



**caring  
for Denver**  
FOUNDATION

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# 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.

**\$109**

million in funding to 218 unique organizations since our founding.



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 Annual Report

\$40+ million in approved grants in 2022:



**\$12,989,172**

## Alternatives to Jail

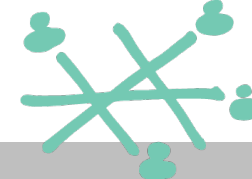
Care for individuals who might otherwise be entering or reentering the criminal legal system



**\$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



Mural by Jaime Molina & Pedro Barrios

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**\$2,454,193**

## Responsive/Innovative

Building capacity and responding to emerging needs in our communities.

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.

# 3-Year Grant Summary

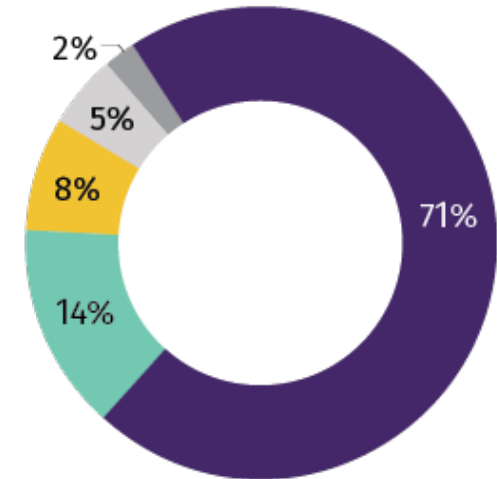
Sales Tax 2019	\$36,822,629
Sales Tax 2020	\$34,641,511
Sales Tax 2021	\$42,380,085
Total Sales Tax Received	\$113,844,225
Total Awarded / Allocated*	\$103,896,635
Total Unallocated	\$9,947,590
<b>% Awarded*</b>	<b>91%</b>

\*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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,896,635</b>

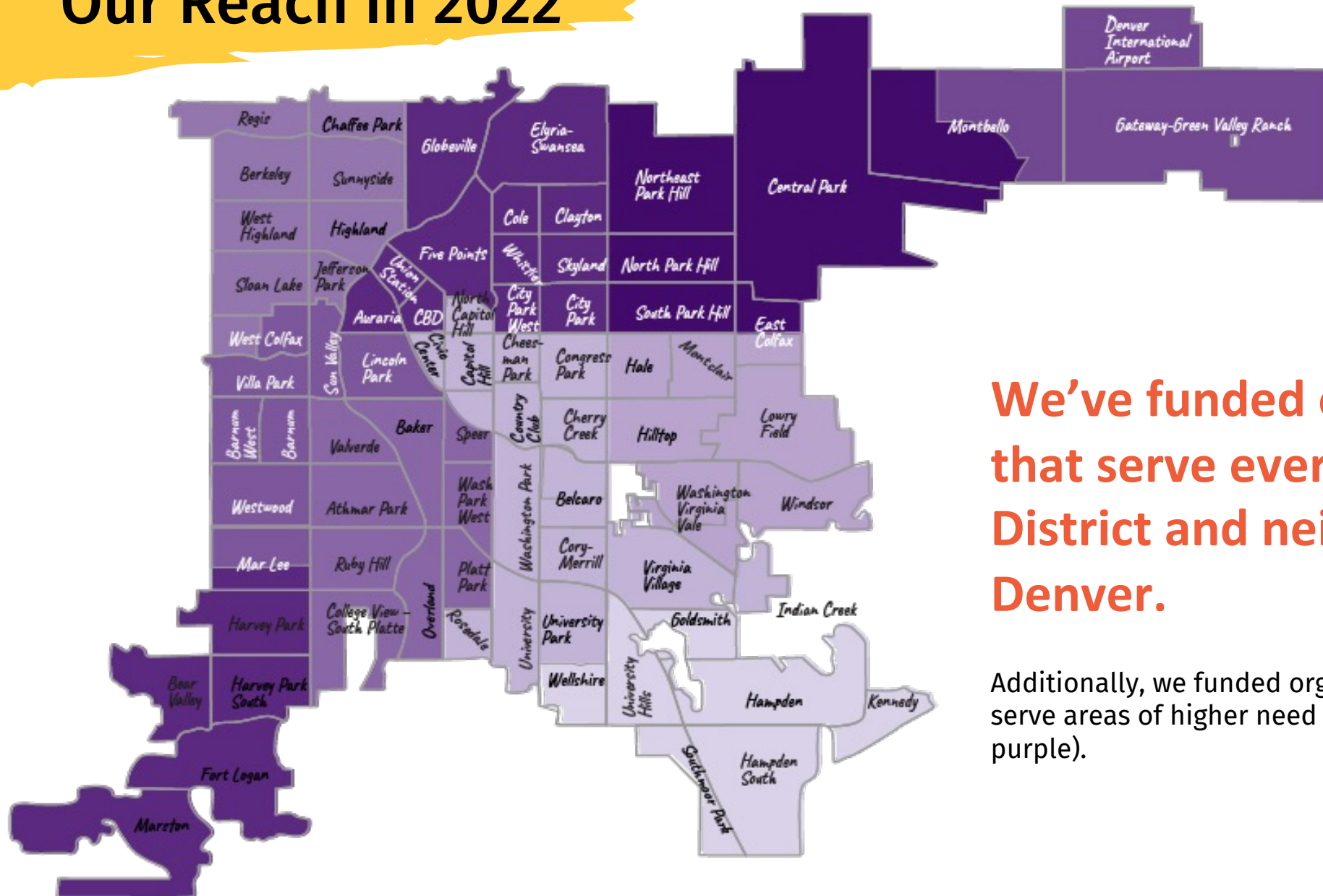
We spend no more than 5% of sales tax revenues (collected in the same year) on administration. Our 2022 administrative expenses are detailed below.

