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## COMMUNITY AT THE CENTER

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*Our 2020 Annual Report  
to the  
Community*



Founded and funded by Denver, Caring for Denver Foundation was created on November 6, 2018 when seventy percent of Denver turned an idea into a reality.

Our mission is to address Denver’s mental health and substance misuse needs by growing community-informed solutions, dismantling stigma, and turning the community’s desire to help into action.

Learn more at [Caring4Denver.org](http://Caring4Denver.org).

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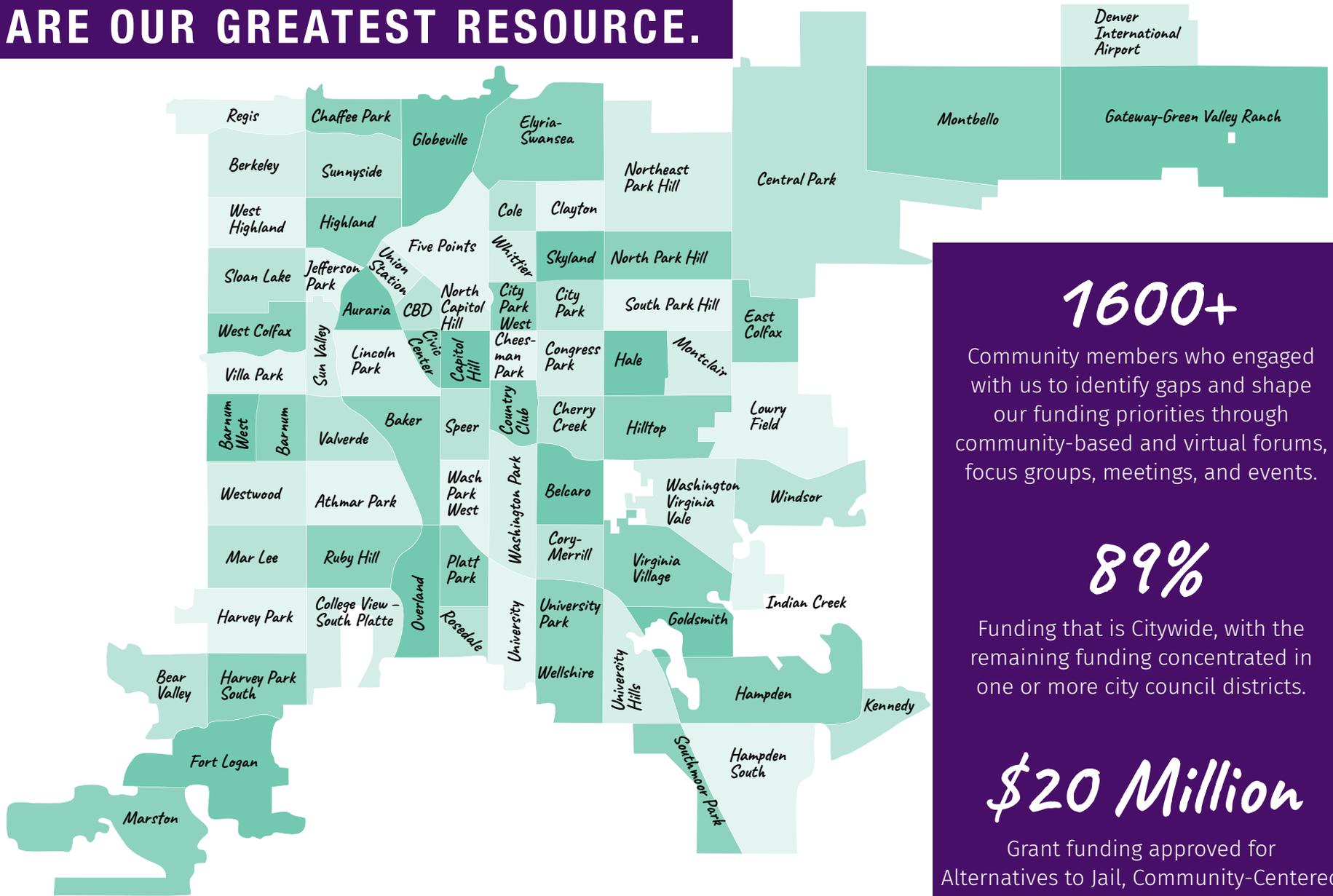
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Future Funding

# WE BELIEVE OUR COMMUNITIES ARE OUR GREATEST RESOURCE.



1600+

Community members who engaged with us to identify gaps and shape our funding priorities through community-based and virtual forums, focus groups, meetings, and events.

89%

Funding that is Citywide, with the remaining funding concentrated in one or more city council districts.

\$20 Million

Grant funding approved for Alternatives to Jail, Community-Centered Solutions, and COVID-19 Response.

## THIS IS YOUR STORY.

Caring for Denver Foundation was founded by Denver residents to advance community-authored solutions for mental health and substance misuse needs in our City. It is publicly funded by City sales tax revenue.

This report highlights the launch of our grantmaking and our progress as a new organization, but it is a story that the people of Denver wrote.

The people of Denver made it possible to add mental health professionals to mobile units, with results that made national news headlines.

The people of Denver gave individuals struggling with mental health or substance misuse connections to peers and mentors with lived experience as part of their intervention.

The people of Denver stepped up for our communities by helping us begin to address stigma, lack of coverage, and differential access to housing and services by race and identity.

And in this pandemic year, the people of Denver made it possible for us to quickly support critical services and basic needs for diverse communities dealing with COVID-19 throughout the City.

You did all that. You took care of each other.

We cannot thank you enough for your commitment to our community. But we can match your commitment with our own: We will work hard for you and we will seek your guidance, perspective, and partnership always.

### *In Gratitude,*



Lorez Meinhold, Executive Director

*So grateful that Denver residents see the need and the benefit of supporting everyone's mental wellbeing and particularly providing supports for those dealing with these challenges during this critical time.*

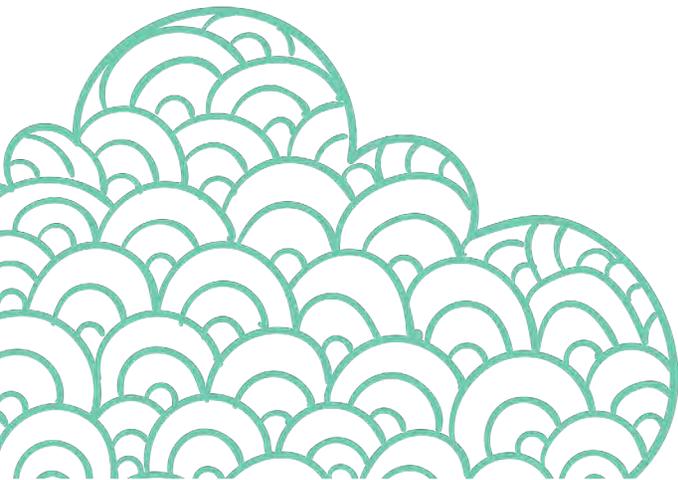
*- Grantee*



Leslie Herod, State Representative,  
Board Chair

*"As a Denver taxpayer for the past 48 years, this is the first time I've been able to see my tax dollars directly impacting our community with kindness and love and in serving everyone in Denver who needs support with mental health and substance misuse issues. It's great to see."*

*- Community Member*



The Caring for Denver Foundation team would like to sincerely thank the Denver community for your time, trust, honesty, and partnership in helping us shape our funding priorities and vision of success. Thank you for pushing us. Your leadership and experience mean everything to us.

## **TOGETHER WE HAVE THE #POWERTO...**

### *Recover and thrive.*

Akila Copeland, Program Officer

### *Lift up community voices.*

Gary Sanford, Director of Community Engagement

### *Support those taking action to improve mental well-being.*

Jacquie Esquibel, Program Officer

### *Amplify community voices to create meaningful change.*

Jennifer Tippet, Program Advisor

### *Advocate for our community.*

Juan Escobedo, Program Officer

### *Provide resources for good.*

Leah Spielberg, Grants Manager

### *Turn ideas into realities.*

Marci Hladik, Director of Operations

### *Lift up diverse voices.*

Patrece Hairston Peetz, Community Engagement Advisor

### *Create better paths for healing and support.*

Rebecca Ochtera, Director of Evaluation and Learning

### *Build a stronger community.*

Tim Cortez, Program Officer

### *Connect and heal.*

Lorez Meinhold, Executive Director

# CARING FOR DENVER 2020 GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES





## *Alternatives to Jail*

In a mental health or substance misuse crisis, people are more likely to encounter police than get medical help. As a result, Denver's jails have served as one of the largest mental health service providers in the state for over a decade!<sup>1</sup> Our Alternatives to Jail funding area seeks to prevent individuals struggling with substance misuse and mental health distress from entering or reentering the criminal justice system through City partnerships, culturally relevant and community-led supports, and increased housing stability. Grantees chose from three proposed outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

<sup>1</sup> Denver Sheriff Department, (2018, August 2). Beyond Reform. Retrieved February 8 2021, [https://www.denvergov.org/files/assets/public/sheriff-department/documents/sheriff\\_2018beyondreformreport.pdf](https://www.denvergov.org/files/assets/public/sheriff-department/documents/sheriff_2018beyondreformreport.pdf).

