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Colorado Judicial Department Opens Application Process for Eviction Legal Defense Fund grants

***Grants provide funding for nonprofit organizations that provide civil legal
services to indigent individuals facing eviction***

DENVER—The Colorado Judicial Department has opened the application period for fiscal year 2026-27 grants from the Eviction Legal Defense Fund. The grants provide funding to Colorado nonprofit organizations that assist low-income individuals who are experiencing eviction or are at immediate risk of eviction.

Successful grant recipients must have experience providing legal services, including legal representation, to eligible persons facing eviction proceedings, actions for monetary damages, lease violations, or other judicial actions where legal services are necessary to protect the tenant's interests. Grants are awarded to qualifying organizations based on a geographic, need-driven formula that considers the number of forcible entry and detainer filings (i.e., eviction actions) in each county or city and county across the State.

Funding available for the upcoming grant cycle is anticipated to be \$1.1 million. In Fiscal Year 2025-26, seven organizations received grants totaling \$1.1 million.

Application links, rules, and other information about the grant program may be found at <https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/financial-services/eviction-legal-defense-fund-grant-program>. Applications must be received through the Office of the State Court Administrator's grant management system, AmpliFund, by 5 p.m. on April 30, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please direct questions to evictionlegaldefensefund@judicial.state.co.us.

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