

LOCAL ECF GRANT-MAKING GUIDELINES: COLORADO SPRINGS

Are unsolicited grants accepted or do I need an invitation code?	An invitation code is required for the Colorado Springs ECF to differentiate us from the ECF in Aurora.
If I need an invitation code, how do I acquire one?	Invitation codes are given to agencies after a preliminary discussion with the local ECF focal. Please see the contact information below to discuss your project idea.
Do you only accept proposals during specific timeframes?	Proposals are accepted throughout the year.
What is the average size of your cash grants?	Previous grants in the Colorado Springs area have typically ranged from \$500 to \$3,000, depending on the agency's needs and the amount of funds that we had available at the time of the request. Please contact Bob Oleksy at 638-5036 to discuss the viability of your proposal.
Do you accept requests for in-kind donations and if so, what do you generally donate?	The Colorado Springs ECF does not offer in-kind support.
Can I apply for Boeing corporate, ECF, sponsorships and in-kind resources?	We only deal with ECF grant requests.
If I call or email with a general question, how soon will someone get back to me?	Normally the same day, but depending on availability (i.e., meetings, business trips, vacation, etc.), it may be as long as a week.
Once I submit my grant application when will I hear if it's been approved?	It can take up to 90 days. Your patience is appreciated.
Do you have a specific focus area for grant making?	Primarily health and human services, the arts, and educational organizations.
Are there any exclusions in your grant making strategies?	<p>ECF does not fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start up organizations (We only fund existing organizations) • Political organizations or programs • Fraternal, sectarian, or social organizations • Religious organizations, churches or similar groups. However, we will consider human service agencies that are sponsored by these organizations (such as food banks or soup kitchens) provided there is no requirement to attend religious services as part of their service. • Tax-supported endeavors, except joint government and private enterprise projects • Private foundations • Trips or tours • Courtesy advertising, fundraising events, conference or dinner tickets Service club activities • Endowments • Sports groups or teams.
Do your ECF grant making guidelines have other details I need to know about?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We do not provide funds for starting up a nonprofit. ▪ Agencies must fall within the requirements of Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and must also qualify with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 organization.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Agency must be located in El Paso, Teller or Pueblo counties to be considered for funding. All ECF Board members are volunteers and as such conduct ECF business on their own time. If we are unable to conduct a due diligence visit because of the geographic location of a non-profit, we will not fund that agency.▪ Agencies may generally submit only one grant application per calendar year.▪ Agencies must apply using Boeing's online grant application. Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.
What is the best method for contacting my ECF focal?	Contact the ECF Chairman at 638-5036 or robert.j.oleksy@boeing.com