

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

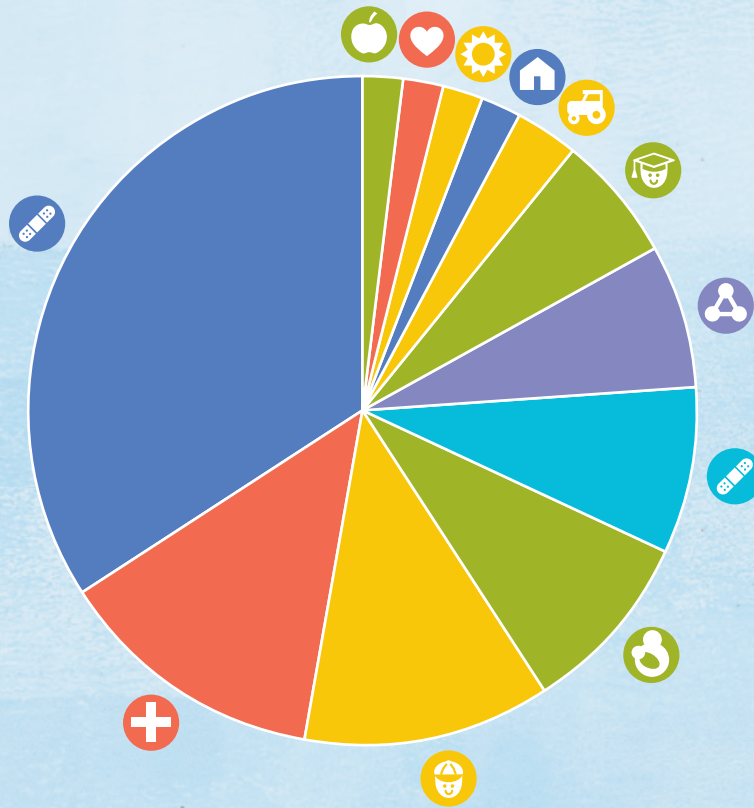
# COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Funding






Caring for Colorado  
Promoting Health FOUNDATION



## COVID-19 RELIEF AND RECOVERY FUNDING



- \$250,000  Food Access Support
- \$250,000  Domestic Violence Response
- \$275,000  Native American/Alaskan Native Focused
- \$288,000  Youth & Adult Sheltering
- \$372,000  Pueblo Rural Response & Recovery
- \$800,000  Student Support
- \$875,000  Collaborative Response Funds
- \$928,000  Together We Protect Youth Vaccine Equity
- \$1,200,000  Family Support
- \$1,500,000  Youth Well-Being Support
- \$1,700,000  Health Care Safety-Net Funding
- \$4,300,000  Together We Protect Vaccine Equity
- \$12,738,000** **Total Funding**



# Our Journey



## Unprecedented challenges. Heroic efforts.

Glaring injustices. Communities responding with support. Residents rising to advocate for a more just world. The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted Coloradans, with people of color, people living on low-incomes, seniors, people in congregate care, and children and youth bearing the brunt of both the disease and the changes required to keep people safe.

Through it all, our nonprofit and community partners responded to the dynamic, changing landscape. We are deeply grateful to health care providers, teachers, public health workers, first responders, other essential workers, and nonprofit staff and volunteers for their dedication to meeting needs and protecting communities from further harm.

Caring for Colorado is honored to part of the web of support, working to help Colorado emerge from the pandemic and advance equity in health, well-being, and opportunity for Colorado's children and families. **We are resolute in our commitment to support communities through the long-term effects of this crisis.**

This report shares some of what we learned during this tumultuous time and spotlights the incredible people and community-based organizations and leaders who have taken on the challenges of reimagining and strengthening health, mental health, social services, basic needs, and economic supports to care for and support the well-being of Coloradans.

Yours in health,

Linda R. Reiner, MPH  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

**This period in history  
has laid bare not only  
our vulnerabilities,  
but also our resilience.**

—Linda Reiner, *President and CEO*  
Caring for Colorado

**Our collective COVID-19 Relief  
and Recovery efforts granted**

**\$12.7  
MILLION**

**in funding across 12 categories.**

# How it Began



**March 10, 2020** Governor Jared Polis issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency.

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**IN MARCH 2020, THE FIRST CASES OF COVID-19** were confirmed in Colorado. By March 10th, Governor Jared Polis had issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency. At the same time, the World Health Organization officially declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a global pandemic. Life as we knew it changed quickly.

Just two weeks after Governor Polis' disaster declaration, a COVID-19 Shutdown and Stay-at-Home Order went into effect. Businesses closed their doors, and many workers were laid off. Essential workers exempted from the Stay-at-Home Order faced the impossible choice of leaving their jobs or continuing to work while assuming the risk of transmission to themselves and their families. Unsurprisingly, unemployment skyrocketed. Those previously living paycheck-to-paycheck were now teetering on a precarious financial ledge. Pre-pandemic societal inequities became undeniable.

