

ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

Recovery Plan

State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds | 2025 REPORT



ADAMS COUNTY
Rising Through Resiliency

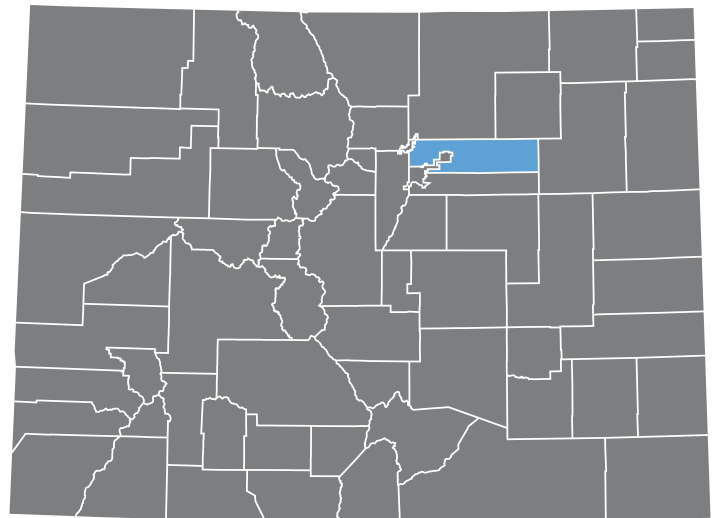
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1 General Overview

ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds and the American Rescue Plan Act Funds

This year, we continue our commitment to utilizing the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to address critical needs within our community. With over \$100 million available for community investment, Adams County has been strategic and thoughtful in allocating these funds to maximize their impact. Our guiding principle remains clear: put people first.

A TWO-PHASE APPROACH

Our approach to distributing these funds has been executed in two distinct phases, each designed to meet the immediate and long-term needs of our community.

PHASE 1: IMMEDIATE RELIEF AND SUPPORT

The primary goal of Phase 1 was to rapidly deploy funds into the community by partnering with nonprofits and organizations already providing essential services. We identified key areas of need, including housing, business recovery, healthcare, technology, food insecurity, transportation, and overall support for low-income children, seniors, and their families. As such, Phase 1 focused on four main funding categories:

1. Economic Stimulus and Recovery
2. Shelter Support and Community Safety
3. Family Stability
4. Health and Wellness

To facilitate the swift delivery of services, the Adams County COVID-19 Grant program enabled nonprofits and partners to apply directly for funds. We received over 200 grant applications from various entities, including businesses, nonprofits, school districts, and special districts. By the end of Phase 1, we funded more than 99 projects or programs managed by 79 organizations.

PHASE 2: LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REGIONAL IMPACT

Phase 2 shifted focus to fewer, larger regional projects aimed at creating a significant and lasting impact. This phase concentrated on three critical areas:

1. Behavioral Health
2. Housing
3. Homelessness Prevention

We allocated \$45.9 million in Phase 2 to address transitional housing, from tiny home construction to shelter beds, training for mental health professionals, and the launch of a new Detox Center.

MOVING FORWARD

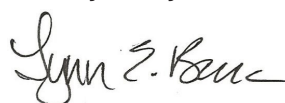
This year, Adams County continues to build upon the strong foundation laid during previous phases of our pandemic recovery. We are proud to share that the Adams County Health Department has launched several innovative programs aligned with the recommendations from the Behavioral Health Assessment. These initiatives are already underway and aim to transform the local behavioral health landscape by expanding access to care and strengthening community supports.

In addition, we've launched several other community-centered programs, including initiatives focused on Food Security, Domestic Violence Prevention and Services, and Building Resilient Community-Based Organizations, aimed at strengthening the safety, stability, and well-being of Adams County residents. These initiatives demonstrate our dedication to the health, resilience, and long-term success of our community.

We've also taken a significant step forward in ensuring long-term resilience by finalizing and adopting the Adams County Long-Term Recovery & Resilience Strategic Plan. This plan establishes a unified framework to guide future investments, strengthen coordination across sectors, and ensure the County is prepared to recover from any disaster, natural or manmade. To bring this vision to life, we've implemented a coordinated structure that prioritizes actions based on impact, alignment, and feasibility, ensuring accountability, clarity, and measurable results.

Recovering from the impacts of COVID-19 remains an ongoing process that requires time, collaboration, and unwavering commitment. Our community members, partners, and stakeholders can rest assured that County leaders and staff continue to work diligently to ensure that every ARPA investment delivers long-term value.

Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and resilience.



Lynn Baca, Board of County Commissioners, Chair

Executive Summary

Adams County, Colorado, is a county of just over 522,000 residents. It is a vibrant, diverse population of people, coming from many different cultures and ethnicities and is the first minority-majority county in the State of Colorado. Adams County thrives to meet the needs of its residents. As a result of the funding from the Federal government through the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds and the American Rescue Plan Act, Adams County has been able to assess current needs and build projects and programs to meet those needs.

Adams County utilized multiple forms of community engagement to assess the needs of the different communities within its borders. Through this engagement, plans were made to partner with existing programs to expand the programming's reach and/or services, as well as to begin new programs to meet unmet needs. Promoting equity and ensuring all residents have equal access is a priority and has continued to be one through the decision-making process.

Funds were utilized initially to meet the immediate needs of residents brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. These

needs, funded through Tranche 1 dollars, were categorized as both internal and external priorities for the county. Tranche 1 dollars also included money for contingencies.

Once the immediate needs of the pandemic's impact were met and the country moved into a post-pandemic mindset, Adams County shifted its thinking into resiliency. Again, taking information from the community engagement process, Adams County began making plans for Tranche 2 dollars. Those funds are being funneled into programs with long-term goals for residents. Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 projects are outlined per the required Federal template.

Adams County worked diligently to provide support and assistance to all residents during the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to do so. County leadership is committed to making Adams County a safe community with ample opportunities for work, play, and health.

ARPA Tranche 1 Overview

COVID 19 Grants Distribution | **\$33,759,297.08** | 95% of Total Funds

\$9,261,734.98

Health & Wellness

\$8,488,816.96

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

\$8,682,630.70

Family Stability

\$7,126,014.44

Shelter Support & Community Safety

\$ 200,100.00

Small Business Grants

99

Grants
Awarded

78

Organizations
Funded

435,000

Individuals
Served

ARPA Tranche 2 Highlights

LAND BANKING PROJECTS

PROJECT	TARGET # OF UNITS
Boyers Site - Maiker	117
7001 Colo Blvd. - CCHA	92
510 S 27th Ave - BHA	102
14831 Chambers Rd - Maiker	400
Total	711

ARPA HOUSING PROJECTS

PROJECT	TARGET # OF UNITS
Crossing Pointe South	142
Renewal Village	215
Aurora Navigation Center	Approximately: 472 Transitional Housing 400 Emergency Shelter Beds
Tiny Homes	Approx. 40
Total	1,269

1,980

Total Projected Units

HOUSING TYPE	TARGET # OF UNITS
Rental	823
Homeownership	30
Supportive Housing - Homelessness	1,127

ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO 

Impact Report

ARPA Tranche 1

The COVID-19 pandemic deeply disrupted life in Adams County, creating urgent needs for health care, housing, food, education, and emotional support. Families faced job losses, food and housing insecurity, rising mental health needs, and gaps in access to education and childcare.

In response, Adams County invested **\$35.5 million in ARPA Tranche 1 funding** to deliver critical relief and build toward long-term recovery. Through strong partnerships with local nonprofits, businesses, schools, and health providers, we reached more than **435,000 individuals** and **92,000 households**, delivering over **500,000 essential services and resources**.

These efforts prioritized responsiveness and inclusion, ensuring support reached the areas and populations most affected by the pandemic. This report highlights the impact of these investments—demonstrating how together, we strengthened safety nets, expanded access to care, and laid the foundation for a healthier, more resilient future for Adams County.



\$35.5 Million Awarded

TO ADAMS COUNTY COMMUNITY-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS & SMALL BUSINESSES



OVER **435,000 Individuals**
& **92,000 Households**

RECEIVED VITAL SERVICES FUNDED
BY ADAMS COUNTY ARPA FUNDS



75 COVID-19 Grants

WERE AWARDED TO 59 COMMUNITY-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS SERVING ADAMS COUNTY.



OVER **500,000 touchpoints**

WITH ADAMS COUNTY RESIDENTS

High-Level Impact



Trusted Navigation & Outreach Services

94,837 Individuals received direct support and referrals.

80 Events attended by Community Navigators.

106,842 Residents Reached via 189 bilingual livestreams and Spanish-language webinars.



Youth Development & Educational Support

722 Youth Supported through education, food, shelter, and mentoring.

107 Youth Accessed mental health care.

61 Nursing Students placed in externships.



Cross-sector Results & Service Expansion

30+ Partner Organizations across food, housing, health, education, and legal services.

10+ New Community Access Sites (e.g., school food banks, vaccine sites, mobile units).

45 New Trauma-informed care providers added.

Dozens of New Roles in navigation, outreach, mental health & housing.



Housing Stability & Homeless Services

292 Adults entered transitional housing.

188 Households Served through prevention programs.

519 Households Received eviction prevention legal aid.

3,843 drop-ins served at Brighton Housing Center Navigation.



Expanded Food Security for Residents

44,461 individuals (13,015 households) accessed healthy, culturally relevant food.

4 new, 35 sustained school food banks.

1.3 million pounds of food distributed.

57 food access events hosted.

889 food boxes delivered to seniors.



Health & Wellness

\$9,656,702.84



More than **106,000 residents** were reached through culturally tailored public health education delivered in Spanish via webinars and in-person sessions.



More than **205,000 individuals** received medical & mental health support.



Nearly **95,000 people** accessed trusted navigation and health referral services in their language across over 80 outreach events.



COVID-19 mitigation strategies included mobile health clinics, 3,755 vaccines, and the distribution of more than 11,000 units of PPE and test kits.



New community resources were built and are now serving our most vulnerable families: Kids First's Alto Community Clinic & the Family Preservation Center in north Aurora.

9HEALTH:365 provided outreach to marginalized communities through COVID-19 vaccine events and preventive health fairs.

ADAMS COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD BANK served 35,513 people facing food insecurity, improving their overall well-being and stability with healthy, culturally relevant food.

ADELANTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT brought 3,182 COVID-19 and flu vaccinations, 80,538 testing kits, 18,668 masks, and 17,088 sanitizers to Spanish-speaking communities. They shared critical health information with 94,837 individuals at community events and 106,842 people virtually.

ARCHWAY HOUSING & SERVICES ensured that 78 families in the Greenleaf and Villa Verde affordable housing communities had consistent access to healthy foods.

AURORA INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES distributed nutritious food through a food bank and mobile food pantries, meeting 4,948 families where they live.

AURORA MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY built the Acute Care Center, a 48,000 ft² facility, to co-locate and expand key behavioral health services, improve access to crisis care, withdrawal management, and same-day treatment while reducing confusion for clients.

COLFAX COMMUNITY NETWORK created the Family Preservation Center to serve families experiencing or at risk of homelessness and provide additional resources to parents.

FIVE STAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION ensured that 1,409 families with students and school staff experiencing crises were connected to community resources and access to pathways for recovery.

FOSTERSOURCE helped 40 foster or kinship families become stronger through therapy services and twelve equine assisted parenting labs.

KIDS FIRST HEALTH CARE built a new pediatric health clinic in the Alto community, bringing vital services to an underserved and vulnerable neighborhood.

Health & Wellness

KIDS IN NEED OF DENTISTRY provided high-quality, affordable dental care to families in need with services respectful of and responsive to all cultures.

MANGO HOUSE served the refugee community with COVID-19 testing, treatment, vaccinations, and education.

RALSTON HOUSE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER's bilingual staff created a supportive environment for child victims of physical or sexual abuse and their families navigating the justice and medical system.

SECOND WIND FUND provided life-saving treatments for 107 young people at risk of suicide and onboarded an additional 45 therapy providers.

SERVICIOS DE LA RAZA provided life-saving information and vaccinations to Latino and BIPOC communities and served 421 clients with mental health and substance misuse treatments.

SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT equipped their emergency vehicles with life-saving LUCAS devices. The fire department responds to over 10,000 medical and fire emergency calls annually.

VUELA FOR HEALTH engaged Latino communities through education, resources, and support that strengthens their sense of self-worth, and promotes healthy families.

SPOTLIGHT



SUCCESS AT KIDS FIRST HEALTH CARE

A high school student with a history of anxiety and depression was struggling to access consistent mental health care due to transportation and scheduling challenges. Through our school-based integrated behavioral health program, the student received on-site counseling services and care coordination with external mental health providers. The convenience of the clinic location eliminated barriers, and the behavioral health clinician was able to collaborate with school staff to accommodate the student's academic schedule. As a result, the student experienced increased attendance in both school and therapy sessions and reported improved mood and coping skills since beginning of the school year.

Shelter Support & Community Safety

\$8,059,724.70



Served over **28,000 people** facing housing & food insecurity.



Over **4,700 people** accessed critical shelter, housing, or legal services that helped prevent homelessness and increase safety.



Capital improvements led to **100% completion** of youth shelter renovations and the full lease-up of 152 affordable housing units.



Coordinated housing and legal services helped prevent displacement and supported long-term stability for over **800 households** countywide.

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 14 provided vulnerable families with food, school supplies, motel and gas vouchers, and paid for extended staff hours to support students' academic and social emotional learning.

ALMOST HOME, INC. provided guidance and financial support for 175 families to prevent eviction, and helped 60 families secure permanent housing.

AURORA INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES connected 679 residents to critical resources through bilingual Community Navigation Services.

BRIGHTON HOUSING AUTHORITY ensured that older adults had consistent access to nutritious meals and provided 536 households facing hardship due to the pandemic with housing stabilization services.

BROTHERS REDEVELOPMENT empowered residents to maintain safe, secure housing, build financial security through homeownership, and improve existing residences through Paint-a-Thon events.

COLORADO POVERTY LAW PROJECT supported 996 families experiencing housing instability with equitable access to legal assistance and culturally competent housing navigation services.

COLORADO SAFE PARKING INITIATIVE created and sustained a network of SafeLots, providing unsheltered people with a safe place to park overnight and a way to access support services, including car repairs, and helped them to transition into secure, permanent housing.

COMMUNITY REACH CENTER renovated and opened the Adams County Temporary Youth Shelter, serving 56 young people experiencing homelessness with a safe, supportive environment and access to essential resources, stability, and care.

GROWING HOME served 15,942 individuals with wraparound services ensuring that their basic needs for food and housing were met while enabling them to participate meaningfully in their community and secure lifelong stability.

JESUS ON COLFAX MINISTRIES empowered vulnerable community members to prevent fatal overdoses, and how to respond to emergency situations through Narcan distribution, safety, first aid and CPR trainings, and harm reduction practices.

Shelter Support & Community Safety

MAIKER HOUSING PARTNERS provided low- to moderate-income families access to safe, affordable housing options at Crossing Pointe South, and updated outdoor community spaces for seniors living at Orchard Hill, improving their overall well-being.

MILE HIGH UNITED WAY developed a new partnership for youth in foster care to support them with wraparound services for housing, wellness, education, and workforce readiness.

REBUILDING TOGETHER METRO DENVER improved residents' quality of life by providing 17 low-income families affected by COVID-19 with emergency home repairs.

URBAN LAND CONSERVANCY created a safe pedestrian crosswalk at Holly Park, connecting residents living in affordable housing apartments with access to commuter rail line.

SPOTLIGHT



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AT THE COMMUNITY REACH CENTER

Two individuals entered the shelter, referred by a local school. Their goal was to remain together in partnership when planning for next steps and support. Both have separate situations regarding housing and family involvement. Both individuals re-started school while at Empowerment Center for Adolescents, engaged in school daily, even though it did not align with their initial goal, one individual returned out of state with a supportive family member and the other individual chose to remain in their family home, continue with CRC services and finish school, then once graduating, will return to partner's family home out of state.

Ultimately, with the support of the entire team, the two individuals will get to their goals after first completing school and having appropriate age requirements to make their own decisions together in a few short months. Adams County DHS provided transportation for one individual to return to a family member out of state and for another person to remain local to the identified family home to complete school.

Family Stability

\$8,892,661.99



More than **77,000 families** received services that supported healthy childhood development, improved student achievement, and strengthened families.



More than **44,000 residents** were supported through community-based food access



Family-centered services reached more than **700 youth** through therapy, enrichment, and advocacy across multiple programs.



Mobile pantry programs expanded access in underserved neighborhoods through over **70 distributions** and support from 6 local partners.

CASA OF ADAMS & BROOMFIELD COUNTIES

trained volunteers to advocate for children that have experienced abuse or neglect, ensuring that youth can heal and find safe, permanent homes. CASA volunteers supported 811 families through home visits.

COLORADO STATEWIDE PARENT COALITION

served families and childcare providers in marginalized communities by connecting, supporting, and empowering families to advocate for the well-being of their children.

COLORADO YOUTH FOR A CHANGE connected 1,154 students with caring adults that provided consistent evidence-based tutoring to improve their school engagement and performance.

LIFE RECOVERY CENTERS provided bilingual and culturally sensitive therapies to help individuals referred by schools, the criminal justice system, and others recover from trauma and substance abuse.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERSHIP OF ADAMS

COUNTY (ECPAC) served 392 families with young children, including those experiencing housing instability, by providing educational programs that supported their kids' healthy growth and learning during the critical early years.

ECPAC also increased the capacity of over 250 early childhood education providers to better support children's social-emotional development and reached 5,358 children through enhanced programming and services.

FIVE STAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION created resource closets that served 17,875 people with immediate access to food and resources, improving students' stability and learning-readiness.

FOOD FOR HOPE distributed 70,108 pounds of food through school-based food banks to students and their families experiencing food insecurity.

GRIFFITH CENTERS FOR CHILDREN provided underserved populations with community-based programs to promote hope and healing, including a program to prevent truancy among high school students.

HOPE HOUSE COLORADO empowered at-risk teen moms to strive for personal and economic self-sufficiency to create a healthy future for them and their children.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT – ROCKY MOUNTAIN equipped youth with essential life skills and tools for future success in a global economy.

Family Stability

MAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS supported teachers and essential school staff during pandemic closures, ensuring that students were engaged through virtual classrooms.

MILE HIGH UNITED WAY increased literacy and grade-level reading by nurturing school-community partnerships, developed parent advocates, and connected families to essential resources through its United for Schools program.

REACHING HOPE provided survivors of family trauma with 1,646 free therapy sessions that improved their mental health and increased clients' engagement in healthy relationships.

SAVIO HOUSE helped 23 families create strong parent-child relationships that protected and healed the brain from trauma and stress.

SERVICIOS DE LA RAZA helped over 1,500 Latino households enroll in community resources to alleviate food insecurity and provide access to medical treatments.

THE SENIOR HUB served 5,214 households with vulnerable older adults with Meals on Wheels and adult day care programs, enriching their health and quality of life.

VILLAGE EXCHANGE CENTER provided financial support to 227 low-wage workers that tested positive for COVID-19, ensuring that they had time to recover from their illness and safeguard the community's health.

WEECYCLE connected families with age-appropriate food, diapers, clothing, and other essentials to meet critical needs during early development, benefitting 6,674 infants and young children.

SPOTLIGHT



WORDS OF THANKS FOR FOOD FOR HOPE

"My family and I are very grateful to Food for Hope because they have helped us so much when we needed it most. I share a little with you, my husband in September 2022 lost his sight due to cataracts and in September 2023 he had 4 heart attacks.

Fortunately, he is fine but his health is not the same and since 2023 we have acquired more debts and it has become difficult for us. Being able to be financially stable even though we both work, by working we are both not eligible for Medicaid or Snap so thanks to you our family has not lacked food. Thanks a lot."

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

\$8,697,376



Served over **2,400 small businesses** facing economic challenges caused by the pandemic.



Workforce development, job training, and entrepreneurial programs were provided to **80,000 individuals**.



Over **3,000 students & educators** participated in programs that strengthened summer learning, externship opportunities, and academic recovery.



Pilot initiatives & externship placements provided real-world skills and training to both youth and early-career professionals.

27J SCHOOLS supported teachers and essential school staff during the pandemic, making it possible for students to continue learning in a virtual environment.

ADAMS 14 EDUCATION FOUNDATION awarded 20 scholarships to high school students, and provided financial support to 37 teachers, enabling them to purchase supplies that improved student engagement and expanded students' learning opportunities.

ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT supported our community during the pandemic with compassionate, professional, high-quality fire, rescue, EMS and prevention services.

ADELANTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT created and provided Spanish-language courses and resources for 5,894 Latino entrepreneurs to help them overcome challenges, navigate regulations and compliance issues, stabilize operations, and grow their businesses.

AURORA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COALITION educated immigrant and refugee community members about COVID-19 through resource fairs and vaccination clinics, ensuring that they had access to crucial public health resources and services.

BENNETT PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT received financial support during the pandemic to ensure that they could continue serving residents of the I-70 corridor with health and wellness programs, promoting a sense of community.

COAL CREEK ADULT EDUCATION CENTER offered free classes for high school equivalency preparation and English as a second language.

COMMUNITY UPLIFT PARTNERSHIP managed three nonprofit coffee houses that provided job training and employment for young adults, empowering them to make good life decisions and see themselves as valuable members of our community.

CULTIVANDO cared for underserved Latino communities struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and provided fresh, healthy food for children.

EARLY CHILD PEDIATRICS supported medical providers at risk of burnout by implementing a virtual medical scribe pilot program, improving patient care, productivity, and job satisfaction.

FIVE STAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION served 2,988 students through the Summer Explores program that helped youth catch up on learning deficits, build confidence, and prepare for future success in school and beyond.

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

assisted 100 households with students in crisis by providing emergency funding to maintain housing while they pursued their education and career goals.

PLATTE VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION

supported 61 nursing students with structured externships that prepared them for a successful transition into practice, providing high-quality and timely care for patients.

READY TO WORK AURORA created a pathway to independence for 292 adults experiencing homelessness by providing workforce development, job training, shelter, and food.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP (RMP) provided training and coaching for 335 nonprofit leaders to ensure that the County's COVID-19 recovery efforts were data-driven and supported informed decisions and actions that eliminated equity gaps. RMP also trained 26 young people as Civil Influencers who reached 46,403 community members and helped develop collaborative solutions for COVID-19 recovery.

SERVICIOS DE LA RAZA enrolled 421 people in a workforce development program to enhance their employability and confidence and equipped them to navigate work-related impacts caused by the pandemic.

SIMPLY PIZZA TRUCK delivered hot, delicious meals to vulnerable community members during the pandemic.

SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

provided a workforce development program for 198 high school students, training them in essential skills for first responders, and in the building and welding trades.

VILLAGE EXCHANGE CENTER partnered with the Colorado Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Aurora chapter of NAACP to provide technical and financial support to 322 small minority-owned businesses through the Microenterprise Business Development Support program. Together, they helped entrepreneurs overcome challenges during the pandemic and contribute to a thriving economy.

SPOTLIGHT

TRANSFORMATIVE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AT SACFD

The South Adams County Fire Department (SACFD) Workforce Development Program is shaping the future of construction and public safety through hands-on training and impactful community projects. Partnering with Haselden Construction and Alpine Lumber, students gained real-world experience framing training houses and installing roof trusses while learning essential trade skills and networking with industry leaders.

Firefighter Josh Bobb further prepared students for the workforce by providing OSHA 10-hour safety courses, equipping them with vital job-site certifications at no cost.

In June 2024, the completed structure became the focus of a live fire safety demonstration, showcasing the importance of residential fire sprinklers and reinforcing SACFD's commitment to community safety.



Impact Report

Small Business Grants

\$200,100

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted Adams County businesses and our local economy. The following businesses received funding to help cover financial losses:

- Adams County Sheriff's Office Employee Foundation
- Alley Cat Beads
- Awakening Balance LLC
- Cakes By Karen
- Fleet Management Services
- Galaxy Towing LLC
- GE Heating & Air, LLC
- Healthy Spine LLC
- Heidi's Brooklyn Deli
- Intrepid Bodyworks
- OTM Skin LLC
- Panaderia y Antojitos La Piramide
- Rain Dance Car Wash LLC
- Stage Images Dance Studio – The Next Generation, LLC
- Ultimate Beauty Haircare and Supplies LLC
- Victory Grange
- Vida Consejeria Individual & Familiar LLC

A Message from the Board of County Commissioners

On behalf of Adams County, we offer our heartfelt thanks to the Tranche 1 recipients of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Your commitment to serving our community during one of the most challenging times in recent history has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Through partnerships with local nonprofits, businesses, schools, and health providers, more than \$34 million was distributed to address urgent needs. Together, we reached over more than 80% of our county's population (435,000 individuals and 92,000 households).

Across all these efforts, we recorded more than half a million touchpoints with residents, each one a reflection of your direct impact and the trust placed in our shared work. Your efforts kept families housed, students supported, businesses afloat, and vital services within reach. The impact has been profound—and we are deeply grateful.

What you accomplished with this funding didn't just help us recover, but it also helped us rebuild in smarter, stronger, and more equitable ways. You showed what's possible when we invest in people and come together for the greater good.

Because of your leadership and tireless work, Adams County was able to meet the moment with strength, compassion, and innovation.

Thank you for all your work. We are so proud of all you've accomplished, and we hope you are, too.

Sincerely,

The Adams County Board of Commissioners



Community Engagement

BACKGROUND

Established in 1902, Adams County now includes ten municipalities: Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, and Thornton, and portions of Arvada, Bennett, Aurora, Lochbuie, and Westminster. Unincorporated communities include Henderson, Strasburg, and Watkins. All these communities bring a richness to Adams County, as well as several needs for the residents.

In 2020, after the COVID-19 pandemic began, Federal CARES money was being distributed nationwide and Adams County was no exception. Adams County looked to its community—government, service providers, and residents—for direct input on its greatest needs. The Adams County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), a board of five elected officials, began the process by determining areas of immediate need due to the pandemic. These are outlined below in the section titled Areas of Need.

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TEAMS (RRTS)

RRTs were created for each area. The BoCC engaged with Rocky Mountain Partnership, a local nonprofit that connects multiple community service providers within and adjacent to Adams County. There were seven RRTs created, one for each area of identified need. The BoCC members were part of one or more RRTs, as well as county staff with expertise in that area. Rocky Mountain Partnership helped connect local service providers and nonprofits to the RRTs, who then connected residents with lived experience into the RRTs, creating a domino effect of involvement.

Including county residents with lived experience in the identified areas of need follows the county's focus on diversity and equity by having as many voices at the table as possible. Again, in connection with Rocky Mountain Partnership, Adams County conducted community surveys, reaching people through email lists and social media campaigns. They also went to places where people were safely coming in person to obtain needed services.

COMMUNITY NEEDS RESIDENT SURVEY

Adams County conducted a Community Needs Resident Survey in early 2020 around the needs and economic challenges of the Adams County community. This survey was conducted again in 2021 to consider the housing and economic changes that came with the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESIDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

As illustrated in Figure 1, most respondents (86%) live in households with zero to three other people while 14% of respondents live in a household with four or more other people.

About half of respondents earn greater than \$50,000, and nearly a third (31%) of respondents earn less than \$25,000.

Additionally, most respondents (56%) identify as White and 27% identify as Hispanic. Some identify as Native American (7%), Black (6%), or Asian (4%).

Over half (57%) of respondents are homeowners, 36% are renters, and 7% are considered precariously housed. “Precariously housed” includes residents who are currently experiencing homelessness or living in transitional or temporary/emergency housing and residents who are “staying with friends/family”—people who live with friends or family but are not themselves on the lease or property title. These residents may (or may not) make financial contributions to pay housing costs or contribute to the household exchange for housing (e.g., childcare, healthcare services).

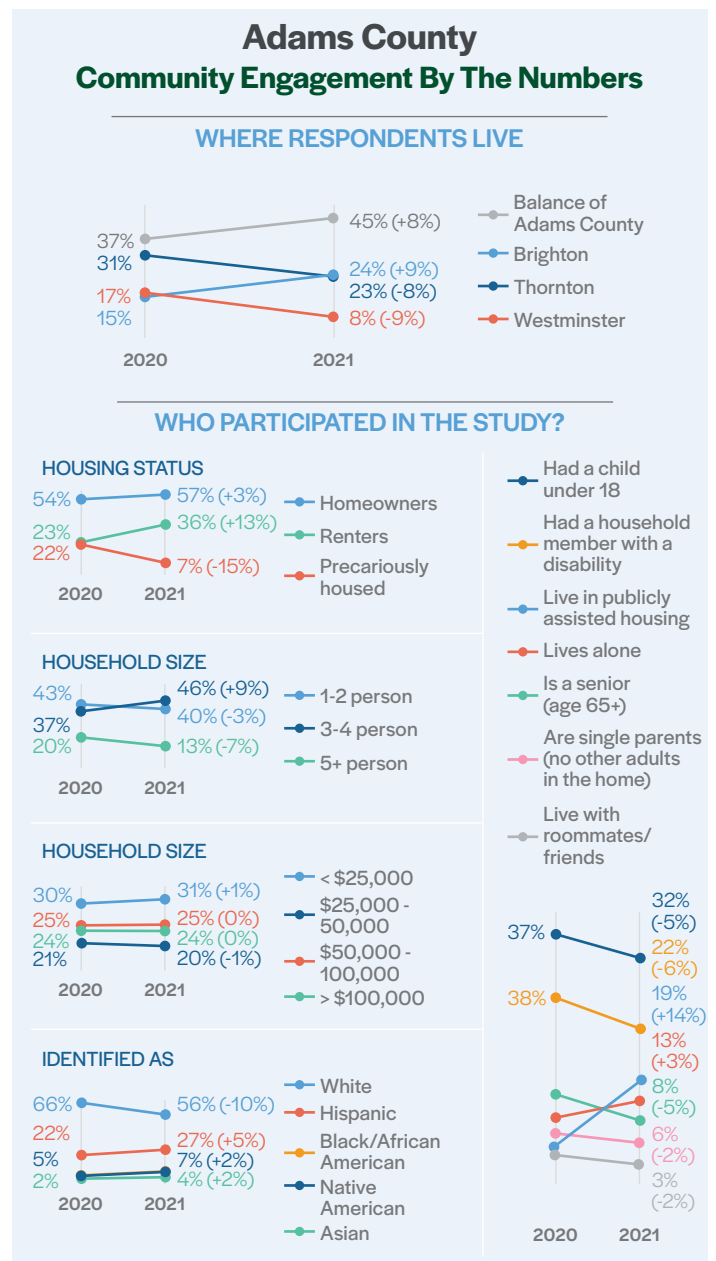


Figure 1. Community Survey Respondent Characteristics, 2020-2021
Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 and 2020 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Surveys.

Community Engagement

PRIMARY FINDINGS

Overall, many households struggled to maintain stability during the pandemic, but most households did not experience housing changes, displacement, or changes in neighborhood and transit. Direct government assistance to households during the pandemic mitigated dire shifts in housing or economic status.

