



# Community Notice of Funding Availability:

## Community Stabilization Tool Assisting Neighborhood Development



## WHO WE ARE

The Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA), created by the City and County of Denver in 1958, assists in the redevelopment of blighted property and helps foster the sound growth and development of Denver. DURA's **mission** is to promote inclusive reinvestment, equitable growth, community building, and environmental sustainability throughout Denver.

DURA's **core values** reflect neighborhood stability and the preservation of community culture and heritage. Our investments are purposed to enhance the physical characteristics of the Denver neighborhoods.

DURA's **vision** manifests itself in two ways:

1. Supporting new development capacity within the city
2. Sustaining existing elements of the community

First, DURA helps develop new areas by investing in and redeveloping sites that need improvement. They use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to fill funding gaps and make these projects possible.

Second, DURA strengthens Denver's communities by supporting projects that help long-term residents and businesses thrive. In tough economic times, DURA invests in amenities that improve quality of life and stabilize property values. During economic booms, DURA works to prevent the displacement of residents and businesses. Our Community Programs are key tools in this effort.

## DURA'S COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**The purpose of DURA's Community Investment Programs** is to identify and support investment opportunities that align with our mission, while allowing for the flexibility to support innovative and impactful projects in marginalized communities experiencing involuntary effects due to market conditions.

Overall, our programs can fund commercial, residential, nonprofit, and community projects. These programs will identify opportunities to stabilize and sustain neighborhoods and communities. These programs will be unique, targeted, and impactful for grant fund recipients, their projects and the neighborhoods in which they live and work.

### Community STAND Program Goals

DURA's first program available to the community is called: **Community STAND: Stabilization Tool Assisting Neighborhood Development**

DURA plans to allocate grant funds to small businesses, non-profit organizations, and business improvement districts within URAs that have historically lacked investment. DURA specifically requests proposals from these organizations seeking funding to anchor their organizations in their communities. These organizations must be located in the City and County of Denver within an existing Urban Renewal Area (URA) or within a ½ mile of an existing URA. Eligibility of location can be determined by our website's map at [renewdenver.org/cstand](http://renewdenver.org/cstand). DURA will not fund any organizations, businesses or projects engaged in activities prohibited in ATTACHMENT A.



## Community STAND funds:

- Businesses engaged in permitted\* activities with \$2 Million or less in gross revenue
- Nonprofits designated by 501C 3 status with \$5 Million or less in gross revenue
- DURA will accept proposals from organizations that are either non-profits or incubated by a non-profit holding a 501(c)(3) designation. Please refer to the Proposal Submission Requirements section for further details.\*
- Business Improvement Districts

## Our Funding Priorities

- Organizations proposing shovel-ready projects or projects that can be completed within one year of agreement execution
- Organizations with multi-generational presence
- Organizations preserving the neighborhood culture

## Community STAND Funding

**Each applicant is eligible for funding from \$10,000 up to \$50,000 in a single grant.**

## Community STAND Funding Areas

Community STAND seeks to allocate funds to small businesses, non-profit organizations, and businesses seeking to strengthen existing community fabric by anchoring organizations in their original neighborhood. The program will provide resources for projects that support the built environment. DURA is open to different ideas and will explore opportunities to provide unique investment in small businesses, nonprofits, and business improvement districts. Though not an exhaustive list, below are some sample projects for inspiration:

Community STAND Inspiration Projects		
Façade Improvements	Landscaping	Community Garden or Pocket Park
Furniture for organization-interior or exterior	Improvements: camera, lights, equipment	Business Equipment: Printers, restaurant equipment, manufacturing machine
Costs associated with purchasing (owning) a space in your neighborhood	Markers such as a park bench or signage	Physical Building Improvements-Roofing, FF&E, HVAC, etc.
Corridor Greening and Furniture	Alley Clean-Up/ Beautification	Public Art installations
Window replacement	Graffiti removal	Renovations and expansion
Marketing costs (events <b>excluded</b> )		

\*See Attachment A



### Examples of Past Eligible Costs

- Construction Improvements such as HVAC and FFE
- Storefront Improvements
- Real Estate Purchase Support
- Equipment that can be capitalized such as food machinery, podcast equipment, furniture, etc.
- Exterior Improvements
- Murals and Art
- Corridor upgrades
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### STAND will not fund:

- Business operating expenses
- Rental Assistance
- Business and Personal Tax Support
- Events
- Partisan Causes
- Religious events

## Proposal Submission Requirements

Applicants are required to submit a proposal describing how they intend to utilize the Community STAND funding. A complete proposal will include the following sections:

- Organization/Business Overview
- Project Description including the requested amount for funding
- Narrative on how the project will support the goals of the Community STAND program
- Demonstration of Project Readiness including full project budget and schedule
- Letter of Support from the community to demonstrate Positive Community Impact
- Organizational Compliance Attachments

### *Organization/Business Overview*

Include the background of the organization:

- When was the organization founded?
- What goods and/or services does your organization provide?

