

Grant Application Guidelines

We welcome your questions before you apply.
Feel free to contact us at 720-941-4457 or grantsinfo@danielsfund.org.

ELIGIBILITY

- Organization applying must be classified as a 501(c)(3), or equivalent, by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Organization must provide programs or services in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, or Utah that fit within the Daniels Fund's programmatic funding areas and focus areas. National organizations should call before applying.
- Daniels Fund makes grants for specific programs or projects, general operating support, or capital campaigns.
- Grants are generally awarded for 12-month periods. Current grantees may reapply at the end of their grant period, once all reporting requirements have been fulfilled and the organization is notified in writing.
- Organizations may only have one active grant.
- Organizations are encouraged to call first if they are a large institution such as a university or school district.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS – *Daniels Fund generally does not support the following:*

- Projects outside Daniels Fund's programmatic funding areas and focus areas
- Medical or scientific research
- Arts, cultural, and museum programs, including those serving and teaching youth
- Environmental stewardship programs
- Candidates for political office
- Special events or fundraising events
- Debt retirement
- Endowments
- Organizations with fiscal sponsorships

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

- *Alignment* – Proposed project or program is strongly aligned with our funding areas and focus areas.
- *Sustainability* – Sufficient local and other support

exists to ensure that the project or program will be implemented and continue after the grant period.

- *Capacity* – Effective leadership, appropriate organizational capacity, and strong financial health.
- *Impact* – Strong impact and clear evaluation plan with specific measurable outcomes that will be reported at the end of the grant period.

GRANT AMOUNTS

- Grant amounts vary and depend on many factors. The Daniels Fund is generally not the sole funder of a project and encourages organizations to develop a variety of funding sources.
- Some important considerations include:
 - Organizational or program/project budget.
 - Level of support the organization or program is receiving from other sources.
- Organizations should submit proposals requesting a reasonable amount of financial support for efforts that most closely match Daniels Fund's priorities.

DEADLINES AND RESPONSE TIME

- Grant proposals are accepted at any time
- Daniels Fund acknowledges receipt of all proposals, typically in about ten days.
- Daniels Fund provides decisions regarding grant requests in writing within approximately 120 days after receiving a complete proposal.

NOTIFICATION

- Organizations will be notified in writing of all grant decisions.
- If a grant is awarded, a Letter of Agreement and Grantee Final Report form will be sent with the notification letter.
- If a grant request is declined, the organization must wait one year to reapply.