

Transforming Safety 2018 Cycle 1: Final Grant Awards

North Aurora

Organization	Grant Award	
Arc of Aurora	\$70,000.00	Grant funds will be used to: 1) Develop, promote, host, and evaluate three interactive training series of four sessions each targeted to separate audiences; 2) Host a half day in-person, expert-lead training to the same trainees. The series will provide foundational knowledge to help attendees understand the correlation between special education and the pipeline to prison.
Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition	\$30,000.00	Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition (AEOC) will implement a leadership program for day laborers in North Aurora. When Workers Take the Lead is a leadership program created by the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON). The leadership program strengthens and expands the work of day laborers, helping them become more effective and strategic at building leadership, advancing low-wage workers' and immigrants' rights, and developing successful models for organizing contingent and temporary immigrant workers.
Aurora Warms the Night, Inc	\$135,000.00	This grant will support the city of Aurora's first ever evening bathroom/shower facility for one of our community's most vulnerable populations. This mobile community gathering place will be centered around a bathroom/shower trailer that people experiencing homelessness in Aurora will be able to access from 6:30pm to 10:30pm, 7 days a week. This gathering place will also include food and an outreach mental health professional to help people experiencing homelessness to gain access to services like housing, IDs, TANF, and food stamps, as well as substance abuse programs.
Colorado African Organization	\$80,000.00	CAO's mission is to support Colorado's refugee, immigrant, and asylum-seeking populations in their pursuit of self-sufficiency, integration, and freedom. CAO will build upon and expand its award winning Community Navigation program, and its legal program for naturalization, primarily for refugees and with a focus on the North Aurora target community.
DenverWorks	\$155,000.00	DenverWorks will support 50 adults who are or have been involved in the criminal justice system in order to reduce recidivism or incidence of reoffending. Participants will receive case management services, pursue GEDs, enroll in a pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship program, become employed, and participate in pro-social activities.

Families Forward Resource Center	\$70,000.00	This grant will help Families Forward to replicate the R.I.S.E. Network model already established in Far Northeast Denver. By implementing a R.I.S.E. Network in North Aurora, support systems will be strengthened and become more responsive to needs of youth up to age 25 involved in or at risk of becoming involved in crime. The grant will be used in coordination and support of the cross-agency case management model, activating specific partner projects, and engaging the community around strategies to ensure a safe, healthy, prosperous, and connected community.
Juvenile Assessment Center	\$200,000.00	This grant will be used to implement a systematic early intervention program for juveniles charged with delinquent acts in Aurora municipal court.
Restoration Project International	\$19,700.00	Grant funds will support the Life Skills Development program, which includes Microsoft Certification Training and Financial Management Classes, with the goal of empowering and equipping survivors of sex trafficking with skills and tools to build their resilience and live more productive lives. These tools will also shape victims/survivor's ability to assess risky situations, avoid risky behavior, and shun criminal activities.
Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute	\$125,000.00	Community Enterprise Development Services, Inc., Rocky Mountain Microfinance Institute, and Second Chance Center, Inc. have partnered to establish a holistic entrepreneur training program that focuses on helping returning citizens achieve self-sufficiency through business ownership. The partnership will identify, train, and finance up to 10 motivated returning citizens to successfully launch their business as key strategies to achieve economic and social mobility, while also minimizing recidivism rates among participants.
Second Chance Center, Inc.	\$130,000.00	SCC will continue to serve citizens returning from incarceration in state prisons, county jails, and area halfway houses, providing a host of transition services including supportive housing in North Aurora and a Peer Navigation Specialist
The Center for Trauma & Resilience	\$190,300.00	Grant funding will be used to provide wraparound legal, victim support, and behavioral health services to immigrant and limited English proficient survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, sex trafficking, and other violent crimes who are residing in North Aurora.

