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THE COLORADO HEALTH ACCESS FUND AWARDS $3.75 MILLION IN GRANTS

Funding for 13 organizations across Colorado to increase access to behavioral health care

Denver – The Denver Foundation is pleased to announce the Colorado Health Access Fund’s 2018 grant awards, totaling $3,754,488. These grants will support increased access to behavioral health care across Colorado.

Founded at The Denver Foundation with an anonymous $40 million gift, the Colorado Health Access Fund seeks to increase access to behavioral health care statewide. From August 2015 to July 2018, the Fund distributed nearly $16 million, increasing access to care for 50,000 Coloradans.

This year’s awards include a one-year capital grant to support renovations of a medical clinic in Basalt and a three-year grant to support an increase in the number of bilingual/bicultural clinicians that serve Latinx families in Northern Colorado.

“The Colorado Health Access Fund is supporting important work at a time of major developments in the field of behavioral health in Colorado,” says Dace West, The Denver Foundation’s Vice President of Community Impact. “These grants will fund important work happening in communities to support those with mental health and substance use issues through a range of interventions.”

The next Request for Proposals will be open in December of 2018 with applications due in early spring of 2019.

2018 COLORADO HEALTH ACCESS FUND GRANTS

Asian Pacific Development Center
A two-year grant to expand behavioral health care for the immigrant and refugee community in Northern Colorado.

**Aurora Mental Health Center**
A one-year grant to support capital improvements to provide substance use and MAT services.

**Children’s Hospital**
A one-year capital grant to support the new in behavioral health unit in the Colorado Springs hospital as well as provider capacity.

**Clinica Family Health**
A one-year grant to hire additional licensed clinicians to expand hours and access.

**Clinica Tepeyac**
A three-year grant to hire a bilingual/bicultural licensed therapist to support their integrated care teams.

**La Familia/The Family Center**
A three-year grant to support new bilingual/bicultural licensed providers to support Latinx families in Northern Colorado.

**Mental Health Partners**
A one-year capital grant to support renovations for the Moving Beyond Trauma behavioral health clinic in Lafayette.

**Metro Community Provider Network**
A three-year grant to increase access to behavioral health care through three additional providers with specialty in youth, LGBTQ, and substance use.

**Mountain Family Health Centers**
A one-year capital grant to support the renovation and creation of behavioral health clinic rooms at the health center in Basalt.

**Northwest Colorado Health**
A three-year grant to support behavioral health integration at dental clinics in Craig and Oak Creek.

**Southeast Health Group**
A one-year capital grant to support the renovations at three sites in La Junta, Springfield, and Eads.

**Summit Community Care Clinic**
A three-year grant to support the implementation of a Youth Intensive Outpatient Treatment program in Summit County.

**Valley-Wide Health Systems**

A two-year grant to support increased access to behavioral health care through additional providers.

**About The Colorado Health Access Fund**

Providing behavioral health services in Colorado, especially in rural and underserved communities, is no easy endeavor. The Colorado Health Access Fund was created in 2015 with an anonymous $40 million gift as a Field of Interest fund at The Denver Foundation. The intent of the fund is to support programs/activities that generally increase access to health care and strive to improve health outcomes for populations in Colorado with high health-care needs. The fund will help to ensure health care services are equitably available to all Coloradans with high health needs by distributing the funds to organizations throughout the state. The Colorado Health Access Fund will distribute approximately $5 million per year through 2022. The most recent evaluation report is available on the website.

**About The Denver Foundation**

The Denver Foundation is a community foundation that inspires people and mobilizes resources to improve life in Metro Denver. In 2017, the Foundation and its donors awarded more than $66 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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