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THIS IS YOUR STORY.

The people of Denver recognized that by tapping into our creative power and ingenuity, we can realize healthier communities, and a city truly committed to the wellbeing of every resident. In response, Denver founded Caring for Denver to create a new and groundbreaking approach to meeting the City's mental health and substance misuse needs.

Our 2021 annual report highlights the achievements and triumphs possible through community activation.

After just two years of operation, Caring for Denver has deployed more than \$59 million in grants to 163 organizations committed to improving mental health and substance misuse in our city.

Through this commitment of resources, the people of Denver gave individuals in crisis connections to trauma-informed care, peers with lived experience, case management, more access

to mental health services, and linkages to community recovery resources.

The people of Denver gave support to unhoused individuals—and those at risk of becoming unhoused—struggling with mental health and substance misuse needs during a global pandemic.

The people of Denver opened the door to community-informed care that aligns with cultural values and traditions.

The stories told in this annual report confirm that the people of Denver had it right. Creating a unique, dedicated resource committed to transformational care is yielding powerful change in our communities.

The first wave of reporting for grantees who have completed at least 12 months of their work is already demonstrating

important progress. Of grant participants assessed for impacts:

- 70% demonstrated or reported reduced substance misuse
- 83% reported improved or maintained mental health
- 86% did not re-enter the criminal justice system

And we're just getting started.

The optimism of our board, our staff, grantees, key stakeholders, and city leaders is inspiring. In the face of challenging times, a path to healthier communities in Denver is clearly emerging.

We thank you—the people of Denver—for your wisdom and trust. We will match your commitment, seek your guidance, and honor our partnership as we move forward together.

In Gratitude,



Lorez Meinholt
Executive Director



Leslie Herod
State Representative
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

Since its inception, Caring for Denver Foundation has approved 238 grants to 163 unique organizations totaling more than \$59.6 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 four community-identified, Board-approved [funding priorities](#): Alternatives to Jail, Care Provision, Community-Centered Solutions, and Youth.

2021 SNAPSHOT

\$35.5+ MILLION

Approved grants in 2021,
including 143 grants
to 131 unique organizations

\$59.6 Million

grants since our
founding in 2019



\$8,603,592

Alternatives to Jail

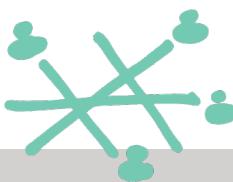
Care for individuals who might otherwise be entering or re-entering the criminal justice system



\$9,790,073

Care Provision

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



\$4,267,056

Community-Centered Solutions

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



\$10,818,452

Youth

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

\$2,035,827

Responsive/Innovative

Building capacity and responding to emerging needs in our communities.

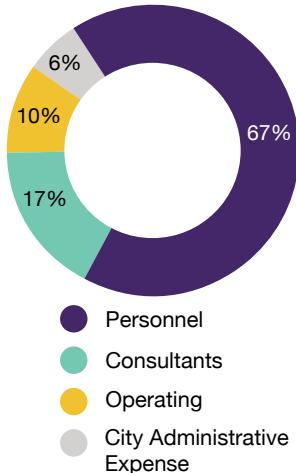


This funding has allowed us to support many hearts and souls in such an essential time, which in turn, creates hope, and with hope, we can see the future.

- Life-Line Colorado

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

We spend no more than 5% of sales tax revenues on administration, detailed below.



* This includes carryover funds from the previous year.

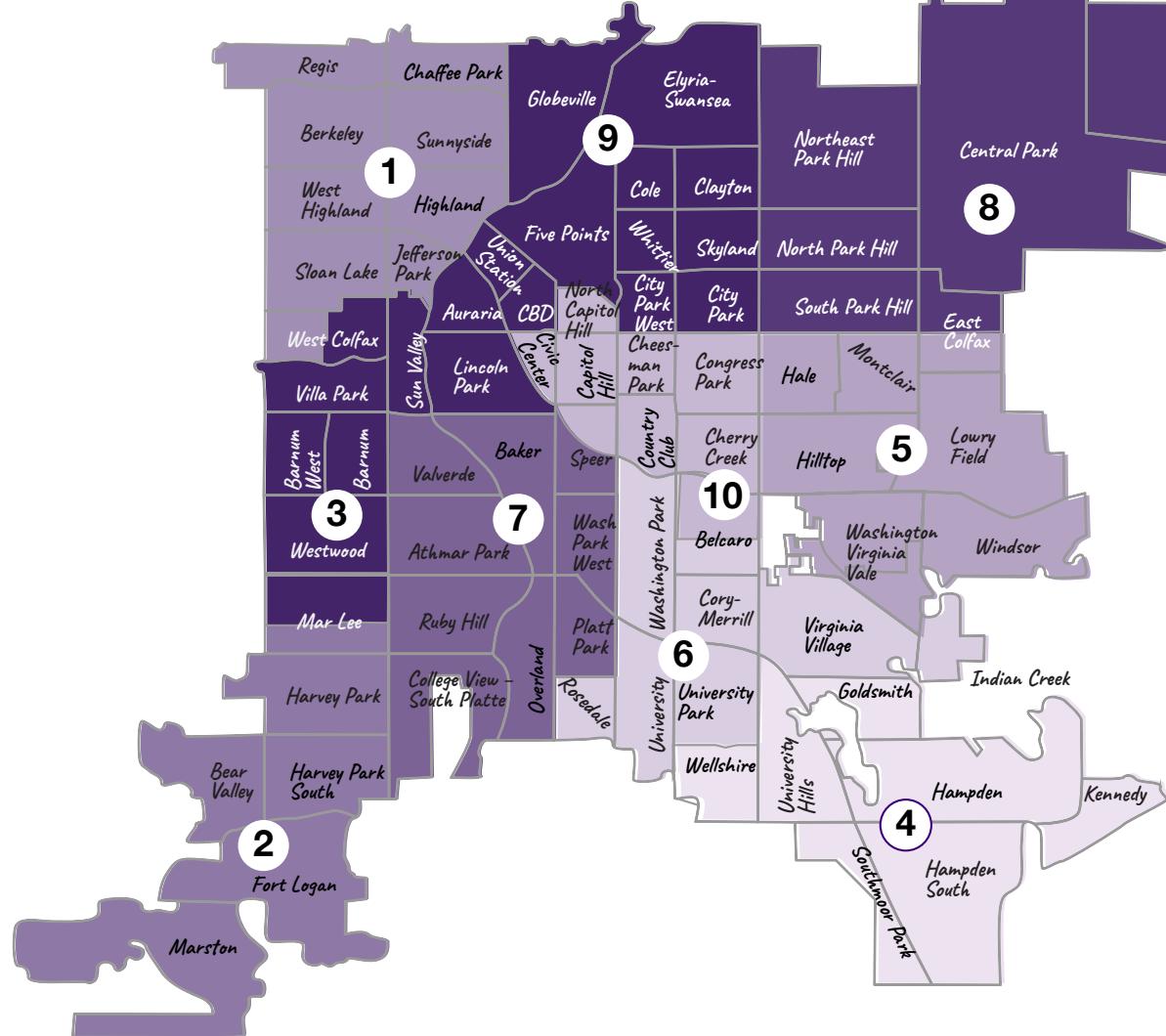
Factors for Grant Selection

Caring for Denver prioritizes programs and/or services that:

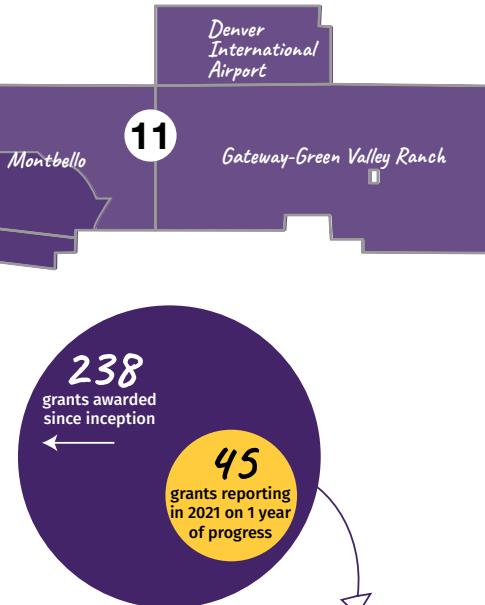
- Align with Caring for Denver's mission and founding Ordinance
- Provide increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health and substance misuse challenges
- Engage the people being served as partners in the work
- Reach communities who have been impacted by trauma and inequitable access 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 partnerships, credibility, and trust



OUR REACH



Since 2019, 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).



