

WE POWER THE INNOVATORS.

Accelerating new solutions for mental wellness.



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Community First Foundation is seeking nonprofits impacting the Denver metropolitan area to participate in The Innovators Society, an experience committed to improving mental wellness by investing in fresh, new ideas to improve awareness, foster well-being and change perceptions of mental illness.

1 in 4

adults copes with
mental illness
in a given year.

1,058

deaths by suicide
in Colorado
in 2014

The Innovators Society experience threads mental wellness into the fabric of society by identifying and funding promising, but not proven, approaches to mental wellness. Selected nonprofits participate in a year-long accelerator program to develop their ideas. The Society provides guidance and coaching to create strong, strategic plans. After nine months of preparation and practice, nonprofits present their program to a broader audience at The Community Pitch Showdown. Community First Foundation grant dollars are awarded based on real-time voting using cell phone technology. Voting is guided by the merit of the ideas presented and demonstrated need for funding.

The Innovators Society Key Dates

- **Application Deadline**
October 13, 2015
- **Selection and Notification**
November 19, 2015
- **Nonprofit & Coach
Matching Event**
December 10, 2015
- **Coaching and Scrimmages**
January - September 2016
- **The Innovators Society's Pitch
Scrimmage**
May 17, 2016
- **Community Pitch Showdown**
September 30, 2016

We're Seeking Mental Wellness Innovations

If your nonprofit organization has an innovative idea with potential to change the face of mental wellness in the community, we want to hear from you.

We are looking for mental wellness innovations in one of these areas:

1. Early childhood mental wellness
2. Systems improvement
3. Changing the perceptions of mental health and mental illness

APPLY NOW!

Apply by Tuesday, October 13, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. MDT
CommunityFirstFoundation.org/Innovators

WE BELIEVE IN THE INFINITE POWER OF PEOPLE.



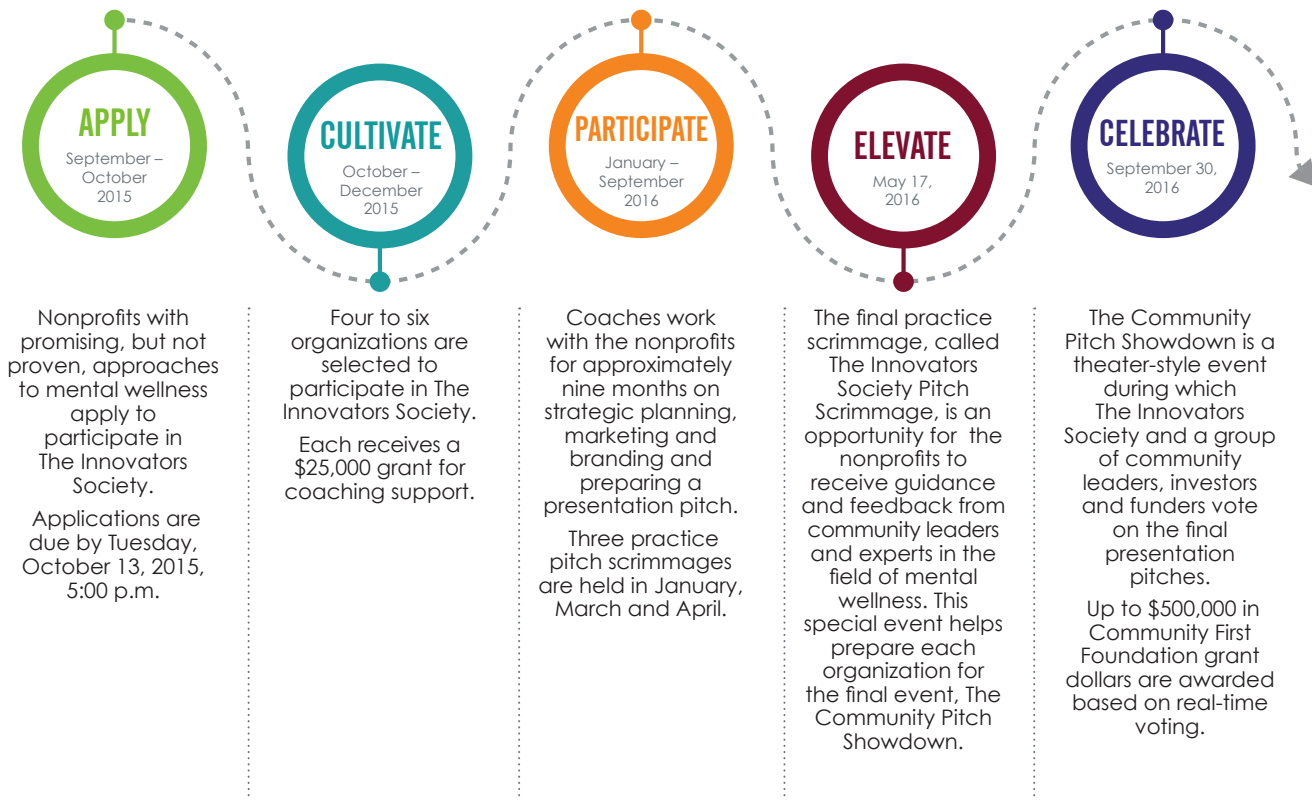
Details

Four to six nonprofits are selected to participate in The Innovators Society's annual program.

Participation requirements:

- Applicants must be a designated 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization, government equivalent or have a fiscal sponsor.
- Ideas must have an impact in the seven county Denver metropolitan area.
- Programs must align with at least one of Community First Foundation's mental wellness strategic priorities, which are early childhood mental wellness, systems improvement to mental wellness or changing perceptions of mental health and mental illness.
- Proposals must demonstrate a promising, but not yet proven, approach to mental wellness. Your idea must be developed beyond the concept phase, but may lack funding or the resources to pursue the idea further.

Program Timeline



The Innovators Society is one way Community First Foundation is powering community. We believe opportunities for innovative and impactful work in mental wellness exist.

Please visit [The Innovators Society webpage](http://TheInnovatorsSociety.org) for more information and details on the application process at CommunityFirstFoundation.org/Innovators or contact us at **720.898.5900**.