

About The Howard Fund

The Howard Fund began with a bequest from Mrs. Ida G. Howard in 1938. It has grown through the years with the inclusion of gifts and bequests from a wide array of sources for the benefit of Colorado citizens who are blind. Funds are deposited in certificates of deposits and the holdings of stocks. Cash savings are managed by the State Department of Treasury.



Initially, the Colorado Commission for the Blind administered the Howard Fund. Today, it is managed by the Department of Human Services Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The disbursements from this fund are for the sole purpose of benefiting persons who are blind in accordance with its stated purpose and scope. No funds may be used for administration of the fund, but may be applied to educating the public about the fund.

Tax-exempt donations can be made out to the Howard Fund and mailed to the address on the back panel.

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1575 Sherman Street, 4th Floor
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Providing Assistance To Individuals Who Are Blind



SERVICES

The Howard Fund provides financial aid to assist Colorado citizens who are blind to obtain employment and/or increase their independence. Recipients may be any legally blind resident of any age or a service provider to individuals who are blind residing within the State of Colorado. Funds may be requested by individuals or organizations.

GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS

- ◆ Provide rehabilitation, independent living, and other training
- ◆ Provide adaptive devices for home, school, or workplace that promote independence
- ◆ Provide special experiences and activities

GRANTS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS

- ◆ Provide start-up funding for direct-service programs
- ◆ Provide demonstration and training equipment
- ◆ Reimburse staff and volunteer out-of-pocket expenses
- ◆ Provide funding for worthwhile activities and projects

HOW TO OBTAIN FUNDS

Only requests relating directly to issues or needs of blindness will be considered. No medical or living expenses will be funded..

Proposals for funds for programs or service providers must be a written application that demonstrates the need for financial assistance and a detailed plan for using the fund. The proposals should also include:



- ◆ Specifics about the purpose of the funded program
- ◆ Target population
- ◆ Expected outcomes
- ◆ How success will be evaluated
- ◆ When applicable, documentation of other sources of funds, a plan and target dates for obtaining ongoing funds should be included.

Agencies shall be expected to send the Howard Fund periodic reports and information to keep them updated on the effectiveness and / or outcome(s) of services that were funded.

Individuals are requested to submit a completed application to the Howard Fund Board Members describing their need for funds, indicating why other funding is not available. They will also be asked to report back to the board regarding the outcome of the use of funds awarded to them within 90 days.

Please mail your request for financial assistance. The address is:

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Questions about the fund may be directed to the above address, by calling 303.866.4626. Inquiries for the western slope of Colorado may also be made to Carol Inglis by calling 970.248.7107. You may also visit our home page at http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/howard_fund_index.htm or www.google.com.