Nonprofits dedicated to serving people in their communities grappled with how to provide support while keeping those they serve and their staff safe. Their innovative approaches and can-do, must-do attitude were both inspiring and, no doubt, lifesaving. Many nonprofits, already stretched for resources and staff, sprang into action to meet critical, basic needs: food, hygiene products, medicine, shelter, cash, benefit navigation, and so much more. Like everyone, the nonprofit community scrambled to stay current on public health guidance and state mandates that changed weekly as the scope of the pandemic grew.

In April 2020, Caring for Colorado's Board of Directors moved swiftly to approve an additional \$9 million, to be granted over 24 months for COVID relief and recovery. This was above and beyond Caring for Colorado's regular annual grantmaking.

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# Emergency Support

**WHEN THE STATE OF COLORADO ISSUED A STAY-AT-HOME ORDER,** schools transitioned to remote learning and nonprofit organizations had to quickly modify their operations while also supporting the basic needs of a rapidly growing number of people. Caring for Colorado responded quickly too. The board directed a portion of the foundation’s grantmaking budget to support emergency needs, including food access, emergency shelter for youth experiencing homelessness, domestic violence prevention, and support to family resource centers who worked to meet the basic needs of families. In addition, over \$1 million was provided to safety net health clinics throughout the state to help them rapidly transform their operations given the highly contagious virus. Funds made it possible for the clinics to purchase personal protective equipment, telehealth equipment, sanitation supplies and cover their operating expenses.

## Stories From The Field

### Axis Health System (La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta counties)



**April 7, 2020** Dr. Luke Casias, Axis Chief Medical Officer (left), and Amy Allen, RN, MSN, Senior Director of Community Clinics, and all staff at integrated clinics quickly adjusted to working in full PPE.

As case numbers began to rise in Spring 2020, many health care centers pivoted their attention to COVID-19. With an inadequate supply of personal protective equipment (PPE), the high risk of transmission, and limited guidance and information, some safety net clinics closed. This further reduced access for people already challenged to adequately access ongoing physical, mental, and oral health care services. In rural communities, where broadband is more limited, closures meant that some people did not have access to any care aside from emergency departments at overburdened hospitals.

In Southwest Colorado, Luke Casias, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Axis Health System recognized that closing their nine community health clinics across a large rural region was not an option. Dr. Casias and his team worked 14-hour days writing new operating procedures and educating staff on infection control and screening protocols. With procedures redesigned to help keep staff and patients safe, Dr. Casias asked his staff where they stood on staying open. “Not one provider refused to provide care, they rallied and faced the dangers in the early months when there was not a lot of information,” Dr. Casias said.

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Axis Health Systems

**Emergency grants totaled**  
**\$3.25**  
**MILLION**  
**to more than 110 organizations.**



**April 15, 2020** In the early days of the pandemic, staff and the public scrambled to find masks. Some people made them from scratch. Axis Health System staff at Cortez Integrated Healthcare in Montezuma County show off handmade masks donated by community members.



**June 22, 2020** Axis began COVID-19 testing in partnership with San Juan Basin Public Health in the parking lots near Axis clinics.



**July 17, 2020** Staff members drove many miles and worked long hours to make testing “pop-ups” run smoothly.

With a rapid response grant from Caring for Colorado, Axis Health System purchased PPE and enhanced their IT infrastructure to support telehealth systems, strengthening their ability to provide primary care.

There has been a good deal of learning and modifying along the way. Patients without broadband access were urged to come to the clinic parking lot to use the Wi-Fi for their telehealth appointments. Community health workers became health screeners and administrative staff directed traffic during drive through testing days. Despite the turmoil and difficulties, Axis Health System provided COVID-19 testing, curbside chronic disease management and, most importantly, kept their doors open to the public. Dr. Casias credits much of this to the commitment of the providers and ancillary staff. “It just reaffirmed why you go into medicine – that desire for hope was contagious,” said Dr. Casias.

### **Adelante Family Resource Center (Alamosa)**

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) support families in achieving personal and family sustainability, providing an array of services tailored to the culture, resources, and needs of the communities they serve. Because of their deep connections to children and families, Caring for Colorado provided emergency funding to help FRCs respond to increased needs due to the pandemic. Adelante Family Resource Center in the San Luis Valley was one of the organizations that received funding.

“When everything went remote, it crippled large chunks of our communities that were internet deserts,” said Tara Bay, Adelante Family Resource Center’s director of programs. Tara recalled a family of four who sat in the school’s parking lot every day to access the internet. The single mom gave up her laptop to her children so that they could access school lessons, while she worked on a cell phone to complete her community college assignments.

Adelante provided immediate help to many families, paying for service and data plans to provide internet connectivity. Parents and caregivers also learned how to help their children participate in school virtually and they were offered parenting groups to address increased stress and social isolation. “It normalized that everyone was struggling,” explained Tara. “Parents living 60 miles away from each other commiserated about remote learning challenges and helped one another to navigate online school portals.”

Adelante’s home visitors and family advocates also adapted their work. Staff met families in parking lots or other outdoor spaces, providing services and delivering diapers, food, and other supplies to help families meet their basic needs and be safe.





“Strong community partnerships, along with flexible grant funds, were crucial to our success,” said Tara. “We’re good navigators. Coming together as partners was huge.”

