

# 2017 Quality Community Foundation Grant Recommendations

April 10, 2017

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# QCF Mission and Vision

## Mission

The Quality Community Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for Commerce City residents by serving people and agencies.

## Vision

The Quality Community Foundation enriches the quality of life in Commerce City by:

- Attracting charitable gifts and promoting community philanthropy;
- Serving as a steward for entrusted funds to support City programs and the programs and activities of economic, educational, social and cultural non-profit organizations;
- Enhancing the effectiveness of the non-profit community;
- Being a community resource and providing services to individuals, non-profit agencies and the community-at-large.

# Grant Timeline

- January 24 – Two pre-application meetings held
- January 31 – Previous year grant reports due
- February 1 – Application intake process begins
- March 3 – Application intake process ends
- March 7 – Applications distributed to Board for review and scoring
- March 21 – Board meets to review, score and make award recommendations
- April 10 – Award recommendations are presented to City Council
- April 11 – Grantees are notified of award and invited to attend award ceremony
- April 17 – Award ceremony and check distribution during City Council meeting

# Quality Community Foundation Grant Program

- Historically \$120,000 has been awarded annually
- In 2016, City Council decided to fund QCF with an additional 20,000 for 2017 distribution

# Requests

- 33 Applications received
  - 30 applications were received in 2016
- Total Requested – \$212,634
  - \$13, 834 more than in 2016

# Grant Awards

Organization	Award	Mission	#'s served
A Precious Child	3,000	A Precious Child provides opportunities and resources for children in need to empower them to achieve their full potential.	934
ACCESS Housing of Adams County, Inc.	4,000	The mission of ACCESS Housing, Inc. is to help homeless families within the community regain their independence, achieve economic self-sufficiency and sustain permanent housing.	25
Adams 14	5,000	<p>The vision of Adams City Middle school is, our students will learn the skills to grow in a diverse world, to build global relationships, and to find their own path to success through life-long learning.</p> <p>The Mission of Adams City Middle School is, We promise to: Always believe in you Care about your education Mindful of your needs Support your dreams</p>	250
Adams 14 Education Foundation	5,000	To enhance the quality of education and provide expanded learning opportunities to foster the lifelong success of Adams 14 students	1500
Adams County Emergency Food Bank	7,500	Adams County Food Bank brings the right kind of food to people in need. We permanently emphasize the supplements of meat, beans, grains, fruit, vegetables and dairy products -- an open door to better health and life outcomes for those who are disadvantaged.	10500
Almost Home, Inc.	7,500	Almost Home, Inc.'s mission is to promote self-sufficiency and provide housing assistance for the homeless and those in need.	73

# Grant Awards continued

Organization	Award	Mission	#'s served
Audio Information Network of Colorado (AINC)	1,200	To provide Colorado's blind, visually impaired and print disabled residents with access to news, information and otherwise inaccessible printed materials.	8
CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties	7,500	The mission of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is to provide specially selected and trained community volunteers, CASA volunteers, to advocate for abused and neglected youth in the pursuit of safe and permanent homes. The CASA Program recruits, trains, and supervises these community volunteers who advocate for victims, ages birth to 21, who were physically or sexually abused, who witnessed domestic violence, or who were severely neglected by their parents or guardians and are involved in the court system through no fault of their own.	65
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	4,000	"As the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Denver, and inspired by God's love and compassion, Catholic Charities extends the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to the poor and those in need." Catholic Charities serves people of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures.	77
Catholic Health Initiatives Colorado Foundation dba St. Anthony North Health Foundation	7,491	We extend the healing ministry of Christ by caring for those who are ill and by nurturing the health of the people in our communities.	2000



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Organization	Award	Mission	#'s Served
CCYA Pterodactyls/CCYA General	2,000	Pterodactyl Baseball-It is our mission to provide our youth baseball community with an opportunity to advance their skill through competitive tournament play, with an emphasis on building our communities from the inside out with a spirit of giving back.....Commerce City Youth Athletics believes that our programs help teach children about the importance of commitment, discipline, and teamwork. These skills will be beneficial to our participants throughout their adult lives. We believe our programs motivate our youths physical well being, mental and emotional health, and enables them to think for themselves. Lastly, our programs allow our participants an opportunity to represent our community in a positive manner and be able to do so in the community they live in.	320
Commerce City Cultural Council	4,000	The Commerce City Cultural Council strives to encourage pride in our community through increased cultural awareness and participation by providing a wide array of arts, cultural and recreation opportunities for all the citizens of Commerce City. Our mission is to advance charity and education to preserve art, music, theater and dance in our city. Our group is dedicated to providing cultural opportunities to all the residents of Commerce City. We believe art and cultural events that are accessible and affordable are necessary for people to have a quality community. Our city is quite diverse and has unique geographic, socioeconomic and cultural background challenges. Our purpose is to bring together our community through the arts. All residents, regardless of these challenges, benefit from participating in programs we support.	2400
Commerce City Historical Society	1,000	The Commerce City Historical Society is a nonprofit organization for the purpose of accurately collecting, memorializing, preserving and maintaining the rich physical history of the peoples and times of the great city of Commerce City. The Society's major function is to research and collect materials which will establish and illustrate the history of the area, its past, present and future. The society will preserve such materials and make them accessible to all who wish to expand or study them. The society will also seek to establish and maintain a museum for the protection, preservation and exhibition of all such materials. The society will disseminate information to raise interest in the history of our area by publishing articles, holding educational presentations and educational events. The society will encourage the preservation of historic buildings, places and sites. The society will also be involved in various fundraising activities through grant writing ad special events.	1500

