



WHO WE ARE

For 80 years, Gates Family Foundation has partnered with communities across Colorado to help build a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable future. Deeply rooted in the state, **the Foundation invests in people, places, natural resources, and civic institutions that strengthen communities and create opportunity for future generations.** Guided by values of **respect, creativity, engagement, place, and equity**, the Foundation works alongside communities to expand opportunity across Colorado.

Through listening, learning, convening, and investing alongside local leaders, the Foundation supports community-driven solutions that strengthen communities today and for the future. Guided by trust, learning, innovation, and a commitment to helping communities shape their own futures, the Foundation works as a collaborative partner in creating lasting impact across Colorado. This work includes a focus on **responsive capital and strategic grantmaking** across four core focus areas: **Community Development, Informed Communities, Natural Resources, and Public Education.** Together, these investments expand pathways to economic opportunity, strengthen access to trusted information, steward Colorado's lands and waters, and support great teaching and student success.



By investing in both the conditions and the systems that help communities thrive, the Foundation seeks to create lasting benefits for Colorado today and for generations to come.

WHY THIS WORK MATTERS

Across Colorado, nonprofits, government agencies, and Tribes are creating the facilities, spaces, and community assets that help people learn, connect, heal, recreate, and thrive. From schools and community centers to cultural spaces, parks, trails, and conservation projects, these investments strengthen quality of life and expand opportunities.

The Foundation recognizes that transforming community visions into reality often requires access to funding, trusted relationships, and practical resources. As project costs rise and the capital funding landscape becomes more complex, the Foundation helps communities build and improve the assets that will serve Colorado residents for generations to come.

OUR APPROACH

The Foundation provides **responsive capital support to Colorado nonprofits and government agencies working to turn community visions into lasting community assets.**

From schools and community centers to cultural spaces, parks, trails, recreational facilities, and projects that support the well-being of children, youth, and families, the Capital Program helps create and strengthen the places where Coloradans learn, gather, connect, recreate, and access essential services.

In addition to grantmaking, the Foundation invests in relationships, knowledge, and resources that help organizations successfully navigate capital projects and campaigns.



RESPONSIVE CAPITAL GRANTMAKING

Supporting Colorado **nonprofits, government agencies, and Tribes** creating and improving the spaces, places, and community assets that help communities thrive.

Funding supports capital projects connected to the Foundation's priorities in **Education, Natural Resources, Community Development, and Informed Communities**, as well as arts and culture, parks and recreation, and the well-being of children, youth, and families.



WHAT WE LOOK FOR

- Colorado **nonprofits and government agencies serving rural communities** and communities excluded from opportunity.
- **Community-serving facilities and assets** that create lasting benefit.
- Projects that advance the Foundation's priorities in **Public Education, Natural Resources, Community Development, and Informed Communities**.
- Projects that strengthen **arts and culture, parks and recreation, and the well-being of children, youth, and families**.
- **Organizations with strong community connections** and a clear vision for impact.
- Capital projects that **strengthen quality of life and expand opportunity across Colorado**.

CAPITAL PROJECTS PLANNING GUIDE

The Foundation's Capital Projects Planning Guide helps nonprofits and government agencies assess readiness, explore key project considerations, and navigate the early stages of a capital project.

Whether planning a new facility, expanding an existing space, or preparing for a capital campaign, the guide provides practical tools and resources to support informed decision-making and long-term success.



Learn more and access the guide at capitalprojectsguide.org