

Transforming Safety Fall 2019 Grants

North Aurora

Organization	Grant Award	
Caring & Sharing Community Resources & Transformation Center	\$ 70,000	Grant funds will enable Caring & Sharing to provide a combination of direct wrap around services, referrals, and collaborations with community partners to address its participants needs. Services will include housing, counseling, vocational training and employment placement, food, clothing, and supportive services to ensure participants, many of them returning to community from incarceration, are able to live successfully in the community.
Collaborative Healing Initiative Within Communities	\$ 85,000	Grant funds will be used by CHIC to provide intake, training, two-generation case management, placement assistance, and supportive services to help 30 women residing in North Aurora gain access to careers in construction. In addition, CHIC will begin development of the Women in Construction Pre-Apprenticeship program, including curriculum design and industry partner development.
Glowmundo Creations	\$ 55,000	Grant funds will enable Glowmundo to expand on its work at Peoria Elementary School in the 2019-2020 school by providing additional teacher and parent trainings on social and emotional learning and skill building, and will allow Glowmundo to expand trainings to one to two other grades in the school and form a second parent cohort. The focus of the work is on improving the behaviors of students by increasing student self-awareness, self management, social awareness, and improving relationship skills and responsible decision making.
Heavy Hands Heavy Hearts Foundation	\$ 85,000	Grant funds will be used by HHHH to provide tutoring, individual and group mentoring, sports, group empowerment sessions, counseling, entrepreneurship training, basic needs/support services, field trips, and community service projects to youth and young adults. HHHH works with youth with prior justice system involvement to help them access therapeutic support, mentors, academic tutoring, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, career training, and pro-social activities.
PassageWorks Institute, Inc.	\$ 50,000	Grant funds will enable PassageWorks to continue providing its Equity Based Leadership Institute (ELBI) to 14 North Aurora school leaders through full-day and monthly trainings on topics including racism, classism, and sexual orientation. Funds will also allow PassageWorks to provide additional support through coaching sessions, and expand its Google Classroom online learning community. Training topics in year two include gender and gender identity, a two-day training on innovation and systems change, and design thinking and implementation science. Participating school-based teams will also begin planning a collaborative project to catalyze broader-based shifts in their school and community.
Resilient Futures	\$ 60,000	Grant funds will be used by Resilient Futures to support the Healthy Environments and Response to Trauma in Schools program implementation team at Peoria Elementary School that was established in the first round of Transforming Safety. This team will develop a trauma-informed equity plan for the whole school and will work closely with school personnel to adjust their individual and team practices to become more trauma-informed and anchored in equity goals. Resilient Futures will also continue programming at Vega Collegiate Academy, including monthly professional development workshops. A Resilient Futures consultant will also provide information for quarterly parent nights at the school.
RISE Colorado	\$ 50,000	Grant funds will enable RISE to provide professional learning workshops to school leaders in North Aurora. These workshops provide opportunities for educators to gain the mindsets, skills, and tools needed to improve educational equity and outcomes for students through authentic family engagement. Funds will also be used to help North Aurora families develop and lead community-based organizing coalitions through which they transfer the knowledge gained in workshops into action, specifically by identifying and selecting issues impacting student achievement, and working toward resolutions they believe will most improve students' academic achievement.

Servicios de La Raza	\$ 80,000	Grant funds will be used by SDLR to continue to provide the Familias Unidas curriculum to Latinx youth and their families in North Aurora. In addition to the schools served in year one, SDLR will add East Middle School, Aurora West College Prep, and Crawford Elementary. SDLR will conduct six cohorts to help youth and families develop coping skills, provide substance abuse education, and support academic skill building for high risk youth.
Sistahood Project	\$ 70,000	Grant funds will enable Sistahood to continue providing direct services to 20 high-risk (characterized by substance abuse and/or mental health issues and trauma, including sex trafficking) young women between the ages of 14-17. Sistahood will provide housing support, substance abuse and mental health therapy, pro-social skill development, healthy relationship mentoring, support for basic needs such as clothing and transportation, and service coordination with county social services agencies.
Victim and Offender Mitigation Initiative (VOMI)	\$ 40,000	Grant funds will be used by VOMI to recruit youth through the Juvenile Assessment Center, Aurora Municipal Juvenile Court, and Moorhead Recreation Center to participate in its four-week Restorative Justice curriculum, followed by its ten-week Street Fam curriculum. VOMI will work with 16 middle school and high school students at risk of gang involvement, gang affiliation, or criminal justice involvement, and will provide wrap around support services for youth and families.
\$ 645,000		

