



Alternatives to Jail 2021 Grants

In 2021, Caring for Denver approved 14 grants totaling more than \$8.6 million to community organizations and City of Denver agencies to prevent individuals struggling with substance misuse and mental health distress from entering or re-entering the criminal justice system. Grants will support programs that help appropriately move Denver from a criminal justice response to a public health, trauma, mental health and substance misuse crisis response.

CrossPurpose – CrossPurpose Program Enhancements: Leaders Involved in the Justice System

To provide access to mental health services through a licensed mental health professional or sessions with a trained peer who will focus on socio-emotional health and well-being. All programming is through a trauma-informed lens.

crosspurpose.org

The Empowerment Program – Tooley Hall Program Support

To hire peer support specialists at the newly opening Tooley Hall community corrections facility.

empowermentprogram.org

Heavy Hands Heavy Hearts Foundation – Glovez Up, Gunz Down

To help 100 African American and Latino youth and adults develop skills and resilience to avoid, reduce, or stop high-risk behaviors by providing a variety of recreational therapeutic activities and ongoing support, teaching them healthier ways to fight through challenges.

facebook.com/heavyhandsheavyheartcenter

Mile High WorkShop – Therapeutic and Peer-Led Non-Clinical Support for Individuals Struggling with Substance Use and/or Mental Health Challenges

For trained, peer-led supports to help participants overcome barriers to employment due to substance misuse, mental health challenges, homelessness, and/or incarceration through hands-on job and life skills training.

milehighworkshop.org

Movement 5280 – Keeping Denver’s Young Persons Experiencing Homelessness Out of Jail

For substance misuse peers to provide a “family of support” to young people who aged out of foster care in order to reduce substance misuse and recidivism.

movement5280.org

ParadigmONE – Denver Sober Housing and Peer Support

For sober structured housing and a unique model of peer support to engage individuals involved in justice system to divert them away from incarceration and achieve lasting recovery from substance misuse and mental health.

paradigmone.org

SOAR - Seeing Our Adolescents Rise – Adventure-Based Therapeutic Services as an Alternative to Jail

For a formal adventure-based therapy program to address trauma and mental health needs for youth leaving the juvenile justice system

soarcolorado.org

Sims-Fayola Foundation – Empowered Ambition Youth Development Program

For this social-emotional and character development curriculum designed to equip young men in 4th through 12th grades with the skills needed to make their futures look like their dreams.

sffoundation.org

The Storytellers Project – Breaking Chains Building Bonds

For this intergenerational program designed to heal the wounds of incarceration for formerly incarcerated parents and their children and/or justice involved youth and their families. Families bond and learn through workshops in spoken word, art, storytelling, and mindfulness.

storytellersprojectart.org

Tribe Recovery Homes – The Pretrial Peer Connect Program (PPC)

For a new collaborative project that will provide peer navigators to support clients as they go through pretrial services. When clients are released from custody after hours/at night, peer navigators will connect with these individuals to assist them with crisis intervention and connection to behavioral health services.

triberecoveryhomes.com

City and County of Denver - Denver Police Department – DPD Co-Responder Expansion

To continue the existing co-responder program in place during the day and expand the program by adding a nightshift team of clinicians, a clinical supervisor, and a Denver Police Department case manager supervisor to provide 24/7 coverage to areas of highest need.

denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/police-department.html

City and County of Denver - Department of Public Health & Environment – Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) Program Expansion

To increase the areas of coverage of the STAR Program by increasing the number of EMT/Behavioral Health Clinician Teams and to increase the effectiveness of the engagements with people in need by providing linkages to short-term assistance and long-term follow-up care.

denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Public-Health-Environment

City and County of Denver - District Attorney's Office – Denver DA Adult Diversion

To provide culturally competent services that repair the harm caused by crime to victims and the community, increase social competency skills of offenders, and help to reduce the likelihood of further involvement in the court system.

denverda.org

City and County of Denver - Office of the Municipal Public Defender – Denver's Front Door to Procedural Justice

To encourage justice system diversion and recovery by providing wraparound services (including behavioral health navigation, comprehensive case management, and peer support) to hard-to-reach clients eligible for indigent defense.

denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Office-of-the-Municipal-Public-Defender