



Mural by Jaime Molina & Pedro Barrios

Thank You, Denver

We are so grateful to the people of Denver for creating and funding our work to make healing and recovery possible. In 2022, we were honored to be recognized both by our peers and by our community with two awards.

OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION

An honor recognizing an organization that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to making an impact in philanthropy and community involvement. (Awarded by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Colorado Chapter for National Philanthropy Day)

Caring for Denver's grantmaking process was established with a model of meeting people where they are, reflecting the unique cultural needs, values, and beliefs of the city's diverse communities.

– National Philanthropy Day

COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

An honor recognizing organizations that have provided incredible benefits to the Indigenous and Chicano/Latino community. (Awarded by Servicios de la Raza)

The Foundation is dedicated to making mental health and substance misuse care easy to access in trusted spaces. They prioritize listening and learning from communities to focus, guide, and improve their approach to address mental health and substance misuse needs.

– Servicios de la Raza



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THIS IS YOUR STORY.

Over the past four remarkable years, we have established an organization, responded, and adapted to a pandemic, and deployed nearly \$100 million in funding to organizations and agencies addressing mental health and substance misuse in Denver – engaging community members every step of the way. Through it all, one thing has remained true: healing begins with trust.

The people of Denver have entrusted us with a mission to address our city’s mental health and substance misuse needs. We continue to be humbled and inspired by the trust community members show through their open conversations about our work and their personal experiences of healing and recovery.

This was even more present for us this past year because we had the opportunity to connect with nearly 1,800 community members in person and online for our citywide [2022 Community Check In](#). We heard that our mission is more critical than ever because economic and social stress are driving a higher need for mental health and substance misuse care. Community members

identified some ways we can help, including:

- Partnering with organizations who provide education, employment, and social supports to co-locate mental health, trauma, and substance misuse supports
- Supporting and recognizing the crucial role of established community care systems
- Fostering more care access points between stability and crisis, especially for youth and communities of color

More importantly, we heard that people are ready to talk about and seek help, especially if they can find support that reflects and affirms their cultures,

identities, and values. And our grantees are making it possible. They are reporting increased engagement with people who haven’t accessed help before and increased success with trained peer support and culturally responsive approaches.

In this report, you’ll find more insights from the community, learn about our growing impact, and read stories of the many ways our grantees are turning Denver’s hope into healing.

We are deeply grateful for all of the community organizations and individuals who continue to share their time, space, and experiences with us. We are honored to work with you and committed to being worthy of your trust.



Caring for Denver Staff

In Gratitude,

Lorez Meinhold
Executive Director

Leslie Herod
Board Chair

Key Facts



Founded by and for Denver
in 2019



Independent, non-profit
foundation funded by sales
tax dollars



Addresses Denver's
mental health & substance
misuse needs

We are committed to meeting the highest standards for the stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Since its inception, Caring for Denver Foundation has approved 349 grants to 203 unique organizations totaling more than \$98.2 million

Values

RESPECT. ALWAYS.

We fiercely embrace inclusion and diversity, and strive to be representative, culturally responsive, and linguistically appropriate in all that we do.

BE COURAGEOUS IN ACTION.

We champion candid, open-minded reflection and are thoughtful and bold in the action we take.

MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE.

We see and support all people and communities for their strengths and inherent value.

FOCUS ON IMPACT FOR COMMUNITIES.

We center all of our work on outcomes that always put Denverites, and their potential, first.

ADVOCATE OUT LOUD.

We courageously share our stories, engage our communities, and demonstrate how mental health and substance misuse affects us all.

INVITE PARTNERSHIP.

We are partners with the grantees, communities, and individuals with whom we collaborate and serve, recognizing all are essential to identifying, defining, and deciding what they need.

Purpose

Caring for Denver was created by [City ordinance](#) to fund the following purposes:

- Mental health services and treatment for children and adults
- Opioid and substance misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs
- Housing and case management services to reduce homelessness, improve long-term recovery, and reduce the costly use of jails and emergency rooms for those with mental health and substance misuse needs
- Suicide prevention programs
- Co-responder and alternative response program funding, and training on how to properly assess and handle people with mental health and/or substance misuse needs

These purposes are addressed through community-identified, Board-approved [funding priorities](#): Alternatives to Jail, Community-Centered Solutions, and Youth.

2022 SNAPSHOT

\$98.2 Million

in grants since our founding in 2019

\$40+ MILLION

Approved grants in 2022, including 112 grants to 104 unique organizations



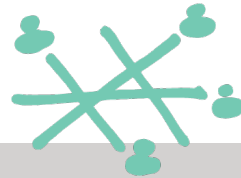
\$12,989,172

Alternatives to Jail Care
Care for individuals who might otherwise be entering or re-entering the criminal justice system



\$2,276,991

Care Provision
Access to care that reflects, represents, and values unique cultures and needs



\$12,413,974

Community-Centered Solutions
Community-based care that prioritizes cultural relevance, and community collaboration



\$9,943,759

Youth
Care for Denver's youth, to reduce crisis and increase resilience for coping with life stressors

\$2,454,193

Responsive/Innovative
Building capacity and responding to emerging needs in our communities.

You guys have been great to work with because you're not just a funder, you're a partner. And that's what you're supposed to be.

- Stout Street Foundation

2022 AVAILABLE GRANT DOLLARS*
\$40,261,081

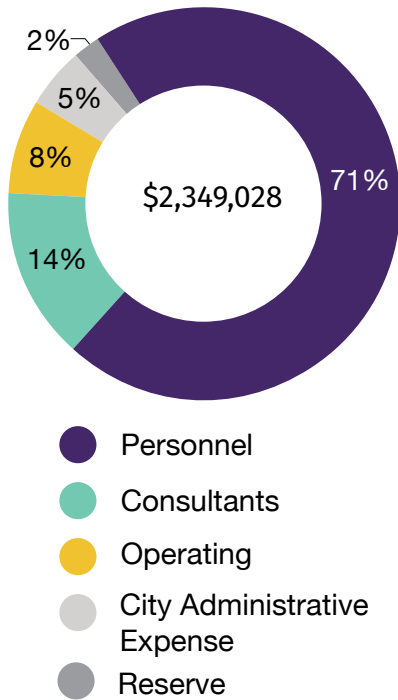
2022 AWARDED GRANT DOLLARS
\$40,078,089



*Available grant funds are based on the previous year's tax revenue.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

We spend no more than 5% of sales tax revenues (collected in the same year) on administration. Our 2022 administrative expenses are detailed below.



3-YEAR GRANT SUMMARY

Sales Tax 2019	\$36,822,629
Sales Tax 2020	\$34,641,511
Sales Tax 2021	\$42,380,085
Total Sales Tax Received	\$113,844,225
Total Awarded / Allocated*	\$103,896,635
Total Unallocated	\$9,947,590
% Awarded*	91%