Southeast Colorado Springs

Organization

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Colorado Springs Conservatory Foundation	\$ 53,000	Grant funds will enable CSC provide arts immersion, summer performance camps, and before school programming for older children and an early intervention program for kindergarten students and their parent/caregivers. These programs will help youth build protective factors and establish strong resilience, healthy social-emotional development, and prosocial behavior. CSC's primary partner in this work is Centennial Elementary School.
Educating Children of Color (ECOC)	\$ 40,000	Grant funds will be used to continue ECOC's Diversity University sessions to address the systemic causes of racism and implicit bias within the Colorado Springs community. To reach the goal of dismantling the cradle-to-prison pipeline for children of color and children in poverty, ECOC will encourage students and their parents to attend the Summit by making it a free event and by offering breakout sessions that focus on family dynamics. ECOC will also continue to offer sessions that embrace children of all ethnicities as learners of promise and not peril. Transforming Safety funding will also support continued improvements to the Leadership Academy Program, with a focus on Southeast Colorado Springs school districts.
Inside Out Youth Services (IOYS)	\$ 25,000	Grant funds will enable IOYS to increase youth connectedness to trusted adults and their community, and to build SE Colorado Springs' LGBTQ+ youths' skills and resilience to help them stop engaging in high-risk behaviors that can lead to involvement with the criminal justice system. IOYS's will provide weekly evidence-based peer support groups, ongoing drop-in services, support groups, Safe Dates dating violence prevention classes, comprehensive sex education, and suicide prevention and emotional resilience skills building curricula. IOYS will also continue to build the skills of adults to support LGBTQ+ youth and reduce criminal behavior by fostering a supportive, inclusive community that builds resilience and increases help-seeking and law-abiding behaviors.
KidPower of Colorado	\$ 25,000	Grants funds will be used to provide approximately sixteen trainings for children/teens at schools and community agencies in SE Colorado Springs attended by 2,500 individuals. Kidpower's top priority is to reach children who are statistically classified as at highest risk for experiencing abuse. This includes children living in poverty, foster children, very young children, at-risk teens, survivors of violence, abuse, or assault, and children facing special life challenges such as visual impairment, deafness, and physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities.

REACH Pikes Peak	\$ 30,000	Grant funds will enable RPP to address barriers that prevent individuals and families from moving out of poverty by focusing on educational progression, family formation, and work and career advancement. Funding will primarily support the Transition to Independence Program (TIP), which will help SE Colorado Springs residents who are returning to the community from incarceration to achieve post-secondary education completion. Interventions will include intense one-on-one case management, accountability mapping and goal setting, personal development coaching and individualized pathway sessions, and skill development.
Second Chance Through Faith (SCTH)	\$ 150,000	Grant funds will enable SCTF to continue identifying risk factors associated with gang involvement, while building resilience to support youth in permanently exiting gang life. SCTF will help gang-involved youth develop action plans to proactively address these risk factors, provide ongoing mentoring, and invite them to participate in pro-social activities to build resiliency. Parents will also be involved in the development of their child's individual action plan and encouraged to remain engaged throughout their child's participation in SCTF through family nights, parent representation on SCTF's governing board, parent trainings, and ongoing communication with SCTF staff.
Solid Rock Community Development Corporation (SRCDC)	\$ 100,000	Grant funds will be used by SRCDC to continue implementation of its Fresh Start Program, which provides business development classes in partnership with Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center, and to help entrepreneurs who have launched businesses to move toward success. Many of SRCDC's entrepreneur participants have recently returned to SE Colorado Springs from incarceration. The organization will also continue to collaborate with mentoring partners to provide more in-depth mentoring programs, will provide learning management classes based upon assessment of class participants, and will expand its computer training lab for MS Office training and other one-on-one assessments.
The Trust for Public Land (TPL)	\$ 60,000	Grant funds will enable TPL to continue to support the Youth Advisory Council that is helping to design the renovation of Panorama Park, and to expand the YAC's focus. During the second year, the YAC will work on designing a specific element of the park's master plan, taking ownership of a feature that they will be able to construct at the end of the project. The YAC will also partner directly on this phase with The Mission Continues. Veteran leaders from The Mission Continues will provide additional adult role models for the youth, while building community bonds through designing and building a shared space in the park. The YAC will also work directly with the RISE Coalition to develop a work plan to integrate the YAC into the Coalition's broader work once the park renovation is completed.
TwoCor Projects	\$ 92,000	Grant funds will be used by TwoCor to promote healing among young people affected by trauma in SE Colorado Springs and to help participants learn appropriate workplace behavior. Funds will provide participation incentives, stipends, business practicum wages, work boots and uniforms, staff trainers, supervisors, job coaches, transportation, food, and administrative overhead for 30 youth participants.
WeighOut Ministries	\$ 70,000	Grant funds will enable WeighOut to provide mental health training along with cognitive, social, and problem-solving skills training to young people in SE Colorado Springs. WeighOut will continue to build out safe spaces to teach pro-social skills and provide an efficient learning environment. In addition, WeighOut will expand its lunch-time program to one day a week, and will also introduce an afterschool program at Panorama Middle School.
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