

STATE OF COLORADO
RECOVERY PLAN

STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

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The federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law on March 11, 2021, provides significant funding to assist state and local governments in addressing the health and economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. This includes $3,828,761,790 awarded to the Colorado state government from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

This report addresses Colorado's use of these funds during the period from July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

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I. GOVERNOR'S LETTER



GOVERNOR JARED POLIS
STATE OF COLORADO

"Four years after the pandemic changed our lives, Colorado is stronger than ever, and we're hard at work to make sure that all Coloradans benefit from the transformative investments we are making with ARPA funding."

Dear Treasury Secretary Yellen,

Colorado is proud that the historic investments made using our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are transforming the lives of Coloradans and strengthening our communities. Colorado's economy is strong, attracting new businesses and creating new jobs. Our state is at the forefront of innovative workforce development initiatives, including the nation-leading Opportunity Now and Care Forward Colorado. Our work to create more housing through Transformational Affordable Housing Grants has been bolstered by recent legislative successes that expand access to housing for every budget and reduce artificial barriers to housing, including eliminating parking minimums, allowing ADUs, and incentivizing transit-oriented development.

Four years after the pandemic changed our lives, Colorado is stronger than ever, and we're hard at work to make sure that all Coloradans benefit from the transformative investments we are making with ARPA funding.

In Colorado, we strongly value community input and continue taking steps to prioritize constituent feedback. Our state recovery plan set a strong foundation for this work, and in April 2021, we launched an extensive listening tour to hear from folks across our state about the challenges they were facing. It was these early conversations that led us to identify housing, mental and behavioral health, and workforce development as key areas for transformational investment. We've continued that work at an issue-based level, from conducting a Behavioral Health Listening Tour to kick-starting a statewide Homelessness Assessment.

The $3.8 billion in federal SFLRF funds and accompanying nearly $1.3 billion in other state General Fund stimulus investments have been legislated for the following investments:

- $1.4 billion to fortify the state budget and maintain fiscal integrity, including a $600 million investment in our Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund
- $240 million towards workforce development and education
- $370 million towards Colorado's ongoing response to the

COVID pandemic

- $550 million towards mental and behavioral health initiatives
- $580 million towards affordable housing and homeownership investments
- $749 million towards economic recovery and relief, including homelessness prevention through increased Emergency Rental Assistance funding
- $380 million towards transportation and infrastructure and parks and agriculture
- $847 million towards General Fund Stimulus Investments that further support Colorado's economic recovery (not from Cash Funds)

Colorado has continued to engage diverse communities and stakeholders in the development of SLFRF investments. Prior to the 2022 legislative session, four primary task forces engaged in a thorough review of transformative and equitable investments in Colorado's recovery. Those included: Student Success and Workforce Revitalization, Affordable Housing, Behavioral Health, and Economic Recovery and Relief. We have continued to engage Coloradans at the local level to hear about what matters to them, and are pleased that our early efforts and ongoing work continue to make a real impact.

I want to thank the US Treasury for your partnership and look forward to our continued work together.

Please find Colorado's Annual Report for SLFRF enclosed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis





II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Four years after the start of the global pandemic, Colorado continues to successfully implement the state's recovery framework, developed through robust public input and bipartisan engagement and collaboration. By combining the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) funding with one-time state funding, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and local matching funds, Colorado is maximizing resources to make transformative investments in key priorities and already seeing results from this work.

The state strategically built the internal infrastructure needed to implement State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and has appropriated 100% of the $3,828,761,790 award to the state. Under Governor Polis' guidance, the legislature appropriated investments toward key transformational priorities that are making the state an even better place to live and work for years to come.

During the 2024 Legislative Session, the Governor's Office and the Joint Budget Committee of the General Assembly made the decision to re-appropriate unspent SLFRF to eligible expenditures that could be spent in a shorter period of time and refinance portions of projects with unspent SLFRF with state funding. The refinancing of projects was done to guarantee maximum, long-term flexibility for investments in Colorado while also ensuring compliance with US Treasury's guidance. Colorado's overall framework for recovery investments remains largely unchanged and future reports will detail the change in funding sources for projects after this legislation is implemented.

Building upon Strong Collaboration and Community Engagement

Colorado's recovery planning began in August 2020 with a comprehensive internal process to assess the state needs and continued through June 2021. This process incorporated robust public input and bipartisan bicameral engagement. This intensive outreach formed the framework for the overall SLFRF strategy and plan.

Even before Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act, Colorado was already working to use one-time funding, made available through improved state revenue projections during the pandemic, to help Colorado recover faster and build back stronger. The Bipartisan Colorado Recovery Plan was announced before the American Rescue Plan Act, giving Colorado the opportunity to use ARPA funds for not just recovery and relief but for lasting change. These plans and goals, developed with bipartisan input from lawmakers, community partners across the state, and state agencies, aimed to strengthen the economy and correct disparities that disadvantaged working people, moving towards a system that benefits all Coloradans.

Known as the Colorado Recovery Plan, Colorado's leaders laid out five goals to meet the challenges at handIn the spring of 2021, as one step to help ensure these funds met the needs of Coloradans, Governor Polis collaborated with State Treasurer Young and State House Senate Leadership to convene a series of meetings to hear directly from Coloradans from across the state's diverse communities, industries, and areas of interest on how to best use ARPA funds. Known as the "Building Back Stronger" tour, these meetings gathered input directly from thousands of Coloradans through seven regional meetings, ten audience or industry specific meetings, numerous meetings with state house and senate members, and input gathered online from hundreds more Coloradans.

1 STRENGTHENING SMALL BUSINESSES

2 REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

3 SUPPORTING COLORADO FAMILIES

4 INVESTING IN RURAL COLORADO

5 DEVELOPING OUR WORKFORCE

Based upon this engagement, Colorado's Governor, legislative leaders, and state agencies were able to work together to get bipartisan agreement on splitting the use of SLFRF funds in three major categories:



A common refrain from the listening tour was the opportunity to use this once in a generation funding infusion to make transformational change on the greatest challenges facing our state. Therefore, Colorado developed plans and programs that will use more than a third of the money to confront the most significant challenges facing our state:

1. Tackling our crisis in housing costs;
2. Addressing urgent needs in behavioral health, including mental health and substance abuse disorder; and
3. Investing in the state's people through workforce development, providing Coloradans the skills they need to thrive in the new economy.

As one of the first states to reach this type of consensus, Colorado was able to designate ARPA funds to address the direct impacts of the pandemic, invest in long-standing issues and systemic change, and begin building the systems necessary to ensure the efficacy, sustainability, and performance of all of these critical investments.

In late summer of 2021, four task forces convened to build upon the earlier investments and programs by engaging a diverse array of Coloradans in the development of proposals on how to best maximize

ARPA funding. These task forces convened to study and examine the highest uses for ARPA funds to be appropriated during the 2022 legislative session to address housing costs, mental and behavioral health needs, workforce development resources, and further economic recovery and stimulus.

The Interim Committee Reports are as follows:

1. Student Success & Workforce Revitalization
2. Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force
3. Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force
4. Economic Recovery & Relief Task Force

Based upon continued collaborative work between the Executive and Legislative Branch, Colorado passed 101 bills in 2022 that used either SLFRF or one-time state funding to make investments in Colorado's recovery and future. In 2023, the state built upon this work by passing minor legislative updates, ensuring that Colorado is prepared for the end of these one-time federal funds and working diligently on implementation. In 2024, the refinance allowed the state to ensure that these funds would be used for the purpose intended.

Implementation of Existing Funds

Colorado's Governor has taken a number of steps to support the efficient use of all stimulus funds and to maximize their impact on the state's recovery. To ensure effective coordination across state government agencies, officers, and departments the following steps have been taken:

- Establishing an Office of Economic Recovery to coordinate efforts related to the implementation of stimulus funding including State Stimulus dollars, ARPA, IIJA, and IRA. Critical coordination continues between state agencies, the Office of the State Controller, the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, the Governor's Office of Operations and Cabinet Affairs, and the other Offices of the Governor.
- Hiring staff across the state to support the implementation, tracking, performance, and compliance needs of SLFRF. This includes the hiring of Recovery Officers and program staff to serve in agencies and departments receiving recovery funds who work to ensure programs are coordinated, reviewed for compliance, and are effectively implemented.
- Developing major program area performance goals to ensure the aims of SLFRF and state one-time investments are implemented and tracked across agencies and programs.
- Promoting equity in the development of legislation and implementation of programs.
- Continuing implementation of Colorado's strong evidence-based framework to assess programs.

Major Program Areas Goals

As Colorado has implemented programs, major goals have been tracked across SLFRF and state General Fund investments to ensure a comprehensive strategic vision that allows for the ongoing development and tracking of performance measures. Colorado continues to build out the data infrastructure and processes for larger performance management and the development and implementation of key program area goals allows teams to work with agencies in maximizing the use of these combined funds.

Significant efforts were made during successive legislative sessions to maximize both SLFRF and one-time state funds by ensuring the best funding source was used for each intended purpose. In some cases where SLFRF had been originally used as a funding source for early legislative appropriations, and the SLFRF Final Rule made the program a better fit for state funds, SLFRF was replaced with state general funds in a subsequent legislative session. By having major program goals that related to both SLFRF and state general funds, Colorado maintained a comprehensive vision irrespective of where the funding for these transformative investments originated. In 2023, the state continued to refine these goals and make modifications where necessary and in 2024, a portion of SLFRF funds were refinanced with state dollars to ensure best compliance with SLFRF.

As outlined later in this report, each major program area is associated with particular outputs and outcomes. Based upon this framework, teams will continue to work with agencies to define more specific goals and methods for data collection, analysis, and evaluation.

Based upon the priorities established by Colorado's outreach and policy framework, the major program areas that drive the implementation of SLFRF and one-time State investments are:

1. **Economic Recovery & Resilience:** Investing in the success of critical industries and the recovery from the effects of COVID-19 and resiliency of Colorado's businesses and environment;
2. **Workforce:** Supporting development of in-demand skills and connecting Coloradans to quality employment opportunities;
3. **Public Health & Safety:** Helping vulnerable populations remain healthy by meeting basic needs for food, shelter, safety, and support;
4. **Behavioral & Mental Health:** Ensuring Coloradans have accessible, high quality care to address the impacts of the pandemic on behavioral and mental health;
5. **Affordable Housing:** Revitalizing communities and providing safe, stable housing that Coloradans can afford;
6. **Reducing Homelessness:** Supporting those that are unhoused through immediate and long-term support;
7. **Capacity to Serve Coloradans:** Making infrastructure and process improvements so state systems can deliver needed services more efficiently and effectively; and
8. **Broadband:** Laying the infrastructure needed to provide broadband across the state.

Colorado Forward

Colorado's economy has experienced a robust recovery from the pandemic-induced recession. Measures of both the overall economy and consumer spending show that the economy has recovered from its steep decline during the recession. The state is also entering the phase of ensuring SLFRF investments are used to truly make lasting transformative change and prepare Colorado's economy to maximize other federal investments and create sustaining infrastructure. Colorado will continue to use the opportunities made available by SLFRF, IIJA, IRA, and one-time state funds to solidify its comeback.



III. COLORADO'S CURRENT AND PLANNED USES OF SLFRF

COLORADO'S CURRENT AND PLANNED USES OF SLFRF:

With the announcement of many different sources of stimulus funding over the past three years, Colorado has been strategic and intentional in designing and implementing legislation and investments that leverage both state and federal funds to maximize the impact of funds for those most affected by the pandemic.

Colorado's Executive Branch and Legislative leaders have worked to ensure stimulus funds are invested to provide immediate and short-term benefits for the state's diverse communities and individuals. Additionally, these investments lay the groundwork for long-term systemic change, enhancing the quality and sustainability of underlying governmental systems. These stimulus funds total over $30 billion and have come from a number of sources, including the following:

Total ARPA funding: over $25 billion, The majority of these funds were sent to families, workers, small businesses, and local institutions through direct-to-beneficiary or pass-through programs by the federal government. Estimates of some of the largest programs that made a difference in Coloradans' lives include:

- $7.2 billion for individual stimulus checks;
- $2.4 billion for enhanced unemployment payments;
- $2.3 billion for local city and county aid; and
- $2 billion to expand the child tax credit program.

Direct-to-agency stimulus funds: $3.3 billion, These funds were primarily from ARPA and H.R. 133 (the Consolidated Appropriations Act) and used to fund critical services such as:

- Over $600 million for emergency rent and mortgage payment assistance;
- Nearly $1 billion for continued public health response for pandemic response and prevention measures, including vaccinations, contact tracing, hospital preparedness, and grants to local public health agencies; and
- Nearly $600 million for child care services and stabilization assistance for providers hit hardest by the pandemic.

New infrastructure investment funding from IIJA: estimates up to $10 billion, Colorado has received a significant influx of new funds through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed on November 15, 2021. Funding opportunities through IIJA will continue to be received through September 2026.

