



## Alternatives to Jail 2020 Grants

As of August 17, 2020, Caring for Denver Foundation has approved 23 grants totaling nearly \$9.2 million to community-based non-profit organizations and departments within the City and County of Denver offices.

Organization	Project Title	Project Summary
5280 High School	RecoveryHigh School- Summit Program	5280 High School’s Summit Program serves students in recovery from addiction by providing a strong pro-social peer community, specialized recovery supports, and an engaging educational environment. This grant would allow the program to expand to serve more students in Denver, including those with engagement in the legal system. The initial outcomes for the recovery program show great success in providing the environment and support teenagers need to remain clean and sober, and progress towards high school graduation.
Brain Injury Association of Colorado	Comprehensive Support for Brain Injury Survivors Who Are Justice-Involved at Denver County Jail	Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado (BIAC) will provide support to brain injury survivors who are incarcerated in Denver County Jail. As the majority of individuals incarcerated are brain injury survivors, BIAC is uniquely positioned to address their unique needs, filling gaps left by the criminal justice system. Funding will increase the well-being, resiliency, and independence of brain injury survivors who are justice-involved and ultimately reduce recidivism among repeat offenders.
The Center for Trauma & Resilience	Stepping Stones Reentry Program	The Center for Trauma & Resilience, in partnership with B-Konnected, LLC and Tribe Recovery Services, will implement and manage a wraparound offender reentry program that will offer trauma-informed and culturally/linguistically responsive clinical interventions, employment services, addiction treatment, and permanent housing to reduce recidivism among historically underserved women on parole.
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Housing First as Alternative to Jail	The Housing First As Alternative to Jail Program was created in 2016 through a partnership between the City and County of Denver and the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH). The aim of the program was to divert over 200 chronically homeless people who are frequent users of emergency services -- including police, jail, and courts -- into housing and intensive treatment for mental health and substance use challenges. After one year, the program exceeded goals, with a drop in jail time among participants. This proposal adds mental health and substance misuse capacity to the program.

Colorado Circles of Change (Formerly Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of Denver)	Restorative & Transformative Justice; Alternatives to the Juvenile Justice System	CCFC works in partnership with two Juvenile Justice Systems, Denver Safe City Youth Diversion and Lookout Mountain Youth Services residential facility to reduce recidivism, end mass incarceration, the school to prison pipeline and keep youth out of the juvenile/criminal justice system by providing alternatives to jail. CCFC does this by providing trauma informed, culturally rooted, transformational healing programs that include restorative justice, gender specific rites of passage, one on one mentoring, and reentry support to youth of color in Denver.
DASHR – Denver Alliance for Street Health Response	STAR Workgroup Community Facilitator	DASHR will provide community facilitation for the Support Team Assisted Response pilot program in Denver, Colorado. Facilitation will include communication with membership, scheduling meetings, community outreach, and managing logistics.
The Delores Project	Community Transitions Program	The Community Transitions Program assists women and transgender individuals who are experiencing homelessness following release from the Department of Corrections. The Delores Project provides shelter for guests who work with a Transitional Advocate to accomplish individualized goals towards a housing-focused stability plan. Funding will assist guests with behavioral health supports, linkages to longer-term mental health and recovery services, while facilitating access to housing and security deposit assistance, job readiness, and life skills to ensure successful re-entry and reintegration.
The Empowerment Program	Still They Rise	Still They Rise will be a community-based expansion of the Jail Based Behavioral Health Services (JBBS) Recovery in a Secure Environment (RISE) Program. The program recognizes and responds to the complex needs of individuals who have been in and out of the criminal legal system for much of their lives due to complex trauma and systemic barriers. This program will empower individuals to break the cycles of incarceration, homelessness, and instability by offering trauma informed transition services, care management and comprehensive behavioral health services.
Harm Reduction Action Center	Let's talk about Life: The Health and Safety of Denver's People Who Inject Drugs	Since 2002, Harm Reduction Action Center (HRAC) has been Colorado's largest public health agency specifically working with people who inject drugs (PWID). HRAC serves a population that has long been stigmatized, marginalized, and underserved. HRAC is THE expert in Denver where PWID can find resources, tools, and referrals to be healthier and safer. HRAC promotes alternatives to incarceration by reconnecting one of the most marginalized groups of people with their community and actively engaging them in services to prioritize their mental and physical health.