### **Violence Free Colorado (statewide)**

When the pandemic began, domestic violence advocates across the country were immediately concerned about the impact that increased social isolation and economic instability would have on people at risk of violence and survivors. Community-based advocacy programs in Colorado saw a decrease in calls early in the pandemic as stay-at-home orders made it difficult for people experiencing domestic violence to reach out to resources. As the state and communities opened back up, many programs saw calls increase to record levels with survivors often experiencing situations that were more complex and dangerous than had been typical.

Drawing on the \$250,000 emergency grant received from Caring for Colorado, Violence Free Colorado fast-tracked grants to 10 domestic violence organizations across the state – with an emphasis on rural communities – to cover increased operational costs. The funds also allowed Violence Free Colorado to hire a Public Policy Specialist, which expanded their policy team and made it possible to gather information from domestic violence organizations about the needs of their clients and support them in the policy process. In June 2021, the policy team provided an update to state lawmakers about domestic violence prevention needs in Colorado and recommended changes to the federal Victims of Crime Act.

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Adelante Family Resource Center

# Student Support



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**AS THE PANDEMIC WORE ON** into the summer and fall of 2020, many students and families were struggling to adapt to remote and hybrid learning. Digital access and connectivity remained a pervasive equity issue. Unemployment and social isolation were challenging for families and children. Food access and housing security were inadequate. Schools, teachers, caregivers, and students faced a steep learning curve as they worked to figure out approaches that approximated in-person social connections, engagement, services (mental health and food), and education.

It became increasingly clear that safe, engaged, healthy, and tech-enabled spaces were desperately needed for children and youth. These types of spaces were also essential for caregivers who were experiencing significant strains in managing employment and caregiving responsibilities.

Caring for Colorado responded by offering a funding opportunity in school-age engagement and care, providing grants of up to \$25,000 to increase support for K-12 students who were experiencing barriers to learning and lacked behavioral health support. Funds were directed to agencies serving children, youth, and families living in communities most affected, with a deep focus on children and youth of color, those living in families with low-income, and others facing systemic barriers to realizing their right to health and education.

\$800,000 in grants were awarded to 40 schools, after-school programs and community-based organizations in 25 counties across the state.





### Full Circle Lake County (Leadville)

When nearly 75 percent of employees leave the county every day to go to work, it is unsurprising that parents have come to rely on schools to provide supervision and care to their children and youth. As Lake County schools adopted a hybrid model of remote and in-person learning due to COVID-19, parents, many of whom were immigrants and essential workers, were faced with the impossible choice of maintaining employment or staying home to care for their children.

Full Circle Lake County, in close partnership with the school district, decided to work together to ensure that every student would have a place to go, filling the gap in care, services, and supervision and giving parents peace of mind while they continued to work. With previous experience in providing out-of-school programming to up to 150 children for a few hours a day after school, Full Circle was able to quickly pivot and offer full-day programming for hundreds of students.

This made it possible for parents to maintain their work schedules while children in grades K-12 were cared for in a safe environment. Full Circle provided social, emotional, and enrichment programs and the school offered academic supports.

Stephanie Cole, Executive Director of Full Circle of Lake County attributes the success of the program to high levels of collaboration and collective impact, “You could see it and feel it every day,” she reflected.

### Digital Equity (Pueblo)

Pueblo County ranks 10th among Colorado’s 64 counties in population but falls to 60th for broadband infrastructure. When schooling transitioned to virtual classrooms, distressing stories of students struggling quickly emerged – multiple siblings sharing one cell phone to complete school-work, previously engaged students who never logged into their online classrooms, and thousands of vulnerable students with no access to community support services.

The Sperry S. and Ella Graber Packard Fund for Pueblo, a program of Caring for Colorado, partnered with the Pueblo City-County Library District to increase digital and learning equity for children with the largest barriers to online education. Through a grant of \$175,000, the library district and three other community partners purchased 464 Chrome books and 885 mobile hotspots and distributed them to students and families. Six free virtual summer programs were developed by partners, along with distribution of 500 at-home art kits for children.

“There is an incredible depth of need in our community, which we knew of to a certain extent, but inequities were revealed through the pandemic.”

—Stephanie Cole, Executive Director,  
Full Circle of Lake County



*Sperry S. and Ella Graber*  
**PACKARD FUND**  
*for Pueblo*

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—Jennifer Stedron, *Executive Director*  
Early Milestone Colorado

The partnership with the Library District created a powerful community resource and inspired a new focus for the Library on digital equity, leading to the creation of an online leadership program for every youth who received a Chromebook, as well as services for seniors and for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

### **Colorado Education Initiative & Early Milestones Colorado** (statewide)

Prior to the pandemic, parents and caregivers knew that when they went to work, their children would be supervised and educated in school. With remote or hybrid learning, however, many parents struggled to support their children in keeping up academically and weathering the mental and emotional implications of the crisis.

To learn more about student needs and education approaches during the pandemic, Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) and Early Milestones formed a partnership to conduct a needs assessment. This partnership also led to formation of the Recovery Summer Coalition, a group of education practitioners and community partners that created a framework to maximize support by state agencies and community-based organizations for kids over the summer to prepare them for success in the 2021-22 school year.

