



2022 Membership Application Interest Form

Friends of Community Shares:

July 2022

Thank you for your interest in joining Community Shares of Colorado. Since 1986, we have been a collaborative of nonprofit organizations dedicated to providing new resources for organizations serving Colorado's communities. We have grown into an intentional, dynamic community giving fund committed to inclusive and accessible investments in social justice. Community Shares now supports workplace giving campaigns and a wide range of Corporate Social Responsibility programs to 100 Colorado worksite partners.

Membership in Community Shares offers more than just inclusion in workplace giving campaigns. Member nonprofits have access to training, professional development programming, peer networks and other funding opportunities leveraged by Community Shares. By investing in membership, you are joining Community Shares and our member nonprofits in building and funding a more socially just Colorado.

To help you along your path to towards become part of Community Shares, here are some frequently asked questions about our selection process:

What is the membership selection process? (1) Submit a Membership Interest Form; (2) Submit a Full Application Packet; and, (3) Participate in a Site Visit. The Membership Committee reviews information at each stage and invites selected applicants to move on to the next phase.

Who participates on the Membership Committee? Our committee is comprised of nonprofit professionals from our membership, Community Shares board members, and staff. The committee is committed to thoughtfully growing our membership and sustaining the values of Community Shares.

What factors does the committee evaluate in determining the potential fit of a nonprofit? The committee assesses the mission and program scope of each organization, capacity to participate in workplace giving campaigns, strength of the individual giving program, internal governance practices, and overall stability. The committee aligns our membership diversity with the overall goals of Community Shares.

What are the expectations you have of your members? Members are expected to be responsive to communication; attend appropriate trainings (e.g., orientation, campaign strategy trainings, etc.); attend the annual business meeting to vote on important issues; identify potential new worksite partners; offer a giving campaign to your staff; proactively acknowledge workplace donors; support volunteer and corporate social responsibility efforts as appropriate; and complete recertification materials annually.

How many nonprofits are typically accepted each year?

While this varies from year to year, Community Shares typically accepts between three and five new member nonprofits annually.

My nonprofit is small- what type of return on investment may we expect? As with any fundraising program, return on investment may not be significant in the first year. Many of our grassroots members have had fundraising success and made significant connections in the community. The more engaged and active one is in the giving fund, the more opportunity for visibility, increased exposure, and revenue generation.

We thank you for your interest and your dedication to our community. To apply to become a new member of Community Shares of Colorado, please fill out the following Membership Interest Form. Please email Suzi Scher, Director of Philanthropy & Community Engagement, at membership@cshares.org or call us at 303.861.7507 with additional questions.

Sincere thanks and regards,

Robin Wood-Mason, CFRE
Chief Executive Officer
Community Shares of Colorado

General Organization Information

Organization Name:

Address:

Website:

Primary Contact:

Title:

Phone:

Email:

Executive Director:

Year of 501(c)(3) Determination:

FEIN:

Current # of board members:

Total Number of Employees (FT & PT):

Does your organization have an annual audit or financial review (include date of most recent completed)?

Fiscal Year End:

Date of most recent IRS 990 filing:

IRS 990 or IRS 990EZ?

Current FY budgeted revenue:

Current FY budgeted expenses:

2021 revenue:

2021 expenses:

2020 revenue:

2020 expenses:

2019 revenue:

2019 expenses:

Mission Statement:

Description of services/programs (500 word limit):

General demographics of population served (including race, age, gender, socio-economic, etc...):

Geographic reach of services (Colorado counties actively served):

Nondiscrimination Policy Information

Community Shares of Colorado does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, marital status, military status, veteran status, physical or mental disability or any other unlawful basis in the administration of services, employment, volunteers, membership or leadership.

Community Shares welcomes nonprofits who welcome everyone. Does your nondiscrimination policy include each of the potential bases of discrimination listed above? What steps does your organization take to ensure equity and inclusion for your employees, volunteers, clients, and other parties?

-PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY WITH SUBMISSION OF THIS DOCUMENT-

Workplace Giving Background Information

Do you currently receive funds from workplace giving programs? Or in the past? Which programs do you participate with?

Is your organization currently a member of another traditional workplace giving federation (United Way, Creating Healthier Communities (CHC), EarthShare, etc.)?

If you answered yes to the previous question, please provide the name of the workplace giving federation(s):

Has your organization participated in the Combined Federal Campaign, Colorado Combined Campaign, Denver Employee Charitable Campaign in the past?

How did you hear about Community Shares?

What does your organization hope to achieve from a partnership with Community Shares?

Community Shares Cause Areas

Community Shares' founding principles are rooted in social progress and social change. Our member nonprofits enact this social change within one of eight cause areas. While we know that many organizations may fall into more than one category, please select the **one** primary program area for your organization:

- Conserving Colorado's Environment** – Working to engage Coloradans in environmental stewardship, teach responsible practices, promote sustainable use of resources, and conserve the quality of our outdoors
- Improving Health Options** – Working to remove barriers to access, reach and teach underserved populations, and empower Coloradans by including patients and communities in health care
- Working for a Just Society** - Working to envision a more inclusive and equitable Colorado with boarder access to social and economic opportunity, equal recognition of civil, legal and human rights, and respect for all Coloradans.
- Promoting Animal Welfare** – Working to provide safe helter, medical and social rehabilitation, stimulating habitat, and positive placement for companion and wild animals in Colorado
- Accessing Educational Opportunities** – Working to reach underserved learners through community outreach and partnerships, innovative programs, experiential learning, and culturally responsive education opportunities
- Assisting People in Need** – Working to assist vulnerable Coloradans in times of crisis, prevent isolation and neglect, and engage those they serve in building safe paths to success
- Fostering Local Arts & Media** – Working to ensure Coloradans have access to community-owned art and media that reflect all members of our vital and vibrant community
- Building Stronger Communities** – Working to transform communities by developing and investing in sustainable programs

Sources of Income Table

Complete the table below for the organization as a whole, based on the most recently completed fiscal year. Please do not modify.

Percentage	Funding Source
%	Government Grants (federal, state, county, local)
%	Government Contracts
%	Foundations
%	Corporate
%	Events (include event sponsorships)
%	Individual Contributions
%	Earned Income / Fee for Service
%	Workplace Giving Campaigns
%	In-Kind Contributions
%	Other (please explain)
%	Total (must equal 100%)

Please submit this form and a copy of your nondiscrimination policy to membership@cshares.org by **5pm on July 28, 2022**.