- Most residents experienced employment changes during the pandemic, and employment changes disproportionately impacted low-income households.
 - › The majority (72%) of Adams County respondents experienced some type of employment change due to the pandemic. The most common type of employment change was a transition to working from home (31%).
 - › 81% of households earning less than \$25,000 experienced an employment change.
 - › Loss of employment (37%), reduced hours (26%), and reducing (15%) or quitting paid work to care for children (7%) were more common among low-income households than the general population.
- Employment instability and uncertainty during the pandemic led to changes in spending behavior and demand for assistance services (e.g., food banks).
 - › There was an eight-percentage point increase in the share of respondents who cut back on entertainment and going out. Prior to the pandemic, 39% of respondents indicated they were cutting back on going out/entertainment and 47% indicated they were doing so during the pandemic.
 - › There was an 11-percentage point increase in reported food bank usage during the pandemic. Before the pandemic, 17% of respondents indicated they were using food banks and 28% indicated they were using food banks during the pandemic.
 - › Households commonly skipped payments on other bills (16%) or took on debt (16%) to cover housing costs during this time.

- There was also a six- to seven-percentage point increase in each of the following:
 - › Use of credit cards and debt to cover housing costs (from 18% before the pandemic to 24%).
 - › Reduction of children's activities and education (from 13% before the pandemic to 20%).
 - › Reduction of adult education/training (from 6% before the pandemic to 12%).
- More than half of respondents indicated they received COVID-19 relief from the federal government.
 - › Some homeowners (11%) received government assistance to pay for their mortgage, and about one in five renters (21%) received government assistance to pay their rent.
 - › Overall, 21% of homeowner respondents were behind on their mortgage payments. Among this group, they were 3.7 months behind on average, and owed a median value of \$2,900 each.
 - › Almost a third (30%) of renters indicated they were behind on rent. Among this group, they were 2.5

Employment Changes as a Result of COVID

- Higher than County (>7 percentage points)
- Lower than County (<7 percentage points)

	Household Income <\$25,000	Residents of Color	White Residents	Home-owners	Renters	Overall
N/A, My employment situation has not been affected by COVID-19	19%	30%	25%	31%	24%	28%
Started working from home	22%	27%	36%	38%	22%	31%
Lost job, became unemployed	37%	33%	19%	22%	32%	26%
Filed for unemployment	15%	22%	20%	18%	22%	21%
Hours decreased/cut	26%	18%	20%	22%	17%	19%
Hours increased	0%	10%	12%	11%	10%	11%
Furloughed or put on temporary leave	7%	8%	14%	13%	7%	11%
Found a new job	4%	5%	10%	6%	10%	8%
Had to reduce work hours in order to care for school-aged children	15%	7%	7%	6%	10%	7%
Had to quit job in order to care for school-aged children	7%	7%	5%	3%	12%	6%

Figure 2 Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Survey

Community Engagement

months behind on average, and owed a median value of \$3,000 each.

- Homeowners reported increased rates of displacement. 19% indicated they were displaced in 2021 compared to 4% in 2020.
- One in four respondents were displaced because they were living in unsafe conditions (e.g., domestic assault, harassment), consistent with nationwide evidence of increased domestic violence during the pandemic.

COVID-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

This section examines respondents' answers to several questions specifically about the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on housing and economic well-being for residents.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

Figure 2 shows employment changes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority (72%) of Adams County respondents experienced some type of employment change during this time. Employment changes were more likely among low-wage workers. 81% percent of households earning less than \$25,000 experienced an employment change. Overall, the most common types of employment change due to the pandemic were working from home (31%), becoming unemployed (26%), filing for unemployment (21%), and decreasing work hours (19%). Among households earning less than \$25,000 per year, loss of employment, reduced hours, and reducing/quitting paid work to care for children were more common than among the general population.

COVID-19 AND HOUSING

Overall, 39% of respondents' housing was unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Homeownership insulated many households from the economic turbulence of the pandemic—52% of homeowners housing situations were unchanged compared to just 25% of renters and 19% of those with a household income less than \$25,000. Renters who experienced housing changes due to the pandemic indicated they skipped other payments to cover housing costs (27%), received government assistance to pay their rent (21%), or took on debt (15%). Among homeowners who saw a change in their housing because of the pandemic, many moved in with family or friends or had family/friends move in with them (14%), took on debt to pay housing costs (13%), or skipped payments on some other bills (11%).

Housing Changes as a Result of COVID

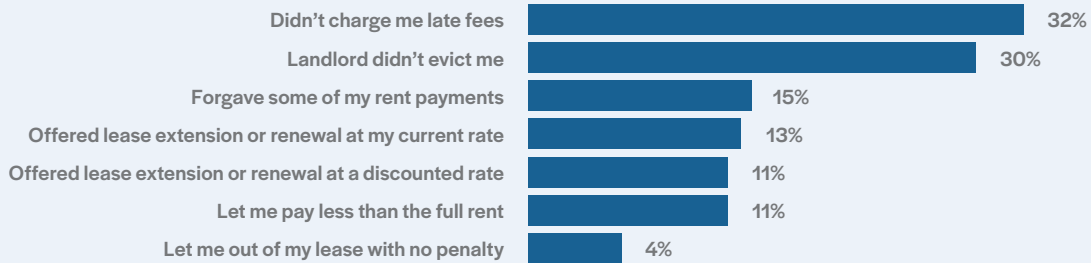
■ Higher than County (>7 percentage points) | ■ Lower than County (<7 percentage points)

	Household Income <\$25,000	Respondents of Color	White Respondents	Homeowners	Renters	Overall
N/A, My employment situation has not been affected by COVID-19	19%	42%	35%	52%	25%	39%
I have skipped payments on some bills in order to pay for housing costs	26%	11%	23%	11%	27%	16%
I have taken on debt to pay housing costs	11%	13%	19%	13%	15%	16%
I received help to pay my rent or mortgage payment from the housing authority or county	26%	14%	11%	10%	21%	13%
I am paying full rent or mortgage late when we have the money	7%	8%	11%	8%	13%	10%
Family and friends moved in with me/us	19%	11%	8%	14%	4%	10%
To pay for housing costs, I have paid less than the minimum amount due or skipped other bills such as heat, water, internet	11%	6%	13%	5%	15%	9%
I moved in with friends or family	4%	7%	6%	4%	4%	7%
I moved to nicer/more desirable housing	0%	4%	10%	7%	6%	6%
I am paying part of the rent or mortgage payment	7%	8%	11%	7%	4%	6%
I am still living in an unsafe family situation	15%	4%	6%	1%	10%	5%
I am still living in housing in poor conditions	4%	4%	5%	2%	6%	4%
I moved to cheaper/less desirable housing	0%	4%	2%	1%	4%	3%

Figure 5 Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Survey

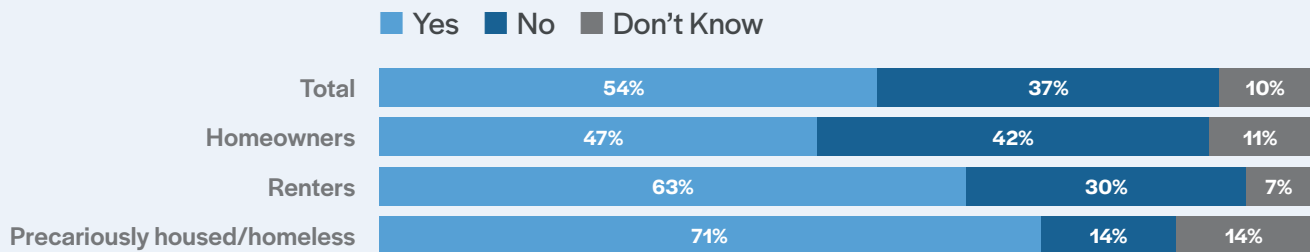
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Landlord Accommodations During COVID



Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Survey

Receipt of COVID-related Payments from the Federal Government



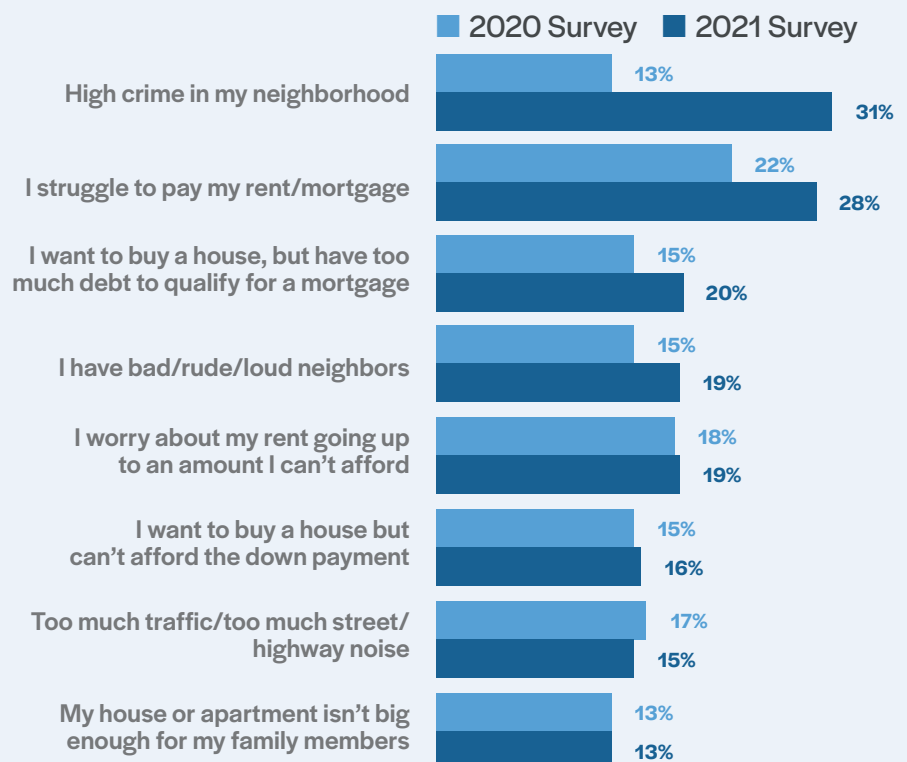
Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Survey

Compared to other housing challenges, respondents in both the 2020 and 2021 surveys were most concerned about paying rent/mortgage, rent hikes, inability to purchase a home, bad neighbors, crime, traffic, and overcrowding.

INCREASED HOUSING COST

Like the 2020 survey, nearly half of the 2021 survey respondents experienced an increase in housing costs. More precisely, 48% of 2020 respondents and 51% of 2021 respondents experienced an increase in their rent or mortgage payment (e.g., property tax, insurance, HOA fees, or special district fees) in the previous year. In both surveys, the median increase in rent or mortgage payments was \$100 monthly. Increases in utility costs were less common during the pandemic as 61% of 2020 survey respondents indicated a utilities cost increase in 2019 while 55% of 2021 survey respondents indicated a utilities cost increase in 2020. However, among those who did experience an increase in utilities costs, the price hike was larger during the pandemic. Respondents in the 2020 survey indicated median utility hikes of \$60 per month while those in

Housing Challenges, 2020 & 2021



Source: Root Policy Research from the 2020 & 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Surveys

Community Engagement

Share of households displaced in the past five years, 2020 and 2021

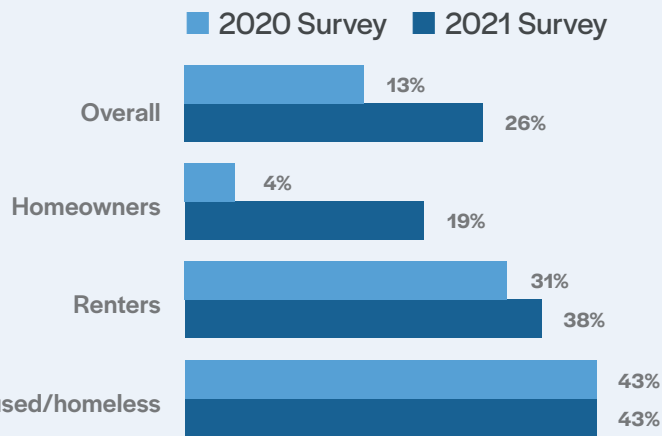


Figure 11. Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Surveys

Reason for displacement, 2020 and 2021

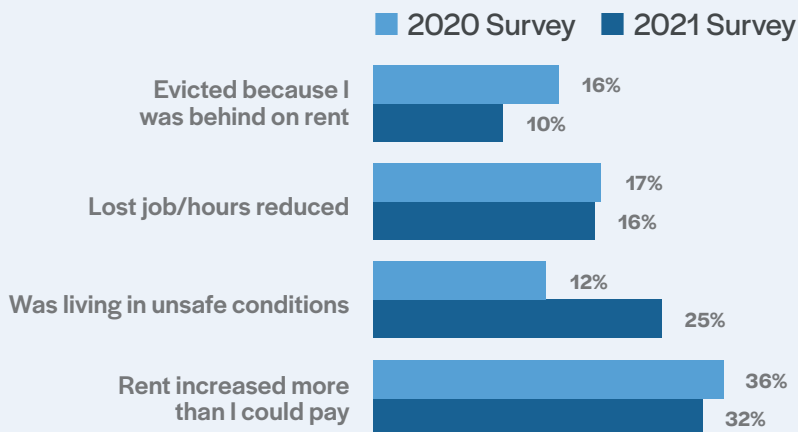


Figure 12. Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Surveys

the 2021 survey indicated median utility hikes of \$100 per month. Many more respondents indicated they had been recently displaced. In the 2021 survey, 26% of respondents indicated they recently had to move out of a home/apartment when they did not want to move. The proportion of respondents who indicated they were displaced in the 2021 survey is twice the rate of the 2020 survey in which 13% indicated they had been recently displaced.

As the pandemic wore on, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds replaced the CARES Act funds, and Adams County maintained their course of impacting the areas of need identified. Approaches and priorities shifted as the needs shifted from immediate to long-term. Adams County still maintains a Community Recovery Working Group which has representation from all county departments at director and deputy director levels. Planned community needs assessments are next for the county to determine how current levels of assistance are impacting the identified needs and ensuring the continued involvement of residents.

The results from the Community Needs Resident Survey and the community engagement from the RRTs) helped identify the gaps and areas of need during the COVID-19 Pandemic while ensuring funds were allocated equitably and to those most impacted by the pandemic. This process ensured the county was able to make quick and informed funding decisions. Tranche 1 funds began to be allocated in 2020 and COVID-19 grant awards were made in January 2021 for quick emergency response. Tranche 2 projects were strategically developed to respond to the housing crisis observed in the data and community engagement efforts.

Tranche 2 also focuses on Mental and Behavioral Health initiatives. Adams County will create a five-year plan, starting with community input and a needs assessment. The Colorado Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) has an assessment available to all Colorado municipalities for this exact purpose, which Adams County will use. In addition to gathering their own data, Adams County will also review data from the Colorado Behavioral Health Blueprint completed in 2020, and from the community input received during the pandemic specific to mental health needs in the county. Creating a long-term plan naturally lends itself to sustainability and determining how services will continue after the funding period is over.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

A concerted effort by Adams County is being made to promote equity in resources and services to residents. The county has a “putting people first” mentality, looking at disparities in wealth and available services.

Communication is key and is tailored to each community within the county, taking into consideration racial and cultural differences. Continuing to involve residents in discussions remains a high priority. Information about what will be most beneficial to them will be gathered through options such as surveys, discussion groups, and community needs assessments.

Adams County will be researching data in geographic hot spots to identify gaps. For example, recognizing where residents have a high utilization of emergency health services may help identify where additional health services are needed as the recovery work continues.

Data has shown communities and populations most disadvantaged prior to the pandemic are those that continue to be disproportionately impacted including low-income communities and people of color. The county’s 2020 Census figures reflect a shift in the county’s demographics and a growing Black, Indigenous, and People of Color population (BIPOC).

- At least 50% of Adams County residents are people of color.
- Latinos comprise about 41% of the population.
- Black, Indigenous, and Asian Americans each represent 2-4% of the population.

Given the historical and growing

need to address equity, the county’s Community Recovery Working Group identified equity and people first as foundational for investments for internal and external priorities. A few examples of Internal Priorities that focus on underserved populations are:

- FTEs for Human Services eligibility programs. Over the past year, the county experienced nearly a 30% caseload increase. Increasing staff will increase the number of cases that can be processed for food, medical, cash, childcare, and other assistance programs.

- FTEs for Community Safety & Well-Being programs. Increasing outreach to unhoused individuals.
- Vaccine equity clinics and incentives for underserved populations including non-English speaking communities, immigrants, refugees, undocumented individuals.

AREAS OF NEED

Community participants engaged in small group discussions and community surveys regarding gaps/needs as the county recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic, existing resources to leverage in addressing those needs past ARPA funding and ideas regarding ensuring equity in dispersing funds and services.

Gaps identified were in housing, business recovery, healthcare, technology, food insecurity, transportation, and overall support for low-income children, seniors, and their families.

Housing needs were identified as rental assistance and affordable housing for low-income individuals and families, and resources for the homeless population in the county.

Business recovery was focused on restaurant support for those that had to shut down during the pandemic and work transitions for residents including job training and professional development.

Healthcare needs were focused on creating more accessibility for county residents struggling with mental illness

(MI) and substance use disorders (SUD), as well as those with physical disabilities.

The technology deficit identified is a lack of broadband access, particularly to those residents living in unincorporated areas.

Food insecurity included attention to residents living in food deserts and the rising cost of food.

Transportation concerns were related to accessibility and cost.

It was noted all these areas impact low-income children, seniors, and their families living in the county. These three populations were identified as being at higher risk when living in poverty.

Multiple existing programs were identified to help address these needs and vulnerable populations. Partnerships with cities in the county, utilities and some state services, and the nonprofit sector were discussed to bring about the additional services needed. These partnerships touched on transportation, childcare, access to therapists, emergency food assistance, and broadband expansion.

Bolstering some programs financially was also suggested, in partnership with state and local municipalities including rental assistance, creating food hubs, Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and Head Start, and workforce centers.



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COVID-19 Grants Priorities Areas

The Adams County COVID-19 Grant program was developed to ensure community was provided an opportunity to directly apply for SLFRF dollars from the county to address the impacts of COVID-19. Community knows the need of community best.

BoCC identified four funding categories that include ten funding priorities with equity being foundational to meet the needs of the community through the county COVID-19 Grant Program.



Economic Stimulus & Recovery

- Workforce Development & Job Training
- Broadband
- Technical Assistance for Businesses
- Transportational Services



Shelter Support & Community Safety

- Homelessness Prevention & Affordable Housing



Health & Wellness

- Veterans
- Healthcare & Vaccinations



Family Stability

- Older Adults
- Children, Youth, Families
- Undocumented Residents

Labor Practices

Following the State of Colorado, the current minimum wage in Adams County beginning Jan. 1, 2023, is \$13.65 per hour. The BoCC is currently looking at the minimum wage and will conduct a county-wide needs assessment into 2024.

The county's Purchasing Policies and Procedures are designed to comply with the Colorado Revised Statute 30-11-103:

- Follow federal acquisition regulations, as required
- Provide fair and open competition while ensuring the best value for the county and its residents
- Provide a comprehensive centralized program encompassing best practices and principles

- Provide uniform procedures for the procurement of material, equipment, supplies, and services

When federal funds are utilized for construction projects, it is standard practice for the county to incorporate two Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Appendix II to Part 200, which includes, but is not limited to, the Davis-Bacon Act, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Clean Air Act, and Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment. The inclusion of such contract provisions in the county's competitive bid documents promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality construction projects while also supporting the

economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers.

Adams County has incorporated a "blind" hiring process, which eliminates all demographics for potential new hires. This allows for equity in deciding who will be called for an interview by Human Resources. Once a candidate is chosen, that candidate's demographics are again blocked out in determining pay and benefits so gender, race, etc. cannot be factors. This practice makes both hiring and compensation more equitable.

Use of Funds

TRANCHE 1

Investments for Tranche 1 were labeled as internal priorities, contingency, and external priorities specific to COVID-19 recovery. These funds were also utilized to ensure, as much as possible, the stability of residents within the identified needs through the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Internal priorities totaled \$12 million and included improvement to areas in Administration and Evaluation, Economic Stimulus and Recovery, Family Stability, Health and Wellness, and Shelter Support & Community Safety. Initially, \$5,000,000 was set aside for contingency to ensure the county remained nimble and adaptive throughout the recovery from the pandemic. Only

\$1,072,643.58 out of the \$5,000,000 was spent from the contingency set aside. The remaining funds were reallocated to Tranche 2 projects.

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The CRC developed the grant parameters and vetted and scored the grant applications utilizing a subcommittee of the 15-member COVID-19 Recovery Committee. The county prioritized equity through several avenues, including:

- Hosted eight topic-based webinars for interested organizations to learn about the grant program.
- Provided extensive outreach and marketing to promote the application period to reach diverse communities through all possible media channels.
- Provided all marketing materials and support in both English and Spanish, including printed and verbal communication, the application, and one-on-one technical assistance to all interested applicants.

- Extended the application period from 30 to 60 days to allow for more robust participation based on community feedback.
- Did not require a minimum or maximum grant application amount. Applications ranged from \$1,000 to \$20 million+.
- Collected and scored demographic information of the applicant organizations including staff and boards of directors (if applicable).
- Awarded additional points to women, LGBTQIA+, individuals with disabilities, and veteran-owned businesses.
- Awarded additional points to BIPOC-owned businesses.
- Required applicants to describe their community engagement and how their proposed project/program will improve equity.

The county received over 200 grant applications from businesses, non-governmental organizations, nonprofits, school districts, and special districts and ultimately awarded funding for 99 projects/programs managed by 78 organizations. To date, five grant recipients have withdrawn their application totaling \$1,378,955.08.

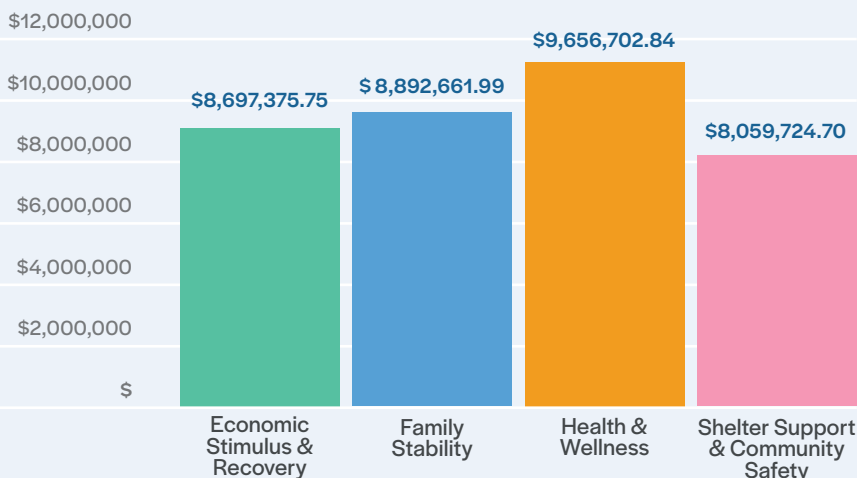
For details on these projects, please see the narratives listed by category at the end of this report.

ARPA Funds Summary

COVID-19 Grants	\$35,506,565.28
Internal County Projects	\$12,329,126.08
Tranche 2 Projects	\$36,426,917.52
Tranche 1 Contingency	\$1,072,643.58
Revenue Loss	\$10,000,000
Administrative Expenses	\$479,108.27
Total	\$95,814,360.73

Funding Priorities

Recommended Funding Amounts

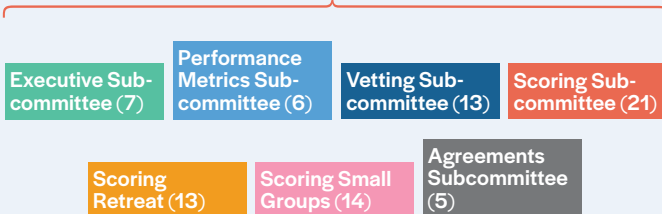


Use of Funds

Equity

The CRC developed the grant parameters, vetted and scored the grant applications utilizing the subcommittee structure below:

COVID-19 Recovery Committee 15 voting members



Applications

Submitted

206

Vetted

204

Scored

204

of Projects

99

of Organizations

78

TRANCHE 2

Key to Adams County's programming has been sustainability planning, specifically with Tranche 2 funding. With an emphasis on housing and mental/behavioral health as the priorities, how to utilize funds for the long-term was a part of the discussion from the beginning.



Mental/Behavioral Health



Housing & Homelessness Prevention

Funds utilized in Tranche 2 look beyond the initial crisis of the pandemic and move more into resiliency. The goal is now equitable recovery and long-term stability for residents of the county within the identified areas of need.

Adams County recognizes the housing and mental health crisis in our communities," said County Commissioner Steve O'Dorisio, District 4. "This second round of ARPA funding allows us to lean into these challenges to improve outcomes for our most vulnerable residents."

The second round of ARPA funding is supporting a wide range of initiatives including:

- \$4,778,000 in funding for respite housing for Adams County residents fleeing domestic violence. Domestic violence is currently the leading cause of homelessness in Adams County.
- Land Banking projects received \$5,550,000 working primarily with Maiker Housing Partners, the county's housing authority. The partnership will use the funds for market-timed acquisition of parcels for affordable housing projects.
- The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Partnership received \$3,800,000 for acquisition of property for transitional and permanently supportive housing.
- The Homeless Campus Partnership with the City of Aurora has received \$5,000,000 for the creation of a \$70,000,000 campus. The campus will feature 150 shelter beds, 80 transitional units, and a full-service day center with laundry, mental health services, housing navigation, and case management.
- The Mental/Behavioral Health initiatives will receive

\$9,125,000 in funding. The initiatives include identifying community needs, resources, and gaps in access to care.

To optimally utilize ARPA funds for mental and behavioral health, the Adams County Health Department (ACHD) launched the Behavioral Health Services and Supports Assessment. This report captures the current landscape of behavioral health challenges, evaluates the existing capacity to address these needs, and provides actionable recommendations for improvement.

The assessment reveals alarming trends in mental health conditions, suicide rates, and drug overdoses within the community. It also highlights significant disparities and inequities in service availability and access. By considering socioeconomic factors, structural racism, and social environments, ACHD has devised practical strategies to drive positive change and enhance the overall well-being of Adams County residents.



**Learn more about the
Adams County Behavioral
Health Assessment**

Use of Funds

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

The report's recommendations focus on increasing the capacity and collective impact of community-based organizations and behavioral health providers. Key strategies include:

Strengthening Community-Based Organizations: Enhancing the capabilities of local organizations to deliver more effective behavioral health services.

Aligning Resources: Coordinating efforts across the county to ensure resources are used efficiently to bridge service gaps and reduce disparities.

Improving Access and Equity: Ensuring all residents, regardless of background, have access to high-quality behavioral health services.

Key findings from the assessment:

1. Accessing behavioral health services and supports is very

difficult in Adams County.

2. There is a need in Adams County for linguistically congruent, culturally congruent, and tailored behavioral health services and supports.
3. Adams County's behavioral health system does not meet the need for behavioral health services across the continuum of care.
4. Organizations serving Adams County residents with behavioral health challenges have difficulty connecting residents to needed behavioral health services and supports.
5. Primary care and schools are critical settings for increasing access to behavioral health services and supports in Adams County.

6. Utilization of telehealth services increased during the COVID-19 pandemic and remained a common delivery method for behavioral health services.

7. Behavioral health workforce recruitments and retention challenges in Adams County have a negative impact on provider service capacity.

ACHD will launch a series of strategic initiatives, innovative programs, and collaborative partnerships to effectively address the recommendations outlined in the Behavioral Health Assessment. These efforts aim to transform the behavioral health landscape, ensuring comprehensive support and resources for all community members.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

SYSTEMATIC APPROACH

1. Organized all key findings into broad categories to identify major cross-cutting themes.
2. Drafted recommendations that address the largest number of key findings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Expand the behavioral health workforce in Adams County.
- Increase universal screening, referral and integrated care for behavioral health within all critical settings, including schools, primary care, and specialty services.
- Improve and increase care coordination and case management among providers, systems, and across jurisdictions.
- Provide public health leadership that engages critical behavioral health partners to improve access to behavioral health services and supports and integrate promotion and prevention strategies.

Long-Term Recovery and Resiliency Strategic Plan

In recent years, many communities have become increasingly aware of the vulnerabilities they face, whether environmental (fires, flooding, water shortages), economic, or health-related (such as COVID-19). In response, local governments are taking proactive, holistic steps to address future shock events and stressors in order to protect lives, property, and livelihoods.

Through coordinated action and collaboration among government, businesses, and other stakeholders, communities are now implementing resilience policies and procedures that strengthen their ability to meet emerging challenges.

Adams County formally adopted its Long-Term Recovery and Resiliency Strategic Plan on May 6, 2025, establishing a countywide framework to guide coordinated action across departments and community partners. With the plan now in its implementation phase, the county is actively working to integrate resiliency into daily operations, strategic planning, and community partnerships.

This plan brings together existing efforts under a unified vision, connecting programs, services, and initiatives to build a more adaptive and future-ready government. The following sections outline the plan's core themes, strategic goals, and the actions underway to ensure Adams County is prepared to navigate

disruptions and support long-term recovery for all who live and work here.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

To proactively address future disruptions, whether natural or human-caused, Adams County launched a multi-phase planning process to develop a long-term strategic plan. The planning effort was initiated with support from Synergy Disaster Recovery and the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) and was informed by input from across departments, municipalities, community-based organizations, and residents.

The process included:

- **Formation of the Resiliency Working Group:** A diverse leadership team of County staff and community partners was established to guide the development of the plan and provide input at each stage.
- **Existing Conditions Assessment:** A comprehensive baseline review was conducted to evaluate Adams County's internal operations, existing hazards, community vulnerabilities, and departmental roles in disaster recovery. This assessment incorporated:
 - › Analysis of 50+ County plans and operational documents, including hazard mitigation plans, climate and

sustainability reports, continuity of operations plans (COOPs), and departmental strategic plans.

- › Review of 20 departmental interviews and surveys, which provided insight into current recovery functions, coordination challenges, and resource gaps.
- › Mapping of 14 natural and human-caused hazards, including extreme heat, drought, wildfire, flooding, hazardous materials exposure, and infrastructure disruptions.
- › Identification of high-risk populations and infrastructure using demographic overlays, FEMA data, and GIS tools, highlighting areas with limited access to healthcare, aging housing stock, or exposure to environmental hazards.
- › Evaluation of departmental readiness, including how departments coordinate during emergencies, activate continuity plans, and manage data related to resident needs and service continuity.
- › Alignment with regional and state-level recovery systems, to better position the County for future funding, partnerships, and coordinated response.

RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Adams County Resilience Assessment Findings

Baseline Assessment	Social Resilience		Economic Resilience		Government Resilience		Overall
	45%	Acknowledge Stress	55%	Technology Resources	71%	Strategic Planning	54% Social Resilience
	56%	Community Cohesion	52%	Logistical Infrastructure	48%	Operations & Sustainment	57% Economic Resilience
	56%	Isolate Trauma	52%	Financial Resources	80%	Government Relations	57% Government Resilience
	56%	Social Supports	70%	Human Resources	57%	External Plan Alignment	57% Total Resilience
	56%	Stress Stimulates Growth	60%	Physical Resources	51%	Empowerment	

Long-Term Recovery and Resiliency Strategic Plan

- **Community Engagement:** Six in-person sector-based sessions and a series of stakeholder interviews gathered feedback from nonprofits, service providers, public agencies, and local municipalities. These sessions helped identify priority needs and community strengths.
- **Community Needs Analysis:** Using the Community Resilience Assessment Framework and Tools (CRAFT), the County evaluated its recovery capacity across several dimensions, highlighting both strengths and areas for investment.
- **Strategic Recommendations and Final Plan Development:** Actionable strategies were prioritized based on feasibility, alignment with existing efforts, and community impact. Feedback from the Working Group informed the

final structure and Implementation Framework of the plan.

Throughout this process, the County focused on building internal capacity, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring that the resulting strategies would support long-term service continuity. The final plan integrates this feedback into a clear and actionable framework.

FRAMEWORK AND FOCUS AREAS

The Long-term Recovery and Resiliency Strategic Plan is organized into five interdependent Themes, each essential to building recovery and resiliency capacity across the County:

1. **Data Utilization** – Using accurate, accessible, and actionable data to identify risks, guide investments, and evaluate progress.

2. **Organizational Capacity** – Enhancing the County's systems, staffing, and operational readiness to respond to and recover from disruptions.
3. **Communication, Education & Awareness** – Creating consistent and accessible messaging to help residents and staff understand risks, systems, and shared responsibilities.
4. **Stakeholder Engagement** – Strengthening relationships with internal and external partners to ensure all communities can meaningfully participate in and benefit from recovery efforts.
5. **Funding & Finance** – Establishing sustainable, diverse, and innovative resource strategies to support long-term implementation.



These five Themes include 14 Goals and 59 Actions that collectively serve as a blueprint for improving how the County plans for disruptions, delivers services, and coordinates with its community partners. Many of these actions build upon existing efforts while introducing new strategies to formalize partnerships, develop internal tools, and build institutional knowledge over time. To support progress across these focus areas, all 59 actions are categorized by implementation timeline of Near Term (1-3 years), Mid Term (3-5 years),

and Long Term (5-7 years), based on the level of effort, coordination, and resources required for implementation.

IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

Adams County has established a dedicated governance model to ensure the plan, including goals and actions, is not only visionary but also actionable. This framework pairs centralized oversight with the distributed expertise and agility of cross-functional teams.

At the highest level, an Executive Steering Committee will provide strategic direction, guide resource alignment, and ensure accountability across County leadership. This body will review major proposals and determine the level of oversight, timeline, and reporting requirements needed for projects that align with the plan.

The County has established five Thematic Working Groups, each aligned to one of the core plan themes. These groups are comprised of departmental

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leads and staff with relevant expertise and will be responsible for:

- Developing implementation timelines and resourcing strategies;
- Aligning department-level work plans with plan priorities;
- Reporting progress to the Executive Steering Committee;
- Identifying new opportunities to advance resilience goals.

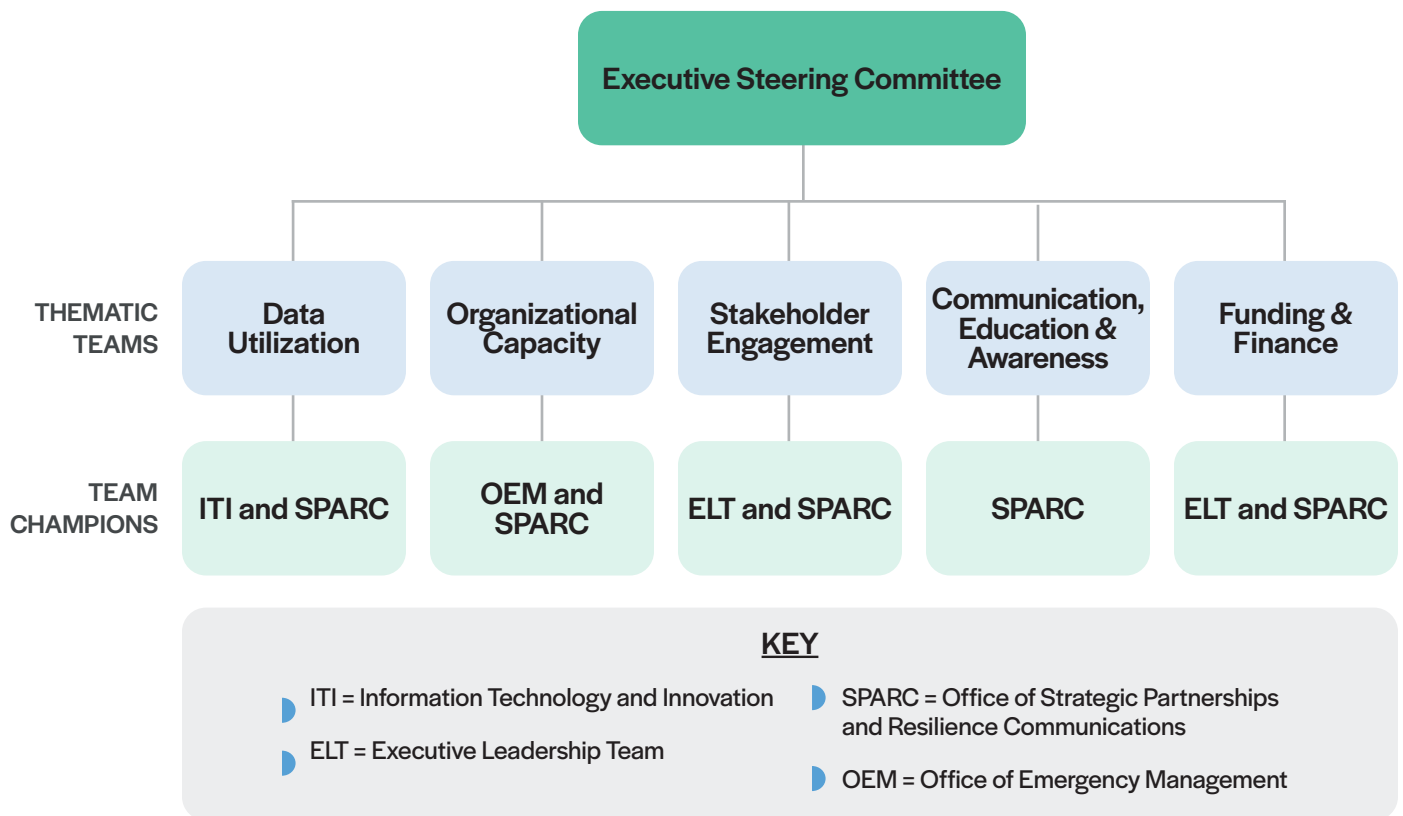
Progress will be tracked through both quantitative and qualitative metrics. To support progress across these focus areas, all 59 actions are categorized by implementation timeline of Near Term (1-3 years), Mid Term (3-5 years), and Long Term (5-7 years), based on the level of effort, coordination, and resources required for implementation. The plan emphasizes the importance of embedding recovery and resiliency principles into County culture, policy, and operations, not as standalone efforts, but as part of how Adams County delivers on our commitment to all County residents.

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As implementation begins, Adams County will continue to update tools and resources to support visibility and accountability around this work. To explore the full plan and stay up to date on ongoing implementation efforts, visit:

<https://engageadams.adcogov.org/s0172>

This page will be updated regularly as departments begin implementation, develop project plans, and build systems to track status and outcomes.



KEY TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THE PLAN INCLUDE:

- **Community** is defined as a social unit that shares a sense of identity, common experiences, attitudes, interests and/or goals; or shares a place that is situated in a geographical area within Adams County (e.g. district, ward, neighborhood, barrio, etc.).
- **Resilience** means the ability of a community to respond, positively adapt, and thrive amidst risks, changing conditions, and disruptions and to create support systems to build and enhance quality of life, healthy growth, durable systems, economic vitality, and conservation of resources for present and future generations.
- **Recovery:** The process of restoring, redeveloping, and revitalizing a community's health, social, economic, natural, and environmental systems after a disaster or disruption.
- **Disruption:** A significant deviation from expected conditions that threatens continuity of operations, safety, or quality of life (e.g., wildfire, pandemic, infrastructure failure).

2 Projects

ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO 

Use of Evidence: Performance Evaluation

Adams County is shifting from an evaluation-based performance system to a KPI-based system. Historically, data collection has been done through a program evaluation lens, meaning an evaluation was done once a program was up and running for some time or completed to see if it worked.

Through their ARPA funded partner, Rocky Mountain Partnership (RMP), Adams County will be working directly with all grantees to create Logic Models and KPIs. The RMP is a group of cross-sector community partners and community members who work together to solve difficult problems that stand in the way of economic and social mobility.

Their vision is an inclusive and prosperous region where every community member, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, zip code or circumstance, can earn an income that allows them to take care of themselves and their families and thrive from cradle to career.

Separate from partner organizations doing collective work, RMP's Backbone Team staff members serve as the neutral supporting infrastructure with specific skills and expertise to provide facilitation, technology and communications support, data collection and reporting, and logistical and administrative support. The Backbone Team provides a framework that uses continuous improvement

to meet targets at the individual and community level. The Backbone's staff of data, facilitation, and continuous improvement experts engages the community to ensure critical voices are heard, works across sectors to create a shared vision, and holds local partners accountable for results. The Backbone exists to ensure the collective work moves forward and holds an unwavering focus on results. Collective work doesn't mean the work is exclusively collective. Working within the RMP means access to tailored strategy, data, and leadership support for individual organizations that ladder up to improving the system.



Visit the
Adams County
ARPA Dashboard
for funds,
project, and
impact tracking.

The Process: Progress Toward Milestones

RMP's collective framework is rooted in StriveTogether's nationally recognized Theory of Action to produce true community-wide strategy and policy alignment and lead to powerful results. This framework includes monitoring progress toward defined milestones that have been proven to lead to greater success in improving community-level outcomes. The Theory of Action is built on four core pillars: Shared Community Vision, Evidence-Based Decision Making, Collaborative Action, and Investment and Sustainability. This framework is what is needed for decision makers to work alongside community members to decide, commit, focus, and demand the changes needed to increase social and economic mobility for all members of a community.

RMP is deeply committed to building the capacity and capability of member partners to build and re-imagine systems and policies that better serve communities by uniting siloed efforts across departments and organizations. The barriers preventing upward mobility throughout COVID-19 are complex, and the interconnections of those barriers is complex. But the solutions do not have to be. The 'what' is well-studied, researched, tested, and documented. COVID-19 has shown the validity, value,

and success of RMP's data-driven, outcomes-focused framework.

Each project will create the targets (key indicators) that will get them to their overall goal and will fall under the umbrella of county-wide resiliency and recovery efforts. KPI metrics will be assessed regularly for agencies to evaluate in real time whether their project is meeting the needs of residents and implementation changes are needed in real time. RMP brings their expertise to provide coaching and training for grantees to assist them in the process. Program evaluations and impact of projects will be published in a public-facing dashboard.

Grantees and partner organizations also receive the ongoing support of the county's Recovery and Resiliency team. This team is made up of three Grants Compliance Specialists, one Recovery Programs Coordinator, a Grants Fiscal Analyst, and the Recovery and Major Initiatives Administrator who support all ARPA subrecipients in the pre-award, monitoring, and grant close-out stages of this federal award. This ongoing support is crucial to the success of the COVID-19 grant program and the Tranche 2 regional initiatives funded by ARPA.

The county's nonprofit organizations were quick to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Response by implementing services and programs to serve the needs of the community. When the county started awarding ARPA funds for these programs and working alongside partners, we strategically funded nonprofit and community partners that did not have a lot of experience managing these types of grants and would typically not be considered for federal awards. By doing this, the county made sure access to federal funds was distributed to communities most impacted by the pandemic who were usually underserved.

Through various trainings, coaching sessions, and feedback, the Recovery and Resiliency Team are helping grow the skills, knowledge, and capacity of our subrecipients in managing federal grants. The county wants to ensure our most vulnerable populations have access to the services and programs needed for an equitable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic even after the grant performance period has ended. One of our goals is to continue to foster these partnerships and support our subrecipients in planning ahead for the sustainability of their services and programs post ARPA funds.



[Check out KPI Dashboard](#)



Project Inventory

PROJECTS - TRANCHE 1

The Tranche 1 projects were specific to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and were broken into four categories. Please see table below for a quick reference of all COVID-19 grants awarded with Tranche 1 funds.

ARPA ID	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	ADCO PRIORITY CATEGORY	PAGE #
ARPA-170	27J Schools	Workforce Retention and Recruitment	\$999,703.49	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	37
ARPA-156	9Health:365	9Health:365 Serving Marginalized Communities in Adams County through Collaborative COVID-19 Vaccine Events & Preventive Health Fairs	\$201,069.48	Health & Wellness	131
ARPA-220	Adams 14 Education Foundation	Support Adams 14 Scholars and Funding the Unfunded	\$35,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	38
ARPA-063	Adams County Emergency Food Bank	Food Assistance during COVID-19 recovery	\$350,000.00	Health & Wellness	132
ARPA-132	Adams County School District 14	Adams County School District 14: Homeless Supports Office Expansion	\$274,219.37	Shelter Support & Community Safety	68
ARPA-182	Adelante Community Development	Centro Comunitario	\$1,886,362.67	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	40
ARPA-183	Adelante Community Development	Juntos Adelante	\$1,862,662.67	Health & Wellness	153
ARPA-159	Almost Home, Inc	Adams County Housing Solutions	\$1,886,362.67	Shelter Support & Community Safety	70
ARPA-23-00	Almost Home, Inc	Almost Home, Next Step 2 Gen Program	\$134,400.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	72
ARPA-131	Archway Housing & Services	Decrease food insecurity at Green Leaf and Villa Verde as a result of COVID-19	\$4,500.00	Health & Wellness	147
ARPA-208	Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition	North Aurora AEOC COVID Recovery Program	\$75,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	42
ARPA-168	Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc, DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services	Food Pantry Services for Adams County Residents Facing Food Insecurity Due to COVID-19	\$73,152.00	Health & Wellness	151
ARPA-169	Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc, DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services	Community Navigation Services for Adams County Residents Impacted by COVID-19	\$30,163.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	74
ARPA-129	Aurora Mental Health and Recovery	Acute Care Center	\$1,341,862.67	Health & Wellness	145
ARPA-124	Bennett Park and Recreation District	Recover Revenue lost from COVID restrictions	\$80,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	44
ARPA-211	Brighton Housing Authority	Brighton Housing Authority Recovery Center	\$350,000.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	76
ARPA-123	Brother's Redevelopment, Org.	Brother's Redevelopment Housing Support Services	\$302,348.33	Shelter Support & Community Safety	78
ARPA-142	CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties	CASA Volunteer Program	\$965,270.00	Family Stability	98
ARPA-042	Coal Creek Adult Education Center	Free English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency Preparation classes	\$15,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	45
ARPA-144	Colfax Community Network	10190 E. Montview Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80010	\$1,700,000.00	Health & Wellness	149
ARPA-128	Colorado Poverty Law Project	Adams County Housing Solutions Eviction Legal Defense and Housing Stability	\$1,040,000.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	80

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ARPA-122	Community Reach Center	Adams County Temporary Youth Shelter	\$1,200,000.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	82
ARPA-152	Colorado Safe Parking Initiative (CSPI)	Adams County SafeLots	\$297,602.88	Shelter Support & Community Safety	84
ARPA-148	Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (CSPC)	Conectando and Providers Advancing School Outcomes (PASO)	\$60,000.00	Family Stability	100
ARPA-104	Colorado Youth for a Change	Educational Recovery Program	\$552,348.33	Family Stability	102
ARPA-176	Community Uplift Partnership	3 Non-Profit Coffee Houses	\$75,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	46
ARPA-48	Cultivando	COVID-19 Community Response	\$34,608.93	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	47
ARPA-120	Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC)	Expanding ECPAC's Family Care Navigation Program Through Co-Location	\$207,295.33	Family Stability	104
ARPA-140	Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC)	Supporting Young Children and Their Caregivers Through a Three-Pronged Approach	\$197,719.00	Family Stability	106
ARPA-188	Every Child Pediatrics - Rocky Mountain Youth Medical and Nursing Consultants, Inc.	Virtual Scribe – Strategy to reduce clinician burnout and turnover while improving patient safety and satisfaction	\$75,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	48
ARPA-097	Five Star Education Foundation	Five Star Resource Closets	\$1,359,900.00	Family Stability	108
ARPA-099	Five Star Education Foundation	Adams 12 COVID-19 Response Team and Supports	\$487,033.00	Health & Wellness	139
ARPA-116	Five Star Education Foundation	Adams 12 Employee Wellness Support Program	\$270,856.00	Health & Wellness	143
ARPA-117	Five Star Education Foundation	Adams 12 Summer Explores	\$1,052,348.33	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	50
ARPA-127	Food for Hope	In-School / District Site Food Banks	\$180,475.00	Family Stability	110
ARPA-082	Foster Source	Therapeutic Services to Foster/Kinship Parents	\$31,998.00	Health & Wellness	134
ARPA-090	Front Range Community College DBA Front Range Community College Foundation	High Needs Program	\$50,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	52
ARPA-198	Griffith Centers for Children CHINS UP	Community Based Programs and Truancy Prevention	\$25,000.00	Family Stability	112
ARPA-139	Growing Home	Growing Home Infrastructure Development Project	\$788,740.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	86
ARPA-157	Hope House Colorado	Self-Sufficiency Programs for At-Risk Teen Moms	\$25,000.00	Family Stability	113
ARPA-175	Jesus on Colfax Ministries	Street Safety Program	\$29,200.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	88
ARPA-051	Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain	Junior Achievement Programs for Adams County Youth	\$40,000.00	Family Stability	114
ARPA-085	Kids First Health Care	Expansion of Children and Youth Mental Health Services	\$603,406.67	Health & Wellness	137
ARPA-100	Kids First Health Care	New Pediatric Primary Care Clinic at Maiker Housing Community	\$618,264.00	Health & Wellness	141
ARPA-084	Kids in Need of Dentistry	Kids in Need of Dentistry Adam County Oral Health	\$271,628.00	Health & Wellness	136

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ARPA-192	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Culturally Appropriate and Equitable Vaccine/Booster information and administration with a focus in Latinos and other BIPOC Adams County Residents	\$182,790.00	Health & Wellness	155
ARPA-204	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Mental Health and Substance Misuse Treatment Services for Low-Income Latino Adults and Children in Adams County	\$177,848.33	Health & Wellness	157
ARPA-210	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Servicios de La Raza - Adams County Workforce Development	\$422,928.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	55
ARPA-214	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Culturally Responsive, Mobile Benefits Enrollment for Low-Income Latinos and other Low-Income Community Members in Adams County	\$221,848.33	Family Stability	116
ARPA-141	Life Recovery Centers: Community Counseling & Consulting	Resilience Family Program	\$50,000.00	Family Stability	118
ARPA-087-B	Maiker Housing Partners	Crossing Pointe South	\$750,000.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	90
ARPA-089	Maiker Housing Partners	Orchard Hill Community Spaces	\$552,348.33	Shelter Support & Community Safety	92
ARPA-008	Mango House	Covid testing/treatment/vaccinations and community outreach	\$75,000.00	Health & Wellness	131
ARPA-111	Mapleton Public Schools	7350 Broadway Denver CO 80221	\$759,472.00	Family Stability	119
ARPA-105	Mile High United Way	Bridging the Gap	\$19,429.31	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	56
ARPA-108	Mile High United Way	United for Schools	\$226,500.00	Family Stability	120
ARPA-109	Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation	Nurse Extern Transition to Practice Program	\$1,500,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	57
ARPA-092	Ralston House	Ralston House Child Advocacy Center - Bilingual Program	\$248,281.33	Health & Wellness	162
ARPA-096	Ralston House	Ralston House Child Advocacy Center - Mental Health Case management Navigator	\$87,281.36	Health & Wellness	166
ARPA-193	Reaching HOPE	Family Trauma Recovery Program Expansion	\$397,820.00	Family Stability	121
ARPA-207	Ready to Work Aurora	Ready to Work	\$202,348.33	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	59
ARPA-205	Rebuilding Together Colorado	Safe at Home & Emergency Repairs for Adam's County COVID Affected Low-Income Homeowners	\$55,000.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	94
ARPA-160	Rocky Mountain Partnership	The Rocky Mountain Partnership: a collective impact approach to eliminate equity gaps amplified by the COVID-19 Pandemic	\$250,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	61
ARPA-106	Savio	Child First	\$100,000.00	Family Stability	123
ARPA-043	Second Wind Fund	Connecting Youth at Risk for Suicide with Life-Saving Mental Health Treatment	\$66,600.00	Health & Wellness	160
ARPA-196	Simply Pizza Truck	Slice Out Hunger	\$60,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	63

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ARPA-163	South Adams County Fire Department	Strengthening Pandemic Emergency Health Care Services in Adams County	\$912,393.00	Health & Wellness	164
ARPA-200	South Adams County Fire Department	Young Adult & Firefighter Workforce Development Cooperative	\$490,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	65
ARPA-161	The Senior Hub	Addressing the Exacerbated Needs of Adams County Older Adults during COVID-19	\$2,405,523.00	Family Stability	125
ARPA-047	Urban Land Conservancy	South Platte Crossing (formerly Holly Park)	\$350,000.00	Shelter Support & Community Safety	96
ARPA-060	Village Exchange Center	Low Wage Workers Fund (LWWF)	\$500,000.00	Family Stability	126
ARPA-219	Village Exchange Center	Microenterprise Business Development Support for Minority-Owned Businesses	\$1,164,076.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	67
ARPA-217	Vuela for Health	Mejorando la Salud Juntos (Improving Health Together)	\$90,076.33	Health & Wellness	159
ARPA-056	WeeCycle	Baby Gear Essentials	\$618,491.00	Family Stability	128

Small Business Grants

ARPA ID	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	ADCO CATEGORY
ARPA-6	Adams County Sheriff's Office Employee Foundation	Operation Freebird	\$1,200.00	Health & Wellness
ARPA-80	Alley Cat Beads	New product line	\$3,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-29	Awakening Balance LLC	Awakening Balance Acupuncture - Full Spectrum Traditional Chinese Medicine	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-62	Cakes By Karen	Cakes By Karen	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-2	Fleet Management Services	Fleet Management Services	\$75,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-68	Galaxy Towing LLC	Galaxy Towing Maintenance	\$7,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-91	GE Heating & Air, LLC	Small Family Owned Business in Northglenn	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-52	Hanavan Holdings International, Inc	Small Business Economic Recovery & Workforce Development	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-5	Healthy spine llc	Economic recovery relief	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-103	Heidi's Test Kitchen dba Heidi's Brooklyn Deli	Covid Relief and Continuation of Business Operations	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-31	Intrepid Bodyworks	Expansion of Intrepid Bodyworks	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-15	OTM Skin LLC	OTM Skin's Community Tattoo Removal Program	\$20,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-54	Panaderia y Antojitos La Piramide	Panaderia Antojitos La Piramide	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-94	Rain Dance Car Wash LLC	Covid Recovery Plan	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-199	Stage Images Dance Studio - The Next Generation, LLC	Rent and Equipment for Program Growth	\$10,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-79	Ultimate Beauty Haircare and Supplies LLC	Covid-19 relief	\$5,000.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-145	Victory Grange	Compensate for loss of rental income due to Pandemic	\$3,900.00	Economic Stimulus & Recovery
ARPA-28	Vida Consejeria Individual & Familiar LLC	Vida Consejeria Individual & Familiar	\$30,000.00	Health & Wellness

*Small business grant/beneficiary, no reporting required.

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs across many domains. Impacts were realized in virtually every sector including housing, food security, health and mental health, family stability, economic burden, etc.

Through the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act funding, the Adams County Community will abate the harms caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effects.

Key Drivers of the Problem

Strategies & Interventions

Increased economic inequality and decreased spending power in conjunction with a lack of social supports to fall back on

Housing costs have increased due to low interest rates and materials costs while protections like the eviction moratorium expired

Risk factors for poor mental health and family trauma increased with a worsening economy, stay at home mandate, and closing of schools and childcare facilities

Educational pathways and social/emotional learning were disrupted by the transition to remote schooling

Demand for mental health/healthcare increased at a time when professionals began leaving the profession

Distribute \$35.5M American Rescue Plan Act Funding to organizations or groups championing efforts to ameliorate issues caused by COVID-19

We distributed \$35.5M American Rescue Plan Act to champion COVID-19 recovery and resiliency across the following areas:



**Economic Stimulus
& Recovery**
35 Programs Funded



Health & Wellness
23 Programs Funded



**Shelter Support &
Community Safety**
17 Programs Funded



Family Stability
19 Programs Funded



Project ARPA-170

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-170

PROJECT NAME: Workforce Retention and Recruitment

ORGANIZATION: 27J Schools

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.sd27j.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$999,703.49

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC DESCRIPTION: 2.25-Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

The project is focused on workforce retention and recruitment. It is intended to provide incentives to current staff to stay in their current roles to maintain continuity for students and for the support structures of the district and to enhance current recruitment efforts. All regular staff received a \$500 gross pay bonus in their December paycheck.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A



Project ARPA-220

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-220

PROJECT NAME: Support Adams 14 Scholars and Funding the Unfunded

ORGANIZATION: Adams 14 Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: adams14foundation.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$35,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC DESCRIPTION: 2.25-Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

The Adams 14 Education Foundation board uses fundraising to support the scholarship program, Funding the Unfunded mini-grant program, and Leadership Commerce City. In 2020 and 2021, the Foundation did not raise enough funds to run these programs to full capacity. The Foundation board had to use funds from the Foundation's reserves to float these programs. Both of these programs support the students and staff of the Adams 14 School District.

The funds allow us to provide additional funds for more teacher-created programs and additional support for our scholarship students.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-220

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially food insecurity. In 2021, over 46K Adams County community members were food insecure.

We are working to increase the number of Adams County community members who have access to fresh and shelf stable food.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Distribute scholarships to high school students and provide dedicated support to these students.

Activity Impact

High school students in Adams County are better equipped to pursue higher education and achieve their academic and career aspirations.

Activity Outcome



20 scholarships were awarded during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Provide funding to teachers for creative approaches to enhance student achievement and expand student learning opportunities through the Funding the Unfunded program.

Activity Impact

Teachers in Adams County can implement innovative strategies, fostering a more engaging and effective educational environment.

Activity Outcome



37 teachers received funding for supplies during the grant period.



Project ARPA-182

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-182

PROJECT NAME: Centro Comunitario

ORGANIZATION: Adelante Community Development

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: adelantecommunity.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,886,362.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.8-COVID-19 Assistance to Small Businesses

Narrative

Adelante Community Development (ACD) seeks ARPA funding to launch El Centro Comunitario Adelante (El Centro). El Centro will serve as a conduit for equitable access to government pandemic relief funds by offering community resources, business education, and resources specifically designed to meet the needs of the Latino community.

This physical location to house operations and increase staff capacity to support minority-owned businesses and families. Unlike other business resources in the region, ACD is both representative of and trusted by the Latino community members, which constitute approximately 41% of the 522,000 total people of Adams County.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-182

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially for Spanish speaking entrepreneurs. The pandemic spurred loss of employment, reduced hours, and reducing or quitting paid work to care for children for many Adams County community members.

We are working to ensure Spanish speaking entrepreneurs have the resources needed to move forward and that we remove any barriers that limit their ability to be successful and create a positive impact.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide comprehensive entrepreneurship and business education programs fully in Spanish that are specifically designed to meet the unique needs and challenges faced by the Latino community.

Activity Impact

Latino entrepreneurs in Adams County can equitably access knowledge, resources, and opportunities to grow their business, achieve economic mobility, and pursue long-term success within their community.

Activity Outcome



12,966 individuals expressed interest in Adelante's training services during the grant period.



7,292 individuals engaged in classes or services during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Offer educational courses to Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs about building a strong foundation, upskilling, and growing/sustaining businesses.

Activity Impact

Small businesses in Adams County owned by Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs are equipped with the tools and connections needed to succeed and sustain their ventures.

Activity Outcome



493 individuals graduated from a class through Adelante with a certificate or certification during the grant period.



95% of individuals who participated in a class reported a rating of 3 or higher (on a 5-point scale), indicating that they felt the trainings helped them in their business during the grant period.



Project ARPA-208

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-208

PROJECT NAME: North Aurora AEOC COVID Recovery Program

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: theaeoc.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$75,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

Funding will support the Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition's (AEOC) COVID-19 response and recovery programs directed at immigrant and refugee communities of North Aurora. Specifically, it will support vaccination clinics, outreach to Spanish-speaking households, workforce development programs and basic needs assistance that address health equity. This organization's objective is to establish economic equity that supports the revitalization of North Aurora by empowering long-time residents and small business owners, particularly immigrants, refugees and people of color.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially healthcare and housing. In 2021, over 53K Adams County community members were uninsured.

We are working to increase the number of day laborers, immigrants, refugees, and other community of colors being developed for the workforce and accessing critical services tied to health and social determinants of health (including housing).

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Inform immigrant and refugee community members about COVID-19 resources by hosting resource fairs and COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

Activity Impact

Immigrant and refugee communities in Adams County have access to crucial public health resources and information, contributing to healthier and more resilient community overall.

Activity Outcome



96 individuals were vaccinated against COVID-19 during the grant period.



Project ARPA-124

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-124

PROJECT NAME: Recover Revenue lost from COVID restrictions

ORGANIZATION: Bennett Park and Recreation District

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.bennettrec.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$80,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

We are a community recreation center that serves the eastern plains of Colorado. During the pandemic, we had to shut down for safety and then were restricted to the number of patrons who could be in the establishment at any given time.