- Nationwide, the bill is projected to invest $550 billion in new funding for infrastructure projects around the country over the course of five years, ranging from cleaning up lead and contaminants in water systems, to building new roads and bridges, to expanding national electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Initial estimates showed that Colorado could receive up to $7 billion in new funds from IIJA. As

of June 30, 2024, Colorado is on track to receive over $10 billion total from IIJA, approximately $7 billion of which is considered new funding (funds in new federal programs or increases to historic funding levels in existing programs).

New funding from IRA: The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will result in billions of dollars of federal investment in the state through grants, federally-backed loans, and tax credits. The Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) estimate for Colorado is $6.6 billion, however, the state's analysis indicates the state could attract about three times as much as indicated by CBO if businesses and individuals take advantage of the IRA clean energy tax credits at the pace and scale needed to reach the state's climate goals. The Internal Revenue Service has not provided states with information on the amount of tax credits collected in each state; however, Colorado entities have received almost $800 million in IRA grants and loans as of June 30, 2024. The White House has reported $5 billion in private sector commitments in clean energy manufacturing, clean power, electric vehicle and battery manufacturing as a result of IRA and other federal incentives.

Maximizing IIJA and IRA Investment in Colorado: The Governor's Office of Economic Recovery is supporting state agencies, local governments, Tribes, and other eligible entities to maximize IIJA and IRA funding received in the state. Support includes:

- Project planning technical assistance,
- Grant writing assistance,
- Grant navigation and local capacity building through a network of 14 Regional Grant Navigators,
- Matching funds through the IIJA Cash Fund (for IIJA projects only),
- Strategic coordination across agencies and other stakeholders to apply for priority projects, and,
- Technical assistance to capture IRA tax credits for clean energy projects.

ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF): $3.8 billion, which was allocated for critical response and recovery state programs through legislative appropriation during the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions. The following pages detail further the process and programs used to implement this SLFRF funding.

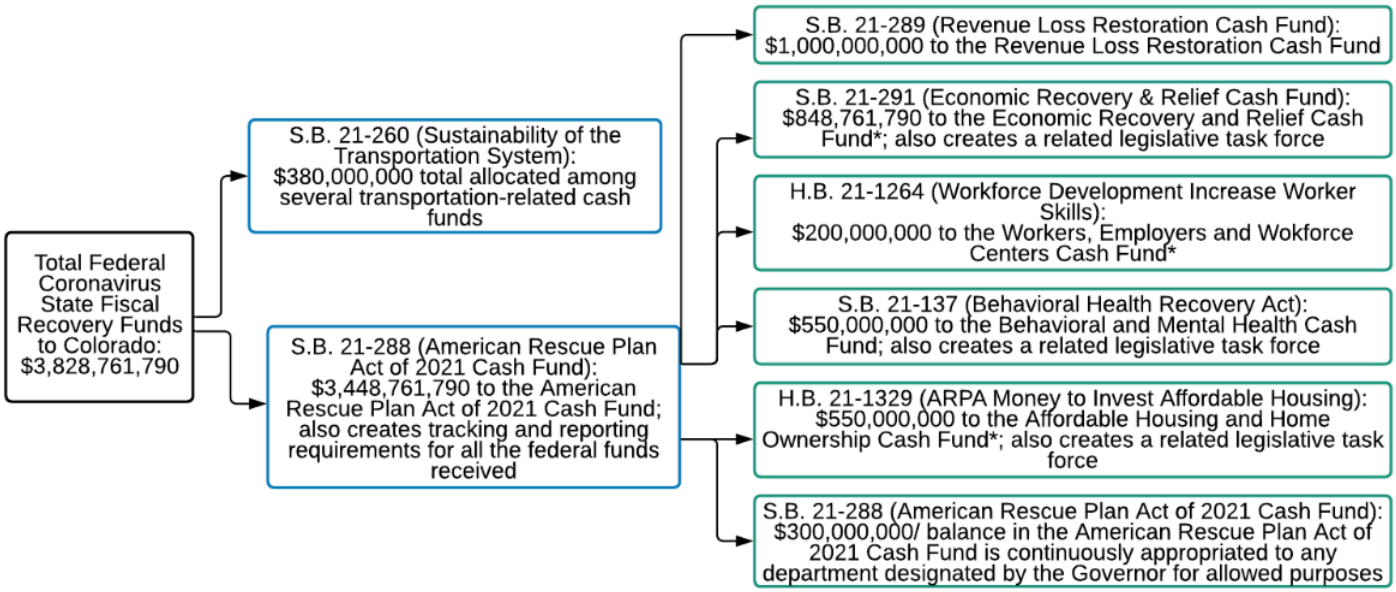
Additional one-time state General Fund: Nearly $1.3 billion, appropriated by the Governor and the General Assembly between Colorado's 2020 special session and the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions, to supplement federal pandemic funding and bolster the Colorado Recovery.

THE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR SLFRF IMPLEMENTATION

During the 2021 regular legislative session, the General Assembly adopted multiple bills that established an overall framework for use of the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund money by transferring the money into cash funds with discrete purposes. For some of the funds, more specific uses were also determined during the 2021 session. Uses for the remainder of the funds were informed by the work of several task forces that were also established through bills adopted during the 2021 legislative session.

The following chart and table shows the initial allocation of all of the federal funds into state cash funds and the creation of the legislative task forces. As shown in the chart, all $3.8 billion of federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds received by Colorado were deposited into cash funds with designated uses during the 2021 legislative session. Funds for SB21-260, Sustainability of the Transportation System, are in a separate cash fund and categorized as "revenue replacement."

Note: One piece of 2022 legislation, HB 22-1411, enacted multiple transfers between the cash funds in order to ensure that sufficient funds were available in each particular cash fund to implement the initial framework and recommended investments. For this reason, the below paragraphs outlining total appropriations from each cash fund may be different than this initial 2021 allocation, but the transfer actions did not change the total ARPA SLFRF funding that was ultimately appropriated.



*State General Fund dollars were also deposited into these three cash funds. The amounts shown include only federal funds deposited.

COLORADO'S INITIAL PLANS FOR SLFRF INVESTMENT & UPDATES ON APPROPRIATIONS

Through the larger bipartisan framework formed between the legislative and executive branches, over the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions Colorado appropriated $3.5 billion of ARPA SLFRF and an additional $1.27 billion of state General Fund to fund strategic one-time investments to help Coloradans complete the Colorado recovery and thrive in new ways. During the 2023 legislative session, an additional $203 million was appropriated or reappropriated, leaving nearly $145 million left for appropriation over the 2024 legislative session. At the conclusion of the 2024 legislative session, all of Colorado's SLFRF was appropriated by the legislature.

Appropriations from these cash funds made over these three legislative sessions include:

$1.4 BILLION

REVENUE LOSS RESTORATION CASH FUND: $1.4 BILLION TO FORTIFY THE STATE BUDGET AND MAINTAINING FISCAL INTEGRITY

During the 2021 legislative session, a target amount of $1 billion of SLFRF funds was set aside to utilize revenue loss provision for the future provision of government services—including General Fund expenses in priority areas such as K-12 education, housing, employee compensation, and environmental sustainability, protecting funding in tight economic times. During the 2022 legislative session, another $366 million was transferred into the Revenue Loss Restoration Cash Fund to fund key state capital projects. By the end of the 2022 legislative session, approximately $657 million had been appropriated for budget integrity, specifically to ensure sufficient funds in future years for unemployment insurance and Colorado's new paid family leave program. During the 2023 legislative session, $203 million was appropriated for use related to budget integrity and capital maintenance projects. During the 2024 legislative session, $20 million was appropriated to emergent critical needs and about $125 million was appropriated to budget integrity.

$370 MILLION

ARPA CASH FUND: $370 MILLION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND OVERSIGHT AND COVID-RELATED PROGRAMS

In the 2021 legislative session, $300 million in SLFRF funding was appropriated for continued support for public health response and ensuring there is proper spending oversight. Recognizing the ongoing nature of the pandemic and the public health impacts on Coloradans, the legislature further transferred another $70 million of SLFRF from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund to this ARPA Cash Fund for ongoing public health response costs.

$579.8 MILLION

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP CASH FUND: $579.8 MILLION

In the 2021 legislative session, $165 million of SLFRF funds were appropriated for transformational investments in housing. In the 2022 legislative session, legislators refinanced some of the already-appropriated and planned ARPA programming as general fund investments in order to ensure compliance with most updated Treasury guidelines for the use of SLFRF funds. This ensured that innovative new housing investments, such as new revolving loan funds, could be implemented in full according to the recommendations put forth by the Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force Interim Committee. Ultimately, between the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions, about $215 million in SLFRF funds and about $365 million in general funds were appropriated for a total of approximately $580 million in transformational housing investments out of the cash fund. Additional housing investments were made outside of the cash fund as a part of one-time general fund investments.

$550 MILLION

BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CASH FUND: $550 MILLION

In the 2021 legislative session, roughly $100 million in strategic investments were made to provide and expand needed behavioral health treatment in communities throughout Colorado, including specific funding for children and youth. Another $444.5 million in additional funding was appropriated or set aside for investments to continue to meet Colorado's ongoing behavioral health needs, bringing total investments to nearly $550 million. The remaining roughly $5.5 million in the cash fund was appropriated to budget integrity uses during the 2024 session.

$748.8 MILLION

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND: $748.8 MILLION

In the 2021 legislative session, roughly $166 million of SLFRF were used for strategic investments to support small business, provide needed assistance to families, ensure broadband access across Colorado, and fortify our public health capacity throughout the state. In the 2022 session, between SLFRF and General Fund dollars, another $583 million was invested for these purposes to help Coloradans continue to not only recover from the pandemic but thrive economically. In the 2023 session, $8 million was reallocated to continue and supplement Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funding.

$240 MILLION

WORKERS, EMPLOYERS, AND WORKFORCE CENTERS CASH FUND: $240 MILLION

In the 2021 legislative session, $145 million was allocated to help students reconnect with their postsecondary options, support innovation in workforce development, and increase funding for existing effective programs that help to connect K-12, higher education, and industry. In the 2022 legislative session, an additional $89 million of SLFRF and $6 million of General Funds were allocated to further invest in supporting people to gain the skills needed for higher wage jobs in the new economy and helping the higher education system adapt to better meet the needs of students and employers wherever and however they are learning and upskilling.

$380 MILLION

ARPA CASH FUND: $380 MILLION ON TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, PARKS AND AGRICULTURE

During the 2021 legislative session, $380 million was invested in Colorado's transportation system to catalyze a modernization of transportation funding that will result in over $5 billion investment in infrastructure over 10 years. In the 2022 legislative session, $36.5 million of these funds were replaced with state General Funds to ensure compliance with federal guidelines.

$847 MILLION

ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME STATE INVESTMENTS: $847 MILLION

Between the 2020 Special Session, 2021 legislative session, and 2022 legislative session, an additional $847 million of General Fund investments were appropriated to complement and expand the recovery programs begun with stimulus dollars from the above ARPA cash funds. These investments focused on priority recovery areas such as shovel-ready key infrastructure projects, clean energy loans, small business loans, and affordable housing. While these funds did not come from the related cash funds, they funded many of the same key program areas.

Refinance and Reappropriation of Portions of SLFRF Projects

To preserve the greatest flexibility and compliance in carrying out the transformative investments made during Colorado's economic recovery, the state reappropriated unspent SLFRF during the 2024 legislative session. Funds from eligible SLFRF expenditures that were not fully used in some projects were reallocated to other projects that could utilize the funds more quickly. The majority of the reappropriation was passed through HB24-1466, Refinance Federal Coronavirus Recovery Funds.

As a part of this process, a portion of some SLFRF projects were refinanced with state general funds, providing Colorado with maximum long-term flexibility for strategic investments in the state while also ensuring compliance with U.S. Treasury's guidance. Colorado's overall framework for recovery investments remains largely unchanged and future reports will detail the change in funding sources for projects after this legislation is enacted.

Overview of SLFRF and State General Funds Balances within ARPA Cash Funds

ARPA CASH FUNDS CREATED IN 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION	INITIAL 2021 SLFRF TRANSFER TO CASH FUND ($M)	CASH FUND INITIAL GENERAL FUND BALANCE AFTER 2022 TRANSFERS ($M)	SLFRF FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN 2021, 2022, 2023, 2023 SPECIAL SESSION & 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS ($M)	GENERAL FUNDS FROM CASH FUND APPROPRIATED IN 2022 INTERIM AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION ($M)
Transportation-Related Cash Funds	$380,000,000	$36,500,000	$343,500,000	$36,500,000
Revenue Loss Restoration Cash Fund (RLR)	$1,000,000,000	$10,000,000	$1,373,957,992	$10,000,000
Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund (ERR)	$848,761,790	$4,478,042	$744,324,618	$4,478,042
Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund (WEWC)	$200,000,000	$7,626,816	$232,373,184	$7,626,816
Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund (BMH)	$550,000,000	$0	$550,000,000	$0
Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund (AHHO)	$550,000,000	$365,394,004	$214,605,996	$365,394,004
Balance in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Cash Fund (ARPA)	$300,000,000	$0	$370,000,000	$0
Other General Fund Stimulus Investments- Not from Cash Fund	N/A	$866,358,600	$0	$866,358,600
TOTAL	**$3,828,761,790**	**$1,290,357,462**	**$3,828,761,790**	**$1,290,357,462**

COLORADO STATE SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY: SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS

In addition to the $3.8 billion in federal SLFRF dollars allocated to Colorado through ARPA, the Governor and the Colorado General Assembly allocated state general fund money for supplementary investments in Colorado's recovery from the pandemic.

