

Colorado APCD Scholarship Fund

FY 2025 Application Information



The Colorado General Assembly has appropriated \$500,000 to be used by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to offset the cost of licensing non-public data from the Colorado All Payer Claims Database (CO APCD) for eligible organizations. Pending state fund availability and continued use of scholarship dollars demonstrating interest in the program, it is anticipated that the General Assembly will approve the program funding in future fiscal years.

Note: HCPF and the CO APCD Advisory Committee reserve the right to revise the following information at any time to ensure scholarships are maximized to benefit the citizens of Colorado. HCPF is the final authority on approval of all scholarship applications.

Eligibility

- Non-profit organizations with annual revenues of \$10 million or less
- Governmental entities including federal, state, county or local governmental entities (with the exception of HCPF, administrator of the program) and public, state-supported institutions of higher education and affiliated researchers

Application Deadlines

- **Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis each fiscal year, which begins July 1. Please submit applications as early as possible.**

Note: Eligible organizations can make more than one CO APCD data request in the same year

Eligible Projects:

Data sets and reports that inform and support one or more aspects of the Triple Aim for Coloradans (improving health, improving care, and lowering costs) are eligible. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Evaluating benefit design and opportunities to reduce price variation
- Analyzing outcomes and cost benefit/return on investment of programs such as palliative care and community-based care transitions work that improve population health and patient experience
- Developing alternative payment models such as bundled payments or population-based per member/month payments for Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) or medical home models

Funding Amounts:

CO APCD data licensing fees vary by project type and are determined by the scope of work and resources needed for each project. See the tables on the following page for more details on approximate pricing, funding and financial responsibilities of data requestors.

Beginning July 1, 2023, 10% of the annual program funds will be set aside for projects and requests by members of the Colorado General Assembly. Also beginning July 1, 2023, annual Scholarship funding for eligible entities based outside of Colorado will be capped at \$50,000 total for all projects. This change aligns with the program philosophy of prioritizing assistance to Colorado-based organizations.

How to Apply

To apply for the CO APCD scholarship fund, applicants must follow the existing CO APCD data request process administered by CIVHC. For detailed information about the data release application process, visit <https://www.civhc.org/get-data/non-public-data/>

For more information email ColoradoAPCD@civhc.org or call CIVHC directly at 720-583-2095.

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Licensing Fees and Applicant Responsibility

Licensing fees for custom reports and data sets range from \$12,625 to more than \$100,000 depending on the complexity of the request, whether it is for deidentified, limited, or fully identifiable data, as well as a number of other variables including the number of years of data requested, how many lines of business (commercial, Medicaid, and Medicare Fee-for-Service) are requested, whether a finder file is needed, and additional value-added elements and filters.

CIVHC bases fees on a five-tier model that includes the following categories:

- Commercial Entities – not eligible for Scholarship awards
- Colorado Academic Institutions and Researchers
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Government entities (federal, state, county, local)
- Out-of-State Academic Institutions and Researchers
- Students

You may be eligible for discounts depending on organization’s category and annual revenue.

Price Estimates by Product Type

Product Type	Fee Range *	Maximum Scholarship Award
Custom Reports	\$12,625 - \$115,000	\$50,000
De-Identified Data Sets	\$24,625 - \$53,000	\$50,000
Limited Data Sets	\$28,625 - \$56,000	\$50,000
Fully Identifiable Data Sets	\$37,000 - \$71,500	\$50,000

* Ranges are provided to assist with estimating costs and are based on the upper limit (Tier 2) for Scholarship eligible organizations. Actual fees will be determined by the final scope and specifications of each data request.

1 Custom Reports provide an analysis of aggregated, de-identified data derived from the CO APCD and do not require additional analysis by the recipient.

2 A De-Identified data set contains aggregated data that does enable personal health information to be identified (45 CFR § 164.514(a)). A Data Set refers to a set of pipe-delimited text files containing all requested data elements. Data Sets contain raw data without analytics.

3 A Limited data set contains some protected health information data elements and must go through additional approval through the Data Release Review Committee and may require Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval (45 C.F.R. 164.514(e)(2))

Project Cost Responsibility of Requesting Organizations

Organization Type	Portion Scholarship May Cover*	Requestor Responsibility*
Non-profit Organizations**		
Annual revenue less than \$5M	85%	15%
Annual revenue between \$5M- \$10M	80%	20%
Governmental Entities		
Colorado-Based	80%	20%
Federal and Out-of-State	25%	75%
Researchers		
Colorado-Based State-Supported Institutions of Higher Education	80%	20%
Out-of-State Public Institutions of Higher Education	50%	50%

*Estimates only. Actual amount must be approved for each request.

** Non-profit organizations with annual revenue above \$10 Million will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and Scholarship funding for approved projects may not exceed 85% of the total cost of the project.