



Alternatives to Jail 2022 Grants

In 2022, Caring for Denver Foundation approved 20 grants totaling more than \$12.9 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.

5280 High School – Recovery High School Programming & Mental Health Supports

To provide a strong pro-social peer community, specialized recovery supports, and an engaging educational environment to hundreds of Denver teens.

5280highschool.org

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

To continue the co-responder program, providing 24/7 coverage to areas of highest need with clinicians, case managers, a clinical supervisor, a DPD case manager supervisor, and a part-time evaluator. This year, three additional clinicians will be placed with the Fire Department and Park Rangers.

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

City and County of Denver - Denver Sheriff – Case Management and MAT Coordination

To provide additional incarcerated individuals with case management and reentry services and coordinate the medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program to expand and improve access to jail-based MAT continuation and induction.

denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Sheriff-Department

City and County of Denver - Department of Public Health & Environment – SUN Capacity Expansion

For Substance Use Navigator (SUN) Program to add more staff to serve more justice-involved people with substance misuse needs, with the goal of keeping them out of the criminal justice system.

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

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

For Year 2 of the STAR Expansion to increase the areas of coverage of the STAR Program by increasing the number of Paramedic/Behavioral Health Clinician Team, and increase the effectiveness of the engagements with people in need by providing linkages to short-term assistance and long-term care.

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

CrossPurpose – Increasing Access to Mental Health and Substance Misuse Resources for Justice-Involved Individuals

To provide access to trauma-informed development, counseling and case management for Denver residents with a history of justice involvement and mental health and/or substance misuse challenges reducing the likelihood of recidivism.

crosspurpose.org

The Delores Project – Community Transitions Program (CTP)

To assist women and transgender individuals who have been justice involved and/or have a felony history. The Delores Project will hire two positions to help residents maintain mental health and recovery stability through their transition from re-entry into housing.

thedeloresproject.org

Denver County Court – Forensic Peer Navigator Program

To ensure peers are available for direct connection in courtrooms, to meet with individuals outside of probation, court, upon release from jail, are a free call from the jail, support participants going to treatment and service providers, and are a bridge between the returning individual and the community.
denvercountycourt.org

GRASP-Gang Rescue and Support Project – Alternatives to Jail

To provide trauma-based supports to youth, and young adults—mostly youth of color—who participate in this organization’s programs, which address cultural barriers, substance misuse, and intergenerational trauma.
metrodenverpartners.org

Heavy Hands Heavy Hearts Foundation – Providing Intervention and Prevention: Glovez up, Gunz Down Program Support

For the Glovez Up, Gunz Down Movement program to provide mental and behavioral health supports, and conduct peer-led support groups and counseling to instill resilience in Black and Latinx youth and adults to teach them healthier ways to avoid, reduce, or stop engagement in high-risk behaviors.
facebook.com/heavyhandsheavyheartcenter

Life-Line Colorado – “A Life-Line” Alternatives to Jail

To provide critical linkages to inclusive mental health and substance misuse programs to hundreds of at-risk youth by expanding its programmatic reach and capacity by expanding our current partnerships to more Denver area schools.
life-linecolorado.org

Mile High Behavioral Healthcare – Mile High Genesis

For the launch of a new program, Mile High Genesis, to provide intensive mental health treatment to individuals with persistent and severe mental illness who are referred by the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health’s Outpatient Restoration Services Program.
mhbhc.org

ParadigmONE – Transitional Safety Zone Recovery Housing 2.0 and MAT Pilot

For the Transitional Safety Zone Program, a recovery housing-peer support model that bridges people from detox to sober living environments with a focus on criminal justice diversion. Expansion of this harm reduction approach will increase reach and pilot a responsive fentanyl-specific medication-assisted treatment protocol.
paradigmone.org

The Reciprocity Collective – Dynamic Street and Shelter Connection

To provide peer recovery services and system navigation to individuals in recovery at shelters or identified in its community outreach.
thereciprocitycollective.org

The Salvation Army Intermountain Division – Harbor Light Denver Program

For Harbor Light, an addiction recovery facility whose goal is to help men secure an addiction-free and sustainable, self-sufficient living situation through the development of essential life skills. The program works with the Denver court system to provide a constructive and positive alternative to jail.
westernusa.salvationarmy.org/intermountain_us_west

Sims-Fayola Foundation – Sims-Fayola Empowerment Zone

For the Empowerment Zone program that engages young men of color between the ages of 11-25 in social-emotional, mental and behavioral health care who are referred by social services, the community, or the courts.
sffoundation.org

Star Girlz Empowerment Inc – “Time to SHINE” Alternatives to Jail

To provide unique and culturally centered substance misuse and mental/behavioral health services in conjunction with mentoring and experiential activities to girls currently involved in or at risk for engagement in the justice system.

storytellersprojectart.org

The Storytellers Project – Breaking Chains Building Bonds (BCBB)

For the Breaking Chains Building Bonds Family Programs to support formerly incarcerated parents and their children or justice-involved youth by providing mental health and substance misuse supports needed to break generational cycles of family violence, trauma, substance misuse, and incarceration.

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TOSA Denver – The Other Side Academy: Expanding capacity

To add additional case managers with lived experience to provide consistent and quality on-site peer mental health and substance misuse support to residents in recovery.

tosadenver.com

Youth Advocate Programs Inc – Fostering Positive Youth Development in Denver

To expand capacity to manage referrals from Denver Human Services and prevent congregate care placement by supporting child welfare and juvenile justice involved youth and families through mental health and substance misuse service navigation and peer support.

yapinc.org