



## Community-Centered Solutions 2022 Grants

In 2022, Caring for Denver Foundation approved 29 grants totaling more than \$12.4 million to community-based nonprofit organizations within the City and County of Denver in the Community-Centered Solutions priority area.

**The Blue Bench** – The Blue Bench: Providing a Continuum of Care for Survivors of Sexual Assault

To provide equitable mental health and case management services to survivors of sexual assault to assist them on their path to recovery and healing.

[thebluebench.org](http://thebluebench.org)

**The Center for African American Health** – Building Mental Health Equity in the Black Community

To expand access to culturally responsive mental health and substance misuse programs, and counseling services provided by mental health professionals of color that positively impact the Black/African American community within the City of Denver.

[caahealth.org](http://caahealth.org)

**The Center for Trauma & Resilience** – Befriending the Body: Peer Recovery Services

To support survivors of trauma experiencing mental health and substance misuse challenges through peer support group counseling, trauma responsive yoga, auricular acupuncture, art therapy, and Reiki—all offered within the community and at no cost.

[traumahealth.org](http://traumahealth.org)

**Center for Work Education and Employment** – Expanding trauma-informed mental health services for low-income job seekers

To expand and diversify the offerings of its trauma-informed mental health services for the low-income Denver residents it serves as an integral part of its comprehensive workforce development and wraparound programming.

[cwee.org](http://cwee.org)

**CHEF – Culinarians Helping Entrepreneurial Folks** – Recovery-Based Culinary Job-Skills Program

For this organization that provides job-skills training and work placement in the culinary industry in a peer-led, recovery environment to provide a training program that helps individuals who experience substance dependency to strengthen their recovery journeys through employment, community, and peer support.

[thechefstable.org](http://thechefstable.org)

**Colorado Coalition for the Homeless** – Native American Services Expansion

For an expansion of the Native American Services program that will allow for more comprehensive intervention for Indigenous people struggling with mental illness and substance misuse.

[coloradocoalition.org](http://coloradocoalition.org)

**Colorado Gerontological Society** – Mental Health Supports for Older Adults

To provide a Telephone Buddy who calls an older adult once or twice a week to provide mental and emotional support as well as referrals to licensed clinical professionals for short-term counseling to those experiencing emotional distress such as anxiety, debilitating worry, and grief.

[senioranswers.org](http://senioranswers.org)

**Colorado Health Network, Inc.** – Access to Behavioral Health Counseling for People Who Use Drugs Program

For this program that intervenes in substance abuse among people who use drugs experiencing mental health disorders and support them in getting the behavioral healthcare they need.

[coloradohealthnetwork.org](http://coloradohealthnetwork.org)

**Colorado Village Collaborative** – Peer Support with Mental Health Services

To expand the current programming, integrating peer support services and on-site mental-health clinical support across all Colorado Village Collaborative locations in both the Tiny Home Village and Safe Outdoor Space programs.

[coloradvillagecollaborative.org](http://coloradvillagecollaborative.org)

**Commún** – Community-led mental health across the lifespan

For community-led mental health programming for teens, adults, and elders designed and implemented by the community members receiving mental health care.

[commundenver.org](http://commundenver.org)

**Culinary Hospitality Outreach and Wellness Inc** – Recovery Support for Denver’s Culinary and Hospitality Workforce

To increase engagement of priority populations in Denver’s culinary and hospitality industry through recovery services, peer support, and community education.

[chowco.org](http://chowco.org)

**The Gathering Place** – TGP’s low-barrier services and staff development project

To promote equitable access to mental health and substance use services, facilitate the transition to a low-barrier agency, and support staff resiliency and wellness by greatly expanding training and tools.

[tgpdenver.org](http://tgpdenver.org)

**Griffith Centers for Children, Inc** – Relinquishment Counseling Model for Children Transitioning to Permanence

To support children transitioning to permanency after parental rights have been terminated or allocated to another caregiver. Services will support attachment, reduce trauma, improve mental health, and build healthy narratives.

[griffithcenters.org](http://griffithcenters.org)

**Homeless Leadership Council** – Critical Incident Training for Homeless Service Providers

For Critical Incident Training for staff members who have experienced threats or violence at all the major homeless-serving agencies in Denver. The training would help staff who have had traumatic experiences, build solidarity, and hopefully reduce turnover.

**Housed Working and Healthy** – Expanding Mental Health and Substance Misuse Supports for Housing Insecure Individuals

To expand this organization’s mental health and substance misuse care by providing intensive case management, post placement supports, and contract with mental health and peer supports to provide on-site supports.

