

Membership and Grant Guidelines

Background

- RC HRC is made up of approximately 36 health and human service agencies throughout Routt County.
- The coalition's purpose is to network, collaborate, support equitable distribution of city and county funds, and advocate for nonprofit infrastructure and systems-level change.
- RC HRC uses a "whole county, whole person, whole life" approach — serving all generations, all communities, and all lifecycle stages.
- Focus areas include: basic needs, health & safety, early childhood, youth, older adults, behavioral health, disability services, housing, food security, transportation, and equity.

RC HRC Health & Human Services Organization Definition

The following definition was developed by the RC HRC Steering Committee and adopted by RC HRC full membership on July 21, 2026.

Formal Health and Human Service Organization Definition

For purposes of Routt County Human Resource Coalition (RC HRC) membership and RC HRC-administered grant eligibility, a Health and Human Service (HHS) Organization is defined as a nonprofit, public, or fiscally sponsored community-based organization whose primary mission and core services are to improve the health, safety, basic needs, stability, early childhood support, family well-being, behavioral health, crisis support, housing stability, food security, transportation access, prevention, or overall human service needs of Routt County residents.

Membership Tiers

The following membership tiers were developed by the RC HRC Steering Committee and adopted by RC HRC full membership on July 21, 2026.

Tier	Description
Formal RC HRC Member	An HHS-defined organization in Good Standing (current with dues, 75% meeting attendance, active committee participation). Eligible for committee leadership, advocacy, and RC HRC-administered grants (subject to project alignment and fiscal requirements). Voting member.
Community Partner	An organization that participates in RC HRC meetings and activities but does not meet HHS definitions or pay dues. Non-voting; ineligible for grants.
Funder or Government Partner	Municipalities, foundations, and county departments. Engaged in planning and discussion. Non-voting; ineligible for grants (unless qualified under a separate membership tier).

If you are unable to meet membership requirements but would like to participate as a voting member and receive access to grant funding, please schedule an eligibility meeting with the **Networking Committee**.

RC HRC Proposed Grant Guidelines

To apply for HRC-administered grant funding, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Eligibility:** Be a nonprofit, public, or fiscally sponsored community-based organization (as defined by the RC HRC HHS Organization policy).
- **Standing:** Hold “Formal RC HRC Member” status in good standing.
- **Compliance:** Satisfy all legal, fiscal, and documentation requirements specific to the grant.
- **Participation:** Maintain active participation in RC HRC, a prerequisite for ongoing eligibility.
- **Reporting:** Submit a final report (including annual metrics) to the **Data & Awareness Committee** to remain eligible for future funding.
- **School-Related Projects:** Schools and school-affiliated entities (e.g., districts, foundations, PTOs) are ineligible to apply for, manage, or receive direct RC HRC grant funds. Funding for school-based projects is restricted to interventions that are strictly health and human service-focused – not school operations – and requires an eligible RC HRC member to serve as the lead applicant and fiscal agent.

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*All guidelines are subject to final approval by City and County authorities following presentation by the **Advocacy Committee**.
