

**caring
for Denver**
FOUNDATION



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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

We are committed to diversifying Denver's mental health care system and ensuring a wide range of voices, experiences, and solutions are included.



As we reflect on another year of healing and recovery in Denver, we are grateful for the Denver community for making this incredible journey possible. Together, we are making a transformative impact in our community.

Everything we do starts with listening to the community—your voice guides our grant priorities and shapes how we make decisions. In collaboration with our board, Mayor Johnston, all 13 Denver City Council members, local organizations and agencies, and residents, we ensure our work aligns with the unique needs of every community in Denver.

The people of Denver—those who are facing addiction, trauma, and mental health challenges—deserve care that fits, that is compassionate, and trusted...care our grantees provide. We work with every grantee to help them clarify their impact and support them in documenting the progress and value of their grant work.

And it's working. Caring for Denver Foundation has allocated over \$185 million to 270 organizations and agencies addressing the mental health and substance misuse needs of Denver residents. Each year, thousands of Denverites have reported that these services have led to better access to trusted care, and better mental health and substance misuse outcomes for themselves and their families.

In this report, you'll see how our funding supports access to care that reflects communities being served, growth in a trusted and skilled workforce including peer support services, capacity building, youth programs, services for the unhoused, and more.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we will continue to foster hope, healing, and a brighter future for all Denver residents.

*From the bottom of our hearts,
thank you, Denver.*

Lorez Meinhold
Executive Director

Leslie Herod
Board Chair

OUR STORY

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

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

Key Facts



Founded by and for Denver
in 2019



Independent, non-profit
foundation funded by sales
tax dollars



Addresses Denver's
mental health & substance
misuse needs

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

Since its inception, Caring for Denver has awarded more than \$185 million to 270 unique organizations serving our Denver communities.

2024 FUNDING SNAPSHOT

\$43+
MILLION

Approved grants in 2024,
including 103 grants to 98
unique organizations



\$13,818,774

ALTERNATIVES TO JAIL

Prevent individuals from unnecessarily entering or re-entering the criminal legal system



\$12,414,142

YOUTH

Reduce youth crisis and increase youth's ability to manage life stressors



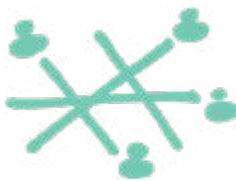
**2024 AVAILABLE
GRANT DOLLARS**

\$45,617,148

**2024 AWARDED
GRANT DOLLARS**

\$43,677,157

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



\$14,023,321

COMMUNITY-CENTERED SOLUTIONS

Prioritize cultural relevance and community collaboration and care



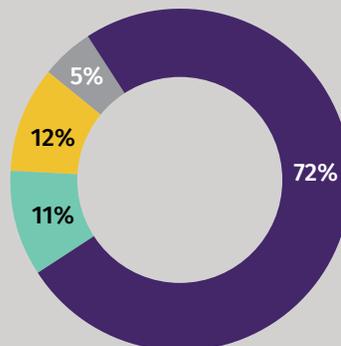
\$3,606,965

INNOVATIVE

Build capacity and respond to emerging needs in our communities

2024 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

No more than 5% of the Caring for Denver tax revenue in any year shall be spent on administrative expenses. Our 2024 administrative expenses were \$2,562,927*, which includes allowable expenses from 2024 tax revenue and other income.



- Personnel
- Consultants (legal, accounting, etc.)
- Operating
- City Administrative Expense

* Statement of Functional Expenses – Support Services from Audited Financial Statements for the year ending Dec. 31, 2024.

Five-Year Grant Summary

Alternatives to Jail	\$ 57,088,004
Community Centered Solutions & Care Provision	\$ 60,043,028
Youth	\$ 45,361,715
Innovative and Responsive	\$ 16,133,706
Facilities	\$ 7,146,414
Admin	\$ 10,442,018
Total	\$ 196,214,884

Sales Tax 2019	\$36,822,629
Sales Tax 2020	\$34,641,511
Sales Tax 2021	\$42,380,085
Sales Tax 2022	\$46,978,088
Sales Tax 2023	\$48,018,051
Total Sales Tax Received	\$208,840,364
Total Awarded+ 2024 Allocated*	\$196,314,884
Total Unallocated	\$12,625,880

Goal: 85-97% Awarded

Percent Awarded: 94%

Factors for Grant Selection

Caring for Denver prioritizes programs and/or services that:

- Align with Caring for Denver’s mission and founding Ordinance
- Are driven by entities that are the “right” fit given the community context, shown through partnership
- Engage the people being served to help inform program design and outcomes
- Increase access to mental health and substance misuse supports
- Reach communities who have been impacted by trauma and inequitable access to mental health and substance misuse resources and supports

Our Community-Informed Process



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our continuous community engagement model ensures we understand and respond to Denver's evolving needs and fund solutions rooted in community wisdom and experience.

98

*Community Engagements
in 2024*



*Audience at Caring for Denver's
5-year Anniversary Celebration*

Year-round, we engage with stakeholders through interviews and conversations, participating in and convening local events, and conducting community reviewer sessions to guide our work.

WHAT WE HEARD

Our community engagement efforts reinforced the importance of community-based support, effective crisis response, and services that are trusted and reflective of the communities being served. While there are many successful programs, there are still challenges—care, and capacity limitations persist as well as the stigmas related to seeking care.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Integrated Approach Needed: Co-locate mental health, trauma, and substance misuse supports with organizations that provide education, employment, and social supports.

