



COLORADO

Department of Local Affairs

Division of Local Government

COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE (CCPI)

Initiative Summary

June 2017

INITIATIVE HISTORY

Colorado House Bill 17-1326 was signed into law on June 6, 2017, forming the Community Crime Prevention Initiative (CCPI). This initiative reinvests parole reform dollars in North Aurora and Southeast Colorado Springs to support economic development and community services through community loan and grant programs. All programs within the initiative repeal September 1, 2020.

INITIATIVE OUTCOME

These funds are intended to improve targeted communities through small business loans, and provide community-based grants through foundations to fund programs, projects, or direct services aimed at reducing crime in the target neighborhoods. This initiative could be used as an example for replication.

INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

Loan Program: \$1 million to Community Development Financial Institutions for small business lending

Summary: The loan program will expand small business lending in the target communities of Aurora and Colorado Springs. A request for participation from one or more nondepository community development financial institution (CDFI) loan funds will be issued to manage the small business lending program. The CDFI(s) must be located in or currently serving the target communities. As required, small business loans are limited to 5 years and \$50,000.

Grant Program: \$3 million to Community Foundation(s) that will issue grants aimed at reducing crime in the targeted neighborhoods

Summary: The grant program will fund projects, programs or direct services aimed at reducing crime in the target communities. A request for participation will be issued to select a foundation or foundations to manage the grant program. The foundation(s) must be located in or currently serving the target communities. Grant opportunities will then be made available through the foundation(s) to nonprofits organizations, schools, and units of local government. Grants may fund:

- Academic improvement programs;
- Community-based services;
- Community engagement programs;
- Increasing safety and usability of common outdoor-spaces programs;
- Technical assistance related to data collection, data analysis, and evaluation; and
- Administrative costs of the foundation.

FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION

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