

In 2023, Aspen Community Foundation (ACF) will continue to sponsor events that align with our grantmaking priorities and Cradle to Career focus areas. The Foundation has an annual budget for sponsorships and all requests are reviewed in accordance with this sponsorship criteria and available budget. Sponsored events must benefit residents living in communities from Aspen to Parachute.

PRIORITIES AND FOCUS AREAS

ACF's grantmaking prioritizes nonprofits working in the areas of early care and education, youth development, education, family support that have a demonstrated impact on at least one of the four Cradle to Career focus areas:

1. Secure the Start – supporting the healthy development and kindergarten readiness of children
2. Envision the Future – supporting the academic success and college and career readiness of youth
3. Thriving Youth – supporting the social emotional wellbeing, health and resiliency of children and families.
4. Safety Net – supporting basic human needs and a more just and resilient community.

APPLYING FOR A SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship applications must be submitted electronically using this [link](#). If you cannot complete the online application, please contact Scott Kenner, Grants Manager, by [email](#) or call 970.925.9300 for an alternate submission option. Requests should be made at least six weeks in advance of your event. You can expect a decision within four weeks of submitting your application.

Requests of up to \$1,000 may be submitted.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Aspen Community Foundation support is limited to nonprofit organizations located in and whose work primarily serves the residents of Pitkin and Garfield counties and the Roaring Fork Valley portion of Eagle County.
2. Eligible sponsorship applicants include:
 - a. Organizations classified as tax exempt under the provision of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
 - b. Public agencies including state and local governments, or school districts
 - c. Organizations using a fiscal sponsor with a 501(c)(3) or public agency status
3. Eligible sponsorship events should be issue-specific and can include:
 - a. Convenings
 - b. Community conversations
 - c. Educational seminars
 - d. Public lectures
 - e. Other events that aim to spread awareness and educate community on important issues
4. Sponsorships are usually not considered for:
 - a. Organizations outside ACF's service area
 - b. Events that have been completed prior to allocation decisions
 - c. Political campaigns
 - d. Fundraising events
 - e. Individual schools, classrooms, departments, programs or education foundations/committees that have not coordinated the request with their central school district/university administration or fundraising arm
 - f. Conduit organizations (organizations or events that pass funds to other organizations)
 - g. Organizations who have received general operating support within the past 12 months from Aspen Community Foundation.
5. Sponsorship funding is limited to one event per organization per year.

6. ACF does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual preference, physical circumstances or national origin. Applicants must hold similar standards. Funding requests from organizations known to have discriminatory policies will not be considered.

IF FUNDED

1. Aspen Community Foundation should be included in all marketing and communication materials related to the event. Please contact us for a logo if needed.
2. A report must be submitted upon the conclusion of your event. Please describe the event, how many attended and whether it met your expectations.