



Transforming Safety- Grand Junction

[Local Planning Team Application](#)

About Transforming Safety

The Colorado General Assembly created the Transforming Safety program through legislation in 2017 and expanded it in 2021 to include Grand Junction. The Transforming Safety program supports community development through a grant and small business loan program. The program uses a new safety framework that focuses on preventing crime in the first place by; (1) Focusing on community and economic development in specific neighborhoods more impacted by crime and justice system involvement, (2) Empowering local community members to identify priorities and solutions, (3) Providing funding to the community and (4) using a private sector approach that braids both non-profit and for-profit strengths.

The program will operate in Grand Junction and unincorporated areas thereof. The community will receive \$579,830 each year in grant funds for up to two years. Funding for subsequent years will be determined by the Colorado General Assembly. It is expected that a minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 grant awards will be made. There will also be access for lending to small businesses operated by a separate program.

You can learn more about the history of Transforming Safety by visiting the website [HERE](#). The website will be updated as the project progresses.

Grant Program Areas

The Transforming Safety program legislation created four broad areas for the grant program:

1. Academic Achievement
2. Community- Based Direct Services
3. Neighborhood Connections
4. Increasing the Safety and Usability of Common Outdoor Spaces

Grand Junction Local Planning Team Roles & Responsibilities

The legislation also called for the creation of a Local Planning Team whose role and responsibilities are to:

- Determine the geographical boundaries of the grant program.
- Develop crime prevention priorities, based on the four program areas noted above, to inform the grant guidelines and grant making process. Please note that the Local Planning Team will not review grant proposals or make funding recommendations.
- Organizations/agencies/schools with representatives who participate on the Local Planning Team are ***NOT*** prevented from applying for grant funding.
- Meeting minutes of decisions points will be posted to the Transforming Safety website.

- The meetings will be a blend of in-person and online formats (i.e. Zoom). Adjustments may be made due to COVID19 safety precautions.
- The Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (more below) staff and facilitators are available to talk with and support local planning team members outside of meetings.

Applications to form the Local Planning Team are now being accepted with a deadline of 5:00pm on 12/20/21- [APPLY HERE](#). The Local Planning Team members will meet a total of 5 times over January and February of 2022 as indicated below.

- January 8, 2022- 4 hr. in person meeting at 930 Main St. Grand Junction, CO 81501 hosted by The Freedom Institute.
- January 12, 2022- 2 hr. Zoom Mtg
- January 19, 2022- 2 hr. Zoom Mtg
- February 5, 2022- 4 hr. -in person meeting at 930 Main St. Grand Junction, CO 81501 hosted by The Freedom Institute.
- February 8, 2022- 1.5 hr. Zoom Mtg

Local Planning Team Representation

Communities are safer when a diverse group of people come together to discuss how to build on community strengths and address safety challenges in a comprehensive way. The Local Planning Team will be composed of a diverse cross-section of the community with people experienced in areas such as;

- Non-profit Direct Services
- Education
- Youth and Families
- Faith Leaders
- Local Law Enforcement & Local Government
- Residents of Grand Junction, including those who have been directly impacted by crime and involvement in the criminal justice system.

The Role of the Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (LCCL)

The [LCCL](#) is a non-profit community oriented intermediary selected by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs through a competitive process to manage the Transforming Safety Project in Grand Junction. The LCCL works throughout the state, including Grand Junction, to Find, Fund, Form and Feature non-profits in marginalized communities meeting the needs of individuals and families. The LCCL is the provider of technical assistance, data management and reporting for the Transforming Safety projects in North Aurora and SE Colorado Springs. For questions contact Richard Morales at rpmorales@latinocoalition.org. In Subject line please state Grand Junction LPT Application Question.