*Includes return of unspent city dollars

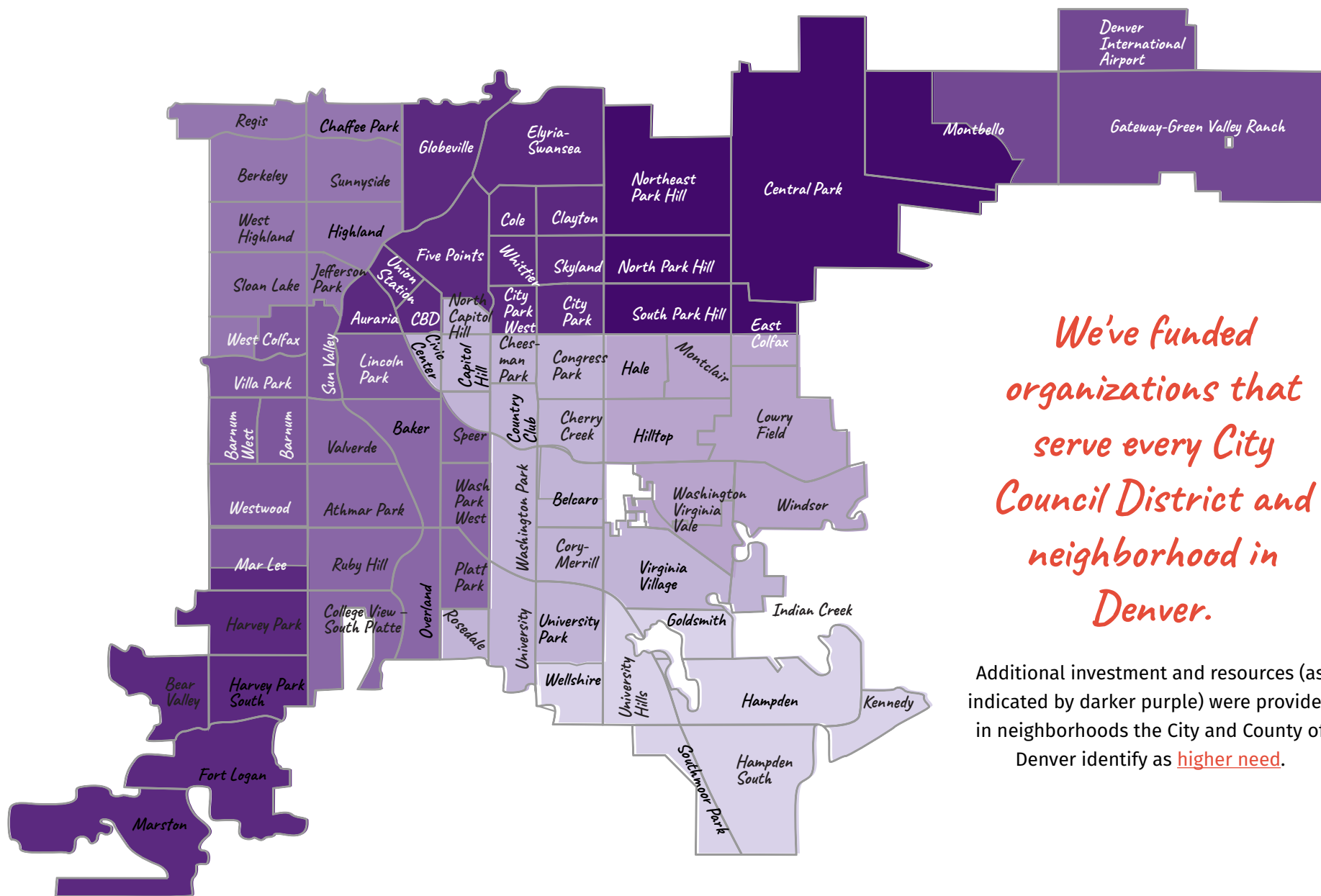
Alternatives to Jail	\$30,046,614
Community Centered Solutions & Care Provision	\$34,539,513
Youth	\$ 20,762,211
Innovative and Responsive	\$5,709,672
Facilities	\$ 7,146,414
Admin	\$5,692,211
Total	\$103,896,635

Factors for Grant Selection

Caring for Denver prioritizes programs and/or services that:

- Align with Caring for Denver’s mission and founding Ordinance
- Provide increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Engage the people being served as partners in the work
- Reach communities who have been impacted by trauma and inequitable access to resources and supports
- Are meaningful to the community, where they are, and in the forms that work for them
- Engage more individuals in ongoing support that stays aligned with their needs, even as needs change
- Are driven by entities that are the “right” fit given the community context, shown through partnership

OUR REACH IN 2022



We've funded organizations that serve every City Council District and neighborhood in Denver.

Additional investment and resources (as indicated by darker purple) were provided in neighborhoods the City and County of Denver identify as higher need.

HEALING EVERYWHERE.

Grantees reached Denverites in ways that resonate with communities.

238,020

Denverites were reached with messages through social media, news features, tabling events, and other communications to raise awareness of mental health and substance misuse issues and resources.

19,000+

Denverites were directly provided information about mental health and substance misuse topics and community services available to address needs.

2,654

Denverites participated in grant-supported sober, sober-curious, and peer-support community events.

5,652
Denverites

received clinical services

22,753
Denverites

received care in communities

4,032
Denverites

engaged in recovery spaces



Residential and outpatient treatment, individual and family therapy, or behavioral health crisis intervention



Creative and culturally based wellness programs with others facing similar life experiences, traumas, and triumphs



Substance use-specific interventions, including sober living and recovery communities

6,761
Denverites

received navigation and referral to services beyond the typical clinical settings, including case management.

6,177
Denverites

received additional services through other programs, direct services, and wrap-around supports for clients and their families.

5,981
People Providing Care

participated in training and classes to increase their knowledge and skills to address mental health and substance misuse issues.

For reporting, grantees were asked to provide unduplicated service numbers. Individuals were counted in these totals based on the highest level of service provided, but often were also provided additional lower-level services and supports. While these numbers represent persons served, they are an undercount of total implemented services and participation.

2022 STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

In 2022, we continued building a trusted, effective, and sustainable organization in alignment with the goals in our [strategic plan](#). This section highlights some of the ways we advanced our organizational priorities in 2022.

COMMUNITY AUTHORED AND DRIVEN

- We engaged nearly 1,800 Denverites, including those in the work and those with lived experience, as community thought partners in how to use the Caring for Denver Fund.
- Staff participated in more than 20 events and conversations in the community to share information, lead or support collaborations, and build knowledge.
- We awarded 72 organizations with first-time grants, helping us reach more communities.
- We doubled our followers on LinkedIn and nearly tripled engagement on Instagram and Facebook.

ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRITY & STEWARDSHIP

- We continue to review financial, organizational, and grant policies and practices that promote consistency and reliability, establish trust and credibility, and demonstrate organizational accountability.
- Our 2022 financial statements and internal controls were audited by an independent certified public accounting firm and no significant deficiencies or weaknesses were found.
- We received two awards representing recognition of our stewardship by peers and the community.

PROMOTE EQUITY

- We worked with 65 grantees to strengthen their capacity in communications, impact measurement, and nonprofit development—helping to ensure sustainability in their mental health and substance misuse work.
- In the spirit of equitable partnership, we added funding to grant awards to recognize grantee expertise and compensate them for their time spent in required Foundation learning activities.
- Staff leveraged their relationships to promote grantee connections and increase sustainability through more equitable social networks.

DEMONSTRATE MEANINGFUL ACTION & LEARNING

- We co-learned with grantees about their impact – recognizing and leveraging their expertise to make meaning of the data they are collecting to inform their future work.
- Staff analyzed gaps in our current funding to identify areas that potentially need more focus and support.
- We published two learning briefs that share grantee strategies, progress, and insights for impact with the Denver community.

2022 Reports

- [Youth Learning Brief \(March 2022\)](#)
- [Care Provision Learning Brief \(November 2022\)](#)
- [2022 Community Check In Report \(December 2022\)](#)

RESPECT. ALWAYS.

Created by Denver, for Denver, we integrate community voices in every aspect of our work.

As outlined by our [founding Ordinance](#), we sought broad community guidance this year in the form of a [2022 Community Check In](#). Using an open online survey and community engagement sessions, we had the opportunity to hear how our funding can be most impactful, from people throughout Denver.

Here is what we heard, and what we plan to do as a result.

When mental health and substance misuse supports are embedded with other social services (e.g., employment, education, basic needs) we get better results.

We will add this as one of our key considerations when reviewing grants, and will continue to look for ways to support partnerships and co-location of services.