# Grantee SPOTLIGHTS

## *Alternatives to Jail*



### **The Delores Project**

Individuals who have been incarcerated experience homelessness at a rate nearly 7 times higher than the general public, and face substantial barriers to housing along their path to stability. The Delores Project is a strengths-based shelter for women and transgender individuals that provides behavioral health supports and 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.

### **Denver County Court Forensic Peer Navigators**

People with experience in the criminal justice system have a unique capacity to support their peers in working toward recovery with empathy and practical guidance. Denver County Court (DCC) has hired Forensic Peer Navigators to connect individuals in the court system with community supports and serve as credible partners in recovery. The DCC team is focused on ensuring the peer navigators feel valued, are well supported, and have the experience of being equal colleagues. DCC works to connect individuals to peers to ensure they are helping people in recovery in equitable ways.

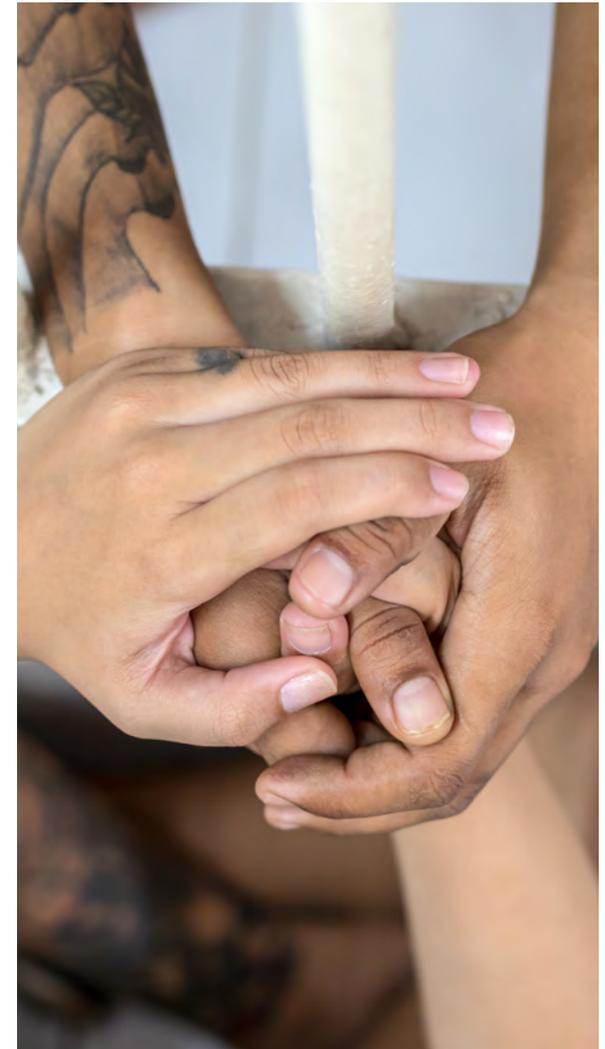
### **Colorado Circles for Change**

Historical trauma and systemic oppression have a direct effect on the criminal justice involvement and mental health of our youth. Colorado Circles for Change provides trauma-informed, culturally rooted, transformational healing programs that include restorative justice, gender specific rites of passage, one-on-one mentoring and re-entry support to youth of color in Denver. The team encourages youth participants to step into their power to shape the community, and continues to adapt to changing needs so that youth have wrap-around resources and support for self determination.

13,000

Denver residents and their families that grantee organizations intend to serve to break cycles of addiction, decompensation, and involvement in the criminal justice system.

*"It is difficult when individuals with the disease of mental health or addiction are treated as criminals, put in jail, and fined penalty fees that can't be paid, or not treated."*  
- Community Member



A CONTINUUM OF SOLUTIONS

61%

Interventions that help to reduce risk factors related to criminal justice system involvement for the first time.

100%

Interventions that help increase a successful exit for those that already touched the system.

72%

Interventions that improve supports for healthy living in community post-release.

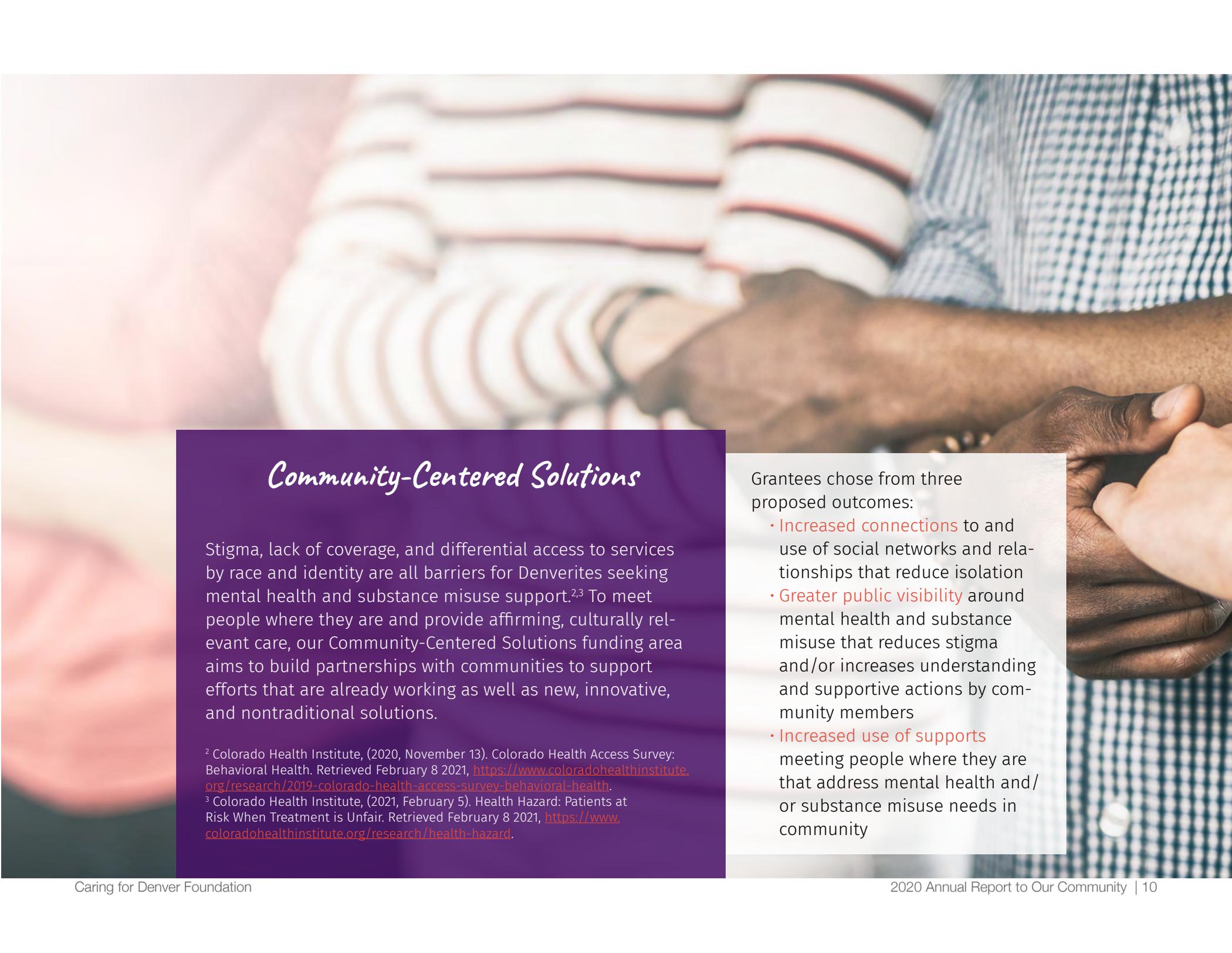
40%

Grantee organizations that serve youth under 18, a population that has had fewer supports available prior to, during and after an interaction with the justice system.