Due to the length of time we had restrictions, we had many cancellations of memberships. We would like to continue the employment of staff and renew relationships with community members in hopes they will return for recreation in our facility.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-042

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-042

PROJECT NAME: Free English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency Preparation classes

ORGANIZATION: Coal Creek Adult Education Center

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.coalcreekadulthood.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$15,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

ARPA funds for Free English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency Preparation classes in Adams County during a 12-month period. We are funding free adult High School Equivalency (GED/HiSet) and English as a Second Language classes for Colorado residents. Our classes are virtual and in-person with in-person classes taking place in Brighton, Northglenn, and Broomfield. The majority of the students we serve are located in Adams County. In this county, 17.7% (over 50,000 residents) of the over-25 population has less than a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-176

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-176

PROJECT NAME: 3 Non-Profit Coffee Houses

ORGANIZATION: Community Uplift Partnership

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.cupcolorado.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$75,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

We work to strengthen young adults ages 15-24 through various challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, generational issues, mental health, gender dysphoria, aging out of foster care, juvenile justice/diversion, and high school equivalency. We assist clients in finding young adult courses and workshops and help them build confidence to get their first or next job. We hire them at our nonprofit coffee shops, working through basic needs, life skills, and modeling a healthy work environment. The need for young adult support and mentoring is on the rise. We have two new coffee shops opening in Adams County.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-48

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-48

PROJECT NAME: COVID-19 Community Response

ORGANIZATION: Cultivando

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.cultivando.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$34,608.93

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.3-Household Assistance: Cash Transfers

Narrative

Our proposed work will help continue supporting the current work of the agency. Many individuals the agency serves are undocumented who received no government aid from the pandemic. Many in our community also lost family members to COVID-19 and are currently facing the financial aftermath of the pandemic. We want to support those in our community who received little-to-no financial support, and who continue to struggle to recover from the hardships that the pandemic imposed on them. The goal with these funds is to alleviate their stress with the opportunity to purchase fresh foods and healthy alternatives for the children in their care. Ultimately, the pandemic has brought on emotional, physical, financial, and spiritual heartaches to our Latinx community, and we recognize the importance of self-care and mental health.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-188

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-188

PROJECT NAME: Virtual Scribe – Strategy to reduce clinician burnout and turnover while improving patient safety and satisfaction

ORGANIZATION: Every Child Pediatrics - Rocky Mountain Youth Medical and Nursing Consultants, Inc.

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: everychildpediatrics.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$75,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

Every Child Pediatrics is piloting a virtual scribe service in our Thornton Clinic to help reduce the immediate and long term impact of COVID-19 on clinician well-being. Utilizing virtual medical scribes and other virtual tools can reduce clinician burnout by taking on administrative tasks for the clinician, improving job satisfaction by removing distractions, allowing for more meaningful patient interaction, lowering turnover rates, enhancing productivity, and increasing patient satisfaction.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially labor shortages and turnover in the healthcare industry.

We are working to increase healthcare capacity in order to provide accessible, affordable, high-quality health care and support programs to children across Colorado, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Implement a virtual medical scribe pilot program for clinical providers.

Activity Impact

Medical providers in Adams County have reduced burnout and enhanced job satisfaction, which allows for more focused patient care, productivity, and patient satisfaction.

Activity Outcome



11 documentation support tools were vetted and available during the grant period.



22 providers were flagged for being at risk for building a backlog and offered virtual medical scribe services during the grant period.



Project ARPA-117

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-117

PROJECT NAME: Adams 12 Summer Explores

ORGANIZATION: Five Star Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.5starfoundation.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,052,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.25-Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

The Summer Explores program works to address the following inequities for Adams 12 Five Star students:

- Providing highly qualified staff to accelerate learning and work to close the existing learning gaps that resulted during in-person closures due to COVID-19.
- Provide stable meal options with regular school breakfast and lunch when these options may not typically be available during summer months.
- Provide experiential learning opportunities (e.g. bowling, golf, swimming) more common to student's counterparts in middle- and upper-class homes.
- Provide social interactions with peers in a joyful setting not typically available over the summer when schools are closed to recover from the social isolation incurred during in-person closures.
- Provide physical fitness and movement daily.
- Provide rich language experiences and English practice for all students for whom English is their second language.
- Provide transportation to and from Summer Explores programming or equitable access to the resources by placing them within walking distance.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$1,052,348.00

NARRATIVE

This program is evaluated based on enrollment data, completion of the program, credits earned, and the number of seniors completing their graduation requirements. No program evaluation other than data collection for this report.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs by disrupting educational pathways and imposing learning losses associated with remote learning.

We are working to ensure that students who were disproportionately impacted by COVID and the overall economic downturn will have access to needed academic supports, basic needs and social-emotional supports to enhance their academic growth and overall well being

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide accelerated and experiential learning opportunities to students affected by academic and social learning loss.

Activity Impact

Students in Adams County have the opportunity to catch up on learning deficits, build confidence, and prepare for future success in school and beyond.

Activity Outcome



2,988 students participated in Summer Explores programming during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Offer students credit recovery opportunities through summer school programming.

Activity Impact

Students in Adams County can get back on track academically, supporting their progress toward timely graduation and future success.

Activity Outcome



684 students earned credit in summer school during the grant period.



Project ARPA-090

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-090

PROJECT NAME: High Needs Program

ORGANIZATION: Front Range Community College Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.frontrange.edu/about/frcc-foundation/index.html

AWARD AMOUNT: \$50,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.10-COVID-19 Aid to Impacted Industries

Narrative

Front Range Community College (FRCC) and the Front Range Community College Foundation used the funds to support one (1) full-time Clinical Coordinator for a period of 12 months (1 year) at our Westminster Campus. This individual supports Westminster campus nursing students in three key areas: clinical placement coordination and data tracking, support of the nursing lab and simulation training, and programmatic support (administrative/student enrollment). The Clinical Coordinator also tracks student health data to meet FRCC partner healthcare provider requirements. The FRCC Foundation and FRCC focused on students pursuing nursing degrees. The project is aimed to directly support Adams County's goals of expanding academic support and critical workforce training and secondarily strengthening Adams County's public health infrastructure.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, including persistence and completion for Front Range Community College (FRCC) students. By 2021, only 23% of the fall 2014 cohort had completed their program within 6-years, and approximately 19% of the cohort transferred out to another institution.

We are working to increase the persistence and completion for FRCC students.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide financial assistance to Front Range Community College students experiencing unforeseen financial hardships to keep them engaged in their education.

Activity Impact

Students in crisis can receive emergency funding that keeps them housed and safe while allowing them to pursue their education and achieve their career goals.

Activity Outcome



Recipients of the funds achieved a **100% course completion rate** during the grant period.



Project ARPA-210

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-210

PROJECT NAME: Servicios de La Raza - Adams County Workforce Development

ORGANIZATION: La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: serviciosdelaraza.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$422,928.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.10-Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Narrative

Employment Navigation, Education, Workforce Training, and upskilling/reskilling for low income Adams county community members.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

NARRATIVE

We use Skills First Evidence Based Employment Navigation for our program.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic caused widespread job loss, disrupted education and training pipelines, and deepened economic instability for many Adams County residents. These disruptions left community members—particularly those in lower-income households—without access to the resources, credentials, or support networks needed to secure stable employment. As a result, many continue to face barriers to reentering the workforce or advancing in their careers.

Servicios de La Raza is working to improve economic mobility for Adams County residents through employment navigation, education, and workforce training that supports long-term recovery and resilience.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide employment navigation and training to help individuals recover from COVID-19 work-related impacts.

Activity Impact

Individuals in the Adams County workforce have enhanced employability and confidence, and contribute to the overall economic stability in the community.

Activity Outcome



451 participants were enrolled in the Workforce Development program during the grant period.



Project ARPA-105

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-105

PROJECT NAME: Bridging the Gap

ORGANIZATION: Mile High United Way

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: unitedwaydenver.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$19,429.31

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.25-Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

Mile High United Way is in the process of developing a new partnership with Adams County Chafee, allowing 15 youth to utilize Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers. These new FYI voucher holders will then participate in Bridging the Gap (BTG), which provides wraparound support in the areas of housing, wellness, education, and workforce readiness. The addition, of these 15 FYI voucher holders will expand our presence in Adams County beyond the existing 23 BTG participants who currently reside there and increase the number of young adults who are experiencing homelessness we are able to house.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A



Project ARPA-109

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-109

PROJECT NAME: Nurse Extern Transition to Practice Program

ORGANIZATION: Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: intermountainhealthcare.org/foundation/platte-valley-foundation

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,500,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.10-COVID-19 Aid to Impacted Industries

Narrative

Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation (Platte Valley) will utilize \$1.5 million from Adams County over three years to pilot an initiative in partnership with Colorado Christian University (CCU) that will bridge the gap between academia and practice to create practice-ready graduate nurses.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-109

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially labor shortages and turnover in the healthcare industry.

We are working to increase nursing capacity and reduce turnover at Platte Valley Medical Center.

Platte Valley Medical Center is collecting stories of impact and anecdotes from nurses engaged in the program.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Partner with Colorado Christian University to develop a nurse extern program for BSN nursing students.

Activity Impact

New graduate nurses will have the resources and educational support to succeed in their career.

Activity Outcome



61 BSN nursing students were placed in the nurse extern program during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Support senior nursing students with structured externships that prepare them to successfully transition into practice-ready, graduate nurses serving patients.

Activity Impact

Nurse staffing and retention in Adams County will be increased, allowing for high-quality and timely care for patients.

Activity Outcome



98% of nurses accepted a job with Platte Valley after completing the nurse extern program during the grant period.



96% of nurses stayed with Platte Valley for at least two years after completing the nurse extern program during the grant period.



Project ARPA-207

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-207

PROJECT NAME: Ready to Work

ORGANIZATION: Ready to Work Aurora

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: boulderbridgehouse.org/ready-to-work

AWARD AMOUNT: \$202,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

Our Ready to Work (RTW) Program provides a pathway to independence for adults experiencing homelessness. RTW offers balanced and effective solutions by offering three elements within one program immediately upon enrollment:

- Paid employment and workforce development training in a RTW Aurora-owned social enterprise.
- Dormitory-style housing in our RTW Aurora House (located on Peoria Ct. and Parker Rd., across from Nine-Mile Station).
- Case management support services, which include addiction recovery, financial management, and employment/housing counseling.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

In 2021 in collaboration with the National Rebuilding Together office, we implemented Homeowner Impact Summaries. This is a 25 point home health and safety pre- and post-home repair intervention checklist. We are able to measure point by point the health and safety of the home and indicate where we have made a change and therefore improved quality of life outcome. Since 2023 we also send a client satisfaction survey to each homeowner upon work completion and we collect information about if they feel more safe in their home. We also capture personal quotes from their experience in working with RTCO.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Enroll adults experiencing homelessness into the facility as interns and provide shelter and food for these individuals.

Activity Impact

Adults experiencing homelessness have their basic needs met while they have access to workforce development and job training, which creates a pathway to independence.

Activity Outcome



292 adults experiencing homelessness were accepted into the facility as interns during the grant period.



Interns stayed an average of **17.65 nights** at the facility during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Onboard successful interns into full trainees and eventually to graduate from the program into stable housing and employment.

Activity Impact

Adults who have experienced homelessness in Adams County are empowered towards long-term stability, self-sufficiency, and community reintegration.

Activity Outcome



108 interns onboarded into full trainees for the Ready to Work program during the grant period.



67 individuals graduated from the program during the grant period.



Project ARPA-160

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-160

PROJECT NAME: The Rocky Mountain Partnership: a collective impact approach to eliminate equity gaps amplified by the COVID-19 Pandemic

ORGANIZATION: Rocky Mountain Partnership

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: everychildpediatrics.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$250,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Other

EC CATEGORY: 2.37-Economic Impact Assistance: Other

Narrative

Rocky Mountain Partnership (RMP, the Partnership) improves economic and social mobility and closes equity gaps amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. The collective effort of the Partnership builds on work already underway within the community to achieve long-term impact. The Partnership has identified the following initiatives that will yield the greatest impact in Adams County and the surrounding region:

- **Regional Labor Shortage (Rocky Mountain Climbs):** Addressing the current labor shortage by removing barriers to employment in critical industries, and once people are employed, increase their access to up-skilling and credentialing opportunities in the workplace.
- **Credential Attainment:** Support community members to attain a skill, credential, or degree that will prepare them to work in high-demand industries and earn a wage that allows them to support themselves and their families.
- **Housing & Education:** Improve access to affordable housing and improve educational outcomes for those living in affordable housing (including early learning, K-12, and those in the process of earning a skill, credential, or degree)

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$250,000.00

NARRATIVE

“The collective impact framework we utilize for our project has already been externally evaluated at the national level. You can view the external evaluation here:

https://www.strivetgether.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ST-Evaluation-Executive-Summary_Final-for-Discussion_14June19.pdf

In October, RMP received StriveTogether’s ‘Systems Change’ designation, which is a national recognition that follows a rigorous assessment and evaluation of how a collective partnership is changing systems to better serve community members.”



Project ARPA-160

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated longstanding equity gaps across Adams County, disproportionately impacting community members' ability to access stable housing, quality employment, and supportive resources. These systemic challenges persist, underscoring the need for collaborative, data-driven approaches that center the voices of those most affected.

Rocky Mountain Partnership is working to close these equity gaps by bringing together community members and cross-sector partners to advance collective impact strategies that improve income, housing, and long-term community outcomes.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Convene regional stakeholders and community members to work together to strengthen, improve, and innovate activities that support COVID-19 recovery.

Activity Impact

Collaborative, community-driven solutions are created that address the region's most pressing needs and support equitable outcomes and sustainable systems.

Activity Outcome



199 partners were engaged through Rocky Mountain Partnership's Community Leaders Council during the grant period.



425 partners participated in Rocky Mountain Partnership projects during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Develop and maintain collective data infrastructure tracking the impact of COVID-19 recovery efforts across Adams County and equip decision-makers with necessary insights to drive action.

Activity Impact

Adams County's COVID-19 recovery efforts are data-driven, which leads to informed choices and optimized resource allocation.

Activity Outcome



69 Adams County ARPA Subrecipients attended a Key Driver/Data Coaching Workshop during the grant period.



335 Adams County ARPA Subrecipients received one-on-one Key Driver/Data Coaching during the grant period.



Project ARPA-196

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-196

PROJECT NAME: Slice Out Hunger

ORGANIZATION: Simply Pizza Truck

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.simplypizzatruck.com

AWARD AMOUNT: \$60,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs

Narrative

Primo Bachh dba Simply Pizza Truck will be providing 9,200 meals (\$6 per person) to communities in need in Adams County. They will do so by partnering with local entities, providing events, or popping up in neighborhoods that are high need. They will also provide one-time payments of \$750 to employees who worked throughout the pandemic and \$350 onboarding bonuses for people who recently joined or are joining the team to help provide these services. Events will be community-based, and partners will join us to make these meaningful resources for Adams County residents (in kind donations). Simply Pizza will provide the vessel for distribution of services as well as fuel cost and labor for preparation.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A

NARRATIVE

This program has not been evaluated but the data is being collected to demonstrate impact & reach.



Project ARPA-196

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially food insecurity. In 2021, over 46K Adams County community members were food insecure.

We are working to increase access to food for underserved populations.

Simply Pizza Truck is collecting stories, testimonials, and letters from partner non-profits and community members.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Partner with local non-profits to identify and serve populations in need by providing essential food aid.

Activity Impact

Underserved populations receive targeted food assistance, addressing hunger and fostering community well-being.

Activity Outcome



32 partner events were held where meals were distributed during the grant period.



Six partnerships with local non-profits were created during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Deliver hot meals to Adams County community members through a mobile food program focused on underserved neighborhoods and individuals facing food insecurity.

Activity Impact

Adams County residents facing food insecurity gain reliable access to nutritious hot meals, improving their overall health and well-being.

Activity Outcome



9,250 meals were provided during the grant period.



Project ARPA-200

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-200

PROJECT NAME: Young Adult & Firefighter Workforce Development Cooperative

ORGANIZATION: South Adams County Fire Department

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.sacfd.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$490,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.25-Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

The Young Adult & Firefighter workforce development Cooperative provides a pathway for high school students to graduate with the technical skills in key residential construction areas and real-world experiences in building and welding careers while providing valuable community service to the first responders. By partnering with local high schools, SACFD will be able to give this program the workspace and resources needed to be successful, and the students and their instructor will provide SACFD firefighters with the ability to train on high-quality firefighting props, which ultimately heightens the level of service we provide to Adams County. Demonstrated by CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index 2020 our community is disproportionately impacted.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$490,000.00

NARRATIVE

Our program evaluation is based on the number of students enrolled in the course who receive a passing grade, graduate, and create a pathway post high school. Since the program started mid school year, we started with nine students, all of whom graduated. The second part of the evaluation is the use of the firefighting training props after the students build them, and, again with the late start in the school year and weather delays, the evaluation has not taken place. The post-graduation workforce placement will not be conducted until next year.



Project ARPA-200

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs and has been particularly disruptive to educational pathways and caused strain on our first responders. Apprenticeship completion in Adams County dropped between 2022 and 2023.

We are working to improve career pathways in construction and welding to eventually be used in trainings for first responders.

SACFPD is gathering qualitative data, stories, and testimonials to illustrate impact of supports on community members.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Host a Workforce Co-Op Job Fair for young adults interested in the building trades.

Activity Impact

Workforce shortages in the building trades are addressed by providing young adults with industry exposure and education.

Activity Outcome



Three Workforce Co-Op Job Fairs were hosted during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Administer the Young Adult & Firefighter workforce development cooperative program for high school students to graduate with essential technical skills.

Activity Impact

High school students in Adams County have a pathway to building and welding careers and provide a valuable community service to first responders.

Activity Outcome



100% of students who enrolled in the program completed and graduated during the grant period.



Project ARPA-219

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-219

PROJECT NAME: Microenterprise Business Development Support for Minority-Owned Businesses

ORGANIZATION: Village Exchange Center

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: villageexchangecenter.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,164,076.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.30-Technical Assistance Counseling or Business Planning

Narrative

The Village Exchange Center (VEC), Aurora Chapter of the NAACP (NAACP) and the Colorado Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (COHCC) are partnering to provide targeted support to minority-owned small businesses in Adams County. This program is focused on providing support to minority businesses as they pivot to meet the challenges in the current landscape, realize economic recovery and to provide pandemic relief.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-132

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-132

PROJECT NAME: Adams County School District 14: Homeless Supports Office Expansion

ORGANIZATION: Adams County School District 14

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.adams14.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$274,219.37

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

To expand the staffing and services offered by it's Homeless Supports Office. The increased staffing will fund an additional Homeless Liaison to assist the District in servicing the additional demands caused by Covid 19 for these families and more specifically children experiencing homelessness in Adams 14. To expand the hours and services of the Hope Center which is a community program run on donations that provides families in need within Adams 14 but not necessarily homeless with referrals and information on support available along with offering services and support to ensure their basic needs are met.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified financial hardship for families in Adams 14, leading to increased housing instability and deepening inequities in education, health, and mental health. This funding addresses those challenges by expanding support for students experiencing homelessness and increasing access to basic services for families in need through the Homeless Supports Office and the Hope Center.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Increase the number of successful referrals to external supports.

Activity Impact

By increasing successful referrals to external services, we enhance service delivery efficiency, support resident well-being through strategic partnerships

Activity Outcome



A total of **324 successful referrals** were made to external services and supports during the grant period.



Project ARPA-159

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-159

PROJECT NAME: Adams County Housing Solutions

ORGANIZATION: Almost Home, Inc

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.almosthomeonline.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,886,362.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.16-Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Narrative

Almost Home, Inc. provides a variety of services to increase the pathways available to permanent housing. These programs include the Rapid Re-Housing Program, Homelessness Prevention Program, Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP), and Housing Navigation Center services. Almost Home provides Rapid Re-Housing to households experiencing literal homelessness in Adams and southern Weld Counties. Once enrolled in the program, households receive ongoing supportive, home-based case management services to help ensure ongoing housing stability and short-term rental assistance. Referrals for this program come directly from local Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry systems. The Homelessness Prevention Program provides emergency financial assistance, including rental, mortgage, and utility for households at risk of eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoff. This program is also able to provide emergency assistance for security deposits for households that are moving into a new apartment to leave an unsafe living situation. In addition to financial assistance, each household served in the Homelessness Prevention Program has access to short-term case management services to address ongoing barriers to housing stability.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$1,200,000.00

NARRATIVE

Rapid Rehousing has been proven to assist households who exit homelessness into housing stay housed.* Homeless Prevention Services reduce housing instability and homelessness.**

*Cunningham, M; Batko, S (2018). Rapid Re-housing's Role in Responding to Homelessness. What Evidence Says. Urban Institute.

** Fischer, W; Rice, D; Mazzara, A. (2019). Research Shows Rental Assistance Reduces Hardship and Provides Platform to Expand Opportunity for Low-Income Families. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially housing insecurity. The share of households reporting experiencing displacement in Adams County doubled from 2020 to 2021.

We are working to reduce the number of Adams County community members who are experiencing housing instability and homelessness.

Almost Home is collecting stories that illustrate the impact on program participants.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide rental, mortgage, and utility assistance to households experiencing housing instability through the Homeless Prevention Program.

Activity Impact

Households in Adams County receive financial assistance in times of need to avoid eviction, utility shut off, and homelessness.

Activity Outcome



188 households were served through the Homeless Prevention Program during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Provide rental, mortgage, and utility assistance to households experiencing housing instability through the Homeless Prevention Program.

Activity Impact

Households in Adams County receive financial assistance in times of need to avoid eviction, utility shut off, and homelessness.

Activity Outcome



One full-time housing navigator was hired during the grant period.



3,843 drop-in clients at the Brighton Housing Navigation Center were served by a staff member during the grant period.



Project ARPA-23-00

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-23-00

PROJECT NAME: Almost Home, Next Step 2 Gen Program

ORGANIZATION: Almost Home, Inc

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.almosthomeonline.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$134,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.16-Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Narrative

Almost Home's Next Step 2 Gen Program supports families experiencing homelessness by providing short-term rental assistance and in-home, supportive case management to promote long-term housing stability. Using a Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) model, the program partners with local school districts to identify and serve students and their families who are at risk of housing instability. This approach ensures children have the stable foundation they need to succeed academically while their families receive the resources and support needed to recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Evidence

We measure the number of households served, along with the amount of assistance provided. We check in with households 30, 30, and 90 days after they exited the program to measure if they are still housed. We also conduct quarterly program evaluations to hear directly from staff how the program is going.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified housing instability for families across Adams County, especially those with school-aged children experiencing homelessness. Without stable housing, students face significant barriers to academic success and long-term well-being. School district data and referrals continue to highlight an urgent need for targeted housing interventions that support both students and their families.

Almost Home, Inc. is working to break the cycle of housing insecurity by providing McKinney-Vento families with short-term rental assistance and home-based case management that promotes academic stability and family resilience.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Hire a full-time employee to administer housing navigation, case management services, and rental assistance through the Next Step program to McKinney-Vento families.

Activity Impact

McKinney-Vento families living in Adams County have consistent, dedicated support to enhance their stability and guide them towards secure housing.

Activity Outcome



40 families were served through the Next Step program during the grant period.



43% of participating households continued to live in permanent housing during the grant period.



Project ARPA-169

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-169

PROJECT NAME: Community Navigation Services for Adams County Residents Impacted by COVID-19

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Interfaith Community Services

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.aurorainterfaithcommunityservices.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$30,163.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.19-Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

Narrative

Adams County ARPA funds support Aurora Interfaith Community Services' new community navigation program, which helps Adams County residents in Aurora to access the diverse resources they need during the challenging COVID-19 recovery environment and economy. There is a great need for this program, which will help clients to not only survive COVID-driven poverty and hunger but to have equitable access to resources for improving their lives long-term. We have found that our clients have had difficulty finding and utilizing these resources for myriad reasons that include a lack of time, language barriers, experiences of discrimination, often an unawareness of the services available, and having been disproportionately impacted by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Aurora Interfaith's community navigation program, staff members work with clients to identify their current needs and ultimate goals and help them to access appropriate community and governmental resources through referrals and warm handoffs. Primary referral categories include housing and homelessness, veterans' assistance, health and mental health, employment, legal assistance, immigrant and refugee support, and education.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

NARRATIVE

To determine the need for community navigation services for Adams County residents in Aurora, Aurora Interfaith used client surveys, client relationships, and information from partner organizations to understand the needs and perspectives of our community. As we were planning our our community navigation program, Aurora Interfaith participated in the Colorado Food Pantry Network, the Tri-County Health Department's Food in Communities NW Aurora/E Colfax Action Planning Work Group, the Aurora Community of Faith, and the Aurora Action Coalition for Community Services, with other influential partners including the City of Aurora and Aurora Public Schools. Data and input gathered through these diverse sources informed Aurora Interfaith's decision to start a Community Navigation program as well as shaping the program design and implementation.



Project ARPA-169

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs.

We are working to increase the number of community members who have access to economic and social supports.

Aurora Interfaith Community Services will track stories of success and positive anecdotes and report relevant ones.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Maintain, update, and grow Aurora Interfaith's network of partners and resources for community navigation referrals.

Activity Impact

Clients benefit from relevant and up-to-date support from a robust network of partners, which allows for seamless referrals and improves outcomes for individuals and families.

Activity Outcome



101 new community partners and resources were added to the community navigation referral list during the grant period.



100% of community partners and resources included on the navigation referral list that have been confirmed or updated in the past 12 months during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Provide bilingual community navigation services to Adams County residents, referring them to various partner agencies in the area, and conduct outreach to promote this program to prospective clients.

Activity Impact

Adams County residents can navigate available agencies to meet their specific needs with confidence, especially non-English speakers, and more residents are aware of the program and how it can support them.

Activity Outcome



4,267 flyers promoting the community navigation program were distributed during the grant period.



859 Adams County residents connected to community supports through the community navigation program during the grant period.



Project ARPA-211

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-211

PROJECT NAME: Brighton Housing Authority Recovery Center

ORGANIZATION: Brighton Housing Authority

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.brightonhousingauthority.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$350,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

This project aims to assist Adams County residents who have experienced negative economic impacts that affect their ability to secure housing and/or food. This will be done through offering housing navigation services to residents and by providing infrastructure and support for food distribution activities at the Hughes Station apartment complex in Brighton. These activities will include navigation of homeownership opportunities, as well as assistance with finding and securing rental units. Expanding to include homeownership will best address the housing continuum to move our community toward long-term recovery. Consistent with our original application, funds will be put toward food distribution operations for Brighton Housing Authority's food access partners, including vehicle purchase and associated costs. The use of the Hughes Station space will incur operational costs to ensure the space is safe, secure, and meets the needs of the Brighton Housing Authority's partners.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

Brighton Housing Authority will collect stories of impact and anecdotes as they arise.



Project ARPA-211

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially food insecurity and housing. In 2021, over 46K Adams County community members were food insecure, and the share of households reporting experiencing displacement in Adams County doubled.

We are working to increase the number of community members who have access to food and safe, clean and affordable housing.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide basic needs assistance (hygiene items, clothing, and cleaning supplies) to individuals and families that have experienced a hardship in the last 90 days.

Activity Impact

Individuals and families facing recent hardships have the necessary items to help stabilize their daily lives during challenging times, alleviating immediate stress and promoting dignity.

Activity Outcome



630 households received basic needs assistance during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #3

Activity Statement

Provide food to older adults living in senior living properties through commodities boxes and expand the program through food access events.

Activity Impact

Older adults in Adams County have consistent access to nutritious meals that support their health and well-being, reducing food insecurity among seniors.

Activity Outcome



889 boxes of commodities were distributed during the grant period.

Activity Outcome



57 food access events were held during the grant period.



Project ARPA-123

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-123

PROJECT NAME: Brother's Redevelopment Housing Support Services

ORGANIZATION: Brother's Redevelopment, Org.

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: brothersredevelopment.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$302,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.2-Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

Narrative

The goals of the program are connections to employment or education opportunities, early child education, maintain housing stability, and support overall family stability. Common activities include on-site access to food, nutrition education, eviction prevention, access to vaccinations and information, and referrals to local providers of homeownership education, emergency financial assistance, and other services.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-123

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic deepened housing instability in Adams County, especially for low-income families and seniors. Rising costs, limited affordable housing options, and financial strain have left many residents at risk of eviction or homelessness. These conditions continue to impact family stability, health, and access to opportunity.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide Rental Deposit and Delinquency Assistance to households in Adams County.

Activity Impact

Families in Adams County have greater housing stability and relief from financial hardship, helping to prevent evictions.

Activity Outcome



12 households were successfully placed in a rental property during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Pilot a Matched Savings Program that assists households in purchasing their homes.

Activity Impact

Connect households in Adams County to housing stability services.

Activity Outcome



77 households were successfully placed in a home they own during the grant period.



Project ARPA-128

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-128

PROJECT NAME: Adams County Housing Solutions Eviction Legal Defense and Housing Stability

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Poverty Law Project

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.copovertylawproject.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,040,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

This project would leverage Colorado Poverty Law Project's (CPLP) existing work in Adams County to expand legal resources to create housing solutions through five subprograms:

- Eviction Legal Defense Representation Services. Funding would expand resources to counsel and represent county residents on eviction and housing security matters.
- Fair Housing Representation Services. Funding would counsel and represent residents on disability discrimination, source of income, immigrant protection, and other fair housing practices that impact housing equity.
- Housing Navigation Services. Funding would assist at-risk county tenants to transition to alternative housing and avoid homelessness.
- Young Adult Legal Services. Funding would support outreach with partners to the young adult population to help them obtain and maintain housing.
- Self-Help Legal Services. Funding would develop materials and provide community training for county residents to engage in self-advocacy.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-128

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially housing insecurity. The share of households reporting experiencing displacement in Adams County doubled from 2020 to 2021.

We are working to increase the number of community members who have safe, stable, and inclusive housing by providing legal help, navigation services, and trainings to individuals who face eviction, homelessness, and other issues related to housing instability.

Colorado Poverty Law Project will track and share stories of impact.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Develop materials and offer community trainings for Adams County residents to support self-advocacy through Know Your Rights trainings, clinics, and educational events.

Activity Impact

Individuals in Adams County can navigate legal challenges with confidence, leading to greater self-sufficiency and an informed community.

Activity Outcome



148 people attended trainings, clinics, and educational events during the grant period.



7 trainings, clinics, and educational events were hosted in Adams County during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Provide eviction legal defense and housing security representation for county residents, including undocumented individuals and those not eligible for Community Living Support.

Activity Impact

Vulnerable Adams County residents are protected from housing instability through equitable access to legal support, fostering greater community stability.

Activity Outcome



519 households received eviction legal defense representation services during the grant period.



100% of households who sought support were connected to appropriate legal representation during the grant period.



Project ARPA-122

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-122

PROJECT NAME: Adams County Temporary Youth Shelter

ORGANIZATION: Community Reach Center

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.communityreachcenter.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,200,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

To provide a safe trauma-informed 24/7 homeless youth shelter in Adams County, as well as ancillary services, to surrounding areas as contracted, with support and partnership with various Country, State, and other entity involvement. Homeless youth shelter services to include: 24/7 trained staffing, meals daily, milieu management, case management, and basic medical assessment services. Through case management services internal and external referrals will be made for services and identified needs using evidence-based models to assess risk and needs: clinical interventions to best fit the needs of the individual youth and their families as needed, use modalities to address Family Systems; Substance Misuse/Abuse; Serious Persistent Mental Illness, referred interventions to included but not limited to: Motivational Interviewing; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Group Dynamics and Therapy; Family Systems work; and in-home services. Through these internal and external referrals, CRC will be able to support the complex needs of Adams County Homeless Youth with the ultimate goal of family reunification, or long-term sustainable placement provided by human services, or other qualified organizations within a 21-day program stay

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-122

Understanding the Need

Youth homelessness in Adams County worsened due to the lasting economic impacts of COVID-19, with few safe, temporary housing options available. Unaccompanied youth often face complex challenges, ranging from family instability to mental health needs, without access to consistent shelter or support. A trauma-informed response is essential to address these risks and help youth stabilize and reconnect with long-term care or family systems.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Establish and open a shelter for youth experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Activity Impact

Young people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity in Adams County have a safe, supportive environment to access essential resources, stability, and care.

