

Transforming Safety Spring 2019 Grantees

North Aurora

Organization	Grant Award	
Arc of Aurora	\$70,000.00	Grant funds will enable Arc of Aurora to partner with two new North Aurora schools and provide training to a minimum of 30 parents, teachers/administrators/paraprofessionals, and law enforcement and school security personnel on how their response to behavior can keep children with developmental disabilities in schools and out of the school to prison pipeline; and provide parent training to parents in the two school communities Arc worked with during its first year of Transforming Safety funding (Boston and Aurora West College Prep) on use of the IDD Checklist Tool for help with IEP Advocacy.
Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition	\$50,000.00	Grant funds will enable 100 day laborers who were recruited in 2018 to participate in leadership classes to learn about worker rights and advocacy, work ethic and responsibility, health, safety, wage theft, worker-employer relationships, and to improve their English language skills; and will help AEOC increase employer engagement by adding 20 more employers.
Aurora Warms the Night, Inc	\$105,000.00	Grant funds will continue to support the city of Aurora's first ever evening bathroom/shower facility for people experiencing homelessness. AWN will operate the mobile shower from April - October 2019, three days a week in April and May and then five days a week for the rest of the time period. Services to be provided include food, referrals for social service services, and on-site medical and dental services.
Center for Trauma & Resilience, The	\$190,000.00	Grant funds will enable CTR to serve 150 immigrants and Limited English Proficiency victims through a combination of services that includes preparing and submitting immigration petitions; providing wrap around services such as accompaniment, advocacy, information, referrals, case management and hotline counseling, individual counseling, referrals for long-term therapy and medical assessments, interpretation and translation, emergency financial assistance (to assist with the financial impact of being a victim of a crime), assistance with Victim Compensation applications, safety planning and crime prevention education, and wellness services such as yoga and acupuncture. Group support will include eight week support groups for all victims of crime, and twelve-week closed support groups for sexual assault and sex trafficking victims.

Colorado African Organization	\$80,000.00	Grant funds will enable CAO to provide school-based services and community navigation for parents and K-12 youth; legal services for naturalization and permanent residency applications; mental health services through partnership with the University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology; community outreach through the New American Neighbors streaming radio programming on Denver Public School's EDUCA Radio, including expansion of the radio program to include youth hosts. Program participants will primarily be refugees from the following countries: Burma, Syria, Bhutan, Iraq, Eritrea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, Sudan.
CommunityWorks (formerly DenverWorks)	\$155,000.00	Grants funds will be used to provide employment training and wrap around services to 50 African-American men living in N. Aurora who are between the ages of 18 and 30 and who have been justice-involved. CW will place individuals in transitional jobs to develop job readiness skills and/or receive therapeutic supports, including the opportunity to participate in a new 10-week cognitive behavioral therapy group, GED classes, driver's license classes, and an eight-week sports camps to build leadership skills and teamwork. Participants will continue to earn a salary while in this transitional employment program. Participants will exit the transitional jobs program and enter the apprenticeship program when deemed ready by counselors and case managers. CW will provide diverse job opportunities to accommodate schedules, limitations imposed by parole, employment readiness, and communication skills.
Families Forward Resource Center	\$70,000.00	Grants funds will enable FFRC to continue serving as the backbone organization for the North Aurora Collective Impact Network. FFRC will convene a wraparound service meeting to discuss and develop individual case management plans with the youth and their families that are served by the NCIN. FFRC will also support social emotional curriculum and therapeutic services offered by fellow collective members, and will sponsor outreach and events to engage the community about the NCIN. FFRC will also provide wrap around services to NCIN partners for 100 individual/families.
Juvenile Assessment Center	\$200,000.00	Grant funds will allow JAC to continue to partner with the Aurora City Attorney's office, while also strengthening and expanding partnerships with schools and the 18th Judicial District District Attorney's office to secure assessment referrals for 200 youth. The District Attorney's office has agreed to partner with the JAC to refer all youth receiving a summons prior to their first court date, with an intention that the assessment will give the courts more information to allow for diversion and services.

Restoration Project International	\$20,000.00	Grant funds will enable RPI to add a Survivor Awareness & First Encounter (SAFE) Skills Development Program that will hold four to six community events focusing on outreach to human trafficking/violence survivors, community members, and service providers to increase their knowledge of trafficking, give them tools to identify and protect vulnerable girls, support the healing process, and prevent victimization. Funding will also support continuation of Financial Literacy and Microsoft training for ten individuals, in addition to providing mentoring, referral services, and systems navigation. Following completion of the classes, RPI will conduct assessments to plan participants' next steps and provide a continuum of service until they are in a safe space, including connecting participants to life coaches for social and economic empowerment and career counseling.
ROCK Center, The	\$25,000.00	Grant funds will allow the Rock Center to provide deep support through its Breaking Chains Building Bonds (BCBB) wellness curriculum to 36 formerly incarcerated participants, which will include 30 new participants and six previous participants who will be part of a leadership track. Core programming will include learning healthy coping skills and reclaiming their personal narrative. Workshops on storytelling and parenting with PTSD will help participants set goals for parenting, reflect on and release experiences of trauma that contributed to their incarceration, and identify PTSD symptoms and how to cope with PTSD as a parent. Leadership track participants will develop skills in outreach, public speaking, recruitment, and workshop facilitation, and provide leadership/mentoring to new participants.
Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute (collaborative with Second Chance Center and CEDS Finance)	\$125,000.00	Grant funds will allow collaborative partners to enroll ten entrepreneurs into each of two business launch phases, with the expectation that eight will graduate from each phase who be eligible to receive loans from CEDS Finance to support their business launch.
Second Chance Center, Inc.	\$130,000.00	SCC will serve 250 individuals through pre-release individual mentoring in prisons, jails, and halfway houses; development of case management and individual service plans; provision of basic needs resources (food, clothing, transportation, Medicaid enrollment, health care navigation); employment preparation, placement, and retention services; vocational training; cognitive restructuring; peer mentoring; group meetings focused on healthy relationships, trauma recovery for women, and physical fitness; substance use disorder counseling; mental health care; and housing. SCC will also expand services for women and add new programs to assist the unique needs of older clients exiting the justice system.