72%

Grantee organizations that utilize peers/mentors with lived experience as part of their intervention.

*"Jail and ER's just don't cut it. There is a large area in the swing of the pendulum between needing help and needing jail."*  
- Community Member



## Community-Centered Solutions

Stigma, lack of coverage, and differential access to services by race and identity are all barriers for Denverites seeking mental health and substance misuse support.<sup>2,3</sup> To meet people where they are and provide affirming, culturally relevant care, our Community-Centered Solutions funding area aims to build partnerships with communities to support efforts that are already working as well as new, innovative, and nontraditional solutions.

<sup>2</sup> Colorado Health Institute, (2020, November 13). Colorado Health Access Survey: Behavioral Health. Retrieved February 8 2021, <https://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/research/2019-colorado-health-access-survey-behavioral-health>.

<sup>3</sup> Colorado Health Institute, (2021, February 5). Health Hazard: Patients at Risk When Treatment is Unfair. Retrieved February 8 2021, <https://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/research/health-hazard>.

Grantees chose from three proposed outcomes:

- **Increased connections** to and use of social networks and relationships that reduce isolation
- **Greater public visibility** around mental health and substance misuse that reduces stigma and/or increases understanding and supportive actions by community members
- **Increased use of supports** meeting people where they are that address mental health and/or substance misuse needs in community

# Grantee SPOTLIGHTS

## *Community-Centered Solutions*



Photo courtesy of Think 360 Arts for Learning

### **Think 360 Arts for Learning**

Colorado is among the top 10 states for suicide among individuals over age 65, and COVID has further exacerbated social isolation and depression for older adults. Think 360's Creative Aging program increases access to community-focused mental health supports for older adults through high-caliber arts engagement. The program inspires creativity, increases social connection and improves mental well-being. They continue to promote the inclusion of quality arts programs in communities that serve older adults and prepare teaching artists to work with older adults.

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### **Montbello Organizing Committee**

The availability of mental health care services is limited in Montbello, one of Denver's most diverse communities. Multiple partners came together with the Montbello Organizing Committee to create an integrated community solution: a Mental Health Circle. The "front yard therapy" pilot they created is a prime example. Counselors visit residents where they are most comfortable – in their homes, gardens, front yards, and backyards. They continue to create partnerships and pathways to care that meet people where they are.

### **Denver Children's Advocacy Center**

The Westwood community is in critical need of increased access to mental health and substance misuse support due to housing and food insecurity, loss of jobs, sense of isolation and hopelessness, fragile immigration status, and lack of childcare. Denver Children's Advocacy Center is partnering with Re:Vision to offer their support through the promotoras model in the Westwood community. This resident-led approach employs and trains local resident leaders to cultivate relationships, increase access to local care, and create a community of support for mental health well-being.

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80,000

Denver residents and their families that grantee organizations intend to serve to provide innovative community-based mental health and/or substance misuse supports that prioritize access, equity, and community connections, and address stigma.

*“Build on existing community connections to support families—churches, rec centers, schools—find points of contact where families are and put supports in place and offer services there.”*  
- Community Member

100%

Grantee organizations that:

- Implement activities created with or by community members that will be served
- Utilize natural access points in community
- Partner with formal care providers or crisis systems for any higher-level needs identified

96%

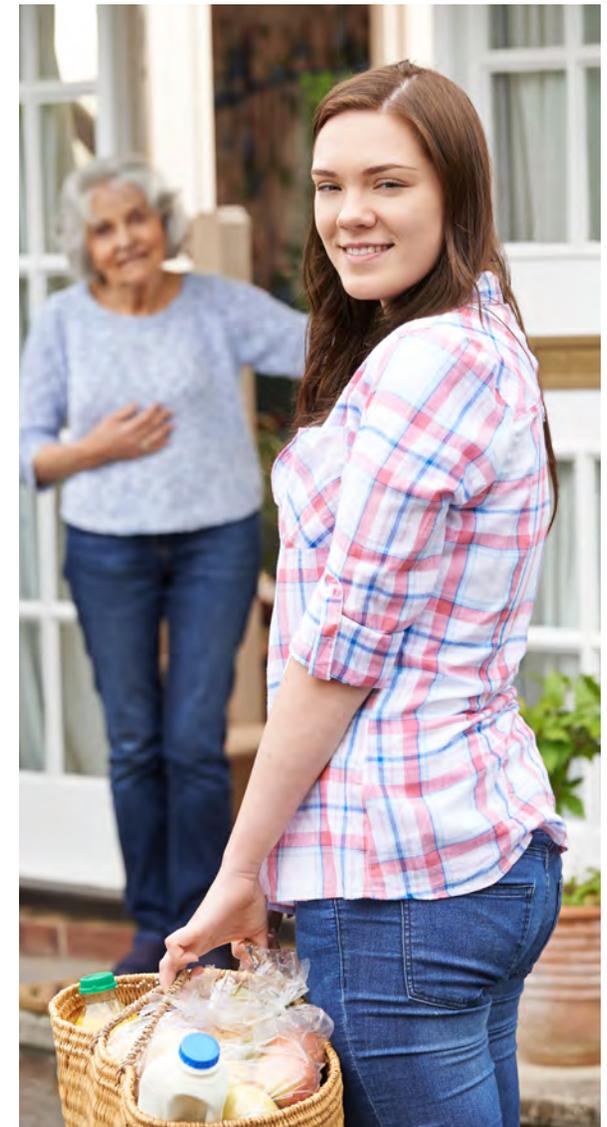
Grantee organizations that use language and approaches driven by culture.

72%

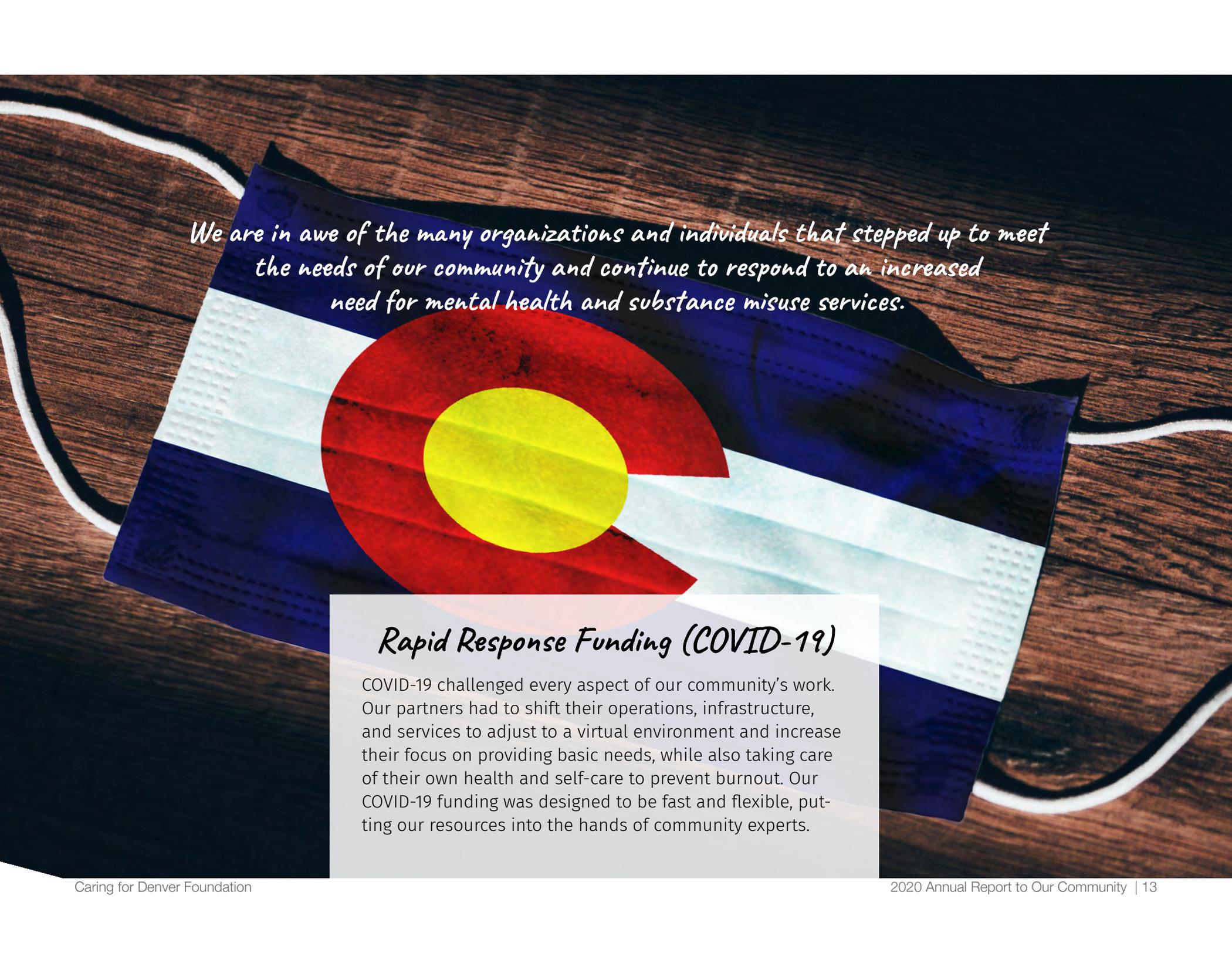
Grantee organizations that utilize peers/mentors with lived experience as part of their intervention.