La Raza Services, Inc	Holistic Offender Mental Health Engagement (HOME)	Servicios de La Raza (SDLR) will provide culturally and linguistically responsive behavioral health treatment and interventions services to medium to high-risk population before, during and after criminal justice involvement. The program will also provide trauma informed care, peer support, case management, in addition supports for employment and housing to eliminate barriers to achieving success. Reduced recidivism, increased social connectedness, and the ability to make decisions that promote their recovery are the long-term goals of the project.
Life-Line Colorado	Urban Impact	Urban Impact will serve high risk middle and high school youth involved in gang recruitment and affiliation using the “5 Roads of a Gansta” curriculum. The program will work collaboratively with identified schools. The program begins with a school event including a live performance and school concert. This is followed by a 5- week curriculum in which all students participate. Upon completion of that program, 10-12 students are identified through a collaborative process to receive 1:1 support throughout the year, with students engaging in no less than 3 meetings each week.
Make A Chess Move (MACM)	Make a Compassion Move	The new Make a Compassion Move (MACM) program provides curriculum and daily structure for suspended, expelled and or justice-involved students specifically designed to disrupt the school to prison pipeline by increasing positive protective factors and reducing risk factors. This program will be offered at the MACM office. The essence of MACM’s approach is: (1) positive social orientation, (2) a positive peer group, and (3) realistic planning of pro-social activities. The Make a Compassion Move will be 75% MACM curriculum and 25% case management to help with re-entry into school.
Mile-High Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	Court to Community Program Expansion	Mile High Behavioral Healthcare (MHBHC) will expand and enhance two Court to Community programs for justice-system-involved individuals. Through these programs, MHBHC uses a whole-person approach and provides wraparound services to address five core needs of participants: 1) Community; 2) Co-location of services; 3) Evidence-based treatment; 4) Employment and housing support; and 5) Pro-social opportunities. MHBHC’s approach is highly successful including cutting recidivism rates to less than half of the national average. The expansion will serve an additional 75 people/year.

Second Chance Center	Reducing recidivism through access to integrated mental health care and peer support	SCC will serve 850-1,000 Denver residents each year with recovery programming: mental health care, one-on-one addictions counseling, individual and group mentoring, support groups, acute-detox, and cognitive behavioral change; plus extensive supportive services, including housing and employment. The strength of a peer support model lies in having “criminal justice insiders” on staff who have walked the same difficult path. SCC delivers hope with in-prison programming before clients are released, and then offers a welcoming community where staff and peers are committed to effective re-entry.
Sobriety House, Inc.	Alternatives to Jail Proposal	Sobriety House provides substance use disorder (SUD) treatment as a viable alternative to jail - treatment keeps people out of jail. The quality of care will be significantly enhanced by maintaining a recent temporarily hired psychiatrist and hiring a nurse (RN) to provide 3.7 ASAM Medically Managed Level of Care SUD treatment. This request is both a mental health and SUD improvement for the agency.
Tribe Recovery Homes	Community Navigation and Recovery Services for Post- and Pre- Justice Involved Individuals, Addressing Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Homelessness	Tribe Recovery Homes (TRH) provides peer-based recovery support to individuals recovering from substance abuse, including structured, supervised living spaces, peer coaching, clinical counseling, and employment support, so they can seek recovery and self-sufficiency. TRH works closely with justice-involved individuals at all points of their involvement with the criminal justice system, in close collaboration with justice system agencies, to support them in becoming proactive, productive, and interdependent members of their community.

City and County of Denver, County Court	Forensic Peer Navigators	Denver County Court would like to add forensic peer navigators to better support individuals involved in the Denver County Court system. Forensic peer support can benefit individuals in every intercept of the Sequential Intercept Model. The goal is to address the potential underlying cause of behavior that brought the individual into the criminal justice system by connecting individuals to the community supports and services that can best serve them. This approach will keep individuals in the community where their needs are better met and served instead of the criminal justice system.
City and County of Denver, Denver Fire Department	First Responder Training	Denver Health Paramedics and the Denver Fire Department, which comprise the Emergency Medical Services (EMS), plan to develop and pilot a training for front-line staff in identification and verbal de-escalation of mental health or substance misuse concerns. Training will be adapted from the Crisis Intervention Training provided to law-enforcement officers.
City and County of Denver, Denver Police Department	Co-Responder Program Expansion	Denver Police Department (DPD) in partnership with Mental Health Center for Denver (MHCD) plans to expand the existing co-responder program, also known as Crisis Intervention Response Unit.
City and County of Denver, Denver Police Department	STAR Program	Denver Police Department (with contractor Mental Health Center of Denver) propose adapting and piloting Eugene, Oregon’s community response program for Denver. This program is designed to provide mobile crisis response to mental health or substance misuse situations that do not require law enforcement response.
City and County of Denver, Denver Sheriff	Case Management Services Expansion	Case management services at the jails in Denver allow for full implementation of the Transition from Jail to Community a data-driven industry standard to increase public safety, decrease recidivism, and care for people in the criminal justice system. Additional case managers would allow for additional people to benefit from case management services to include transition planning and a focus on working with people who have identified mental health and/or substance abuse concerns regardless of their status as pre or post sentenced inmates.

City and County of Denver, Department of Public Safety	Reaching our Communities and Kids Project	The R.O.C.K. Project will support the Alternatives to Jail goals by expanding access to community, school, home and telehealth substance use and mental health services in Far Northeast Denver (80239 & 80249) and Southwest Denver (80219 & 80223). Utilizing evidence-based interventions, youth at-risk of being referred to law enforcement or are being supervised by the Municipal or District Court Juvenile Diversion Program will be connected with services in an effort to reduce the number of referrals to law enforcement for first time offenders and increase compliance rates for Diversion youth.
City and County of Denver, District Attorney's Office	Adult Diversion	Denver District Attorney Adult Diversion's integrated focus is to reduce the number of adults in the criminal justice system by offering pre-file diversion opportunities to qualified defendants who are arrested for a non-violent felony offense. Client driven case plans are designed to increase the likelihood that participants can break away from a cycle of substance abuse, criminal activity and other self-destructive behaviors, which will reduce their risk of recidivating.