Community care systems play a vital role in healing our communities.

We will continue investing in community care systems, and champion trusted community solutions that reflect community needs and experiences.

Care provision should be supported across Caring for Denver's funding areas.

We will change our calls for proposals so that potential care provision grantees can apply under the funding area they seek to support whether Alternatives to Jail, Community-Centered Solutions, or Youth.

Funding for youth and community-centered solutions feel most critical right now.

We will change our spending plan to reflect what the community prioritized, allocating some additional funding to the Community-Centered Solutions and

We need to focus on community members having access to long-term support. It is not a quick fix.

- Community member

Youth funding areas. We will continue to invest in Alternatives to Jail, and help Denverites understand that effectively intervening to address substance misuse and mental health needs of people in jail or at risk of being sent to jail helps to stabilize the individual and strengthen their family.

Denver needs more care access points between stability and crisis.

We will continue to look for ways to close gaps in mental health and substance misuse care, to support a lifetime continuum of healing.

We will continue to share what we are learning so our community can see how its input and feedback have informed our work going forward.

We love connecting with community members, and it is crucial to our work.

Our ordinance requires broad community guidance every three years, but we recognize the importance of building continued and ongoing engagement so that we can hear all voices, build relationships, and be responsive to community needs and timing.

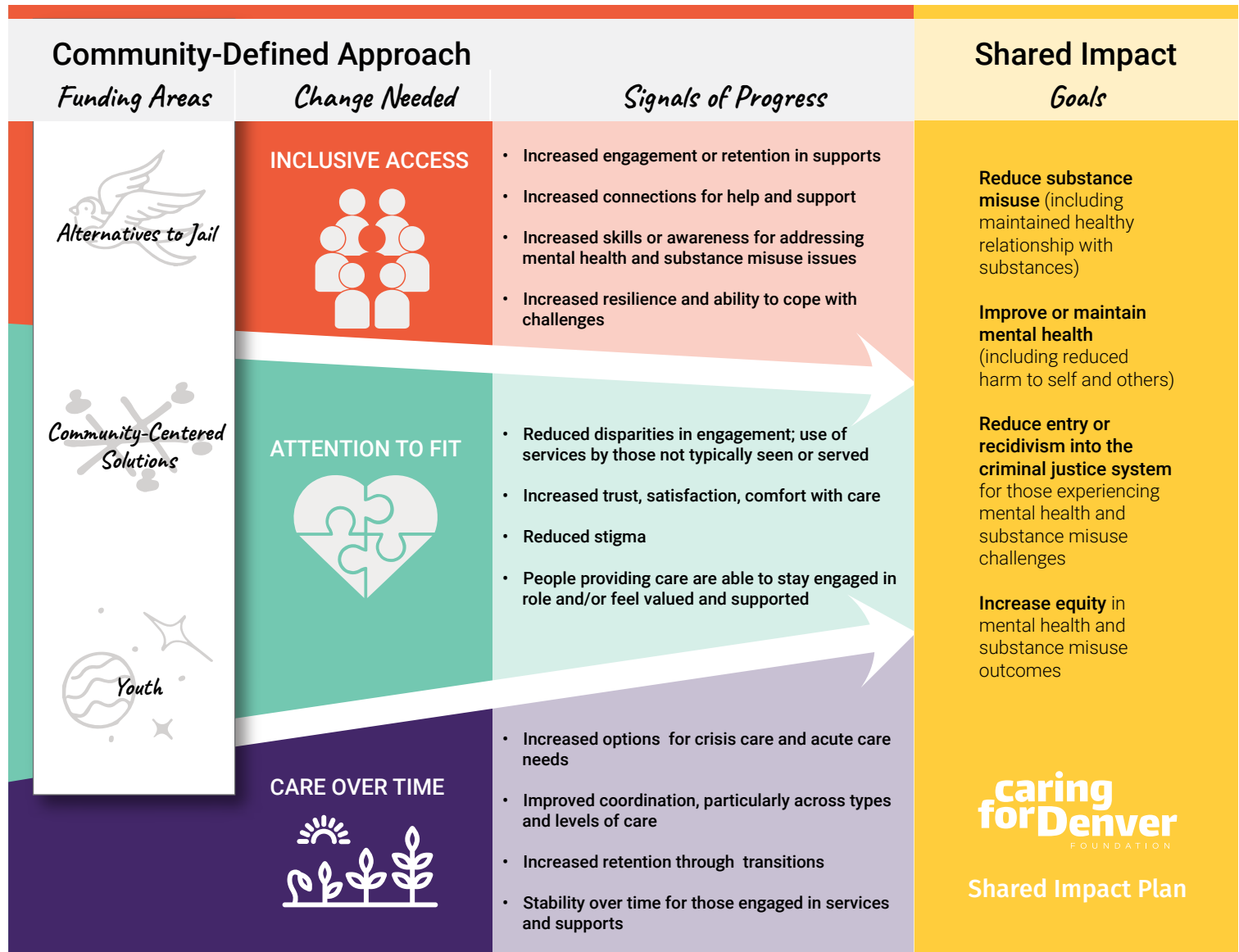
THIS IS WHAT CHANGE LOOKS LIKE.

The Shared Impact Plan, informed by data and community voice, guides our work together.

The **Shared Impact Plan**, pictured here, is the cornerstone of our evaluation and learning approach.

The **shared impact goals** describe the changes community hopes to see through Caring for Denver funding. The **signals of progress** describe key shifts the community told us are important for being able to achieve the shared impact goals.

We work closely with grantees to understand the **signals of progress** and **shared impacts** in their work, and we support them in prioritizing and measuring their contributions.



SEEING THE BIG PICTURE

Direct changes to mental health and substance misuse in our city.

Shared Impact Goals

Reduce substance misuse (including maintained healthy relationship with substances)

71%

Fifty grantees reported on their direct influence on the shared impact goals.

of 1,204 assessments demonstrated or reported reduced substance use or a maintained healthy relationship with substances that met criteria of the program.

Improve or maintain mental health (including reduced harm to self and others)

76%

of 2,114 assessments reported improved or maintained positive mental health.

Reduce entry or recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

94%

of 5,295 assessments show participants did not enter or return to the justice system. Time frames for assessments of re-entry varied but ranged up to 12 months during and/or after use of services.

Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes





INCLUSIVE ACCESS.

Care that resonates, in places that feel comfortable, at times that work.

Signals of Progress

Increased engagement or retention in supports

69%

of 5,729 assessments showed participants actively increasing engagement in services (e.g., successfully completing programs, voluntarily enrolling in additional services, or regularly returning to programs offered).

Increased connections for help and support

82%

of 7,183 assessments showed increased connections to supports (e.g., following up on referrals, actively engaging in case management, or maintaining sobriety via friendships, mentors, and peer support).

Increased skills or awareness for addressing mental health and substance misuse issues

87%

of 3,830 assessments demonstrated increased awareness or skills for improving mental health or reducing substance misuse (e.g., retention of information, confidence in understanding and using information).

Increased resilience and ability to cope with challenges

84%

of 2,255 assessments showed increased resilience and coping skills (e.g., completing treatment goals, demonstrating skills, or improving basic coping and resilience-related conditions in their life).

103 grantees chose to measure and report on at least one signal of progress related to Inclusive Access. 18,997 assessments were completed by grantees.

SIMS-FAYOLA FOUNDATION



Sims-Fayola Foundation runs the Empowered Ambition Youth Development Program for Young Men.

This program engages young men in deep, reflective work using restorative practices, cultural identity, social and emotional learning tenants, conflict resolution, mentoring, and goal-setting practices.

This work helps young men cope with microaggressions, oppressive systems, and traumas of their communities

which can lead to depression, anxiety, and hopelessness.

