



Community-Centered Solutions 2021 Grants

In 2021, Caring for Denver Foundation approved 18 grants totaling more than \$4.1 million to community-based nonprofit organizations and departments within the City and County of Denver in the Community-Centered Solutions priority area.

A Little Help – A Little Help for Older Adults’ Mental Health

To reduce social isolation and address mental health challenges for older adults in Denver using its trusted neighbors volunteer model.

alittlehelp.org

Archway Communities – Critical Time Intervention Case Manager at Archway Communities

To hire a full-time employee for the Mental Health and Substance Misuse Support project who will specialize in working with individuals with mental health and substance misuse needs at the Cornerstone Residences, a 47-unit permanent supportive housing community.

archwaycommunities.org

The Center on Colfax – Expanding Peer Mental Health Support for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Individuals

To improve the mental health of Denver’s transgender and gender-diverse communities by expanding its peer-led support group program. The Center will recruit diverse facilitators, provide training and compensation, and hire a new staff member to oversee the program.

lgbtqcolorado.org

Colorado Changemakers Collective – Raíces de Maíz: Promotoras Promoviendo la Salud Mental

To provide mental health resources, training/education, and support for promotoras, who are trusted community members who will increase access to mental health resources in the Montbello Latino/a community.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – Staffing for off-hours mental health emergencies

To assist residents with mental health emergencies during off hours, reducing the need for police intervention and providing additional support to clients who often need assistance during evening and weekend hours.

coloradocoalition.org

Community Outreach Service Center Inc – Charitys House Community Centered Peer Connectors

For the Community Centered Peer Connectors Network to expand the peer-to-peer connector program for the existing Charity House Affordable Housing units and a new development opening in 2022.

Conectoras de Montbello – Conectoras de Montbello

Utilizing a family centered approach, Conectoras will support older adults in Far Northeast Denver so they thrive in community through connection to community, social opportunities, phone calls and provider resources to reduce social isolation and address their mental well-being.

conectorasdemontbello.com

Crowley Foundation Inc – Capacity Building, boys2MEN Programs & Community WRAP

Expand mental health programming offered to males/youth of color by integrating mental health supports, including Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) workshops and access to therapists and substance misuse counselors, and better equip caregivers with the wellness, resilience and coping tools.

crowleycollegeprep.com

Culinary Hospitality Outreach and Wellness Inc – Mental Health & SUD Support for Hospitality Workers
To expand mental health trainings, increase outreach efforts, add peer support staff, and continue the development of workshop curriculum to increase access to a peer community with authentic lived experience and trusted local services and resources.
chowco.org

Harm Reduction Action Center – Harm Reduction Action Center's Drop In- the only Community Based Space for People Who Use Drugs in Denver
For the expansion of direct service provision, training and educational resources, syringe access programming, and connections to mental health and substance misuse care for underserved communities in Denver.
harmreductionactioncenter.org

Latino Cultural Arts Center – Ofrendas: Stories of Loss and Resilience
For Ofrendas, a series of workshops in celebration of the ancient and contemporary Mesoamerican traditions that make up Día de los Muertos. Workshops provide education about trauma, grief and mental health through creative partnerships with therapists and artists to build altars and build community.
lcac-denver.org

Lifespan Local – Caring for Westwood
To increase access and cultural fit of services by expanding intergenerational, community-driven, and culturally relevant mental health and substance misuse services to support the well-being of parents, youth, and elders in Southwest Denver.
lifespan.org

Para ti Mujer – Community Mothers/Promotoras
For mental health improvement workshops with wrap-around supports (including mental health counseling, peer support groups, and case management) for Latina woman and their families to improve participant mental health, social capital, self-sufficiency, and empowerment.
paratimujer.org

Righteous Rage Institute for Healing and Social Institute – RRI: “To Heal A People” SoulJourney Healing Justice Project
To create healing opportunities and develop a centralized space for BIPOC communities to learn about, access, practice, and build community to address trauma, mental health, and substance misuse rooted in racial distress.
righteousrageinstitute.org

Rose Andom Center – Improving Mental/Behavioral Health Access for Domestic Violence Victims
To establish a trauma-informed and culturally attuned approach to substance misuse and a substance misuse/mental health integrative screening and intervention for domestic violence survivors.
roseandomcenter.org

Saint Francis Center – Same-day mental health and substance misuse interventions for adults who are homeless
To provide trusted and accessible “right now” mental health and substance misuse treatment and support for adults experiencing homelessness. The organization will hire a second mental health clinician to provide case management and behavioral health services and break down barriers to improve access to care.
www.sfcdenver.org

Satya Yoga Cooperative – Trauma Sensitive Yoga for BIPOC

To offer eighteen 4-week of Trauma-Sensitive Yoga sessions for BIPOC/QT, and twenty 8-week Trauma-Informed Yoga sessions.

satyayaogacooperative.com

ViVe Wellness – Juntos transformando nuestro bienestar emocional

Created by community leaders with a community psychologist from the same community, this program will provide tailored mental health programming that will meet participants' mental health support needs. Leaders will work through their emotional challenges in order to lead others from a space of health.

vivewellness.org