



A Health Equity Foundation

Community Partnerships Culmination Phase Grantees 2022-23

The [Community Partnerships](#) funding strategy ran from 2014 to 2022. After deciding to conclude the strategy, to support participating community teams in creating a lasting legacy of service to their neighbors and families, The Colorado Trust committed more than \$6 million to culminate the strategy in 2022 and 2023.

During the Culmination Phase, Colorado Trust staff worked with community members to provide one-time funding to grantee organizations working to reduce health inequities in their communities. The grantees are described in detail below.

Alpine Achievers Initiative

\$249,921

Alpine Achievers Initiative works to inspire, connect and nurture youth, families and communities in rural Colorado. This support is for three health equity-focused initiatives in Saguache County: summer programming in three communities that includes tutoring and recreational opportunities for youth; active allyship training for 40 educators that work in the county; and the implementation of gender sexuality alliances in multiple schools.

Antonito Together

\$121,310

The Antonito Together Youth Leadership Program has partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley to offer an array of valuable resources to the youth in the local community. These resources include personalized career coaching, mentorship, skills development opportunities, and the chance to build strong bonds with their peers. The program is focused on empowering the youth in the community to reach their full potential, both personally and professionally.

Clifton Community Leaders

\$359,441

Clifton Community Leaders, in collaboration with the Western Colorado Alliance, are constructing an accessible playground. This endeavor aims to foster inclusivity within the community while simultaneously providing recreational spaces for all residents, irrespective of their abilities. The space will feature traditional playground equipment with accessible options, fitness stations, benches, walking pathways, grass areas, and features to help maintain the security of the environment for all users.

Commún

\$1,000,000

The former student union on the Loretto Heights campus, located in Sheridan in the Denver metro area, is set to transform courtesy of Commún and Sheridan Rising Together for Equity. The aim is to turn the building into a community hub for nonprofits and local small businesses. The building will also include a coffee shop and community meeting space. This long-term project will promote

inclusivity, encourage collaboration, and foster engagement among residents. The hub will create a welcoming and safe space where residents can come together to share ideas, knowledge and experiences.

Dolores County School District

\$128,318

The Dolores County School District in Dove Creek has launched a tutoring and social-emotional learning program that aims to provide year-round academic support to students while nurturing their emotional growth through various workshops and presentations. The program has been designed to create a more solid educational foundation within the district, focusing on fostering a culture of learning and development that enriches students' lives inside and outside the classroom.

East Colfax Community Collective

\$250,000

The East Colfax Community Collective is implementing an innovative program known as a mixed-income neighborhood trust, which is designed to address the gentrification, displacement and need for affordable housing options in the East Colfax corridor of Denver and Aurora. This initiative promotes community stability and fosters sustainable economic growth by empowering community members to own and manage their land and properties and support each other through long-term, community-driven economic efforts.

El Paso County Public Health

\$222,219

Support for the Fountain Valley Communities That Care coalition and its Connect Fountain project, which aims to bolster community connection, involvement and resource access for Fountain Valley youth and their families. This will include encouraging youth to participate in the community, connecting youth and families to existing resources, and training service providers on youth and family engagement. Youth input will factor into a gap analysis, helping to identify ways to effectively meet needs. Enhancing and creating youth opportunities through Connect Fountain will increase a sense of belonging and interpersonal relationships, and show young people that they are valued residents of Fountain.

El Sueño Latino

\$97,876

El Sueño Latino's program in Loveland provides focused assistance and valuable resources to promote the engagement of immigrant residents. Their efforts are designed to enhance immigrants' overall well-being and quality of life by fostering a welcoming and inclusive community. With a personalized approach and a deep understanding of immigrants' unique challenges, El Sueño Latino makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those they serve.

First Southwest Community Fund

\$149,470

The program offered by the First Southwest Community Fund in southwestern Colorado is geared towards supporting and training entrepreneurs who are Black, Indigenous, Latinx or other people of color. The initiative aims to foster regional economic growth and diversity and empower underrepresented business owners by providing them with training, coaching and mini-grants to help them start and expand their businesses. Through this program, entrepreneurs gain access to a wide range of resources and support, including mentorship, training, access to capital, and networking opportunities.

Food to Power

\$243,596

Support for the Hillside Community Food Hub in the Hillside neighborhood of Colorado Springs. For nearly six years, Food to Power engaged neighbors and partners to help form the vision for this space, which now features gardening education, no-cost grocery programs, a production farm, demonstration kitchen, events venue and more. Now that the food hub has been built, these funds will support efforts to fulfill its promise to address food insecurity and strengthen the social and community context of the Hillside neighborhood.