Denverites using services and supports funded by Caring for Denver



AND



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 men and women 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 at transitional housing settings 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 and other social supports, and employment. 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 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

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>.

Caring for Denver Foundation



Photo courtesy of Colorado Village Collaborative

People in the community recognized the big undertaking we were involved with [...] and how critical it was to stay open for those without any other place to go. You helped us do that — my appreciation is deep for that insightfulness and caring.

— St. Francis Center

\$16.2 million

in funding for 66 grants (since founding in 2019) that support unhoused community members and transitional housing spaces.

2021 STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

In 2021, 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 2021.

COMMUNITY AUTHORED AND DRIVEN

- We engaged more than 90 individuals, those in the work and those with lived experience, as community thought partners.
- Staff participated in more than 180 events and conversations in the community to share information, lead or support collaborations, and build knowledge.

90%

of thought partners surveyed agreed that **people impacted by our work played a meaningful role in what we do.**

ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRITY & STEWARDSHIP

- We developed and implemented financial, organizational, and grant policies and practices that promote consistency and reliability, establish trust and credibility, and demonstrate organizational accountability.
- An independent certified public accounting firm conducted an audit of our 2020 and 2021 financial statements and internal controls; there were no material recommendations.



PROMOTE EQUITY

- We implemented three capacity building projects supporting grantees with limited resources in building their capabilities to be high-performing, sustainable organizations. These projects invested in building the resources and skills for 32 organizations to ensure their programmatic success and sustainability in their mental health and substance misuse work.

DEMONSTRATE MEANINGFUL ACTION & LEARNING

- We worked with all grantees receiving a grant in 2021 to develop project frameworks that define grant project strategies, intended changes, and measurement plans.
- We published two learning briefs that share grantee strategies, progress, and insights for impact with the Denver community (access them in the column to the right).
- 45 grantees completed the first year of their grants by December 2021; data from these grantees are included in this report (see page 12-page 19).

2021 Learning Briefs

- [Community-Centered Solutions \(October 2021\)](#)
- [Alternatives to Jail \(April 2021\)](#)

OUR APPROACH

In 2019 and 2020, we reviewed public data and engaged the Denver community to determine our [funding priority areas](#). In 2021, we worked closely with grantees and community partners to understand the changes our community hopes to see across these funding priorities. Here's what we heard:

To address Denver's mental health and substance misuse challenges, we must see changes in **Access, Fit, and Care Over Time**.



INCLUSIVE ACCESS: People need access to care in ways that make sense for them, in places that feel comfortable, and at times that fit their schedules. Ideally this will be a diverse network of care options, situated within communities, that allow people multiple entry points and a variety of ways to address their needs.



ATTENTION TO FIT: When people seek care, they should feel understood, connected, and respected by those providing that care. Better cultural matches between those giving and receiving support can lead to higher quality interactions and engagement, and help reduce stigma around mental health and substance misuse.



CARE OVER TIME: Mental health and substance misuse are life-long journeys that often don't follow a single, linear path to wellness. People need to know and experience care options that are consistent, dependable, and flexible. These care options should also be more collaborative and care transitions more seamless to minimize the starts and stops to care that require people to re-tell, re-live, and/or re-document their journeys.



Caregivers also need support for maintaining their own mental health and the skills to engage in trauma-informed ways. Healthy providers who feel valued and supported are more likely to stay in their roles, provide quality care, and build trusted connections with those they serve.

With these three systems changes identified, we dug deeper into the community's feedback and Denver's [Road to Wellness framework](#) to define signals that would show whether the Foundation's work is on the right track. We created the Foundation's Shared Impact Plan (page 11) using this information and we are partnering with grantees to ensure they are measuring and reporting on the changes that matter to the community.

CHANGING THE CONVERSATION.

This Shared Impact Plan, designed with the community's voice, is the cornerstone of our evaluation and learning approach.

We work closely with grantees to lift up the **Signals of Progress** and/or impacts in their work and we support them in measuring these.

Through this process, we build trust, invest in community expertise, and commit to being good partners with those doing the work.

We used what we learned to build a Shared Impact Plan that guides our work together.

SHARED IMPACT PLAN

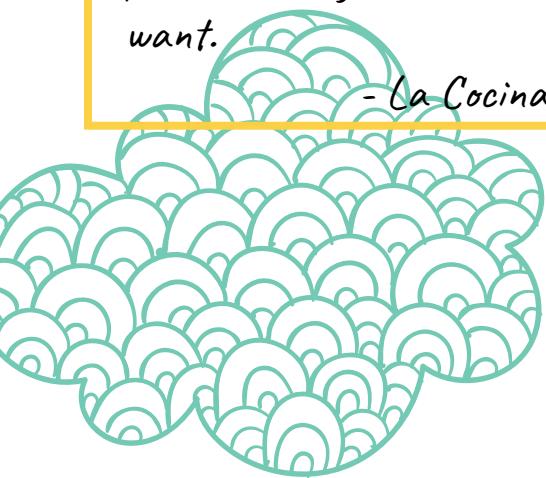
Community-Defined Approach			Shared Impact
Funding Areas	Change Needed	Signals of Progress	Goals
 <i>Alternatives to Jail</i>  <i>Care Provision</i>  <i>Community-Centered Solutions</i>  <i>Youth</i>	INCLUSIVE ACCESS  ATTENTION TO FIT  CARE OVER TIME 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased engagement or retention in supportsIncreased connections for help and supportIncreased skills or awareness for addressing mental health and substance misuse issuesIncreased resilience and ability to cope with challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduced disparities in engagement; use of services by those not typically seen or servedIncreased trust, satisfaction, comfort with careReduced stigmaPeople providing care are able to stay engaged in role and/or feel valued and supported <ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased options for crisis care and acute care needsImproved coordination, particularly across types and levels of careIncreased retention through transitionsStability over time for those engaged in services and supports	<p>Reduce substance misuse (including maintained healthy relationship with substances)</p> <p>Improve or maintain mental health (including reduced harm to self and others)</p> <p>Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes</p> <p>Reduce entry or recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges</p> <p>caring for Denver FOUNDATION</p> <p>Shared Impact Plan</p>

MEASURING WHAT MATTERS.

We support grantees in measuring what they feel is important based on the work they do.

We need to be comfortable with adapting an idea if it's not what people actually need or want.

- La Cocina



Our approach to data is different. We partner with grantees to determine what to measure, so their metrics can be tied more accurately to their intervention. It helps us understand what the community sees as success and allows grantees to focus on collecting data that is meaningful for them, rather than the Foundation determining what data matters most.

Each year, grantees provide updates on progress through two learning calls and an end of grant year report. This gives us the opportunity to celebrate wins and support grantees in adaptation when things aren't going as intended. With this approach the data helps grantees do their best.

By the end of 2021, 45 grantees reached the one year mark for their grant and completed their learning calls and reports. We're excited to share an overview of grantee Signals of Progress and reporting on Shared Impact Goals based on the Shared Impact Plan (on the previous page).

Key Data Takeaways

- 1** Our investments in grantees are improving Denverites' mental health and substance misuse. Those far enough along in their programs to measure progress on our Shared Impact Goals have shown between 70% and 99% of participants are meeting program targets.
- 2** Grantees see reducing isolation as a key strategy for addressing these challenges. 94% of participants across 14 organizations have increased and improved their connections to address mental health and substance misuse needs.
- 3** Early grantee efforts have mostly focused on increasing access and improving the fit of services. We are continuing to look for opportunities to invest in, and demonstrate progress on, care over time changes. These often require more time and collaboration as they focus on addressing larger systems-related challenges.

LEARN MORE

Inclusive access, attention to fit, and care over time can be addressed in multiple ways to meet diverse community needs. Learn how some of our grantees are approaching their work in our 2021 Learning Briefs:

- [Community-Centered Solutions \(October 2021\)](#)
- [Alternatives to Jail \(April 2021\)](#)

WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED.

We're helping grantees grow their capacity to report on impact.

Shared Impact Goals

Reduce substance misuse (including maintained healthy relationship with substances)

70%

of 687 participants 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)

83%

of 113 participants reported improved or maintained positive mental health.

Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes

99%

of 215 participants met program criteria for not entering the justice system, either because of no charges leading to incarceration during the grant period; or by completing a diversion program.

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

86%

of 891 participants did not return to the justice system.