Sims-Fayola has seen a significant increase in positive racial identity, resulting in 56% of participants reporting improvement in at least one area of mental health such as anxiety, depression, suicidality.

Additionally, 63% reported improvement in at least one area of resilience aligned with the social emotional learning domains taught.

SEEING OUR ADOLESCENTS RISE

Seeing Our Adolescents Rise (SOAR) provides adventure-based therapy to youth (7-19) who have experienced the juvenile justice system or are marginalized or under-resourced.

They developed a team model that incorporates clinicians and certified therapy consultants into their adventure program, with all staff also trained in Mental Health First Aid as part of wraparound supports.

In its pilot year, 100% of youth stayed in the program and attended every session, and confirmed that the program

has helped increase their skills and awareness for addressing mental health issues. Eighty-three percent have worked directly with a clinician to identify and express personal mental health concerns.

"They feel safe. They feel heard. They have fun. They are growing into leaders and we support and develop the natural strengths they already possess. It has been a positive and challenging experience for all involved."

- SOAR





ATTENTION TO FIT.

Understood, connected, and respected by those providing care.

Signals of Progress

Reduced disparities in engagement; use of services by those not typically seen or served

71%

40 organizations chose at least one measure related to Attention to Fit. 5,097 assessments were completed by grantees.

of 2,832 assessments reported increased access, use, or wellbeing based on grantees' efforts to reduce disparities (e.g., offering services in other languages and non-typical service areas or providing services specifically to under-resourced, marginalized groups).

Increased trust, satisfaction, comfort with care

81%

of 1,967 assessments reported trust, satisfaction, or comfort with the care received (e.g., feeling cared about, safer sharing needs, and respected by care providers).

Reduced stigma

74%

of 87 assessments reported reduced stigma (e.g., being more open to seeking services, feeling less ashamed about using services, and less concerned about others knowing they are getting support).

People providing care are able to **stay engaged in role** and/or feel valued and supported

85%

of 211 behavioral healthcare and frontline workers reported feeling motivated to stay in their workplace (e.g., feeling more valued and respected or increased ability to care for their own individual and family mental health needs).

DENVER COUNTY COURT



Denver County Court created the Forensic Peer Navigator Program to better support individuals involved in the criminal justice system by connecting them with navigators who have experienced the system themselves.

The navigators have increased clients' connections to the recovery community and to treatment providers, and

are helping to cultivate and sustain a people-centered, strengths-based approach. 531 individuals were referred to the program in the past year, and 100% of those referrals were followed up on. Those in the program show a high rate (81%) of staying actively connected, and of those who are no longer active, 72% had not experienced further justice system involvement.

The peer professionals have brought a human perspective and challenged misconceptions about mental health and substance misuse. They support individuals in advocating for themselves in the criminal justice system and in their recovery."

-Denver County Court

THINK 360 ARTS FOR LEARNING

Think 360's Creative Aging program increases access to community-focused mental health supports for older adults through arts engagement. The program inspires creativity, increases social connection and improves mental well-being.

Participants reported on many measures of positive mental health and isolation changes, including feeling happier (80%), more connection (84%) and decreased loneliness (52%).

Older adults also provided numerous stories of socializing, finding community, overcoming social barriers, sharing life stories, and helping one another during the program.

Almost three-quarters of teaching artists (73%) also provided examples of adapting their residency activities, teaching styles, pace, and word choices to better meet older adults' unique needs, challenges, and interests.



SIGNALS OF PROGRESS: CARE OVER TIME



CARE OVER TIME.

Consistent, flexible care options throughout the healing journey.

Signals of Progress

Increased options for crisis care and acute care needs

78%

of 7,750 assessments showed people benefited from increased options for intervention (e.g., receiving naloxone, after-hours emergency case management and clinical supports, or real-time therapeutic care options while on a clinical wait list).

Improved coordination particularly across types and levels of care

98%

of 406 assessments showed greater coordination in care received (e.g., receiving services within 24-48 hours of need, connected to case management services, or successful connections across provider organizations).

Increased retention through transitions

92%

of 13 assessments showed maintained care through transition (e.g., stable program engagement for youth in foster care or successful transition to community-based MAT treatment services out of hospital settings).

Stability over time for those engaged in services and supports

76%

of 633 assessments showed improved stability (e.g., maintained housing, gained education, sustained employment, or stabilized family and school placements).

18 grantee organizations chose to measure at least one measure related to Care Over Time. 8,802 assessments were completed by grantees.

HAZELBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER



Hazelbrook Community Center (formerly ParadigmOne) is filling a dire need for services that support individuals who are exiting the criminal justice system or experiencing homelessness, helping them transition into sober living environments.

Their unique model, the Transitional Safety Zone Program, was piloted to provide recovery supports and sobriety programming for men who have relapsed or are at risk of relapse.

During the first six months, 124 participants enrolled in the program, and 84 transitioned into sober living after an average of 12 days.

Most participants (98%) reported a better understanding of their need to follow a recovery program and use relapse prevention strategies to remain sober, and 96% felt better about their mental health.

Urine Analysis (UAs) were collected throughout the duration of the program, and of 1,000 UAs, 99% were clean.

Hazelbrook is expanding the program, which has been shared as a model eligible for funding by the statewide Colorado Behavioral Health Agency.

DENVER FAMILY INSTITUTE

Denver Family Institute (DFI) is dedicated to providing access to quality, strength-based mental health services to the Denver community irrespective of ability to pay.

The COVID-19 crisis more than quadrupled demand for their services, creating wait list times of up to 4-6 months. DFI tackled this challenge by providing more care options, including new group therapeutic supports and

resource navigation for clients on a wait list.

They also added therapists by hiring staff and leveraging both contract therapists and clinical interns.

Now, 100% of clients are consistently offered therapist assignments less than 30 days after intake. For the first time since the start of the pandemic, DFI has eliminated their client wait list.



ISSUE SPOTLIGHT: HOMELESSNESS

It is critical to acknowledge and address the complex needs of people experiencing homelessness, or on the verge of it, so they can recover and thrive.

Chronic homelessness is an important issue for our City and State. We are addressing homelessness in three distinct ways:

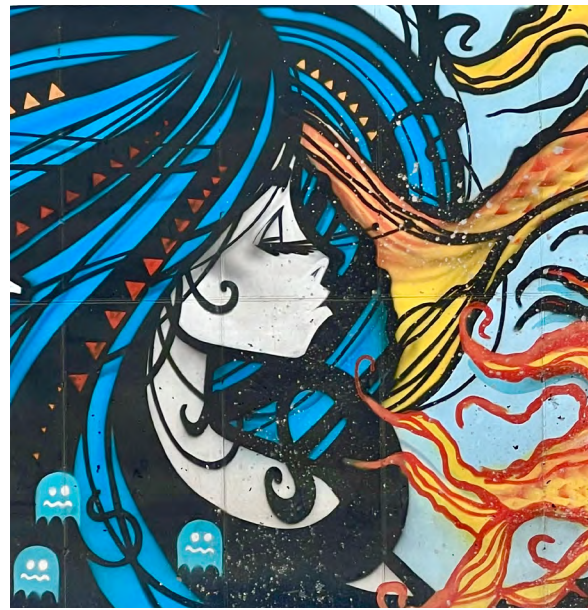
Funding organizations and ideas that promote stability and prevent homelessness. Several grantees assist people coming out of incarceration, serve foster youth, or provide culturally affirming care for historically marginalized populations — all of whom are at higher risk of becoming unhoused.

Bringing mental health and substance misuse care to people experiencing homelessness. We support organizations providing care and connection to services in settings where services are provided to people experiencing homelessness like day shelters and Safe Outdoor Spaces, and through mobile vehicles. We also invest in critical self-care and hazard pay for staff providing services to the unhoused.