Colorado Recovery Plan Implementation

Prior to the passage of ARPA, Colorado had already begun directing one-time state funding toward meeting goals that would accelerate the state's recovery and invest in Colorado's future. These goals guided state General Fund investments of approximately $57 million in the 2020 special legislative session and approximately another $749 million in the 2021 legislative session, for a total of 55 high-impact programs that meet Colorado's recovery needs as identified by the Governor, legislature, state agencies, department leaders, and the people of Colorado.

Known as the Colorado Recovery Plan, Colorado's leaders laid out five goals to meet the challenges at hand:

1. Strengthening small businesses
2. Revitalizing our infrastructure
3. Supporting Colorado families
4. Investing in rural Colorado
5. Developing our workforce

Additional Recovery Focused State General Fund One-Time Investments

In addition to the Colorado Recovery Plan, the Governor and the General Assembly committed state General Fund money in the 2022 legislative session to further expand the scope and impact of SLFRF. Beyond supplementing SLFRF-funded investments, these state funds were used to implement a comprehensive package of one-time investments in budget stabilization, fee relief, workforce development, unemployment insurance, efforts to improve air quality, and capital projects. Some packages are not included in this report because they represent one-time investments aligned with the Governor's priorities rather than a direct expansion of SLFRF-funded projects. Nonetheless, all these state General Fund investments contribute to the health and economic recovery of Colorado communities.

These one-time state investments utilized and expanded upon the existing SLFRF legal framework. Funds were transferred into three SLFRF cash funds: Economic Recovery and Relief; Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers; and Affordable Housing and Home Ownership.

During the 2022 legislative session, a total of $464.5 million in one-time investments were made in SLFRF-related programs. This includes a significant increase in State General Fund money in the Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund to allow for proper functioning of revolving loan funds, which would otherwise be prevented from timeline restrictions on ARPA spending, and replace ARPA funds the Joint Budget Committee redirected towards state capital projects. Note

that some General Funds were used to refinance 2021 stimulus programs originally funded by SLFRF funds, in order to ensure compliance with most updated Treasury guidelines for use of SLFRF funds. Finally, during the 2023 and 2024 legislative sessions, the Governor and the General Assembly continued to add investments of General Fund dollars into key areas that needed additional investments to improve the recovery from the pandemic. This includes rental assistance and eviction protections, rural healthcare provider access, and additional resources to achieve the state's broadband connectivity goal.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT AND PLANNED USES OF FUNDS BY TREASURY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

As Colorado continues to move through the eligibility review process for SLFRF, the expenditure categories may change for many programs to best fit with the US Treasury guidance. The sections below provide an overview of the current and planned uses of SLFRF funds by the major expenditure categories based upon the current understanding.

PUBLIC HEALTH (EC1)

During the pandemic, SLFRF allowed Colorado to fill urgent public health staffing shortages, especially in the overburdened areas of behavioral and primary healthcare. Since then, the state has continued to make considerable investments in hiring and training the workforce necessary to address Colorado's behavioral healthcare needs. Moving forward from pandemic recovery efforts, Colorado is utilizing SLFRF funds to make transformative investments in local public health, victim assistance, and school-based health.

Recent Highlights: *Integrated Care Grants:* In fall 2023, 80 health care providers across Colorado received $29.8 million-worth of grants awarded through Colorado's Healthcare Practice Transformation and Integration program. The goal of this SLFRF funding was to implement or expand integrated behavioral health services, promote whole person care, and enhance access to early intervention tactics. By integrating behavioral health services into primary care, patients can receive seamless and coordinated care, reducing barriers to accessing mental health, substance use disorder treatment and medication assisted treatment. This expansion will allow primary care providers to offer evidence-based behavioral health interventions, such as screening, brief interventions, and referral to specialized services, directly within their practice. By providing these services in a primary care setting, patients can receive timely and appropriate care, improving their overall health outcomes and reducing the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment. Collectively, the clinics and health centers selected to receive funds serve a culturally and geographically diverse population of all ages. Funds will be used to invest in training for primary care providers, expanding the behavioral health workforce, and utilizing innovative technology.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS (EC 2):

While the U.S. economy has bounced back from the pandemic's economic crisis in a multitude of ways, some Coloradans still face the negative economic impacts of the public health crisis. By

supporting businesses, investing in the workforce, and keeping families housed and fed, the state seeks to make a transformative and long-term investment in Colorado's economy. Along with initiatives to make higher education more accessible, the state has appropriated SLFRF funds to workforce development, career advancement, and loan programs. These efforts aim to increase avenues for economic mobility and address the long-standing economic disparities intensified by the pandemic. As a key factor in Colorado's recovery, the state has developed a comprehensive approach to affordable housing, including providing Colorado communities with new incentives and funding to construct affordable homes.

Recent Highlights: *Innovative Housing Initiatives:* From 2021 to 2023, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) awarded 62 communities grants to assess their housing needs and adopt policies and regulations promoting the development of affordable housing through the Innovative Affordable Housing Planning Grant Program (IHOP). The program sought to mitigate the negative economic effects of the pandemic by helping communities form an up-to-date picture of their affordable housing needs. Municipalities, counties, and cities received grant awards ranging from $50,000 to $200,000 to adopt one or more of 15 land use strategies, including updating land use codes, establishing housing authorities, and creating land bank programs. IHOP also encouraged applicants to propose innovative solutions to promote affordable housing in their communities.

PUBLIC HEALTH-NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT: PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY (EC 3):

The effectiveness of public sector systems relies upon the skill and efforts of the public workforce and, increasingly, accessible technology that improves internal government operations and external services. During the pandemic, strategies to recruit and retain personnel were crucial to the state's capacity to serve the public, especially in state mental health institutions and public health facilities. The deployment of efficient administrative systems and digital resources has also played an important role in the state's ability to continue providing government services at a high standard during ordinary circumstances and times of urgency.

Recent Highlights: *Criminal Justice Information System:* In order for incarcerated persons to receive proper care and achieve better health outcomes, county jails need a complete picture of the behavioral, mental, and physical health needs of detained persons. The Colorado Trusted Interoperability Platform (CTIP) aims to facilitate the sharing of health, demographic, and safety/security status information among Colorado's county jails. This will be accomplished by integrating county jails into the Colorado Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CICJIS). CTIP will also improve statutory reporting requirement protocols for jails to promote jail data standardization and reporting consistency. The project, which is currently in development, uses SLFRF to substantially expand upon a pilot program funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2019.

PREMIUM PAY (EC 4):

All programs under this expenditure category completed their spending by June 30, 2022 and are therefore not included in this year's annual report.

WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE (EC 5)

The majority of Colorado's SLFRF investments in this expenditure category have centered on broadband infrastructure. Broadband access not only yields economic benefits but enhances a community's quality of life. Telehealth, remote work, and online education all require high-speed and consistent internet connections. Colorado's rugged terrain has often made it difficult to provide rural areas with reliable internet access. Today, SLFRF funding has enabled the Colorado Broadband Office to support reliable, high-speed internet access to residents in local areas and to pursue the goal to connect 99% of Colorado households to high-speed broadband by 2027.

Recent Highlights: *Colorado Broadband Office:* HB21-1289 appropriated funds to the Colorado Broadband Office to award grants that support broadband infrastructure development throughout Colorado. The bill includes: the Digital Inclusion Grant Program to increase broadband access, speeds, reliability, and affordability to one or more Indian tribes or nations for deploying infrastructure and devices and to one or more providers of telehealth services; the Interconnectivity Grant Program to award funding to local governments for projects focused on regional broadband infrastructure needs; and the Broadband Stimulus Grant Program to make grants for the deployment of broadband service in unserved areas of the state. Funded projects support deploying broadband to over 8,500 underserved locations and an additional 3,200 tribal households.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT (EC 6):

According to the methodology established by the US Treasury for determining the amount of revenue states lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, Colorado is estimated to have lost about $3.69 billion in revenue during the calendar years 2020 and 2021. The ability to categorize SLFRF funds up to this amount as "Revenue Replacement" provides flexibility concerning required reporting and the allowable use of funds toward government services.

The $3.69 billion estimate of lost revenue is similar to the $3.83 billion in total SLFRF that the state received. The state continues to match most SLFRF programs with other expenditure categories. As implementation of these programs proceeds and eligibility and expenditure processes evolve, expenditure categories are subject to change.

Core categories of Colorado's work under Revenue Replacement includes supporting staff to manage the oversight of ARPA, IIJA, and other stimulus funds, critical transportation projects, water infrastructure, and investments to stabilize the state budget and prevent cuts to crucial areas.

Recent Highlights: *Strategic Wildfire Action Program:* In 2020, Colorado not only faced the threat of COVID-19, but a devastating and drawn out wildfire season with the three largest wildfires in the state's history. Fire suppression efforts cost more than $200 million that year, and more recent years of wildfires have caused damages that eclipsed that amount. In response, the state formed the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP). One of COSWAP's grant programs funds forestry and wildfire mitigation workforce training, while the other makes targeted investments in landscape-scale fuels mitigation projects. Two million dollars in SLFRF funds were allocated in 2023 to COSWAP's second grant program, the Landscape Resilience Investment. By reducing hazardous fuels adjacent to communities and critical infrastructure, the funds will save lives and money from being lost to wildfires.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED BY MAJOR PROGRAM AREA (INCLUDING RELATED STATE INVESTMENTS)

Due to Colorado's deployment of SLFRF alongside one-time state investments, the tables below outline important programs organized by major program area goals: Economic Recovery & Resilience, Workforce, Public Health, Behavioral & Mental Health, Affordable Housing, Reducing Homelessness, Capacity to Serve Coloradans, and Broadband.

Note 1: Projects marked with an asterisk (*) had a portion of their allocation subsequently reduced through HB24-1196, HB24-1203 & HB24-1465. This table reflects the revised allocations after these reductions.

Note 2: Projects marked with a double asterisk (**) ended and reverted the unspent portion of their allocation totaling to $12.42 in reverted funds that were recently reallocated in HB24-1466. This table does not remove these reverted funds from a project's original allocation, and therefore may appear twice in this table.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE			
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION		APPROPRIATED AMOUNT	
BILL	SHORT DESCRIPTION	ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)	STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)
HB21-1260	State Water Plan Projects	$0.00	$20.00
HB21-1263	Incentivize Events and Conferences	$0.00	$10.00
HB21-1265	Restaurant Sales Tax Relief	$0.00	$0.10
HB21-1285	Arts Relief	$0.00	$17.00
HB21-1285	Film Incentives	$0.00	$6.00
HB21-1288	Colorado Startup Loan Fund	$0.00	$31.40
HB21-1288	Colorado Startup Loan Program Technical Assistance	$0.00	$10.00
HB21-1302	Small Business Loans	$0.00	$15.00
HB21-1326	Keep Colorado Wild Pass and the Outdoor Equity Fund	$0.00	$22.80
HB21-1330	Student Aid Application Completion	$1.50	$0.00
HB22-1259	Basic Cash Assistance Increase for Colorado Works Households	$20.43	$0.00
HB22-1356	Small Community-Based Nonprofit Grant Program	$35.00	$0.00
HB22-1379	Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP)	$2.00	$0.00
HB22-1379	Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities (HFVC) Fund	$3.00	$0.00

HB22-1379	Technical Assistance for Federal Water Project Grants	$5.00	$0.00
HB22-1379	Watershed Restoration and Flood Mitigation Grants	$10.00	$0.00
HB22-1380	Community Food Access Program	$8.00	$0.00
HB22-1380	Expanding Capacity for "Double-Up Food Bucks"	$1.00	$0.00
HB22-1409	Round 3: Community Revitalization Grant Program	$0.00	$19.28
SB20B-001	Funding to Locals to Offset Retail Food Establishment License Fees Losses	$0.00	$6.80
SB21-042	Advanced Industry Grant Program	$0.00	$10.00
SB21-042	OEDIT Strategic Fund	$0.00	$15.00
SB21-054	Transfers for Wildfire Mitigation and Response	$0.00	$10.00
SB21-111	MTCF Marijuana Entrepreneurship Program	$0.00	$4.00
SB21-203	Funding for Colorado Proud	$0.00	$2.50
SB21-229	Rural Jump Start	$0.00	$3.00
SB21-230	Building Benchmarking	$0.00	$2.25
SB21-230	Charge Ahead Grants	$0.00	$5.00
SB21-230	CO Clean Energy Fund Transfer (Loans)	$0.00	$25.00
SB21-230	CO Clean Energy Fund Transfer (Operations)	$0.00	$5.00
SB21-230	Colorado New Energy Improvement Districts	$0.00	$0.75
SB21-230	Residential Energy Upgrade (RENU) Loan Program	$0.00	$2.00
SB21-231	Weatherization and Resiliency Grants	$0.00	$3.00
SB21-235	Agricultural Sector Focused Renewable Energy and Efficiency Program/Soil Health	$0.00	$5.00
SB21-236	Childcare Business Support	$0.00	$8.80
SB21-240	Watershed Restoration Grant Program	$0.00	$30.00
SB21-241	Small Business Accelerated Growth Program	$0.00	$1.70
SB21-242	Direct Assistance to Undocumented Individuals	$0.00	$15.00
SB21-248	Loan Program For Colorado Agriculture	$0.00	$30.00
SB21-252	Round 2: Community Revitalization Grant Program	$0.00	$65.00
SB21-258	Wildfire Recovery and Risk Mitigation Grants	$0.00	$25.00
SB21-260	Front Range Passenger Rail District	$14.50	$0.00
SB21-260	Revitalizing Mainstreets	$22.16	$0.00
SB21-260	State Highway Fund: Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects	$159.50	$0.00
SB21-260	Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options (MMOF)	$146.84	$0.00

SB21-288	Round 1: CTC/EITC Outreach - Prevention Services Division	$1.16	$0.00
SB21-288	Consulting Services	$0.42	$0.00
SB21-291	SBDC Small Business Technical Assistance	$7.80	$0.00
SB21-291	Strategic Fund - Colorado Community Revitalization Grant (CCRG)	$16.50	$0.00
SB21-291	Strategic Fund - Outdoor Industry Impact Fund: Small Business	$1.20	$0.00
SB21-291	Strategic Fund - Outdoor Industry Impact Fund: Non-Profit	$0.80	$0.00
SB21-291	Strategic Fund - Travel Tourism and Hospitality Industry	$8.70	$0.00
SB21-291	Strategic Fund - Community Business Preservation Program	$1.07	$0.00
SB21-292	Round 1: Local VALE Fund Grant Program (Non-Profit Victim Assistance)**	$2.00	$0.00
SB21-292	Additional Funding to Anti-Domestic Violence Organizations	$0.70	$0.00
SB22-028	Groundwater Sustainability in Rio Grande and Republican River Basins	$60.00	$0.00
SB22-182	Economic Mobility Program	$0.00	$0.17
SB22-182	Round 2: CTC/EITC Outreach - Prevention Services Division	$1.94	$0.00
SB22-182	Round 3: CTC/EITC Outreach - Prevention Services Division	$1.85	$0.00
SB22-182	Round 4: CTC/EITC Outreach - Prevention Services Division	$0.20	$0.00
SB22-183	Round 2 - Additional Funding to Anti-Domestic Violence Organizations	$1.49	$0.00
SB22-183	Round 2: Local VALE Fund Grant Program (Non-Profit Victim Assistance)	$1.83	$0.00
SB22-213	Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program	$16.00	$0.00
SB22-213	Employer Based Child Care	$10.00	$0.00
SB22-234	Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund (UITF)	$600.00	$0.00
	TOTAL	**$1,162.61**	**$426.55**

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: WORKFORCE			
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION		APPROPRIATED AMOUNT	
BILL	SHORT DESCRIPTION	ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)	STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)
HB21-1104	Educator Licensure Fees	$0.00	$2.90
HB21-1149	Energy Career Pathways	$0.00	$0.48
HB21-1149	SPARC Energy Career Pathways	$0.00	$4.50
HB21-1215	Expansion Of Justice Crime Prevention Initiative	$0.00	$3.50
HB21-1264	Workforce Innovation Act: Local Workforce Areas - Rural Un/Underbanked Services	$0.25	$0.00
HB21-1264	Workforce Innovation Act: Business and Industry Support	$4.92	$0.00
HB21-1264	Work Force Innovation Act: Local Workforce Areas	$17.25	$0.00
HB21-1264	Work Force Innovation Act: Administration and Evaluation	$4.20	$0.00
HB21-1264	Work Force Innovation Act: Coaching Collaborative	$6.00	$0.00
HB21-1264	Work Force Innovation Act: Non-Profit Provided Training	$1.05	$0.00
HB21-1264	Workforce Innovation Act: Capacity Building	$1.33	$0.00
HB21-1264	Investments in Reskilling Upskilling and Next-Skilling Workers Program	$25.00	$0.00
HB21-1264	Adult Education and Literacy Grant Program	$5.00	$0.00
HB21-1264	Career and Technical Education	$10.00	$0.00
HB21-1290	Just Transition/Rural Economic Diversification	$0.00	$15.00
HB21-1330	Colorado Opp. Scholarship- Finish What You Started*	$35.85	$0.00
HB21-1330	Colorado Opp. Scholarship- Finish What You Started (Alt. Eligibility)	$3.15	$0.00
HB21-1330	Re-engaged Initiative and Associate Degree	$1.00	$0.00
HB22-1220	Removing Barriers To Educator Preparation	$52.00	$0.00
HB22-1259	Expanding Colorado Works Subsidized Training and Employment Program	$3.50	$0.00
HB22-1281	Substance Use Workforce Stability Grant Program	$15.00	$0.00
HB22-1349	Postsecondary Student Success Data System	$0.00	$3.00

HB22-1350	Regional Talent Development Initiative Grant Program ("Opportunity Now")	$89.12	$0.00
HB22-1350	Regional Talent Development Initiative Grant Program ("Opportunity Now") GF	$0.00	$1.88
HB22-1366	Improving Students' Postsecondary Options - CDE	$0.00	$1.63
HB22-1366	Improving Students' Postsecondary Options - Financial Literacy Tool Development	$0.00	$1.00
HB22-1366	Improving Students' Postsecondary Options - Financial Literacy Training	$0.00	$0.25
SB21-137	Behavioral Health Workforce Development Program	$16.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Behavioral Health Workforce Development Program: Capacity Grants	$2.00	$0.00
SB21-232	Colorado Opp. Scholarship- Displaced Workers Grant*	$13.84	$0.00
SB21-232	Colorado Opp. Scholarship- Displaced Workers Grant (Alt. Eligibility)	$0.50	$0.00
SB21-268	Career Development Success Program	$0.00	$1.75
SB21-268	Concurrent Enrollment Expansion and Innovation Grant Program**	$1.75	$0.00
SB21-288	Postsecondary Credential for Disproportionately Impacted Students Administration	$0.69	$0.00
SB21-291	Strategic Fund - Workforce Resilience Training Assistance	$3.00	$0.00
SB22-181	Behavioral Health Workforce Credential Pathways	$15.19	$0.00
SB22-181	Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Behavioral Health Aide Program*	$2.02	$0.00
SB22-181	Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Peer Support Professionals	$5.93	$0.00
SB22-181	Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Innovative Recruitment & Retention Grants	$4.76	$0.00
SB22-181	Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Workforce Expansion	$17.53	$0.00
SB22-192	Opportunities For Credential Attainment-Adult Education/Literacy Grant Program	$0.00	$0.80
SB22-192	Opportunities For Credential Attainment - Nondegree Credential Programs	$0.00	$1.80
SB22-192	Opportunities For Credential Attainment - Credentials to Support CO Jobs	$0.00	$1.00
SB22-213	Family Friends and Neighbors Support Program	$7.50	$0.00

SB22-213	Early Care Recruitment and Retention Program	$15.00	$0.00
SB22-226	Healthcare Workforce: In-Demand Short Term Credentials	$26.00	$0.00
SB22-226	Healthcare Workforce Resilience and Retention	$2.00	$0.00
SB22-226	Healthcare Workforce - Practice-Based Education Grant Program	$20.00	$0.00
	TOTAL	**$428.32**	**$39.48**

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY			
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION		**APPROPRIATED AMOUNT**	
BILL	**SHORT DESCRIPTION**	**ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)**	**STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)**
HB20B-1003	Food Pantry Assistance Grant**	$0.00	$0.00
HB21-1270	SNAP Employment and Training	$0.00	$0.00
HB22-1283	In-Home and Residential Respite Care Services for Foster Care Children and Youth*	$3.83	$3.83
HB22-1411	Round 2: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: COVID-19 Vaccination	$14.97	$14.97
HB22-1411	Round 2: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: Other COVID-19 PH Expenses	$13.82	$13.82
HB22-1411	Round 3: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: COVID-19 Testing	$41.20	$41.20
SB21-027	Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program	$5.00	$5.00
SB21-137	Community Mental Health Centers- COVID 19 Mental Health Services**	$2.60	$2.60
SB21-137	Community Mental Health Centers- COVID 19 PPE**	$0.65	$0.65
SB21-137	HIV and AIDS Prevention Grant Program - ARPA	$2.00	$2.00
SB21-202	BEST Air Quality Improvement Grant Projects	$0.00	$0.00
SB21-243	Disease Control and Public Health Response Administration and Staffing	$9.24	$9.24
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Child Care	$0.00	$0.00
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Community Health	$0.01	$0.01
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Food Program	$0.02	$0.02

SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Healthy Child Home Visit	$0.02	$0.02
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Medical Expenses	$0.02	$0.02
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Other COVID-19 PH Expenses	$1.53	$1.53
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Other Services	$2.17	$2.17
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: PPE	$0.05	$0.05
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Premium Pay	$0.38	$0.38
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Social Determinants of Health	$0.04	$0.04
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Substance Use	$0.02	$0.02
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Testing	$0.17	$0.17
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Tracing	$0.16	$0.16
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Vaccination	$0.73	$0.73
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Water Filtration	$0.01	$0.01
SB21-288	Alternative Care Staffing Surge	$6.83	$6.83
SB21-288	COVID-19 Testing Lab Certification - Health Facilities and Emergency Medical	$0.14	$0.14
SB21-288	Denver Health Services	$4.00	$4.00
SB21-288	Flu Vaccines for Low-Income Coloradans	$0.58	$0.58
SB21-288	Medicaid Member Immunization Effort	$0.28	$0.28
SB21-288	Mpox Public Health Response	$2.90	$2.90
SB21-288	Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Response to COVID	$1.00	$1.00
SB21-288	Round 1: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: COVID-19 Testing	$63.90	$63.90
SB21-288	Round 1: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: COVID-19 Vaccination	$20.62	$20.62
SB21-288	Round 1: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: Other PH Expenses	$18.89	$18.89
SB21-288	SERVE Colorado/AmeriCorps Healthcare Staffing Surge	$3.37	$3.37

SB21-288	State Employee COVID-19 Testing - Administration Funds	$0.90	$0.90
SB21-290	Security For Colorado Seniors	$0.00	$0.00
SB21-292	Address Confidentiality Program Participant Data Removal	$0.50	$0.50
SB21-292	Crime Victim Compensation Funding	$1.50	$1.50
SB21-292	Domestic Abuse Program Enhance the Safety of Survivor's Animal Companions	$0.10	$0.10
SB21-292	Family Violence Justice Fund Grant Program**	$0.75	$0.75
SB21-292	Forensic Nurse Examiner Telehealth Program**	$3.00	$3.00
SB21-292	Funding to Gendered-Based Violence/Anti-Sexual Assault Organizations	$0.76	$0.76
SB21-292	Round 1 - Flexible Financial Assistance for Survivors of Domestic Violence	$3.19	$3.19
SB21-292	Round 1: Local VALE Fund Grant Program (Local Gov Victim Assistance)**	$1.00	$1.00
SB21-292	State Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Funding	$1.50	$1.50
SB22-147	Round 2: School-Based Health Centers: Other	$1.50	$1.50
SB22-183	ACRTI Training and Technical Assistance for Advocacy Service Network	$0.39	$0.39
SB22-183	Crime Victim Service Funding - ARPA	$32.00	$32.00
SB22-183	Crime Victim Service Funding - GF	$0.00	$0.00
SB22-183	Crime Victims Services: Community Crime Victims Grant Program	$0.00	$0.00
SB22-183	Round 2 - Flexible Financial Assistance for Survivors of Domestic Violence	$3.62	$3.62
SB22-183	Round 2: Local VALE Fund Grant Program (Local Gov Victim Assistance)	$1.17	$1.17
SB22-200	Rural Healthcare Provider Expanded Access	$10.00	$10.00
SB22-213	Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters - HIPPY Program	$1.00	$1.00
SB22-226	Healthcare Workforce Recruitment and Re-engagement Effort*	$6.12	$6.12
SB22-226	Health Workforce School Nurse Grant Program	$3.00	$3.00
SB23-214	Rural Healthcare Provider Expanded Access (GF)	$0.00	$0.00
	TOTAL	**$293.16**	**$293.16**

