



Richard C. Saunders Annual Community Grant Program

Administered by Saunders Construction, Inc.

The **Richard C. Saunders Grant Program** is an annual charitable initiative funded by Saunders Construction to honor Richard “Dick” Saunders’ legacy of leadership, community investment, and long-term impact. The program supports nonprofit organizations advancing the well-being and potential of communities through education, mental health, and the arts.

Each year, **one grant of up to \$10,000** will be awarded to an eligible nonprofit organization whose work aligns with the program’s focus areas and values.

Organizational Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** in good standing within the State of Colorado.
- Operate within communities where Saunders Construction has a presence or impact.
- Demonstrate financial and organizational stability.
- Have a mission and programs aligned with the grant focus areas.
- Be able to provide basic financial and governance documentation.
- Applicants who have received previous financial assistance are eligible, provided that all grant requirements are current.

Focus Areas

Applicant organizations must primarily serve at least one of the following focus areas:

A. Youth Education & Development

- Early childhood, K–12 or post-secondary readiness programs.
- Career exploration, workforce readiness, or trades education.
- STEM, literacy, mentoring, or leadership development.

B. Mental Health

- Youth or family mental health services.
- Prevention, early intervention, or access-to-care initiatives.
- Community-based mental health education and wellness programs.

C. Arts & Creative Expression

- Arts education and access for youth or underserved communities.
- Visual, performing, or literary arts programs.
- Creative programs that promote social-emotional development or community connection.

Application Cycle & Timeline

Phase	Timeline
Application Opens	August 17, 2026
Application Deadline	October 30, 2026
Internal Review Period	November 2026
Executive Team Selection	December 2026
Grant Recipient Announcement	January 2027
Funds Distributed	February 2027

Recipient Selection

Applications will be reviewed by members of Saunders' Executive Team. Evaluation criteria include mission alignment, demonstrated community impact, organizational capacity, fiscal responsibility, long-term sustainability and the strength of the proposed outcomes and budget.

Requirements of Grant Recipient

Selected organizations will enter into a grant agreement outlining approved use of funds, reporting requirements and acknowledgment of Saunders' support. Recipients will be asked to submit a brief, one-page report within 12 months describing how grant funds were used and the impact achieved. Organizations may also be highlighted through Saunders' communications and community storytelling opportunities.

How to Submit

Eligible Colorado nonprofits are encouraged to review the program guidelines and submit their applications between August 17-October 30, 2026. To be considered for the inaugural grant cycle, completed applications must be emailed to **Teena Bergstand, VP of market strategy and communication**, at t.bergstrand@saundersinc.com.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name of Organization:	
Address:	
EIN	
Phone:	
Email:	
Website:	

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	
Title:	
Phone:	
Email address:	

MISSION STATEMENT

How does your organization positively impact youth education & development, mental health, or arts & creative expression?

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PROGRAM OR PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
Description of the initiative the grant funds will support:	
Target population or geographic area:	
Alignment with one or more focus areas: <i>(Youth Education & Development, Mental Health, Arts & Creative Expression)</i>	

STATEMENT OF IMPACT
What community need is being addressed?
Describe the anticipated outcomes and how success will be measured:

BUDGET INFORMATION	
Total program budget:	
Amount requested:	
Description of how funds will be used.	

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Please include the following supplemental materials as separate documents with your emailed application submission:

- ☐ IRS Determination Letter
- ☐ Most recent financial statement or Form 990
- ☐ Board of Directors list
- ☐ Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement