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THE DENVER FOUNDATION MOBILIZES COVID-19 RELIEF
$480,000 in emergency grants help vulnerable people statewide
$100,000 to Polis’ Help Colorado Now fund
Donors give an additional $3.6M to nonprofits


Through the Critical Needs Fund, the Foundation has distributed $480,000 in COVID-19 relief grants to eight organizations working collaboratively to help vulnerable people across the state.

The Foundation also contributed $100,000 to Help Colorado Now, an emergency fund established by Governor Jared Polis.

Additionally, The Denver Foundation has helped fundholders deploy $3.6 million in COVID-19 donor-advised grants to more than 100 organizations across the region and the country. Gifts have ranged from $100 to $1M.

“The generosity of our donors has allowed The Denver Foundation to meet our obligation of service to our community during this crisis,” says Javier Alberto Soto, President and CEO. “We have a long history of working in service of Metro Denver communities to develop bold, creative solutions to emerging challenges. As we face what feels like an unprecedented challenge, that’s exactly what we will continue to do, with ongoing community support.”

The Critical Needs Fund

The Denver Foundation’s COVID-19 relief grants will help people who are most vulnerable to disruption from the health and economic impacts of CODID-19. These include people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity; hunger or food insecurity; the uninsured; those with low incomes; and people of color, including immigrants and refugees. The Denver Foundation prioritized community organizations that are likely to be overlooked by other funding sources including federal response.

Grantees:

- Family Resource Center Association, to support 33 family resource centers that provide critical services throughout the state.
• **Metro Denver Homeless Initiative’s Housing Security Flex Fund**, to support nearly 100 service providers as they help people keep or find housing.

• **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**, to provide hotel vouchers to people being seen or tested through their Stout Street Health Clinic.

• **The Blueprint to End Hunger**, housed at The Colorado Health Foundation, a coalition of organizations fighting hunger, from state and county governments to local food banks and school-related food programs.

• **Center for Community Wealth Building (CWB)**, which is setting up a relief fund to help small businesses withstand the economic impact of COVID-19.

• **Center for Health Progress (CHP)**, which serves as a hub for non-federally qualified health centers throughout Colorado, serving the state's uninsured and uninsurable populations.

• **Feeding Colorado**, a collaborative effort of five food banks to coordinate resources, ensuring food-insecure Coloradans have access to healthy, fresh foods statewide.

• **Violence Free Colorado**, Colorado’s relationship violence coalition, is equipped to dispatch resources to where they are most needed, and to provide technical assistance to more than 60 member organizations across Colorado.

For more information and to request interviews with Javier Alberto Soto, please contact Laura Bond at lbond@denverfoundation.org.

**About The Critical Needs Fund**
The Denver Foundation’s Critical Needs Fund was created through multiple gifts from generous donors. The Fund supports organizations that align with our mission, values, and objectives but are not typically supported through The Denver Foundation’s core grantmaking. The Denver Foundation is always interested in good work happening in the community and welcomes information from organizations about their efforts. However, the Critical Needs Fund does not accept unsolicited grant proposals.

**About The Denver Foundation**
The Denver Foundation is a community foundation that inspires people and mobilizes resources to improve life in Metro Denver. In 2019, the Foundation and its donors awarded more than $80 million in grants. The Denver Foundation has three roles: stewarding an endowment to meet current and future needs for Metro Denver, working with community leaders to address the core challenges that face the community, and managing more than 1,000 charitable funds on behalf of individuals, families, and businesses. For more information, visit [www.denverfoundation.org](http://www.denverfoundation.org).

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