

Round Up

May 2021

Hello and welcome to this month's Round Up from Community Foundation Boulder County. In this edition:

Our CEO reflects on staying united in the struggle as we begin to return to normal;

We announce a re-design process for the Community Trust;

We welcome applications to Leadership Fellows and nominations for our new Nino Gallo Leadership Award;

We invite applications to our open position of Communications Officer;

We announce fresh grants from our COVID-19 and Fires Relief funds;

We share our latest [KNGU radio show](#), [TRENDS Diary](#) entries, and other news you may have missed.

Plus, if you represent a Boulder County nonprofit, get ready to apply for the [Community Trust](#)! This year's grant review process will be broken out into two review periods. Our first request for proposals opens June 14 and is focused on Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, or Animal Care & Welfare. The deadline for those proposals is July 12. Our second round opens July 23 and is focused on Health & Human Services and Civic Engagement. The deadline for those proposals is Aug. 20.



What does returning to normal look like?

Many of our neighbors still have a long road to travel

Dear friends,

The saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers". Clearly, that person was not from Boulder County, where May is our [wettest month of the year](#). Let's continue to [bless the rains](#), and remain hopeful for a safe fire season.

The warmer weather, growing vaccination rates, and social reopening are certainly full of promise for a "return to normal". We must continue to ask ourselves, for whom?

As of March 20, 2021, Boulder County employment rates are still [23.8% lower](#) than they were in January 2020. In Colorado, employment rates among workers in the bottom wage quartile are down by 6.1% compared to January 2020. Many in our community are still struggling and we are grateful to the nonprofits who continue to strive to meet the needs of our neighbors. We have and will continue to support those efforts through our [COVID-19 Response Fund](#).

Next month, CFBC will begin accepting applications for our cornerstone grantmaking program, the Community Trust. This year, we are [taking a closer look](#) at the structure of that program and reflecting on how we might improve our work to better serve the needs of our community. We invite you to join us on this journey and welcome your thoughts and insights as we survey a broad cross-section of stakeholders, including nonprofit, government, business and faith leaders, donors, and people with lived experience.

We continue our work to support our community and the victims of March's shooting through our [Boulder County Crisis Fund](#). In addition to the work of our advisory committee, CFBC staff participates in a funders' collaborative that's focused on ensuring needs are met. Next week, the memorial fence on Table Mesa will be taken down with great love and care by volunteers and staff from the [Museum of Boulder](#) and [SoBo Rising](#). If you would like to be a part of that process, you can sign up [here](#).

Earlier this month, Boulder County received the first of two distributions of American Rescue Plan Act funds. Our community has an opportunity to "[build back better](#)". I sincerely hope we use it as a way to deepen our commitment to community-engaged decision-making.

On a personal note, I celebrate my first year serving as your CEO next month. I continue to be humbled and honored by the responsibility and look forward to seeing many more of you in person in the coming months. We can celebrate together the [time warp](#) that has been 2020/2021.

Warmly,

P.S. ... As you prepare for this Memorial Day weekend, please consider supporting our [Veteran's Fund](#), which supports and honors veterans and their families throughout Boulder County.

Community Trust grant-making process examined

Community Foundation seeks input to inform future strategy

We take seriously our role as your trusted philanthropic partner. We are taking a closer look this year at how we structure grant-making from one of our longest-standing funds, The Community Trust.

Our community's needs are shifting, especially as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to partner with our community to ask if there's a different way we can structure this fund's grant-making. We want to see if we can make it easier for our nonprofit partners to apply for funding. We also want to see if there is a more strategic, perhaps more outcomes-oriented way to approach the distribution of these funds.



Your community foundation in its most recent strategic plan adopted a vision of equity - creating systems where all can thrive. This includes racial, gender and other forms of equity. We will seek ways to better align Community Trust grantmaking to this equity vision.

We have assembled an advisory committee of trustees and local leaders to help us take this closer look. We will survey a broad cross-section of stakeholders, including nonprofit, government, business and faith leaders, donors and people with lived experiences relevant to our inquiry. We will also conduct an equity audit of our past grantmaking.

The advisory committee will develop a recommendation for our board's consideration, hopefully by year's end. Our goal is to implement any changes in time for the 2022 Community Trust grants cycle. The 2021 Community Trust grants cycle will not be impacted by these changes.

Thank you in advance for continuing with us on our evolving journey to better serve the community.

~ Photo: Community Trust grant recipients at a reception at the Longmont Museum in January 2019



~ Photo: Leadership Fellows, Class of 2020 -[click image to view video](#)

Leadership Fellows - Apply now to make positive change in our community

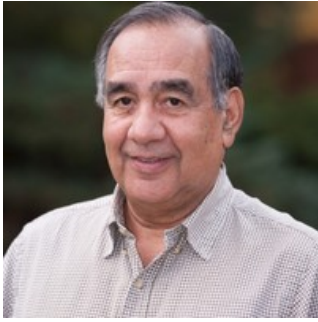
Fellowship alumni also welcome applicants, donations for first annual Nino Gallo Leadership Award

Are you hungry to make deep connections and learn more about our community's most pressing needs?