77%

Funded projects that serve residents Citywide, with 23% targeting City Council districts 3 (Westwood), 8 (Northeast Park Hill), 9 (GES) and 11 (Montbello).



*“Supports are most successful when we are able to access them where we want, feel most safe and feel most comfortable.”*  
- Community Member



*We are in awe of the many organizations and individuals that stepped up to meet the needs of our community and continue to respond to an increased need for mental health and substance misuse services.*

### *Rapid Response Funding (COVID-19)*

COVID-19 challenged every aspect of our community's work. Our partners had to shift their operations, infrastructure, and services to adjust to a virtual environment and increase their focus on providing basic needs, while also taking care of their own health and self-care to prevent burnout. Our COVID-19 funding was designed to be fast and flexible, putting our resources into the hands of community experts.

# Grantee SPOTLIGHTS

*Rapid Response (COVID-19)*



## **Element of Discovery, Therapist of Color Collaborative**

COVID dramatically reduced office usage and income for recently established commercial operations, putting a strain on budgets. The Element of Discovery Therapist of Color Collaborative serves individuals of color with therapeutic services that are culturally responsive, culturally sensitive, trauma-informed, and delivered with compassion to advance racial equity in the mental health setting. Funding helped the group sustain their commercial lease, buy the software licenses needed for teletherapy, support training, and help offset staff expenses.

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## **Denver Indian Family Resource Center**

COVID created a higher need for food and housing security in under-resourced communities, and elevated the importance of self-care for employees in the organizations that serve them. The Denver Indian Family Resource Center serves as a single point of entry for comprehensive, intensive, and collaborative community-based services to American Indian and Alaska Native children and their caregivers. Funding helped the organization provide referrals to native therapists for families dealing with substance misuse and trauma, and wellness support for their own staff.

## **From the Heart**

COVID and our nation's reckoning with police brutality and racism challenged organizations to recalibrate programs for virtual settings, and increased the importance of adapting services to meet the community's mental health needs. From the Heart is a community organization that provides wellness and mental health services to create healthier lifestyles, restored hearts, togetherness and a strong sense of health and well-being. Funding helped support the organization's capacity to provide mental health services online and lead a 90-day campaign to meet the black community's changing needs in person and online.

## RAPID RESPONSE (COVID-19)

### WE WERE MADE FOR THIS.

The people of Denver created Caring for Denver Foundation to quickly respond to emerging mental health needs and substance misuse issues in our community.

We are designed and committed to building strong relationships and lowering barriers to funding so that our communities can take the lead in fostering solutions that work for them.

# \$1,005,000

Rapid response funding dollars that supported 36 community organizations so they could:

- Meet service needs without delay or interruption in care
- Meet new demands for care (increased or adapted needs)
- Focus on care, not fundraising
- Educate, keep safe, and keep connected to people at greater risk
- Support frontline staff with hazard pay, increased pay, sick time and self-care resources



# 100%

COVID-responsive funding grantees that reported Caring for Denver Foundation met immediate needs and provided flexibility for grantee decision making and leadership in their use of funds.

*Because Caring For Denver provided funds in the way you did and made it accessible, we were able to do the things that saved people's livelihoods and lives and kept us in a position to get through this and move forward.*

- Grantee

*This funding helped to send a message that "you're going to be ok" and that "the resources are here to help you take care of yourself to take care of others." Creating a culture of wellness during crisis is important.*

- Grantee

## WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED.

Our community prioritized two additional funding areas focused on Youth and Care Provision, which we will begin funding in 2021.

### YOUTH (AGES 0-26)

(Anticipated awards March 2021)

Denver youth are experiencing profound mental health challenges that put them at higher risk of mental health and substance misuse issues. Even before the pandemic, the share of high school students experiencing symptoms of clinical depression was on an upward trajectory, increasing to nearly 35% of students in 2019.<sup>4</sup> Our Youth funding area seeks to provide earlier and more resources for Denver's youth, to reduce crisis and increase resilience for coping with life stressors.

<sup>4</sup> Colorado Children's Campaign, (2020, August 8). 2019 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey results released. Retrieved February 8 2021, <https://www.coloradokids.org/2019-healthy-kids-colorado-survey-results-released>.

*"At school when I'm having a bad day, I want a small room where I can recollect or break down my thoughts and somewhere where I can talk to someone about what I'm going through."*

*- Community Member*

*"When a person's life or family is in chaos, it should not be chaotic to seek help or support. Helping agencies need to be welcoming and responsive to all communities."*

*- Community Member*

### CARE PROVISION

(Anticipated awards May 2021)

Twenty-three percent of Denverites cited not being able to get an appointment at the doctor's office or clinic as soon as one was needed.<sup>5</sup> Those seeking mental health and substance misuse services have an additional barrier of facing stigma, a major reason for going without care.<sup>6</sup> We released our Care Provision funding area in early 2021, with the goals of increasing trusted, accessible care that fits Denverites' needs; ensuring care providers have what they need to provide high-quality, culturally informed care; and facilitating more effective coordination between available resources to ensure the consumer comes first.

<sup>5</sup> Colorado Health Institute, (2021, January 29). 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey: Progress in Peril. Retrieved February 8 2021, <https://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/research/CHAS>.

<sup>6</sup> Colorado Health Institute, (2020, November 13). 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey: Behavioral Health. Retrieved February 8 2021, <https://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/research/2019-colorado-health-access-survey-behavioral-health>.

# STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

As we worked to put funds back into the Denver community this past year, we also spent several months developing our three-year strategic plan to clarify and guide our work as an organization (<http://bit.ly/C4Dplan>). This plan was approved by our Board in September 2020.

We are developing our workplan to ensure we can effectively operationalize goals, monitor our progress, and learn from our actions to build a trusted and sustainable organization.

This section provides highlights of our progress so far, serving as baseline information for our 2021 strategic workplan.

## Our Organizational Priorities

### *COMMUNITY AUTHORED AND DRIVEN*

We will work to establish community connection, build partnerships and trust, and elevate community voice in order to ensure work is community-authored and authentically driven.

### *ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRITY & STEWARDSHIP*

We will develop and implement practices and structures that promote consistency, reliability, and thought leadership in order to establish trust and credibility (both internally and externally), as well as demonstrate organizational accountability.

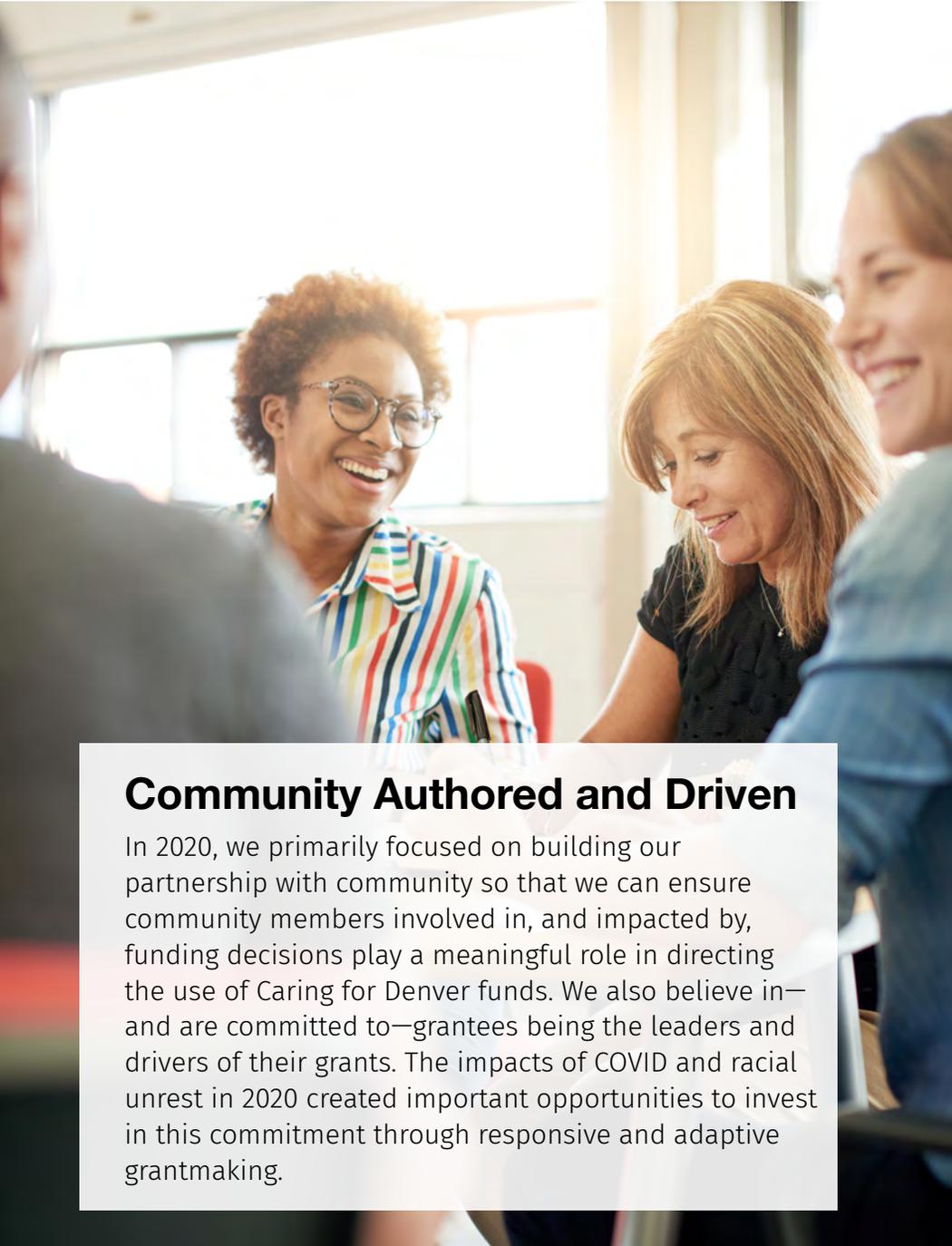
### *PROMOTE EQUITY*

We will work to ensure our funding and support moves Denver towards equitable opportunities where race, ethnicity, ability, immigration status, and identity can no longer be used to predict life outcomes.

### *DEMONSTRATE MEANINGFUL ACTION AND LEARNING*

We will become a leading voice and influencer in addressing Denver's mental health and substance misuse needs, demonstrating how efforts have turned Denver's desire to help into meaningful action and driven strategic insights for increasing future impact.





## Community Authored and Driven

In 2020, we primarily focused on building our partnership with community so that we can ensure community members involved in, and impacted by, funding decisions play a meaningful role in directing the use of Caring for Denver funds. We also believe in—and are committed to—grantees being the leaders and drivers of their grants. The impacts of COVID and racial unrest in 2020 created important opportunities to invest in this commitment through responsive and adaptive grantmaking.

“It was such a breath of fresh air and a weight lifted off my shoulders. I was literally crying—they actually understand these are the needs and we can’t afford to wait and do a bunch of paperwork to get the support. I was thinking oh my gosh—they get it! Caring For Denver is so refreshing.”

- Grantee

We partnered with **190 community members** via interviews, advisory board meetings, and surveys for advice and insights around funding area goals and priorities. Their feedback was incorporated into our calls for funding proposals. These numbers include **52 youth partners** who worked with us to inform our youth call for proposals.

Additionally, **18 community members** were involved as grant review insight partners in 2020, helping the foundation better understand current local context in our released funding areas and providing feedback on what key characteristics should be prioritized in grantmaking decisions.

We also participated in at least **68 conversations and presentations**, many via invitation from the community, to develop relationships and grow the organization’s thought leadership role. Nearly 20% of these engagements were in support of City departments and initiatives, 38% were with nonprofit organizations, and 12% were with other Foundations. The remaining engagements included a diverse mix of academic leaders, business groups, coalitions and taskforces, and media outlets.

## Building our foundation

To ensure operational reliability and consistency, we built an online grants management system in 2020 and continue to refine it as we learn what works best for our community. We also monitored and met the terms of our contractual agreement with the City and County of Denver, completed recommendations from the City Auditor, and met the requirements of our Amended and Restated Conflict of Interest Policy.

## Sharing our resources

We built diverse media channels to reach across Denver in the last half of the year. We shared our funding opportunities and elevated community voices and resources through our website, social media channels, and monthly email. Caring For Denver was also covered in 21 earned media stories (<http://bit.ly/C4Dnews>), including both written and video content.

## Listening to our partners

Community members recommended we use Facebook Live to share our funding opportunities, and it is one of our most useful outreach tools. These events foster real-time conversations, support community engagement, and inform our Frequently Asked Questions (<http://bit.ly/C4Dfaqs>).

Our Board of Directors also provided important feedback for how we work and grew in their leadership role for the foundation. In 2021 they have asked to prioritize more opportunities to forge relationships with each other so they can better welcome diverse perspectives and ensure all perspectives are valued equally.

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## Integrity and Stewardship

We spent considerable time in 2020 building practices and procedures that promote consistency and reliability and building community awareness of the Foundation and its role as a valuable resource. We also focused on learning about and utilizing the expertise of the Foundation's Board and staff.

*"The taxpayers should know that money being sent to Caring for Denver is in good hands. They are working hard to be nimble and responsive to community needs and because of this it's made the difference in life and death for a lot of people."*

- Grantee

2,159

Views of our two Facebook Live events, with 274 reactions, comments, and shares.

*"Caring for Denver is really trying to engage community and meet community where they are at. It's a powerful thing and really great to see."*

- Grantee

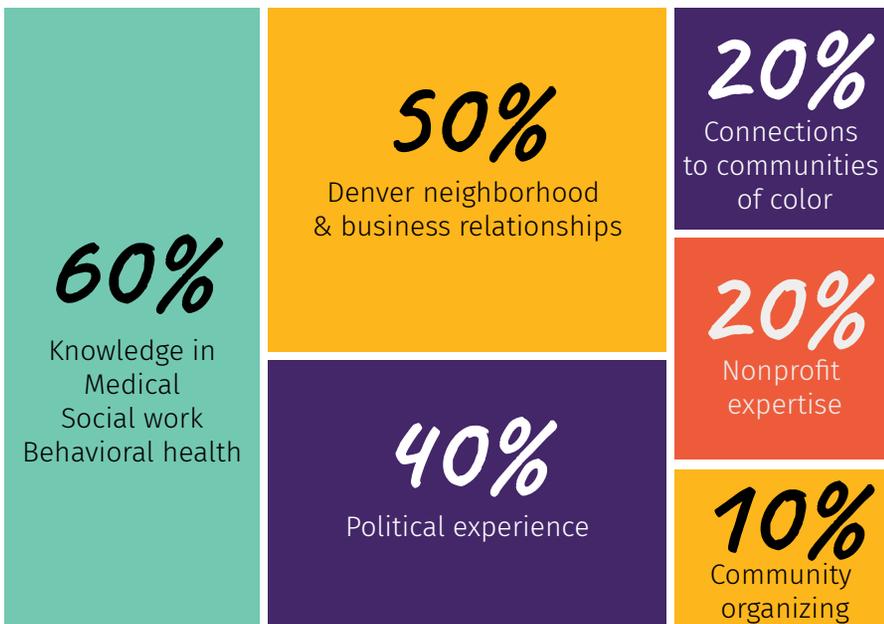
100%

Board members that reported their time is well used as a board member.

100%

Board and community members that reported Caring for Denver's Executive Director meets or exceeds expectations for critical thinking, modeling integrity and ethics, and driving for results.

