FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What is this grant program?**
The Community Support Mini Grants is a program from Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO) and its contracted program administrator partner, The Denver Foundation. The program provides small financial resources to small, local nonprofits, informal resident community-based groups, and micro businesses desiring to utilize the money for projects that improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods/communities.

2. **Who can apply for the mini grants?**
The mini grants are open to small, local 501 (c3) nonprofits, informal resident community-based groups, and micro businesses with an annual revenue of <$500,000 located within the priority neighborhoods as identified by DEDO’s division of Neighborhood Equity & Stabilization. These priority neighborhoods are: East Colfax, Elyria-Swansea, Globeville, Montbello, Northeast Park Hill, Sun Valley, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, and Westwood.

3. **Does the program prioritize any individuals, groups, or communities?**
The program prioritizes community-led efforts, or work that allows for a high-level or community leadership.

4. **Are there any restrictions to utilize the awarded funds?**
Funds must meet at least one of the grant funding priorities: bolstering social development, supporting resident life, and increasing a group’s capacity. Funds are not solely to be used on projects that request stand-alone equipment purchases such as cameras, electronics (including computers), air conditioners, copiers, office equipment, televisions, locks, etc.

5. **How will the funds be disbursed?**
Grantee checks will be disbursed in mid-August 2021.

6. **What are the documents that applicants need to submit with their application?**
Each application must include a budget form for their proposed project. An example of this budget form can be found at the end of this FAQ.

7. **What are the grant amounts being awarded?**
Mini grant awards range from $500 to $10,000.
8. **What determines the grant amount awarded?**
The grant amount awarded is determined by a panel selection committee that is composed of community members, previous awardee recipients, The Denver Foundation staff, and the City and County of Denver staff using a scoring-review process to determine awardees based on the following criteria:

- Clear description of project and goals
- Potential to strengthen capacity or enhance services, and supports groups serving NEST neighborhoods
- Potential to strengthen the applying group/organization
- Potential to strengthen the community
- Clearly addresses a community need
- Project creativity, innovation, and realistic goals
- Evidence of community involvement in project implementation
- Clear and justifiable budget revenues and expenses
- Sufficient evidence of leveraging community resources (cash or in-kind)
- This grant is the most appropriate source of funding

9. **Will the City and the Denver Foundation provide technical assistance to fill out the application?**
Yes, the program team will provide virtual technical assistance (TA) sessions in English and Spanish on how to best complete the application.

- **Tuesday, July 20 | 2:30-3 p.m.** (English)
- **Martes, julio 20 | 3:30-4 p.m.** (Español)