



## FOURTH QUARTER 2021 REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INQUIRY (LOI) – EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

### **Granting Priorities**

Reflecting its purpose of promoting health and education for the residents of Weld County, The Weld Trust requests proposals for projects and programs that address the current priorities and goals identified by The Weld Trust.

**In accordance with The Weld Trust's vision to help Weld County become the most educated County in the State of Colorado, the fourth quarter 2021 Education initiative is focused on:**

### ***Childhood Literacy***

- *The Weld Trust will support organizations that can improve childhood literacy education and resources for families.*
- *The Weld Trust will fund organizations that market and promote quality resources for families that will improve childhood literacy.*

In addition, The Weld Trust gives priority to projects that:

- Address underlying social and economic challenges contributing to education outcomes in the communities served, such as poverty or other barriers to effective education.
- Demonstrate collaboration among school districts, government entities and nonprofit agencies.
- Prioritize engagement of residents from the communities served.
- The Weld Trust values evidence-based best practices, but also encourages innovative solutions.
- Leverage additional funding as well as community assets.
- Have a demonstrable sustainability plan that will enable the work to continue beyond the funding period.
- Provide an established plan for evaluation including measurable outcomes. Explain the way in which you will know that you have been successful in achieving the impact you intended. Identify the specific manner in which the outcomes you propose impact the funding strategy of TWT listed above.

### **Guidelines**

Eligible applicants must be tax-exempt organizations under Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt nonprofit, including schools and public organizations.

PLEASE NOTE: Only nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies located in Weld County or whose program is exclusively for Weld County residents in the areas of health or education are eligible to apply.



### **How to Apply**

Interested applicants must submit a letter of inquiry via our website no later than October 25, 2021, 5:00 pm MDT. **Please do not submit a full proposal unless invited to do so.** If the LOI is accepted, a Request for Proposal application form will be made available. Those invited to submit a full proposal will be notified by November 15, 2021.

Completed applications with supporting documents must be submitted to The Weld Trust no later than December 15, 2021, 5:00 p.m. MST. Final grant decisions will be announced by February 24, 2022. Funding will be in late March with the grant period beginning April 1, 2022.

### **Letter of Inquiry Content and Parameters:**

**Please complete the Letter of Inquiry on our website at [www.WeldTrust.org/grants/](http://www.WeldTrust.org/grants/). The LOI application period is September 13 – October 25.**

- Clearly state the name of your organization or group, name of your Director or Leader, and contact information.
- Affirm your status as a nonprofit organization as determined by the IRS, or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt nonprofit, including schools and public organizations.
- State the intended service provision to include intended number of people served, proposed outcomes, and funding level requested to meet those outcome goals.
- Affirm that the request falls within the funding priority noted above.
- Affirm that all activities for which you are seeking funding will be located in Weld County or exclusively for the citizens of Weld County, Colorado.

*Please note that the senior leader for an Applicant Organization such as CEO, President, Superintendent, Provost, Executive Director, etc. will be required to submit a Letter of Support along with the full proposal should an invitation for such be extended.*

### **Contact Information**

For more information concerning The Weld Trust Education Grants Program, please contact:

**Doug Elliott**

[doug.elliott@weldtrust.org](mailto:doug.elliott@weldtrust.org)

970- 515-3505