In February 2021, the Coalition sent its recommendations to Governor Polis, including a call to center equity, support families with wraparound services, and move forward strategies to leverage systems and community assets. In March and





April, community teams from across Colorado, representing 60 organizations including school districts, mental health providers, parents, out-of-school time providers, and neighborhood hubs came together to participate in conversations about their community and to build a strategy for a Recovery Summer.

With funding from Caring for Colorado and Rose Community Foundation, the Coalition made 11 regional grants to 75 organizations for programming, equitable access, and supports to address the impacts of COVID-19 on the social and emotional health of children and youth.

The success of this work is in the partnerships developed, noted Jennifer Stedron, Executive Director at Early Milestones. “It’s complicated work, it takes a lot of good partnering to do right by our students and their families.” The project will be evaluated at the end of the summer and Samantha Olsen, CEI’s Vice President of Strategy, is hopeful, “We’re waiting to see what learnings or insights we can offer to the field that might inform how recovery resources are used, as we think about next summer and cross-sector collaboration.”

### Youth Well-Being (statewide)

The pandemic has upended the lives of youth and families across Colorado, leading to disruptions in learning and engagement, increased social isolation, and a loss of normal routines. Many young people have also experienced anxiety and trauma resulting from impacts the pandemic has had on the health, economic life, and mental health status of their caregivers and family.

Citing a 90% increase in demand for behavioral health treatment, the Children’s Hospital of Colorado declared a state of emergency for youth mental health in May 2021. Noting suicide as the leading cause of death for children and youth in Colorado, they issued a call to significantly increase support for the organizations that care for the mental health and well-being of kids.

Caring for Colorado partners echoed this concern. In response, the foundation’s board approved a rapid response grant opportunity for youth well-being and staff support with a focus on social and emotional supports, access to mental health services, and support for youth-serving staff and caregivers.

Thirty-five grants were awarded, totaling \$1.5 million.



COURTESY OF PROJECT VOICE

**35 GRANTS**  
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**MILLION**  
to support youth well-being.

# Collaborative Support

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**—Recipient of cash assistance from the Left Behind Workers Fund**

**UNEMPLOYMENT CAUSED BY** pandemic lock downs disproportionately affected undocumented workers, many of whom worked in the service industry across Colorado. Early in the pandemic, the unemployment rate for undocumented workers in the U.S. reached 29%, the highest of any demographic group. In Colorado, these workers account for 5% of the workforce and contribute to industries such as restaurants, food services, hotels, janitorial services, construction, and childcare.

## **Left Behind Workers Fund** (statewide)

The Colorado Fiscal Institute estimates that undocumented workers have contributed almost \$200 million dollars to unemployment insurance since the last recession. Despite this, undocumented workers were not eligible to receive state or federal unemployment assistance, contributing to already significant disparities in income for immigrant communities. Seeking to address this inequity, Impact Charitable, in partnership with Social Ventures Partners, created the Left Behind Workers Fund. The two entities raised funds to quickly provide direct cash assistance to undocumented workers across the state.

Starting small, through private fundraising and grants from foundations, including Caring for Colorado, the fund was able to prove their concept that direct cash payments can help to reduce evictions and hunger and provide some economic security to immigrant families.

Following this initial success, Impact Charitable received governmental funding and has continued to grow. Since launching, the Left Behind Workers Fund has distributed \$23.4 million in the form of 15,600 direct cash grants. These grants did not just provide financial assistance, they also helped to connect these often “invisible” workers and families to their community. Impact Charitable worked with 41 community-based organizations to conduct outreach and screen individuals eligible for assistance. To manage this growing fund, the organization built a technology platform called AidKit which has allowed them to support both banked and unbanked workers through either Western Union money orders or ACH transfers, as well as tracking and managing data.

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**6 GRANTS TOTALING**  
**\$875,000**  
were awarded for statewide,  
collaborative efforts.

### **Keep the Lights on Fund – Early Care and Education** (statewide)

The pandemic highlighted the fragility of the early care and education sector in Colorado. Childcare providers – the vast majority being women and people of color – have long operated on razor-thin margins to meet fixed operational costs. In the wake of COVID-19, they faced even greater challenges, including lost revenue, changes in child attendance, reduced capacity limits, and the costs associated with capital improvements and cleaning supplies to address new safety protocols.

The need to shore up and stabilize childcare centers was critical so that health care providers, grocery store workers, and other essential employees could continue to work. Mile High United Way (MHUW), Healthier Child Care Colorado, and the Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECLA) came together to meet this need, creating the Keep the Lights On Fund. This fund provided funding to licensed childcare providers across the state to help them adapt to new rules and realities caused by the pandemic. With support from Caring for Colorado and other foundations, the fund created a simple online system for providers to apply for support. Beginning in July 2020, a competitive grant process was launched with ECLA and Healthier Child Care Colorado distributing the funds.

“It was pretty magical, so many large philanthropic groups came to the table and said, ‘Hey we want to be part of this,’” reflected Gina Nocera, Vice President of Community Impact at MHUW.

