

GIVING TOGETHER

a co-funding initiative of the Pikes Peak Region

Background:

The Pikes Peak Community Foundation and The Moniker Foundation are pleased to provide a new philanthropic funding initiative to nonprofits in the Pikes Peak Region. ***Giving Together: A Co-Funding Initiative of the Pikes Peak Region*** seeks to bring together a cohort of small (staff and resource-wise) family foundations and donor advised funds at the Pikes Peak Community Foundation (PPCF) to work together to achieve greater impact on issues in the Region. A pooled funding approach simplifies the funding process for foundations and nonprofits while simultaneously providing a space for collaboration amongst the two groups.

PPCF serves as the lead funder - acting as the sponsor for the funds. Moniker is the operating funder - performing most of the administrative workflows for the group. This year, the group has currently pooled **\$70,000** to devote to a ***catalytic project or program***.

Mission & Vision:

Uniting to cultivate a greater philanthropic spirit by establishing a space for co-funding in the Pikes Peak Region. As a group, we seek to guide successful, sustainable, and measurable conditions for funders, nonprofits, and the community.

Values:

Giving Together values collaboration, leverage, sustainability, and impact.

Participating Funders:

Pikes Peak Community Foundation
The Moniker Foundation
RNR Foundation
The Dakota Foundation
The Leighty Foundation
The Richard Petritz Foundation
The Strub-Heer Fund

2018 Focus Area:

This year, through research, the group has identified the area of greatest need and potential impact as ***Transitional Housing that provides trauma-informed care for youth and/or families with children transitioning to independent living***. The group further defines the focus area as transitional housing that supports youth and/or families who are situationally homeless while providing trauma-informed care for a path towards self-sufficiency, for a period not to exceed two years. This focus area does not include affordable housing or housing that supports the chronically homeless population.

2018 Timeline:

- **August 10** – RFF released to interested and qualifying nonprofits
- **September 3**- RFFs due
- **September 20** – Group reviews RFFs and selects two to four final organizations
- **November 1** – Presentations made from organizations and approval of funds

Eligible Organizations:

- 501(c)3 organizations
- Organizations operating under the fiscal agency of a 501(c)3 organization
- Applicants must operate in the Pikes Peak Region (El Paso and Teller County)
- Applicants must provide transitional housing to youth/young adults or families with children AND either currently use a trauma-informed care approach or seek to develop and implement a trauma-informed care approach to providing transitional housing
- Applicants may apply for funds that will support capacity building (ex. trauma-informed care training) or program services
- Applicants must support youth (ages 15-25) and/or families with children (at least one child or youth member, ages 25 or younger)

Funding Restrictions:

Due to our size and scope, Giving Together cannot consider requests that:

- Seek funding for general operations
- Seek funding for affordable housing or housing that supports the chronically homeless population

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- Seek funding for religious organizations for religious purposes

Request Attributes:

Requests with the following attributes will be considered more competitive:

- Demonstrate experience and expertise in providing high quality transitional housing to youth/young adults and/or families with children
- Demonstrate knowledge of and expertise in preventing or healing trauma-related issues (if already in operation)
- Clear understanding and application of evidence-based approaches to prevent or heal trauma-related issues
- Prioritization of high-risk groups (and an understanding of why they are high-risk)
- Strong organizational governance and leadership
- A track-record of making a positive impact (and the data to show it)
- A diverse base of support for the organization or program
- An opportunity for this grant, if awarded, to leverage other funding streams
- Demonstrate sustainability, impact, and or catalytic effect

Request Details:

Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GivingTogether2018> to complete a Request for Funding (RFF). The RFF is meant to provide a snap shot of how the funds would be used and why the support is needed. The applicant will also need to provide a detailed budget and copy of their most recent strategic plan. The group will review the applications and select two to four organizations to conduct a final presentation to the group.

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