BOARD EXPERTISE



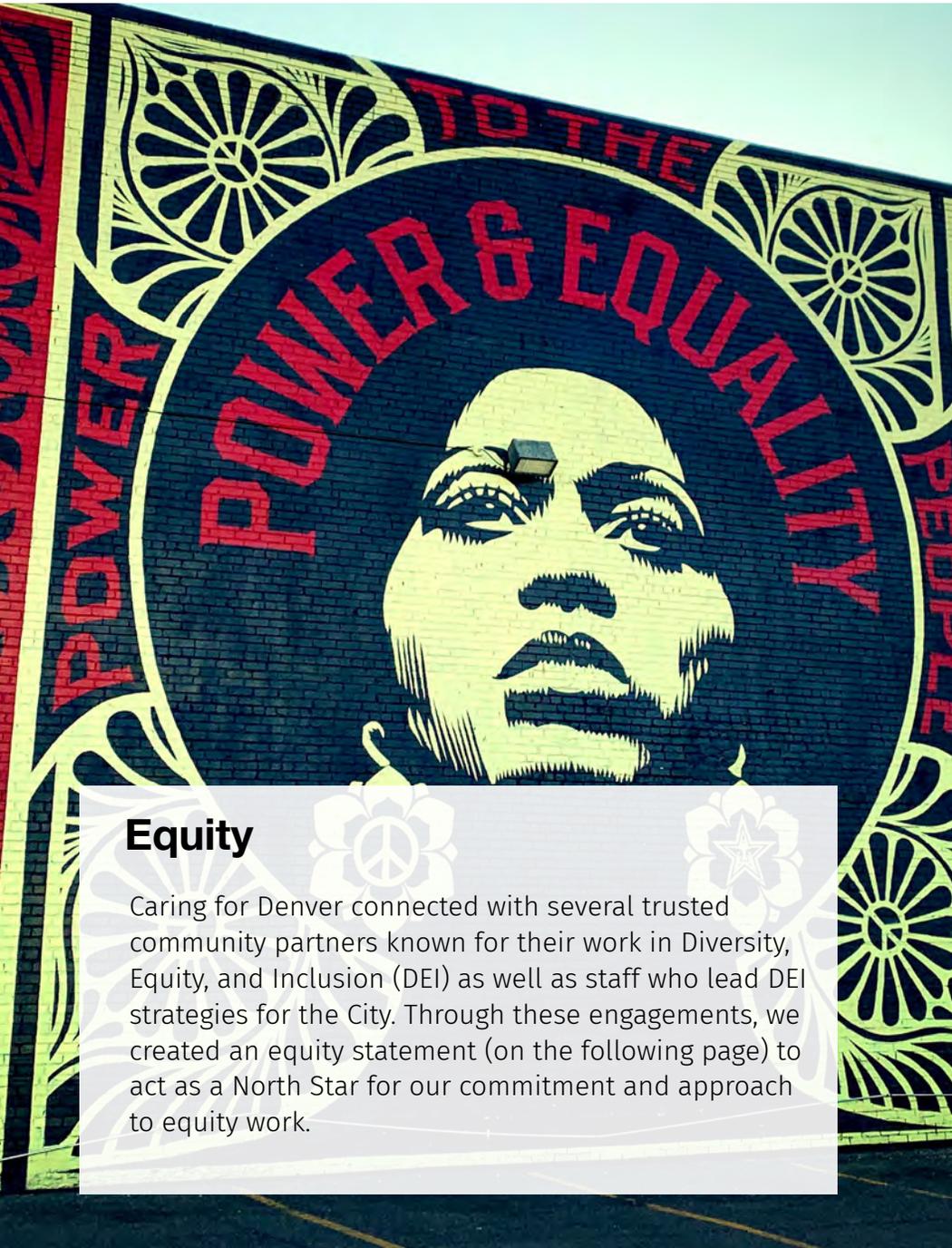
EXPANDING OUR REACH

Formal tracking of media reach and impressions began in the 4th quarter with the following positive results:



Facebook Instagram Twitter LinkedIn Email

	Facebook	Instagram	Twitter	LinkedIn	Email
Oct	177	N/A	1,314	N/A	1,313
Nov	5,839	2,735	2,207	535	1,330
Dec	6,698	3,318	7,124	767	1,557



## Equity

Caring for Denver connected with several trusted community partners known for their work in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) as well as staff who lead DEI strategies for the City. Through these engagements, we created an equity statement (on the following page) to act as a North Star for our commitment and approach to equity work.

## WE WON'T STOP.

In support of addressing equity in grantmaking, we prioritized investing in capacity building and technical assistance to further support diverse organizations in implementing effective and sustainable work in community. We began a pilot project in October 2020 with the Latino Coalition For Community Leadership (LCCL) to provide one year of capacity building support to eight Alternatives to Jail grantee organizations. LCCL works directly with community organizations who have a strong attachment to the community, and has expertise supporting organizations working in the criminal justice field. LCCL is partnering closely with these grantees to individually identify and to support growth in organizational capacities such as organizational culture, data systems, performance management, resource development, and community partnerships. Learnings from this project, gathered in 2021, will help guide our investments in future capacity building supports for grantees.

We have also focused on designing and implementing evaluation practices that support values of equitable grantmaking<sup>7</sup>. Our systems promote grantee leadership and expertise, partnering with grantees to define their own measures of success and definitions of progress so that evaluation is meaningful for both the grantee and the Foundation. Our learning process also supports grantees in partnering with us to adapt their projects for greater impact as their work progresses. We will continue to build and refine evaluation structures that allow the Foundation to be deep listeners and learning partners with grantees, and that put the grantee first.

<sup>7</sup> Equitable Evaluation Initiative, The Equitable Evaluation Framework™. Retrieved February 8 2021, <https://www.equitableeval.org/ee-framework>

## OUR EQUITY STATEMENT

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.

We recognize that the power is in taking bold action. Our ongoing efforts must elevate the voices of those impacted and repair the historical trauma and oppression. Our work has only just begun.

The impact of living under social conditions that include racism, sexism, heterosexism, homophobia, ageism, ableism, xenophobia, or any other form of oppression has a direct effect on the mental health and wellbeing of the individuals within a community. Whether these conditions be historic or present-day, we all have a part to play in dismantling the systems of inequity that are harmful to our larger society.

Driven by the voices of community, Caring for Denver Foundation will work through our grantmaking, evaluation, community engagement, and communication initiatives to push impact together in the pursuit of equity. We will seek guidance, perspective, and insights always.

## Meaningful Action and Learning

As part of our strategic plan we are invested in sharing our progress and impact with the community. Lists of funded projects, and project goals, are available on our website and as an appendix in this document. For more information on our approach to learning, see our [2020-23 Strategic Plan](#).

With funding starting mid-year 2020, we will begin formally sharing grant progress and impact in 2021. We will continue to collect data related to our COVID responsive grantmaking initiative through March 2021, and a progress and learning update from our first round of Alternatives to Jail funding will be made available by the second quarter of 2021.

## SUPPORT TEAM ASSISTED RESPONSE (STAR)



At least 50% of individuals in our jails have at least one or two diagnosed mental health conditions. STAR diverts people away from the justice system and into care.

Photo courtesy of the Denver Police Department.

### LEARN MORE

#### Should Police Respond to Mental Health Crises?

Crisis intervention teams dispatch trained behavioral health professionals as first responders, and it's working. Watch the video: <https://www.freethink.com/videos/crisis-intervention>. (Freethink, 2020, September 12. Retrieved March 12, 2021).

### ZERO ARRESTS.

Police are often left responding to mental health crises, even though they don't have the time, the training, or the resources to do so.

Caring for Denver funded the Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) pilot, which connects nonviolent 9-1-1 calls with a mobile unit that includes a mental-health clinician and a paramedic.

Over the first six months of the pilot, Denver received more than 2,500 emergency calls that were in the STAR program's purview, and the STAR team was able to respond to 748 calls, averaging to six calls a day.

None of those cases required help from Denver police and no individuals were arrested.

According to a Denver Police Department report, expanding the program could reduce police calls by nearly three percent. Based on the success of this pilot, the City has allocated \$1.4 million to expand its reach.

# 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](#). Below is our grants list.

Six types of services and programs eligible for funding across our grant areas:



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.



Other - Capacity-Building

The following list shows grantees by funding area with their funding amounts, proposed outcomes, and ordinance areas addressed (identified by the preceding icons).

## ALTERNATIVES TO JAIL

Alternatives to Jail grantees chose from three proposed outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

These descriptions are provided in the grant detail below.

