

“We have a responsibility in our time, as others have had in theirs, not to be prisoners of history, but to shape history, a responsibility to fill the role of the pathfinder, and to build with others a global network of purpose and law.”

~Madeleine Albright~

The United States Department of Health and Human Services estimates that 8.6% of people in the United States are deaf or hard of hearing. The Commission estimates that, as of July 2012, there are more than 446,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in Colorado. CCDHH exists to promote effective communication access for all Coloradans.



VISION

We envision a barrier-free Colorado.

THE RIGHT TO
COMMUNICATE IS
A FUNDAMENTAL
HUMAN RIGHT

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES



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Who We Are

As an American, one of our “inalienable” rights is our right to communicate. The Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), a unit within the Division of Boards and Commissions of the Colorado Department of Human Services, exists to promote effective communication access for all Coloradans.



CCDHH Mission

To be an agent of change for a sustainable statewide network of resources dedicated to cultural and linguistic equality.

Grant Program

The Grant Program of the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was created by the Colorado General Assembly. It provides funding appropriated by the General Assembly, to organizations recommended by the Grant Program Subcommittee to address the following needs of the deaf and hard of hearing communities:

- Community access where auxiliary services and aids are made available (an exceptional reason is required as this is not to supplant the ADA);
- Community planning to improve coordination and access to services (e.g., involvement of community stakeholders in conducting an environmental scan, gap analysis, priority setting and strategic planning of any program);
- Start-up programs that the state lacks;
- Support for existing services and programs;
- Other projects that meet the overall purpose of the grant program as determined by the subcommittee.

Funding Available

A total of \$50,000 is available to organizations every Fiscal Year (July 1-June 30). Grant amounts for every award period will vary with no single grant to exceed the determined cap. A fifty percent (50%) matching fund may or may not be required.

Who is Eligible?

Organizations eligible to apply for funding are identified in statute (C.R.S. 26-21-107.7) and are strictly limited to:

- Private nonprofit or not-for-profit community-based organizations;
- Local government (municipal, county, etc.);
- State agencies; or
- State-operated programs.

Timelines

July 1 or before: Distribution of the grant application, budget template, and guidelines

July 31: Deadline for final applications

October 1: Approval of the recommended awards by the Colorado Department of Human Services Executive Director