### *Project Description*

Provide a description of the project or initiative of which you are seeking funding. Include any partners and resources identified to support the project.

### *Demonstration of how the project will support the goals of the Community STAND program*

Community STAND seeks to keep organizations within their existing neighborhoods to support the neighborhood's existing culture. The narrative of your proposed project can support the prevention of immediate relocation or create community amenities or benefits that would anchor your organization in the neighborhood.



*Demonstration of Project Readiness including full project budget and schedule*

Applicants should demonstrate project readiness by describing how the project is financially feasible, can comply with all development requirements with the City/County of Denver with a



positive tangible impact on the organization and/or the surrounding community. **The funding priority is to award resources to projects that can be completed within one year of grant agreement execution.**

#### *Full Grant Request and Project Budget*

The applicant will provide a detailed budget of the requested funding in the format of the attachment included in this NOFA. **The project budget is required for submission. For successful applicants, the submitted document will be included in C STAND grant agreement with DURA.** Attachment B displays the required format for submission.

Please explain if the funding will be leveraged with other grants/funds to implement the proposed project. Include the full project budget as an additional document. The format is at the applicant's discretion.

#### *Full Schedule of Performance*

A schedule reflecting immediate implementation adds to the readiness of the project. The applicant will provide a schedule of performance for the proposed project, including project milestones from implementation through completion. **The project schedule of performance is required for submission. For successful applicants, the submitted document will be included in C STAND grant agreement with DURA.**

If this grant request is a part of a larger project or if the proposal is supporting an existing project with resources, includes the entire schedule of the project, not just the portion proposed for funding.

#### *Letter of Support from the community to demonstrate Positive Community Impact*

Applicants will demonstrate positive community impact with letter(s) of support from the community. Letters can be from a neighborhood organization, community leaders, Council People, Business Improvement Districts, etc. **At least one letter of support from your community is required.**

#### *Organization Compliance Attachments*

Please include the following documents with your proposal to ensure organizational compliance with this NOFA. Please note: all organizations must adhere to DURA's business use covenants (Attachment A):

- Most recent tax return or 990 for nonprofits (If applicable)
- Current certificate of Liability Insurance
- Current Business License
- Current State Certificate of good standing

\*If you are a sponsored non-profit organization under a larger non-profit designated 501 ©3, please provide the sponsoring organization's credentials. Additionally, please submit a statement from the sponsoring non-profit confirming their commitment to see the sponsored organization through the process including performance outcome reporting. Sponsoring organizations are responsible for sponsored organization's adherence to the community grant program. Please note: No administrative fees from the sponsoring organization are allowed in the program.



## STAND Proposal Evaluation

Applicants are requested to submit proposals for funding in accordance with the proposal requirements outlined in this NOFA. Submissions will be evaluated according to the following:

- Alignment with DURA’s mission, vision, and STAND Program Goals
- Project Readiness
- Demonstration of Positive Community Impact and Letter of Support (s)

## Project Reporting Requirements

DURA expects grant recipients to provide periodic updates on the proposed project and the expected outcomes at the conclusion of the funding period. DURA will provide the format and schedule for the reporting, and it will be included as part of the grant agreement for successful applicants.

## Proposal Submission Guidelines

Organizations are welcome to submit multiple proposals, either independently or in collaboration with others. As part of this grant program, DURA has identified 37 URAs across the City and County of Denver. Special emphasis will be placed on equitable distribution of funds, aiming to support as many URAs as the program’s resources allow. Proposals must be submitted electronically via the website in PDF format. Proposals must be received by DURA for review **no later than 5:00PM Mountain Time on Friday, March 6, 2026.**

## Technical Assistance

All requests for clarification or additional information must be submitted in writing via email no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026.** Inquiries regarding the 2026 Community STAND NOFA should be directed to the contact above. DURA may elect to respond to questions at its sole discretion. If DURA does respond, questions received regarding this 2026 Community STAND NOFA, along with answers, will be shared with all responding parties via post on the DURA website at: [renewdenver.org/cstand](https://renewdenver.org/cstand).