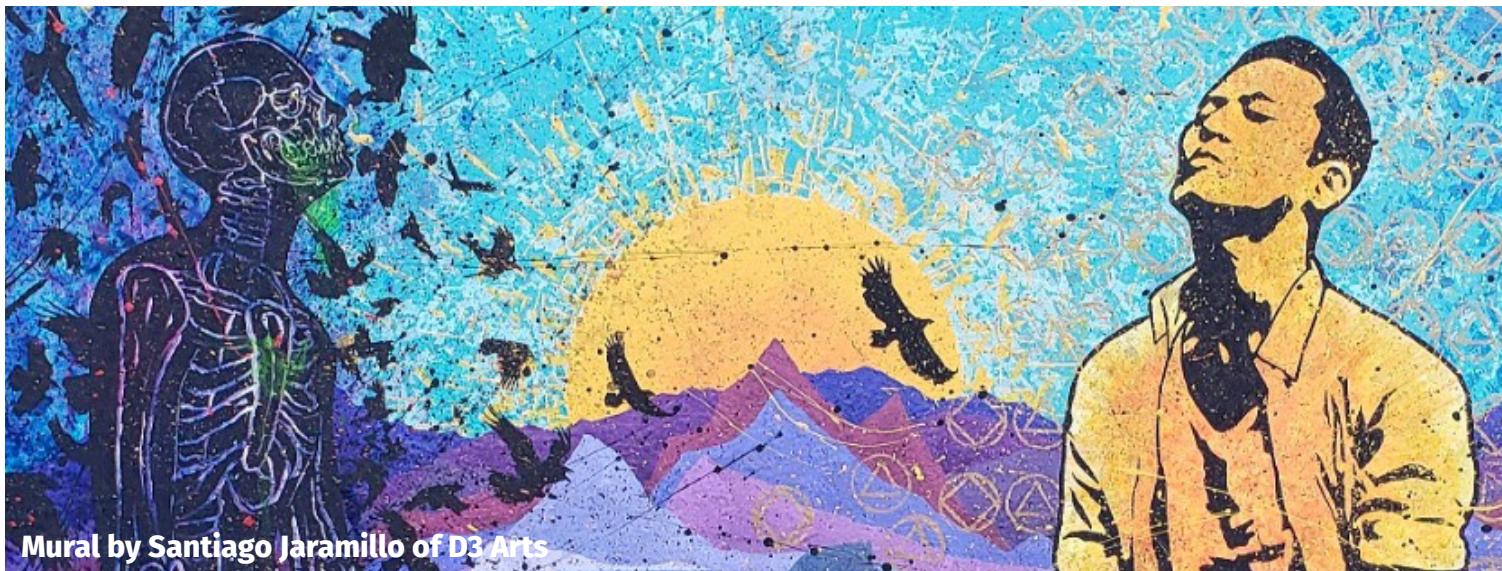
SERVICIOS DE LA RAZA



Servicios provides culturally responsive behavioral health treatment and intervention services to Denverites before, during, and after criminal justice involvement. The program uses trauma-informed care, peer support, case management, and additional supports for employment, housing, and linkages to community recovery resources. For this grant, Servicios monitored recidivism rates at 90 days and 180 days for clients entering outpatient behavioral health treatment services. **Of the 71 participants, 96% remained in community at 180 days.**

THIS IS WHAT CHANGE LOOKS LIKE.

All grantees are showing Signals of Progress toward our impact goals.



Mural by Santiago Jaramillo of D3 Arts

CHANGE NEEDED: INCLUSIVE ACCESS



NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING FOR EACH SIGNAL

PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPANTS ASSESSED WHO MET THEIR ORGANIZATION'S CRITERIA OF PROGRESS (WITH EXAMPLE CRITERIA)



We all have our own mini circles, communities, worlds... When your community is behind your choice it's more likely to stick.

- Community Member

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Increased skills or awareness for addressing issues

76%

Client met treatment goals; participant increased resource awareness; provider increased knowledge/skills

Increased connections for help & support

94%

Participant increased connections for support or reported reduced isolation; client engaged with referrals or peer supports

Increased engagement or retention

69%

Client completed program; Client attended voluntary programs; Participant re-enrolled as a peer or alumni support

Increased resilience & ability to cope

76%

Client was observed or reported using skills learned; Participant utilized or completed recovery plan

PROGRESS & IMPACT: SIGNALS OF PROGRESS

COLORADO ARTISTS IN RECOVERY (CAIR)



[Read CAIR's story.](#)

CAIR offers multi-week peer-led creativity workshops including art, music, and other creative activities for people seeking recovery. They encourage participants to find a classmate to reach out to and build connections for support during and after the workshops. Participants also share ongoing creative work and events on a private Facebook page, staying connected to a larger community of support. CAIR uses post-class surveys to assess connections.

88%

of participants said they were **able to** reach out to someone in the workshop to **build a supportive network.**

95%

of participants reported the workshops helped them feel **more confident reaching out to others for recovery support.**

COLORADO VILLAGE COLLABORATIVE (CVC)

3x

more peer specialist sessions happened with clients in the second half of the grant year compared to the first half.

72%

of participants who worked with a peer specialist on substance misuse needs **entered a recovery or treatment program, enrolled in Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT), and/or reduced their substance intake.**

CVC is a transformational housing community operated in partnership with people experiencing homelessness. They provide access to clinicians via tele-health services, peer supports and mentoring to improve outcomes, and group therapy that incorporates art, music, and more. Peer support is a proven strategy for fostering shared understanding, respect, and mutual empowerment to help residents in the recovery process.



[Watch CVC's story.](#)

PROGRESS & IMPACT: SIGNALS OF PROGRESS

CHANGE NEEDED: ATTENTION TO FIT



NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS
REPORTING FOR EACH SIGNAL



PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPANTS ASSESSED WHO MET THEIR
ORGANIZATION'S CRITERIA OF PROGRESS (WITH EXAMPLE CRITERIA)

Increased use of services by those not typically served

42%

First time engagements; Participants report cultural fit as why they participate; engagement by underserved populations

Increased trust, satisfaction, & comfort

85%

Reported sense of safety and/or connection to providers; Participant belief that facilitators/ providers care about them

Caregivers feel valued and supported

93%

Caregiver satisfied with role and resources; staff with lived experience stay in positions for defined time periods

Reduced stigma

83%

Increased conversation about mental health; reduced negative feelings or increased positive beliefs for seeking help

We need locally and culturally responsive care so people are truly able to heal, whatever that means to them.
- Community Member

VIVE WELLNESS

ViVe offers culturally responsive workshops, groups, trainings, and coaching to support Latino mental health wellness. ViVe used survey responses to assess their impact on stigma, connectedness, trust, and other signals of progress.

82%
of participants agreed to the statement **“there is nothing wrong with sharing how I feel.”**

89%
of participants answered yes to **“I felt safe and not judged talking about my problems.”**



I learned for the first time in my life that it is ok not to be ok and I can get help if I need it to deal with my emotions.

-ViVe participant

PROGRESS & IMPACT: SIGNALS OF PROGRESS

CENTER FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH



Center for African American Health is partnering with the Therapist of Color Collaborative to provide clinical therapeutic supports to persons of color by therapists of color. They track referrals and dates of service, and use intake assessments to better understand those they serve.

95%

of individuals referred **successfully completed treatment or were still engaged in treatment** (typically 15-18 sessions).

