



The Cherry Creek Chorale Cherry Blossom Fund

The Cherry Creek Chorale Cherry Blossom Fund has been created to ensure that costs associated with membership in the Chorale (primarily dues and concert attire) are not obstacles to such membership.

Here's how it works:

- Members will be invited to donate an additional \$5-\$10 (or more if they wish) to their semi-annual dues to establish and maintain the fund which will be available to assist members in need with their chorale expenses. Donations will also be welcomed throughout the year. All contributions are entirely optional and any amount is appreciated. As with all donations to the CCC, please contact your tax advisor regarding the potential benefits of your contributions.
- These monies will be collected and accounted for by the Treasurer to be drawn upon as directed by the Membership Chair or membership designee.
- The Treasurer will report on the activity of this account quarterly and/or as needed to the membership.
- Members in need will be advised to contact the Membership Chair or designee to request assistance. Requests submitted two weeks prior to the first rehearsals in August and January will be reviewed and granted prior to those first rehearsals.
- There will be no formal application process. Thoughtful support will be offered upon the word of honor of the member's statement of needs. The amount of available funds will also dictate the timing and amount offered.
- Monetary assistance will be confidential and handled on a personal and situational basis. We are committed to tailoring the coverage case by case and year by year with the goal to assist as many members as possible.
- A maximum of 50% of the value of dues could be made available and will be determined on a first come first serve basis, depending upon the amount of funds available. Renewals of dues support will be considered annually at the request of the member. The renewal will be evaluated based on the available money in the account, the member remaining in good standing, and the volunteer contributions of the member in the prior year. Members who receive funding will be asked to commit to volunteering in return for financial support.
- Support with concert attire will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Attire items purchased by the fund will be subject to the expectation of return if the member leaves the Chorale. We do maintain a donation wardrobe of concert attire, and contributions are always welcome.
- The Executive Board will serve as advisors to the Membership Chair or designee while administering this program.
- This fund will be piloted during the 2024-2025 season, however, will not be effective until adequate funds have been established and maintained.
- The fund will remain in place while the Board provides oversight to ensure its soundness and effectiveness. Should the Board determine the program is no longer viable, at its sole discretion, the program shall cease and all remaining funds shall be treated as a donation to the Chorale.
- Members should feel free to directly support other members in need outside the scope of this fund which will be considered a private arrangement between the parties.
- All funds will be disbursed by these guidelines at the discretion of the Executive Board and Membership Chair or appointed designee.