Increased Accessibility: Increase accessible mental health and substance misuse services with a focus on care that reflects the community being served.

Community-Based Solutions: Strengthening local community-based mental health and substance misuse care systems and resources is key to addressing these complex issues.

2024 GRANTEE REACH



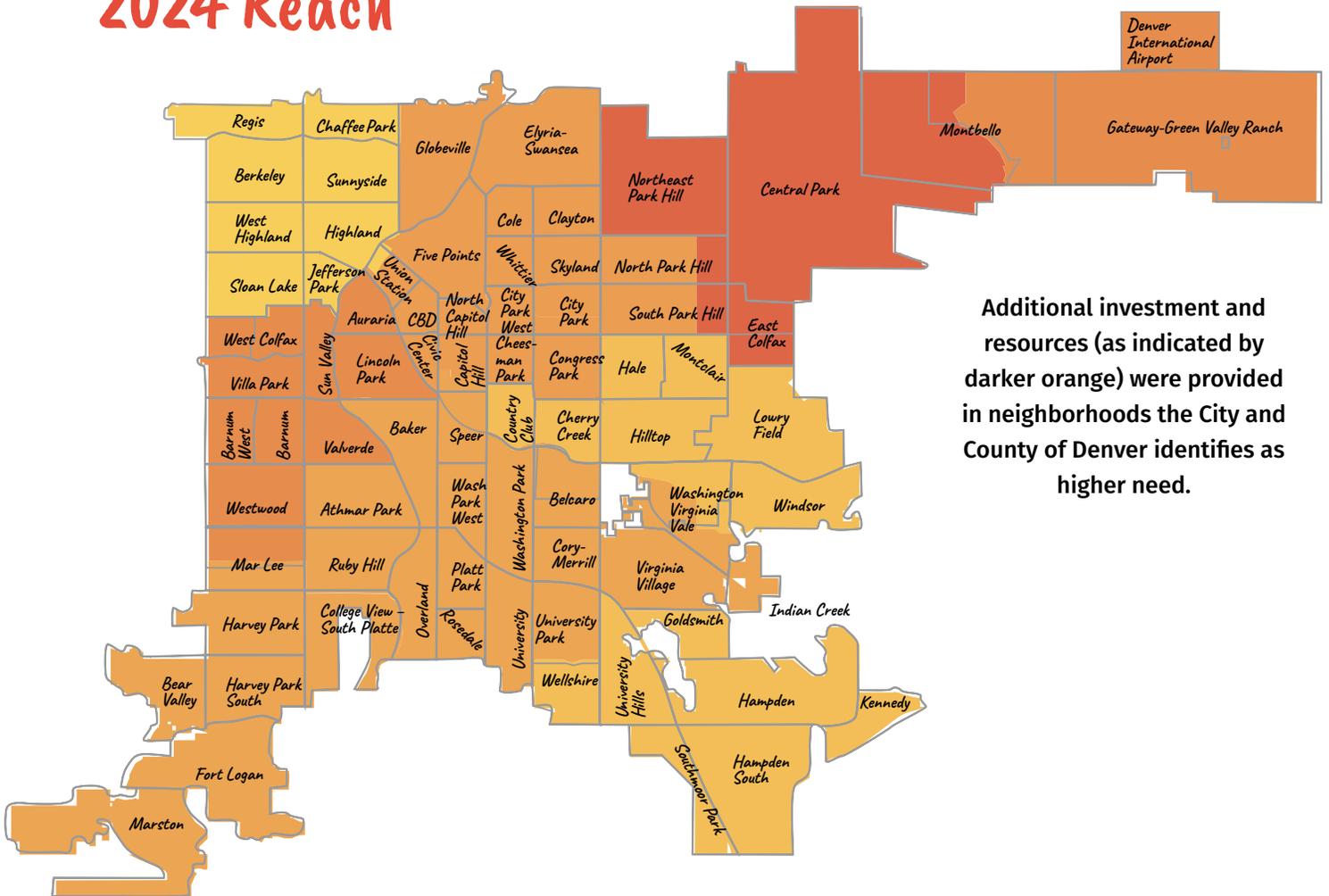
95,015

**Denverites reached through
Caring for Denver funding**

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Reach number represents unduplicated individuals counted at the grantee level.

2024 Reach



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

2024 GRANTEE IMPACT

Grantees are helping Denverites access the care they need, both in the moment and over time.

Navigation & resource support

52,942 Denverites received navigation to and through typical clinical support services, including care management, peer support, and referrals to resources for additional needs.

Clinical & therapeutic care

17,784 Denverites received care from a licensed professional in a residential, or outpatient setting, including individual, family, and group therapy, or crisis intervention.

Development & support for people providing care

6,131 people providing care participated in training, classes, and supervision to better support people with mental health and substance misuse needs.



The Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) mobile unit is staffed with a mental health clinician and a paramedic to provide clinical and community service connections.



Community Care Programs

27,354 Denverites engaged in groups and services intentionally addressing mental health and/or substance misuse recovery skills with others facing similar life experiences, traumas, and triumphs.

6,081 Denverites engaged in creative and community-based programs that incorporate and address mental wellbeing and life skills.

Vivent Health provides mobile harm reduction services, a prevention navigation program, and mental health support services for clients and staff.