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Vice President of Community Impact,  
Mile High United Way



*An elderly man walks in to the first vaccination clinic held for people age 70+.*

Applications for a 3rd round of funding closed in July 2021. “We had over 415 applicants, which is comparable to what we were seeing last summer,” Gina said. “The residual effects of the pandemic are high.”

The fund has expanded to also include Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers who are unlicensed and provide care for children. “It’s important to have parity and support the informal care providers, I’m proud that we have been able to do that,” said Amy Woolridge, Program Specialist for Early Childhood Initiatives with MHUW. With \$119 million dollars allocated to early childcare as part of Colorado’s share of the federal stimulus package, MHUW is working closely with Colorado Department of Human Services to share their process and lessons learned in hopes that childcare providers continue to have the resources they need beyond the pandemic.

### **Supporting Rural Health Care Leaders** (statewide)

By the end of December 2020, nearly 19 million COVID-19 cases had been recorded in the U.S. and more than 330,000 deaths were reported nationwide. In rural areas, COVID-19 was particularly lethal, with a death rate nearly 3.5 times higher than in metropolitan communities. Additionally, health care capacity is limited as 61% of rural hospitals do not have an intensive care unit. Rural health care systems in Colorado faced significant challenges as COVID-19 cases increased throughout the state. Much of the guidance provided to health systems was geared toward urban centers where the access to resources and technology are vastly different than in rural communities.

In fall 2020, the Colorado Hospital Association (CHA), the Eugene S. Farley, Jr. Health Policy Center at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (FHPC), and their partners joined forces to develop a new tool to help rural health care systems develop emergency response plans for COVID-19, along with a roadmap for what comes after the pandemic. “We realized we needed a playbook – something to guide our rural health care system through the pandemic and prevent closures,” said Ben Anderson, CHA’s Vice President of Rural Health and Hospitals.



After conducting an extensive literature review and interviewing more than 30 rural health leaders in Colorado, Ben Anderson and Lauren Hughes, MD, State Policy Director at FHPC, created the playbook, *Reimagining Leadership: A Pathway for Rural Health to Thrive in a COVID-19 World*. This resource empowers rural health leaders to develop creative and specific solutions to complex problems stemming from COVID-19. The playbook provides case studies, assessments, and resources to address nine identified challenges facing rural health systems.

Funding from Caring for Colorado and the ZOMA Foundation provided support to CHA and FHPC for the second phase of the project, including virtual learning sessions, capacity assessments, and individualized technical support. CHA and FHPC conducted nine interactive virtual learning sessions with health leaders from Colorado rural hospitals and clinics. Additionally, together with the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, they guided five rural hospitals and five rural primary care practices through the completion of capacity self-assessment included in the playbook. “We developed this to focus on building capacity and to value the lived experience of our rural health care leaders,” said Dr. Hughes. “We must listen to those most affected, they have the answers,” Dr. Hughes said.



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—Lauren Hughes, MD,  
State Policy Director,  
Farley Health Policy Center

# Community Support



A mother and her son visit a DIFRC clinic.

**HISTORICALLY, PANDEMICS** tend to be particularly hard on American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN), and the COVID-19 pandemic has not been an exception. The Indian Health Services reported that the AI/AN population had suffered an infection rate 3.5 times higher, a hospitalization rate four times higher, and a higher mortality rate than white Americans.

## **Native American and Alaska Native Serving Organizations** (Metro Denver)

To help address this disproportionate risk, Caring for Colorado directed \$275,000 to six organizations based in Metro Denver that serve American Indians and Alaska Natives across Colorado. The organizations funded are led by members of the AI/AN community with full integration of cultural values, customs, and traditions reflected in their services and programs.

## **Denver Indian Family Resource Center** (Metro Denver)

Despite all of the changes required in 2020 due to COVID-19, Denver Indian Family Resource Center (DIFRC) maintained services and continued to support nearly 700 individuals affiliated with 37 tribes, including food, rent, and transportation assistance. “There was a lot of desperation, nervousness, and anxiety about being behind on rent or not having rental assistance applications processed by the state,” said Tara Manthey, DIFRC executive director.

In one case, the organization supported two adults who were living in their car and had asked DIFRC for assistance to purchase an RV. While DIFRC was unable to help purchase an RV, staff discussed with the family what a sustainable solution could look like, ultimately providing the family with gas money, gift cards for groceries and other small supports until they found an apartment. DIFRC paid for the housing deposit and the family was able to move into their new home in May 2021. Having watched this family’s difficult journey, DIFRC staff were so elated, that some volunteered to help the family move into their home. In addition to rental support, DIFRC also offered virtual beading classes to help parents, mostly moms, build connection to one another and loaned out laptops and tablets so parents could engage in virtual services.



Because of the pandemic, DIFRC reached many families they had not been able to connect with before. These families were living on the edge of economic insecurity and were pushed over the edge by fallout from COVID-19. Tara said she's grateful they were able to support these families and connect them to resources for the long term. Funding from Caring for Colorado and others helped contribute to emergency support for families and helped to offset staff costs. As for the future, Tara called the vaccine "a big point of hope – we can go help people in person again!"