Activity Outcome



100% of the renovations were completed, and the shelter was opened during the grant period.



56 youth were served at the shelter during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Conduct referral meetings and tours with community partners to encourage referrals and educate on program guidelines.

Activity Impact

Referrals made to the youth homeless shelter are more informed and effective, ensuring individuals are connected to the support they need.

Activity Outcome



56 referral meetings and tours were conducted with community partners during the grant period.



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-152

PROJECT NAME: Adams County SafeLots

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Safe Parking Initiative (CSPI)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.colosafeparking.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$297,602.88

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.16-Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Narrative

On an ongoing basis, Colorado Safe Parking Initiative works to provide People Sheltering in Vehicles (PSV) with a safe place to park (SafeLot) while they secure housing. SafeLot provides a safe, sanitary place to park overnight with the opportunity to connect to services. Basic services provided at each lot include access to personal protective equipment (PPE), restrooms (including ADA-compliant portable toilets and handwashing station), water, and trash facilities to increase health and hygiene. PSVs experience many challenges. Day-to-day trials include access to bathrooms, showers, and laundry; lack of access to healthy, affordable food and/or the ability to prepare food; pet care; access to online schooling and resources; and vehicle maintenance. PSVs who are newly homeless may be unaware of, or unconnected to, services. Many are employed or seeking employment, which can add to the difficulties of accessing services during normal business hours.

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Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$387,889.23

NARRATIVE

100% of the dollars spent on CSPI Adams County SafeLot services for Unhoused Persons, are evidence-based and include: trauma-informed, housing first, volunteer service engagement, strengths based, and client centered interventions.

Trauma Informed Care: Abstract: Trauma is often viewed as an individual or interpersonal issue. This paper expands the definition of trauma to include the impact collective and structural elements on health and well-being. The need for a trauma-informed response is demonstrated, with instruction as to how to implement this type of care in order to resist re-traumatization. Three examples from healthcare settings across the nation are provided, to demonstrate the ways in which organizations are bringing forward this patient-centered, trauma-informed approach to care.¹

Housing First: Abstract: Housing First programs improved housing stability and reduced homelessness more effectively than Treatment First programs. In addition, Housing First programs showed health benefits and reduced health services use. Health care systems that serve homeless patients may promote their health and well-being by linking them with effective housing services.²



Project ARPA-152

Understanding the Need

An increasing number of Adams County residents are living in their vehicles due to rising housing costs and limited shelter options. People in this situation often lack access to safe places to sleep, basic hygiene facilities, and connections to critical services. This instability puts their health, safety, and long-term well-being at risk.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Conduct outreach to Adams County residents, particularly those who reside in vehicles, and connect them with available services.

Activity Impact

Residents in Adams County who are unsheltered are proactively connected with the support they need to improve their circumstances.

Activity Outcome



41 intake interviews were conducted for SafeLot services at the Adams County SafeLot during the grant period.



437 calls were conducted for SafeLot services and subsequent referrals provided during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Create and sustain a network of legal SafeLots at full capacity where Adams County residents can safely park overnight and access services.

Activity Impact

The safety and dignity of Adams County residents experiencing homelessness is ensured.

Activity Outcome



Three Adams County SafeLot sites operated with full services during the grant period.



84 people living in vehicles (PLV) assigned to Adams County SafeLot sites during the grant period.



Project ARPA-139

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-139

PROJECT NAME: Growing Home Infrastructure Development Project

ORGANIZATION: Growing Home

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: growinghome.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$788,740.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

Like many organizations, Growing Home has spent most of the past two years responding to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Growing Home experienced a drastic increase in requests for services, including an overnight spike in the food pantry with an average of 3-7x the number of visitors compared with pre-pandemic levels. Growing Home's continued effort to serve participants struggling with immediate needs in the areas of food and housing, while walking alongside them to address their long-term challenges obstructing them from leading a stable and successful life. This program also builds Growing Home's DEIB infrastructure and ongoing trainings to support an inclusive staff experience that can be expressed externally to participants.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-139

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, particularly family stability related to housing, food, and education. In 2021, over 46K Adams County community members were food insecure.

We are working to increase the number of community members who have access to housing, food, education, and lifelong stability.

Growing Home will collect and share stories of impact.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Serve Adams County residents through wraparound programs and services that support with food, housing, parenting education, and lifelong stability.

Activity Impact

Adams County residents have their basic food and housing needs met and can meaningfully participate in their community.

Activity Outcome



15,942 unique Adams County individuals were served by wraparound services during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Partner with the Connecting Community Team to analyze the needs of the community and further evolve programs and services to reflect what participants need.

Activity Impact

Adams County residents have a platform to share about their unmet needs and provide feedback, so that participants are better served and have sustainable outcomes.

Activity Outcome



Seven community meetings held to gauge community needs during the grant period.



83% of participants expressed satisfaction with Growing Home's services and felt that their voices were heard in refining those services during the grant period.



Project ARPA-175

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-175

PROJECT NAME: Street Safety Program

ORGANIZATION: Jesus on Colfax Ministries

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.jesusuncofax.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$29,200.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Community Violence Interventions

EC CATEGORY: 1.11-Community Violence Interventions

Narrative

This short-term program will provide a long-term impact for friends, the majority of whom are of color (JOC refers to community members as “friends”). This new program is directly related to the pandemic because statistics show COVID-19 has led to an increase in violence/addiction.

GOALS:

1. Create a strong community presence to support friends/discourage violence;
2. Partner with community stakeholders to expand anti-violence/anti-drug programming;
3. Protect friends by increasing area security;
4. Provide emergency supplies/awareness training/support. Violence has been rampant recently, as evidenced by several traumatic incidents.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$29,200

NARRATIVE

Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is an evidence-based intervention that can reverse opioid-induced respiratory depression, which can lead to fatal overdoses. When combined with overdose management training, naloxone has been shown to be a proven strategy to reverse an overdose. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) predicts that naloxone distribution could prevent 6% of overdose deaths. Another life was saved using Narcan during this reporting period. The staff and key volunteers were trained in CPR.



Project ARPA-175

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially the prevalence of violence and widespread opioid misuse. From 2020 - 2021, over 200 Adams County community members died from an opioid overdose, and over 1,300 Adams County community members were victims of violent crimes.

We are working to ultimately address violence and opioid misuse in the community.

Jesus on Colfax is collecting stories from staff, volunteers, and community members they are training about the impact of these trainings on their ability to respond to emergencies.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Purchase and distribute Narcan to low-income, unhoused, and housing vulnerable community members.

Activity Impact

Vulnerable community members are empowered to prevent fatal overdoses and participate in harm reduction practices related to substance use challenges.

Activity Outcome



600 Narcan units were made available to community members during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Provide safety trainings focused on active shooter response and bleed-control, as well as Narcan use and CPR, to staff, volunteers, and community members.

Activity Impact

Staff and volunteers serving at-risk individuals in Adams County are equipped to respond effectively in emergency situations, enhancing community safety.

Activity Outcome



Six staff and volunteers serving at-risk individuals in Adams County were enrolled in job training programs focused on emergency response, including active shooter, bleed-control, Narcan use, and CPR, enhancing their ability to support community safety.



Project ARPA-087-B

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-87-B

PROJECT NAME: Crossing Pointe South

ORGANIZATION: Maiker Housing Partners

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: maikerhp.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$750,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.15-Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Narrative

The City of Westminster transferred a previously condemned, six-acre parcel of land to Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) for the development of workforce housing. In 2019, ULC began making plans and secured a development partner. Funding will be used to help ULC complete a drive aisle and pedestrian infrastructure project in partnership with Westminster's Green Court right-of-way repair work in the Holly Park community.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially housing costs. More than half of Adams County community members who completed the 2021 Community Needs Resident survey indicated an increase in their rent or mortgage payment.

We are working to increase the number of affordable housing units available to Adams County community members.

Maiker Housing Partners is gathering qualitative feedback, anecdotes, stories of success, etc. This includes what housing barriers are still persistent for community members.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Complete final construction and financing for the development of Crossing Pointe South, a new income-restricted community in Thornton.

Activity Impact

Low- to moderate-income families in Adams County will have access to safe, affordable housing options and achieve housing stability.

Activity Outcome



100% of construction has been completed during the grant period.



Crossing Pointe South was **100% leased** in all 142 available units occupied during the grant period.



Project ARPA-089

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-089

PROJECT NAME: Orchard Hill Community Spaces

ORGANIZATION: Maiker Housing Partners

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: maikerhp.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$552,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.22-Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Narrative

Orchard Hill Senior Apartments capital improvements include renovating and enhancing indoor and outdoor community spaces to mitigate the negative impacts senior members of the Orchard Hill community faced due to the government-mandated stay-at-home orders, social distancing, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-089

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially for aging adults.

We are working to improve Maiker Community Member's social determinants of health and well-being.

Maiker Housing Partners will collect and report stories of impact as they occur.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Complete capital improvements at a senior housing community by renovating and enhancing the indoor and outdoor community spaces.

Activity Impact

Residents of a senior housing community in Adams County experience increased feelings of community belonging, health, and well-being due to improved community space areas and features.

Activity Outcome



Indoor space improvements were **100% completed** during the grant period.



Outdoor space improvements were **100% completed** of during the grant period.



Project ARPA-205

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-205

PROJECT NAME: Safe at Home & Emergency Repairs for Adam's County COVID Affected Low-Income Homeowners

ORGANIZATION: Rebuilding Together Colorado

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.rtcOLORADO.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$55,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

We offer programs to all low-income homeowners in the Metro Area but target Adams County low-income homeowners who have been affected by COVID. Our organization has seen an increase in service calls since March 2020. We help vulnerable populations remain safe at home. Many older adults need critical home repairs and modifications. Rebuilding Together's (RT) Safe at Home Program provides home health and safety repairs for low-income homeowners. These repairs are simple and inexpensive, but unreachable for low-income homeowners. Safe at Home removes safety hazards and helps homeowner age-in-place, retaining their home. The program is year-round and volunteers conduct the repairs. Common repairs: locks and doors, smoke/CO alarms,

Class ABC fire extinguishers, tub treads, grab bars, interior handrails, lighting, minor plumbing repairs and the ER Program tackles urgent home repairs, including furnaces and hot water heaters usually in 72-hour or less. ER repairs keep families in their homes and avoid county intervention. RT pays skilled professionals to complete the work. We have strong relationships with licensed contractors. They offer in-kind materials and labor, reducing our cost. RT Safe at Home/ER aligns with Adams County's Priorities preserving Affordable Housing by providing free repairs to low-income homeowners that can't financially make needed repairs and remain safe in their homes prioritizing older Adults, Veterans and Multi-generational families including children.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$0

NARRATIVE

In 2021 in collaboration with the National Rebuilding Together office, we implemented Homeowner Impact Summaries. This is a 25 point home health and safety pre- and post- home repair intervention checklist. We are able to measure point by point the health and safety of the home and indicate where we

have made a change and therefore improved quality of life outcome. Since 2023 we also send a client satisfaction survey to each homeowner upon work completion and we collect information about if they feel more safe in their home. We also capture personal quotes from their experience in working with RTCO.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, particularly for low-income homeowners. More than half of Adams County community members who completed the 2021 Community Needs Resident survey indicated an increase in their rent or mortgage payment.

We are working to ensure that low-income homeowners can remain safe and stably housed.

Rebuilding Together Metro Denver is gathering qualitative feedback, anecdotes, stories of success, etc. This includes what housing barriers are still persistent for community members.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Conduct emergency home repairs and modifications for low-income homeowners in a timely manner.

Activity Impact

Low-income homeowners in Adams County will experience improved safety and quality of life through emergency home repairs and modifications.

Activity Outcome



17 projects were closed out for Adams County homeowners during the grant period.



100% of clients were served during the grant period stated that their quality of life improved.



Project ARPA-047

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-047

PROJECT NAME: Holly Park

ORGANIZATION: Urban Land Conservancy

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.urbanlandc.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$350,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure: Water and Sewer

EC CATEGORY: 5.6-Clean Water: Stormwater

Narrative

This project focuses on pedestrian infrastructure improvements to enhance safety and connectivity for residents accessing transit and essential services. Located near the South Platte Crossing office building, home to municipal, county, and non-profit services, the area will benefit from safer crossings, ADA-compliant access, and pedestrian-friendly enhancements. With new permanently affordable housing under development on-site, these upgrades aim to support increased foot traffic in a traditionally vehicle-oriented area.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

Residents near the South Platte Crossing area face unsafe walking conditions due to limited pedestrian infrastructure in a vehicle-oriented environment. As affordable housing and essential services expand in the area, the lack of safe, accessible routes creates barriers to mobility, especially for those with disabilities, children, and families without access to a vehicle.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Complete a pedestrian infrastructure project in partnership with Brinshore and Nesbitt's SP Crossing Apartments.

Activity Impact

Safety and connectivity is enhanced for community members accessing non-profit services in the building, and for future residents of the affordable housing units.

Activity Outcome



The project is **97% complete**, with the majority of the infrastructure successfully built and final work currently underway.



Project ARPA-142

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-142

PROJECT NAME: CASA Volunteer Program

ORGANIZATION: CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: casa17th.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$965,270.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.13-Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System

Narrative

The CASA Volunteer Program supports children who have experienced abuse or neglect by training community volunteers to advocate for their best interests throughout the court process. CASA Volunteers are appointed by judges to provide consistent, one-on-one support, ensuring children's safety, well-being, and a stable connection during a difficult time. They gather vital information, build trusting relationships, and advocate for the services and resources children and families need for long-term stability.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

NARRATIVE

The CASA Volunteer Program does not meet criteria for evidence-based interventions. CASA Volunteers are simply one support in the lives of children in the foster care system, so this work will never rise to the level of strong or moderate evidence-based (causal).

However, CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties closely adheres to program components endorsed by National CASA and follows their standards and training curriculum, which is moving closer to preliminary evidence. National CASA is working with Child Trends to develop a performance measurement system designed to move toward evidence-based data. Past studies of the CASA model suggest that that it is associated with positive outcomes.



Project ARPA-142

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially child abuse and neglect. In 2021, over 2,000 children in Adams County were assessed for potential abuse or neglect.

We are working to provide advocacy for abused and/or neglected children in Adams County.

CASA collects qualitative feedback, testimonials, voice and perspective, stories of positive impact, etc

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Recruit, screen, train, and supervise CASA Volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse and neglect in Adams County.

Activity Impact

Vulnerable children in Adams County will have the support and stability they need to heal, thrive, and find safe, permanent homes.

Activity Outcome



130 CASA Volunteers were recruited, trained, and activated during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Provide CASA Volunteers to all children with open abuse and neglect cases in Adams County who need volunteer advocacy to find a safe and stable home.

Activity Impact

Every child in Adams County with an open abuse or neglect case in need of a CASA Volunteer will have access to one, ensuring they have an advocate for their needs and best interests.

Activity Outcome



722 children and youth served during the grant period



96% of CASA Volunteers surveyed at case closure felt the child was in a safe and stable situation during the grant period.



Project ARPA-148

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-148

PROJECT NAME: Conectando and Providers Advancing School Outcomes (PASO)

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (CSPC)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: youthforachange.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$60,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

Providers Advancing School Outcomes (PASO):
A unique, long-term, comprehensive training for Spanish-speaking Friends Family Neighbors (FFN) in-home childcare providers, favored by immigrant communities living with low-incomes, to attain Child Development Associate (CDA) certification and increase children's school readiness skills. Tutoring-
As a response to the academic and emotional stress that has been caused by the COVID-19 health crisis, this program will provide academic mentorship, relationship building and socio-emotional learning to K-12 students in Adams County.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A



Understanding the Need

Families in Adams County face persistent barriers to accessing affordable, high-quality childcare and early learning opportunities. At the same time, the COVID-19 pandemic severely disrupted K–12 education, deepening academic and emotional challenges for students. These dual pressures have strained families and widened gaps in school readiness and youth development.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide PASO (Providers Advancing Student Outcomes) childcare certification training to Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers in Adams County.

Activity Impact

By expanding access to PASO certification for FFN providers, the program strengthens the quality and availability of community-based childcare. This helps improve early childhood learning outcomes, supports working families, and eases demand on formal childcare systems.

Activity Outcome



23 Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers enrolled in the PASO (Providers Advancing Student Outcomes) childcare course received certifications.



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-104

PROJECT NAME: Educational Recovery Program

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Youth for a Change

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: youthforachange.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$552,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.25-Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

To address the learning impacts of COVID-19 through evidence-based tutoring, academic and attendance support. The Educational Recovery program directly addresses pandemic-related learning loss for Adams County students, while also helping to close persistent educational inequities. Specifically, the program will:

1. Increase reading proficiency among K-3rd graders, ensuring that students read at grade level by 3rd grade
2. Increase math proficiency among 4th-8th graders, ensuring algebra readiness by 8th grade
3. Increase school engagement and attendance among 9th-12th graders who have been disengaged during COVID-19, ensuring that they get back on track to graduate.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$552,348.33

NARRATIVE

100% of the allocation is spent on assisting impacted students and families to access community resources that mitigate the negative effects of the pandemic on housing, physical and mental wellness, and economic health.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, education. Adams County's 2021 Community Needs Resident Survey indicated a reduction of children's activities and education (from 13% before the pandemic to 20%).

We are working to increase the number of Adams County Students in participating school districts achieving key cradle to career milestones towards high school graduation and beyond.

Colorado Youth for a Change will track relevant stories of success or anecdotes and report them out.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Increase reading and math proficiency among Kindergarten through Eighth Grade students participating in the Reading Corps and Math Corps programs.

Activity Impact

Third and Eighth Graders in Adams County are making critical academic gains, with more students reading on grade level by third grade and demonstrating math proficiency by eighth grade. These milestones are strongly associated with long-term success, including improved academic achievement, higher rates of high school graduation, college enrollment and retention, and greater career readiness.

Activity Outcome



61% of students met literacy targets on their seasonal assessments during the grant period.



81% of students met math targets on their seasonal assessments during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #4

Activity Statement

Increase school engagement and social-emotional skills among Ninth through Twelfth Graders participating in Corps for a Change program.

Activity Impact

High school students in Adams County are increasingly engaged in school and attend regularly, which are key indicators of graduating from high school.

Activity Outcome



87% of students showed an increase in social-emotional and learning competencies from their pre-assessment to post-assessment during the grant period.



95% of students either continued in school or graduated during the grant period.



Project ARPA-120

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-120

PROJECT NAME: Expanding ECPAC's Family Care Navigation Program Through Co-Location

ORGANIZATION: Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.ecpac.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$207,295.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.19-Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

Narrative

The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC) utilized funding to strengthen the overall health and well-being of young children (ages 0-8 years) and their families. They offer community-based, culturally responsive Care Navigation to support families in navigating systems and obtaining needed services, with a priority on families experiencing housing instability/homelessness. They are focused on the northern part of Adams County through a dedicated co-located partnership with Almost Home.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially for those who are housing insecure.

We are working to increase the number of families of young children who are wrapped with critical and culturally responsive basic needs, with a priority focus on families experiencing housing instability/homelessness in the northern part of the County through a dedicated co-located partnership with Almost Home.

ECPAC is gathering stories to illustrate impact of supports on community members.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide individualized care navigation and early childhood development classes and groups to families with young children under the age of 8.

Activity Impact

Families with young children in Adams County are empowered with the knowledge and resources they need to support their children's healthy growth, learning, and well-being during the critical early years.

Activity Outcome



217 families participated in early childhood development classes and groups during the grant period.



460 referrals were made through care navigation services during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Serve families experiencing housing instability or homelessness with care navigation and early childhood classes and groups through a co-located partnership with Almost Home in Brighton.

Activity Impact

Families experiencing housing instability or homelessness in Adams County have essential supports to strengthen their family stability and promote healthy development for their young children.

Activity Outcome



44 families participated in care navigation through the co-location partnership with Almost Home during the grant period.



44 families participated in early childhood development classes and groups through the co-location partnership with Almost Home during the grant period.



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-140

PROJECT NAME: Supporting Young Children and Their Caregivers Through a Three-Pronged Approach

ORGANIZATION: Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.ecpac.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$197,719.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.14-Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning

Narrative

The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC) plans to strengthen the overall health and wellbeing of young children (ages 0-8 years) and their families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing the following strategies:

- A. Support the social and emotional development and mental health of children in ECE and other community settings by providing early childhood mental health consultation and training for ECE providers in supporting social emotional development.
- B. Support sustainable and high-quality childcare programming by assisting early care and education programs with needed resources, including those who wish to start a childcare business, thereby increasing the number of childcare slots available, allowing more families to find necessary care to return to work.
- C. Support professionals in advancing or entering the ECE field, to further support sustainability of business and increase the number of slots available for families, by providing culturally specific relationship-based support in navigating the various career pathways.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially around childcare. By the end of 2021, there were less than 18,000 licensed child care slots available, which was not enough to meet the demand.

We are working to strengthen the overall health and well-being of young children and their families.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Offer professional development opportunities to Early Childhood Education providers and programs about business practices, supporting child development, and professional well-being.

Activity Impact

The capacity of educators to deliver high-quality care and education is increased, and children receive better support for their developmental and learning needs.

Activity Outcome



208 providers attended professional development training during the grant period.



133 programs participated in professional development training during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Support existing and new childcare providers in achieving their Early Childhood Education career goals by providing culturally specific, relationship-based guidance for navigating career pathways and essential resources for sustainability.

Activity Impact

Educators are empowered to enhance their skills, build successful careers, and create inclusive learning environments.

Activity Outcome



32 providers received support in entering or advancing in the Early Childhood Education field during the grant period.



227 providers received support with starting a business during the grant period.



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-097

PROJECT NAME: Five Star Resource Closets

ORGANIZATION: Five Star Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.5starfoundation.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,359,900.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs

Narrative

The Five Star Resource Closets provide fresh and non-perishable food, hygiene products, school supplies, clothing, and essential household items to students and families in need in Adams 12 schools. We have Resource Closets in 34 schools in Adams County. From the start of COVID to now we have grown to 37 Resource Closets in 67% of Adams 12 schools and are serving nearly 5,000 people a month. Each Resource Closet is unique to the school. Our Resource Closet Managers oversee the ordering and distribution of food and supplies. The objectives of the Resource Closets are to maintain a supply of food and resources to give to families when they have an immediate need. The Resource Closet managers connect these families (when applicable) to long-term resources of support and to Adams 12 resources through the Student and Family Outreach Program (SFOP). The Resource Closets serve as a triage for families until they can get back on their feet or connected with more permanent support.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$1,359,900.00

NARRATIVE

All our project spending is toward ensuring students are warm, stable, and fed allowing them to be ready to participate in the classroom daily. This program is based on evidence-based interventions demonstrating learning readiness is directly connected to students arriving to school with their needs met. We connect with Resource Closet managers once a month to evaluate the program at their school. We are also contracting with an outside agency to run an end-of-the-year evaluation of our closets.



Understanding the Need

Many families in Adams 12 face ongoing financial hardship, struggling to meet basic needs like food, clothing, and hygiene items. The economic impacts of the pandemic continue to affect students' ability to focus, learn, and thrive. Immediate, school-based support is critical to helping families stabilize and stay connected to their children's education.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide zero-barrier access to fresh and non-perishable food, grocery cards, clothing, school supplies, and essential household items to students and families.

Activity Impact

Students and families in Adams County can access food and resources immediately when they have a need, enhancing stability and learning-readiness.

Activity Outcome



17,875 people were served during the grant period.



Project ARPA-127

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-127

PROJECT NAME: In-School/District Site Food Banks

ORGANIZATION: Food for Hope

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: foodforhope.net

AWARD AMOUNT: \$180,475.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs

Narrative

All our project spending is toward ensuring students are warm, stable, and fed allowing them to be ready to participate in the classroom daily. This program is based on evidence-based interventions demonstrating

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$180,475.00

NARRATIVE

Interventions are based on the widely known fact that children cannot grow, thrive, and learn if they are not being fed adequately at home. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs displays that food and nutrition are part of the foundational physiological parts of overall wellness. If those physical needs aren't being met, then children cannot develop in other ways. Research shows an association between food insecurity and delayed development in young children; risk of chronic illnesses like asthma and anemia; and behavioral problems like hyperactivity, anxiety, and aggression in school-age children. Additionally, Hunger Free Colorado shared the results of their research that shows one in three Coloradans lack reliable access to food and one in six children are not getting adequate nutrition due to financial constraints. All this evidence leads us to the importance of our project of providing both fresh and shelf-stable food to children through partnerships with local school districts.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially food insecurity. In 2021, over 46K Adams County community members were food insecure.

We are working to increase the number of Adams County community members who have access to fresh and shelf stable food.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Establish new locations and sustain existing school-based food banks across Adams County.

Activity Impact

Students with identified food insecurity across Adams County have more food bank locations available to them and their families.

Activity Outcome



4 new school-based food banks were established during the grant period.



35 school-based food banks were sustained during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Distribute food to students and families in need in Adams County through school-based food banks.

Activity Impact

Vulnerable children and families in Adams County can easily access the food necessary to meet their nutritional needs.

Activity Outcome



70,108 of pounds of food were distributed from school-based food banks during the grant period.



14% of students in need (those on free and reduced lunch) were served during the grant period.



Project ARPA-198

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-198

PROJECT NAME: Community Based Programs and Truancy Prevention

ORGANIZATION: Griffith Centers for Children CHINS UP

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: griffithcenters.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$25,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

This project is Community Programs to Adams County providing therapeutic, mental health interventions for families in crisis and at risk for child maltreatment and trauma. Supported activities included direct therapeutic interventions and counseling for these families. Funding of \$25 per counseling session was provided for 1,000 sessions with clinicians. Families who are receiving Griffith's Adams County services are at greater risk for experiencing health inequities such as reduced access to care and poor educational outcomes. Most families are extremely low-income, living at poverty level, and they lack access to remote technology and Internet connectivity. Most families at Griffith are involved with the child welfare system and may have multiple system involvements with criminal court, truancy court, juvenile justice system, and family/divorce court. Almost all families have experienced post-traumatic stress, resulting in a broad spectrum of physical, emotional and psychological responses, such as isolation, chronic fear, confusion, guilt or shame, helplessness and hopelessness leading to health problems, depression, and anxiety.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$25,000.00



Project ARPA-157

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-157

PROJECT NAME: Self-Sufficiency Programs for At-Risk Teen Moms

ORGANIZATION: Hope House Colorado

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: hopehousecolorado.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$25,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Other

EC CATEGORY: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

Narrative

Hope House Self-Sufficiency Programs for at-risk teen moms help improve the lives of teen moms by empowering them to make change and build a stable future for themselves and their children. Our teen moms as a whole are a very vulnerable population, with 67% of teen moms living below the federal poverty line. Compounded on that already difficult economic barrier, Hope House moms also face daunting emotional challenges like pregnancy-related depression, history of emotional abuse/neglect, history of physical or sexual abuse, history of mental health issues in the home and growing up around drugs. These challenges existed before COVID and only became magnified during the pandemic. Mental health setbacks in our teen moms

and regression in our early learning kids were just two of the many areas in our programming where we were able to identify the negative impact of COVID. Additionally, extra support for virtual learning or delaying schooling for teen moms in our High School & GED and College & Career Programs, as well as added supports in our Parenting Program were also signs of the weighty impact of COVID on our teen moms and their children. The need to fulfill essential needs through our food pantry and to assist teen moms experiencing crises with housing shed light on the extreme need our moms had to simply cover the most essential needs like food, housing, hygiene products, diapers and wipes in the midst of economic setbacks like job loss and cut hours onset by COVID.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A



Project ARPA-051

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-051

PROJECT NAME: Junior Achievement Programs for Adams County Youth

ORGANIZATION: Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.jarockymountain.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$40,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.27-Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Narrative

Junior Achievement programs in Adams County align with the county goals of Education and Economic Vitality and Community Enrichment. Partnerships between businesses, community organizations, and local schools provide impactful experiences for young people, equipping them for success in the workforce, with a focus on high growth industries and careers. It is a priority to grow high school programs due to the determined needs of students and the demand from educators. High school students are at a critical point in their educational journey and our goal is to provide experiences that help students identify their skills and interests, empower them with tools to achieve a meaningful career, and equip them with the financial literacy to steward their resources well. Our goal was to provide programs for 2,500 Adams County high school students during the 2021-2022 school year.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: N/A



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs by disrupting educational pathways and imposing learning losses associated with remote learning.

We are working to increase the number of Adams County youth who are financially literate and career/workforce ready.

Junior Achievement is capturing stories of impact from participants.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Hire Education and Volunteer Management Staff to recruit volunteers and develop curriculum in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship.

Activity Impact

Students in Adams County are equipped with essential life skills and tools for future success in a global economy.

Activity Outcome



51 students participated in Junior Achievement programming in Adams County during the grant period.



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-214

PROJECT NAME: Culturally Responsive, Mobile Benefits Enrollment for Low-Income Latinos and other Low-Income Community Members in Adams County

ORGANIZATION: La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: serviciosdelaraza.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$221,848.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.19- Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

Narrative

About 1 in 5 (19 percent) households headed by Latinos and food insecure, compared with 1 in 8 (12 percent) for all U. S. households and that more than 1 in 5 (22 percent) households headed by Latinos with children are food insecure compared with 1 in 6 (17 percent) for all U. S. households with children. WIC and SNAP are highly underutilized programs by Latino communities in Colorado due to language barriers; residency status; stigma and embarrassment; previous negative experiences with other service provider; cultural expectations and norms; transportation barriers; and other factors. A Bilingual Enrollment Specialist will conduct a combination of outreach efforts as a strategy to effectively educate and inform the target population and increase their knowledge of benefits, as well as provide hands-on assistance for completing applications. At least 800 low-income Adams County community members will be enrolled in Medicaid, SNAP or WIC each year, for three years.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

Many households in Adams County face significant barriers to accessing public benefit programs like Medicaid, SNAP, and WIC. Language barriers, fear of stigma, and lack of culturally responsive outreach contribute to under-enrollment, even among those eligible. These gaps limit access to essential healthcare and nutrition, worsening health and food insecurity in already vulnerable communities.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Increase community awareness and utilization of the public benefit programs Medicaid, CHP, and QHP through outreach and application assistance.

Activity Impact

Access to essential healthcare services for underserved populations in Adams County is increased and community health outcomes are improved.

Activity Outcome



374 events were scheduled and conducted by the team to review and enroll community members in benefits during the grant period.



1,734 participants were enrolled in Medicaid, CHP, and QHP programs during the grant period.