Mental health and substance misuse are complex issues. A Denverite may access multiple services and supports, and appear in more than one category.

Caring for Denver grantees **connected with 88,645 people in Denver** by actively working to build public support and awareness. This included deliberate communication strategies to inform and engage the community.

Grantees also reported an **indirect reach of 7,105 Denverites** that didn't receive the care themselves but were influenced by someone who did.

Community is at the heart of everything we do.

We work closely with grantees and the community to learn how to best address our Shared Impact Goals of reducing substance misuse, improving or maintaining mental health, and reducing entry or re-entry into the criminal legal system because of mental health or substance misuse needs.

To measure progress, we support grantees in reporting on the *Changes Needed* (shown in right column) that are meaningful to them and matter to the community.

Every year, each grantee focuses on up to three metrics to track and report on that demonstrate progress toward our shared impact goals and change areas. Learn more by viewing our [Shared Impact Plan](#).

Changes Needed

Key shifts the community said are important for achieving our shared impact goals.



INCLUSIVE ACCESS

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



ATTENTION TO FIT

Being understood, connected, and respected by those providing care.



CARE OVER TIME

Flexible, evolving care, and seamless transitions.



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Signals of Progress

Grantees funded work is leading to positive changes for those receiving behavioral health supports and the systems that serve them.

- **11,856 Denverites** increased engagement or retention in supports
- **6,660 Denverites** increased connections for help and support
- **6,981 Denverites** increased skills or awareness for addressing mental health and substance misuse issues
- **3,934 Denverites** increased resilience and ability to cope with challenges

- **2,900 Denverites** experienced reduced disparities in engagement; use of service by those who are not typically seen or served
- **1,618 Denverites** reported increased trust, satisfaction, comfort with care
- **1,185 Denverites** experienced reduced stigma
- **398 caregivers and providers** are able to stay engaged in their role and/or feel valued and supported

- **2,354 Denverites** experienced increased options for crisis care and acute care needs
- **2,177 Denverites** experienced improved coordination, particularly across types and levels of care
- **702 caregivers and providers** saw increased retention through transitions
- **2,614 Denverites** engaged in services and supports experienced increased stability over time

2024 GRANTEE IMPACT

Shared Impact Goals

Grantees reporting directly on Shared Impact Goals showed the following impact:

Reduce substance misuse (including maintained healthy relationship with substances)

2,711

Denverites demonstrated or reported reduced substance misuse 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)

4,033

Denverites demonstrated or reported improved mental health or maintained positive mental health.

Reduce entry or re-entry into the legal system because of mental health or substance misuse needs

4,382

Denverites did not enter or return to the legal system. Time frames for assessments of re-entry varied but ranged up to 12 months during and/or after use of mental health and/or substance misuse services.

Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



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INNOVATIVE INVESTMENTS



Our innovative investments focus on filling critical gaps in mental health and substance misuse care to address the issues that matter in Denver and strengthening our grantees capacity to do this work.

\$812k+

granted in 2024 to pilot a workforce initiative with MSU Denver Foundation to develop a behavioral health worker pipeline, and strengthening community partner connections to provide mental health and substance misuse care to their constituents.

WORKFORCE

Our community needs a mental health and substance misuse workforce that reflects them, but a provider shortage is limiting access to care. We're investing in building a trusted, skilled and diverse workforce including peer specialists by building powerful partnerships between schools, community groups, and care providers. By growing and retaining the workforce, we are expanding access to care that fits with the communities they are serving, driving better mental health outcomes.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Our capacity-building efforts enable nonprofits to build sustainability and amplify their impact. By focusing on organizational strength, storytelling, and data-driven learning, we increase grantees' ability to manage through growth and focus on much-needed mental health and substance misuse resources to our Denver communities.

\$2.5+
million

invested since 2021 to strengthen grantees capacity and sustainability

Organizational Strength

Tailored support so nonprofits can strengthen their ability to achieve their mission effectively and sustainably, leading to greater impact and long-term success.

Evaluation and Learning

Guiding nonprofits in developing tools and practices to measure progress, align data with goals, and build a culture of learning for future success.

Storytelling

Helping nonprofits amplify their impact through high-quality videos and digital assets, increasing community awareness of their services and value.

2024 STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS



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This section highlights key progress made toward the aims of our strategic plan in 2024.

Caring for Denver strengthens care systems & supports for the mental health, trauma, and substance misuse needs of Denver residents

- We announced our workforce strategy to build a diverse, supported, and thriving mental health workforce, driven by community needs.
- 61 grantees received capacity-building support in programs, operations, communications, and evaluation to enhance sustainability and effectiveness.

Caring for Denver is a trusted community partner community needs and priorities.

- Caring for Denver was recognized as a key partner by the City in the Peer Support Day Proclamation.
- We launched a continuous community engagement model, tracking 98 conversations in the community to share information, lead or support collaborations, and build knowledge.
- We hosted three community events, engaging over 200 community members to share about who we are funding, connect the recovery and healing community, and create space for emerging community solutions.



Caring for Denver is an effective learning organization.

- We expanded organizational learning to incorporate external data experts, community engagement findings, and grantee data to deepen evidence-based reflection and decision making.
- We established a technical assistance tracking system to more systematically understand and monitor grantee learning and evaluation supports.



2024 STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

Caring for Denver Foundation is a trusted, effective steward of funding.