### 5280 High School

\$275,000 over 2 years for the Summit Program to serve students in recovery from addiction by providing a strong pro-social peer community, specialized recovery supports, and an engaging educational environment. This grant will expand this

new program to serve more students in Denver, including those with engagement in the legal system. The initial outcomes for this recovery program show great success in providing the environment and support teenagers need to remain clean and sober, and progress towards high school graduation.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado

\$418,224 over 3 years to provide support to brain injury survivors who are incarcerated in Denver County Jail through screening, psychoeducation curriculum, accommodations, and re-entry support. This project will increase the well-being, resiliency, and independence of brain injury survivors who are justice-involved and ultimately reduce recidivism among repeat offenders. As the majority of individuals incarcerated are brain injury survivors, this organization is uniquely positioned to address their unique needs, filling gaps left by the criminal justice system.

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Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **The Center for Trauma & Resilience**

\$563,220 over 1 year to 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 in partnership with B-Konnected and Tribe Recovery Services.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **City and County of Denver - County Court**

\$600,000 over 2 years 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 ultimate 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.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports
- Reduce entry

Ordinance Areas:



### **City and County of Denver - Denver Police Department**

\$208,141 over 1 year to adapt and pilot Eugene, Oregon's community response program for Denver in partnership with Mental Health Center of Denver. This program, Support Team Assisted Response (STAR), is designed to provide mobile crisis response to mental health or substance misuse situations that do not require law enforcement response.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry

Ordinance Areas:



### **City and County of Denver - Denver Police Department**

\$1,762,405 over 1 year to expand the existing co-responder program, also known as Crisis Intervention Response Unit in partnership with Mental Health Center for Denver.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry

Ordinance Areas:



### **City and County of Denver - Denver Sheriff**

\$340,000 over 1 year for case management services at the jails in Denver to 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 will 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.

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Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **City and County of Denver - Department of Public Safety - Youth Programs**

\$539,000 over 3 years for the R.O.C.K. Project to expand access to community, school, home and telehealth substance use and mental health services in far Northeast Denver and Southwest Denver. 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.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **City and County of Denver - District Attorney's Office**

\$300,000 over 1 year to support the Denver District Attorney Adult Diversion's integrated focus 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.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **Colorado Circles for Change**

\$300,000 over 2 years 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 in partnership with Denver Safe City Youth Diversion and Lookout Mountain Youth Services residential facility. The organization does this by providing trauma informed, cul-

turally rooted, transformational healing programs that include restorative justice, gender specific rites of passage, one-on-one mentoring and re-entry support to youth of color in Denver.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**

\$194,923 over 1 year for the Housing First As Alternative to Jail Program, created in 2016 through a partnership between this organization and the City and County of Denver. The aim of the program is to divert 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. This proposal adds mental health and substance misuse capacity to the program.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

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Ordinance Areas:



### **DASHR - Denver Alliance for Street Health Response (Trailhead Institute fiscal sponsor)**

\$17,000 over 6 months to provide community facilitation for the Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) pilot program in Denver. Facilitation will include communication with membership, scheduling meetings, community outreach, and managing logistics.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **The Delores Project**

\$164,378 over 2 years for the Community Transitions Program to assist women and transgender individuals who are experiencing homelessness following release from corrections and jails. This organization 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.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **Denver Fire Department**

\$24,246 over 1 year for Emergency Medical Services (Denver Health Paramedics and Denver Fire Department) 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.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry

Ordinance Areas:



### **The Empowerment Program**

\$165,023 over 1 year for Still They Rise, a community-based expansion of the Jail Based Behavioral Health Services Recovery in a Secure Environment 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.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



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

\$253,000 over 1 year to help people who inject drugs avoid negative interactions with law enforcement, connect them to services including mental health/substance use treatment/basic needs, pro-

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vide resources for people involved in the legal system (secure storage space, phone use, and a mailing address), and train persons who inject drugs on safe use, personal advocacy, and crisis mitigation. Since 2002, this organization has been Colorado's largest public health agency, specifically working with people who inject drugs. It serves a population that has long been stigmatized, marginalized, and underserved.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism

Ordinance Areas:



### **Life-Line Colorado (Latino Coalition for Community Leadership fiscal sponsor)**

\$600,000 over 2 years for the Urban Impact program to 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 and programs serving at-risk youth. The program consists of a presentation and a 5-week curriculum delivered in the identified schools. Additionally, 10-12 students, identified through a collaborative process, are assigned to a case manager. Each student will receive

one-on-one support throughout the year, with students engaging in no less than 3 meetings each week.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **Make A Chess Move**

\$150,000 over 3 years for the new Make a Compassion Move program to provide 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 organization’s office. The essence of the approach is: (1) positive social orientation, (2) a positive peer group, and (3) realistic planning of pro-social activities. The program is 75% curriculum and 25% case management to help with re-entry into school.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism

Ordinance Areas:



### **Mile High Behavioral Healthcare**

\$274,969 over 2 years to expand and enhance two Court to Community programs for justice-system-involved individuals. Through these programs, the organization 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. The organization’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.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

Ordinance Areas:



### **Second Chance Center**

\$450,000 over 3 years to serve 850-1,000 Denver residents each year with recovery programming: mental health care, one-on-one addictions counseling, individual and

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group mentoring, support groups, acute detox, and cognitive behavioral change; plus extensive supportive services, including housing and employment. The strength of the organization's peer support model lies in having "criminal justice insiders" on staff who have walked the same difficult path. The organization 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.

### Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

### Ordinance Areas:



### Servicios de La Raza

\$497,112 over 1 year to provide culturally and linguistically responsive behavioral health treatment and interventions services to medium- to high-risk population before, during, navigating, and after criminal justice involvement. The program will also provide trauma-informed care, peer support, case management, in addition supports for employment, housing, and linkages to community recovery supports and resources. The long-term goals of the project are reduced recidivism, increased

social connectedness, and the ability to make decisions that promote their recovery.

### Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

### Ordinance Areas:



### Sobriety House, Inc.

\$169,819 over 1 year to partner with Denver Health to activate their 3.7 ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) level of care to provide medically managed substance use disorder treatment. This partnership will enhance Denver's ability to connect people to care from hospitals and incarceration.

### Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

### Ordinance Areas:



### Tribe Recovery Homes (The Center for Trauma & Resilience fiscal sponsor)

\$920,000 over 2 years to provide 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. The organization 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.

### Proposed Outcomes:

- Reduce entry
- Reduce recidivism
- Increase post-release supports

### Ordinance Areas:



## COMMUNITY-CENTERED SOLUTIONS

Community-Centered Solutions grantees chose from three proposed outcomes:

- **Increased connections** to and use of social networks and relationships that reduce isolation
- **Greater public visibility** around mental health and substance misuse that reduces stigma and/or increases understanding and supportive actions by community members
- **Increased use of supports** meeting people where they are that address mental health and/or substance misuse needs in community

These descriptions are shortened in the grant detail below.

### Benefits in Action (Colorado Nonprofit Development Center fiscal sponsor)

\$102,500 over 2 years for the Connectedness Program to grow a community-centered approach to mental wellness for older adults. The program conducts weekly check-ins and peer-support groups to support socially isolated older adults.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### The Center for African American Health

\$568,925 over 2 years to implement a community-informed behavioral health program that supports increased access both physically and virtually to needed services in partnership with Elements of Discovery.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### Centro Humanitario

\$230,000 over 3 years to increase the organization's capacity to promote a culture of care that addresses acute challenges that immigrant and low-wage workers experience related to trauma, substance misuse, stress, and other mental health issues.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### CHARG Resource Center

\$300,000 over 3 years to serve adults with serious mental illnesses in Denver using a consumer-driven, community-focused model to guide and provide services in support of lives in recovery.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



### Cleo Parker Robinson Dance

\$65,000 over 1 year for Dancing Diaries, a multigenerational, creative embodiment program that will amplify the benefits of journaling by combining movement with reflection, introspection, and peer-to-peer exchange to improve mental wellness.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



**Colorado Artists in Recovery (CrossPurpose fiscal sponsor)**

\$165,915 over 3 years to provide safe space for people seeking recovery support through peer-led art, music, and creative expression opportunities. The organization will nurture the creative spirit and build a sense of community rooted in the principles of recovery.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



**Colorado Gerontological Society**

\$194,794 over 2 years to reduce isolation and depression in older adults through the use of a telephone buddy who reaches out to an older adult once or twice a week. They share time, bring a sense of purpose, and a human touch.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



**Colorado Village Collaborative**

\$383,155 over 2 years to integrate programming into services for previously unsheltered individuals by providing on-site access to peer supports/mentoring, group therapy including art therapy, and clinicians via telehealth services.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