Work Options for Women	\$70,000.00	Grant funds will enable WOW to continue supporting adults and youth who are or have been involved in the criminal justice system by providing culinary job skills training, as well as case management and other resources geared toward helping individuals gain and maintain sustainable employment, through its mobile training center. WOW will reach 32 individuals who have direct or secondary involvement in the criminal justice system. Sixty percent of graduates will be placed in employment, 50 percent of employed graduates will retain employment for six months, and 60 percent of employed graduate will not re-offend.
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Southeast Colorado Springs

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City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Culture Services	\$119,450	Grant funds will enable Deerfield Hills Community Center to continue its efforts to introduce protective factors into the lives of hundreds of children in Southeast Colorado Springs that build resilience and cognitive/emotional skills. Grant funds will enable DHCC to implement a multi-faceted approach that meets kids where they are, from local parks to their schools, through Pop Up Play, Brain Breaks, Afterschool Programs, and Teen Pathways.
Colorado Springs Teen Court	\$20,000	Grants funds will be used to continue implementation of the Restorative Justice Sentencing Program. Teen Court accepts youth aged 10-25 who are convicted of first-time misdemeanor offenses as deferred sentences or referrals of pre-adjudication cases (School Resource Officer Ticket) (cases that have not received a ticket for a criminal act) from school administrators.
Council of Neighbors and Organizations	\$75,000	Grant funds will enable CONO to continue running the Southeast Community Advocate Training, as well as to develop a Southeast Asset Map that will include neighborhoods with self-identifying names/boundaries. The goal of these programs is to increase representation of Southeast residents in public processes, as well as with local organizations providing programming that is beneficial to Southeast. CONO believes that having better representation from the Southeast community will help the city identify and acknowledge systemic causes of academic, economic, and racial disparity, which will help develop resources to address root causes of community issues.

CommunityWorks (formerly Colorado SpringsWorks)	\$190,000	Grant funds will enable CW enroll 50 SE Colorado Springs residents in its pre-apprenticeship or warehouse program who are between the ages of 18 and 45 and have been or are at risk of being justice-involved. The programs will train participants for and place them in high-paying jobs in construction, warehouse, or customer service, or help them become self employed.
Kingdom Builders Family Life Center	\$129,490	Grants funds will be used to continue KBFLC's work with youth and parents in the Project Right Direction Program, which helps youth rediscover that they are talented, capable, and worthwhile individuals; helps them establish healthy, positive relationships with their families; provides a safe and supportive environment that encourages them to identify the underlying issues driving their negative and self-destructive behaviors; and helps them gain the courage to change and develop healthy, positive coping skills.
Relevant Word Ministries	\$130,000	Grant funds will be used to support the Southeast Access to Opportunity (SEATO) Man-Up program, an intensive mentoring program for 40-60 boys from 10-17 years of age, and to expand the SEATO program to enroll a cohort of 20 girls. SEATO is a prevention/intervention "Call to Action Movement" with a strong mentoring component that seeks to reduce the funneling of tens of thousands of youth down life paths that often lead to school dropout, arrest, conviction, incarceration, and premature death.
Servicios de la Raza	\$75,000	Grant funds will enable SDLR to continue to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health intervention among low-income Hispanic families through the Familias Unidas program. The program addresses risk and protective factors at the family, peer, school, and community level, including use of illicit drugs, alcohol, marijuana, and risky sexual behaviors, development of coping and life skill enhancement, substance abuse education, and academic skill building. Familias Unidas includes community educational sessions on public safety in partnership with the Colorado Springs Police Department.
TESSA	\$95,000	Grants funds will enable TESSA to implement strategies to alter the current trajectory of sexual and domestic violence rates in SE Colorado Springs through prevention programs such as interventions and education for youth, training for school personnel and other youth-serving organizations, and parenting classes to parents and soon-to-be parents.

Thrive Network	\$160,000	Grant funds will be used by THRIVE to continue its “Entrepreneurial Season” Program, which seeks to eliminate economic barriers for Southeast residents through business development. THRIVE focuses on teaching SE residents to launch their own small businesses and create social impacts to address not only their own financial need but to solve problems in the community.
Voces Unidas for Justice	\$152,000	Grant funds will enable Voces Unidas to continue providing its Promotoras de Paz program in SE Colorado Springs, as well as operate its healing and justice circles, provide community education for survivors of violence, friends and 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. Funding will also enable Voces Unidas to expance some of its services and groups to include men for the first time.
Youth Transformation Center	\$144,060	Grants funds will allow YTC to continue its Restorative Justice Practices (RJP) at eight elementary schools in Harrison School District Two by providing ongoing training to school staff, faculty, students, and parents in two RJP models: the Classroom Connection Circles model and the Restorative Justice Conferencing model. Grant funds will also enable YTC to provide weekly mentoring sessions by trained and highly experienced YTC coaches in eight schools, to increase use of the Restorative Justice Conferencing model for discipline intervention with students who are showing signs of more frequent or more serious behavior issues, and to expand the RJP program to additional middle schools.

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