- Caring for Denver renewed its contract with the City, bolstered by strong City Council and community support.
- 96% of sales tax revenues designated for grantmaking were allocated and are addressing Denver’s mental health and substance misuse needs.
- Our funding distribution aligns with neighborhood priorities of the City.

Caring for Denver distributes funds appropriately and equitably to meet its mission.

- Internal and external audits of Caring for Denver’s grants management systems show 100% compliance with operational processes and procedures.
- Our 2024 financial statements and internal controls were audited by an independent certified public accounting firm and no significant deficiencies were found.

Caring for Denver has a Board and staff that are dedicated to fulfilling the mission and building a strong, aligned culture of the organization.

- Caring for Denver retained 92% of staff in 2024.
- Caring for Denver board members leveraged tools and their voices to lift up the important role that Caring for Denver plays in community.



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WHO WE ARE

Our Team

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Tim Cortez
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Tish Gonzales
Grants and Operations
Manager

Our Board

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

Anne-Marie Braga
Denver Department of Human
Services
Appointed by the Mayor

Beth McCann
Denver District Attorney
Appointed by the Mayor

Carl Clark
WellPower
Board Treasurer
Appointed by the Mayor

Christina Carlson
Urban Peak
Board Vice Chair
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Improvement District
Appointed by City Council

Jesse Ogas
9News
Appointed by City Council

Keith Hayes
5280 High School
Appointed by City Council

Kerry Tipper
Denver City Attorney
Appointed by the Mayor

Leslie Herod
State Representative
Board Chair
Appointed by the District Attorney

Regina Huerter
Policy Research Associates
Appointed by the District Attorney

Tristan Sanders
Denver Department of Public
Health & Environment
Appointed by the Mayor

We acknowledge the contributions of Akila Copeland and Hillie Teller who left the Foundation during 2024/early 2025.

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](#).

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 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

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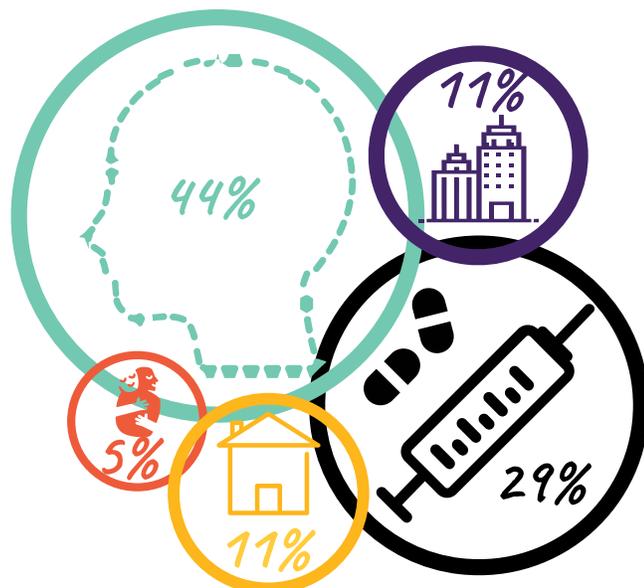
100%

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

A majority of grants address multiple ordinance purposes.



PERCENTAGE OF GRANT DOLLARS BY ORDINANCE PURPOSE



ALTERNATIVES TO JAIL



Brink Literacy Project

\$437,598 over 2 years for therapeutic storytelling programming with incarcerated and post-release youth and adults to increase mental health awareness, prevent substance misuse, and decrease recidivism.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Improve or maintain mental health (including reduced harm to self and others)
- Reduce recidivism into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges



City and County of Denver - Denver Police Department

\$2,106,665 over 1 year to continue the existing co-responder program, providing 24/7 coverage to areas of highest need with a team of clinicians, case managers, a program evaluator, and a program manager.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



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

\$1,530,845 over 1 year to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the STAR program by enhancing the wraparound care network. STAR will also add additional support pieces that are critical for its continued expansion.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



City and County of Denver - District Attorney's Office

\$632,072 over 2 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 to reduce the likelihood of further involvement in the court system.



Intended Impact Goals:



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



Collaborative Healing Initiative within Communities

\$359,575 over 2 years to provide gender-specific, holistic, and multi-generational care management and therapeutic resources to address undiagnosed and unaddressed trauma, which is the most frequent root cause of incarceration for young women and girls of color.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Colorado Juvenile Defender Center

\$317,500 over 2 years to provide culturally and linguistically responsive behavioral health care to young people (10 – 25) in the legal system.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



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

\$333,299 over 2 years to improve service engagement, and access to mental health and substance misuse services to system-involved youth and their siblings. Youth advocates support building trust to increase connection to screening and services.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Denver County Court

\$1,084,790 over 2 years to improve equitable access to community supports and services for adults with behavioral health needs by expanding the resources available across all Specialty Programs (regardless of charge type), bridging the justice system and the community.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Reduce substance misuse (including maintained healthy relationship with substances)
- Reduce entry into the criminal justice system for those experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges





The Don't Look Back Center

\$252,495 over 2 years to provide women, transwomen and gender non-conforming individuals living with post-traumatic stress disorder, trauma, behavioral health, and justice involvement with a stable and reliable source of mental health and substance misuse counseling and care.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Empowerment Program

\$808,532 over 3 years to provide intensive, trauma-informed peer support services to women with criminal legal involvement living in Project: Elevate to reduce recidivism by increasing engagement in mental health and substance misuse supports and stability in the community.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Fidelity Behavioral Health (fiscal sponsor Spero Recovery)