**D3 Arts (West Community Economic Development Corporation fiscal sponsor)**

\$150,000 over 3 years for the Full Circle program, an integrative recovery program designed to promote sobriety, wellbeing, cultural grounding and creative rediscovery. The organization will provide a platform for adults and youth to recover their true selves.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports
- Greater public visibility

Ordinance Areas:



**Denver Children's Advocacy Center**

\$488,647 over 3 years to expand the promotoras model in collaboration with Re:Vision in the Westwood community. This resident-led approach employs and trains local resident leaders to cultivate relationships and create a community of support.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



**Denver Public Library Friends Foundation**

\$382,613 over 2 years to support 8,400 people experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges with mobile vehicles, technology for telehealth appointments, wellness programming, and partnership.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



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### The Don't Look Back Center

\$174,726 over 3 years for the Look Forward program to professionalize and sustain the habilitation and outreach programs for women and transwomen who are exiting incarceration or getting off the streets.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



### Envision: You (Out Front Foundation fiscal sponsor)

\$71,589 over 1 year for a City-wide campaign to encourage the LGBTQ+ community to seek support to address mental health and substance use concerns, while training for behavioral health clinicians will enhance the delivery of affirming, culturally relevant care.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



### The Gathering Place

\$161,053 over 3 years to expand peer navigation services to establish a trauma-informed Peer Recovery Program that supports women and transgender individuals who are experiencing poverty/homelessness, and mental health, addiction and substance use/misuse.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



### La Cocina

\$383,595 over 3 years to support Cultura Cura Belly, a Latinx program integrating doula care, belly-casting art therapy, and bilingual (Spanish-English) narrative psychotherapy as recovery and healing support for Latinx pregnant womxn recovering from trauma and substance misuse.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### Mirror Image Arts

\$71,567 over 2 years to facilitate a 32-week program that uses interactive theatre to build trust, self-awareness, and explore healthy relationships in partnership with Third Way Center.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



### Montbello Organizing Committee

\$597,000 over 2 years for the Montbello Mental Health Circle to provide culturally-responsive community-based mental health services; develop supports for peer counselors and community mentors; and reduce stigma associated with accessing mental health support and services.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



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### PlatteForum

\$30,000 over 1 year to support arts programming for teens from historically marginalized populations that incorporates social-emotional support and skill development. The organization collaborates with mental health experts to create programming content.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### Project Helping

\$30,000 over 1 year for the Kynd Life program to expand capacity to serve Denver residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing meaningful volunteer experiences designed to improve mental wellness and social connections.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### Sisters of Color United for Education

\$227,070 over 1 year to create a series of culturally relevant modules for promotoras and partners in Westwood and Park Hill to increase protective factors to overcome systemic barriers and cycles of substance misuse and trauma.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### Sober AF Entertainment

\$123,237 over 2 years for the Sober AF City program to cultivate a Denver recovery community of people who are not reached by traditional recovery programming. The organization will partner with recovery organizations to put on sober events utilizing peers.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### The Storytellers Project (The Hadanou Collective fiscal sponsor)

\$153,400 over 2 years to provide opportunities for graduates of the Breaking Chains Building Bonds program for formerly incarcerated people and their families to practice and make habit of self-care and healthy coping skills.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



### Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center

\$166,966 over 3 years to raise awareness and to provide support to people dealing with mental health challenges, substance misuse, and trauma through theater and facilitated community dialogue.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



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### Think 360 Arts for Learning

\$118,161 over 3 years for the Creative Aging program to increase access to community-focused mental health supports for older adults through high-caliber arts engagement. The program inspires creativity, increases social connection, and improves mental well-being.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



### Vive Wellness

\$297,066 over 2 years for the Vive con Bienestar program that addresses Latino mental health through the balance between emotional, physical and social wellness. The organization's innovative programming upholds cultural beliefs and traditions from the community.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Greater public visibility
- Increased connections

Ordinance Areas:



### Youth Seen

\$154,440 over 2 years for the Peer-Led Support groups, providing increased access to peer-led mental health and sobriety support groups for the QTBIPOC/LGBTQ+ community.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Increased connections
- Increased use of supports

Ordinance Areas:



### RESPONSIVE/INNOVATIVE Latino Coalition for Community Leadership

\$234,652 over 1 year to support and develop eight marginalized community and/or faith-based organizations reflective of the marginalized communities they serve to address the adverse impact and needs of people at the intersect of uncontrolled behavioral health issues and criminal justice involvement.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Capacity-building for organizations focused on mental health and substance misuse

Ordinance Areas:



### RESPONSIVE/INNOVATIVE - COVID-19 RESPONSE

All Responsive/Innovative - COVID-19 Response grantees had the following proposed outcome:

- Quick response to emerging mental health needs and substance misuse issues in our communities to support them as they address the growing impacts of the current pandemic

### Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization (Trailhead Institute fiscal sponsor)

\$30,000 over 6 months in recognition that the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are in part the result of a larger experience of trauma faced by the Black community, funds were provided to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs in the Black community in Denver.

Ordinance Areas:



### Asian Pacific Development Center (Denver)

\$10,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk

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populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **Catholic Charities of Denver**

\$25,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

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\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **The Center for African American Health**

\$45,000 over 6 months in recognition that the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are in part the result of a larger experience of trauma faced by the Black community, funds were provided to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs in the Black community in Denver.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **The Center for Trauma & Resilience**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **The Center on Colfax**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **CHARG Resource Center**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **Colorado Black Health Collaborative**

\$25,000 over 6 months in recognition that the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are in part the result of a larger experience of trauma faced by the Black community, funds were provided to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs in the Black community in Denver.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**

\$25,000 over 6 months to ensure safe-

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Ordinance Areas:



### **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



### **Colorado Health Network, Inc.**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



Caring for Denver Foundation

### **Colorado Village Collaborative**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



### **Crowley Foundation Inc**

\$45,000 over 6 months in recognition that the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are in part the result of a larger experience of trauma faced by the Black community, funds were provided to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs in the Black community in Denver.

Ordinance Areas:



### **The Delores Project**

\$25,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



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\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



### **Denver Indian Family Resource Center**

\$45,000 over 6 months in recognition of the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the larger experience of trauma faced by the Indian/tribal communities, funds will be used to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs in the Indian/tribal community in Denver in Denver.

Ordinance Areas:



### **Denver Rescue Mission**

\$25,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring

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for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **Denver Rescue Mission**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **Elements of Discovery - Therapist of Color Collaborative (Latino Coalition for Community Leadership fiscal sponsor)**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:  

Caring for Denver Foundation

### **The Empowerment Program**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **Friends of the Haven**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **From the Heart Enterprises (Trailhead Institute fiscal sponsor)**

\$25,000 over 6 months in recognition that the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are in part the result of a larger experience of trauma faced by the Black community, funds were provided to ad-

dress mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs in the Black community in Denver.

Ordinance Areas: 

### **The Gathering Place**

\$25,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas: 

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Ordinance Areas: 

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

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



**Khesed Wellness, a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Life-Line Colorado (Latino Coalition for Community Leadership fiscal sponsor)**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance

misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Maria Droste Counseling Center**

\$10,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Mile High Behavioral Healthcare**

\$10,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Rose Anodom Center**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Saint Francis Center**

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Ordinance Areas:



**The Salvation Army Intermountain Division**

\$25,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



**Seasoned With Grace UnBoxed (The Center for Trauma & Resilience fiscal sponsor)**

\$20,000 over 6 months in recognition that the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are in part the result of a larger experience of trauma faced by the Black community, funds were provided to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs in the Black community in Denver.

Ordinance Areas:



**Servicios de La Raza**

Caring for Denver Foundation

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



**Sobriety House, Inc.**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



**Struggle of Love Foundation**

\$25,000 over 6 months in recognition that the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are in part the result of a larger experience of trauma faced by the Black community, funds were provided to address mental health, substance misuse, and trauma needs in the Black community in Denver.

Ordinance Areas:



**Tribe Recovery Homes**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



**Urban Peak**

\$25,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



### **Volunteers of America Colorado Branch**

\$25,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



### **Volunteers of America Colorado Branch**

\$20,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net providers on the frontlines caring for the critically ill and homeless populations have resources necessary to support the self-care of their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ordinance Areas:



### **Youth Seen**

Caring for Denver Foundation

\$10,000 over 6 months to ensure safety-net mental health and substance misuse service providers serving at-risk populations have the operational resources necessary to meet the community's ongoing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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