Project ARPA-141

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-141

PROJECT NAME: Resilience Family Program

ORGANIZATION: Life Recovery Centers: Community Counseling & Consulting

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.liferecoverycenters.net

AWARD AMOUNT: \$50,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

Life Recovery Center created a resilience family program due to ongoing need for trauma-informed services in both Spanish and English. This program addresses the mental health and substance use issues in Adams County and works to eliminate barriers to treatment. The resilience family program will work with youth and family members that are struggling with substance use or mental health issues that hinders their ability to be productive as a family. By providing services to youth and family that are trauma-informed, culturally and linguistically appropriate services (individual, group, and family psychoeducation), we can prevent further involvement with Human services or criminal justice system.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-111

PROJECT NAME: 7350 Broadway Denver CO 80221

ORGANIZATION: Mapleton Public Schools

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.mapleton.us

AWARD AMOUNT: \$759,472.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.25-Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

Mapleton will increase student and staff access to healthy communities and mental health supports. Over the course of the 2021-2022 school year, data indicated that our most significant behavioral incidents occurred across our middle school environments. In addition to increased incidents of challenging behaviors, we also experienced increased staff turnover in our middle grades. Therefore, we are hiring Culture Coaches for each school with middle grade levels and a Culture Coordinator to support Culture Coaches in their implementation of social-emotional education and positive school culture and climate.

Culture Coaches will be charged with collaborating with teachers to design and implement classroom management systems that are feasible, age-appropriate, and consistent among school teams; integrating behavioral and social-emotional learning practices into their instruction; and reducing students' reliance on the adult(s) in the classroom and increase their independence through strategic structures and support. Culture Coaches will also lead and coordinate peer mentoring programs.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$759,472.00

NARRATIVE

100% of Mapleton Public School's project spending is allocated toward evidence-based interventions.



Project ARPA-108

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-108

PROJECT NAME: United for Schools

ORGANIZATION: Mile High United Way

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: unitedwaydenver.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$226,500.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.25-Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

Mile High United Way's United for Schools (UFS) program partners with schools in under-resourced neighborhoods with the goal of improving school attendance and reducing chronic absenteeism, thereby increasing the chances of academic success. When students are chronically absent, they miss 10% or more days of the school year (18 or more days). Regular attendance is an essential first step toward academic achievement, but one in five Colorado students is chronically absent. Among UFS partner schools, that ratio was nearly one in three students before the pandemic, and the disruptions created by the pandemic during the last year resulted in an even higher number of chronically absent students.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A

NARRATIVE

With the pilot of Book Nook, we already have preliminary data to demonstrate faster rates of literacy growth. Soon, we will be able to compare nationwide data with the Book Nook cohort.



Project ARPA-193

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-193

PROJECT NAME: Family Trauma Recovery Program Expansion

ORGANIZATION: Reaching HOPE

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.reachinghope.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$397,820.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

By ensuring the clients and staff at Reaching HOPE are well-supported, this project will enable Reaching HOPE to hire and maintain both English and Bi-Lingual English/Spanish-speaking mental health providers, and a Community Engagement Coordinator who can assist our clients with finding and obtaining resources that allow for safety and stability. In addition to providing the resources needed to hire and maintain staff, this project will also provide direct therapy services to children, families, and frontline workers in Adams County who do not have adequate access to other funding sources.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

NARRATIVE

Reaching HOPE conducts an annual community and client survey to determine the effectiveness of the program and identify any areas of need. This survey will be conducted in a future quarter. Given the confidential nature of mental health services provided at Reaching HOPE, the agency does not provide pictures of the programming.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, particularly increasing the risk factors associated with family trauma. In 2021 there were 369 dependency and neglect cases in Adams County.

We are working to improve mental health outcomes in the Adams County region.

Reaching Hope is capturing stories of impact from participants.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide free therapy sessions to survivors of family trauma in Adams County.

Activity Impact

The most vulnerable community members within Adams County have increased access to direct trauma-informed mental health services.

Activity Outcome



823 free therapy sessions were provided during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Survey clients on the impact free therapy sessions had on their mental well-being and quality of life.

Activity Impact

Insightful data is collected about the effectiveness of mental health services to trauma survivors, which guides future support and care.

Activity Outcome



86% of survey respondents reported reduced trauma symptoms after treatment during the grant period.



81% of survey respondents reported increased engagement in healthy relationships after treatment during the grant period.



Project ARPA-106

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-106

PROJECT NAME: Child First

ORGANIZATION: Savio

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.saviohouse.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$100,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

Savio provides Child First intervention to Adams County families in their homes. Child First is an evidence based intervention for families to address youth mental health and trauma. This two-generation model utilizes a mental health clinician and a care coordinator to prevent or mitigate the effects of stress and trauma on young children. Intensive care coordination and parent-child psychotherapy strengthen the caregiving relationship, mitigate the effects of trauma, and promote long-term positive outcomes for children and families.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$0

NARRATIVE

The Child First national program utilizes a randomized control trial, considered the highest level of scientific evidence of the effectiveness of an intervention. This is one of the few randomized controlled trials to test the effectiveness of an integrated home-based, psychotherapeutic, family intervention embedded in an early childhood system of care with young, vulnerable children from high risk families. Improvement is measured by a clinically significant change of 0.5 standard deviation or more between baseline and discharge scores in at least one of the targeted domains. 83% of children and families showed improvement in at least one area, 57% in at least two areas, and 36% in at least three areas



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially around interpersonal violence, neglect, food insecurity, and distress. In 2021, over 2,000 children in Adams County were assessed for potential abuse or neglect.

We are working to decrease the number of children who experience long-term effects due to trauma.

Savio House is collecting qualitative success stories from families as they go through programming.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide Child First programming to Adams County families, connecting them to needed services, intensive care coordination, and parent-child psychotherapy.

Activity Impact

Families in Adams County have strong, loving, parent-child relationships that protect and heal the brain from trauma and stress.

Activity Outcome



23 families were served with Child First programming during the grant period.



Project ARPA-161

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-161

PROJECT NAME: Addressing the Exacerbated Needs of Adams County Older Adults during COVID-19

ORGANIZATION: The Senior Hub

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: seniorhub.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$2,405,523.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs*

Narrative

Working directly with older adult community members, The Senior Hub has identified that priority community needs during the pandemic include food insecurity and nutrition, social isolation, access to healthcare, and support for those with memory loss and cognitive issues as well as support for their caregivers. The Senior Hub's Meals on Wheels program provides prepared home delivered meals to food insecure older adults in Adams County. Meals are delivered by staff members and trained volunteers who also provide wellness check-ins, friendly conversation, and additional resource supports. Daily meal drop-offs are an opportunity for volunteers and staff to monitor for any declines in the clients physical or mental conditions so that The Senior Hub can follow up with appropriate safety measures as needed.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$1,527,063.63

NARRATIVE

We conduct a yearly survey as part of the SUA program evaluation of Home Delivered Meals Programming. This survey shows strong evidence and can support causal conclusions for the program with the highest level of confidence. The survey can show consistent findings for multiple years that prove a decrease in loneliness, an increase in nutrition, and longer time spent at home for our clients. Our survey results are sent to the state and checked by a secondary source to prove causation.



Project ARPA-060

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-060

PROJECT NAME: Low Wage Workers Fund (LWWF)

ORGANIZATION: Village Exchange Center

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: villageexchangecenter.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$500,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.9-Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers

Narrative

The Low Wage Workers Fund (LWWF) provides financial assistance to low-wage workers who test positive for COVID-19. Since many of them do not have employer paid sick leave, this supplemental assistance makes it possible for them to stay home and quarantine, offsetting the financial hardship from lost wages. The LWWF provides up to \$1,500 in cash payments to households (\$1,000 for single adults) to allow for people earning under \$30,000 per year to quarantine upon a positive COVID-19 test result. We are referred to applicants through either a self-referral or they are provided by Tri-County Health Department and the Veterans Affairs Hospital upon a matching intake by their respective program officers.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, with an immediate focus on first reducing its spread. At the end of 2020 there were over 1,400 people in Adams County hospitalized with COVID.

We are working to ensure at least 277 more low wage workers are able to stay home from work comfortably and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Village Exchange Center is capturing stories of impact from participants.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Administer the Low Wage Workers Fund, which provides financial assistance to low-wage workers that test positive for COVID-19.

Activity Impact

Low-wage workers in Adams County are incentivized and enabled to safely quarantine during illness without risking lost wages, which decreases the spread of COVID-19 throughout the community.

Activity Outcome



995 financial assistance applications were received during the grant period.



227 community members received financial assistance during the grant period.



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-056

PROJECT NAME: Baby Gear Essentials

ORGANIZATION: WeeCycle

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: weecycle.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$618,491.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Other

EC CATEGORY: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

Narrative

Baby Gear Essentials is WeeCycle's primary program developed to match and provide essential baby gear to Colorado families in need. WeeCycle partners with individuals and businesses to obtain baby gear donations, which are then distributed through partnerships with local community nonprofits serving at-risk populations.

The partnership model ensures that each family receives the wrap-around support services they need to thrive. WeeCycle's goal is to meet each family's specific needs rather than provide a "one size fits all" donation. Under this program, we operate two subprograms: Diaper Bank and Mobile Baby Essentials.

The Diaper Bank program was established in early 2018 as a response to the overwhelming

need and substantial amount of diaper requests by families. The term "diaper need" is a simple concept with devastating ramifications. One in three American families suffer from diaper need, defined as lacking an adequate supply of diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Mobile Baby Essentials is the newest program to address the inequities that exist among vulnerable populations struggling to meet their children's basic needs.

Through this program—both in partnership with other organizations and independently—much needed diapers, wipes, baby food, and baby formula are delivered to underserved populations in targeted underserved and under-resourced areas across the Denver metro area and beyond, in their own neighborhoods, thus eliminating financial and transportation barriers.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, including basic needs, food security, and other baby essentials.

We are working to increase access to basic essentials for underserved community members.

WeeCycle is collecting stories of impact and anecdotes as they arise.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Partner with food banks to hold events distributing much needed baby essentials to underserved populations.

Activity Impact

Families with infants in Adams County have increased access to resources they need to thrive, fostering healthier starts for children and greater stability for families.

Activity Outcome



446 distribution events were held that serve Adams County families with infants and toddlers during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Provide age-appropriate meals and essential baby supplies to infants and toddlers through gear partner orders.

Activity Impact

Infants and toddlers in Adams County have greater access to nutritious food, diapers, clothing, and other essentials to help meet their basic needs during critical stages of development.

Activity Outcome



6,674 Adams County children were served with gear items through partner orders during the grant period.



Project ARPA-156

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-156

PROJECT NAME: 9Health:365 Serving Marginalized Communities in Adams County through Collaborative COVID-19 Vaccine Events & Preventive Health Fairs

ORGANIZATION: 9Health:365

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE:

AWARD AMOUNT: \$201,069.48

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Other

EC DESCRIPTION: 1.14-Other Public Health Service

Narrative

365 Health's project is to serve marginalized communities within Adams County through hyper-localized bi-lingual outreach, engagement, marketing, and communications around preventive health topics, including COVID-19, and flu, and through vaccine clinics (including COVID-19 and flu vaccines), health fairs inclusive of preventive health education, accompanied by screenings such as vision, dental and more and connection to next step resources, such as Telehealth.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A



Project ARPA-008

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-008

PROJECT NAME: Covid testing/treatment/vaccinations and community outreach

ORGANIZATION: Mango House

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.ardasclinic.com/mangohouse.htm

AWARD AMOUNT: \$75,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Other

EC CATEGORY: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

Narrative

COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and treatment for refugees. Mango House and Ardas will provide pay for staff working on these tasks.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-063

PROJECT NAME: Food Assistance during COVID-19 recovery

ORGANIZATION: Adams County Emergency Food Bank

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: adamscountyfoodbank.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$350,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs

Narrative

Adams County residents have been impacted by COVID-19, including those who have lost employment or are no longer able to work due to impacts of COVID-19. Adams County Food Bank continues to serve individuals and families by providing direct food assistance and improving the air quality and safety in the building where food assistance and Head Start services. With the continued increase in demand of our services, we replaced volunteers sheltering in place with staff members to help meet the growing demand for services and food. This led to a 125% increase in staffing costs over January 2020, and double the spending amount for food purchases (we continue to incur those costs). We also are incurring additional costs related to equipment and supplies related to food distribution.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The economic impacts of COVID-19 left many Adams County residents without stable access to food. Job loss, rising living costs, and ongoing health risks increased the demand for food assistance beyond pre-pandemic levels. Families experiencing food insecurity faced daily challenges to meet their basic needs, putting their health and stability at risk.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Hire staff and secure food sources to distribute healthy, culturally relevant food through a brick-and-mortar food bank, schools, and a delivery service.

Activity Impact

Adams County residents experiencing food insecurity gain consistent access to healthy, culturally relevant food, improving their overall well-being and stability.

Activity Outcome



1.2 million pounds of food were distributed during the grant period.



35,513 individuals were served during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Provide navigation services and education to help individuals access and enroll in SNAP and WIC programs.

Activity Impact

Community members gain improved access to essential nutrition assistance programs, empowering them to achieve greater food security and stability.

Activity Outcome



416 people were provided with SNAP and WIC enrollment assistance during the grant period.



Project ARPA-082

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-082

PROJECT NAME: Therapeutic Services to Foster/Kinship Parents

ORGANIZATION: Foster Source

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: fostersource.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$31,998.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

Foster Source began providing mental health services to foster parents as a direct result of stressors due to the Covid-19 pandemic including loss of employment, financial burdens, at-home schooling and increased behaviors in children due to isolation. This program provides virtual therapy for foster parents through our partnership with Better Help and with private therapists specialized in foster care and trauma parenting. We also sponsor five-hour equine-assisted parenting labs for Adams County families with our partner, Groundwork Ranch. Foster parents that have taken advantage of therapeutic services tell us these services dramatically impact their ability to self-regulate and parent children from trauma. This program is helping foster parents continue to foster in a time when we need them more than ever. Funds from this grant will allow Foster Source to expand and offer mental health services to Kinship families in Adams County.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, particularly for mental health services for youth and foster youth. In 2021, there were 575 children and youth in out-of-home placements.

We are working to increase the number of Kinship families in Adams County who have access to mental health services in order to maintain placements.

Foster Source is gathering qualitative data, stories, and testimonials to illustrate impact of supports on community members.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Offer virtual therapy for foster parents through a partnership with Better Help and through private therapists that specialize in foster care and trauma parenting.

Activity Impact

Expanding mental health services will equip foster families with specialized support, improving their ability to manage trauma-related challenges and maintain stable foster placements.

Activity Outcome



40 foster or kinship families were served through virtual therapy with BetterHelp or private therapy during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Expand the number of equine-assisted parenting labs that are offered for kinship families in Adams County.

Activity Impact

Kinship families in Adams County are empowered with practical tools to promote healing and support healthier family dynamics.

Activity Outcome



12 equine-assisted parenting labs were hosted during the grant period.



Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-084

PROJECT NAME: Kids in Need of Dentistry Adam County Oral Health

ORGANIZATION: Kids in Need of Dentistry

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: kindsmiles.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$271,628.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Other

EC CATEGORY: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

Narrative

KIND's mission is to increase the oral health and happiness of Colorado children in need by eliminating dental disease through treatment and education. We envision healthy mouths, minds, bodies, and habits for every child. KIND values providing thorough, high-quality services to not only treat existing dental issues, but also prevent future dental disease, and reduce fear and anxiety associated with dental visits. Above all, KIND values providing quality care, with kindness.

This endeavor, grounded in the concept of a health home with coordinated, continuous, and comprehensive care, has major potential to improve access to oral health treatment—and whole-person physical and behavioral health and social and public service.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-085

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-085

PROJECT NAME: Expansion of Children and Youth Mental Health Services

ORGANIZATION: Kids First Health Care

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.kidsfirsthealthcare.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$603,406.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

The mental health of children and youth has never been more important and integrating counseling into primary care is an evidence-based model for achieving wellbeing. The pandemic contributed to an unprecedented level of mental illness, and states of emergency for youth mental health were declared locally and nationally by Children's Hospital of Colorado and the American Academy of Pediatrics, respectively. Low-income and communities of color were particularly hard hit. Approximately 80% of Kids First patients are enrolled in Medicaid, and close to 20% are uninsured and likely uninsurable due to immigration status. The great majority of our patients identify as Latino, and many caregivers are recent immigrants and monolingual Spanish speakers. Delivering mental health services improves access to care for our patients and helps to eliminate stigma because patients feel it's just a "normal" visit to the doctor's office.

Kids First hired our first behavioral health professionals (BHP) in 2021, and the Adams County ARPA grant has allowed us to further build mental health programming so that it meets the need. Kids First will continue to hire BHPs to deliver counseling and brief interventions across Kids First's sites, including school-based clinics where we care for students and in community clinics that serve ages birth to 21. A Program Manager will deliver limited

direct patient counseling and oversee other staff and operations to support a fully functioning Mental Health Program. Medicaid reimbursement is expected to largely sustain the program in the future once BHPs successfully achieve full patient panels.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$603,406.67

NARRATIVE

Kids First uses an electronic health record to track patient numbers and key performance indicators such as depression screening. Patient numbers are provided above, and depression screenings are currently collected from 65% of our patients. 100% of our project is focused on delivering the evidence-based mental health delivery model of integrated care. This model provides mental healthcare services in a primary care setting and meets the Compliance and Reporting document's definition of "moderate evidence." Highly integrated models like Kids First's include communications and coordination between medical and mental health providers and other members of a patient's care team; a shared patient plan; and shared access and use of the practice's Electronic Health Records.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially access to mental health care. From 2020 - 2021, over 220 Adams County community members committed suicide, over a fifth of which were youth under the age of 24.

We are working to increase access to mental health services for youth who most need them, and improve their overall health outcomes.

Kids First Healthcare collects stories of impact from patients.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Hire more Mental Health Professionals to serve patients through counseling and brief intervention visits at school-based and community clinics.

Activity Impact

Children and adolescents in Adams County have greater access to receive the care they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Activity Outcome



328 patient visits with Mental Health Professionals occurred during the grant period.



2,653 unique patients were seen by Mental Health Professionals during the grant period.



Project ARPA-099

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-099

PROJECT NAME: Adams 12 COVID-19 Response Team and Supports

ORGANIZATION: Five Star Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.5starfoundation.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$487,033.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact-
Public Sector Capacity: General Provisions

EC CATEGORY: 3.3-Public Sector Workforce: Other

Narrative

This grant will provide meaningful support to students and their families in crisis due to COVID-19 and its impacts.

The funds will hire a new staff member for the Student and Family Outreach Program (SFOP) solely dedicated to providing triage for students and families and analyze and adjust processes and needs as COVID-19 changes including recovery and planning for the endemic phase. It will also focus on the recovery of teachers and staff in the Adams 12 Five Star School District to be able to deliver education and services to our community.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$487,033.00

NARRATIVE

100% of the allocation is spent on assisting impacted students and families to access community resources that mitigate the negative effects of the pandemic on housing, physical and mental wellness, and economic health.



Understanding the Need

Many families in Adams County faced long-term impacts from COVID-19, including job loss, mental health challenges, and ongoing health concerns. These stressors created instability in students' lives, making it harder for them to succeed in school and for families to recover. Access to consistent, dedicated support remained critical for those navigating crisis and recovery.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Hire two new staff members for the Student and Family Outreach Program to assist students and families in accessing community resources.

Activity Impact

Students and families in Adams County receive consistent, dedicated support when they are in crisis to promote recovery and stability.

Activity Outcome



Two full-time staff members were hired during the grant period.



1,409 families were served during the grant period.



Project ARPA-100

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-100

PROJECT NAME: New Pediatric Primary Care Clinic at Maiker Housing Community

ORGANIZATION: Kids First Health Care

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.kidsfirsthealthcare.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$618,264.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.6-Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)

Narrative

With just two medical exam rooms and one part-time mental health counseling room at our current site, the Westminster pediatric primary care clinic is too small to effectively meet the need for care among local children and families. The support of Adams County ARPA grant funds will allow Kids First to relocate our Westminster clinic into a larger, higher-capacity space within Maiker Housing Partners' Alto community. Funds will be used to convert existing space into a pediatric health clinic that will double Kids First capacity to deliver medical and mental health services to children and youth ages birth to 21.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$618,264.00



Project ARPA-100

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially access to health care. In 2021, over 53K Adams County community members were uninsured.

We are working to increase access to health services for youth who most need them, and improve their overall health outcomes.

Kids First Healthcare will be collecting stories of impact from patients.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Construct a larger, higher-capacity pediatric health clinic within Maiker Housing Partners' Alto community.

Activity Impact

Twice as many children and youth in Adams County can receive medical and mental health services in a convenient location.

Activity Outcome



100% of the construction was completed during the grant period.



Project ARPA-116

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-116

PROJECT NAME: Adams 12 Employee Wellness Support Program

ORGANIZATION: Five Star Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.5starfoundation.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$270,856.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

The Employee Wellness Program's goal is to provide teachers and staff in the Adams 12 Five Star School District with social-emotional support never available before, while lessening the mental burden of their career due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and reduce the impact of burnout. The hope was to not only provide support to teachers, staff, and their families, but to improve their ability to support students and students' families. A full-time Mental Health Professional was hired specifically dedicated to staff for two years to provide material support for school-level staff wellness programming.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$270,856.00

NARRATIVE

100% of our project spending is used on evidence-based interventions.



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs by disrupting educational pathways and imposing learning losses associated with remote learning.

We are working to ensure Adams 12 Five Star Schools will have supported and resourced staff who remain in employment with the district. Staff will feel confident to address their personal needs thereby being more accessible as trusted adults to the students in the district

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Cultivate additional mental health resources for staff and build a bank of these resources.

Activity Impact

School district staff are aware of the resources available to them and supported in accessing them in times of need.

Activity Outcome



14 new mental health resources were identified during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Support staff in crisis by responding to referrals, meeting with staff individually, and providing resources.

Activity Impact

School district staff have the direct assistance they need to overcome challenges, fostering resilience and a healthier school community.

Activity Outcome



57 referrals were received during the grant period.



124 referrals were responded to during the grant period.



Project ARPA-129

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-129

PROJECT NAME: Acute Care Center

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Mental Health and Recovery

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.auroramhr.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,341,862.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.21-Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

Narrative

The proposed project will support construction of a new 50,000 square foot Aurora Mental Health Center (AuMHC) Acute Care Center to address barriers to care and gaps in access in three key areas: behavioral health crisis services, withdrawal management and addiction recovery, and immediate connection to care for assessment and treatment. The objective is to provide “one stop” access for mental health and substance use acute care in Adams County. To achieve this, AuMHC will relocate and co-locate their walk-in crisis services (WIC), crisis stabilization unit (CSU), and Connect to Care (C2C) with withdrawal management (Detox) at a new facility to be built on this property.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially healthcare. In 2021, over 1,700 Adams County Community members visited an Emergency Department or were admitted to a hospital for a drug-related overdose.

We are working to increase capacity for behavioral health treatment, recovery, and care.

Aurora Mental Health Center will collect qualitative stories about how community members have been impacted once the center opens.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide crisis intervention, withdrawal management, and same-day screening and treatment services to Adams County residents through the walk-in center, Crisis Stabilization Unit, and the Connect to Care clinic.

Activity Impact

Community members have increased access to timely mental health and substance use support, including immediate intervention for acute mental health needs, safe withdrawal management for those struggling with substance use disorder, and same-day treatment for non-emergency mental health challenges.

Activity Outcome



With **vertical construction 78% complete** and **infrastructure 98% complete**, the facility is nearing readiness to begin offering crisis services to residents through the walk-in center, Crisis Stabilization Unit, withdrawal management, and the Connect to Care clinic.



Project ARPA-131

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-131

PROJECT NAME: Decrease food insecurity at Green Leaf and Villa Verde as a result of COVID-19

ORGANIZATION: Archway Housing & Services

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.archwaycommunities.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$4,500.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs

Narrative

The goal of this program is to decrease food insecurity at Green Leaf and Villa Verde as a result of COVID-19. This project is working to combat food insecurity at Archway Communities Greenleaf and Villa Verde properties. These communities have a high percentage of residents who are refugees or immigrants and more than 80% of residents identify as Asian or Black/African immigrants. Funds are being used to purchase culturally appropriate healthy foods to support residents.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-131

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially food insecurity. In 2021, over 46K Adams County community members were food insecure.

We are working to increase the number of Archway residents who have access to culturally appropriate nutritious meals.

Archway Housing & Services will record and share stories of impact as they arise.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide healthy, culturally appropriate food to residents at Green Leaf and Villa Verde properties.

Activity Impact

Residents will have increased access to healthy, culturally appropriate meals, reducing food insecurity.

Activity Outcome



78 households received meal assistance during the grant period.



Project ARPA-144

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-144

PROJECT NAME: 10190 E. Montview Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80010

ORGANIZATION: Colfax Community Network

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: comitiscrisiscenter.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,700,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Other

EC CATEGORY: 2.37-Economic Impact Assistance: Other

Narrative

Mile High Behavioral Healthcare (MHBHC) will fill the void in family preservation services in Central East Adams County. For 60 years, MHBHC has served families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Colfax Community Network, MHBHC's flagship family program, operates from a church shared by seven ministries. Unfortunately, location stymies MHBHC's ability to increase services or numbers served. To fulfill MHBHC's vision of providing comprehensive family preservation services, it must move. This would allow MHBHC to serve 3,000 individuals, over its current baseline of 1,000. MHBHC purchased the Kamsy Event Center, 10190 E. Montview Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80010, in Adams County's Ward 1. The single-story, ADA-compliant building has a reception area, event space, medical offices, a kitchen, offices, parking and wheelchair ramps. It is located along public transportation, near MHBHC's emergency homeless shelter, Comitis Crisis Center, and MHBHC's drop-in center for adults experiencing homelessness, Aurora Day Resource Center—allowing MHBHC to provide additional services to parents experiencing homelessness.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially education and employment.

We are working to increase the educational and employment outcomes for youth and families in Central East Adams County through critical family preservation services

Colfax Community Network will collect qualitative community feedback about the quality of the facility, how much easier it is to get to, how comfortable they feel, etc

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Hire the workforce needed to staff the new Family Preservation Center and serve residents out of a central location.

Activity Impact

An adequately staffed team ensures that the Family Preservation Center can provide high-quality services to more residents across the spectrum of homelessness.

Activity Outcome



10 staff members were hired for the New Family Preservation Center to serve residents during the grant period.



367 residents were served through the Family Preservation Center during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Purchase and renovate the Kamsy Event Center in Aurora to serve as a Family Preservation Center for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Activity Impact

Individuals, families, and children experiencing or at risk of homelessness will have a safe space to access comprehensive services that promote stability and prevent homelessness.

Activity Outcome



Renovations were **100% completed** during the grant period



Project ARPA-168

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-168

PROJECT NAME: Food Pantry Services for Adams County Residents Facing Food Insecurity Due to COVID-19

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Interfaith Community Services

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.aurorainterfaithcommunityservices.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$73,152.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.13-Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System

Narrative

Adams County ARPA funding supports Aurora Interfaith Community Services' expanded food assistance services for Adams County residents in Aurora, which are delivered through a brick-and-mortar food pantry and a mobile food pantry. Aurora Interfaith's brick-and-mortar food pantry offers a variety of food options and many hours of availability, being open at least four days each week. Aurora Interfaith's mobile food pantry, launched in May 2020 in response to increased need during the COVID-19 pandemic, provides farmer's market-style food distributions in locations around Aurora (including schools and low-income housing facilities) to ensure ease of access and decrease the stigma associated with food insecurity. Both pantries provide a variety of nutritious and culturally appropriate food choices, including fresh produce. Through these food pantries, Aurora Interfaith helps community members to survive food insecurity brought on by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A

NARRATIVE

A 2023 poll by the Colorado Health Foundation found that nearly 2 in 5 Coloradans (38%) were worried about affording food. This rate was much higher, though, for people identifying as Indigenous (55%), Latine (47%), or Black (39%). The poll also found that about 1 in 7 Coloradans (14%) had skipped meals because they could not afford food; again, the rate was higher for those identifying as Indigenous (55%), multiracial (28%), Black (22%), or Latine (19%). Aurora Interfaith's client demographics similarly show the unequal ways that people in our community experience food insecurity: 87% of Aurora Interfaith's clients identify as BIPOC, compared to 57% of Aurora residents or 35% of Colorado residents. Food pantries such as those operated by Aurora Interfaith provide a vital and direct way to address food insecurity, and numerous studies have shown the importance of food pantry services. A 2022 qualitative study published in the Journal of Hunger & Environmental Nutrition studied food pantry clients' needs and preferences, concluding that the most important improvements that food pantries can make is to "improve the quantity, quality, and type of foods available in food pantries.... [prioritizing] more food, high-quality food that is healthy and does not spoil quickly, and food that is familiar" (Christopher R. Long, Mary M. Bailey, Diana C. Cascante, Rachel S. Purvis, Brett Rowland, Bonnie M. S. Faitak, Joel Gittelsohn, Caitlin E. Caspi, Emily S. English & Pearl A. McElfish (2022): Food Pantry Clients' Needs, Preferences, and Recommendations for Food Pantries: A Qualitative Study, Journal of Hunger & Environmental Nutrition, DOI: 10.1080/19320248.2022.2058334).



Project ARPA-168

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially food insecurity. In 2021, over 46K Adams County community members were food insecure.

We are working to increase the number of Adams County community members who have access to nutritious culturally appropriate food that meets their dietary needs.

Aurora Interfaith Community Services will collect relevant stories of impact and report them.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Distribute nutritious and culturally-appropriate food to Adams County residents facing food insecurity through both a brick-and-mortar and mobile food pantry.

Activity Impact

The combination of fixed and mobile food distribution sites expands the reach to food-insecure households, meeting people where they are and fostering a healthier, more food-secure Adams County community.

Activity Outcome



4,948 duplicated Adams County households were provided with food through the brick-and-mortar and mobile pantry combined during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Partner with other entities to assist in distributing nutritious and culturally-appropriate food via mobile food pantry to hard-to-reach Adams County residents.

Activity Impact

Underserved Adams County residents can access the food they need with less barriers, promoting food security, reducing hunger, and strengthening community connections through shared efforts.

Activity Outcome



Six partners collaborated with Aurora Interfaith to distribute food to Adams County residents during the grant period.

Activity Outcome



74 mobile pantry distributions served Adams County residents during the grant period.



Project ARPA-183

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-183

PROJECT NAME: Juntos Adelante

ORGANIZATION: Adelante Community Development

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: adelantecommunity.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,862,662.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.1-COVID-19 Vaccination

Narrative

Through our business programming, we serve Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs and their families. If a person is interested in opening a business or has an established business and is seeking to strengthen their practices, Adelante can support them. We focus on historically excluded communities—our Spanish-speaking members, often women, and immigrants— since they have been denied access to health, education, and wealth-creation opportunities in order to thrive.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A



Project ARPA-183

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially in access to healthcare. In 2021, over 53K Adams County community members were uninsured.

We are working to increase the number of Adams County community members who are able to navigate healthcare systems, including Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP benefits, referrals, etc.

Adelante Community Development is collecting stories of impact.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Distribute COVID-19 testing kits, masks, and sanitizers to low-income individuals in the area.

