

INVESTING *in* SAFER COMMUNITIES

In 2017, the Colorado State Legislature passed a bill (HB17-1326) that is transforming our approach to public safety. This new safety vision invests in strategies that strengthen communities as a way to prevent crime in the first place. With oversight by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), this legislation provides three years of funding for pilot projects in Southeast Colorado Springs and North Aurora. Funding will be used to offer small business loans managed by lenders and a grant program administered by a community foundation. Local planning teams will determine grant funding priorities for each community.

NORTH AURORA AND SOUTHEAST COLORADO SPRINGS WERE SELECTED TO PILOT THIS NEW SAFETY VISION.

LOCAL PLANNING TEAMS

Each community develops crime prevention priorities that inform grant guidelines.

CDFIs

Community Development Financial Institutions

PARTICIPATING LENDERS:

N Aurora: Community Enterprise
Development Services (CEDS)
SE Colorado Springs: DreamSpring

GRANTS

\$1.3 million*

*PER YEAR/PER COMMUNITY

Administered through
The Denver Foundation

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

\$500,000**

**PER YEAR/PER COMMUNITY
MAX LOAN AMOUNT \$50K;
MAX TERM 60 MONTHS

GRANTS MAY FUND:

- School achievement
- Community-based services
- Neighborhood connections, community engagement and leadership development
- Safety/usability of common outdoor spaces
- Data collection, analysis and evaluation