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## **2018 COLORADO PLATEAU FOUNDATION PROPOSAL GUIDELINES & TIMELINE**

We see our role as a partner and a resource, connecting the philanthropic community to on-the-ground initiatives. Our goal is to help our grantees build capacity where they say it is needed most. We meet our grantees where they are and grow together from there. The Colorado Plateau Foundation believes in a unique theory of change that articulates two primary assumptions:

- That Native peoples on the Colorado Plateau are capable of accomplishing sophisticated and positive change to protect the Plateau environment and cultures, and
- Protection of the Plateau's environment and cultures must be accomplished by addressing asymmetrical power dynamics at all levels of influence and authority.

CPF's general operating and capacity building grants create stronger organizations that become better equipped to prove both assumptions true. Our general operating grants will be invite only during our pilot 2018 year.

### **Who We Fund**

- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations
- Organizations with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor
- Tribal governments with IRS 7871 status
- Native-controlled organizations (majority of the governing board and staff are Native)
- Applicants from one of the nine tribal nations on the Colorado Plateau; Acoma, Havasupai, Hopi, Hualapai, Kaibab Paiute, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, White Mountain Apache, and Zuni

### **What We Fund**

- Proposals submitted by organizations working in the four priority areas: (1) Protection of water; (2) Protection of sacred places and endangered landscapes; (3) Preservation of language; and (4) Sustainable; community-based agriculture

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*Strengthening Native-led organizations to sustain the Colorado Plateau lands, waters and cultures for generations to come.*

- Proposals for building capacity that will contribute to the long-term sustainability of your organization or community
- Proposals in the range of \$1,000- \$25,000

### **What We Do Not Fund**

- Hosted fundraising events and sponsorships
- Individuals (organizations only)

To apply for a grant, submit the grant proposal cover sheet, proposal narrative, and supporting documents. We only accept proposals during our open grant cycle. Proposal narratives must not exceed three pages and supporting documents, no more than ten pages. Proposals exceeding page limits will not be considered.

## **Grant Cycle Timeline**

### **August 20, 2018 – Grant Cycle Opens**

#### **September 28, 2018 – Deadline for Proposals**

Proposals must be postmarked by this date and mailed to 113 E. Birch Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 or electronically emailed to Program Officer, Marissa Nuvayestewa at [mnuvayestewa@coloradoplateaufoundation.org](mailto:mnuvayestewa@coloradoplateaufoundation.org) and copy Ashley Anderson at [AAnderson@azfoundation.org](mailto:AAnderson@azfoundation.org) by 11:59 p.m.

#### **November 2, 2018 – Grant Announcements**

Applicants will be informed by email from Colorado Plateau Foundation. Please be aware there may be more requests for support than funds available. Some grant proposals may be fully funded, partially funded or not at all.

#### **Late November/December 2018 – Distribution of Grant Funds**

Grant recipients can expect an email from Ashley Anderson from the Arizona Community Foundation with grant agreement and instructions for receipt of funds in late November and can expect distribution of funds in December.

#### **Spring 2019 – Interim Site Visit**

A site visit will be conducted by Program Officer, Marissa Nuvayestewa. After interim period, no extensions will be granted, unless extenuating circumstances.

#### **Summer 2019 – Learning Community**

Current and past grantees participate in a gathering where they learn from each other, build networks and participate in workshops on topics of interest to our grantees.

#### **November 12, 2019 – Final Grant Reports are Due**

All grant recipients must submit a final accountability report, along with one to three related photos no later than this date.