DIFRC Staff at a vaccine outreach event.

### **Rural Response & Recovery** (Pueblo)

The Rural Community Response & Recovery Project aimed to identify the economic and humanitarian impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Pueblo County and provide support to meet basic needs. The collaborative initiative was led and funded by the Denver Foundation, Telluride Foundation, ZOMA Foundation, and Caring for Colorado's Centennial Fund. A community assessment identified 12 nonprofit organizations well positioned to provide rapid housing assistance, support the needs of children and youth, and meet food access and other basic needs. Grants totaling \$372,000 to these organizations were fast tracked and the process simplified – they were not required to submit applications or complete formal reporting – in order to quickly provide resources to meet critical daily needs for children, youth, and families.

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## GRANTEES 2020-21

### Healthcare Safety-Net Support: \$1,701,000

- **Asian Pacific Development Center**, Aurora, \$35,000
- **Axis Health System**, La Plata and Montezuma, \$33,500
- **Chanda Center for Health**, Lakewood, \$35,000
- **Clínica Colorado**, Adams, \$35,000
- **Clínica Family Health**, Adams, Boulder and Broomfield, \$33,500
- **Clínica Tepeyac**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, \$33,500
- **Colorado Association of School-Based Health Care**, statewide, \$10,000
- **Colorado ACSP Association**, statewide rural, \$66,000
- **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**, metro Denver, statewide, \$33,500
- **Colorado Community Health Network**, statewide, \$10,000
- **Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing**, statewide, \$250,000
- **Colorado Safety Net Collaborative**, statewide, \$110,000
- **DAWN Clinic**, Aurora, \$35,000
- **Denver Health's Community Health Services**, Denver, \$63,500
- **Denver Indian Health & Family Services**, Denver, \$35,000
- **Doctors Care**, Littleton, \$35,000
- **Every Child Pediatrics**, Aurora, Basalt, Carbondale, Cortez, Denver, Dolores, Fort Collins, Lakewood, and Thornton, \$85,000
- **Frontier Community Health Clinic**, Dolores, Montezuma, and San Miguel, \$33,500
- **High Plains Community Health Center**, Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Kit Carson, Prowers, \$33,500
- **Inner City Health Center**, Denver, \$85,000
- **Kids First Health Care**, Adams, Commerce City and Westminster, \$70,000
- **Marillac Clinic**, Mesa, \$33,500
- **Mountain Family Health Centers**, Avon, Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, and Rio Blanco, \$41,000
- **Northwest Colorado Health**, Moffat and Routt, \$33,500
- **Peak Vista Community Health Centers**, Adams, Arapahoe, Colorado Springs, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Park, and Teller \$41,000
- **Pueblo Community Health Center**, Pueblo and Huerfano, \$58,500
- **River Valley Family Health Center**, Delta, and Montrose, \$33,500
- **Salud Family Health Centers**, Adams, Boulder, Larimer, Las Animas, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, and Yuma, \$33,500
- **Sheridan School-Based Health Center**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Englewood, Jefferson, \$41,000
- **Southwest Health Systems**, Cortez, \$7,500
- **STRIDE Community Health Center**, Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Jefferson, Lakewood and Park, \$48,500
- **Summit Community Care Clinic**, Lake, Park, and Summit County, \$53,500
- **Sunrise Community Health**, Evans, and Greeley, Larimer, Weld \$48,500
- **Uncompahgre Medical Center**, Montrose, and Ouray, and San Miguel, \$33,500
- **Valley-Wide Health Systems**, Alamosa, Bent, Cheyenne, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Delta, Fremont, Garfield, Kit Carson, Mesa, Mineral, Otero, Rio Grande, and Saguache, \$33,500

### Domestic-Violence Organizations: \$250,000

- **Violence Free Colorado**, statewide, \$25,000
- **Advocates of Lake County**, Central Mountains, Lake, \$25,000
- **Latina Safehouse**, Denver metro, \$25,000
- **Open Heart Advocates**, Moffat, \$25,000
- **Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence**, Boulder and Broomfield, \$25,000
- **Share, Inc.**, Morgan county, \$25,000
- **Southern Ute Victim Services**, La Plata, \$25,000
- **Tu Casa**, San Luis Valley, \$25,000
- **Ute Mountain Ute Victim Services**, Montezuma, \$25,000
- **Voces Unidas for Justice**, El Paso, \$25,000

### Sheltering and Housing Support with Youth Focus: \$233,000

- **Attention Home**, Boulder, \$35,000
- **CASA of the 7th**, Western Slope, \$20,000
- **Earthlinks: Temporary Safe Outdoor Spaces**, Denver, \$38,000
- **Karis**, Western Slope, \$35,000
- **Posada**, Pueblo, \$35,000
- **Rural Collaborative for Homeless Youth**, statewide: \$55,000
  - **Centennial BOCES**, Logan, Morgan, Washington, Weld
  - **La Plata Youth Services**, La Plata
  - **La Puente**, Alamosa and San Luis Valley,
  - **Shiloh House**, Larimer, Morgan, and Weld
- **The Place**, Colorado Springs, \$35,000
- **Urban Peak**, Denver metro, \$35,000



