



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DENVER

Junior League of Denver Community Granting

The Junior League of Denver (JLD) Community Granting Committee is awarding up to \$25,000 to qualified local Denver metro (including counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson) nonprofits working to disrupt the cycle of systemic poverty for women and families in Denver.

As an addition to our granting process, the JLD is interested in building stronger partnerships with our community via a two-part approach. Along with a monetary grant, we are committed to providing enthusiastic JLD members to fulfill volunteer opportunities related to the needs of the organization.

Grants will be awarded in May 2027, to be used by May 2028. JLD volunteers will be provided from Fall 2027 to Spring 2028.

To qualify for a grant:

- Your nonprofit must support disrupting the cycle of systemic poverty for women and families in Denver.
- Your nonprofit must support the JLD's Mission to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. This objective will be accomplished through providing an opportunity for JLD women to volunteer.
- The grant funds must be used to benefit the Denver metro community.
- Applicants must have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.
- Your nonprofit must have a local board of directors.
- Your nonprofit must have a non-discrimination policy.

Nonprofit organizations that meet the above guidelines are invited to submit a **Concept Letter** describing how the grant money would be used for your organization. The Community Granting Committee will review the concept letters and invite semi-finalists to submit a full grant proposal. Site visits will be conducted with all semi-finalists.

Concept Letter and attachments are due via email to jldgrants@jld.org by 5 pm on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Please do not include non-requested attachments, including annual reports, brochures, videos, etc. If your agency is selected to submit a full grant proposal, you will receive further instructions and an invitation to complete the Colorado Common Grant Application. A nonprofit organization cannot receive funding from the JLD more than twice in a five-year period.



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Qualified applicants must submit the following:

1) A concept letter (no longer than four typed pages) including:

- a) A detailed description of how your organization is working to disrupt the cycle of systemic poverty for women and families in Denver.
- b) A description of how your nonprofit can utilize JLD volunteers between August 2027 and May 2028 to support your mission through volunteer opportunities, including describing the environment of the volunteer opportunity, any special training or requirements, who the volunteers will be working with, etc. Preference will be given to organizations that can offer five or more members a monthly or bi-monthly opportunity to volunteer with their organization. JLD volunteers have a wide array of skill sets and generally have the most availability for volunteer activities on **weekday evenings or weekends**. Other volunteer engagement opportunities could include (but are not limited to):
 - i) One-time, or recurring but on less than a monthly basis, volunteer opportunity for JLD members.
 - ii) Board service opportunity for JLD members.
 - iii) Offer training opportunities for JLD members.
 - iv) Other volunteer opportunities can be considered as well (Note: volunteer placement at donation or fundraising drives will not be considered).
- c) Whom the grant will benefit (target population)
- d) How the nonprofit will measure whether its goals and impact were accomplished
- e) Project sustainability (if applicable)
- f) Amount of request (not to exceed \$25,000)
- g) Nonprofit contact information (including name, address, phone number and email address)

2) Attachments (each item is not to exceed one page)

- a) Organization Summary
- b) Organization budget
- c) Proof of your tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status
- d) Board of directors list (please include names and company affiliations)
- e) Non-discrimination policy

Requests will not be considered for:

- Fundraising drives
- Building fund/capital campaigns
- Mileage reimbursement
- Travel expenses



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- Scholarships
- Research projects
- Administrative staff salaries
- Sectarian religious projects

If you are aware that any JLD member is involved with your organization, please contact the chairs of the Grants Committee at jldgrants@jld.org. A JLD member that has a potential conflict of interest will remove herself from discussion and voting related to the JLD grant, and the member will complete a JLD Conflict of Interest Form to be filed with the JLD.

Timeline:

August 21, 2026	Community Information Session
September 30, 2026	Concept Letter Due by 5 pm
Third Week of October 2026	Invitations sent for semi-finalists to submit Colorado Common Grant Application
October & November 2026	Site visits with semi-finalists
November 20, 2026	Colorado Common Grant Application Due by 5 pm
February 2027	Selection of Grant Recipients
May 2027	Funds Awarded

More about the Junior League of Denver

OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Denver, Inc. (founded in 1918), is an organization of women whose Mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

WHO WE ARE

The Junior League of Denver (JLD) is a women's training organization that empowers women to become civic leaders and impactful community volunteers. We are currently working to disrupt the cycle of systemic poverty for women and families in Denver. Founded in 1918, the League started, and aided in starting, many well-known Denver institutions including Children's Museum of Denver, Mile High Transplant Bank (now Donor Alliance), Red Rocks concerts and many others.

[Learn more](#) about our Mission, Vision, and Values.

[Learn more](#) about our community programs.



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Attachment A – Offering an opportunity for Junior League of Denver volunteers

JLD women are passionate, trained, and enthusiastic volunteers who have made significant impacts on many area nonprofits through dedication of their time and efforts. JLD volunteers are available for a variety of volunteer shifts and work. A JLD chair will work with a contact at your organization to decide the days/times of the volunteer events, the different tasks the JLD women will assist with, and how the JLD can assist in the planning and execution of the volunteer shifts.