Making recovery and stability more likely. We fund case management services to help unhoused individuals connect to care. We prioritize and invest in peer support programs, a proven strategy to improve outcomes by providing care navigation from people who have lived through similar experiences.

The stability of our unhoused neighbors also relies on other equally important factors – the right housing, financial security, physical health, employment, and other social supports. Caring for Denver collaborates with several prominent organizations on the front lines of addressing these needs, including:

- Department of Housing Stability (HOST) – the lead Denver City and County of Denver agency addressing homelessness through housing and crisis services
- Denver Homeless Leadership Council – executives of some of the metro area’s largest homeless service providers
- Metro Denver Homelessness Initiative – a regional coalition of nonprofit organizations, governments, and other stakeholders



Everybody is unique – and it takes a little bit of a lot of different things to help folks along their journey of what it looks like to be well.

- Colorado Village Collaborative

\$24.4
million

in funding for 85 grants (since founding in 2019) that support unhoused community members.

A [list of Caring for Denver grantees](#) that includes those who provide services to reduce homelessness is included at the end of this report. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/C4Dresponsive>.

WHO WE ARE

Our Team

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Our Board

Caring for Denver Foundation is integrated with and accountable to stakeholders across Denver with oversight from 13 Board members appointed by the Mayor, District Attorney, and City Council President.

Leslie Herod
State Representative
Board Chair
Appointed by the District Attorney

Christina Carlson
Urban Peak
Board Vice Chair
Appointed by City Council

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& Environment
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We acknowledge the contributions of colleagues who left the Foundation during 2022, including staff member Patrece Hairston Peetz, and board members Jeff Holliday, Gabrielle Rodriguez, Kate Stigberg, and Robin Wittenstein.

GRANTS LIST

Our [founding ordinance](#) requires that the annual report include a grants list and a board list for each grantee. The board lists can be found in our [online appendix](#).

Caring for Denver was created by [City ordinance](#) to fund the purposes listed below. These purposes were addressed through four community-identified, Board-approved [funding priorities](#): Alternatives to Jail, Care Provision, Community-Centered Solutions, and Youth. The list on the following pages shows grantees by funding priority with their funding amounts, proposed impacts, and ordinance objectives addressed (identified by the icons below).



Mental health services and treatment for children and adults



Opioid and substance misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs



Housing and case management services to reduce homelessness, improve long-term recovery, and reduce the costly use of jails and emergency rooms for those with mental health and substance misuse needs



Suicide prevention programs



Co-responder and alternative response program funding, and training on how to properly assess and handle people with mental health and/or substance misuse needs

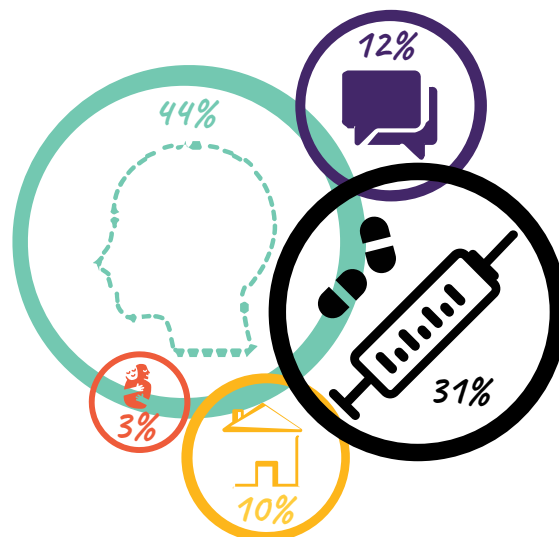
100%

of funded projects address at least one purpose identified in the Foundation's ordinance.

A majority of grants address multiple ordinance purposes.



PERCENTAGE OF GRANT DOLLARS BY ORDINANCE PURPOSE



ALTERNATIVES TO JAIL

**5280 High School**

\$366,168 over 3 years to continue and enhance this organization's ability to provide a strong pro-social peer community, specialized recovery supports, and an engaging educational environment to hundreds of Denver teens.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

**City and County of Denver - Denver Police Department**

\$2,814,120 over 1 year to continue the co-responder program, providing 24/7 coverage to areas of highest need with clinicians, case managers, a clinical supervisor, a Denver Police Department case manager supervisor, and a part-time evaluator. Three additional clinicians will be placed with the Denver Fire Department and Denver Park Rangers.



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**City and County of Denver - Denver Sheriff**

\$1,054,837 over 3 years to provide additional incarcerated individuals with case management and re-entry services, and coordinate the medication-assisted treatment program (MAT) to expand and improve access to jail-based MAT continuation and induction.



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GRANTS LIST



City and County of Denver - Department of Public Health & Environment

\$340,022 over 1 year to increase the areas of coverage of the STAR Program by increasing the number of paramedic/behavioral health clinician teams and to increase the effectiveness of the engagements with people in need by providing linkages to short-term assistance and long-term care.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



City and County of Denver - Department of Public Health & Environment

\$193,631 over 1 year for the Substance Use Navigator (SUN) Program to add more staff to serve more justice-involved people with substance misuse needs and connect them with community support/treatment, with the goal of keeping them out of the criminal justice system.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



CrossPurpose

\$144,333 over 2 years to provide access to trauma-informed development, counseling, and case management for Denver residents with a history of justice involvement and mental health and/or substance misuse challenges reducing the likelihood of recidivism.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

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The Delores Project

\$352,050 over 3 years to assist women and transgender individuals who have been justice-involved and/or have a felony history. This organization will hire two positions to help residents maintain mental health and recovery stability through their transition from re-entry into housing.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



Denver County Court

\$514,555 over 2 years to ensure peer professionals are available for individuals who have been in the criminal justice system and are interested in recovery, serving as a bridge between the returning individual and the community. Peers make direct connection in courtrooms, meet with individuals outside of probation and upon release from jail, are a free call from the jail, and support participants going to treatment and service providers.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



GRASP-Gang Rescue and Support Project

\$658,030 over 3 years to provide trauma-based supports to youth and young adults—mostly youth of color—who participate in this organization's programs, which address cultural barriers, substance misuse, and intergenerational trauma.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

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Hazelbrook Community Center (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)

\$935,240 over 1 year for the Transitional Safety Zone Program, a recovery housing-peer support model that bridges people from detox to sober living environments with a focus on criminal justice diversion. Expansion of this harm reduction approach will increase reach and pilot a responsive fentanyl-specific medication-assisted treatment protocol.



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- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



Heavy Hands Heavy Hearts Foundation

\$309,190 over 2 years For the Glovez Up, Gunz Down Movement program, providing mental and behavioral health supports, conducting peer-led support groups and counseling to instill resilience in Black and Latinx youth and adults to teach them healthier ways to avoid, reduce, or stop engagement in high-risk behaviors.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

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Life-Line Colorado

\$1,547,325 over 3 years to provide critical linkages to inclusive mental health and substance misuse programs to hundreds of at-risk youth by expanding programmatic reach and capacity by expanding this organization's current partnerships to more Denver schools.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



Mile High Behavioral Healthcare

\$1,053,750 over 3 years to launch a new program, Mile High Genesis, providing intensive mental health treatment to individuals with persistent and severe mental illness who are referred to this organization by the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health's Outpatient Restoration Services Program.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



The Reciprocity Collective

\$149,512 over 3 years to provide peer recovery services and system navigation to individuals in recovery at shelters or identified in this organization's community outreach.