[housedworkingandhealthy.org](http://housedworkingandhealthy.org)

**Karis Community** – Empowerment Program

For this program that uses a community-oriented approach that supports adults (21 or older) managing serious and persistent mental illness to restore basic life skills, improve relationships and social well-being, and transition to independent living.

[kariscommunity.org](http://kariscommunity.org)

**Khesed** – Recovery Pro Bono and Therapist Training Program

To support this program that increases ongoing outpatient recovery treatment access by providing free services for the underinsured and a therapist training program. The organization will hire specialized therapists, program leads, supervisors, and a recruiting manager to provide mental health services to participants.

[khesedwellness.com](http://khesedwellness.com)

**Montbello Organizing Committee** – Montbello Solutions

For this program that provides culturally-responsive community-based mental health services; offers non-clinical behavioral health programs, develops support for peer counselors and community mentors; and reduces the stigma associated with accessing mental health support and services.

[montbelloorganizing.org](http://montbelloorganizing.org)

**Para ti Mujer** – Mental Health and Personal Development Care for Latino immigrants in the city of Denver, Colorado.

For an in-house Spanish-speaking and culturally relevant counselor to more deeply address the mental health service needs of all participants. The organization will also add a violence prevention and stress management class to current curriculum.

[paratimujer.org](http://paratimujer.org)

**Resilient Communities. Resilient Futures** – Racial Healing Practices for Strengthening Coping Resources

Resilient Futures and Mile High United Way Bridging the Gap program will partner to provide Racial Healing Circles to young adults impacted by homelessness and racial trauma to foster improved mental health, decrease unhealthy coping strategies such as substance misuse, and increase healing.

[resilientfutures.us](http://resilientfutures.us)

**Saint Francis Center** – Enhanced behavioral health case services at the St. Francis Center Homeless Shelter

To provide trusted and accessible “right now” mental health and substance misuse treatment and support for adults experiencing homelessness. An additional mental health clinician will provide case management and behavioral health services and break down barriers to improve access to care.

[sfcdenver.org](http://sfcdenver.org)

**Sober AF Entertainment** – Sober AF City Expansion

To continue this organization’s work to reduce the onset and progression of substance misuse, and its related problems by advancing and expanding access to peer-driven recovery support and harm-reduction programs to high-risk underserved communities in Denver.

[soberafe.com](http://soberafe.com)

**Spark the Change Colorado** – Increasing Access, Developing Workforce

Through increasing the number of volunteer mental health providers and devising supports for mental health practitioners, this organization seeks to remove barriers to accessing mental health care and serve greater numbers and a greater diversity of disadvantaged Denver residents.

[sparkthechangecolorado.org/mental\\_health](http://sparkthechangecolorado.org/mental_health)

**Step Denver** – Peer Coaching and Recovery Support

For this residential peer recovery program built on the principles of sobriety, work, accountability, and community. Staff with lived experience help men with nowhere else to turn achieve long-term recovery, repair family relationships, build stability, and get their life back.

[stepdenver.org](http://stepdenver.org)

**Tribe Recovery Homes** – Community-Centered Solutions

To expand the reach and capacity by expanding this organization’s staff of behavioral health professionals and supporting the management of its clinical continuum of care.

[triberecoveryhomes.com](http://triberecoveryhomes.com)

**ViVe Wellness** – Vive con Bienestar

For this program that reduces stigma and improves mental health in the community by addressing Latino mental health by supporting emotional, physical, and social wellness. The program promotes community-driven cultural beliefs and traditions, and language-appropriate services.

[vivewellness.org](http://vivewellness.org)

**Vivent Health** – Vivent Health's Harm Reduction and Mental Health Program Expansion

Vivent Health will expand its mobile harm reduction services by extending services to underserved neighborhoods and new service hours, a new prevention navigation program to link clients to a network of trusted community partners, and expanded mental health support services for clients and staff.

[viventhealth.org](http://viventhealth.org)

**WINGS Foundation Inc.** – Services for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

To serve adults (age 18 and over) who experienced sexual abuse as children (before the age of 18) and their loved ones. Most have never received help to heal this trauma. This organization offers an array of programs and services to assist survivors in beginning or advancing their healing journey.

[wingsfound.org](http://wingsfound.org)

**Women's Bean Project** – Addressing Mental Health Impact on Barriers to Work

To expand programming to address barriers participants face resulting from trauma that impacts mental and physical health outcomes. Expansion includes trauma education, peer training and support for recovery, and access to therapy.

[womensbeanproject.com](http://womensbeanproject.com)