84%

of participants **had never received behavioral or mental health services prior.**

SU TEATRO CULTURAL & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

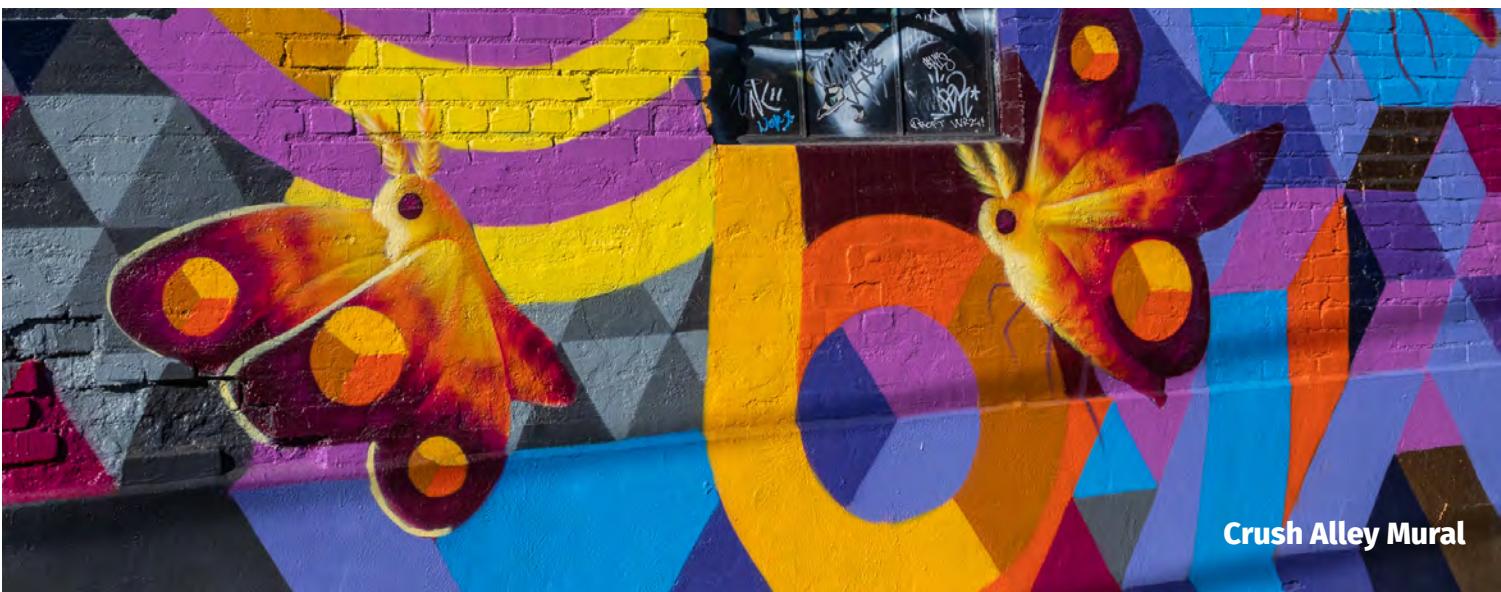

I think a lot of the folks that showed up, you would think they would have had lots of opportunities to share their stories, but they hadn't and they were really hungry for that opportunity.

- Su Teatro

95%

of participants reported a **more open attitude** toward exploring mental health and a **greater understanding** that mental health challenges are **universal**.

Su Teatro uses theater productions and facilitated community dialogues to raise awareness about and provide support to people dealing with mental health challenges, substance misuse, and trauma. Su Teatro used participatory research methods with participants to assess stigma reduction as well as increased awareness and increased connectedness.



Crush Alley Mural

PROGRESS & IMPACT: SIGNALS OF PROGRESS

CHANGE NEEDED: CARE OVER TIME



NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS
REPORTING FOR EACH SIGNAL



PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPANTS ASSESSED WHO MET THEIR
ORGANIZATION'S CRITERIA OF PROGRESS (WITH EXAMPLE CRITERIA)

Stability over time for those engaged in services and supports

85%

Stable housing or employment during or after treatment; engaged in events for sobriety; Improved self-sufficiency scores

Increased options for crisis care and acute care needs

Increased availability for on-call crisis support; temporary supports provided for people on therapy waitlists

Increased retention through transitions

Engagement in treatment services after crisis care or criminal justice release; Use of sober housing after detox

Improved coordination across types & levels of care

Individuals served through co-located services; reduced wait times for receiving care; increased referral partner options

**Addressing care over time
will take time, and so will
measuring these signals of
progress.**

This change area has limited data for the first year as these interventions often require more planning time and investments in changing systems.

TRIBE RECOVERY HOMES

Tribe Recovery Homes provides substance misuse recovery support to individuals with criminal justice involvement through structured, supervised living spaces, peer coaching, clinical counseling, and employment support. For those testing positive for substance misuse, social detox and re-entry into recovery homes are offered without shame or belittling the relapse.

100%

of clients were able to receive
**mental health and substance
misuse supports onsite**
through peer navigators and
clinical therapists.

92%

of all client **drug screens**
implemented were negative
for drug use.



*We know that relapse
may be a part of
someone's recovery. In a
sense it is like learning to
ride a bike. Sometimes you
fall down.*

-Tribe Recovery Homes

97%
of encounters did
not result in any criminal
justice action (such as tickets
or citations)

99%
of encounters did
not result in arrest

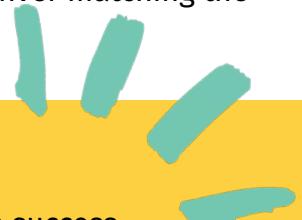
The DPD's Co-Responder program partners licensed mental health clinicians with police officers to respond to calls involving people who suffer from mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use issues. The teams collaborate to provide treatment in a format that best decreases current stressors and replaces them with long-term community-based supports.



This work is in partnership with the [Support Team Assisted Response \(STAR\) program](#), which connects nonviolent 9-1-1 calls with a mobile unit that includes a mental health clinician and a paramedic. Based on our initial investment the program has been expanded Citywide, with Caring for Denver matching the City's investment of \$1.4 million.

PROGRESS CONSIDERATIONS

- Sometimes even a small amount of measured progress can signal a large success, particularly for those in high-risk and highly complex situations. Grantees provide additional context for determining the true value of the reported changes on Foundation learning calls.
- Just because it wasn't measured, doesn't mean it isn't happening. Grantees are often addressing multiple signals and impacts, and we ask them to prioritize what they measure to reduce burden and allow them to focus on the work. We are working together to explore options for measuring more complex outcomes.



DATA CONSIDERATIONS

- Not all grantees measure progress by changes in unique individuals. For instance, some may report on the number of clean drug screens out of all drug screens completed (where an individual may be counted multiple times). However, these measures cannot be combined with the unique individual measures and thus are not included in the progress percentages provided.
- Grantees may choose to measure multiple signals of progress and impacts for the same group of participants. Thus, the same individuals may be represented across different measures.

WHO WE ARE

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We acknowledge the contributions of the following team members who left the Foundation during 2021: Gary Sanford, Leah Spielberg, and Jennifer Tippett.

Our 2021 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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Denver
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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 are 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 outcomes, 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

A majority of grants address multiple ordinance purposes.

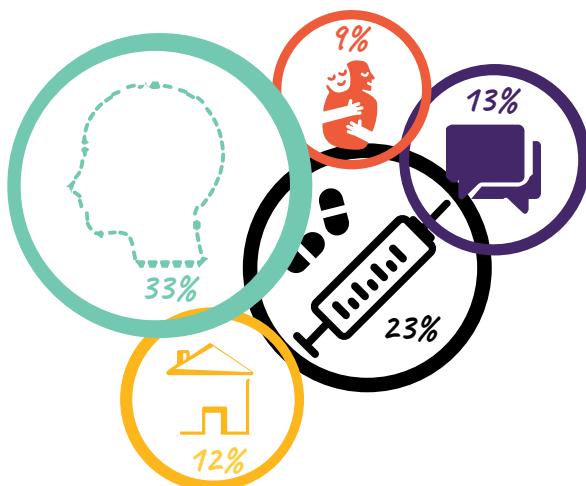
100%

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



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PERCENTAGE OF GRANT DOLLARS BY ORDINANCE PURPOSE



10% of the funds were retained by the City for facilities that create alternatives to jail for people with mental health and/or substance use disorder needs, per the ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES TO JAIL



City and County of Denver - Denver Police Department

\$2,380,732 over 1 year to continue the existing co-responder program in place during the day and expand the program by adding a nightshift team of clinicians, a clinical supervisor, and a Denver Police Department case manager supervisor to provide 24/7 coverage to areas of highest need.



Proposed Outcomes:

- People with mental health and substance misuse issues are being successfully diverted away from the justice system



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

\$1,395,000 over 1 year to increase the areas of coverage of the STAR Program by increasing the number of EMT/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 follow-up care.



Proposed Outcomes:

- People with mental health and substance misuse issues are being successfully diverted away from the justice system
- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by those placed-at-risk of engagement or engaged with the justice system
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues
- Reduced disparities in mental health and substance misuse outcomes for those served



City and County of Denver - District Attorney's Office

\$708,621 over 3 years to provide culturally competent services that repair the harm caused by crime to victims and the community, increase social competency skills of offenders, and help to reduce the likelihood of further involvement in the court system.