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH			
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION		APPROPRIATED AMOUNT	
BILL	SHORT DESCRIPTION	ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)	STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)
HB21-1258	Mental Health Screenings in Schools	$0.00	$9.00
HB22-1243	Rapid Mental Health Response for Colorado Youth (I Matter)*	$4.28	$0.00
HB22-1243	Rapid Mental Health Response (I Matter) - Awareness Campaign*	$1.27	$0.00
HB22-1243	Round 2: Behavioral Health Care Professional Matching Grant Program	$2.00	$0.00
HB22-1281	Behavioral Health Continuum Gap Community Investment Grants	$35.00	$0.00
HB22-1281	Behavioral Health Continuum Gap Community Investment Grants (GF)	$0.00	$4.00
HB22-1281	Children Youth and Family Behavioral Health Services Grants	$40.00	$0.00
HB22-1283	Neuro-psych Facility at Fort Logan	$35.54	$0.00
HB22-1283	Residential Substance Use Treatment Beds for Children and Youth	$5.00	$0.00
HB22-1283	Round 2 - Crisis System for Colorado Residents	$2.50	$0.00
HB22-1302	Healthcare Practice Transformation & Integration	$34.75	$0.00
HB22-1302	Regional Health Connector Workforce Program	$0.25	$0.00
HB22-1303	Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds - Contract Beds*	$11.19	$0.00
HB22-1303	Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds - Fort Logan*	$7.36	$0.00
HB22-1303	Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds - State Residential Facilities*	$6.62	$0.00
HB22-1326	Fentanyl Test Strips for Rural and Marginalized Communities	$0.30	$0.00
HB22-1326	Harm Reduction Grant Program	$6.00	$0.00
HB22-1326	Round 3: Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund	$19.70	$0.00
HB22-1326	Technical Assistance to Jails for Medication-Assisted Treatment	$3.00	$0.00
HB22-1369	Children's Mental Health Programs	$2.00	$0.00
HB22-1386	Adams County Facility Renovation Feasibility Study	$0.80	$0.00

HB22-1386	Round 2: CDHS Competency Beds Allocation (Contracted)	$28.56	$0.00
HB23-1153	Behavioral Health Care Feasibility Study	$0.14	$0.00
SB21-137	Behavioral Health Statewide Care Coordination Infrastructure	$26.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Community Mental Health Centers- School Aged Children	$2.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Community Transition Services for Guardianship**	$0.50	$0.00
SB21-137	County-Based Behavioral Grant Program**	$8.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Crisis System for Colorado Residents**	$5.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (ECMH) Evaluation**	$0.50	$0.00
SB21-137	Health-Care Professionals Training on Opioid Risks and Alternatives**	$1.00	$0.00
SB21-137	High-Risk Families Cash Fund	$3.00	$0.00
SB21-137	HIV and AIDS Prevention Grant Program - CO Recovery	$0.00	$0.50
SB21-137	Incentives and Support for Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)	$0.63	$0.00
SB21-137	Jail Based Behavioral Health Services**	$5.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Managed Service Organization: Substance Abuse	$10.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Mental Health Awareness Campaign	$1.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Mental Health First Aid- Colorado Behavioral Health Council	$0.00	$0.25
SB21-137	Behavioral Health Treatment for Children, Youth, and their Families	$1.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Regional Health Connector Support for Behavioral Health Recovery (Mental Health)	$0.33	$0.00
SB21-137	Regional Health Connector Support for Behavioral Health Recovery (Other COVID-19)	$0.33	$0.00
SB21-137	Regional Health Connector Support for Behavioral Health Recovery (Substance Use)	$0.33	$0.00
SB21-137	Residential Placement for Youth with High Acuity Needs**	$5.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Round 1: Mental Health Services Corps and Scholarships for Addiction Counselors	$1.70	$0.00
SB21-137	Round 1: Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund	$1.00	$0.00
SB21-137	San Miguel County-Based Behavioral Grant Program**	$1.00	$0.00
SB21-137	Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Program**	$0.25	$0.00

SB21-137	School-based Health Centers: Mental Health Services	$0.23	$0.00
SB21-137	School-based Health Centers: Other	$0.81	$0.00
SB21-137	School-based Health Centers: Testing	$0.10	$0.00
SB21-137	School-based Health Centers: Vaccination	$0.06	$0.00
SB21-137	Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Children/Youth/ Families**	$1.00	$0.00
SB21-239	Mental Health Hotline	$0.00	$1.00
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Mental Health Services	$0.17	$0.00
SB21-288	ARPA Residential Youth Beds	$11.89	$0.00
SB21-288	Electronic Medical Record Systems (EMRS) Hosting	$0.08	$0.00
SB21-288	Round 1: CDHS Competency Beds Allocation (Contracted)	$26.95	$0.00
SB21-288	Round 2: Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund	$1.81	$0.00
SB22-147	Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation and Access Program	$4.60	$0.00
SB22-147	Round 1: Behavioral Health Care Professional Matching Grant Program	$5.00	$0.00
SB22-148	Colorado Land-Based Tribe Behavioral Health Services Grant Program	$5.00	$0.00
SB22-177	Round 2: Care Coordination Infrastructure	$12.20	$0.00
SB22-181	Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Learning Academy	$4.86	$0.00
SB22-181	Round 2: Mental Health Service Corps and Scholarships for Addiction Counselors	$20.00	$0.00
SB22-196	Criminal Justice Intervention Detection & Redirection Grant Program	$50.70	$0.00
SB22-196	Expand Medication Assisted Treatment in Prisons	$3.00	$0.00
SB22-196	Pretrial Adult Diversification Program	$4.00	$0.00
SB22-196	Round 1: Integrated Criminal Justice Information (CICJIS) Linking Project	$3.50	$0.00
SB23-214	Round 2: Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CICJIS) Linking Project	$2.27	$0.00
	TOTAL	**$478.05**	**$14.75**

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: AFFORDABLE HOUSING			
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION		APPROPRIATED AMOUNT	
BILL	SHORT DESCRIPTION	ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)	STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)
HB21-1253	RENEW Grant for Local Governments	$0.00	$5.00
HB21-1271	Affordable Housing Development Incentives Grant Program	$31.30	$0.00
HB21-1271	Affordable Housing Incentive and Planning Grant Programs (GF)	$0.00	$11.40
HB21-1271	Local Government Planning Grant Program	$3.70	$0.00
HB21-1329	Affordable Housing Investments	$0.00	$98.50
HB21-1329	Eviction Legal Defense Fund Grant Program**	$1.50	$0.00
HB22-1282	Innovative Housing Incentive Grants and Loans Program	$0.00	$40.00
HB22-1304	Infrastructure and Strong Communities Grant Program	$40.00	$0.00
HB22-1304	State Grants for Investment in Affordable Housing	$138.00	$0.00
SB21-204	Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grants	$0.00	$5.00
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Housing Support	$0.02	$0.00
SB21-252	Innovative Housing and Community Revitalization	$0.00	$7.00
SB22-146	Middle Income Access Program	$0.00	$25.00
SB22-159	Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund	$0.00	$150.00
SB22-160	Revolving Loan Program for Mobile Home Park Acquisition	$0.00	$35.00
	TOTAL	**$214.52**	**$376.90**

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: REDUCING HOMELESSNESS			
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION		APPROPRIATED AMOUNT	
BILL	SHORT DESCRIPTION	ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)	STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)
HB22-1377	Homelessness Response Grant Program	$105.00	$0.00
HB22-1378	Denver-Metro Regional Navigation Campus Grant	$50.00	$0.00
HB23B-1001	Special Session Emergency Rental Assistance Program (GF)	$0.00	$15.10
HB23B-1001	Special Session Emergency Rental Assistance Program (SLFRF)	$14.90	$0.00
HB24-1197	Migrant Housing & Legal Assistance	$4.93	$0.00
SB21-242	Hotels Tenancy Support: Acquisition Fund-Admin	$0.11	$0.00

SB21-242	Housing Development Grants Hotels Tenancy Support Program	$0.00	$29.89
SB21-288	Migrant Assistance Contracted Services	$4.23	$0.00
SB21-288	Migrant NGO Services	$10.11	$0.00
SB21-288	Migrant Stable Housing Support	$0.67	$0.00
SB21-288	Migrant Support Coordination - Medical Financial Services	$0.30	$0.00
SB22-211	Repurpose of the Ridge View Campus for Homelessness Response	$45.00	$0.00
	TOTAL	**$235.24**	**$44.99**

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: CAPACITY TO SERVE COLORADANS			
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION		**APPROPRIATED AMOUNT**	
BILL	**SHORT DESCRIPTION**	**ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)**	**STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)**
HB21-1262	Support of Stock Show and State Fair	$0.04	$0.00
HB22-1133	Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund (FAMLI)*	$1.04	$0.00
HB22-1176, HB22-1329, SB23-214	Judicial Department Recovery Officer	$4.52	$0.00
HB22-1259	Colorado Benefits Management System Operating Expenses	$1.79	$0.00
HB22-1329	IT Capital Fund Projects	$2.62	$0.00
HB22-1329	Round 1: Division of Human Resources Stimulus Staffing (FY 2022-23)**	$6.05	$0.00
HB22-1329	Round 1: State Capital Facilities Project Funding*	$1.65	$0.00
HB22-1329	State IT Infrastructure Upgrades	$1.61	$0.00
HB22-1352	Stockpile For Declared Disaster Emergencies**	$0.26	$0.00
HB22-1380	Joint Agency Interoperability Program: Work Management System Project	$0.15	$0.00
HB22-1380	LEAP / CBMS Data System Interface	$1.22	$0.00
HB24-1466	Department of Corrections Personal Services for FY 2023-24	$2.25	$0.00
SB21-110	Revitalizing Main Street (to State Highway Fund)	$3.92	$0.00

SB21-112	Access to State Parks	$2.33	$0.00
SB21-137	Behavioral Health Ombudsman	$2.15	$0.00
SB21-234	Investments in Drought Response	$4.06	$0.00
SB21-243	Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Payroll**	$0.08	$0.00
SB21-260	Burnham Yard Rail Development	$8.50	$0.00
SB21-260	Clean Fleet Enterprise	$1.34	$0.00
SB21-260	Highway Users Tax Fund Distribution	$8.98	$0.00
SB21-260	Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects FASTER Safety Backfill COPs	$0.05	$0.00
SB21-288	Administration of Non Entitlement Unit of Local Government (NEU's)	$1.35	$0.00
SB21-288	ARPA Administration Costs	$8.49	$0.00
SB21-288	ARPA Investment Fund Management	$2.52	$0.00
SB21-288	Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo Administrative Staff	$1.04	$0.00
SB21-288	Colorado Mental Health Institute Pueblo (CMHIP) Operating Funding	$0.13	$0.00
SB21-288	Colorado Mobile Drivers License System	$10.24	$0.00
SB21-288	Correctional Staffing: Hiring and Retention Support Program	$0.73	$0.00
SB21-288	Court Video Appearances Technology and Staffing	$0.00	$35.50
SB21-288	Department of Corrections Staff Shortage + Booster Incentives	$57.00	$0.00
SB21-288	Department of Human Services Booster Incentives	$0.13	$0.00
SB21-288	Department of Human Services: Staffing and Retention Efforts	$1.07	$0.00
SB21-288	DMV Programming Backlog Reduction	$0.29	$0.00
SB21-288	Finance System Integration- MYUI Reporting Functionality	$33.32	$0.00
SB21-288	Local Affairs Recovery/ARPA Administrative Funds	$1.88	$0.00
SB21-288	Migrant Coordination - Office of New Americans	$3.00	$0.00
SB21-288	myColorado COVID Response Initiatives	$2.00	$0.00
SB21-288	OEDIT Recovery Administration	$0.00	$20.00

SB21-288	Office of the State Controller ARPA - Administration Expenses	$350.39	$0.00
SB21-288	Office of the State Controller ARPA - Compliance Expenses	$15.56	$0.00
SB21-288	Private Prison Retention Bonuses	$0.30	$0.00
SB21-288	Recovery and Infrastructure Administrative Support - Governor's Office	$0.00	$3.00
SB21-288	Recovery and Infrastructure Administrative Support - Operations	$2.17	$0.00
SB21-288	Recovery and Infrastructure Administrative Support - OSPB	$0.38	$0.00
SB21-288	Recruitment and Retention Efforts at CDHS 24/7 Facilities	$0.50	$0.00
SB21-288	Reporting Coordination - Funding for Term Limited Position	$0.00	$36.50
SB21-288	Round 1: Recovery Officers Administrative Costs	$0.00	$30.00
SB21-288	Round 2: Recovery Officers Administrative Costs	$0.00	$170.00
SB21-288	Statewide Training and Skills Based Hiring Administration	$0.00	$1.70
SB21-288	Taxation Division Customer Service Enhancement	$0.93	$0.00
SB21-291	Strategic Fund - Data System Modernization	$0.29	$0.00
SB23-214	Department of Human Services Revenue Replacement for FY 2023-24	$41.08	$0.00
SB23-214	Department of Local Affairs Revenue Replacement for FY 2023-24	$1.88	$0.00
SB23-214	Department of Public Health and Environment Revenue Replacement for FY 2023-24*	$130.38	$0.00
SB23-214	Round 2: Division of Human Resources Stimulus Staffing (FY 2023-24)	$24.39	$0.00
SB23-214	Round 2: State Capital Facilities Project Funding	$5.00	$0.00
SB23-214	Round 2: Stockpile for Declared Disaster	$1.88	$0.00
	TOTAL	**$960.19**	**$296.70**

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: BROADBAND	
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION	**APPROPRIATED AMOUNT**

BILL	SHORT DESCRIPTION	ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)	STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)
HB21-1289	Broadband Deployment Board-Last Mile	$30.29	$0.00
HB21-1289	Broadband Deployment Board-Last Mile: RDOF Overlap Projects	$4.71	$0.00
HB21-1289	Broadband Grants to Tribes	$20.00	$0.00
HB21-1289	Broadband Investments - Middle Mile	$5.00	$0.00
HB21-1289	Rural Health Facilities Broadband Infrastructure (Telehealth Grants)	$6.51	$0.00
HB21-1289	Statewide Digital Inclusion Survey	$0.49	$0.00
SB21-288	Broadband Mapping and Administration	$1.11	$0.00
	TOTAL	**$37.82**	**$0.00**

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA: EDUCATION			
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION		APPROPRIATED AMOUNT	
BILL	SHORT DESCRIPTION	ARPA SLFRF TOTAL ($M)	STATE GENERAL FUND TOTAL ($M)
HB20B-1002	Childcare Grants for Quality and Improved Availability	$0.00	$45.00
HB21-1234	High Impact Tutoring Program	$0.00	$4.98
	TOTAL	**$0.00**	**$49.98**



IV. MOVING COLORADO'S COMEBACK FORWARD: IMPLEMENTATION

Colorado continues to move boldly forward. As the state proceeds to implement stimulus funds and strive toward a better future for Coloradans, processes are refined to ensure that funds are effectively managed and achieve intended outcomes.

