

# Gates Family Foundation

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## INTERESTS

**Geographic:** Adams County; Alamosa County; Arapahoe County; Archuleta County; Baca County; Bent County; Boulder County; Broomfield County; Chaffee County; Cheyenne County; Clear Creek County; Colorado Statewide; Conejos County; Costilla County; Crowley County; Custer County; Delta County; Denver County; Dolores County; Douglas County; Eagle County; El Paso County; Elbert County; Fremont County; Garfield County; Gilpin County; Grand County; Gunnison County; Hinsdale County; Huerfano County; Jackson County; Jefferson County; Kiowa County; Kit Carson County; La Plata County; Lake County; Larimer County; Las Animas County; Lincoln County; Logan County; Mesa County; Mineral County; Moffat County; Montezuma County; Montrose County; Morgan County; Otero County; Ouray County; Park County; Phillips County; Pitkin County; Prowers County; Pueblo County; Rio Blanco County; Rio Grande County; Routt County; Sagauche County; San Juan County; San Miguel County; Sedgwick County; Summit County; Teller County; Washington County; Weld County; Yuma County

**Deadlines:** January 15; April 1; July 1; October 1

**Purpose:** Gates Family Foundation invests in Colorado-based projects and organizations primarily through capital grants which have meaningful impact and enhance the quality of life for those visiting, working, and living in the state. The Foundation seeks to promote self-sufficiency, excellence and innovation in education, healthy lifestyles, community enrichment, connection to nature and stewardship of the state's natural inheritance. Its actions will remain consistent with the founders' intentions and the principles of citizenship, entrepreneurship and free enterprise.

**Grant Types:** Capital Improvement/Purchase; Challenge/Matching

**Primary Areas:** Abuse & Neglect Prevention; Arts, Culture, Humanities; Arts:Education; Children & Youth Services; Economic Development; Education; Environment, Conservation; Health; Human Services

**Secondary Areas:** Arts:Historic Preservation; Arts:Museums; Arts:Performing Arts Organizations; Community, Public Affairs; Disabled Persons; Domestic Violence Shelters, Services; Education:Adult Continuing (Literacy, ESL); Education:Early Childhood; Education:Higher; Education:K-12; Education:Libraries; Emergency Assistance; Employment, Job Training; Food, Agriculture, Nutrition; Health:Alcohol, Drug & Substance Abuse; Housing, Homeless Shelters; Neighborhood Development; Public Policy, Society Benefit; Recreation, Sports; Reproductive Rights; Senior Citizens, Aging; Women; Youth Development Activities

**Past Grantees:** Crook Fire Protection District (\$100,000); Cheyenne Mountain Zoo (\$300,000); YMCA of Pueblo (\$750,000); Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (\$800,000); Denver School of Science & Technology (\$900,000)

## DETAILS

- Does not accept unsolicited proposals
- Accepts Letters of Intent
- Accepts Common Grant Application
- Accepts Common Grant Application (2008 revision)
- Has specific grant guidelines
- Accepts Common Report Format
- Has specific reporting requirements
- Always call before applying
- Issues Requests for Proposals
- Check annual report for details
- Check website for details

**How to Apply:** Request guidelines. Call program officer to review proposed project or send initial written inquiry. Requires the Common Grant Application.

**Restrictions:** No funding for: loans; grants; scholarships; camperships; individuals; tickets for fundraisers; conferences, meetings or studies not initiated by the Foundation; medical research or construction of major medical facilities; projects that have been substantially completed prior to board meeting; more than one proposal from an organization per calendar year; previously denied proposals; other foundations or organizations engaged in grantmaking; operating expenses unless initiated by the Foundation; debt retirement; vehicle purchase; purchase of computer equipment unless part of a comprehensive capital campaign; public schools or public school districts unless initiated by the Foundation.

**Board Chair:** Charles Cannon

**Trustees:** George Beardsley; Doris Biester; Donald Elliman, Jr.; Richard Kiely; Thomas Stokes; Diane Wallach

**Additional Information:** Most grants are designated to capital improvements, including land and property purchase. Consideration by Gates is normally made after organizations have secured one-third of their funding.

## FINANCIALS (Derived from 990PF or other annual report)

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Year for Financials (Date of 990):	2007
Total Number of Grants:	88
Number of Grants in CO:	88
Total Net Assets (Fair Market Value):	\$282,076,141
Total Grants Awarded in CO:	\$10,421,265
Highest Grant:	\$900,000
Lowest Grant:	\$4,000
Average Grant Range:	\$500,000 - \$600,000