\$724,546 over 2 years to provide a structured and supportive framework for individuals at risk of or involved with the Denver County Court Competency Docket, including dedicated beds, mental health, substance use disorder psychiatric services, and a dedicated Registered Nurse.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Hazelbrook Community Center (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)

\$2,778,822 over 2 years for a harm reduction program offering a safe, supervised residence for individuals starting their recovery journeys. The program will provide wraparound services to help individuals transition from early sobriety to stable sober living.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Mental Health Colorado

\$420,972 over 1 year to help individuals involved in the criminal legal system with unmet mental health and/or co-occurring disorders and unhoused individuals by offering shelter with mental health, substance misuse, and other wraparound services.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



The NXT Chapter Foundation INC (fiscal sponsor CrossPurpose)

\$322,490 over 2 years for a 12-week transformative program designed to support individuals in their journey of personal growth and reintegration into society. Participants undergo extensive case management focused on substance misuse and mental wellbeing.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Realness Project

\$76,673 over 1 year to expand the program at Denver Women’s Correctional Facility to include formerly incarcerated graduates as facilitators to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma recovery by fostering emotional awareness, community, and connection.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Road Called STRATE

\$363,012 over 2 years to support individuals who might otherwise get missed by the system in accessing mental health services faster than traditional resources in community mental health.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Second Chance Center, Inc.

\$633,293 over 2 years to provide immediate assessments and interventions to individuals recently released from jail before connecting them to community partners for ongoing care through licensed behavioral health navigators with expertise in mental health, substance misuse, and dual diagnosis.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Tribe Recovery Homes

\$575,095 over 1 year to provide individual and group peer support in sober living homes and an intensive outpatient program, and to provide peer navigation to individuals who are exiting the Denver Jail as they await trial, connecting them with mental health care and substance misuse treatment.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Turning Point of the City

\$60,500 over 2 years to offer mental health and substance misuse counseling to complement current programming which offers intensive case management and educational support to youth who are justice-engaged.



Intended Impact Goals:

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

COMMUNITY-CENTERED SOLUTIONS



Adam's Purpose (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)

\$539,576 over 2 years to provide culturally tailored mental health support for bereaved Black moms, and to provide vital pathways to healing and support for grief-stricken families.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Advocates for Recovery Colorado

\$562,057 over 3 years to expand inclusive access to its peer coaching and recovery support services for Denver residents. The project will also strengthen the peer recovery workforce through capacity building and developmental coaching.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Authentic Recovery INC (fiscal sponsor Mission Edge San Diego)

\$201,500 over 2 years for Authentic Recovery INC to provide sober-living homes supporting mental health and substance misuse transitions for Denver men, offering peer coaching, clinical staff, and individualized care building on residents' strengths to overcome trauma and embrace sobriety.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Blue Bench

\$163,544 over 1 year to provide equitable mental health and case management services to survivors of sexual assault to assist them on their path to recovery and healing.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado

\$720,660 over 3 years to expand the organization's capacity to deliver services by hiring new clinical staff at Valor on the Fax, a permanent supportive housing program for unhoused brain injury survivors and their families in Denver.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Center for African American Health

\$561,708 over 2 years to expand culturally responsive mental health and substance misuse counseling services provided by licensed mental health professionals of color to positively impact the Black community within Denver.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Center on Colfax

\$175,868 over 2 years to continue to expand support groups for transgender and gender-diverse individuals. This program trains and compensates peer facilitators to lead a wide variety of support groups designed to improve and support mental health.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

\$316,055 over 2 years for the Native American Services program—providing recovery and housing support—honoring native traditions and spirituality to help participants find recovery and a new life off the streets.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Colorado Mental Wellness Network

\$133,448 over 1 year to continue trainings for peer support professionals and their supervisors with an emphasis on expanding training opportunities in Denver, so that they are equipped with the skills necessary to provide effective peer support and improve mental health and recovery outcomes in Denver.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Colorado Village Collaborative

\$695,345 over 1 year to continue the organization’s supportive services program, which provides peer support, navigation of recovery and mental health support options, and clinical mental health services across the Tiny Home Village and Safe Outdoor Spaces sites.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Commún (fiscal sponsor The Barton Institute)

\$1,128,888 over 2 years to support accessible and inclusive multilingual mental health groups for community members in Southwest Denver, as well as individual clinical therapy services—centered on community connection and sense of belonging as essential to mental health and wellbeing.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



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

\$214,200 over 2 years to use traditional methods such as psychotherapies combined with holistic therapies and biofeedback to work with more Denver residents, moving toward comprehensive recovery and reducing the impact of social isolation on substance abuse and mental health.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Culinary Hospitality Outreach and Wellness Inc

\$234,300 over 1 year for the Enhancing Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Services in Underserved Communities project, addressing the significant gaps in mental health and substance use services in the underserved food, beverage, and hospitality industry.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Denver Civic Ventures

\$347,148 over 2 years for continued funding for two outreach caseworkers to engage with unhoused people and other marginalized groups in Downtown Denver to provide access to treatment and services.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Denver Health Foundation

\$2,597,753 over 1 year for Transforming Health by Reducing Inequities for the Vulnerable (THRIVE) to expand behavioral health care coordination services at Denver Health to improve treatment accessibility—particularly for high-risk youth, patients experiencing homelessness, and justice-involved individuals.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Fit 4 Recovery (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)