OVERSIGHT TO DRIVE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

When designing Colorado's approach to pandemic recovery, the state built upon existing infrastructure in addition to creating new capacity to effectively manage and coordinate recovery efforts. The state's strategy has included governance from the State Controller and various offices within the Governor's Office, as well as the creation of a Recovery Office charged to coordinate Colorado's larger recovery efforts.

The Office of Economic Recovery utilizes a unique model to ensure that Colorado creates and implements economic policies and programs that result in a strong recovery and lasting benefits to Coloradans. The Recovery Office framework includes 16 Recovery Officers, who are senior staff embedded in departments that have received stimulus funding. In addition to managing portions of eligibility and compliance review, officers are charged with coordinating oversight of new and existing programs, which can include hiring, procurement, performance management, grant management, and other components.

Through these officers and other office personnel, the Recovery Office can coordinate with agencies on their unique situations and lead the overarching implementation plans for recovery funds. The Recovery Office also supports cross-functional teams, with a focus on stakeholder engagement, communications, community relations, performance management, and fiscal reporting and compliance.

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF STIMULUS FUNDING

PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

In August of 2020, Governor Polis issued Executive Order 2020 175 directing the Department of Personnel and Administration to lead state action on equity, diversity and inclusion in Colorado. Among other things, the order directed state agencies to take a coordinated approach, led by DPA, to operationalize equity in systems, policies, and practice. Executive Order 2022 15 followed nearly two years later to require the state to transition to a skills-based hiring system where people are considered for positions based on their knowledge, skills, and abilities rather than post-secondary degrees and credentials.

In the Performance Management Guidelines, agency and department leaders are reminded that equity, diversity, and inclusion should be a lens applied to the development of all performance outcomes and measure development. The objective is for equity, diversity, and inclusion to be a consideration in all work done across state government and to collect the right data to track progress. Colorado has taken major steps in the last few years to make sure public-facing government operations are accessible to everyone. The state was among the first in the nation to legally require state and local public entities to meet website accessibility standards. In 2021, HB21-1110 made it a state civil rights violation for a government agency to exclude people with disabilities from receiving services or benefits because of lack of accessibility. By July 1 of this year, nearly all state

services, digital platforms, and content must meet the requirements set by Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AA. Prioritizing accessibility will make it so every Coloradan can be fully informed and engaged in the government that serves and represents them.

These equity objectives have remained true within the implementation of SLFRF and one-time state investments.

Embedding Equity into the Development of Legislative Programs

The state legislature and Governor convened four task forces to deliberate, study, and make recommendations on how to improve equitable outcomes and achieve a more equitable economy in Colorado.

A main goal of the **Student Success and Workforce Revitalization Task Force** was to support workforce equity and to recommend policies and investments supporting an education ecosystem that ensures that equity, inclusion, and belonging are at the core of every learner's educational experience. One of the task force's final recommendations was to eliminate equity gaps in the state through measures such as requiring postsecondary institutions to submit a multi-year plan to eliminate racial, regional, and socioeconomic equity gaps in credential attainment and other measures of student success. The task force held a commitment to educational equity as part of each of its recommendations. For example, one recommendation on developing new educational success measures emphasized tracking progress toward closing equity gaps in job placement and career attainment. Another recommendation for continuing the development of stackable credential pathways aimed to address economic opportunity and equity gaps.

One of the primary aims of the **Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force's** recommendations was to promote more equitable access to homeownership and rental housing across the state. Specifically, one of the four strategic priority areas for the task force was to ensure equity and access to housing. Recommendations included prioritizing investments in historically and disproportionately affected households and communities, investing in statewide housing assessments and long-term strategies to address housing inequities, and promoting equitable access to homeownership and rental housing while considering transportation, climate, and other community needs. The task force's recommendation to provide grant funding to nonprofits and local governments for affordable housing development was directed toward advancing social and environmental equity in communities.

The **Task Force on Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund** also centered equity in its deliberations. The task force's subpanel of economists provided research and analysis on the disproportionate impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on individuals, regions, and industries. Notably, the subpanel provided information to the task force on how the pandemic exacerbated long standing racial inequities in the economy by disproportionately impacting families of color. The subpanel found that Black men and women and Latina workers in particular experienced disproportionately high declines in labor force participation and employment during the pandemic. These outcomes were likely connected with the distribution of these workers across different industries, with Latina and Black workers more highly concentrated in industries negatively affected by the pandemic. Additionally, the task force heard recommendations for funding programs intended to help individuals with systemic barriers to employment.

Improving equity in the state's behavioral health system was a primary goal of the **Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force**. One of the six outcomes that helped guide the recommendations of the task force was to ensure that more equitable, culturally responsive, inclusive, effective, and

high-quality services are available in all regions across Colorado. The task force worked to address regional gaps and needs when making recommendations for transformational changes to the behavioral health care system, particularly for people in rural areas across the state and populations experiencing vulnerabilities.

Equity within Implementation

Colorado strives to implement SLFRF programs that are tailored to achieving equitable outcomes. To achieve this, equity-based components may be embedded into a program's design and implementation. The manner of outreach surrounding a project is another consideration, as different approaches are needed to reach different populations of Coloradans. Furthermore, Colorado views equity initiatives through a wide lens, including gender, age, geography, race, and income disparities as areas to address within projects in order to ensure all Coloradans are able to achieve a high quality of life.

The following projects exemplify Colorado's push toward equity through SLFRF funding.

Community Food Access Program

Low-income communities, which typically lack access to fresh, healthy food even under usual circumstances, were especially impacted by the food supply disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to this challenge, the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) utilized $8 million in SLFRF in combination with other funds to create the Community Food Access Program (CFA program). This initiative aims to support two key types of small businesses operating in low-income, low-access Colorado communities: small family farms and small food retailers. Through grants of up to $50,000 and other financial assistance, the CFA program increases grantees' operational capacity by supporting the purchase of new equipment, accounting services, point-of-sales systems, and other eligible operating expenses. Now in its second round of grant considerations, the program anticipates awarding a total of 118 grants. Thus far, 58% of the selected awardees are based in rural areas. First-round grantees are poised to make a major impact in their communities, with several awards granted to stores and farm stands that serve as the sole source of healthy or culturally important foods in low-income areas.

Practice-Based Healthcare Workforce Grants

After COVID-19 stretched the country's health systems to its limits, Colorado committed to investing in new programs to grow the state's healthcare workforce and promote equitable healthcare access throughout the state. As part of this effort, the Practice-Based Health Education Grant Program (PBHE) has awarded funds to 23 programs that offer hands-on training to health professions students to complete degree requirements, gain experience, and earn required licenses or certifications. One grantee program, Colorado Works for International Physicians (CO-WIP), provides foreign-trained immigrant physicians with support and additional training to earn a license to practice medicine in the US. This includes matching into a Colorado residency program and leads to increasing the number of licensed physicians to serve the people of Colorado. Through grant funding, Northeastern Junior College offers Certified Nursing Assistant training classes in Spanish and English. In addition, Metropolitan State University offers a health careers mentorship program dedicated to serving first-time college students, Pell-grant eligible students, veterans, and underrepresented communities. These efforts join several other PBHE programs in striving to diversify the state's healthcare workforce, making it more representative of the communities in which these professionals will serve.

Expanding Colorado Works Subsidized Training & Employment

Many Coloradans aspire to join or advance in careers that enable them to provide stable economic futures for their families, but encounter nearly insurmountable obstacles in trying to do so. The Expanding Colorado Works Subsidized Training and Employment Program increases subsidized employment and training opportunities for households with children living below 200% of the federal poverty level. Through the credentials and workforce experience participants gain in the program, individuals work toward earning a living wage and obtaining permanent employment in their training field. Case workers assist participants by connecting them to opportunities in industries facing shortages of qualified workers. These opportunities include paid work experience or training, such as internships, apprenticeships, and transitional jobs, offering wages at the prevailing rate for the industry or specific job roles. The program operates in tandem with the existing Colorado Works Subsidized Training and Employment Program (CW STEP), which contracts with counties and community partners to conduct the program.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Colorado's overall performance management system is driven by the State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent Government Act, known as the SMART Act, enacted to create an accountable and transparent state government built on clear, measurable performance-based goals. The SMART Act requires that goals are developed and published annually as performance plans, that agencies present those plans and prior accomplishments in front of the General Assembly, and that those goals are used during the development of the annual budget. The Governor's Office of Operations coordinates and oversees the responsibilities and procedures as required by the SMART Act across the executive branch agencies.

As Colorado continues the implementation of SLFRF programs, major program groups have been established across SLFRF and state general fund investments to capture a comprehensive strategic vision that allows for the ongoing development and tracking of performance measures. Colorado has utilized ARPA funds to expand its existing performance management system, and has incorporated more robust data collection, management, and analysis tools. This investment means decision makers receive a comprehensive, government-wide view of stimulus spending and performance metrics, a capacity that will remain after this work has concluded. This performance management system also allows teams to work with agencies to maximize the use of these combined funds aligned with key major program group goals.

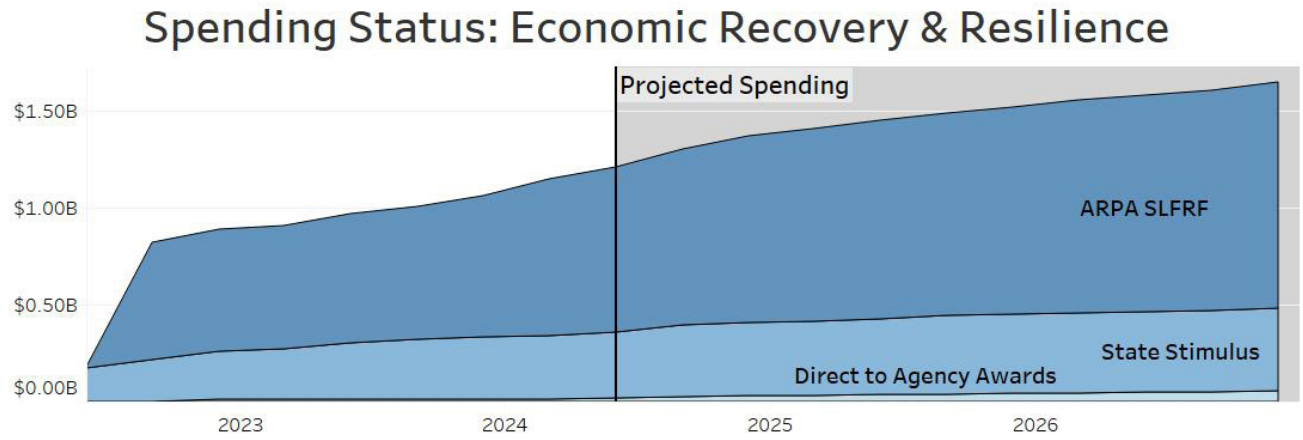
By having major program group goals that are related to both SLFRF and state general funds, Colorado has maintained a consistent vision irrespective of where the funding for these transformative investments originates.

Each major program group is associated with common outputs and outcomes. Many programs formally began in July of 2022 and will continue to be implemented until December 2026, meaning final performance data does not exist for a large number of tracked programs. However, both spending and output data show positive trajectories as leading indicators for many programs based on the predetermined metrics used to define success, such as data collected about a program's reach. Based upon this framework, the Recovery Office and Operations teams will continue to work with agencies to refine goals and methods for data collection, analysis, and evaluation. Furthermore, this framework will be used to advance the state's larger performance management system and integrate measures across funding sources.

Economic Recovery & Resilience

When the COVID-19 pandemic sparked nationwide economic fallout, Colorado quickly responded to both the public health emergency and the economic challenges spurred by the virus. In the first 12 months of the pandemic, Colorado provided nearly $450 million in State General Fund to help businesses and nonprofits weather the state shutdown and deal with its immediate aftereffects.