Proposed Outcomes:

- People with mental health and substance misuse issues are being successfully diverted away from the justice system
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by those placed-at-risk of engagement or engaged with the justice system
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues

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City and County of Denver - Office of the Municipal Public Defender

\$799,231 over 3 years to encourage justice system diversion and recovery by providing wraparound services (including behavioral health navigation, comprehensive case management, and peer support) to hard-to-reach clients eligible for indigent defense.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues



CrossPurpose

\$50,000 over 1 year to provide access to mental health services through a licensed mental health professional or sessions with a trained peer who will focus on socio-emotional health and well-being. All programming is through a trauma-informed lens.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues
- Reduced disparities in mental health and substance misuse outcomes for those served



The Empowerment Program



\$261,360 over 2 years to hire peer support specialists at the newly opening Tooley Hall community corrections facility.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by those placed-at-risk of engagement or engaged with the justice system
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues
- Reduced disparities in mental health and substance misuse outcomes for those served

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Heavy Hands Heavy Hearts Foundation (fiscal sponsor Star Girlz Empowerment Inc)



\$149,258 over 1 year to help African American and Latino youth and adults develop skills and resilience to avoid, reduce, or stop high-risk behaviors by providing a variety of recreational therapeutic activities and ongoing support, teaching them healthier ways to fight through challenges.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Reduced disparities in mental health and substance misuse outcomes for those served



Mile High WorkShop



\$157,740 over 3 years for trained, peer-led supports to help participants overcome barriers to employment due to substance misuse, mental health challenges, homelessness, and/or incarceration through hands-on job and life skills training.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues



Movement 5280



\$33,000 over 2 years to incorporate peer specialists into services for unhoused persons who have aged out of foster care in order to increase their engagement with mental health and substance misuse services and court requirements, to increase their stability in the community and reduce recidivism.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues



ParadigmONE (fiscal sponsor Dream Center Denver)



\$348,000 over 3 years for sober structured housing and a unique model of peer support to engage individuals involved in the justice system to divert them away from incarceration and achieve lasting recovery from substance misuse and mental health.



Proposed Outcomes:

- People with mental health and substance misuse issues are being successfully diverted away from the justice system

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- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by those placed-at-risk of engagement or engaged with the justice system
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues



Sims-Fayola Foundation

\$176,175 over 3 years for social-emotional and character development curriculum designed to equip young men in 4th through 12th grades with the skills needed to make their futures look like their dreams.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by those placed-at-risk of engagement or engaged with the justice system
- Reduced disparities in mental health and substance misuse outcomes for those served



Seeing Our Adolescents Rise (SOAR)



\$175,915 over 2 years for a formal adventure-based therapy program to address trauma and mental health needs for youth leaving the juvenile justice system.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by those placed-at-risk of engagement or engaged with the justice system



The Storytellers Project (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)



\$25,000 over 1 year for Breaking Chains Building Bonds, an intergenerational program designed to heal the wounds of incarceration for formerly incarcerated parents and their children and/or justice involved youth and their families. Families bond and learn through workshops in spoken word, art, storytelling, and mindfulness.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by those placed-at-risk of engagement or engaged with the justice system
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues

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Tribe Recovery Homes

\$1,943,560 over 3 years for a new collaborative project that will provide peer navigators to support clients as they go through pretrial services. When clients are released from custody after hours/at night, peer navigators will connect with these individuals to assist them with crisis intervention and connection to behavioral health services.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Those involved in or released from the criminal justice system are actively engaged with resources available to meet them where they are in recovery and live healthy lives in the community
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by those placed-at-risk of engagement or engaged with the justice system
- Reduced recidivism of persons with mental health and substance misuse issues

CARE PROVISION



Asian Pacific Development Center (Denver)

\$389,951 over 3 years for increased navigator and case management capacity to provide culturally and linguistically responsive outreach, education, case management for behavioral health services to additional refugee and immigrant communities residing in the City of Denver.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



Atlantis Community Foundation

\$137,000 over 2 years for peer navigators to serve the residents of Atlantis Apartments by providing mental health and substance misuse treatment.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change

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Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.

\$853,567 over 2 years to address the mental health needs and substance abuse issues frequently identified in the people experiencing homelessness at Samaritan House by providing appropriate intervention, assessment and treatment, along with other case management services on-site.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first



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

\$1,098,408 over 3 years to expand Wellness Winnie, Denver's mobile unit offering integrated behavioral health care and peer support services to people, where they are, with a focus on traveling to underserved areas to increase equitable access to care and empower all people to thrive.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved



Clínica Tepeyac

\$176,019 over 2 years to increase access to mental health care among low-income Latino community members in Denver by enhancing provider and staff cultural competence and expanding capacity to provide evidence-based, culturally responsive interventions for adults and children.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



Colorado Health Network, Inc.

\$47,566 over 1 year to provide a safe, social space where people who use drugs can engage in support group sessions and educational programs, as well as receive referrals to behavioral health counseling and other support services.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved

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- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



Colorado Mental Wellness Network



\$442,404 over 3 years to expand this organization's Peer Support Professional and Peer Support Supervisor training and comprehensive workforce support offerings, helping to meet elevated care provision needs for mental health and/or substance misuse conditions in Denver.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



Denver Family Institute



\$179,855 over 2 years to add case management services, provide community workshops, hire additional clinicians, and expand community partnerships to provide support to current and waitlisted clients, and other community members.



Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



Elements of Discovery - Therapist of Color Collaborative (fiscal sponsor Latino Coalition for Community Leadership)



\$1,259,655 over 2 years to create a sustainable and replicable model of providing culturally inclusive mental health and substance misuse services to underserved youth and their families.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first

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Envision: You



\$130,487 over 2 years to expand the LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Provider Training to include four modules specific to youth, older adults, transgender and non-binary individuals, and communities of color. These will address the complex needs of each demographic to ensure high-quality, person-centered care.

Proposed Outcomes:

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- 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



Face It Together Inc



\$51,487 over 1 year to increase awareness and provide peer coaching for individuals struggling with addiction. Face It TOGETHER will partner with the Denver VOICE to reach low-income individuals who face inequities within addiction care and other services.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



First Descents

\$35,000 over 1 year to provide a non-clinical intervention to support healthcare workers recovering from the trauma of COVID-19. These offerings will empower providers to prioritize their physical, emotional and social well-being to improve long-term mental health.

Proposed Outcomes:

Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved

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Griffith Centers for Children, Inc

\$35,036 over 1 year to provide increased access to mental health counseling, truancy prevention, and wraparound supportive services to residents of Denver through in-person community-based services or remotely through tele-behavioral health.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



Joy as Resistance (fiscal sponsor Moonshot edVentures)

\$50,000 over 1 year for mobile, comprehensive mental health and wellness services to LGBTQIA2+ youth.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first



Karis Community



\$75,000 over 3 years to enable adults recovering from serious and persistent mental illness to reduce their symptoms, improve relationships, and transition to independent living.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



Maria Droste Counseling Center



\$377,738 over 3 years to build clinical care capacity by hiring additional key staff and engaging in essential clinician training and wellness activities to more comprehensively meet the needs of individuals living with mental health and/or substance use conditions in Denver.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first

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Mile High Behavioral Healthcare

\$535,949 over 3 years to provide a comprehensive array of treatment and aftercare services to support women who have a substance use disorder and/or co-occurring mental health condition—and to support their families.



Proposed Outcomes:

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Mile High Health Alliance (fiscal sponsor Colorado Nonprofit Development Center)

\$111,956 over 2 years to expand provider engagement and education, increase understanding and use of mental health and substance misuse resources, and strengthen clinical and community linkages so that communities have greater access to care, services, and supports that impact their mental and behavioral health.



Proposed Outcomes:

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



Poetry For Personal Power



\$82,318 over 1 year to expand access to in-person and online peer support communities through facilitating Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) and Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) trainings and through expanded peer support community partnerships.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners



\$372,130 over 2 years in preparation for the transition to the new 988 phone number for behavioral health crises, the organization plans to implement targeted strategies to improve access to crisis hotline care for Spanish speakers and justice-involved individuals in Denver.



Proposed Outcomes:

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- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first

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- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



Second Chance Center, Inc.



\$288,573 over 3 years to partner with P2P Recovery Resources to train people with lived experience of incarceration and addiction as peer coaches. This will increase access to substance use disorder care throughout Denver, as well as offer a rewarding career to people beginning a new life.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs



Servicios de La Raza



\$891,800 over 3 years for Projecto Adelante, a mental health, trauma, and substance misuse program which increases trust, and provides high quality, culturally informed care that fits the needs of the Latino community.



Proposed Outcomes:

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Sobriety House, Inc.



\$903,000 over 3 years to enhance the quality of services within this organization's residential levels of care for substance use disorder treatment by increased staffing to provide intensive case management and improved outreach/care coordination.