Hispanic Affairs Project

\$128,250

The Hispanic Affairs Project's Immigrant Services and Language Justice program plays a pivotal role in supporting the immigrant community of Olathe. This program takes a multifaceted approach to addressing the various challenges immigrants face, focusing on overcoming language barriers that can often hinder access to vital services and resources. This grant will provide language support, help build a local community center, support local entrepreneurship, and support community outreach and engagement.

Las Animas School District

\$249,985

Las Animas School District has partnered with The Schreiber Research Group and Communities that Care of Southeast Colorado for a substance abuse prevention program. The program, aligned with Colorado Department of Education standards, targets students in grades 5-12, their families, and young adults in the community. The school district aims to combat depression, substance abuse and other challenges by integrating evidence-based prevention strategies into its existing health education curriculum.

Morgan County Family Center, Inc.

\$189,724

Support to establish a housing resource center in Fort Morgan that will be accessible to people living in Morgan County. While focused on housing, this project's primary goal centers on the long-term and generational wealth building that can accompany home ownership. The program will first address housing instability and access to housing by offering educational programming and connecting people to programs and resources; in the longer term, it will provide a place and space for people to connect with advocates working to meet their permanent housing needs.

Pueblo County

\$245,514

The community of Avondale has taken a proactive stance against food insecurity and lack of access to healthy and fresh produce by collaborating with Pueblo County to set up a food pantry in the town. With the local pantry, which has been a goal of Avondale community members for years, residents will have more opportunities to access a range of nutritious food options. Additionally, community residents will be trained in food handling and will staff and manage the food pantry.

Pueblo County Health Department

\$212,872

The Pueblo County Health Department is partnering with the Communities That Care Coalition to create a supportive environment for positive health outcomes. The program's goal is to enhance the capacity of youth-serving organizations by providing mini-grants and developing youth advisors' grant-writing and grantmaking skills.

Regents of the University of Colorado

\$248,453

Support for the CU Bueno Center's College Assistance Migrant Program in Fort Lupton, which aids migrant and seasonal farm workers by offering financial, academic and social support through a cohort-based scholarship program. By having highly trained staff provide supportive services specifically tailored to this population, the program aims to build on its 20-year history of success to improve the social determinants of health for migrant and seasonal farm workers while honoring their cultural and historical identities.

Rural Communities Resource Center

\$104,644

The Rural Communities Resource Center in Yuma aims to enhance the well-being of the community by offering crucial resources to strengthen local resilience and provides the necessary support and information to improve residents' quality of life. The project will provide direct services to families, focusing on health care access and basic needs. The organization will also invest in staff training on health equity, engage in data analysis, and seek additional funding sources to continue its essential work in promoting community well-being and health equity.

San Luis Valley Housing Coalition

\$1,000,000

The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition is addressing the issue of housing insecurity in Alamosa. Their plan involves converting an old school building into affordable housing units, which will provide a sustainable solution and foster a sense of community among the residents. This project is a significant step towards creating a safe and secure living environment for those struggling to find affordable housing in the area.

San Luis Valley Housing Coalition

\$201,140

The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition is committed to improving housing accessibility in Center through its Housing Rehab Program. The program is focused on promoting housing equity by renovating homes that are currently uninhabitable. With this initiative, the community can look forward to adding two new housing units, which will help address the ongoing housing shortage in the area.

Sunrise Community Health for the Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado

\$110,896

Sunrise Community Health provides immigrants and refugees with essential resources to help them flourish. With this funding, the organization is expanding its educational support, building out new and existing classrooms with updated equipment, expanding navigation services, and enabling people to receive the support and education they need to succeed.

United Way of Larimer County

\$249,992

The United Way of Larimer County, located in Fort Collins, is expanding its community nonprofit and incubation hub to provide more access to vital resources while fostering a deep sense of belonging among its members. Through this effort, the United Way is strengthening community support and engagement in northern Colorado and helping to bolster the overall well-being of the city's residents.

The Confluence Media Center

\$208,641

In the Montbello neighborhood of Denver, the center's after-school program equips youth with literacy and media education. It strives to create a conducive environment for learning, fostering creativity, and encouraging meaningful relationships with peers. One-on-one literacy tutoring will be offered, and engaged youth will be invited to participate in a comprehensive media program to produce videos and video blogs on local, school and community events.

Town of San Luis

\$100,380

Support for the Envision San Luis Entrepreneurial Bootcamp, which will engage, empower and encourage community members of all ages to find ways to increase their income and financial stability. This program will include business development opportunities through educational training and workshops; aid for participants to start their own micro-business; internships; and hands-on support after the program is completed.