\$233,150 over 1 year to support the “Community of Healing” program for adults in the Hispanic/Latinx community and provide an array of culturally centered peer support programs that help to reduce gaps in mental health and substance misuse.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



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

\$834,208 over 2 years to provide resources to deliver the behavioral services required to promote care, well-being, and health outcomes to people who use drugs. Low-barrier services include direct connections to experts, sterile equipment, and systems navigation.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Housed Working and Healthy

\$515,505 over 2 years to provide mental health workshops, case management, peer support, and individual therapy to help stabilize participants' mental health and recovery needs so they can gain employment and become housing-secure.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Ktone Cares Foundation (fiscal sponsor SCD Enrichment Program)

\$195,750 over 2 years for a community-centered mental health initiative using culturally relevant music-based therapy to support Black/African American men and youth in Denver to reduce stigma, foster emotional well-being, enhance access to care, promote healing, and improve mental health outcomes.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Latina Safehouse

\$186,064 over 1 year for La Fuerza de la Mujer, offering culturally and linguistically responsive trauma-informed support to Latine survivors of domestic violence and sexual assaults which includes holistic case management, support by promotoras with lived experience, and facilitated trauma-informed support groups.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Lifespan Local

\$964,824 over 2 years to activate and enhance a local system of mental health care requested by Southwest Denver's most vulnerable community members including culturally diverse moms and babies, youth, and elders—those furthest from equitable access—to culturally affirming mental health services and well-being supports.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Mile High Ministries

\$312,148 over 2 years to add on-site bilingual mental health services and peer recovery support to an existing program to make it more inclusive, equitable, and relevant to the diverse needs of those the organization serves.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Montbello Organizing Committee

\$366,492 over 2 years for Montbello Solutions, a community-based approach to addressing the mental and behavioral health needs of Montbello residents of all ages. It is a collaborative impact initiative comprised of nine community-based partners who provide clinical and nontraditional services.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



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

\$298,610 over 2 years to provide empowering and healing therapeutic adventures to fill therapeutic service gaps for individuals with comorbid intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental health concerns. UpRoutes provides an alternative to traditional talk therapy that focuses on building resiliency.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Rose Andom Center

\$287,153 over 1 year to offer expanded integrated behavioral health, substance abuse, and mental health care for survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. Partnering with local agencies, this organization provides holistic, comprehensive support to empower survivors toward safety and independence.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Sober AF Entertainment

\$138,706 over 2 years to train Denver-based peers, host Sober Support and community-led events, and provide harm reduction resources including naloxone. Peers will offer linkages to care, while event interactions and community feedback will guide continuous program improvements.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Una Mano Una Esperanza

\$105,314 over 2 years to provide low-income, Spanish-speaking Latino immigrants in Southwest Denver with therapy sessions from licensed psychologists.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



ViVe Wellness

\$408,760 over 2 years to reduce stigma and increase equity in mental health by addressing Latino mental health and supporting emotional, physical, and social wellness. Programs incorporate trauma-informed practices and promote community-driven cultural beliefs, traditions, and language-appropriate services.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Voluntad

\$281,337 over 3 years to provide clinical and non-clinical behavioral health services to survivors of human trafficking in Denver.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



WINGS Foundation Inc.

\$303,250 over 2 years to improve the mental health of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and their loved ones through confidential intake consultations, individual therapy and resource referrals, and weekly therapist-facilitated, peer-centered support groups.

Intended Impact Goals:

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

YOUTH



5280 High School

\$189,052 over 1 year to support students ages 15-21 in recovery by providing afterschool recovery supports through the Altitude Youth Recovery Program and in-school mental health supports.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Ability Connection Colorado

\$347,442 over 2 years to provide support to BIPOC youth with disabilities through trauma-informed mentoring and mental health care.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Adoption Options

\$237,416 over 3 years for Fostering Healthy Futures, an evidence-based program promoting positive youth development for children with child welfare involvement through individualized support and accessible skills training.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Art from Ashes, Inc

\$59,249 over 1 year to 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.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



AUL Denver

\$141,200 over 1 year to provide bilingual mental health support and wraparound services that are culturally responsive to support the mental health needs of its students.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Centus Counseling, Consulting & Education

\$453,750 over 3 years to sustain and grow the school counseling program—currently serving nine schools—and the Post Graduate Residency Program, which provides counselors from diverse backgrounds to serve students from similar backgrounds supporting therapeutic alliance.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Colorado Perinatal Mental Health Project (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)

\$311,458 over 1 year to provide bilingual perinatal mental health support groups in trusted spaces in the community through the Birth Squad Program that serves as an immediate entry point into care for Black and LatinX mothers and birthers.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Colorado Youth Congress

\$167,416 over 2 years to facilitate small group mental health conversations for youth participants led by a trained youth peer specialist and a staff member.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Convivir Colorado

\$278,781 over 2 years to expand art- and narrative-based therapeutic programming for immigration-impacted youth, while increasing internal capacity to implement trauma-informed practices and help the ecosystem better support undocumented youth and mixed immigration status families.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Developmental FX

\$244,524 over 2 years to address the crisis in early childhood mental health by extending the SWIFT-R program to new partner schools in Denver, and training and mentoring early childhood educators—demonstrating this model while improving mental health outcomes for children.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Families Forward Resource Center (fiscal sponsor Colorado Nonprofit Development Center)