Proposed Outcomes:

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- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
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Spark the Change Colorado

\$200,000 over 1 year through increasing capacity and devising supports for the volunteer mental health practitioners, this organization seeks to remove barriers to mental health care by serving greater numbers and a greater diversity of disadvantaged Denverites.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



Stout Street Foundation

\$90,789 over 3 years to provide long-term residential substance use disorder recovery for residents of Denver at no charge.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change



TOSA Denver

\$124,385 over 1 year to provide refuge for individuals with a history of chronic substance abuse, 95% of whom experience homelessness and repeat incarceration. Men and women change their lives free of charge in this unique two-year, residential, work-oriented, peer recovery community.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change

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University of Denver



\$750,000 over 3 years for The Sturm Center and CUB Clinic to integrate services, training, and outreach across populations served. Strengthening Bridges of Care is timely due to negative impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic, events in Afghanistan, and overall unrest negatively affecting clients.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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
- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs



Voluntad (formerly Street's Hope)



\$100,000 over 2 years to grow this organization's Peer Support Program to improve mental health and substance misuse outcomes of human trafficking survivors resulting in sustained recovery and improved health.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased access to and use of supports that improve mental health or reduce substance misuse for those involved
- Improved quality/fit of available supports that more equitably meet individual consumer backgrounds, culture, and needs, and put consumer priorities first
- Strengthened relationships that help keep Denver residents engaged in ongoing support that matches their needs, even as needs change

COMMUNITY-CENTERED SOLUTIONS



A Little Help



\$117,000 over 3 years to reduce social isolation and address mental health challenges for older adults in Denver using its trusted neighbors volunteer model.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections



Archway Communities



\$145,795 over 2 years to hire a full-time employee for the Mental Health and Substance Misuse Support project who will specialize in working with individuals with mental health and substance misuse needs at the Cornerstone Residences, a permanent supportive housing community.

Proposed Outcomes:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care

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The Center on Colfax

\$151,463 over 3 years to improve the mental health of Denver's transgender and gender-diverse communities by expanding its peer-led support group program. The Center will recruit diverse facilitators, provide training and compensation, and hire a new staff member to oversee the program.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Providers have what they need



Colorado Changemakers Collective (fiscal sponsor West Community Economic Development Corporation "BuCu West")

\$161,970 over 2 years to provide mental health resources, training/education, and support for promotoras, who are trusted community members who will increase access to mental health resources in the Montbello Latino/a community.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections



Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

\$195,637 over 2 years to assist residents with mental health emergencies during off hours, reducing the need for police intervention and providing additional support to clients who often need assistance during evening and weekend hours.



Proposed Outcomes:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care



Community Outreach Service Center Inc

\$150,000 over 2 years for a peer-to-peer connector program to assist African American men and women involved with the criminal justice system with community reintegration and family reunification.

Proposed Outcomes:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care
- Increased connections



Conectoras de Montbello (fiscal sponsor Latino Community Foundation of Colorado)



\$193,888 over 2 years utilizing a family centered approach, Conectoras will support older adults in Far Northeast Denver so they thrive in community through connection to community, social opportunities, phone calls and provider resources to reduce social isolation and address their mental well-being.

Proposed Outcomes:

- More Denverites have trusted, accessible care

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- 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



Crowley Foundation Inc



\$310,740 over 3 years to expand mental health programming offered to males/youth of color by integrating mental health supports, including Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) workshops and access to therapists and substance misuse counselors, and better equip caregivers with the wellness, resilience and coping tools.

Proposed Outcomes:

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



Culinary Hospitality Outreach and Wellness Inc



\$96,338 over 1 year to expand mental health trainings, increase outreach efforts, add peer support staff, and continue the development of workshop curriculum to increase access to a peer community with authentic lived experience and trusted local services and resources

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



Harm Reduction Action Center (fiscal sponsor Colorado Nonprofit Development Center)



\$654,951 over 3 years for the expansion of direct service provision, training and educational resources, syringe access programming, and connections to mental health and substance misuse care for underserved communities in Denver.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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
- Providers have what they need to provide high quality mental health and substance misuse services and programs

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Latino Cultural Arts Center

\$203,364 over 2 years for Ofrendas, a series of workshops in celebration of the ancient and contemporary Mesoamerican traditions that make up Día de los Muertos. Workshops provide education about trauma, grief and mental health through creative partnerships with therapists and artists to build altars and build community.



Proposed Outcomes:

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



Lifespan Local (fiscal sponsor The Barton Institute)



\$870,349 over 3 years to increase access and cultural fit of services by expanding intergenerational, community-driven, and culturally relevant mental health and substance misuse services to support the well-being of parents, youth, and elders in Southwest Denver.



Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



Para ti Mujer (fiscal sponsor Latino Coalition for Community Leadership)



\$276,032 over 2 years for mental health improvement workshops with wrap-around supports (including mental health counseling, peer support groups, and case management) for Latina woman and their families to improve participant mental health, social capital, self-sufficiency, and empowerment.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



Righteous Rage Institute for Healing and Social Justice



\$234,000 over 2 years to create healing opportunities and develop a centralized space for BIPOC communities to learn about, access, practice, and build community to address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse rooted in racial distress.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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

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Rose Andom Center

\$248,698 over 1 year to establish a trauma-informed and culturally attuned approach to substance misuse and a substance misuse/mental health integrative screening and intervention for domestic violence survivors.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



Saint Francis Center

\$73,660 over 1 year to provide trusted and accessible "right now" mental health and substance misuse treatment and support for adults experiencing homelessness. The organization will hire a second mental health clinician to provide case management and behavioral health services and break down barriers to improve access to care.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



Satya Yoga Cooperative (fiscal sponsor The Veterans of Hope Project)

\$133,171 over 3 years to offer community-driven, community-based trauma-sensitive and trauma-informed yoga classes for BIPOC/QT community members.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



ViVe Wellness

\$50,000 over 1 year created by community leaders with a community psychologist from the same community, the Juntos Transformando Nuestro Bienestar Emocional program will provide tailored mental health programming that will meet participants' mental health support needs. Leaders will work through their emotional challenges in order to lead others from a space of health.

Proposed Outcomes:

- 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



Adoption Options

\$108,914 over 3 years for Fostering Healthy Futures for pre-teens, a mentoring and skills training program for 9-to-11-year-old youth who have been placed out of the home due to child welfare involvement. This evidence-based program addresses the social emotional and coping needs of children.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization (fiscal sponsor Trailhead Institute)



\$150,000 over 2 years to support youth of Denver by creating spaces to address mental health through the Value Of Life campaign led by Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization's Youth Advisory Council as well as creating opportunities for leadership and character development.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility around mental health and substance misuse that reduces stigma and/or increases understanding and supportive actions by community members
- Increased connections to and use of social networks and relationships that reduce isolation
- Increased use of supports meeting people where they are that address mental health and/or substance misuse needs in community



Art from Ashes, Inc



\$119,823 over 3 years for creative programs that provide a safe, non-judgmental space with caring adults and community artists for youth to share their dreams, hopes, fears and pain, as well as the opportunity to connect with their community, and transform their stories from trauma to self-empowerment.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Boys & Girls Clubs Metro Denver

\$131,585 over 1 year to provide accessible, community-based counseling, case management, peer-guided groups, and basic aid to Denver Club members. It will also build the organization's capacity to evaluate, improve, and expand the program to more Denver youth in the years ahead.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

Casa Milagro Youth Solutions

\$29,576 over 1 year for youth to engage in projecting their voices in a virtual or live interactive platform to address drug misuse and mental health challenges impacting their lives. Youth will be able to apply constructive options as they gain understanding and healing.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

Centus Counseling, Consulting & Education

\$180,000 over 3 years for the provision of clinical supervision and school liaisons, art therapy groups, and additional hours and/or increased services related to school-based mental health counseling in five schools.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation

\$74,214 over 2 years for Children's Hospital Colorado's Mental Health Youth Action Board as they move from research to action to build the capacity of youth by engaging their school communities in addressing barriers and facilitators to mental health services and supports.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility around mental health and substance misuse that reduces stigma and/or increases understanding and supportive actions by community members
- Increased connections to and use of social networks and relationships that reduce isolation
- Increased use of supports meeting people where they are that address mental health and/or substance misuse needs in community



Clayton Early Learning

\$95,525 over 3 years to engage an outside consultant to help evaluate its current trauma-informed practices and help them develop a robust program to identify, support and evaluate appropriate supports and interventions to effectively help Clayton staff, and the children and families they serve.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life



Commún (fiscal sponsor The Barton Institute)



\$241,200 over 2 years to expand mental health programming through additional capacity for therapy and case management, and to lead groups around community-informed mental health topics and mental health wellness activities. This organization builds community resilience through relationships that build a sense of belonging.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Creative Strategies for Change

\$107,643 over 2 years for the ACT Youth Leadership Institute, which will address mental health challenges and stigma facing the young residents of Denver, especially the most marginalized among the City of Denver, by utilizing a collaboration between the organization's innovative CSC3 Model and the Check Your Head curriculum.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Denver Children's Home



\$93,375 over 2 years to implement a co-therapy model of practice to increase access to the Intensive In-Home program. This caregiver-focused model will work with the adults in the youths' lives to provide caregivers with the skills they need to manage and support the youth's mental health challenges.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Denver Health Foundation

\$306,309 over 2 years to establish a position specializing in infant mental health to ensure every child born at Denver Health has a strong mental health start by addressing early social-emotional, relational, and clinical determinants of attachment and infant prior to and after birth.

