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**LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN USE NEW GRANTS TO TACKLE COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**FORT COLLINS, Colo., January 25, 2022** – Fort Collins tops national rankings for best places to live. Locals even nicknamed it “the Choice City.” But many local organizations know that it is not a choice city for everyone.

- The most recent [U.S. census data](#) showed 16% of Fort Collins residents living below the poverty line, above the state level of 9%. The census data comes from the 2019 American Community Survey, five-year estimates.
- Nearly 60% of students experiencing homelessness in Poudre School District do not graduate in four years, according to the [district’s graduation statistics](#) (page 6).
- Sixty percent of renters in Fort Collins are cost-burdened, meaning that the household spends more than 30% of their income on housing, according to [the City of Fort Collins Housing Strategic Plan](#) (page 30).

Local nonprofits, schools and government units are using new grants to act on these issues and more. Bohemian Fund grants from Bohemian Foundation support organizations in their work to make Fort Collins a more equitable place. Each organization can apply to receive a grant up to \$30,000.

Last month 36 organizations received grants totaling \$587,000. Some highlights include:

- Beats By Girlz gives women, girls and gender-expansive individuals access to technical tools to make music. The organization will use a grant to challenge longstanding sexism, racism and classism in the music industry.
- Homeward Alliance will use a grant to support their Family Housing Program. Homeward Alliance uses data to understand community needs. Numbers from Poudre School District show 1,387 students did not have safe and stable housing during the 2019-2020 school year. Data from across the state shows 68% of students experiencing homelessness are students of color.
- La Cocina is an organization that relies on the expertise of Latinx individuals and families it works with to design solutions. La Cocina will use a Bohemian Fund grant for La Cocina’s iLas Favas! program. It works with Latinx women who care for children in their homes and Latinx families with young children.

The next chance to request a grant is coming up. The application opens Jan. 27 and closes Feb. 24. [Find out how to make a grant request during a workshop Jan. 25, Jan. 26 or Feb. 1.](#) Register at [BohemianFoundation.org/bohemian-fund/workshops-applicant-support](https://BohemianFoundation.org/bohemian-fund/workshops-applicant-support). A group of community reviewers and Bohemian Foundation staff selects applicants for awards.

Here is a complete list of organizations that received grants last month:

[A Little Help](#), A Little Help for Older Adults in Fort Collins  
[Access Center](#), CSU, Indigenous Science Arts Technology and Resilience (ISTAR) Camp  
[ALIGHT](#), General Support  
[Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County](#), General Support  
[Beats by Girlz Inc.](#), Beats by Girlz Fort Collins  
[Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County](#), General Support  
[CASA of Larimer County](#), CASA Program  
[Catholic Charities & Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.](#), Samaritan House Fort Collins shelter  
[Center for Public Deliberation, CSU](#), General Support  
[ChildSafe Colorado, Inc.](#), General Support  
[Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition](#), General Support  
[Crossroads Safehouse, Inc.](#), General Support  
[Department of Design and Merchandising, CSU](#), Fashion FUNdamentals  
[Department of Human Development and Family Studies, CSU](#), Campus Connections  
[Food Bank for Larimer County](#), Fresh Food Share  
[Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, Nonprofit Partner](#), Opportunity Program Expansion  
[Foundation Music School](#), General Support  
[Homeward Alliance](#), Family Housing  
[Human Dimensions of Natural Resources Department, CSU](#), Centering the Voices of BIPOC Youth in Wildlife Conservation in the West: A Project-based Learning and Leadership Program  
[La Cocina](#), Dejando Huellas: Introducing Las FAVAS and their impact to Latinx!  
[Larimer County Partners, Inc.](#), General Support  
[Launch: Community Through Skateboarding](#), General Support  
[Live the Victory, Inc. dba The Matthews House](#), The Matthews House Youth and Family Center  
[Neighbor to Neighbor, Inc.](#), General Support  
[Project Self-Sufficiency of Loveland-Fort Collins](#), Healthy Families Program  
[School of Education, CSU](#), Caminos Partnership  
[Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center](#), SAVA Center's Speak Up! Program  
[Sound Affects Music](#), Sound Affects Performances  
[Special Olympics Colorado](#), Inclusive School Programming for Students With and Without Intellectual Disabilities  
[Sustain Music and Nature Inc.](#), Trail Sessions  
[The Avery Center](#), General Support  
[The Family Center/La Familia](#), General Support  
[United Way of Weld County](#), Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System (CAHPS)  
[Vindeket Foods](#), General Support  
[Voices Carry Child Advocacy Center](#), Safety Smarts  
[Volunteers of America, Colorado Branch](#), AmeriCorps Seniors – RSVP

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