\$249,958 over 2 years to address mental health inequities among pre- and post-partum Black families in Denver by launching a comprehensive in-house mental health program. Service offerings include Wellness Recovery Action Plan facilitation and on-site counseling with a culturally congruent qualified therapist.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



From the Heart Enterprises (fiscal sponsor The Hadanou Collective)

\$280,390 over 2 years to facilitate group and individual support that will address substance and mental/behavioral health issues. This organization will engage youth utilizing key components of Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy and Wellness Recovery Action Plan.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Girls Inc. of Metro Denver

\$95,968 over 1 year to support girls with knowledge, skills, and attitudes critical to navigating substance use and misuse, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and building a positive sense of self in a challenging world.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Greater Denver CARES Mentoring Movement

\$155,300 over 2 years to boost culturally fluent mental health/wellness, and academic and emotional literacy for Denver's BIPOC youth through the Rising program and the Baldwin Literacy Project, with support from strong community and therapeutic partnerships.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Holistic Life Foundation

\$161,879 over 2 years to implement the Mindful Moment program in Colorado High School Charter–Osage Campus, improving the mental and social-emotional health of low-income Denver students in and out of the classroom.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Homies Unidos Denver

\$350,896 over 2 years to provide Latino youth with access to trauma-informed violence prevention and gang intervention services (including character development, healing circles, and mentoring). And, to expand youth-led programming and support the provision of a safe, consistent drop-in space for youth.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Jewish Family Service of Colorado

\$325,842 over 3 years to provide Denver youth with comprehensive mental health counseling and supportive services through a continuum of care designed to build resilience and coping skills, and improve mental health and wellness—particularly to those impacted by trauma and inequitable access to services and supports.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Joy as Resistance

\$719,555 over 3 years to expand and diversify the clinical mental health department to better meet the varied, intersectional needs of Denver’s LGBTQIA2S+ youth ages 10-24. Joy as Resistance will expand to include a greater range of service providers, treatment modalities, and accessibility options.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



La Pinata del Aprendizaje (fiscal sponsor Trailhead Institute)

\$76,150 over 1 year for staff to receive guidance from a trained mental health professional as they learn to best support parents and caregivers to cope with family stressors and mental health challenges. Special attention will be devoted to managing the team’s own self-care while supporting program participants.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

\$4,6700 over 2 years for the continued expansion of this organization’s Trust-Based Relational Intervention® program to serve foster youth in Denver. This family-based intervention is designed for children who have experienced relationship-based traumas and guides youth back to their natural development trajectory.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Mental Health Colorado

\$218,165 over 2 years to help individuals involved in the criminal legal system with unmet mental health and/or co-occurring disorders and unhoused individuals by offering shelter with mental health, substance misuse, and other wraparound services.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Muslim Youth for Positive Impact

\$821,854 over 2 years to provide mental health services that are culturally competent, well-informed, and trusted. In order for these services to be accessed, this organization will combat stigma, and bring forth dialogue and safe spaces to build trust between families, leaders, mental health providers, and youth.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



PlatteForum

\$234,900 over 2 years to support under-resourced, creative high school youth with critical mental health support. This support includes: clinical therapy, wellness tools workshops, experiential outings, art therapy, case management, and opportunities for creative self-expression and community engagement.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



REVEL

\$204,666 over 2 years to assess and diagnose mental health issues in youth with autism or intellectual and developmental disabilities, collaborate with all stakeholders at home and in the community, create individualized mental health plans, address mental health concerns, and provide personalized support and strategies.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Rise Above Colorado

\$446,851 over 2 years for a collaboration between Rise Above Colorado, Denver Health, and Denver Public Schools to facilitate youth-led prevention education, art-based activations, and skill-building for teens, educators, and families in focused Denver sites to reduce substance use and improve behavioral health outcomes.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Riseup Community School

\$317,753 over 2 years to provide access to a Licensed Addictions Counselor, facilitated student-driven groups, and community organizations that support the mental health and/or substance misuse needs of this school's student body.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



The ROCK Center

\$328,389 over 2 years for this community-based model of mental wellness care informed by evidence-based practices that help youth build resilience from trauma and promote mental wellness through connection, coping, and competency.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation

\$493,155 over 2 years to build upon previous work to expand universal screening to all pregnant people who seek services in the emergency and triage departments to reduce the negative consequences of unidentified and untreated disorders and further integrate behavioral health for these patients.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Scholars Unlimited

\$99,008 over 1 year to create a mental health team to support scholars in this organization’s after school, and summer programs. This team will infuse recreation, art, and individual therapy based on youth and community voice.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Second Wind Fund, Inc.