Proposed Outcomes:

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- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Denver Rescue Mission

\$289,663 over 3 years the STAR Youth Program helps children heal from the effects of homelessness, improve in school and develop respect for others/self. The grant will fund youth and family counselors who will help them one-on-one and in groups, addressing mental health issues and developing healthy boundaries.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Denver's Early Childhood Council

\$33,350 over 1 year for training and a Community of Practice in the Brazelton Touch-points Family Engagement Model (a trauma-informed model) for staff at Denver's Early Childhood Council. The Council will then provide coaching and training to child care providers to improve family partnerships

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse



Developmental FX

\$100,000 over 3 years to serve children impacted by mental health issues, developmental delays, and economic inequities by connecting underserved families with a system of responsive and transformative care provided within their trusted community.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Dream Center Denver

\$245,800 over 2 years to build mental health capacity through a clinical director position to meet unmet mental health needs of the Denver community.



Proposed Outcomes:



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- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
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- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



From the Heart Enterprises (fiscal sponsor Trailhead Institute)



\$131,120 over 1 year to provide youth Wellness Recovery Action Plan Train The Trainer Facilitator Certification Workshops and Wellness Recovery Action Plan participant workshops both virtual and in-person to support youth resilience and improved mental health.

Proposed Outcomes:



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- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



GALS Denver



\$151,500 over 2 years to provide needed support to middle and high school students, and their families to meet mental health needs, focusing on organizational equity work with mental health services that place an intentional focus on substance abuse prevention and increasing post-secondary planning.



Proposed Outcomes:



- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Girls Inc. of Metro Denver

\$225,000 over 3 years for the Whole-Girl Healthy Minds and Resiliency Programming, a combination of current programming and a girl-informed expansion of programming that will ensure girls can access the mental health, trauma, and substance misuse supports they need.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Jewish Family Service of Colorado



\$300,000 over 3 years to provide Denver youth with comprehensive mental health counseling programs are designed to build resilience, coping skills, and improve mental health.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Judi's House/JAG Institute

\$50,000 over 2 years for school-based grief workshops tailored to developmental levels of youth in grades 1-12, as well as workshops for adults caring for a grieving child. Workshops foster holistic support around a child experiencing loss and prevent long-term negative behavioral health outcomes.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse

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Khesed

\$27,105 over 1 year to implement a Youth Pro Bono Program offering pro bono mental health therapy sessions to youth ages 13-18.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Launch Network

\$200,000 over 2 years for The Greater than One Collective, a partnership that coordinates and provides wrap-around, culturally competent, multigenerational mental health support for elementary students and their families in Northeast Park Hill.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased use of supports meeting people where they are that address mental health and/or substance misuse needs in community
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse



Lincoln Hills Cares

\$387,000 over 2 years for HEAL Nature Arts in Action, a collaboration that provides comprehensive resiliency programming for Denver's Youth. Leveraging the strength of five organizations, youth will be surrounded by art education, trauma counseling, peer support, and active lifestyle opportunities.

Proposed Outcomes:

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- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

\$179,950 over 3 years to engage youth ages 9-11 who have experienced at least one adverse experience to reduce trauma-related behaviors and promote healthy development. This 30-week program offers one-on-one mentoring and group skill building using a positive youth development approach in partnership with Kempe Center.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Make A Chess Move



\$50,000 over 1 year for programming that disrupts the school-to-prison pipeline by developing tenacious learners compassionate leaders, and ethically driven critical thinkers. Through the game of chess, the research-based curriculum identifies and targets positive youth protective factors and improves mental health.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Mental Health Center of Denver



\$773,690 over 2 years for a youth and adolescent-focused crisis clinic to address the increasing needs of youth in Denver who are at a higher risk for death by suicide or suicidal ideation.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Mile High 360

\$226,590 over 2 years to create a peer training model for older students with lived experience to work with other students to help them navigate pressures, stresses, and other mental health needs. The project will also provide professional development focusing on mental health for students ages 11-24.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Muslim Youth for Positive Impact



\$129,539 over 1 year for the Muslim Youth for Positive Impact Mental Wellness Program, which plans to become the most accessible and trusted network for youth mental health in the Muslim community by combatting stigma, building trust, and introducing the right kind of mental health services.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Project PAVE Inc.



\$95,049 over 1 year to provide intervention services including trauma-informed, culturally responsive therapy, psychoeducational group support, advocacy, and service coordination to Denver youth who are survivors of violence, trauma, or in need of mental health support

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Project VOYCE

\$300,000 over 3 years to increase the capacity of staff and youth leaders to support the mental health and resilience of low-income, and BIPOC youth and communities. The organization's program will be refreshed and revised to include culturally relevant and trauma-informed approaches to holistic healing and wellness.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life



Queer Asterisk



\$353,000 over 3 years for the Intensive Outpatient Program, which treats Denver LGBTQ+ youth and youth of color experiencing urgent mental health challenges and substance misuse impacts during a time of great environmental stress and risk, providing stability in an affirming environment and meaningful intervention at crisis points.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Rise Above Colorado



\$367,207 over 2 years with local partners Denver Public Schools and Denver Public Health, this organization will leverage existing prevention infrastructure and youth leadership groups to create the Denver Teen Action Council as a vehicle to launch youth-led behavioral health promotion projects across the City of Denver.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

GRANTS LIST



Riseup Community School

\$380,960 over 3 years to partner with local youth-centered therapists to offer student-lead groups to increase the accessibility of therapeutic services. The programs will be focused on preventative practices in order to promote lifelong well-being.



Proposed Outcomes:

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- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



The ROCK Center

\$216,148 over 2 years for a comprehensive social/emotional learning curriculum for students, parents, and school staff at Joe Shoemaker Elementary School in Southeast Denver. The project will incorporate two highly successful programs to use arts-integrated activities to improve mental wellbeing.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life



Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network



\$192,653 over 3 years to expand the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network's Social Service Project to address the mental health needs of Denver youth who are the organization's immigration legal services clients. A social worker will hold regular therapeutic conversations and connect them to mental health treatment.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation

\$531,963 over 2 years to expand the Maternal Mental Health Continuum to the outpatient lactation setting and in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, pilot a model for universal substance misuse screening, and expand integrated behavioral health services to engage and support non-birth parents.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse



Second Wind Fund, Inc.



\$20,000 over 1 year to provide expedited access to therapy 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. Youth are connected with highly qualified, licensed and specialized therapists.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



The Spring Institute



\$151,536 over 2 years to build resilience among newcomer youth, enabling them to combat isolation and substance misuse, as well as make better decisions to improve their overall mental health. The program is designed to respond to needs expressed by immigrant and refugee youth and their parents.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Star Girlz Empowerment Inc



\$207,000 over 2 years to provide psycho-social education and treatment to African-American and Latino/a adolescent youth and their families, helping high-risk youth address issues such as anger, anxiety, grief, trauma, substance misuse, and bullying.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections to and use of social networks and relationships that reduce isolation
- Increased use of supports meeting people where they are that address mental health and/or substance misuse needs in community

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STRIVE Prep

\$335,600 over 2 years to expand mental health programming and enhancing staff training/capabilities to help K-12 students become social-emotional healthy youth who are able to regulate a range of emotions, cope with challenges and stresses in life, and learn positive help-seeking behaviors.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Struggle of Love Foundation (fiscal sponsor Montbello Organizing Committee)



\$312,300 over 1 year for the Montbello CARING For Our Youth project that will address mental health and substance misuse issues among children and youth in the Greater Montbello community.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Sun Valley Youth Center



\$202,500 over 3 years to provide art, equine, and outdoor therapy; trauma-practicing care; Adult Stress Reduction Groups; a Connection Hotline; and healthy coping skill instruction in order to enhance youth's coping skills, increase resiliency and optimize mental wellbeing.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Tennyson Center for Children



\$241,536 over 2 years to provide innovative, early mental health interventions to families and youth to address trauma, build resilience, curtail substance misuse, and help families learn how to best support their children to reduce the number of families and children becoming child-welfare-involved.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Thriving Families



\$198,014 over 2 years for the WiseWellness program, which offers mental health services for underserved and underrepresented pregnant/postpartum women and teens.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse



Urban Peak



\$346,580 over 3 years for an expanded mental health initiative that will meet youth where they are, use clinical therapeutic practices to help youth progress, and provide streamlined connections to other youth-serving mental health agencies in Denver so youth can easily connect to additional support.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

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Vuela for Health



\$374,327 over 3 years for Luz y Claridad, a program that provides culturally responsive education and skill-building classes focused on youth and family mental health, developing mental health ambassadors, and staff assisting community with introductions and navigation to whole family mental health supports.

