



THE DENVER FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY UPDATE: MARCH 25, 2020

The Denver Foundation has activated a robust, collaborative philanthropic response to COVID-19. We will continue to provide regular updates to keep you informed and let you know how you can join our efforts. To learn more about The Denver Foundation's response to COVID-19, please visit our [website](#) and our news platform, [Floodlight](#).

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

Last week, Denver Foundation fundholders directed \$3.6 million in donor-advised grants to more than 100 nonprofit organizations across Metro Denver and Colorado. Thank you to everyone who mobilized philanthropic resources to respond to the needs of our community during the COVID-19 crisis.

ACTIVATING THE CRITICAL NEEDS FUND

The Denver Foundation is initiating another \$360,000 in grants from the Critical Needs Fund to address COVID-19. We will continue to report on how we are using these funds to address gaps and mobilize resources.

Last week we made an initial round of grants totaling \$120,000 from our [Critical Needs Fund](#), with a focus on four organizations working collaboratively to meet basic human needs. Today, we are doubling that total with a second round of \$30,000 grants to each of these organizations:

- [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.

Today we are also directing \$240,000 in grants to four organizations working to coordinate delivery of critical services across the state and region:

- [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.

The Critical Needs Fund pairs your support with our community knowledge, and we welcome your support for this response. If you would like to partner with The Denver Foundation to mobilize philanthropy in response to the COVID-19, please consider [making a gift](#) or [recommending a grant](#) to the Critical Needs Fund today.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

The Denver Foundation is honored to join important regional and national philanthropic initiatives to address COVID-19.

- Last week, The Denver Foundation gave \$100,000 to [Help Colorado Now](#), Governor Polis' COVID Relief Fund.
- The Denver Foundation joined nearly 300 foundations from across the country in signing the Council on Foundations' [Commitment to COVID-19 Action](#) pledge.
- On Monday, Javier Alberto Soto, our President and CEO, joined the Council and other philanthropic leaders in urging Senator Michael Bennet and Senator Cory Gardner to include the nonprofit sector in the [COVID 19 Relief and Economic Stimulus Package](#).

STAYING CONNECTED

Though our office is closed, we remain hard at work – and we want to hear from you. Engage in conversation with us on [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

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