The ROCK Center	\$25,000.00	Through the Breaking Chains Building Bonds Program (BCBB), families that have a formerly incarcerated parent or a child involved with the juvenile justice system will learn skills they need to maintain mental and physical health, improve coping skills, repair and maintain strong family bonds, and learn healthy conflict resolution and communication skills. Participants will participate in an 8 to 10 week series of workshops that will explore perspectives and decision-making, Tai Chi for physical and mental health, art and storytelling for healthy communication, and healthy coping skills.
Work Options for Women	\$70,000.00	Grant funds will support WOW's Culinary Job Skills Training program in North Aurora, which will help adults involved in the criminal justice system obtain sustainable employment, thereby reducing the likelihood of recidivism. WOW will bring its effective culinary training/support program to North Aurora through its new mobile culinary classroom, which will be parked at a location in North Aurora that is accessible to residents of halfway houses. Individuals with a criminal history will have priority admission to the program. WOW will provide 4-weeks of direct training /skills practice in soft skills and culinary skills; individualized support; job search assistance; and additional support as students transition back into the community. Students will earn Prep Cook certification.

Southeast Colorado Springs

Organization

Grant Award

City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Culture Services	\$120,410	Grant funding will be used by Deerfield Hills and Hillside Community Centers to improve neighborhood safety by activating local parks with positive interactions in community spaces, hosting lunchtime "brain breaks" at local elementary and middle schools, and enhancing the Panorama Middle School after school program. Park activation will occur through the city's first mobile Pop-Up Play Park, which creates temporary places to play and brings neighborhoods to life with regular programming staffed by local youth.
Colorado Springs Teen Court	\$20,000	Grant funds will support the Court's Restorative Justice Sentencing, Restoring Success Program, Alcohol/Drug Awareness, Life Skills Mentoring, and Leadership Development for Volunteers.

Council of Neighbors and Organizations	\$75,000	This grant will enable CONO to develop and implement a curriculum for Community Advocate Training; working with neighborhoods to create a self-identifying neighborhood map; community stipends for individuals who participate in and help run training sessions and mapping events; and overhead costs associated with marketing, gas, and food for events.
Colorado Springs Works, Inc.	\$193,406	Grants funds will support 150 adults who are or have been involved in the criminal justice system to reduce recidivism or incidence of reoffending and overcome systemic barriers to success in education and employment. Participants will receive case management services, pursue GEDs, enroll in a pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship program, become employed, and participate in pro-social activities.
Kingdom Builders Family Life Center	\$129,490	Grant funds will be used to provide mentoring and life skills education services, parenting/caregiver support services, enrichment activities, and domestic violence support group activities.
Relevant Word Ministries	\$131,895	The grant will be used to provide funding for the Southeast Access to Opportunity (SEATO) Man-Up program. SEATO is an intensive mentoring program that will work with 40-60 high risk youth between 10 - 17 years of age, as well as their families. Grant funds will be used to purchase programmatic materials and to fund projects for the youth and families, as well as to hire three administrative positions from within the SE community, as well as to pay for mentor CBI checks, facility usage, and trainings.
Servicios de la Raza	\$75,000	This grant will fund the Familias Unidas (Families United) program, an evidence-based, culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health intervention that will help Latinx youth ages 10-17 and their parents in Southeast Colorado Springs develop the skills and resilience they need to avoid, reduce, or stop high-risk behaviors.
TESSA	\$95,000	Grant funds will support TESSA's Prevention and Youth Services Program. TESSA seeks to change the current trajectory of sexual and domestic violence rates in SE Colorado Springs by focusing on prevention efforts (such as interventions and education for youth), training for school personnel and other youth-serving organizations, and parenting classes for parents and soon-to-be parents.
Thrive Network	\$161,300	This grant will support expansion of Thrive's existing classes in the areas of financial training & wellness, leadership training, and low barrier franchise opportunities so that more people in the SE COS community have access to greater economic opportunity.

Vozes Unidas for Justice	\$153,439	Grant funding will support training through the Promotoras de Paz program that will provide healing and justice circles and advocacy; provide community education for survivors of violence, friends, family, and collateral professionals; bring in culturally specific train-the-trainers to expand healing and justice circles; and convene a monthly Community Coalition of Promotoras de Paz.
Youth Transformation Center	\$145,060	This grant will allow YTC to early-identify students most at risk of future suspension and expulsion and provide alternative services to deflect the school to prison pipeline before youth have developed irreversible patterns of disruptive behaviors. A first-of-its-kind Restorative Practices curriculum specifically for elementary schools will be developed by the Giberson Elementary School principal and the director of YTC. As a result of this curriculum, the Harrison district will expand restorative justice programming into nine of its 14 elementary schools.