Intended Impact Goals:

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- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

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The Salvation Army Intermountain Division

\$490,659 over 3 years for Harbor Light, an addiction recovery program focused on helping men recover from addiction and become self-sufficient through the development of essential life skills.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



Sims-Fayola Foundation

\$588,750 over 3 years for the Empowerment Zone program that engages young men of color between the ages of 11-25 in social-emotional, mental, and behavioral health care who are referred by social services, the community, or the courts.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Star Girlz Empowerment Inc

\$660,750 over 3 years for the “Time to SHINE” Alternatives Jail program, providing unique and culturally centered substance misuse and mental/behavioral health services in conjunction with mentoring and experiential activities to girls currently involved or at risk for engagement in the justice system.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

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The Storytellers Project (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)

\$402,250 over 3 years to support formerly incarcerated parents and their children or justice-involved youth by providing mental health and substance misuse supports needed to break generational cycles of family violence, trauma, substance misuse, and incarceration.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



TOSA Denver

\$262,500 over 2 years to add additional case managers with lived experience to provide consistent and quality on-site peer mental health and substance misuse support to residents in recovery.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



Youth Advocate Programs Inc

\$151,500 over 2 years to expand capacity to manage referrals from Denver Human Services and the juvenile justice system to prevent congregate care placement by supporting youth and families through mental health and substance misuse service navigation and peer support.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

CARE PROVISION



Bayaud Enterprises

\$299,228 over 3 years to support walk-in and short-term mental health counseling as well as the development and facilitation of mental health focus and activity group therapies for low-income Denver residents, a majority with severe and persistent mental needs.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Denver Children's Advocacy Center

\$347,302 over 3 years for the Treatment and Integrated Services program, which supports children and families recovering from trauma, abuse, neglect, and/or domestic violence. This organization specializes in treating complex childhood trauma cases requiring intensive and extensive treatment.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Haven of Hope

\$177,500 over 2 years to fill the service gap for those experiencing homelessness with co-occurring mental health diagnoses and substance misuse.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Maria Droste Counseling Center

\$419,268 over 2 years to expand access to substance use disorder (SUD) care for Denver residents regardless of ability to pay. Through staff hires, licensure support, and staff development, this organization will grow its capacity to provide SUD care through a lens of community equity.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)

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Parker Personal Care Homes - UpRoutes (fiscal sponsor Rocky Mountain Human Services)

\$237,990 over 2 years for adventure-based, trauma-informed therapeutic interventions for individuals with co-occurring trauma histories and intellectual and developmental disabilities (including traumatic brain injuries) to alleviate emotional, cognitive, and behavioral dysfunction, in turn reducing mental health symptoms and substance use issues.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



WellPower

\$795,703 over 2 years to create a dedicated team to provide medication-assisted treatment for people with severe and persistent mental illness.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)

COMMUNITY-CENTERED SOLUTIONS



The Blue Bench

\$293,686 over 2 years to provide equitable mental health and case management services to survivors of sexual assault to assist them on their path to recovery and healing.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



The Center for African American Health

\$526,547 over 2 years to expand access to culturally responsive mental health and substance misuse programs and counseling services provided by mental health professionals of color that positively impact the Black/African American community within the City of Denver.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)

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The Center for Trauma & Resilience

\$175,113 over 2 years to support survivors of trauma experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges through peer support group counseling, trauma responsive yoga, auricular acupuncture, art therapy, and Reiki—all offered within the community and at no cost.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Center for Work Education and Employment

\$151,203 over 3 years to expand and diversify the offerings of this organization's trauma-informed mental health services for the low-income Denver residents it serves as an integral part of its comprehensive workforce development and wraparound programming.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



CHEF -Culinarians Helping Entrepreneurial Folks (fiscal sponsor Table Urban Farm)

\$325,335 over 2 years for a training program that helps individuals who experience substance dependency to strengthen their recovery journeys through employment, community, and peer support. This organization provides job-skills training and work placement in the culinary industry in a peer-led, recovery environment.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)



Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

\$237,614 over 2 years to expand the Native American Services program that will allow for more comprehensive intervention for Indigenous people struggling with mental illness and substance misuse.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes

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Colorado Gerontological Society

\$476,950 over 3 years to provide a Telephone Buddy who calls an older adult once or twice a week to provide mental and emotional support as well as referrals to licensed clinical professionals for short-term counseling to those experiencing emotional distress such as anxiety, debilitating worry, and grief.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Colorado Health Network, Inc.

\$194,539 over 3 years for the Behavioral Health Counseling program which intervenes in substance abuse among people who use drugs experiencing mental health disorders and supports them in getting the behavioral healthcare they need.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)



Colorado Village Collaborative

\$1,347,592 over 2 years to expand current programming, integrating peer support services and on-site mental-health clinical support across all Colorado Village Collaborative locations in the Tiny Home Village and Safe Outdoor Space programs.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Commún

\$802,500 over 2 years for community-led mental health programming for teens, adults, and elders designed and implemented by the community members receiving mental health care.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Culinary Hospitality Outreach and Wellness Inc

\$201,500 over 2 years to increase engagement of priority populations in Denver's culinary and hospitality industry through recovery services, peer support, and community education.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)

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The Gathering Place

\$264,763 over 2 years to promote equitable access to mental health and substance use services, facilitate the transition to a low-barrier agency, and support staff resiliency and wellness by greatly expanding training and tools.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Griffith Centers for Children, Inc

\$264,382 over 2 years to launch a new counseling model to support children transitioning to permanency after parental rights have been terminated or allocated to another caregiver. Services will support attachment, reduce trauma, improve mental health, and build healthy narratives.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Homeless Leadership Council (fiscal sponsor Colorado Coalition for the Homeless)

\$250,757 over 2 years for Critical Incident Training for staff members who have experienced threats or violence at all of the major homeless-serving agencies in Denver. The training will help staff who have had traumatic experiences, build solidarity, and hopefully reduce turnover.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Housed Working and Healthy

\$96,769 over 1 year to expand this organization's mental health and substance misuse care by providing intensive case management, post placement supports, and contract with mental health and peer supports to provide on-site supports.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)



Karis Community

\$19,658 over 1 year for this organization using a community-oriented approach to support adults (21 or older) managing serious and persistent mental illness to restore basic life skills, improve relationships and social well-being, and transition to independent living.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)

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Khesed

\$650,038 over 2 years to increase ongoing outpatient recovery treatment access by providing a therapist training program and free services for the underinsured. This organization will hire specialized therapists, program leads, supervisors, and a recruiting manager to provide mental health services to participants.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Montbello Organizing Committee

\$917,500 over 2 years to provide culturally responsive, community-based mental health services, offer behavioral health programs, develop support for peer counselors and community mentors, and reduce the stigma associated with accessing mental health support and services.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)



Para ti Mujer

\$68,830 over 1 year for an in-house Spanish-speaking and culturally relevant counselor to more deeply address the mental health service needs of all program participants. This organization will also add a violence prevention and stress management class to the current curriculum.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Resilient Communities. Resilient Futures

\$103,929 over 1 year for the Resilient Futures & Mile High United Way partnership, Bridging the Gap, to provide racial healing circles to young adults impacted by homelessness and racial trauma to foster improved mental health, decrease unhealthy coping strategies (such as substance misuse), and increase healing.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)

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Saint Francis Center

\$277,960 over 3 years for trusted and accessible “right now” mental health and substance misuse treatment and support for adults experiencing homelessness. A second mental health clinician will provide case management and behavioral health services and break down barriers to improve access to care.