Proposed Outcomes:

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- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Warren Village



\$299,037 over 2 years to support extremely low-income, single-parent-led families, many of whom have experienced domestic violence or other trauma. The grant funding will provide on-site mental health services through the Family Services Department at Warren Village.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth



Women's Wilderness

\$193,640 over 2 years for Outdoor G.I.R.L.S. (Girl Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Series), an adolescent mental health program designed for/with middle school girls who identify as immigrants/refugees/asylees. Through guided, outdoor engagements, girls connect to themselves, peers, caring adults, and mental health providers.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections to and use of social networks and relationships that reduce isolation
- Increased use of supports meeting people where they are that address mental health and/or substance misuse needs in community

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Words To Power (fiscal sponsor Servicios de La Raza)

\$45,000 over 2 years to publish, celebrate, and distribute “The Struggle Is Real,” a book of poetry from underserved Denver youth, as part of poetry/spoken word workshops and events in schools that create opportunities for culturally-relevant creative expression, collective healing, and engagement.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life



Youth On Record



\$315,931 over 3 years through peer-to-peer podcasting, crisis intervention supports, and staff development, this organization aims to increase youth mental wellness through access to culturally responsive and trauma-informed programming, and through increased access to same-race/same-identity trusted adult mentors.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduced harm to self and others through addressing trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Increased ability to demonstrate healthy resilience for coping with challenges and stresses in life
- Increased awareness and involvement by family and allies in ways that help youth address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse
- Improved mental health and/or reduced substance misuse by youth

RESPONSIVE/INNOVATIVE



Caring for Denver Foundation



\$10,000 over 1 year to support grantees by providing capacity to develop stories that allow them to increase awareness of their work around mental health and substance misuse.

Proposed Outcomes:

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



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



\$6,000 over 6 months to survey youth attending the The We Got This Youth Summit to identify current challenges, needs, and opportunities for support related to youth mental health. The data collected will then inform upcoming policy and practice recommendations.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative

GRANTS LIST



Colorado Artists in Recovery (fiscal sponsor CrossPurpose)

\$500 over 6 months for a program that gives people who have been affected by substance misuse and trauma a safe and creative space to heal through art, music, yoga, and meditation. Instructors will work with a coach to support their curriculum and instruction using Understanding by Design principles.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition

\$30,000 over 1 year for the Violence Interruption and Community Healing Collaborative, formed by community members, to prevent youth violence and integrate approaches to also address unmet treatment needs for substance use disorder, behavioral health, traumatic brain injury, and trauma more effectively.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



D3 Arts (fiscal sponsor West Community Economic Development Corporation “BuCu West”)



\$24,000 over 6 months to support the creation of the D3 Arts Identity Recovery Campus in the heart of Westwood on Morrison Road.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



DC21



\$35,150 over 6 months to provide direct mental health services to students in need of ongoing treatment, to teach all students the skills needed to protect mental health and cope with future difficult situations, and to increase support to assist return to learning after the Covid pandemic.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



Denver Indian Family Resource Center



\$75,000 over 1 year to provide prevention-focused services to American Indian and Alaska Native families. Services will support sobriety, connection to community and culture, as well as mental health for families who have been at-risk or involved in the child welfare system.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative

GRANTS LIST



Family Star

\$50,000 over 6 months to hire a mental health specialist to screen children, provide consultations, and create individualized plans with staff to support children. The specialist will provide peer-to-peer support groups for parents to improve their resiliency and mental health.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



Khesed



\$50,000 over 1 year to implement a partnership with Justice Reskill, to offer pro bono mental health therapy sessions to Justice Reskill students, who will then have the option of continued long-term support through another existing affordable or free Khesed program.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



Latino Coalition for Community Leadership



\$500,000 over 2 years to provide technical assistance to eight Caring For Denver Foundation grantees who represent and serve under-resourced Denver communities to help build their organizational capacity, including infrastructure and data management, for successful program implementation and sustainability.

Proposed Outcomes:

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



Latino Coalition for Community Leadership



\$50,000 over 1 year to address an increase in violence that is disproportionately affecting young men of color, a collaboration seeks to interrupt violence and promote community healing by providing a range of direct mental health services and improving coordination through capacity building and infrastructure support.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



Latino Coalition for Community Leadership



\$600,000 over 2 years to create an access point to case management services, pre-release activities and in-reach re-entry programming to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs for women preparing to exit correctional facilities and return to Denver.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative

GRANTS LIST



Moonshot edVentures

\$2,500 over 1 year for Moonshot edVenture's fiscal sponsorship services including accounting and setting up strong organizational infrastructure and systems for Caring for Denver Foundation's grantee, Joy as Resistance.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



ORS Impact (fiscal sponsor Caring for Denver Foundation)



\$100,000 over 6 months to provide resources that help 25 Caring for Denver Foundation grantees articulate and promote their strategies, identify and build measurement strategies, promote grantee learning through data-driven dialogues, and tell their stories in ways that can encourage future funding for their work.

Proposed Outcomes:

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



ParadigmONE (fiscal sponsor Dream Center Denver)



\$49,842 over 6 months for this harm reduction recovery housing and peer support program designed to break down barriers to access.



Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



Rocky Mountain PBS



\$75,000 over 1 year to support Caring for Denver Foundation grantees by providing capacity to develop stories and tools that allow organizations to increase awareness of their work and facilitate collaboration around addressing mental health, substance misuse and stigma in each grantee's community sphere.

Proposed Outcomes:

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



Sims-Fayola Foundation

\$49,872 over 1 year for the Building Better Boys pilot program, designed to eliminate the stigma among young men and boys of color associated with mental wellness by providing culturally relevant coping skills and safe spaces to explore who they are unapologetically.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative

GRANTS LIST



The Don't Look Back Center

\$24,948 over 1 year to equip the women and transwomen The Don't Look Back Center serves with smartphones. These women are often exiting incarceration or homelessness and smartphones are a vital resource for them.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



The Kaleidoscope Project

\$39,815 over 6 months for TheRAPy sessions that will connect young artists who rely on music as a release, but cannot afford access, to a recording studio with integrated mental health supports and music education.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative



YouthRoots



\$43,200 over 1 year to facilitate the Caring for Denver Youth Council, a diverse group that supports Caring for Denver Foundation during the youth funding cycle to provide youth insight into all proposals and make grant recommendations. And, to elevate youth voice on community issues and solutions through The YouthScan Project.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Responsive/Innovative

RESPONSIVE/INNOVATIVE - COVID-19 RESPONSE

All Responsive/Innovative – COVID-19 Response grants were for staff support and self-care, such as paid time off, hazard pay or services to support staff's mental health and wellbeing.

All of these grants had the same proposed outcome:

- 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

All of these grants addressed the same ordinance area:



Mental health services and treatment for children and adults

Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.
\$20,000 over 6 months

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
\$20,000 over 6 months

Colorado Village Collaborative
\$20,000 over 6 months

The Delores Project
\$20,000 over 6 months

Denver Rescue Mission
\$20,000 over 6 months

The Don't Look Back Center
\$10,000 over 6 months

The Gathering Place
\$20,000 over 6 months

The Reciprocity Collective
\$10,000 over 6 months

Saint Francis Center
\$20,000 over 6 months

The Salvation Army Intermountain Division
\$20,000 over 6 months

Urban Peak
\$20,000 over 6 months

Volunteers of America Colorado Branch
\$20,000 over 6 months

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