2022 Administrative Expenses



- Personnel
- Consultants
- Operating
- City Administrative Expense
- Reserve

# Our Reach in 2022



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

Additionally, we funded organizations that specifically serve areas of higher need (as indicated by darker purple).

# Healing Everywhere

5,652

Denverites

received clinical services



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

22,753

Denverites

received care in communities



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

4,032

Denverites

engaged in recovery spaces



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

## Shared Impact Goals

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

- **Reduce substance misuse** (including maintained healthy relationship with substances)

71  
%

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 legal 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.





2022 Community Check In

# Key Takeaways for Caring for Denver



- Partner with organizations who provide education, employment, and social supports to co-locate mental health, trauma, and substance misuse supports
- Support and recognize the crucial role of community care systems
- Foster more options for care that fall between stability and crisis
- Recognize access, and the nuances of access, as a priority for Denverites

# Community Systems of Care

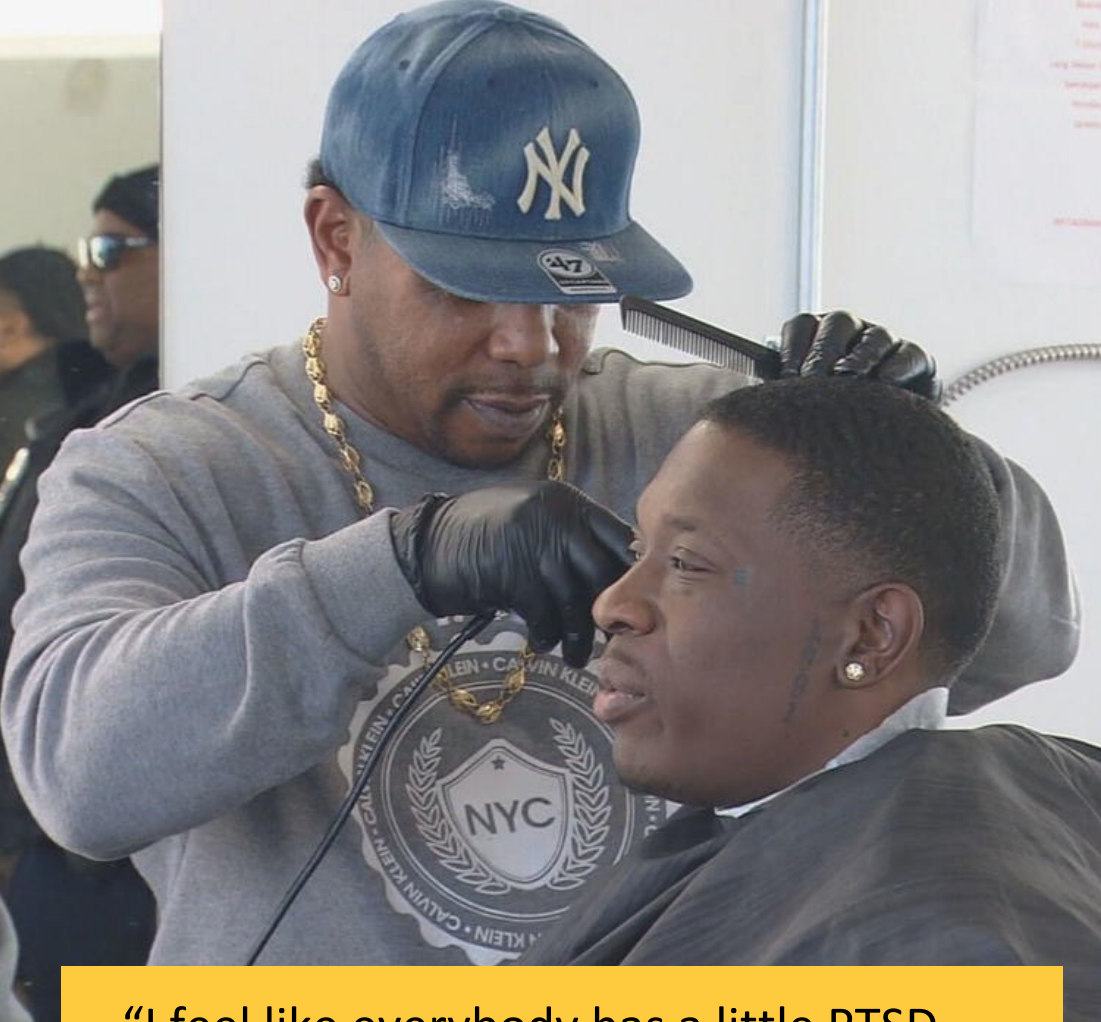
- Strengths based approach
- Within trusted spaces
- Not always a place
- Prioritizes access, cultural relevance, and connections
- Reduced navigation

84%

of participants  
had never  
received  
behavioral or  
mental health  
services prior

Center for African  
American Health  
partnership with  
Therapists of  
Color





“I feel like everybody has a little PTSD after the past couple of years. There's so much that they want to talk about, and they feel comfortable with us, and we can help them unwind.”

- Mykhal Goodloe

Mykhal Goodloe is a barber participating in the Salon Health Program through the Colorado Black Health Collaborative. The program helps Black communities tackle health issues, including mental health, by partnering with Denver hair salons and barber shops.