Intended Impact Goals:

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- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Sober AF Entertainment

\$95,706 over 2 years to advance and expand access to peer-driven recovery support and harm-reduction programs to high-risk underserved communities in Denver in order to reduce the onset and progression of substance misuse and its related problems.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)



Spark the Change Colorado

\$693,750 over 3 years to remove barriers to accessing mental health care and serve greater numbers and a greater diversity of disadvantaged Denver residents through increasing the number of volunteer mental health providers and devising supports for mental health practitioners.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Step Denver

\$78,750 over 1 year for a residential peer recovery program built on the principles of sobriety, work, accountability, and community. This organization's staff with lived experience help men with nowhere else to turn achieve long-term recovery, repair family relationships, build stability, and get their life back



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)

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Tribe Recovery Homes

\$892,500 over 2 years to expand the reach and capacity by expanding staff of behavioral health professionals and supporting the management of this organization's clinical continuum of care.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



ViVe Wellness

\$564,372 over 2 years to reduce stigma and improve mental health in the community by addressing Latino mental health by supporting emotional, physical, and social wellness. The program promotes community-driven cultural beliefs and traditions, and language-appropriate services.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Vivent Health

\$2,055,996 over 3 years to expand mobile harm reduction services by extending services to underserved neighborhoods and new service hours, launching a new prevention navigation program to link clients to a network of trusted community partners, and expanding mental health support services for clients and staff.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



WINGS Foundation Inc.

\$143,660 over 2 years to serve adults (18 and older) who experienced sexual abuse as children (before the age of 18) and their loved ones. Most have never received help to heal this trauma. This organization offers an array of programs and services to assist survivors in beginning or advancing their healing journey.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes

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Women's Bean Project

\$242,075 over 3 years to expand programming to address barriers participants face resulting from trauma that impacts mental and physical health outcomes. Program expansion includes trauma education, peer training and support for recovery, and access to therapy.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)

YOUTH



Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization (fiscal sponsor Trailhead Institute)

\$132,750 over 1 year to pilot a 12-week workshop series to prevent future or recurring justice involvement for youth at Vista Academy, North High School, and Mount View. Each cohort will be provided with access to mental health services, and skills for healing and coping with trauma.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth



AUL Denver

\$293,650 over 2 years to add a full-time culturally relevant, bilingual mental health provider, and a part-time community liaison to work with families, expand trauma-informed professional development, and pilot a year-long trauma-informed curriculum for students to increase self-awareness and resiliency.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs

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Building Bridges

\$13,240 over 1 year to establish more robust mental health training within this organization's Transform program so facilitators and participants have the tools, resources, and competencies to safely discuss and navigate mental health concerns that arise over the course of the program.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth



Colorado "I Have A Dream" Foundation

\$227,250 over 3 years for one-on-one mental health services and emotional wellness development for youth from marginalized communities in Denver. Licensed therapists will work directly with youth and their families using a strengths-based perspective to support mental wellness.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports
- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



Colorado "I Have A Dream" Foundation

\$5,000 over 1 year for one-on-one mental health services and emotional wellness development for youth from marginalized communities in Denver. Licensed therapists will work directly with youth and their families using a strengths-based perspective to support mental wellness. This grant was awarded by students participating in the YouthRoots program with Caring for Denver Foundation.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.
- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs

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Colorado Circles for Change

\$834,114 over 3 years for programs that equip youth with coping skills to address chronic stress, foster positive mental health, and decrease substance misuse, depression and anxiety through a nationally recognized trauma-informed, transformational healing framework, La Cultura Cura.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



Colorado Postpartum Support International (fiscal sponsor Postpartum Support International)



\$145,664 over 1 year for a transitional, two-tiered, bilingual perinatal mental health group that can serve as an immediate entry point into supportive care for mothers of color in Denver, bridging the divide between mental health systems and the community.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



DC21



\$184,670 over 1 year to support this school's mental health and substance misuse services by increasing the number of social workers to provide programming that supports students' personal and creative development, and to work with community partners to provide mental health services and psychoeducation.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.



Denver Collaborative Partnership-Savio Management Group (fiscal sponsor Savio House)



\$323,311 over 2 years to provide access to services for mental health and substance misuse to non-system-involved Denver youth and families through screening and referrals to community-based services. A peer advocate will support engagement efforts and build trust in the processes.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth

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Denver Health Foundation

\$675,830 over 2 years for Denver Health's school-based health centers to utilize a healing-centered engagement framework for addressing youth mental health. This framework will be applied in mental health services provided through the school-based health centers and youth-led school/community projects fostering resilience.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.



Denver Public Schools - Student Equity and Opportunity

\$596,200 over 3 years to expand student mental health services by funding two school psychologists or school social workers and an intake specialist. In addition, 20 staff members will receive training in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.



Elephant Circle

\$128,126 over 2 years to expand support at Denver Women's Correctional Facility by promoting emotional well-being, organizing learnings for pregnant/parenting people and staff related to substance use disorder, as well as mental health and peer support including monthly peer-led socials/support circles including art and movement therapy.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs

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Family Star

\$280,421 over 3 years for a mental health specialist who will provide mental/emotional health screenings for students and mental health consultations, and create individualized plans to support students. This organization will also lead peer-to-peer support groups for parents to improve their resiliency and mental health.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.



Florence Crittenton Services

\$347,797 over 3 years to build sustainable therapeutic supports and services for Spanish-speaking and bilingual teen families. Services include individual and family counseling, risk assessment, crisis intervention, on-call support, and facilitated group therapy.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.



From the Heart Enterprises (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)

\$145,730 over 1 year to provide group and individual supports for youth that will address substance and mental/behavioral health issues. This organization will engage youth (and families when possible) utilizing key components of H.E.A.T. (Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy) curriculum, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, and components of Youth Mental Health First Aid.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs, Supports for families, caregiver



Fully Liberated Youth (fiscal sponsor Advocates for Children - CASA)

\$503,751 over 3 years to expand school-based and juvenile justice intervention services by adding staff to provide additional therapeutic services to youth engaged with the criminal justice system or school discipline to improve mental health and decrease substance use.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs

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Generation Schools Network

\$66,200 over 1 year for a community-based collaborative that will work alongside Denver youth who are justice-engaged to offer intensive case management, support and mental health/substance misuse counseling, and equip adult advocates with non-clinical mental health training to better support affected youth.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth



Greater Denver CARES Mentoring Movement (fiscal sponsor National CARES Mentoring Movement)

\$184,100 over 2 years to provide school-based, healing-centered culturally relevant programming that empowers youth to take control of their own mental health and healing.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



Heart & Hand Center

\$252,250 over 3 years to expand social-emotional learning programming to address the increased need for mental health supports among youth participating in this organization's out-of-school time programs.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs, Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth



Homies Unidos Denver

\$100,500 over 2 years to expand gang prevention/intervention programming to include trauma-informed therapeutic arts activities that promote connection and wellness of low-income Latino youth. This programming will also be expanded into the summer and to new Denver communities.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.

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Joy as Resistance

\$273,420 over 2 years to expand clinical mental health services at Denver Public Schools for LGBTQIA2+ youth.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth



The Kaleidoscope Project

\$108,932 over 2 years for theRAPy Sessions for young artists who rely on music to cope with life challenges, providing resources and support to develop artistic skills and connect with mental health professionals.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

\$69,992 over 2 years to expand a Trust-Based Relational Intervention® program to serve foster youth. Foster families will be trained in this intervention designed for children who have experienced relationship-based trauma to guide youth back to their natural development path.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports



Make A Chess Move

\$434,375 over 3 years to expand supports to include on-site mental health and substance misuse resources and trauma-informed coaching for participants in this organization's programming that creates community and utilizes a curriculum that increases positive youth protective factors and reduces youth risk factors.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports
- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs

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Mile High United Way

\$190,904 over 2 years to expand mental health services and ensure staff are equipped to provide ongoing support to homeless young adults with housing and individualized services that guide them as they transition to independence.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



Movement 5280

\$90,356 over 1 year to provide “right now” mental health counseling to program participants, homeless youth who have aged out of foster care and other at-risk young people lacking guidance as they transition to adulthood.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth



Muslim Youth for Positive Impact

\$512,758 over 2 years to increase awareness, access, and engagement to culturally relevant mental health and substance misuse supports, resources and training, and referrals to in-house clinical and non-clinical services to the Muslim and refugee community.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



PlatteForum

\$274,000 over 2 years to expand access to mental health and wellness supports for youth interns through ArtLab's trauma-informed, social-emotional arts education. Interns will have access to trusted youth-adult partnerships, case management, and clinical services during their time at ArtLab.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs

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PlatteForum

\$5,000 over 1 year to expand access to mental health and wellness supports for youth interns through ArtLab's trauma-informed, social-emotional arts education. Interns will have access to trusted youth-adult partnerships, case management, and clinical services during their time at ArtLab. This grant was awarded by students participating in the YouthRoots program with Caring for Denver Foundation.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports



Project Helping

\$113,850 over 2 years to increase youth's ability to cope with mental health challenges by connecting them to resources, courses designed by and for youth, "Kynd Kits", and on-demand therapy. This organization will bring these resources to additional Denver-area schools and community organizations.

