



## Guidelines for the UpaDownna Climb Fund

The goal of the Climb Fund is to provide local climbing opportunities for residents of Colorado Springs and its nearby surrounding areas who have a desire, but not the financial means to climb.

### Who should apply:

- Local non-profits who want to experience climbing in the Colorado Springs area.
- Local non-profits with like-minded goals of promoting outdoor, active lifestyles with minimal environmental impact.
- There are no age limitations.

### Priorities for funding:

- Priority will be given to local non-profit organizations with financial need and a willingness to “pay it forward” to the community through volunteer work.
- Priority will be given to those who can contribute a portion of the cost in order to help the Climb Fund aid more people.
- Re-applicants will be judged based on the impact of their previous “pay it forward” action, and whether they met the requirements listed below upon receipt of their previously awarded grant.

### How to apply:

1. Applications are considered on a rolling basis. For best results, please submit your application at least 30 days before the proposed climbing event.
2. Fill out the application completely. Missing information will delay application review.
3. Please contact the climbing organization of your choice BEFORE applying and ensure they are available for the date and group size you are considering. You can also get rate information to fill in on the application. **You are responsible for making any arrangements (deposits or otherwise) to hold the date while you are awaiting the results of your funding request.**
4. Submit your completed application to [climbfund@gmail.com](mailto:climbfund@gmail.com).

### Results and re-application:

- A representative of the Climb Fund should contact you within two weeks of applying. You may be invited to apply again if funding is not immediately available.
- If you do receive funding, you agree to the following. While this is on the honor system, failure to do so may result in denial of future funding requests.
  1. Give back to the community as part of the “pay it forward” agreement, within one month of the activity date.
  2. Submit a photo to social media of your “pay it forward” action, tagging both #UpaDownna and #ClimbFund

### What the Climb Fund does NOT cover:

- Equipment purchase
- Climbing parties
- Scholarships to colleges or universities
- Food/drinks
- Travel Expenses