\$79,500 over 1 year to support youth ages 19 and under who are at risk for suicide and facing one or more financial or social barriers with accessing treatment, matching them with providers in this organization’s network and providing 12-20 sessions of therapy.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Spring Institute

\$305,926 over 2 years for East Colfax: Collaborative Care, that builds on trusted community relations to identify youth in need of and desiring mental health services. These youth will be provided individual case management to connect them with culturally and linguistically competent care.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Sun Valley Kitchen and Community Center

\$153,883 over 2 years for an expansion of existing youth programming to cultivate the holistic well-being for underserved youth, offering nutritious meals for physical and mental health, emotional support for empowerment and resilience, and employment opportunities charting the course for a brighter future.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Sun Valley Youth Center

\$669,807 over 2 years to provide mental health services to low-income students including equine therapy, art therapy, trust-based relational intervention (trauma-practicing) methodologies, and onsite group and individual therapy for students and their families.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Village Institute (fiscal sponsor The Barton Institute)

\$263,600 over 2 years to engage talented young refugee, immigrant, and first-generation leaders to provide culturally and generationally relevant mental health and wellness support and education to other young people from their communities.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



University of Colorado Foundation - Denver

\$231,700 over 2 years to provide scaffolded workbooks, reflective coaching, social workers, and youth teams across four sites as they each implement a two-year youth participatory action research group to identify and address mental health at individual, group, and community levels.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Urban Peak

\$698,610 over 2 years to address mental health challenges and substance misuse among Denver homeless youth. This organization will support youth accessing shelter services and housing programs in providing support and peer groups, clinical supports, and relationship building with harm reduction principles.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



ViVe Wellness

\$636,522 over 2 years to offer emotional wellness programs to the "currently homeless" newcomer youth arriving and settling in Denver as their new home focusing on addressing mental health through community-driven cultural beliefs and traditions, and language-appropriate services.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Vuela for Health

\$482,566 over 3 years to educate Latinx youth on how to support their friends/peers and engage in healthy activities to reduce the possibility of substance abuse, while providing their parents with tools and training to support them in being healthy, resilient, and thriving.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Warren Village

\$487,310 over 2 years to expand and enhance equitable mental health services and supports for unhoused single-parent families, including targeted social and emotional interventions for children 0-5, school age children, parents, and teachers to support secure attachment and development and address the effects of trauma.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Youth On Record

\$329,051 over 2 years to expand this organization’s current programming by developing an integrated mental health strategy that builds upon the organization’s existing efforts to connect youth with supportive services while raising awareness of behavioral health resources across all programming and partnerships.



Intended Impact Goals:

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

INNOVATIVE



Caring for Denver Foundation

\$50,000 over 1 year for The Evaluation Center as a partner of Caring for Denver Foundation to provide tailored support for approximately 15 Caring for Denver Foundation grantees to build capacity in collecting and using data for sustainability.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Caring for Denver Foundation

\$50,000 over 1 year to host a bilingual podcast focusing on substance misuse and the growing need for mental health services in our neighborhoods and homes. The series will be generated by people of color, for people of color, and about the real-life challenges that we endure.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Crisis Text Line

\$622,805 over 2 years to continue efforts to elevate the Crisis Text Line as an accessible option for Denver youth who are having mental health challenges by marketing a co-branded text line, providing conversational insights, and providing practicum opportunities for master's degree students.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Crowley Foundation Inc

\$50,000 over 1 year for a documentary film, with a goal to dismantle the glamorization of street life and highlight the personal narratives of youth affected by violence and their mental health struggles.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Don't Look Back Center

\$47,060 over 1 year to support existing efforts in outreach and habilitation for women, transwomen, and gender non-conforming individuals in Denver through the Trans Outreach Program and Habilitation Empowerment Recovery programs.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Karis Community

\$233,562 over 1.5 years to offer a community-oriented residential program for adults managing serious and persistent mental illness as well as co-occurring substance use disorders.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Lifespan Local

\$37,001 over 8 months to activate a youth-designed community space in Westwood with a continuum of requested mental health supports. Programs delivered in partnership with other organizations will interrupt chronic stressors, foster connection and belonging, and reduce substance misuse.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



Metropolitan State University of Denver Foundation

\$812,864 over 2 years to lead mental health and substance misuse workforce development in Denver by preparing students, developing a health worker pipeline, and strengthening community partner connections providing mental health and substance misuse care to their constituents.



Intended Impact Goals:

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



The Moth Community Program

\$15,000 over 1 year to center and amplify diverse voices through storytelling workshops, empowering participants with confidence and knowledge to craft and share their stories, fostering meaningful connections through true personal storytelling, while reducing stigma surrounding mental health, addiction, and recovery.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Parker Personal Care Homes - UpRoutes (fiscal sponsor Rocky Mountain Human Services)
 \$39,960 over 1 year for adventure-based, trauma-informed therapeutic interventions for individuals with co-occurring trauma histories and intellectual and developmental disabilities to alleviate emotional, cognitive, and behavioral dysfunction, in turn reducing mental health symptoms and substance use issues.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Servicios de La Raza

\$936,954 over 1.5 years to address the critical shortage in bilingual, culturally responsive services in Denver by providing community members with wellness education and programming, as well as trauma-informed, evidence-based treatment and recovery supports.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



Sobriety House, Inc.

\$611,759 over 1.5 years to pilot a bed-leasing program with Denver Health for intensive residential treatment aiding patient transitions, reducing return-to-use, and leading to cost savings. And, to enhance treatment through staff training and specialized intensive case management.

Intended Impact Goals:

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



University of Colorado School of Medicine, Divisions of General Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases

\$50,000 over 1 year to estimate the long-term societal impacts of providing wraparound substance use services to unhoused Denverites using the ReDUCE model. This will support a better understanding of the impact of Peer Services and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) programs.

Intended Impact Goals:

- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes



Young Aspiring Americans for Social and Political Activism

\$50,000 over 1 year for Y Incubator to partner with Caring for Denver to lift up the voice of BIPOC youth to find mental health solutions that fit and honor youth's identity.



Intended Impact Goals:

- Increase equity in mental health and substance misuse outcomes

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