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Organization	Award	Mission	#'s Served
Community Uplift Partnership	5,000	Community Uplift Partnership's mission is to alleviate poverty through restoring relationships in Commerce City. We do this by uplifting people through job and life skills education classes and creating community groups for women so relationships can be formed and thrive. For needs we cannot meet, we partner with other organizations, churches and businesses to provide a variety of resources to the families we serve.	600
Environmental Learning for Kids	2,500	The mission of Environmental Learning for Kids is to cultivate a passion for science, leadership, and service in a diverse community of learners. We envision a world in which all people are caretakers of themselves, each other, and the natural world. Our mission clearly aligns with the mission of QCF as we join Commerce City and the Quality Community Foundation in building and maintaining a quality community by providing targeted youth STEM education, outdoor recreation and experiential learning opportunities. These programs lead to a lifetime of curiosity about the sciences, stewardship of our natural resources, an appreciation of our natural world and the development of leadership skills that will serve the Commerce City community and beyond.	410
F.I.S.H. of Commerce City	2,700	Shannon Alder, a novelist, writes, "One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone." F.I.S.H. of Commerce City and the Quality Community Foundation seek to let Commerce City residents know they are not alone in taking care of their needs now and the future. For the past 38 years, our mission has been to provide balanced meals for families and individuals in emergency need. Over the years, our location, residents served, and donors have changed, but the core mission has remained the same: to provide food to Commerce City residents in need. FISH strives to give balanced meals for five days. Food choices include staples such as cereal, rice, sugar, beans, pasta, vegetables, fruit, protein, and other items such as soups, tomato sauce, and spaghetti. Fresh produce is given but varies according to availability and funds. Visits are normally limited to five times a year, but Commerce City area residents in need are not turned away.	8306
Food Bank of the Rockies	7,000	We help families thrive by efficiently procuring and distributing food and essentials to the hungry through our programs and partner agencies.	11686

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Organization	Award	Mission	#’s Served
Fiends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges	7,500	The mission of FFRWR is to support and promote the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (RMANWR) and Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge (RFNWR) in their efforts to conserve and restore native habitat and wildlife, as well as to provide meaningful opportunities for the public to experience wildlife and nature near a major metropolitan area.	108
INSPIRE	3,000	The mission of INSPIRE is to ignite, train, and invest in youth to become Change Agents in their schools, families and communities.	2100
Joyful Journeys Community Enrichment	2,500	Enriching the lives of families, one community at a time	307
Junior Achievement - Rocky Mountain, Inc.	5,000	Junior Achievement Rocky Mountain (JA) prepares young people to succeed in the 21st century by inspiring a passion in free enterprise and entrepreneurship, and instilling an understanding of personal financial literacy. We aim to strengthen our state’s competitiveness by bringing together the region’s largest and best-trained force of passionate volunteers to teach and inspire generations of young people to be financially literate, self-sufficient, and have a shared culture of optimism, zeal and enterprise.	6000
Kids First Health Care	7,500	Kids First Health Care is committed to improving the health and well-being of infants, children, and youth through providing primary and preventive health services in partnership with schools and other community organizations.	1999
Commerce City Rotary Foundation	2,000	The mission of the Commerce City Rotary Club is to promote a peaceful world and social change through improved quality of life and advancement within their local and global programs.	8400

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Organization	Award	Mission	#’s Served
Mercy Housing Mountain Plains	5,300	Mercy Housingâ€™s mission is to create stable, vibrant, and healthy communities by developing, financing, and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors and people with special needs who lack the economic resources to access quality, safe housing opportunities.	30
Ralston House	6,338	Ralston Houseâ€™s mission is to stop the abuse and start the healing.	70
Stout Street Foundation	7,000	Stout Street Foundationâ€™s mission is to provide a supportive, therapeutic community for addicts and alcoholics, to help them help themselves so they may return to society as recovering, productive, and responsible citizens.	60
The Senior Hub, Inc.	7,500	The mission of The Senior Hub is to advance the quality of life for older adults through advocacy, community partnerships, and a variety of direct services planned to sustain an independent, healthy aging experience. This mission matches the purpose of the Quality Community Foundation (QFC), due to the fact that QFCâ€™s purpose includes providing grant funding for nonprofit organizations (like The Senior Hub) that benefit Commerce City residents and funding programs and activities of that support the social goals of the city.	25

# Organizations Not Funded

Organization	Mission	#'s Served
Foster Source	<p>Our mission is to provide resources and support to foster children and their foster families, while educating and engaging the public to recognize and help meet those needs.</p> <p>We are excited to be able to focus our mission on our hometown of Commerce City with this event.</p>	500
Little Giants Learning Center	The mission of Little Giants Learning Center is to serve the community by providing the best quality care in a safe environment, whereby each child is enriched with experiences that are conducive to their academic, social, physical, emotional and cultural development.	95
Su Teatro Inc.	To promote, produce, develop and preserve the cultural arts, heritage, and traditions of the Chicano/Latino community; to advance mutual respect for other cultures; and to establish avenues where all cultures may come together.	825
Mother of the Church Knights of Columbus 6769	Following our principles of our order unity fraternity charity and patriotism.	100
ColdWeather Care	Providing life-saving shelter an support to individuals and families in Adams County	532
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver	The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver is to empower every Club member, through safe and impactful experiences, to: graduate high school with a plan for college or career; contribute to their community with strong character; and live a healthy life.	64

*Thank You*

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