## Family Supports: \$1,210,000

- **Aurora Community Connection**, Adams, Arapahoe, \$25,000
- **Bright Futures for Children**, San Miguel, Ouray, \$25,000
- **Broomfield FISH**, Broomfield, \$25,000
- **Catholic Charities of Central Colorado**, Douglas, El Paso, \$25,000
- **Catholic Charities Diocese of Pueblo**, Pueblo, \$25,000
- **Center for African American Health**, Denver, \$25,000
- **Center for Health Progress**, Pueblo, \$5,000
- **Community Partnership Family Resource Center**, Teller, \$25,000
- **Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center**, Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan, \$20,000
- **Delta County Family Resource Center**, Delta, \$25,000
- **Denver Indian Family Resource Center**, Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Weld, \$25,000
- **Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County**, Adams, \$20,000
- **Emergency Family Assistance Association**, Boulder, \$25,000
- **Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success**, Larimer, \$25,000
- **Families Forward Resource Center**, Adams, Arapahoe, and Denver, \$25,000
- **Family Resource Center Association**, statewide, \$25,000
- **Family and Intercultural Resource Center**, Summit, \$25,000
- **Family Resource Center**, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma, \$25,000
- **Family Resource Center Roaring Fork Schools**, Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, \$25,000
- **Focus Points Family Resource Center**, Adams, Arapahoe, and Denver, \$25,000
- **Fremont County Family Center**, Chaffee, Custer, and Fremont \$25,000
- **Growing Home**, Adams, \$20,000
- **Hilltop Community Resources**, Mesa, Montrose, \$25,000
- **Huerfano Family Resource Center**, Huerfano, Las Animas, \$25,000
- **Impact Charitable**, statewide, \$10,000
- **La Familia/The Family Center**, Larimer, \$25,000
- **La Plata Family Centers Coalition**, Archuleta, La Plata, \$25,000
- **La Puente Home**, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache, \$25,000
- **Lifespan Local**, Denver, \$140,000
- **Morgan County Family Center**, Morgan, \$25,000
- **Mountain Family Center**, Grand, \$25,000
- **Mountain Resource Center**, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson, Park, \$25,000
- **OUR Center**, Boulder, \$25,000
- **Posada**, Pueblo, \$30,000
- **Prairie Family Center**, Cheyenne, Kit Carson, \$25,000
- **Pueblo Rescue Mission**, Pueblo, \$15,000
- **Roots Family Center**, Denver, \$20,000
- **Rose Aodom Center**, Denver, \$20,000
- **Rural Communities Resource Center**, Washington, Yuma, \$25,000
- **San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center**, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache, \$20,000
- **Sister Carmen Community Center**, Boulder, \$25,000
- **The Piñon Project Family Resource Center**, Montezuma, \$25,000

- **Tri-County Family Care Center**, Bent, Crowley, Otero, \$25,000
- **Valley Settlement**, Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, \$20,000
- **Warren Village**, Denver, \$20,000
- **Washington County Connections**, Washington, Yuma, \$25,000
- **West End Family Link Center**, Montrose, San Miguel, \$25,000

## Food Access Support: \$250,000

- **Care and Share Food Bank**, statewide, \$65,000
- **Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger**, statewide, \$100,000
- **Community Food Share**, Boulder and Broomfield, \$5,000
- **Food Bank of Larimer County**, Larimer, \$5,000
- **Food Bank of the Rockies**, statewide, \$65,000
- **Weld Food Bank**, Weld, \$10,000

## American Indian/Alaskan Native-Focused Supports: \$275,000

- **American Indian Academy of Denver**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson, \$25,000
- **Denver Indian Center**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson, \$50,000
- **Denver Indian Family Resource Center**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson, \$50,000
- **Denver Indian Health and Family Service**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson, \$100,000
- **Four Winds American Indian Council**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson, \$25,000
- **Spirit of the Sun**, Adams, Arapahoe, Archuleta, Jefferson, Montezuma, \$25,000

## Collaborative Grants Support: \$875,000

- **Colorado Education Initiative**, statewide, \$275,000
- **Impact Charitable: Left Behind Workers Fund**, statewide, \$50,000
- **Mile High United Way: Colorado COVID-19 Relief Fund**, statewide, \$100,000
- **Mile High United Way: Keep The Lights On Fund**, statewide, \$200,000
- **Latino Community Foundation of Colorado**, statewide, \$150,000
- **The COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project**, statewide, \$100,000

## School Age Engagement and Care Support: \$800,000

- **Aurora Community Connection Family Resource Center**, Adams, Arapahoe, \$25,000
- **Beyond Home**, Jefferson, Adams, Denver, \$20,000
- **Boys & Girls Club of the San Luis Valley**, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, \$20,000
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County**, Larimer, \$20,000
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson, \$25,000
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County**, Pueblo, \$25,000
- **Center Viking Youth Club**, Alamosa, Rio Grande, Saguache, \$20,000
- **Colorado "I Have A Dream" Foundation**, Denver, \$25,000
- **CROPS/Ute Mountain, Ute**, Montezuma, \$25,000

