

Strategic Funding Report Frequently Asked Questions

1. How was the strategic funding priorities report developed?

Our strategic funding priorities were developed thoughtfully to reflect the needs identified by the communities we engaged to better understand their challenges around mental health and substance misuse.

Caring for Denver gathered input from more than 1,600 people with lived experience, first responders, creatives, youth, and so many others across 120 organizations and through small community events, four forums, three virtual events in English and Spanish, and by phone.

2. What communities did you engage and how?

Starting in October, we initiated a robust community engagement effort that resulted in hearing from just over 1,600 people in-person in large forums and small community meetings, online, and by phone both in English and Spanish and including:

- People with lived experience
- Youth
- Parents
- Creatives
- First responders
- Providers and so many others

We listened so we could learn from the stories of Denver residents.

Since then, we've been synthesizing feedback to create a clear picture of how our funding can best support our community and turn that desire to help into bold action and meaningful outcomes.

3. How will Caring for Denver Foundation operate?

Caring for Denver was created as an independent, public 501c3 foundation with oversight from a board of directors comprised of city representatives, providers, business, community leaders, and those with lived experience. We will operate as a foundation and not provide services or run programs.

This structure allows the organization to continue overseeing an enduring investment in our city to ensure our communities have support to address their mental health and substance misuse challenges.



4. I am interested in funding from Caring for Denver. How do I find out more information?

Our focus is substance misuse and mental health needs in the City and County of Denver. We just released our strategic funding priorities report which identifies our funding areas. You can download the report at caring4denver.org/about plan. We are taking feedback on the funding areas over the next month so please share your thoughts.

Check our website caring4denver.org or our Facebook page as more information will be available on future calls for proposals and funding opportunities. You can also sign up to receive updates on news and future funding opportunities at caring4denver.org/contact.

5. When will your first RFP be issued?

We will continue to provide updates on our progress for releasing our first call for proposals once that information is available. We plan to hold an informational webinar to provide potential grantees more information about the funding area and how to apply. Keep checking caring4denver.org, follow our Facebook page, or sign up to receive updates at caring4denver.org/contact.