## Community STAND NOFA Schedule

Event	Issue/Deadline Dates
NOFA Release	2/2/2026
Pre-Proposal Meeting	2/12/2026
Deadline to submit Questions	2/18/2026
Responses to Questions	2/25/2026
NOFA Responses Due	3/6/2026
Evaluation	3/6/2026-3/30/2026
Notice of Grant Selection	4/30/2026



## Governing Provisions and Limitations

The 2026 Community STAND process is subject to the following:

- A. DURA assumes no liability for disclosure or use of data submitted in response to this NOFA for any purpose. All information which an applicant wishes to remain exempt from disclosure should be provided as a separate attachment and clearly marked as follows: "Confidential Commercial and Financial Information -- Exempt from Public Disclosure in Accordance with the Colorado Public Records Act." DURA makes no assurances that such information is or will remain confidential under the Colorado Public Records Act.
- B. This NOFA is not to be construed as a contract or as a commitment of any kind; nor does it obligate DURA to award any contract or to pay for costs incurred prior to the execution of a formal contract, unless DURA specifically authorizes such costs in writing.
- C. DURA values diversity and encourages responses from qualified SBE, MBE and WBE firms.
- D. DURA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received, or to cancel or reissue this NOFA in part or its entirety.
- E. DURA further reserves the right to make no award as a result of this solicitation in its sole discretion.
- F. DURA reserves the right to correct any error(s) and/or make any changes to this solicitation as deemed necessary. DURA reserves the right to negotiate the final terms of any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation with the proposer selected and any such terms negotiated as a result of this NOFA may be renegotiated and/or amended to successfully meet the needs of DURA.
- G. DURA reserves the right to contact any individual or entity listed in the proposal that may have knowledge of the proposer's experience, performance and qualifications.
- H. Applicants shall not offer or provide any gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value to any officer, member, employee or agent of DURA for the purpose of having an influencing effect toward their own proposal or any other proposal submitted hereunder. In addition, no employee, commissioner, officer, or agency of DURA shall participate in the selection, award or administration of contract supported by DURA funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.
- I. Applicants shall not engage in any activity that is intended to restrict or eliminate competition. Violation of this provision may cause a proposal to be rejected. This does not preclude a joint proposal as permitted above.
- J. DURA reserves the right to request clarification or, explanation for, or verify any aspect of a response to this NOFA, and to require the submission of any price, technical, or other revision to the NOFA that results from negotiations conducted.
- K. DURA reserves the right to award without discussion.



L. DURA reserves the right to extend, shorten, increase or decrease any contract awarded as a result of this NOFA.

M. Applicant shall be responsible for complying with all federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to its program and for complying with all reporting requirements associated with the program. DURA shall not be responsible for determining compliance or reporting requirements as dictated in this paragraph but may terminate any award or contract based upon applicant's failure to comply with any such requirements.



## ATTACHMENT A

### Prohibited Uses and Businesses

No part of the Property will be occupied by or used for the retail business of (i) an adult book, adult novelty, adult video or adult entertainment store, car wash, tattoo parlor, pawnshop, massage parlor, hookah bar or lounge, dance hall, discotheque, nightclub, bar, billiard or pool hall, game parlor or video arcade (which shall be defined as any store containing more than four (4) electronic games), a store which has the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off premises as its principal business, a store which has the sale of firearms or weapons as its principal business, or a store (sometimes referred to as a "head shop"), which has the sale of drug paraphernalia or marijuana paraphernalia as its principal business; (ii) the renting, leasing or selling of or displaying for the purpose of renting, leasing or selling of any motor vehicle or trailer; (iii) an automotive maintenance or repair facility or retail automotive fuel filling station; or (iv) dispensing, growing or storing marijuana or providing consulting or advice primarily regarding marijuana.



## ATTACHMENT B

### PROJECT BUDGET

Category	Eligible Grant Cost Item	Amount
1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$
5.		\$
6.		\$
7.		\$
8.		\$
9.		\$
10.		\$
11.		\$
12.		



## **DURA C-STAND Document Checklist**

- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Business License
- Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing
- Tax Return
- Letter of Support from the Community



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