- **Denver Inner City Parish**, Denver, \$20,000
- **Early Connections Learning Centers**, El Paso, \$25,000
- **Empower Community High School**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, \$25,000
- **Family Resource Center of the Roaring Fork Schools**, Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, \$20,000
- **Florence Crittenton Services of Colorado**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson, \$20,000
- **Full Circle of Lake County**, Lake, \$20,000
- **Gold Crown Foundation**, Denver, Jefferson, \$15,000
- **Haven House of Montrose**, Montrose, \$15,000
- **Heart & Hand Center**, Denver, \$20,000
- **Highline Academy**, Denver, \$20,000
- **International Rescue Committee**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson, \$20,000
- **Joint Initiatives for Youth & Families**, El Paso, Teller, \$25,000
- **Karis**, Mesa, \$5,000
- **Kids Above Everything**, Denver, \$20,000
- **Make a Chess Move**, Denver, \$20,000
- **Mile High 360**, Denver, \$15,000
- **Mile High United Way**, Adams, \$20,000
- **Project VOYCE**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson, \$20,000
- **Ricardo Flores Magon Academy**, Adams, Denver, \$20,000
- **Riverside Education Center**, Mesa, \$20,000
- **Stepping Stones of the Roaring Fork Valley**, Garfield, Pitkin, \$20,000
- **Struggle of Love Foundation**, Denver, \$20,000
- **Summit County Youth and Family Services**, Summit, \$20,000
- **Sun Valley Youth Center**, Denver, \$20,000
- **The Family Learning Center**, Boulder, \$25,000
- **The Matthews House**, Larimer, \$20,000
- **Urban Peak Denver**, Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, \$20,000
- **Vega Collegiate Academy**, Adams, Arapahoe, \$20,000
- **Youth Club of Trinidad, Inc.**, Las Animas, \$10,000



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## Youth Well-Being Support: \$1,521,762

- **Apprentice of Peace Youth Organization**, Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, \$44,000
- **ASSET Education**, Denver, Mesa, Pueblo, \$65,000
- **Boys & Girls Club of La Plata County**, La Plata, \$75,000
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County**, Pueblo, \$57,000
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Weld County**, Weld, \$20,000
- **Colorado "I Have A Dream" Foundation**, Denver, \$23,000
- **Colorado Youth Congress**, statewide, \$27,000
- **Cultivando dba Fortaleza Familiar**, Adams, Denver, \$50,000
- **Denver Children's Advocacy Center**, Denver, \$53,630
- **Denver Public Schools Foundation**, Denver, \$75,000
- **Every Child Pediatrics**, Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Weld, \$64,000
- **Family Resource Center**, Logan, \$75,000
- **Full Circle Restorative Justice**, Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Park, \$20,000
- **Girls Inc. of Metro Denver**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson, \$26,000
- **Groundwork Denver**, Adams, Denver, Jefferson, \$25,000

- **Heart & Hand Center**, Denver, \$75,000
- **High Valley Community Center**, Alamosa, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache, \$17,500
- **Inside Out Youth Services**, El Paso, Teller, \$20,000
- **Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc.**, Denver, \$50,000
- **Joint Initiatives for Youth & Families**, El Paso, Teller, \$75,000
- **Karis, Inc.**, Mesa, \$67,432
- **Kids First**, Adams, \$75,000
- **Maria Droste Counseling Center**, Denver, \$15,000
- **Muslim Youth for Positive Impact**, statewide, \$35,000
- **Out Boulder County**, Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Jefferson, Weld, \$20,000
- **Pueblo Child Advocacy Center**, Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo, \$67,000
- **Riverside Educational Center**, Mesa, \$30,200
- **Scholars Unlimited**, Denver, \$44,000
- **Servicios de La Raza**, Denver, \$65,000
- **Su Teatro**, Denver, \$15,000
- **Sun Valley Youth Center**, Denver, \$50,000
- **The Lafayette Empowerment Center**, Boulder, \$16,000
- **Therapist of Color Collaborative**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, \$75,000
- **Urban Peak**, Adams, Denver, Jefferson, \$10,000

## Pueblo Rural Response & Recovery Support: \$372,000

- **Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo County**, \$15,000
- **Catholic Charities**, Diocese of Pueblo, \$75,000
- **Center for Health Progress**, \$20,000
- **East Side Child Care Center**, \$15,000
- **Non-Profit Finance Fund**, \$20,000
- **Posada**, \$77,000
- **Pueblo City-County Library District**, \$20,000
- **Pueblo Cooperative Care Center**, \$20,000
- **Pueblo Rescue Mission**, \$40,000
- **Pueblo School District No. 60**, \$30,000
- **Pueblo Triple Aim Corporation**, \$25,000
- **Southside Children's Center**, \$15,000

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# Our Vision

**Colorado's children and families are happy, healthy, and thriving.**

## **Our Purpose**

Creating equity in health, well-being and opportunity for Colorado's children and families.

- We believe that Colorado prospers when all our children, youth and families thrive.
- We intentionally direct our resources to those denied opportunity in our society.
- We stand together with communities to create policies, environments and systems that support the goal that every child in Colorado has love, stability, support and opportunity.

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