By reducing the costs of repaying the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, investing in infrastructure to expand regional connectivity and revitalize small-town mainstreets, and providing strategic grants and technical support for industries heavily impacted by the shutdown, Colorado is investing in its entrepreneurs and businesses to build a post-pandemic economy that is resilient, diverse, and uniquely Coloradan.



Programmatic Highlights:

- **Revitalizing Main Streets:** With an initial allocation of $22.1 million in SLFRF funding and $31.3 million of state funds, the Revitalizing Main Streets program helps communities across Colorado to implement transportation-related projects that improve safety and reinvigorate main streets as vibrant hubs in the community. Since 2021, the program has awarded $51.8 million to 262 projects, each involving an active transportation element designed to promote economic development in downtown areas. Out of these projects, nearly 60% of Revitalizing Main Streets projects have focused on improving or creating sidewalks and constructing separated bike lanes, enhancing downtown safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. In 2023, grantees were also awarded funds for creating community gathering spaces, adding pedestrian safety upgrades to busy intersections, making ADA compliant changes, installing dark sky friendly lighting, and many other projects unique to the needs of each community.
- **Protecting Water Supplies:** Approximately 80% of Colorado's population relies on forested watersheds to deliver their water supplies. However, watersheds are also susceptible to floods, erosion, and sediment deposition after wildfires. Using $10 million of SLFRF, the Watershed Restoration and Flood Mitigation Grants program awards funds for designing and implementing projects intended to mitigate increased flows, sediment, debris, and other hazards to watersheds. Through these efforts, local and tribal governments, state agencies, and relevant private entities can protect watersheds and the valuable resources they provide to the state. Additionally, Colorado has utilized SLFRF to empower local governments to draw down other federal funds through the Technical Assistance for Federal Water Project Grants project. The program provides technical assistance for local entities to pursue and implement federally-funded water projects. The assistance can be used throughout a project's lifespan, from

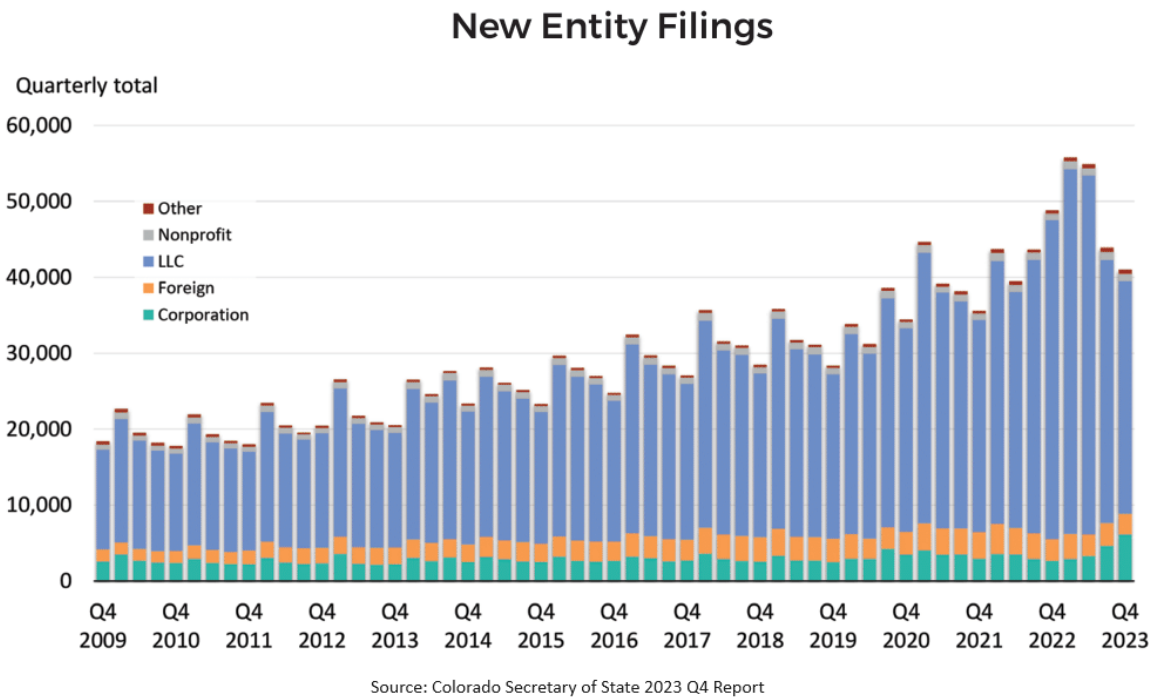
identifying water project needs to supervising construction. The program has awarded 17 grants and has already supported grantees in securing $1.25 million in federal funding at this early stage.

- **Improving Colorado's Roads:** Colorado has invested nearly $160 million in shovel-ready transportation infrastructure, advancing many projects that were identified in the state's 10-year vision plan. Two project highlights include:
  - $10.4 million contributed to the $22 million resurfacing project along US Highway 160 from the Four Corners to Aztec Creek. US 160 in the regional southwest is an important highway for area residents, the freight industry and visitors to regional recreational attractions. CDOT collaborated with several agency partners on this project, including the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Navajo Nation and the New Mexico Department of Transportation to resurface nearly eight miles of US 160 located on the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation.
  - $8.0 million has been expended on the I-76 East of Sterling Repaving Project along 4 miles of the highway, which included minor bridge repairs and guardrail upgrades on the two structures over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad.

Outcomes/Outputs

When evaluating economic recovery and resilience, significant outcomes involve establishing a robust business environment, measured at the county level through metrics like retail and restaurant sales, industry-specific job postings, unemployment rates, hotel occupancy rates, and traveler expenditures. Under this major program group, the state monitors outputs such as the geographic distribution of businesses that receive assistance or funding, the operational continuity of these businesses over specified periods, and an assessment of the tourism dollars' economic impact on the state.

To date, over 2,500 businesses have received support from the various state and federally funded programs associated with the state's recovery framework, contributing to the creation or preservation of nearly 9,300 jobs. Additionally, new business filings have risen above pre-pandemic levels as reported by the Colorado Secretary of State.



Source: Colorado Secretary of State 2023 Q4 Report

OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES

• Number of businesses who receive funding support
• Number of new Businesses Started
• Businesses that maintained operations
• Geographic Distribution
• Dollars Leveraged/Infused (Tourism, Major Events, etc)
	• Healthy business environment, as measured by:
	  • Retail sales by industry & county
	  • Restaurant Sales
	  • Overall jobs by county
	  • Unemployment rate
	  • Hotel occupancy rates
	  • Traveler spending

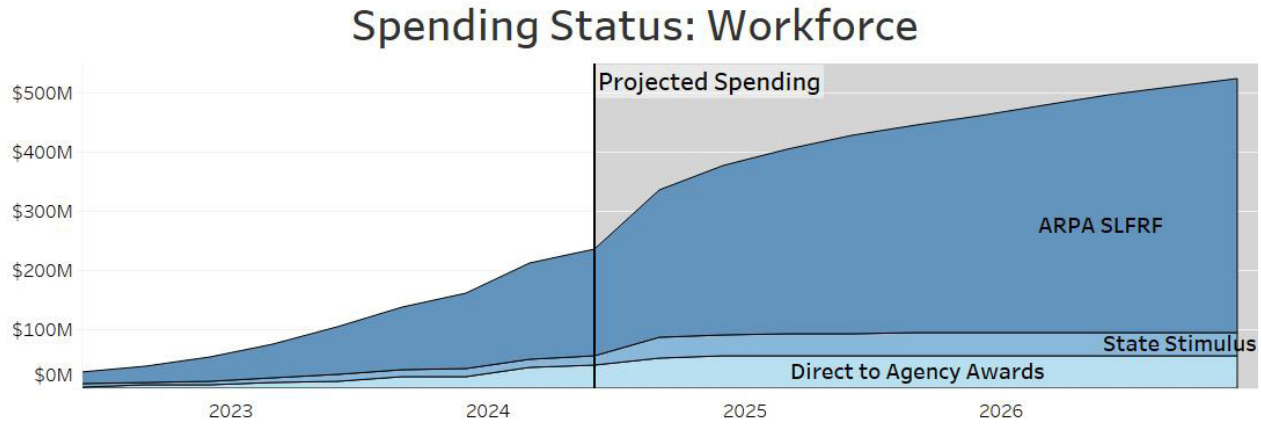
ECONOMIC & RECOVERY PROGRAMS:	
• HB21-1260, State Water Plan Projects	• HB22-1409, Round 3: Community Revitalization Grant Program
• HB21-1263, Incentivize Events and Conferences	• SB20B-001, Funding to Locals to Offset Retail Food Establishment License Fees Losses
• HB21-1265, Restaurant Sales Tax Relief	• SB21-042, Advanced Industry Grant Program
• HB21-1285, Arts Relief	• SB21-042, OEDIT Strategic Fund
• HB21-1285, Film Incentives	• SB21-054, Transfers for Wildfire Mitigation and Response
• HB21-1288, Colorado Startup Loan Fund	• SB21-111, MTCF Marijuana Entrepreneurship Program
• HB22-1259, Basic Cash Assistance Increase for Colorado Works Households	• SB21-203, Funding for Colorado Proud
• HB22-1356, Small Community-Based Nonprofit Grant Program	• SB21-229, Rural Jump Start
• HB22-1379, Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP)	• SB21-230, Building Benchmarking
• HB22-1379, Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities (HFVC) Fund	• SB21-230, Charge Ahead Grants
• HB22-1379, Technical Assistance for Federal Water Project Grants	• SB21-230, CO Clean Energy Fund Transfer (Loans)
• HB22-1379, Watershed Restoration and Flood Mitigation Grants	• SB21-230, CO Clean Energy Fund Transfer (Operations)
• HB22-1380, Community Food Access Program	• SB21-230, Colorado New Energy Improvement Districts
• HB22-1380, Expanding Capacity for "Double-Up Food Bucks"	• SB21-260, Revitalizing Mainstreets
• SB21-230, Residential Energy Upgrade (RENU) Loan Program	• SB21-260, State Highway Fund: Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects
• SB21-231, Weatherization and Resiliency Grants	• SB21-288, Consulting Services
• HB22-1380, Community Food Access Program	• SB21-288, Round 1: CTC/EITC Outreach - Prevention Services Division
• HB22-1380, Expanding Capacity for "Double-Up Food Bucks"	• SB21-291, Strategic Fund - Colorado Community Revitalization Grant (CCRG)
• SB21-235, Agricultural Sector Focused Renewable Energy and Efficiency Program/Soil Health	• SB21-291, Strategic Fund - Community Business Preservation Program
• SB21-236, Childcare Business Support	• SB21-291, Strategic Fund - Outdoor Industry Impact Fund: Non-Profit
• SB22-182, Round 3: CTC/EITC Outreach - Prevention Services Division	• SB21-291, Strategic Fund - Outdoor Industry Impact Fund: Small Business
• SB22-182, Round 4: CTC/EITC Outreach - Prevention Services Division	• SB21-291, SBDC Small Business Technical Assistance
• SB22-183, Round 2 - Additional Funding to Anti-Domestic Violence Organizations	• SB21-291, Strategic Fund - Travel Tourism and Hospitality Industry

• HB21-1288, Colorado Startup Loan Program Technical Assistance	• SB21-292, Additional Funding to Anti-Domestic Violence Organizations
• HB21-1302, Small Business Loans	• SB21-292, Round 1: Local VALE Fund Grant Program (Non-Profit Victim Assistance)
• HB21-1326, Keep Colorado Wild Pass and the Outdoor Equity Fund	• SB22-028, Groundwater Sustainability in Rio Grande and Republican River Basins
• HB21-1330, Student Aid Application Completion	• SB22-182, Economic Mobility Program
• SB21-240, Watershed Restoration Grant Program	• SB22-182, Round 2: CTC/EITC Outreach - Prevention Services Division
• SB21-241, Small Business Accelerated Growth Program	• SB21-241, Small Business Accelerated Growth Program
• SB21-242, Direct Assistance to Undocumented Individuals	• SB21-242, Direct Assistance to Undocumented Individuals
• SB21-248, Loan Program For Colorado Agriculture	• SB21-248, Loan Program For Colorado Agriculture
• SB21-252, Round 2: Community Revitalization Grant Program	• SB21-252, Round 2: Community Revitalization Grant Program
• SB21-258, Wildfire Recovery and Risk Mitigation Grants	• SB21-258, Wildfire Recovery and Risk Mitigation Grants
• SB21-260, Front Range Passenger Rail District	• SB21-260, Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options (MMOF)

