



The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) Direct Service Grantmaking Committee Description

WFCO Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision: A future where Colorado women and girls of every background and identity prosper.

Mission: Catalyzing community to advance and accelerate economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families.

Values: Promise, leadership, community, learning, equity & inclusion, stewardship & accountability
For more information on WFCO please visit wfco.org.

Background of Committee

The Direct Service Grantmaking Committee was established in 2017 to support the implementation of the grantmaking priorities identified by the 2017-2021 strategic plan approved by the WFCO Board of Trustees. The committee advises the WFCO Board of Trustees on grantmaking decisions regarding the direct service members of the Women Achieving Greater Economic Security (WAGES) Cohort, based on review of all letters of interest (LOIs), proposals, and reports submitted by direct service applicants and grantees, as well as participation in learning opportunities with the cohort.

Makeup of Committee

WFCO strives for the committee to be a diverse body of Coloradans committed to supporting women and girls across the state. Through service on the committee, members will learn about our community and issues facing women and girls, and develop as leaders and philanthropists.

WFCO seeks Committee members who:

- Come from communities across the state of Colorado and represent the rich diversity of residents with respect to many aspects of social identity, including but not limited to
 - Age range
 - Education level
 - Gender
 - Gender identity
 - Immigrant or refugee status
 - Race, origin, or ethnicity
 - Sexual orientation
 - Veteran status
 - Income level
 - People with disabilities
- Have community knowledge and/or experience relevant to our focus area, including
 - Childcare/Early childhood education
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Economic development
 - Experience with public assistance programs
 - Finance
 - Human services/Social work
 - Job training/Workforce development
 - K-12 education
 - Nonprofit sector
 - Philanthropy/grantmaking
 - Postsecondary education
 - Public policy
 - Research/Program evaluation

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fields
- Vulnerable populations
- Demonstrate a passion for and interest in women and girls achieving economic security
- Value diversity and inclusiveness

Responsibilities of Committee

Around five new committee members will be invited to serve for a three-year term, beginning in August 2019, and will have the following responsibilities:

- Participate in at least two meetings per year
 - Committee orientation and training on Tuesday, August 13 from 8 am-noon
 - Grantmaking renewal meeting in the fourth quarter of 2019
- Review renewal grant applications from WAGES cohort grantees and recommend future grants
- Participate in grantmaking selections and recommend grantees to the Board of Trustees
- Participate in site visits with grantees
- Monitor grantee progress through updates from WFCO staff
- Participate in learning opportunities with the cohort
- Provide input for and feedback on plans for the future of the cohort
- Future meetings will be determined and shared at the orientation to the extent the internal timeline allows; committee members will be required to participate in at least three meetings per year
 - Please note that most meetings will take place in Denver at the WFCO office, while in-person participation is preferred, a phone option is available.
 - Travel reimbursement will also be an option.

To Apply

If you are interested in serving on the Direct Service Grantmaking Committee, please complete the interest form (<https://forms.gle/muVGXp5YfTLcQvgs8>) and send the completed form and your resume or curriculum vitae electronically to Alison Friedman Phillips, director of programs, at alisonp@wfc.org by July 1, 2019 with the subject "Grantmaking Committee Interest Form." If you have any questions, please contact Alison via email or at 303-285-2972.

Individuals who submit an interest form will be contacted by August 1, 2019 about whether they have been selected to serve on the Direct Service Grantmaking Committee in 2019, or other ways to engage with WFCO, including future opportunities to be considered for committee membership. You can find more information on the committee and how to apply here: <https://www.wfco.org/grants>.