Caring for Denver funded the Collaborative to recruit and train barbers and stylists so they can recognize signs of substance misuse and mental health needs and provide support or referrals to appropriate support services.



“Since I've been in Hazelbrook I have maintained my sobriety, learned how to deal with grief and loss. I now can recognize my triggers . Great place to get back on track and motivates you to become the person you were meant to be.



Joseph T. is a resident at Hazelbrook Community Center, a recovery space that 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.

Hazelbrook is expanding the program because of its high success rate, and its model has been recognized by the statewide Colorado Behavioral Health Agency.



“All these kids know someone who has been shot or now somebody who has gone to jail. So, this is an opportunity to get your mind off that. You know, be a kid, right?”

-Jason McBride

Jason McBride is a Secondary Violence Prevention Specialist with the Struggle of Love Foundation, an organization that provides opportunities for youth and families to access year-round services and programs.

The Montbello CARING For Our Youth program addresses mental health and substance misuse issues among children and youth by providing programming in the community.



“I think this is the most mentally stable I’ve ever been in my life...just because I have a lot of support and I actually found my own personal therapist through Platte Forum. It’s really nice to have a place to create because art is my therapy.

Brice is a participant in PlatteForum’s ArtLab, a program that provides a trusted space for Denver Youth to express themselves and an opportunity to connect to mental health support.

PlatteForum expands access to mental health and wellness supports for youth interns through ArtLab's trauma-informed, social-emotion arts education. Interns will have access to trusted youth-adult partnerships, case management, and clinical services during their time at ArtLab.

# Thank You! Questions?

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