Activity Impact

The risk of virus spread in vulnerable communities is reduced and individuals are empowered to take preventative measures to support their own health and the health of their community.

Activity Outcome



74,806 COVID-19 testing kits distributed during the grant period



17,190 masks distributed during the grant period

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Train 25 Community Navigators to regularly attend large community events so they can connect community members with COVID-19 testing and vaccine services and other resources.

Activity Impact

Community members can more easily access resources and care, which improves public health and promotes more resilient communities.

Activity Outcome



Community Navigators attended **80 events** during the grant period.



94,837 individuals were served by Community Navigators at community events that received resource and referral services during the grant period.



Project ARPA-192

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-192

PROJECT NAME: Culturally Appropriate and Equitable Vaccine/Booster information and administration with a focus in Latinos and other BIPOC Adams County Residents

ORGANIZATION: La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: serviciosdelaraza.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$182,790.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.1-COVID-19 Vaccination

Narrative

Provide COVID-19 vaccines to Adams County Residents at least to 5000 vaccines. According to CDPHE, in the Denver Metro area, Adams County has the second highest COVID-19 death rate when compared to number of infections (1.13%). Statewide, Adams County ranks #3 in most deaths following Mesa County (1.52%) and Jefferson County (1.73%). The Colorado Health Institute identified that the life expectancy within BIPOC communities has been deeply and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Based upon the death rates of Latino and Black residents, both groups' life expectancy statistics fell by about four years. Through dedicated mobile outreach, this project will provide direct vaccination and/or boosters to at least 1000 Adams County Residents in year one and 800 in year 2 and 3, as well as reach at least 18,000 Adams County residents with free and paid media/advertising.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

Adams County experienced one of the highest COVID-19 death rates in the Denver Metro area, with particularly severe impacts on underserved communities. Life expectancy in these groups dropped significantly due to the pandemic, revealing deep health disparities. Misinformation, access barriers, and historic inequities continue to limit vaccination uptake among the county's most vulnerable residents.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Supply flu shots and COVID-19 vaccine shots through vaccine clinics hosted across Adams County.

Activity Impact

Adams County has enhanced community immunity, a decreased burden on healthcare systems, and is fostering a healthier environment.

Activity Outcome



149 vaccine clinics were hosted during the grant period.



4,591 COVID-19 vaccines were administered during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Conduct outreach to Latinos and other BIPOC Adams County residents to share evidence-based information in a culturally, linguistically appropriate manner about vaccines and boosters.

Activity Impact

Adams County has higher vaccination rates, improved public health outcomes, and greater community resilience against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Activity Outcome



205 presentations were organized for the community during the grant period.

Activity Outcome



19,412 people were reached by these informative presentations during the grant period.



Project ARPA-204

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-204

PROJECT NAME: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Mental Health and Substance Misuse Treatment Services for Low-Income Latino Adults and Children in Adams County

ORGANIZATION: La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: serviciosdelaraza.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$177,848.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

Provide COVID-19 vaccines to Adams County Residents at least to 5000 vaccines. According to CDPHE, in the Denver Metro area, Adams County has the second highest COVID-19 death rate when compared to number of infections (1.13%). Statewide, Adams County ranks #3 in most deaths following Mesa County (1.52%) and Jefferson County (1.73%). The Colorado Health Institute identified that the life expectancy within BIPOC communities has been deeply and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Based upon the death rates of Latino and Black residents, both groups' life expectancy statistics fell by about four years. Through dedicated mobile outreach, this project will provide direct vaccination and/or boosters to at least 1000 Adams County Residents in year one and 800 in year 2 and 3, as well as reach at least 18,000 Adams County residents with free and paid media/advertising.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programming dollars: \$0



Understanding the Need

Low-income children and adults in Adams County face significant barriers to accessing behavioral health care, including language, cost, stigma, and cultural disconnects. These challenges contribute to disproportionate rates of substance misuse, mental health struggles, and suicide, particularly in high-risk professions like construction. The need for culturally and linguistically appropriate services remains urgent and unmet.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide evidence-based, linguistically and culturally appropriate mental health and substance misuse treatment to outpatient clients.

Activity Impact

Clients in Adams County seeking mental health services can access treatment that enhances client engagement, reduces stigma, and leads to better health outcomes.

Activity Outcome



507 clients were served through outpatient mental health and substance misuse treatment during the grant period.



Project ARPA-217

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-217

PROJECT NAME: Mejorando la Salud Juntos (Improving Health Together)

ORGANIZATION: Vuela for Health

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.vuelaforhealth.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$90,076.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention

EC CATEGORY: 1.9-COVID 19 Assistance to Non-Profits

Narrative

Mejorando la Salud (Improving Health Together)
Vuela for Health will address workforce development and also provide COVID-related messaging and clinic referrals while educating and training Latinas allowing them to move toward financial independence. Many earning a wage for the first time.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0



Project ARPA-043

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-043

PROJECT NAME: Connecting Youth at Risk for Suicide with Life-Saving Mental Health Treatment

ORGANIZATION: Second Wind Fund

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: thesecondwindfund.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$66,600.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

Second Wind Fund connects youth at risk for suicide with life-saving mental health treatment. Suicide is currently the leading cause of death for youth ages 10-24 in Colorado. Second Wind Fund (SWF) aims to decrease the incidence of suicide in children and youth by removing the financial and social barriers to treatment. Second Wind Fund's underlying goal is to ensure that all youth at risk for suicide have access to life-saving therapy.

SWF partners with therapists across the state who are licensed and experienced working with this population. With our delivery process, we are able to invest in the mental health community by paying therapists directly for 12 - 20 sessions of therapy per youth, while also working collaboratively with school districts, youth-serving professionals, and other mental health agencies to expand the network of professionals who are prepared to respond quickly and effectively when a young person is at risk.

Specific to this project, Second Wind Fund will support Adams County youth ages 19 and under who are at risk for suicide and who are facing one or more financial or social barriers to accessing treatment, connecting them with providers in our network and paying for 12 – 20 sessions of therapy.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$46,805.00

NARRATIVE

We evaluate our program after every fiscal year. Our review is conducted by Franci Crepeau-Hobson, Ph.D., from the University of Colorado Denver to review all the Suicide Ideation Questionnaires we receive from that fiscal year.



Understanding the Need

Suicide is the leading cause of death for youth ages 10–24 in Colorado, with many young people unable to access care due to cost, stigma, or lack of provider availability. In Adams County, these barriers leave at-risk youth without the support they need during moments of crisis. Timely access to licensed mental health professionals is critical to preventing loss of life and supporting long-term healing.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide free mental health sessions to youth at risk for suicide who face financial or social barriers to access treatment.

Activity Impact

Youth at risk for suicide in Adams County have decreased barriers to accessing life-saving care, helping vulnerable youth build resilience and improve mental well-being.

Activity Outcome



107 youth in Adams County received mental health sessions during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Recruit and onboard additional therapy providers to the program.

Activity Impact

There is a greater capacity to serve youth at risk for suicide in Adams County through qualified mental health professionals in a timely manner.

Activity Outcome



45 additional therapy providers were recruited and onboarded during the grant period.



Project ARPA-092

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-092

PROJECT NAME: Ralston House Child Advocacy Center - Bilingual Program

ORGANIZATION: Ralston House

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.ralstonhouse.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$248,281.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

Ralston House is an accredited child advocacy center that provides a child-friendly, safe, neutral environment where law enforcement, case workers, mental health, and medical professionals could talk with children and their families in surroundings that would lessen the anxiety of a child who had been assaulted. This program allows monolingual or bilingual Spanish-speaking child victims to receive forensic interviews and victim advocacy support from Ralston House staff that are like them and can understand the nuances of their specific culture and language.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$248,281.33

NARRATIVE

Ralston House provides each investigator/professional, child victim, and non-offending caregiver served at Ralston House with a satisfaction survey tailored for their specific group (professionals, non-offending parents/caregivers, children, and adolescents) at the end of their appointment at Ralston House.



Understanding the Need

Children who experience abuse or witness violent crimes often face lasting trauma and emotional distress, especially when their stories are misunderstood or unsupported. In Adams County, the need for safe, culturally responsive spaces to report abuse grew, particularly as children emerged from pandemic-related isolation and began disclosing their experiences. Families also faced barriers to timely mental health care due to provider shortages and the lingering impacts of COVID-19 on the behavioral health system.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide victim advocacy services and forensic interviews to children and families in English and Spanish.

Activity Impact

Child victims of physical or sexual abuse in Adams County can access critical care in a familiar language and have access to a safe, supportive environment for healing.

Activity Outcome



536 forensic interviews were conducted during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Collect feedback from parents, adolescents, and children who complete a forensic interview and/or medical appointment.

Activity Impact

Children and families that need victim advocacy services are better supported going forward as the insights gathered enhance the quality of services.

Activity Outcome



Parents gave an **average satisfaction rating of 4.76** out of 5 on program quality during the grant period.



Children and adolescents gave an **average satisfaction rating of 2.92** out of three on program quality during the grant period.



Project ARPA-163

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-163

PROJECT NAME: Strengthening Pandemic Emergency Health Care Services in Adams County

ORGANIZATION: South Adams County Fire Department

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.sacfd.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$912,393.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health-Negative Economic
Impact- Public Sector Capacity: General Provisions

EC CATEGORY: 3.4-Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Narrative

The South Adams Fire Protection District (SACFD) is seeking to improve medical training and purchase new medical and COVID-testing equipment, thereby improving emergency medical services provided to the community. These healthcare, workforce development, and job training services are beneficial to the whole community, but they are likely to be especially beneficial for veterans, older adults, undocumented residents, and families; these are demographics that may either be more susceptible to critical health issues and

COVID-related health issues, or they may need support in handling health crises.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: N/A



Understanding the Need

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Adams County saw a sharp rise in cardiac arrest rates, exposing critical gaps in emergency response readiness. Communities at highest risk, including veterans and older adults often face the greatest barriers to timely, life-saving care. Strengthening emergency medical capabilities is essential to improving health outcomes and protecting frontline responders.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Procure both advanced and basic life support apparatus for improved management of emergencies involving heart and respiratory incidents.

Activity Impact

Emergency response capabilities are enhanced and the community can receive timely, effective care, which improves patient outcomes during critical situations.

Activity Outcome



100% of vehicles responding to emergencies had this device on them during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #2

Activity Statement

Host a train-the-trainer course for the department to educate first-responders on how to use the LUCAS and Lifepak equipment.

Activity Impact

First-responders in Adams County are proficient in operating advanced life support tools to care for patients in critical situations.

Activity Outcome



78% of first-responders received training with the LUCAS device and report feeling confident using the equipment during the grant period.

Activity Outcome



33% first-responders received training with the Lifepak and report feeling confident using the equipment during the grant period.



Project ARPA-096

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-096

PROJECT NAME: Ralston House Child Advocacy Center - Mental Health Case management Navigator

ORGANIZATION: Ralston House

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.ralstonhouse.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$96,075.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Behavioral Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Narrative

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Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$248,281.33

NARRATIVE

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Understanding the Need

Children who experience abuse or witness violent crimes often face lasting trauma and emotional distress, especially when their stories are misunderstood or unsupported. In Adams County, the need for safe, culturally responsive spaces to report abuse grew, particularly as children emerged from pandemic-related isolation and began disclosing their experiences. Families also faced barriers to timely mental health care due to provider shortages and the lingering impacts of COVID-19 on the behavioral health system.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Provide a mental health navigator to help children and families in crisis access necessary treatment.

Activity Impact

Children and family in crisis can effectively access essential treatment, ensuring they receive timely and appropriate support for their mental health needs.

Activity Outcome



139 of the total forensic interviews conducted resulted in the interviewee being connected to mental health services during the grant period.

ACTIVITY #1

Activity Statement

Collect feedback from parents, adolescents, and children who complete a forensic interview and/or medical appointment.

Activity Impact

Children and families receiving victim advocacy services in the future benefit from care that is responsive to their needs and fosters a supportive environment for healing.

Activity Outcome



Parents gave an **average satisfaction rating of 4.9** out of 5 on program quality during the grant period.



Children and adolescents gave an **average satisfaction rating of 2.9** out of three on program quality during the grant period.

Tranche 2 Project Inventory

PROGRAMS — TRANCHE 2

Tranche 2 includes both programs and individual projects. Programs typically have multiple subrecipients, while individual projects are implemented by a single subrecipient. Reporting is currently in progress and will be updated as both programs and individual projects continue to advance through the remainder of the grant period.

NAME	AWARD AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Building Resilient Community-Based Organizations (BRCBO)	\$325,000.00	As ARPA and SLRFR funds dwindle, this program helps Adams County nonprofits and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) enhance their capacity, sustain services, and prepare for future disruptions.
Domestic Violence Prevention Program	\$4,791,000.00	This funding supports a range of initiatives in Adams County focused on preventing domestic violence and meeting the critical needs of survivors. These projects offer comprehensive strategies that include both prevention and direct services, ensuring individuals and families affected by domestic violence have access to the support, safety, and resources they need to heal and thrive.
Land Banking	\$5,550,000.00	Market-timed acquisition of parcels for affordable housing projects.
Food Security Program	\$1,059,500.00	Grants for projects and programs that provide services and support to increase food security and access for Adams County residents.
Co-Responder	\$1,750,077.00	This program strengthens co-responder teams in high-need Adams County communities to divert individuals in mental health crisis away from law enforcement and toward appropriate care, easing pressure on emergency services and reducing trauma.
Services and Supports	\$3,200,000.00	The Services and Supports program aims to expand access to mental health and substance use services, enhance cultural and linguistic congruence, and reduce stigma to ensure all residents can be healthy, valued, and thriving.
Strengthening Families	\$1,114,375.00	The Strengthening Families program, led by Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC), increases access to services for marginalized families through systems alignment, protective factor support, and direct service connections—centered around the Commerce City Family Resource Center Hub and guided by community voice.
Stigma Reduction	\$739,946.10	Lead by the Colorado Health Institute, this program partners with community ambassadors to reduce mental health stigma among disproportionately impacted groups by supporting culturally relevant outreach and fostering greater connection to care.

Building Resilient Community-Based Organizations

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-BRCBO

PROJECT NAME: Building Resilient
Community-Based Organizations

ORGANIZATION: Adams County Government

AWARD AMOUNT: \$325,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:
Negative Economic Impacts

EC CATEGORY: 2.34-Assistance to
Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted
or Disproportionately Impacted)

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

Narrative

As ARPA and SLFRF funds begin to dissipate, it is imperative to support our local nonprofit and community-based organizations that serve Adams County in building their internal capacity and overall resiliency. The “Building Resilient Community-Based Organizations” program provides in-depth capacity-building to equip organizations with the tools they need to understand their internal and external systems to maximize community impact, maintain sustainable services, and be better prepared for any major change or disruption that may occur in the future.

Program Details:

- 10 coaching sessions
- 3-5 training sessions
- 1-year action plan development
- Recommendations for continued capacity-building activities, training, or coaching
- Roundtables and networking opportunities
- Collaboration with the Colorado Non-profit Association
- Funds for related activities, trainings, coaching

BRCBO Program Subrecipients/Beneficiaries

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	
ARPA-24-01	Ecosistema Dsgin	Building Resilient Communtiy-Based Organizations (BRCBO)	\$200,000.00	
ARPA-CB-00001	Westminster Community Foundation	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00002	Adelante Community Development	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00003	Westminster Public School Foundation	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00004	Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00005	Kids in Need of Dentistry	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00006	Reaching HOPE	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00009	El Grupo Vida	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00010	Roots Colorado DBA DIRT Coffee Bar	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00011	Struggle of Love Foundation	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	
ARPA-CB-00012	Benefits in Action	BRCBO Beneficiary	\$12,500.00	

Building Resilient Community-Based Organizations

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs. In particular, the sustainability of community based organizations was negatively impacted.

Program Goal

By conducting a needs analysis and providing strategic coaching supports to businesses in the region, Adams County will improve economic vitality in the region by ensuring small businesses have the tools they need to be able to stay in business.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be measured by a significant improvement in regional labor force participation, employment, unemployment, and top job growth. This list of outcomes could be bolstered by the addition of metrics which characterize the rate at which community-based organizations are closing and a way to quantify the stability of individual organizations.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY:	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Select 10 community based organizations to participate in the program and conduct a needs assessment for each to identify critical gaps affecting their sustainability	% of participating organizations that take full advantage of available resources (10 coaching sessions, 5 Workshop half days, 20 full day training sessions, development of actions plan).	90% of organizations take full advantage of available resources	Pending Data Submission
Based on the needs assessment, engage in strategic planning with each organization to better curate the 10 coaching session and 3-5 topic based workshops each organization receives	% of CBO's served that are still operating after one year	80% of CBO's are still operating after one year	To be reported upon program completion.
Distribute \$12,500 to each participating community-based organization to spend on needs that are beyond the scope of the BRCBO program	% of organizations that report they have the tools and competencies required to address their identified gaps	75% of organizations report they have the tools and competencies required to address their identified gaps	Pending Data Submission
Develop an ongoing program and build capacity within Adams County to provide the BRCBO program and similar supports moving forward	# of days/hours of planning completed	20 days or 180 hours of dedicated planning days to design a sustainable program are completed	Pending Data Submission

Domestic Violence Prevention

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-DV

PROJECT NAME: Domestic Violence Programs

ORGANIZATION: Adams County Government

AWARD AMOUNT: \$4,791,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Mental/Behavioral Health

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:

Negative Economic Impacts

EC CATEGORY: 2.37- Economic

Impact Assistance: Other

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$3,461,432.00

Narrative

Adams County's Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Program supports a coordinated network of initiatives working to prevent domestic violence and provide compassionate, survivor-centered services. Through community-based organizations, medical providers, legal aid, housing support, and emergency response programs, this effort addresses the complex needs of individuals and families affected by domestic violence. Projects include expanded access to forensic and advocacy services, trauma-informed housing and shelter options, culturally and linguistically responsive care, mental health and legal support, and training for front-line responders. Together, these projects strengthen safety, promote healing, and reduce the risk of re-victimization across the county.

Domestic Violence Prevention Program Subrecipients

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT
ARPA-24-07	Almost Home, Inc	Adams County Domestic Violence Emergency Sheltering Program	\$170,106.20
ARPA-24-08	Colorado Poverty Law Project	Legal Advocacy for Tenant Victim-Survivors	\$500,000.00
ARPA-24-09	Crowley Foundation	boys2MEN Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention	\$150,000.00
ARPA-24-13	Family Tree, Inc	Family Tree Rental & Relocation Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors	\$65,610.00
ARPA-24-14	Platte Valley Medical	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program	\$438,000.00
ARPA-24-06	Ralston House	Child Advocacy Center - Forensic Interviews and Victim Advocacy	\$150,000.00
ARPA-24-11	Rebuilding Together Metro Denver, Inc. (dba Rebuilding Together Colorado)	Safe at Home and Emergency Repairs for Domestic Violence Victims that are Adams County Low-Income Homeowners	\$25,000.00
ARPA-24-10	Regents of the University of Colorado Boulder	Adams County Community Collective for Youth and Family Resilience	\$400,000.00
ARPA-24-04	Regents of the University of Colorado Denver	Forensic Nurse Enhancement: Improving Patient Access, Comprehensive Support and Outcomes	\$1,200,000.00
ARPA-24-05	Servicios de La Raza	Comprehensive, Integrated, and Culturally Responsive Health & Human Services for Victims of Domestic Violence in Adams County	\$700,000.00
ARPA-24-03	The Initiative	Victim Services and Outreach for Survivors with Disabilities	\$300,000.00
ARPA-24-12	The Salvation Army	Rapid Rehousing for Survivors of Domestic Violence	\$539,283.80

Domestic Violence Prevention

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened economic instability and increased incidents of domestic violence, exacerbating housing instability for survivors. This surge in demand has strained the availability of critical domestic violence services and supports, leaving many survivors without the resources they need for safety and recovery.

Program Goal

By implementing targeted initiatives to reduce domestic violence and expanding the range of services offered regionally, the County will reduce the impact of domestic violence in Adams County and support all survivors to thrive.

Outcome

Success will be measured by a significant decrease in the number and type of domestic violence cases (Current Number = 1,310; Source: Colorado Judicial Branch), increased knowledge and capacity of supportive services, reduced homelessness because of domestic violence, and number of individuals provided with the legal support necessary to move their cases through the court systems.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Provide domestic violence services to Adams County residents.	# of Adams County residents served	4,870	2,624
Provide hotel vouchers, shelter stays, transportation vouchers, and other supports to temporarily relocate individuals in domestic violence emergency situations.	# of people relocated to emergency and temporary housing (hotel vouchers, shelter stays, transportation vouchers, etc.)	150	45
Provide rental assistance, security deposit assistance, and other supports that assist survivors to successfully relocate to long-term, stable housing.	# of people successfully relocated to stable housing (rental assistance, security deposits, etc.)	117	42
Facilitate referrals to partner agencies to connect domestic violence survivors with additional services and resources tailored to their unique needs.	# of referrals made to partner agencies	539	281
Collaborate with partner agencies to respond to referrals and connect domestic violence survivors to essential supports.	# of referrals received from partner agencies	168	256

Land Banking

Project Overview

ARPA#: Int - Land Banking

PROJECT NAME: Affordable Housing
Land Banking Program

ORGANIZATION: Adams County Government

AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,550,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Housing and
Homelessness Prevention

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:
Negative Economic Impacts

EC CATEGORY: 2.15-Long-Term Housing
Security: Affordable Housing

Narrative

Adams County set aside \$8,900,000 in ARPA to fund an Affordable Housing Land Banking Program. Eligible entities can apply for funds to acquire land for the future development of affordable housing. Properties must be located in Adams County and be consistent with HOME Investment Partnerships Program guidelines. Projects funded under this program will remain affordable for a minimum of 40 years for rental properties and permanently affordable for-sale units under a land trust model. Eligible entities include local housing authorities or non-profit affordable housing developer (for sale), and experience developing affordable housing.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

Land Banking Subrecipients

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT
ARPA-12298	Brighton Housing Authority	Land Aquisition - 510 S 27th Ave	\$1,150,000.00
ARPA-12028-4	Commerce City Housing Authority	7001 Colorado BLVD	\$1,900,000.00
ARPA-24-42	Maiker Housing Partners	Historic Splendid Valley	\$250,000.00
ARPA-12028-2	Maiker Housing Partners	Boyers Landbanking	\$2,250,000.00

Land Banking

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the affordable housing crisis in Adams County, intensifying financial instability for many households. Low-income residents—especially those earning under 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)—faced heightened risk of housing insecurity or displacement. The County identified a critical shortage of available, income-restricted housing units and underutilized land suitable for development. Strategic land banking is a necessary step to ensure long-term affordability and mitigate future displacement of vulnerable populations.

Program Goal

Adams County's Affordable Housing Land Banking Program will leverage SLFRF funds to acquire strategically located parcels for future development of income-restricted housing. These acquisitions will support a pipeline of affordable rental and homeownership opportunities across the County. Developments on these sites will adhere to affordability, tenant protection, and housing quality standards aligned with federal housing program guidelines. In some cases, projects will integrate wraparound services or community-focused amenities, further enhancing resident stability and neighborhood cohesion.

Intended Outcomes

Increase the supply of affordable housing units in Adams County through land acquisition and preservation, construction of income-restricted units (including those serving households at or below 30–60% AMI), integration of supportive services, and alignment with land use milestones and SLFRF requirements to ensure long-term public benefit and responsible asset stewardship.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Construct 92 new units of low-income housing and achieve target occupancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• % construction completion (tracked monthly by general contractor)• % occupancy	Deliver five new low-income housing buildings (92 units) by March 2025, with all units available for occupancy by March/April 2025, supporting housing access for low-income residents.	100%
Complete environmental remediation, demolition, and infrastructure acquisition to prepare site for future affordable housing or community-serving use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• % of asbestos abatement completed• % of demolition completed• # of water shares acquired	Prepare 14831 Chambers Road for future development by completing asbestos abatement and demolition activities, and securing necessary water shares to ensure long-term site readiness, eliminate health risks, and enable future affordable or community-focused development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 85% of asbestos abatement completed• 0% of demolition completed• 0 of water shares acquired

Food Security Grants

Project Overview

ARPA#: ARPA FSG

PROJECT NAME: HSC Food Security Grants

ORGANIZATION: Adams County Human Services Department (ACHSD)

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,059,500.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Food Security

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:
Negative Economic Impacts

EC CATEGORY: 2.1-Household
Assistance: Food Programs

Narrative

Adams County Human Services Department (ACHSD) has made available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding for projects and programs that provide services and support to increase food security and access for Adams County residents. This funding is intended to increase food security in Adams County by targeting efforts in three priority areas:

1. direct access to food,
2. education on food access, and
3. improving the ability to access and store food.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$1,059,500.00

Food Security Grants

Food Security Subrecipients

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT
ARPA-25-01	Aurora Community Connection	Family Support Services SNAP Application Assistance	\$3,500.00
ARPA-25-02	Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC)	Child and Family Health and Well-being	\$8,000.00
ARPA-25-03	FISH of Westminster	FISH of Westminster	\$15,000.00
ARPA-25-04	Adams Arapahoe School District 28J	Community Schools, Food as Medicine	\$50,000.00
ARPA-25-05	Adams County Emergency Food Bank	Adams County Emergency Food Bank Food Purchases	\$25,000.00
ARPA-25-06	City of Commerce City	Food Security Assistance Programs, Community Well-Being Division	\$20,500.00
ARPA-25-07	Village Exchange Center	Village Pantry	\$40,000.00
ARPA-25-08	Five Star Education Foundation	Five Star Resource Closets	\$30,096.50
ARPA-25-09	The Senior Hub	Meals on Wheels	\$110,000.00
ARPA-25-10	Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc, DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services	Pantry Services for Adams County residents in Aurora	\$27,307.00
ARPA-25-11	Benefits in Action	Benefits in Action	\$50,000.00
ARPA-25-12	Food for Hope	Weekend Food Bags & In-School Food Bank Support	\$50,000.00
ARPA-25-13	Growing Home Inc.	Growing Home Food Pantry Program	\$50,000.00
ARPA-25-14	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Adams Food Security	\$50,000.00
ARPA-25-15	Struggle of Love Foundation	Struggle of Love Foundation	\$50,000.00
ARPA-FS2-00001	Adams Arapahoe School District 28J	Food as Medicine	\$49,450.25
ARPA-FS2-00003	Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc, DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services	Expanded Food Pantry Services for AdCo Residents in Aurora	\$27,807.00
ARPA-FS2-00006	Food Bank of the Rockies	Fresh Produce Purchasing for Adams County Distribution	\$49,450.25
ARPA-FS2-00008	Struggle of Love Foundation	Sacks of Love Food Pantry Program	\$50,000.00
ARPA-FS2-00010	Growing Home Inc.	Growing Home Food Pantry Program	\$50,000.00
ARPA-FS2-00012	Henderson Community Church Food Pantry	Henderson Community Church Food Pantry	\$19,000.00
ARPA-FS2-00014	Adams County Emergency Food Bank	Food Assistance for Adams County Residents	\$50,000.00
ARPA-FS2-00015	Spirit of the Sun	Elders' Food share and Healing Foods Bags	\$40,389.00
ARPA-FS2-00017	Food for Hope	School District Food Bank Support	\$50,000.00
ARPA-FS2-00020	Village Exchange Center	Village Food Security Pantry Program	\$44,000.00
ARPA-FS2-00022	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Healthy, Culturally Responsive Food for Love-Income Latinos and Other Communities	\$50,000.00

Food Security Grants

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs, especially food insecurity. In 2021, over 46K Adams County community members were food insecure.

Program Goal

By implementing targeted initiatives to reduce food insecurity and expanding the range of culturally relevant and fresh produce options at food banks, the County will decrease the number of households experiencing food insecurity. This will enhance the overall well-being of residents, support long-term community resilience, and ensure that diverse dietary needs are met.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be measured by a significant reduction in food insecurity in Adams County, demonstrated by an increase in the number of organizations awarded funding to provide culturally relevant and fresh produce, a measurable rise in the total pounds of food distributed, and an expansion in the number of households and individuals receiving food assistance.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Distribute nutritious food to individuals and families in Adams County facing food insecurity.	# of households served	141,720	56,325
Support and collaborate with non-profits to distribute food and improve access to resources for the communities they serve.	# of Non-profits served	34	6
Provide resource navigation to connect individuals facing food insecurity with wraparound services that comprehensively address their needs.	# of people navigated to wraparound supports	3,625	8,927
Assist individuals with SNAP and WIC enrollment.	# of people enrolled in SNAP and WIC	1,915	1,720
Provide transportation assistance to individuals facing food insecurity to increase access to food banks.	# of people accessing food banks with transportation vouchers	450	1,645
Distribute nutritious food to individuals and families in Adams County facing food insecurity.	# of people served	538,994	128,076
Distribute nutritious food to individuals and families in Adams County facing food insecurity.	# of pounds of food distributed	132,114,416	106,580,046

Co-Responder

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA - CR

PROJECT NAME: Co-Responder program

ORGANIZATION: Adams County Health Department

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,750,077.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Mental/Behavioral Health

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$766,000.00

Narrative

Includes evaluation. This program aims to promote public mental health by supporting the strength and sustainability of co-responder programs in Adams County. These programs divert adults, children, and youth experiencing mental health crises from law enforcement in high-need communities, increase connections to care and support for mental health challenges, decrease resource burden on law enforcement and emergency medical services, and reduce potential trauma associated with police encounters for individuals in states of crisis. he purpose of this program is to fill gaps in co-responder services and support the strength and sustainability of co-responder programs in Adams County.

Co-Responder Subrecipients

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT
ARPA-24-21	Reaching HOPE	Brighton and Federal Heights CRP Support	\$499,137.00
ARPA-24-22	City of Commerce City - PD	City of Commerce City - CCPD Co-Response Program	\$261,250.00
ARPA-24-23	City of Thornton Fire Department	Community Paramedic/ Co-Responder Support Program	\$319,200.00
ARPA-24-24	City of Northglenn	Crisis Response Unit	\$446,800.00

Co-Responder

Understanding the Need

Mental health crises, substance use issues, and homelessness are increasingly prevalent in Adams County, resulting in a surge of emergency calls and placing a significant burden on law enforcement and emergency services. Current systems often lack the capacity and integration to provide effective crisis response and follow-up care.

