



## Call for Proposals Focus Area: Care Provision

**Opening Date:** February 16, 2021

**Proposal Deadline:** March 18, 2021, by 7:00 p.m. (MT)

**Award Notification:** May 2021

Please note that Caring for Denver's [Grants Portal](#) requires registration from *new* users by March 15 at 7:00 p.m. (MT).

### Summary

Caring for Denver Foundation is currently seeking proposals to address its [Care Provision](#) focus area. Funding will support innovative mental health, trauma, or substance misuse services which: increase trusted, accessible care that fits Denverites' needs; ensure care providers have what they need to provide high-quality, culturally informed care; and/or facilitate more effective coordination between available resources to ensure the consumer comes first.

### Total Allocation

The total amount available for all grant awards in this funding area is \$10 million. Applicants should consider the total amount available to organizations and agencies in the amount they request. Caring for Denver will evaluate budgets for their reasonableness and consider whether an organization has previously received a grant in allocation decisions.

### About Caring for Denver Foundation

Caring for Denver Foundation was founded and funded with overwhelming voter support to address mental health and substance misuse challenges facing City and County of Denver residents. We plan to achieve this by supporting community-informed solutions, dismantling stigma, and turning the community's desire to help into action.

### Equity

As we work to address the mental health and substance misuse needs in Denver, we are committed to funding and supporting innovative efforts that move us towards equity and outcomes where race/ethnicity, disability, immigration status, and identity can no longer be used to predict life outcomes. Our ongoing efforts must elevate the voices of those impacted and repair the historical trauma and oppression.

Find more information about Caring for Denver at [caring4denver.org/about](https://caring4denver.org/about).

## Funding Overview

Caring for Denver will consider investments in programs, projects, and/or activities in the following Care Provision priority areas:

**1. More Denverites have trusted, accessible care that fits their specific mental health and/or substance misuse needs.**

Proposals should address:

- Access to “right now” help or care;
- Access to and use of trained peers (people with lived experience);
- Care that is accessible in ways that work for the community; and/or
- High-quality options that reflect the entire continuum of care, including residential treatment, inpatient and outpatient supports, sober/recovery living, and crisis supports to manage immediate and ongoing needs.

**2. Care providers have what they need to provide high-quality, culturally informed mental health and/or substance misuse care.**

Proposals should address:

- Needed supports and training for providers, caregivers, and peers to better connect with consumers and meet community needs, including trauma-informed, culturally appropriate care;
- Care providers that reflect, represent, and understand the culture of persons and communities they are serving; and/or
- Resources (training and supports) to promote self-care among caregivers and reduce turnover and burnout.

**3. Available supports work better together, so the consumer comes first in their mental health and/or substance misuse care.**

Proposals should address:

More support for navigation, coordination, and collaboration across care providers and settings, including:

- Integration of trained peers (people with lived experience) into formal care environments; and/or
- Developing or expanding relationships and partnerships to foster a care continuum that works for the community, especially for improving care transitions.

## Desired Outcomes

Applicants must highlight how their programs, projects, and/or activities work towards achieving at least one of the following results:

- 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

## Award Considerations

Grant decisions will favor programs/projects that:

- Have demonstrated partnerships with impacted communities to improve care and focus on innovative approaches grounded in community knowledge
- Have demonstrated experience working with underserved populations and/or populations disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Can develop and maintain productive and collaborative partnerships
- Value culture in healing and identity

## Eligibility

Projects and activities supported by Caring for Denver’s grantmaking must serve or support only residents of the City and County of Denver (“City”). Caring for Denver’s general definition of residency is derived from the State of Colorado Medical Services Board Rule 8.607.1(F) around Areas of Service. The following individuals will be considered City residents by Caring for Denver:

- An individual physically residing full time 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 and/or substance abuse program while in a City Jail

Applicants can be any nonprofit organization designated by the IRS as tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3), or under other sections of the U.S. tax code or fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply so long as the IRS designates them as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization and all Caring for Denver grant funds are used for non-religious purposes. Applicants may also be an Indian or Native American entity. Government-supported entities, including schools, museums, or libraries, and City and County of Denver or State of Colorado agencies are eligible to apply.

Caring for Denver Foundation will accept one application per organization in an open Call for Proposals.

## What Caring for Denver Will Not Fund

Grant requests for the following will not be supported:

- Grants to individuals, for-profit organizations, or private foundations
- Annual appeals, membership drives, underwriting, or fundraising events
- Endowments
- Loans
- Fellowships or scholarships
- Debt reduction
- Partisan causes
- Programs that require membership in a specific religion or seek to advance a particular religious faith or belief
- General operating costs
- Facilities projects
- Program-related investments

We will not make grants to organizations that practice discrimination of any kind.

We will not make grants to, participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, in support of, or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Our [funding ordinance](#) prohibits us from using our grant dollars to *supplant* existing funds. Grant recipients may not replace existing federal, state, city, or other local agency funds with Caring for Denver funds. However, our funds may be used to *supplement* existing funds to replicate or expand the scope of an existing program or project.

## Timeline and Deadlines

<b>February 16, 2021</b> Opening Date	Call for Proposals released
<b>February 18</b> 10:00 am (MT) Facebook Live Event	Caring for Denver will host a <a href="#">Facebook Live</a> event for interested parties and potential applicants to learn more about the priority area and have an opportunity to ask questions. We will post a recorded version on our <a href="#">website</a> following the event.
<b>March 15</b> 7:00 pm (MT) Grants Portal Registration Deadline (if not already registered)	Fluxx is Caring for Denver's online Grants Portal where applicants submit materials. We ask that you register in Fluxx by this date. If you have already applied or have received funding, you are already registered and may skip this step. Access Fluxx by visiting <a href="https://caring4denver.fluxx.io">https://caring4denver.fluxx.io</a> .
<b>March 18</b> 7:00 pm (MT) Proposals Due	Submit your complete application with document uploads at <a href="https://caring4denver.fluxx.io">https://caring4denver.fluxx.io</a> . The online application system will not allow incomplete proposals or submissions after 7:00 p.m. (MDT).
<b>May 2021</b> Award Notification	All applicants will be notified of their status. For those awarded grants, the anticipated start date is June 1.

## How to Apply

Visit our website at [caring4denver.org](https://caring4denver.org) and click on the Grants Portal button. Further guidance is provided in our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section.

If you need assistance or have questions about our available funding or the application process, please reach out to Director of Grants Leah Spielberg at [leah@caring4denver.org](mailto:leah@caring4denver.org) or 720.647.6375.

Through extensive community engagement efforts, Caring for Denver identified four priority areas of funding: Alternatives to Jail; Youth; Community-Centered Solutions; and Care Provision. Find our strategic funding document here: [Caring for Denver Strategic Funding Report](#). Calls for proposals for the other priority areas will be released at later dates on our [website](#).