



Alternatives to Jail Call for Proposal

An introduction and tips on applying for funding

Agenda

1. Caring for Denver Foundation
2. Our strategic funding priorities
3. Grantee Resources

Our Contact Info

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Our History

Our founding

Founded and funded in 2018 by Denver voters with 70% support with a focus on addressing the mental health and substance misuse challenges facing the City

Our funding

For every \$100 spent in Denver, 25 cents goes toward addressing the mental health and substance misuse needs in our city – with a mission to grow community-informed solutions, dismantle stigma, and turn Denver's desire to help into action.



Community Engagement

1600

Residents engaged from creatives, people with lived experiences, first-responders, parents, youth, and others.

88%

Of residents were concerned about the issues of mental health and substance misuse in Denver.

67%

Believe people with mental health and/or substance misuse needs are not currently receiving the care they need.



Strategic Funding Areas

- Alternatives to Jail
- Community-Centered Solutions
- Youth
- Care Provision

Alternatives to Jail



Alternatives to Jail

Alternatives to Jail Funding

Directed at programs, projects and/or activities that address or create Alternatives to Jail. Call for Proposal informed by community and guidance from a 26-member advisory committee.

Vision

- Move away from a criminal justice system response to one of trauma, mental health and substance misuse crisis response, with care and services provided first, and jail as a last resort
- Increase diversion opportunities
- Integrate supports that follow someone across services, programs, and institutions while in – and after they leave – the justice system
- Provide culturally relevant and trauma-informed services and whole-person approach
- Support care coordination, information sharing and release planning

Applying for Funding

- Check eligibility at caring4denver.org/grants
- Register for an account by 7PM MDT 5 days before submission deadline
 - Registrations due April 28th 7PM MDT for Alternatives to Jail
 - Proposal submissions due May 4th 7PM MDT
- Contact leah@caring4denver.org with any in-process application questions





Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs

Serving City and County of Denver definition

- An individual physically residing in the City
- An individual experiencing homelessness presenting in the City and intending to stay in the City
- An individual, under 21 years of age and in the custody of Denver Human Services (DHS)
- An individual, under 18 years of age and in primary legal and residency custody of a City resident
- A non-City resident who is placed in a mental health or substance misuse program while in a City Jail

Is there a minimum or maximum to request?

- Requests should be reasonable to meet the goals of the program being proposed



Thank you!

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