Consider applying to [join the 2021-2022 class of Leadership Fellows Boulder County](#). This joint leadership development and networking program of the Community Foundation and the Boulder Chamber offers emerging leaders a broad-based overview of Boulder County's economic, civic and cultural drivers.

"It will expand your mind and question your assumptions," Ana Arias, Principal, Arias Global Consulting, LLC, and a recent Leadership Fellows participant, said in a [video](#) celebrating her cohort's graduation.

Apply today! The deadline is July 19.



In addition, a selection committee composed of Leadership Fellows alumni also encourages nominations for the first-ever recipient of the **Nino Gallo Leadership Award**. Nino (pictured here), a native of Chile and Leadership Fellows alumnus, passed away on Dec. 1, 2020 of COVID-19.

The new award will honor a resident of Boulder County who is an immigrant or a descendant of a recent immigrant who embodies Nino's legacy, including his innovative work on behalf of immigrants and the economically disadvantaged that shaped community engagement efforts, programs and policies throughout Boulder and Broomfield counties.

The award selection committee will review nominations and award \$1,000 to the honoree. **Nominate a worthy recipient today.** The deadline is June 28.

"Nino's name will resonate and carry on to future generations," said Norma Fuentes, Nino's widow and long-time community activist. "Through this award, we hope that immigrants and descendants of immigrants can see themselves through Nino's life work because – as we know – representation is power."

Donations are welcomed to fund the award in future years. Supporter Bob Norris has generously offered a 1:1 match of up to \$10K in support of this award. Already, more than 30 donors have contributed. **Please help us raise an additional \$6,500**, so we can receive this full match. And please help us spread the word by forwarding this message to your networks.

Community Foundation seeks Communications Officer

Do you want to join a team of passionate people dedicated to building a more equitable Boulder County?

Community Foundation Boulder County seeks a full-time **Communications Officer** who shares our vision for building a more equitable Boulder County. The ideal candidate sees communication as a vehicle for community engagement and amplifying community voice.

The new hire will report to the Vice President of Communications & Engagement and is responsible for all day-to-day aspects of the communications functions for the foundation.

In addition, the Communications Officer will assist in the management of consultants and board committees and work collaboratively with other departments, as needed.

Applications should be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, May 31, 2021.



New Grants support vaccine equity, mental health, artists, car repairs and fire mitigation

COVID-19 Response and Fires Relief funds announce awards

Community Foundation Boulder County will distribute \$331K in grants to 15 organizations working to help our community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and the fires that ravaged our mountains last fall.

The COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County will disburse a total of \$202K in grants to seven organizations. Your Community Foundation established the COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County on March 13, 2020, to ensure essential services for community members who find themselves at the intersection of being most vulnerable to the virus and most impacted by inequity.

The latest COVID-19 fund grants will go to:

Out Boulder County, to increase mental health capacity ... \$30,000
Jewish Family Service, to expand the wildfire mental health program ... \$60,000
Out Boulder County, to reimburse vaccine equity ambassador costs ... \$10,375
El Centro Amistad, to reimburse vaccine equity ambassador costs ... \$11,343
Emergency Family Assistance Association, to fund client car repairs ... \$10,000
Sister Carmen Community Center, to fund client car repairs ... \$10,000
Our Center, to fund client car repairs ... \$10,000
Boulder County Arts Alliance, to fund financial relief for artists ... \$60,000

The 2020 Fires Relief Fund will disburse a total of \$129K in grants to 8 organizations focused on land restoration and wildfire mitigation and preparedness. These grants will go to:

Four Mile Fire Protection District, for wildfire suppression gear and equipment, ... \$5,610
Allenspark Fire Protection District, for wildland firefighting gear ... \$6,900
Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District, for wildland firefighting gear ... \$8,900
Gold Hill Fire Protection District, for a Utility Terrain Vehicle to support tool and debris transport ... \$12,000
Nederland Fire Protection District, for hand-held radios ... \$8,730
Boulder Emergency Squad, for personal protective equipment and tools ... \$7,500
Gold Hill Town Meeting, Inc., for fuel reduction on properties of the low-income, elderly and disabled ... \$29,422
Four Mile Fire Protection District, for wildfire mitigation and forest restoration on 101 acres ... \$27,497
Boulder Watershed Collective, for wildfire mitigation and community outreach ... \$22,496

~ Photo: Jose Gonzalez, pictured in this Longmont Leader file photo, holds up a sign welcoming people to a vaccine clinic in Longmont in March. Funding to reimburse this and other vaccine equity ambassador efforts by OUT Boulder County and El Centro Amistad are among the grants distributed by the COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County this round.

In Case You Missed It

Here are some of this month's headlines from your Community Foundation and other local news outlets.

KGNU's "A Public Affair": [TRENDS Reporting Fellowship strengthens local news and focuses on equity.](#)

Daily Camera: [Marta Loachamin: Federal funds can advance equity](#)

Newsweek Guest Opinion: [Use the Jobs Plan as a Catalyst for the Type of Infrastructure We Want](#)

TRENDS Diary: [Coming of age as a lesbian amidst home-grown oppression](#)

TRENDS Diary: [Cultural Caravan offers fresh vision to revitalize community](#)

TRENDS Diary: [Japanese runners respond to Boulder shooting](#)

TRENDS Diary: [Values among the vegetables](#)

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