Intended Impact Goals:

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- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth



Project PAVE Inc.

\$287,608 over 3 years to provide intervention services including trauma-informed, culturally responsive therapy, psychoeducational group support, advocacy and service coordination for Denver youth identified as survivors of trauma, violence, or in need of mental health support.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs,
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth

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Raise the Future

\$366,695 over 3 years to equip Denver youth involved or at risk of being involved in the child welfare system and the adults in their lives with attachment-based communication tools promoting mental health healing from trauma, safely processing emotions, building resilience, and forming lasting relationships.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth



The ROCK Center

\$55,260 over 1 year to pilot a culturally responsive model of care to learn and practice coping/healing skills and design/implement collaborative community projects that will improve youth mental health and reduce substance misuse.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



Sacred Voices

\$31,850 over 1 year to train staff and facilitators in Mental Health First Aid and other techniques to support youth participants through mental health and substance misuse concerns. This organization will also partner with a clinician to integrate mental health and community healing into their summer curriculum.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth

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Savio

\$96,201 over 1 year to support the use of and expansion of Trauma Systems Therapy for children and families connected to Denver Human Services.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs



Second Wind Fund, Inc.

\$90,750 over 3 years to provide expedited access to highly qualified, licensed, and specialized mental health therapists for youth (19 years and younger) who are at risk for suicide and face a financial or social barrier to receiving potentially life-saving mental health treatment.



Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports



The Shaka Franklin Foundation

\$44,084 over 1 year to increase resources to provide formal supports and referrals for Denver youth to improve their access to mental health care, and create trained and supervised professional internships for clinical students to strengthen and diversify the workforce.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs, Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.



Struggle of Love Foundation (fiscal sponsor Montbello Organizing Committee)

\$966,825 over 3 years to address mental health and substance misuse issues among children and youth by providing programming in the community in collaboration with several community organizational partners.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Supports for families, caregivers, and allies of youth

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University of Colorado Anschutz, Center for Public Health Practice

\$155,657 over 2 years for support and coaching to social workers and youth teams across two Denver Public Schools as they each implement a two-year youth participatory action research group to address teen mental health at individual, group, and school levels.

Intended Impact Goals:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs
- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports.



Youth Employment Academy

\$334,688 over 3 years to provide case management support and establish a partnership with a community clinician to provide wraparound mental health and wellness supports to Youth Employment Academy students.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increased connections and collaborations that deepen a community's ability to grow and sustain its mental health/substance misuse supports
- More youth have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs

RESPONSIVE/INNOVATIVE



Caring for Denver Foundation

\$180,135 over 1 year for ResultsLab to provide Caring for Denver Foundation grantees technical assistance to build tools, skills, and efficacy for evaluating their work.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Capacity-building for organizations focused on mental health and substance misuse



City and County of Denver - Department of Public Health & Environment

\$43,025 over 1 year for a peer support assessment and development of an action plan to improve community impacts and integration of services for the City and County of Denver's peer support workforce, which establishes relationships to provide support and navigation of mental health and substance use services in Denver.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Responsive/Innovative

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Colorado Black Health Collaborative

\$100,532 over 1 year for the Project HairCare program, providing mental health education, tools, and resources to barbers and stylists who serve members of the Denver Black Community.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Colorado Circles for Change

\$25,750 over 1 year to center the self-care, resiliency, and whole-self health (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual) of this organization's staff who lead and implement work with youth every day.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



D3 Arts (fiscal sponsor West Community Economic Development Corporation)

\$48,000 over 1 year for space rental to provide safe drug- and alcohol-free classes for art, drum making, traditional Aztec and Mexican Folklorico dance and mixed martial arts, and weekly 12-step recovery meetings.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Responsive/Innovative



Denver Film

\$15,000 over 1 year for a documentary that explores the various factors that lead to housing insecurity by empathetically featuring real stories of Coloradans experiencing homelessness, as well as the insights of professionals who support them.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Responsive/Innovative

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Rocky Mountain PBS

\$200,000 over 2 years to support the work of Caring for Denver Foundation grantees by leveraging this organization's technical and human resources to develop storytelling to increase awareness and cross collaboration of mental health and substance abuse issues and impacts in each grantee's community sphere.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintained healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reduced harm to self and others),
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



Rose Andom Center

\$192,349 over 1 year to establish and provide more trauma-informed and culturally attuned approaches to serving domestic violence victims also experiencing behavioral health, mental health and/or substance misuse.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Seasoned With Grace UnBoxed

\$50,250 over 1 year for the launch of a program to provide training to community members around understanding mental health. Participants will gain tools and skills to engage other community members experiencing mental health crises without calling law enforcement.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges

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Second Chance Center, Inc.

\$442,036 over 2 years to employ two licensed behavioral health professionals one focused on mental health, and one on substance misuse to join the Denver Jail care team to provide assessments and interventions and connect client-partners with long term support.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Servicios de La Raza

\$801,302 over 3 years to deploy evidence-based, culturally, and linguistically appropriate treatment services to divert Denver youth and adults from justice systems, as well as provide treatment to incarcerated and returning community members in order to reduce recidivism rates.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Responsive/Innovative



Spark the Change Colorado

\$48,630 over 6 months to remove barriers to mental health care by serving greater numbers and a greater diversity of disadvantaged Coloradans by increasing capacity and devising supports for volunteer mental health practitioners.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Therapies for Hope (fiscal sponsor Fiscal Sponsorship Allies, Inc.)

\$35,250 over 1 year For trauma-informed therapy by licensed mental health artists, a psychologist and a social worker supporting the mental health needs of sibling populations. Sibling coordinators are present during trauma-informed therapy and mental health sessions to reinforce these strategies.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)
- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes

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Urban Institute

\$191,520 over 3 years to administer a co-designed survey to all people in one of the supportive housing units for the Denver Housing to Health Pay for Success project to assess the impact of the program on mental health and substance misuse and identify any additional gaps and/or needs.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintaining healthy relationship with substances)
- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



Urban Institute

\$45,414 over 6 months to support the design and testing of tools to understand the impact of the H2H Project on participant's behavioral health needs. This Project provides housing and wraparound services to unhoused individuals with criminal histories and at high risk of emergency room use.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reducing harm to self and others)



ViVe Wellness

\$10,000 over 6 months for staff support and self-care, such as paid time off, hazard pay or services to support staff's mental health and wellbeing.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Quick response to emerging mental health needs and substance misuse issues in our communities to support them as they address the growing impacts of the current pandemic



Youth On Record

\$25,000 over 6 months to integrate mental wellness and substance misuse prevention programming at this organization's new venture, the Underground Music Showcase, through Artist Impact Days, supporting artists' wellness and connecting them to mental health resources.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Responsive/Innovative

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