Program Goal

The Co-Response Program aims to improve crisis intervention outcomes by embedding behavioral health professionals within emergency response teams. This initiative reduces law enforcement's involvement in non-criminal crises, enhances connections to mental health services, and builds community trust in public safety and health systems.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be measured by reduced law enforcement time spent on behavioral health crises, increased connections to behavioral health services, and enhanced community trust. Long-term, the program aims to lower the number of frequent users of emergency services and improve mental health outcomes countywide.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE TO Q1, 2025
Provide co-response services to Adams County residents.	# of Adams County residents served	3,950	135
Connect individuals to additional behavioral health or social services following a crisis intervention through referral or case management.	# of individuals connected to behavioral health or social services following a crisis intervention	3,179	546
Provide behavioral health crisis training and resources to law enforcement officers and crisis responders.	# of law enforcement officers trained	330	Reporting Pending

Services & Supports

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA BHSS

PROJECT NAME: Behavioral Health Services and Supports

ORGANIZATION: Adams County Health Department

AWARD AMOUNT: \$3,200,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Mental/Behavioral Health

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$956,000.00

Narrative

Grants and Juvenile assessment center/ family justice center. The Behavioral Health Services and Supports program, is funding projects to expand and enhance behavioral health services. This initiative aims to address gaps, focusing on workforce expansion, integrated care, and improved coordination among providers. Funding will support efforts such as increasing Medicaid-accepting providers, expanding school-based behavioral health screenings, enhancing culturally and linguistically responsive care, and strengthening case management. Priority is given to historically under-served populations, ensuring equitable access to essential behavioral health services.

Survices & Supports Subrecipients

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT
ARPA-24-30	Aurora K12-Joint School District No. 28-J pf the Counties of Adams and Arapahoe	Addressing the Behavioral Needs of Adams County Residents through Social and Emotional Learning	\$106,000.00
ARPA-24-31	Aurora Mental Health and Recovery	Behavioral Health Clinic Renovation and Services	\$462,000.00
ARPA-24-32	Colorado Nonprofit Development Center DBA Latinx Therapist Project Co.	Developing a Latinx/Spanish-Speaking Behavioral Health Workforce Development Program in Adams County	\$250,000.00
ARPA-24-33	Kids First Health Care	Expanding and Strengthening Access to Behavioral Health Services for Children and Youth	\$500,000.00
ARPA-24-34	Reaching HOPE	Family Trauma Recovery Program Support	\$250,000.00
ARPA-24-35	Center for African American Health	Holistic Behavioral Health Services and Supports for the Black Community in Adams County	\$120,000.00
ARPA-24-36	Griffith Centers	Increasing Mental Health Services for Adams County	\$350,000.00
ARPA-24-37	Colfax Community Network	Mind Matters: Unleashing the Power of Early Childhood Intervention in Behavioral Health	\$312,000.00
ARPA-24-38	Regis University Division of Counseling, Family and Play Therapy	The FortaPLAY Program: Child-Centered Play Therapy in Adams 12 Five Star Schools	\$100,000.00
ARPA-24-39	UC Health	Zero Suicide	\$250,000.00

Services & Supports

Understanding the Need

Adams County faces significant challenges in providing equitable access to behavioral health services, particularly for underserved populations. Factors such as workforce shortages, cultural and linguistic mismatches, and systemic barriers limit the availability and quality of care.

Program Goal

The BHSS Grant Program aims to expand access to culturally and linguistically appropriate behavioral health services, reduce service gaps, and improve outcomes for residents across Adams County. By addressing systemic barriers and workforce shortages, the program seeks to ensure equitable care for all communities.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by the expansion of behavioral health services, increased workforce capacity, and improved access to care for underserved and historically marginalized populations in Adams County.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE TO Q1, 2025
Recruit, train, and support behavioral health providers.	# of additional trained behavioral health providers	58	11
Establish partnerships with community organizations and schools to improve coordination and referral pathways for clients.	# of community partnerships established	26	5
Provide behavioral health supports and services to community members.	# of individuals supported with behavioral health services	8,330	3,598
Conduct screenings for mental health, social determinants of health, and other behavioral health needs.	# of screenings conducted for behavioral health needs	4,000	1,173

Strengthening Families

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-23-02

PROJECT NAME: Strengthening Families

ORGANIZATION: Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC)

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,114,375.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Mental/Behavioral Health

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

Narrative

The Early Childhood Partership of Adams County (ECPACT) is committed to increasing access to services for marginalized families, particularly those impacted by COVID-19. ECPAC will serve as the backbone organization for the Strengthening Families Partnership Leadership Team, working to align systems, strengthen partnerships, elevate policy and funding solutions, and ensure community voices inform decision-making. The initiative will focus on enhancing protective factors, such as providing concrete supports and promoting social connections, by establishing the Family Resource Center Hub in Commerce City as a one-stop shop for family services. ECPAC will also connect families to services that support all five protective factors, empowering them to build resilience and stability within the community. Through these efforts, ECPAC aims to foster a more equitable and supportive environment for families in need.

Strengthening Families Subrecipients

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT
ARPA-23-02	Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC)	Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County- Strengthening Families Partnership (SFP)	\$1,000,000.00

Strengthening Families

Understanding the Need

Families who are historically marginalized, particularly those with young children, were among the most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These families continue to face systemic barriers to accessing essential supports such as behavioral health care, parenting resources, and concrete assistance in times of need. There is a critical need to align community systems, elevate family voices in decision-making, and increase culturally relevant, coordinated service delivery to promote long-term stability and resilience.

Program Goal

ECPAC aims to increase equitable access to supportive services for marginalized families in Adams County by leading systems alignment efforts, strengthening protective factors, and providing direct service connections. Through its role as the backbone organization of the Strengthening Families Partnership, ECPAC will coordinate policy, funding, data, and resource navigation efforts to ensure families can access the right supports at the right time.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by improved coordination among community partners, increased access to family-strengthening services through the Family Resource Center Hub in Commerce City, and greater utilization of resources that support all five protective factors. The project is expected to reduce service gaps, normalize help-seeking behavior, and enhance resilience for families most affected by the pandemic.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE TO Q1, 2025
Provide backbone supports to Strengthening Families Partnership (SFP) Leadership Team by supporting Adams County Organizations to adopt the common referral platform.	# of organizations that adopt the referral platform each year.	At least 10 organizations supported to adopt and use the referral platform each year.	Pending Data Submission
Deliver direct service and navigation supports to families where they spend time through the "No Wrong Door" approach.	"# of families with at least one child between the ages of 0-8 years who participate in care navigation across Adams County"	At least 370 families are served dis-aggregated by location and service type.	141
Deliver direct service and navigation supports to families where they spend time through the "No Wrong Door" approach.	Results of protective factors survey.	At least 75% of families and children have adequate protective and promotive factors.	Pending Data Submission

Stigma Reduction

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-23-08

PROJECT NAME: Mental Health Stigma Reduction

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Health Institute

AWARD AMOUNT: \$739,946.10

ADCO CATEGORY: Mental/Behavioral Health

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

EC CATEGORY: 1.12-Mental Health Services

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

The Mental Health Ambassador Program does not meet the moderate or strong evidence-based intervention criteria. Evidence is preliminary and emphasizes outputs, outcomes and program improvements as measures of program progress and success. The evidence consists of at least one non-experimental implementation study.

Narrative

The Adams County Health Department is participating in a regional initiative led by the Metro Denver Partnership for Health (MDPH) to reduce mental health stigma among communities disproportionately affected by poor mental health outcomes, including Latinx, Asian American, African American/Black, LGBTQ+ adults, and Medicaid-eligible individuals. Funded through the Colorado Health Institute (CHI), this program supports community-based ambassadors who engage residents through consistent outreach and culturally relevant messaging. Building on lessons from two previous cohorts, the initiative aims to reduce self-reported stigma by 5% by 2027. CHI oversees program evaluation and fosters collaboration among partners, helping to address a key barrier to care that was worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stigma Reduction Subrecipients

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT
ARPA-23-08	Colorado Health Institute	Reducing Mental Health by Integrating Community Voice: Mental Health Community Ambassador Program	\$738,600.00

Stigma Reduction

Understanding the Need

COVID-19 increased barriers to mental health care, as well as loneliness and other challenges. There is still much to do to address these outcomes, including stigma and mental health, which is often the root cause of not accessing care.

Program Goal

Reduce stigma and improve behavioral health outcomes in Adams County by equipping community-based organizations with training and resources to serve as mental health ambassadors and by disseminating targeted stigma reduction materials that address gaps in behavioral health services and support.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be measured by a reduced percentage of self-reported mental health stigma by 5% among adults within Latinx, Asian American, African American/Black populations, and/or LGBTQ+ adults, as well as Medicaid eligible recipients.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Support community-based organizations (ambassadors) in reducing mental health stigma among disproportionately affected communities in Adams County by providing funding, technical assistance, and bidirectional learning opportunities through monthly Community of Practice (CoP) meetings.	# of community-based organizations supported	6 new community-based organizations	13
	# of Community of Practice meetings hosted for community-based organizations	32 CoP meetings hosted for community-based organizations	13
	% increase in ambassadors' understanding reported from pre- to post- survey using a 1 (low) to 3 (high) scale	25% increase in ambassadors' understanding of barriers faced in their communities related to mental health and stigma	6%
Track stigma reduction data in the Denver metro area through the bi-annual Colorado health access survey.	% of Latinx adults that report they would be concerned what would happen if someone found out about their mental health problems	21% of Latinx adults in 2027 (5% reduction)	27%

Tranche 2 Projects

PROJECTS — TRANCHE 2

Tranche 2 includes both programs and individual projects, programs often involve multiple subrecipients, while individual projects are typically implemented by a single subrecipient. All efforts are now fully launched, and reporting is underway, with updates to be provided as projects continue progressing through the remainder of the grant period.

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT
ARPA-23-03	ACCESS Housing of Adams County Inc	ACCESS Housing Tiny Home Village	\$401,426.67
ARPA-23-01	Almost Home, Inc	Almost Home SWAP	\$3,000,000.00
ARPA-24-02	Aurora Mental Health and Recovery	Non-medical Detoxification and Walk-in Crisis Services	\$1,003,151.45
ARPA-24-41	Brothers Redevelopment	Asset Development Program	\$466,900.00
ARPA-23-06	City of Aurora	Aurora Regional Navigation Campus	\$5,000,000.00
ARPA-T2-1	Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Renewal Village	\$3,800,000.00
ARPA-24-40	Colorado Village Collaborative	Tiny Home Village	\$83,573.33
ARPA-12028	Community Resources & Housing Development Corporation	Agriculture Supportive Housing: Splendid Valley Site Analysis	\$98,768.41
ARPA-24-20	Keystone Institute	Educator Housing Study	\$178,668.21
ARPA-23-04	The Salvation Army	Rapid Rehousing Program	\$1,000,000.00
ARPA-25-16	Volunteers of America	Meals on Wheels	\$410,000.00

Project ARPA-23-03

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-23-03

PROJECT NAME: ACCESS Housing Tiny Home Village

ORGANIZATION: ACCESS Housing of Adams County Inc

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.acchouse.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$401,426.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.16-Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Narrative

ACCESS Housing of Adams County Inc: ACCESS Housing aims to develop a Tiny Home Village in Commerce City, doubling the non-congregated shelter capacity in the area. This project will increase homelessness services and shelter availability for Adams County residents, providing safe, health-conscious shelter options that reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, ultimately promoting long-term stability for those in need.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based
programing dollars: \$0

Project ARPA-23-01

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-23-01

PROJECT NAME: Almost Home SWAP

ORGANIZATION: Almost Home

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.almosthomeonline.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$3,000,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Housing & Homelessness Prevention

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.17-Housing Support: Housing Vouchers and Relocation Assistance for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

Narrative

Almost Home's Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP) provides emergency hotel vouchers during extreme weather to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. This program offers life-saving shelter during critical weather conditions, ensuring safety and protection for those at risk, especially as homelessness rates have surged due to the economic disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based
programing dollars: \$0

Project ARPA-23-01

Understanding the Need

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a noticeable rise in homelessness, leaving more individuals unsheltered and exposed to dangerous conditions. During periods of extreme weather, people living outdoors face severe health and safety risks, with limited access to emergency shelter options.

Program Goal

The Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP) aims to protect individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing emergency hotel vouchers during severe weather events, ensuring immediate, low-barrier access to safe and life-saving shelter.

Intended Outcomes

Evidence based programing dollars: \$0

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Provide shelter for individuals at local partner hotels in instances of inclement weather via a hotel voucher program	# of Nights of Shelter Provided	Provide 10,500 nights of shelter during the grant period.	15,378
	# of Individuals Served	Serve 1,800 individuals during the grant period.	1,634

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-24-02

PROJECT NAME: Non-medical Detoxification and Walk-in Crisis Services

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Mental Health and Recovery

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.auroramhr.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,003,151.45

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health: Other

EC CATEGORY: 1.13-Substance Use Services

Narrative

AMHR is expanding access to withdrawal management services by providing increased transportation to individuals in Adams County needing detoxification and recovery services. By addressing the short-term need for detox services and collaborating with local stakeholders, AMHR ensures greater access to care for individuals struggling with substance use issues, which have escalated due to pandemic-related stressors.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based
programing dollars: \$0

Project ARPA-24-02

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a significant rise in alcohol and substance use, with many individuals delaying treatment due to safety concerns, lack of information, and limited service access. Adams County currently lacks sufficient local withdrawal management options, creating barriers for residents in need of acute detoxification and recovery services.

Program Goal

Increase access to withdrawal management services for Adams County residents by providing short-term transportation to AMHR's existing facility, offering comprehensive care to eligible clients, and collaborating with County partners to plan and identify a future service site within the County.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by improved access to withdrawal management services for Adams County residents, including increased transportation and referrals, and the development of a strategic plan for establishing a local withdrawal management facility to support long-term recovery needs.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Develop protocols and provide short-term transportation from Adams County to Aurora Mental Health & Recovery East Metro Detox and Recovery Services for individuals who need acute detoxification and recovery services.	% completion of transportation protocols	100% of transportation protocols are completed	100%
	# of eligible and referred residents of Adams County transported	Transport 200 eligible and referred Adams County residents over the life of the grant, with a target of 100 individuals served annually.	47
	% of clients that receive transportation who accept treatment	50% of clients that receive transportation will accept treatment	85%
Collaborate with stakeholders and consult on facility needs to help identify a new detox and withdrawal management site in Adams County.	# of meetings where facility criteria and location options were reviewed	Collaborate with stakeholders to assess facility needs and review potential location options, holding at least 9 meetings, to support the successful identification of a new detox and withdrawal management site in Adams County.	12

Project ARPA-24-41

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-24-41

PROJECT NAME: Asset Development Program

ORGANIZATION: Brothers Redevelopment

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: brothersredevelopment.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$466,900.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.30-Technical Assistance Counseling or Business Planning

Narrative

Brothers Redevelopment's Asset Development program empowers low-income Adams County residents to pursue homeownership, education, or small business goals by providing a 9:1 matched savings component. The program addresses the economic challenges exacerbated by COVID-19, including housing affordability and access to capital, helping participants achieve long-term financial security.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based
programming dollars: \$0

Project ARPA-24-41

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated economic hardship for low-income individuals in Adams County, limiting their ability to afford housing, access capital to start small businesses, or pursue higher education. These barriers have disproportionately impacted historically marginalized communities and deepened wealth inequality.

Program Goal

The Asset Development Program aims to promote long-term financial stability and economic mobility for low-income Adams County residents by supporting asset-building goals in homeownership, higher education, and entrepreneurship through matched savings accounts.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by the number of eligible participants who complete the Individual Development Account (IDA) program and use the 9:1 matched funds to achieve their asset goals, supporting equitable recovery and helping households build generational wealth.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Support low-income Adams County residents in building assets through Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) with a 9:1 matched savings structure, enabling participants to pursue homeownership, post-secondary education, or small business development.	# of Adams County participants who achieve asset purchase	Enable 35 participants between 80% and 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI), to save and leverage funds for asset goals.	Reporting Pending
	\$ saved and matched	Achieve a total of \$35,000 saved by participants (approximately \$1,000 each) and \$315,000 matched through the program.	\$3,825.00
Deliver financial literacy and asset-readiness training to help participants build the knowledge and confidence needed to successfully manage their savings and achieve long-term financial stability.	# of participants that attended financial literacy classes and training sessions	Provide financial literacy training to at least 35 residents to support informed asset development decisions and promote long-term financial empowerment.	8

Project ARPA-23-06

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-23-06

PROJECT NAME: Aurora Regional Navigation Campus

ORGANIZATION: City of Aurora

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.auroragov.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,000,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Housing & Homelessness Prevention

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

The Aurora Regional Navigation Center project will acquire a new housing campus, offering 150 shelter beds, 80 transitional units, and essential services such as mental health support, housing navigation, and case management. This low-barrier, centralized facility will streamline access to housing and support services for individuals experiencing homelessness, particularly those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in diverse communities.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based
programing dollars: \$0

Understanding the Need

Aurora experienced disproportionately severe impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly among BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee communities. The region continues to face a lack of low-barrier, coordinated shelter and transitional housing options for people experiencing homelessness, limiting access to essential support services and stable housing pathways.

Program Goal

Establish a centralized, low-barrier regional navigation center in Aurora that includes 150 shelter beds, 80 transitional housing units, and a full-service day center to provide coordinated access to housing navigation, case management, mental health services, and basic needs.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by the acquisition of the navigation center campus and the development of a comprehensive, integrated service model that streamlines access to shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services, helping individuals experiencing homelessness stabilize and transition into permanent housing.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Renovate hotel rooms, install exterior fencing, and repurpose the convention center space to support shelter, transitional housing, and service delivery at the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus.	% of renovation milestones completed, including interior room conversions, fencing installation, and buildout of shared service and community spaces.	Complete 100% of all renovation activities across the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus by winter 2025, ensuring the facility is fully operational and ready to provide shelter and supportive services.	Overall project completion stands at 29%, encompassing material and equipment procurement.

Project ARPA-T2-1

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-T2-1

PROJECT NAME: Renewal Village

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.coloradocoalition.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$3,800,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Housing & Homelessness Prevention

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

With \$3.8 million in funding, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless will acquire and renovate the Clarion Inn to provide long-term supportive housing, bridge housing, and non-congregate shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. This project responds to the increase in homelessness exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic by offering safe, supportive housing options and services to help residents transition to stable housing.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based
programming dollars: \$0

Project ARPA-T2-1

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly increased homelessness across the metro region, especially among low-wage workers and individuals lacking access to healthcare and safe housing. People experiencing homelessness remain at high risk for COVID-19 transmission and other health challenges, with limited options for stable shelter, making immediate housing interventions critical.

Program Goal

Renewal Village will transform the former Clarion Inn into 215 units of safe, dignified housing, 108 units of Permanent Supportive Housing and 107 Non-Congregate Shelter units, offering on-site services to help residents achieve long-term housing stability. This project directly addresses homelessness in Adams County and the surrounding metro area by increasing housing supply and providing a continuum of care under one roof.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by the creation of a continuum of safe, supportive housing options at the Clarion Inn site, including long-term supportive housing, bridge and transitional housing, and non-congregate shelter, paired with on-site services that help individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Adams County, Denver County, and the surrounding metro area stabilize, secure, and maintain long-term housing.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Renewal Village will prioritize housing access for Adams County residents at risk of or experiencing homelessness by reserving at least 8% of total units for this population during the affordability period. This will be supported through targeted outreach and coordination with Adams County service providers and referral partners.	# of units occupied by Adams County residents at Renewal Village	Ensure at least 17 (8%) of 215 units are occupied by Adams County residents at risk of homelessness during the affordability period.	27

Project ARPA-24-40

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-24-40

PROJECT NAME: Tiny Home Village

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Village Collaborative

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.coloradovillagecollaborative.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$83,573.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Housing & Homelessness Prevention

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

Colorado Village Collaborative (CVC) is addressing homelessness in Adams County by expanding its tiny home model to provide safe, supportive shelter for people experiencing homelessness. CVC’s approach emphasizes autonomy and supportive services, providing individuals with a secure place to stay while accessing case management, health services, and housing navigation—vital resources in the wake of COVID-19’s impact on homelessness.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing
dollars: \$83,573.33

Evidence

Shelter-first models, like those operated by Colorado Village Collaborative, are proven to be more effective than traditional shelters in both reducing homelessness and improving individual stability through number peer-reviewed studies spanning the past several decades. CVC’s model also reduces reliance on emergency services, behavioral health systems, and the criminal justice system. CVC has operated over 10 shelter communities in the past seven and half years to great success, and currently operates three Micro-Communities as part of Denver Mayor Johnston’s All in Mile High initiative. In 2024, CVC served 346 individuals (326 households), with 56% representing people of color, and the vast majority coming from unsheltered homelessness. We moved 95 individuals in stable housing and 38 individuals moved into transitional or other shelters. Many of the individuals served still remain at the sites and working toward housing. Additionally, within our support services program, 219 unique participants engaged with Peer Support Specialists through 1,120 sessions, averaging 7.5 sessions per person; 63 unique participants accessed mental health support through our on-site Licensed Clinical Social Worker, completing a total of 486 sessions, averaging 7.7 sessions per person.

Project ARPA-24-40

Understanding the Need

Adams County faces a rising homelessness crisis, with nearly 950 people unhoused each night and over 300 unsheltered. COVID-19, the end of emergency protections, and ongoing displacement have worsened housing instability. Traditional shelters often fall short for those with complex needs, highlighting the need for low-barrier, supportive alternatives.

Program Goal

The Tiny Home Village project aims to create a safe, supportive micro-community for unsheltered individuals in Adams County by developing a site plan, securing community and policy support, and coordinating services that promote stability and long-term housing.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be measured by the completion of a development plan, community and policymaker engagement, identified service partners, and secured funding. Long-term, the project will increase access to dignified shelter and improve housing stability for people experiencing homelessness.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Complete site plans for the proposed Tiny Home Village, including layout of tiny home units, shared facilities, access points, and integration of supportive infrastructure needed to operate a low-barrier shelter program.	% completion of site plans	Finalize and deliver 100% of detailed site plans that reflect programmatic needs, safety requirements, and community feedback, serving as the foundation for permitting and construction phases.	Reporting Pending Project Start
Conduct community engagement meetings to inform, consult, and involve local residents, stakeholders, and neighborhood groups in the planning process—gathering feedback, addressing concerns, and building public support for the project.	# of community meetings hosted	Host at least 5 inclusive and accessible community meetings to gather meaningful input, strengthen local partnerships, and foster broad-based support for the Tiny Home Village project.	Reporting Pending Project Start
Develop a comprehensive land and site infrastructure survey report in collaboration with a contracted firm to identify existing conditions, assess infrastructure needs (e.g., utilities, grading, access), and outline key requirements for site development.	% completion of survey report; submission of final report by end of grant cycle.	Complete and deliver a 100% comprehensive land and site infrastructure report that supports informed planning, permits, and future construction decisions for the Tiny Home Village.	Reporting Pending Project Start

Project ARPA-12028

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-12028

PROJECT NAME: Agriculture Supportive Housing: Splendid Valley Site Analysis

ORGANIZATION: Community Resources & Housing Development Corporation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: crhdc.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$98,768.41

ADCO CATEGORY: Housing & Homelessness Prevention

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.15-Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Narrative

Community Resources & Housing Development Corporation:
This project supports pre-development studies for an agriculture-supportive housing project at Historic Splendid Valley, aimed at increasing affordable housing for agricultural workers in Adams County. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the urgent need for affordable housing, and this study will lay the groundwork for addressing housing shortages for vulnerable workers in the area.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based
programing dollars: \$0

Project ARPA-12028

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated economic instability and deepened the affordable housing crisis for agricultural workers in Adams County. Essential to the local food economy, these workers often face limited access to stable, affordable housing near job sites. There is a growing need to assess and prepare sites like Historic Splendid Valley to support income-restricted housing options tailored to the agricultural workforce.

Program Goal

Conduct comprehensive pre-development site analysis for 13600 Crystal Street in Historic Splendid Valley to evaluate the feasibility of agriculture-supportive housing. Activities include infrastructure and environmental studies, market and zoning analysis, conceptual design, and project administration, ensuring the site is ready to move into future development phases aligned with affordability goals.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by the completion of all required pre-development studies and administrative coordination, culminating in a detailed summary and recommendation for Adams County. These deliverables will enable informed decisions about next-phase development of income-restricted housing (serving those at or below 80% AMI) to support agricultural workers in the region.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Conduct comprehensive pre-development site analysis for 13600 Crystal Street, including infrastructure feasibility, environmental studies, zoning and design assessments, and market research to inform future development of agriculture-supportive housing.	% of project completion	100% completion and delivery of final site analysis report and study components (infrastructure, environmental, design, market)	100%

Project ARPA-24-20

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-24-20

PROJECT NAME: Educator Housing Study

ORGANIZATION: Keystone Institute

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.keystone.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$178,668.21

ADCO CATEGORY: Housing & Homelessness Prevention

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

Keystone Institute: COVID-19, by creating affordable housing to support the recruitment and retention of essential workers in local schools.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing dollars: \$178,668.21

Evidence

We are using data-driven narratives to catalyze action and deliver tangible housing solutions for school districts. Through educator surveys and localized housing market analysis, we’ve provided each participating district with a detailed picture of their workforce housing needs. The results reveal a striking trend: many educators are spending up to 40% of their take-home pay on rent—far exceeding affordability benchmarks.

To support informed decision-making, we’ve also conducted in-depth comparisons between educator compensation and area housing costs. In addition, we’ve assessed fair market land values and explored potential land swaps, enabling school districts to unlock new housing opportunities by leveraging underutilized assets.

These analytical narratives are not only surfacing critical insights—they’re driving momentum. Districts are now using this information to pursue housing development partnerships, secure land, and identify funding strategies to make educator housing a reality.

Project ARPA-24-20

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic worsened housing affordability in Adams County, placing stable housing out of reach for many educators and essential workers. Rising housing costs threaten school districts' ability to recruit and retain qualified staff, especially among BIPOC, female, and non-married educators. There is an urgent need for sustainable, affordable housing solutions tailored to the unique needs of local school districts.

Program Goal

The Educator Housing Project aims to support Adams County school districts in developing affordable housing options for educators by delivering customized feasibility studies, securing funding, and offering technical assistance. The initiative will guide districts through planning and development stages, ultimately increasing access to affordable housing, supporting educator retention, and strengthening communities.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by the completion of tailored feasibility studies and actionable housing development plans for nine Adams County school districts. The project aims to inform district-specific housing strategies, directly supporting educator recruitment and retention and addressing broader workforce housing needs across the region.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Conduct educator housing surveys and produce district-specific analytical reports to inform school boards and superintendents on housing needs, recruitment and retention challenges, and potential housing strategies.	Number of districts receiving customized reports and presentations, with documented school board feedback and level of engagement (e.g., questions raised, follow-up actions, decision points).	Develop, analyze, and present survey information to at least 9 participating school districts, engaging school leadership in data-informed discussions to guide next steps in educator housing planning and implementation.	10
Evaluate and develop financial strategies and funding pathways for school districts to support the creation of sustainable, affordable educator housing	# of plans accepted by the school districts	Develop at least 9 actionable, district-specific financial plans and recommendations to support the creation of educator housing	3
Conduct land evaluations and market rate analyses to help school districts assess the development or financial potential of district-owned land for educator housing solutions	# of land and market rate assessments delivered to participating districts	Deliver at least 9 land and market value assessments to school districts to inform strategic decisions about using district-owned property to support educator housing initiatives	2
Develop tailored housing strategy options for each participating school district, based on feasibility, financial viability, and district-specific educator needs	# of housing strategies presented to districts with documented feedback or engagement from School Boards	Provide each participating school district (at least 9) with an actionable housing strategy that outlines viable development options to support educator recruitment and retention	6

Project ARPA-23-04

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-23-04

PROJECT NAME: Rapid Rehousing Program

ORGANIZATION: The Salvation Army

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: housingnow.salvationarmy.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,000,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Housing & Homelessness Prevention

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.18-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

Housing Now, an initiative by The Salvation Army, will expand services in Adams County through rapid rehousing for participants in the Safe Outdoor Parking Initiative. The project aims to provide permanent housing outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness, especially those impacted by the economic and housing instability worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based programing
dollars: \$1,000,000.00

Evidence

According to HUD (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/em/spring-summer-23/highlight2.html>) Housing First is proven model to reduce the experience of homelessness and is cosidered best practice. Additonally, Rapid ReHousing is considered and eveidence based best practice by the National Alliance to End Homelessness (<https://endhomelessness.org/blog/rapid-re-housing-works-evidence-says/>). Housing Now hase extesive experience in both parctices. Over the past several years, rapid re-housing has become the primary tool to help people experiencing homelessness reconnect to permanent housing. The model began as an approach deployed in a handful of communities to help people exit shelter. Today, it has evolved to become an integral part of the national effort to end veteran and family homelessness. Recent years have also seen a substantial new federal investment in rapid re-housing to help domestic violence survivors and youth secure new housing and safety.

Project ARPA-23-04

Understanding the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic disruptions and amplified community needs. More individuals are experiencing challenges related to housing than ever before.

Program Goal

Lack of alternatives for shelter outside of vehicle that meets needs of individuals experiencing homelessness; Individuals experiencing homelessness often do not know where to go to receive critical assistance; Need for SafeLot services far exceeds the number of spots available; Individuals experiencing homelessness do not have much capacity/time to work on accessing resources when they are dealing with day to day survival; Lack of funds required to keep their vehicle not only functional as a home but also as a means of transportation for work, pay upfront housing costs, and access to other resources; Lack of housing available at a price point people can afford

Intended Outcomes

Salvation Army will ultimately reduce housing insecurity of Adams County Community members by providing safe emergency shelter and connection to stable housing options.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Rapid Rehousing in collaboration with Colorado Safe Parking. With housing assistance, housing navigation and on going housing stability case management for up to one year.	# of households moved to stable housing and out of a place considered uninhabitable	Provide targeted rapid rehousing and housing stability services to at least 35 individuals living in vehicles or other uninhabitable conditions.	18

Project ARPA-25-16

Project Overview

ARPA #: ARPA-25-16

PROJECT NAME: Meals on Wheels

ORGANIZATION: Volunteers of America

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: www.voa.org

AWARD AMOUNT: \$410,000.00

ADCO CATEGORY: Food Security

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Households

EC CATEGORY: 2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs

Narrative

Volunteers of America Colorado will support Meals on Wheels clients in Adams County by providing 5-day frozen meals to ensure food security for seniors impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program addresses the increased food insecurity among older adults during and after the pandemic, providing them with nutritious meals to maintain their health.

Use of Evidence

Evidence based
programming dollars: \$0

Project ARPA-25-16

Understanding the Need

Many older adults in Adams County continue to face food insecurity. The COVID-19 pandemic worsened access to nutritious food, leaving vulnerable seniors without consistent meals to support their health, safety, and independence.

Program Goal

VOAC's Meals on Wheels program will ensure food-insecure seniors in Adams County receive reliable, nutritious meals. The program aims to improve health, promote aging in place, and reduce isolation through regular volunteer check-ins.

Intended Outcomes

Success will be demonstrated by improved food access and nutrition for older adults in Adams County, as evidenced by the consistent delivery of balanced meals, increased number of clients served, and reduced food insecurity. The program will also foster social connection and support overall well-being for vulnerable seniors aging at home.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	MEASURED BY	PROJECT GOAL	CUMULATIVE PROGRESS
Distribute nutritious food to individuals and families in Adams County facing food insecurity.	# of pounds of food distributed	Distribute an additional 190,000 pounds of food during the program period to meet the dietary needs of vulnerable residents and reduce food insecurity in Adams County.	192,010

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