Request -(Example Format: "for general operating." or "to provide scholarships for classes and programming.")*
- Organization Information
 - *General overview of all that you do as an org*
- Grant Request
 - *Providing impact numbers makes a much stronger application*
 - *Collaborations hold a lot of weight*
- Financial Considerations
- Attachments
- Fiscal Sponsor/Agent Info
 - *Please be sure the information is correct*
- Grant Report for previous year

KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Grant reports due with your grant application, OR Jan. 15, 2027 (will be assigned in portal to those who did not apply this year).
- Review grant guidelines, application questions, and webinar.
- Log onto grants portal as either a new applicant or with last years username and password. Best to have one organizational email. Contact April or Dani if you need to add a new contact or change primary.

KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Check organizational contact and address (at the top of your grant application) and make sure it is up to date.
- Primary contact person will get all TF correspondence; only primary contact sees reports and agreements.
 - *Have other staff persons sign up for nonprofit newsletter*
- Access grant questions on TF website or log onto grants portal and click on “question list.”
- Complete budget form in original format, unless asking for general operating.

KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- All attachments must be in .PDF format.
- If you are not a 501(c)(3), upload either your fiscal agent agreement or a note stating that you are a government entity.
- Type your responses in a Word document first.
- Use the “*Print Application*” tab to create a copy of the application form, as well as to save as a .PDF for your files.

EVALUATION & REPORTING

1. What was the impact of the grant funding you last received from the Foundation? How did you evaluate success, what were the outcomes, if you measured specific metrics for your program or organization, please provide them.
2. Please provide an example illustrating the need for or the impact/success of the work funded through your grant?
 - Real life stories are impactful
3. Optional: If you would like to share a short video, illustrating the success or impact of your program, please upload a link (YouTube, Vimeo, your website etc)

CAPITAL GRANTS

- Organizations can apply for both a general operating/program grant and a capital grant **but** must complete two separate applications.
- Capital requests may be up to \$100,000; however, request must be **minority component** of total capital budget.
- Need to have raised or have commitments for **75%** of total budget.

CAPITAL GRANTS

- All grant applications are now the same (no separate application form for capital request)
- Capital Specific Form Attachment Required
- Capital request specific budget form
- Read capital grant guidelines on website
- Meeting with Foundation Staff to discuss request is required.

MULTI-YEAR POLICY

Organizations applying for multi-year funding must comply with the following criteria:

- Have taken one year in the past five off from applying for a Telluride Foundation grant.
- A five-year history of applying to the Telluride Foundation.
- Successful completion of grant reporting and grant objectives.
- Currently operating within budget, financially strong, and has stable management.
- Funding request should be similar to past grant awards.
- Request may be for either program or general operating funding.
- Year 2 and/or 3 funding is conditional upon completing yearly progress/outcome and financial reporting prior to the Community Grants deadline.

MULTI-YEAR POLICY

Organizations applying for multi-year funding must comply with the following criteria:

- To apply, 1) contact staff to discuss your application and criteria; 2) complete Multi-Year Form, available on the Community Grants web page, and upload with application.
- Grants Committee uses below criteria to determine whether to award multi-year funding, as well as:
 - Whether multi-year funding is timely due to a major project or milestone on which the organization needs to focus.
 - Whether a commitment of two or three years of funding will allow the organization to increase services and/or focus on additional programs.
 - Priority will be given to nonprofits providing safety net services and serving low-income populations.

CONTINUED POLICY TO TAKE 1 YEAR IN 5 OFF

- The Foundation has a policy that nonprofits volunteer to take a year off from applying for a grant once every five years; if you took a year off from applying in 2021 (didn't receive grant funding in 2022), it is time again to take a year off.
- If you have not taken a year off yet or taking a year off within 5 years of receiving grants would be difficult for you, please contact our staff if you would like to discuss this policy.
- The Grants Committee will administer this policy with the flexibility to make exceptions for emergency/hardship situations or well-run organizations that are unable to meet best financial performance metrics due to size, service area, or constituents served. If you believe you fall into this category, please contact staff to discuss.

QUESTIONS & THANK YOU



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