Workforce

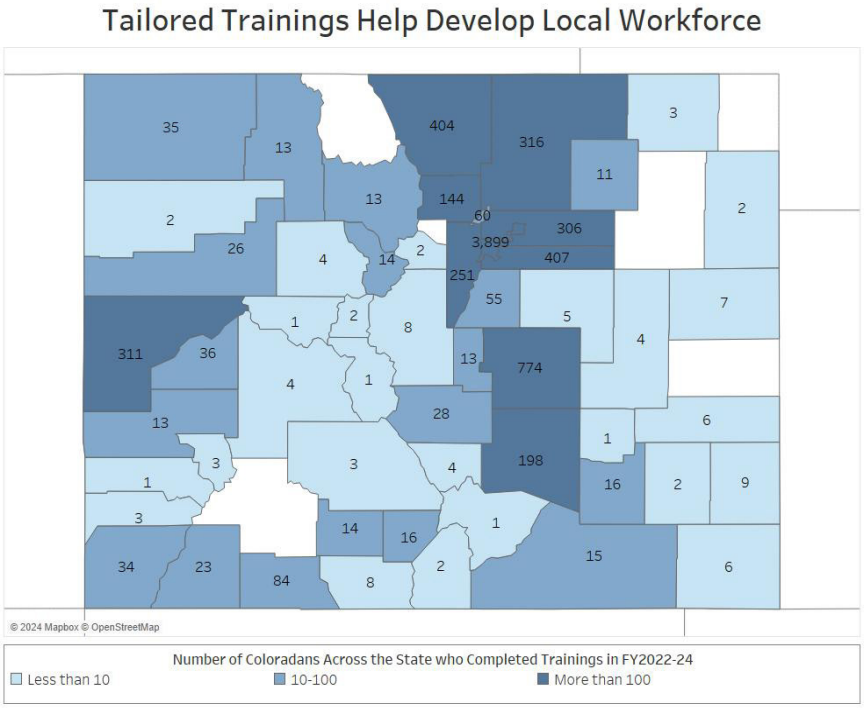
Colorado was one of the fastest states to recover employment levels following the pandemic, reaching pre-pandemic employment levels by March 2022. The state's dynamic economy, consisting of a variety of robust industries, proved adaptive to change and receptive to recovery efforts. However, this job recovery has been uneven, and worker shortages exist in essential fields. To keep Colorado a place where people can thrive, the state is investing in its people. By cultivating a skilled and resilient workforce capable of overcoming future challenges, the state aims to make Colorado the state of choice for employers seeking a talented and adaptable workforce.

During the pandemic, the healthcare industry was most severely affected by workforce shortages, and there continues to be a high need for workers in this field. A 2021 analysis projected that the state will have a shortage of more than 54,000 entry and mid-level healthcare workers and more than 10,000 registered nurses by 2026. In response to these needs, the state is bolstering workforce training and support programs to recruit new workers to these fields and several others with SLFRF.



Programmatic Highlights:

- **Care Forward Colorado**: Colorado is revitalizing its healthcare workforce with zero-cost, short-term training programs at community and technical colleges. In a year or less, trainees can learn skills to become a certified nursing assistant, emergency services professional, or become trained in many other professions desperately needed in Colorado's healthcare facilities. As of 2024, nearly 10,000 Coloradans have completed programs in nurse assisting, phlebotomy, emergency medical services and other healthcare professionals. More than 90% of Coloradans who completed healthcare credentials through Care Forward are actively working in our state's health care industry.



- **Reskilling, Upskilling, & Next-skilling:** Individuals seeking to advance in their careers or pursue a new vocation have received no-cost training and earned industry-recognized credentials in fields such as technology, healthcare, and early childhood education through Colorado's Reskilling, Upskilling, and Next-skilling (RUN) program. The program was created for participants who have a desire to re-enter the workforce after experiencing negative economic effects from the COVID-19 pandemic. The RUN program, which is funded through $25 million in SLFRF, has awarded grants to 9 non-profit organizations and all of the state's local workforce centers to offer a diverse array of programs, including opportunities to earn credentials such as commercial drivers licenses (CDL) and registered nurse (RN) licenses. Many grantee organizations cater specifically to disadvantaged populations, such as refugee single mothers, military veterans, and people with disabilities.
- **Opportunity Now:** The Opportunity Now Grant Program funds talent development by utilizing collaboration between education and industry to help Coloradans secure in-demand jobs. Now in its second round of awards, the program has awarded $82 million to 89 grantees representing all 64 of the state's counties from 700 grant applications. Nearly half of the recently awarded round of grant funds will flow into rural communities, and many programs seek to support underserved populations. Grant recipients represent 335 businesses and 296 education partners in 38 industries focused on meeting the needs of the health care, education, technology, infrastructure and construction, and numerous other in-demand fields. The program is also involved with boosting opportunities in the quantum and semiconductor, broadband, green energy, and advanced manufacturing industries. Collectively, the grants awarded in 2024 are expected to train and place more than 12,500 Coloradans in well-paid, and in-demand jobs needed across Colorado.
  - Numerous Opportunity Now programs are employing innovative approaches to prepare the state's workforce for new jobs created by rapidly advancing technology, while also adapting existing roles to meet evolving demands. **Spark Fun's ElevateAI** program will be using funds to equip teachers with Artificial Intelligence literacy skills and prepare students with skills, such

as those needed in technology and quantum industries. As electric vehicle (EV) adoption rises in the state, the **Denver Economic Development Corporation (DEDO)** plans to collaborate with **Red Rocks Community College** to launch EV credentialing, establish K-12 educational pathways into the field, and undertake other initiatives to bolster the EV industry. **Activate Work's** program aims to streamline the Information Technology (IT) workforce ecosystem by offering career pathways in IT, Operational Technology, and Cybersecurity to learners from low-income backgrounds, those disproportionately affected by COVID-19, and transitioning military members. In Colorado Springs, the semiconductor industry is partnering to fill 1,000 jobs in collaboration with **Microchip, Entegris** and **Innovaflex** in alignment with federal CHIPS Act priorities.

Outcomes/Outputs

The primary outcome of interest for the workforce major program area will be maintaining the current low unemployment rate across Colorado. Intermediate outcomes of interest are contributing to the estimated need of 54,000 healthcare workers by 2026, continuing the growth in post-secondary credential attainment rate, and reducing the unequal job-growth concentration through monitoring job advertisements by county.

To date, workforce programs have trained and expanded the skillsets of more than **28,000 Coloradans**. Utilizing regional community colleges and workforce centers, regions have tailored training offerings to the needs of the local workforce. Additionally, more than 846 teachers have received stipends through the student educator residency program, helping to create a pathway to full licensure for paraprofessionals and other non-traditional educators. Loan forgiveness has also made teaching more economically feasible for 1,800 teachers, many of whom serve rural districts.

OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
• Jobs created/retained • New training/credentialing programs added • New apprenticeships available • Training program enrollments • Scholarships Awarded	• Primary: Maintained reduction in Unemployment Rate (by county) • Intermediate: Add 54,000 healthcare workers by 2026 • Intermediate: Post-secondary credential attainment rate • Intermediate: Job ads by county

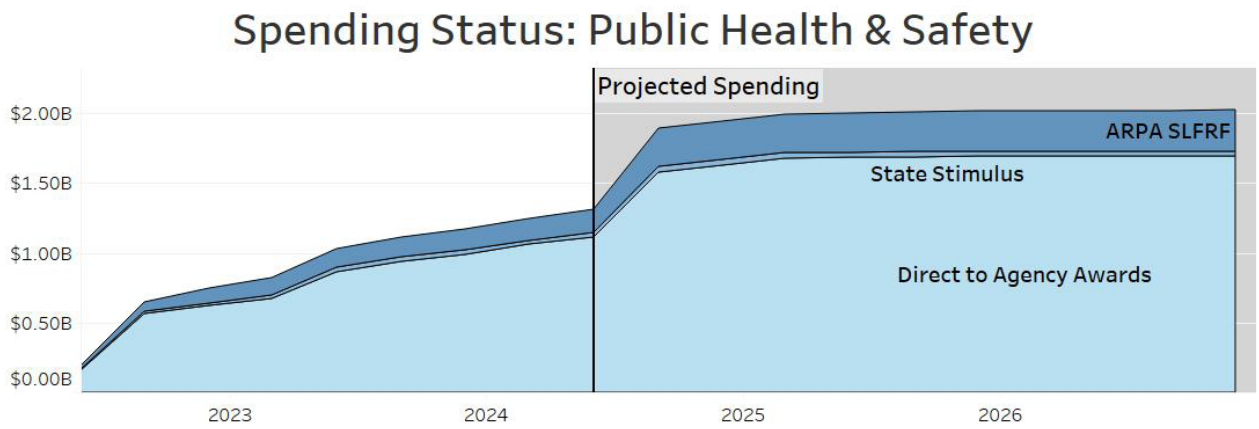
WORKFORCE PROGRAMS:	
• HB21-1104, Educator Licensure Fees	• SB22-192, Opportunities For Credential Attainment-Adult Education/Literacy Grant Program
• HB21-1149, Energy Career Pathways	• HB22-1349, Postsecondary Student Success Data System
• HB21-1149, SPARC Energy Career Pathways	• HB22-1350, Regional Talent Development Initiative Grant Program (?Opportunity Now?)
• HB21-1215, Expansion Of Justice Crime Prevention Initiative	• HB22-1350, Regional Talent Development Initiative Grant Program (?Opportunity Now?) GF
• HB21-1264, Adult Education and Literacy Grant Program	• HB22-1366, Improving Students' Postsecondary Options - CDE
• HB21-1264, Career and Technical Education	• HB22-1366, Improving Students' Postsecondary Options - Financial Literacy Tool Development
• HB21-1264, Investments in Reskilling Upskilling and Next-Skilling Workers Program	• HB22-1366, Improving Students' Postsecondary Options - Financial Literacy Training

• HB21-1264, Workforce Innovation Act: Administration and Evaluation	• SB21-137, Behavioral Health Workforce Development Program
• HB21-1264, Workforce Innovation Act: Business and Industry Support	• SB21-137, Behavioral Health Workforce Development Program: Capacity Grants
• HB21-1264, Workforce Innovation Act: Capacity Building	• SB21-232, Colorado Opp. Scholarship- Displaced Workers Grant (Alt. Eligibility)
• HB21-1264, Workforce Innovation Act: Coaching Collaborative	• SB21-232, Colorado Opportunity Scholarship - Displaced Workers Grant ?Back to Work?
• HB21-1264, Workforce Innovation Act: Local Workforce Areas	• SB21-268, Career Development Success Program
• HB21-1264, Workforce Innovation Act: Local Workforce Areas - Rural Un/Underbanked Services	• SB21-268, Concurrent Enrollment Expansion and Innovation Grant Program
• HB21-1264, Workforce Innovation Act: Non-Profit Provided Training	• SB21-288, Postsecondary Credential for Disproportionately Impacted Students Administration
• HB21-1290, Just Transition/Rural Economic Diversification	• SB21-291, Strategic Fund - Workforce Resilience Training Assistance
• HB21-1330, Colorado Opp. Scholarship- Finish What You Started	• SB22-181, Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Behavioral Health Aide Program
• HB21-1330, Colorado Opp. Scholarship- Finish What You Started (Alt. Eligibility)	• SB22-181, Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Innovative Recruitment & Retention Grants
• HB21-1330, Re-engaged Initiative and Associate Degree	• SB22-181, Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Peer Support Professionals
• HB22-1220, Removing Barriers To Educator Preparation	• SB22-181, Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Workforce Expansion
• HB22-1259, Expanding Colorado Works Subsidized Training and Employment Program	• SB22-213, Early Care Recruitment and Retention Program
• HB22-1281, Substance Use Workforce Stability Grant Program	• SB22-213, Family Friends and Neighbors Support Program
• SB22-181, Behavioral Health Workforce Credential Pathways	• SB22-226, Healthcare Workforce - Practice-Based Education Grant Program
• SB22-192, Opportunities For Credential Attainment - Credentials to Support CO Jobs	• SB22-226, Healthcare Workforce Resilience and Retention
• SB22-192, Opportunities For Credential Attainment - Non Degree Credential Programs	• SB22-226, Healthcare Workforce: In-Demand Short Term Credentials

Public Health & Safety

Access to care can be a crucial factor in determining public health outcomes, as evidenced by the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across Colorado. Residents in rural and minority communities, where healthcare is often more difficult to receive, suffered higher death tolls and infection rates. With this in mind, access to care has become a focus of Colorado's recovery response and its public health vision for the future.

Now that the state has the ability to look beyond responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Colorado has focused on ARPA-funded programs that advance healthcare equity. Since the whole person is a critical component of public health, ARPA funds have been invested in food banks, energy assistance, non-COVID-19 immunization efforts, domestic and family violence support, and crisis assistance and response in addition to more traditional healthcare initiatives.



Programmatic Highlights:

- **Flexible Financial Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors:** The COVID-19 pademic saw nationwide rise in domestic violence rates, often confining survivors of domestic and sexual violence to unsafe environments and worsening their financial situations. In response, the Colorado State Legislature passed SB21-292 and SB22-183, which allocated $6.7 million of SLFRF to the Colorado Department of Human Services Domestic Violence Program in 2021. The funds were used to provide survivors with flexible financial assistance (flex funds), which have been shown to significantly improve survivor safety and wellbeing.
- Between September 2022 and May 2024, more than 3,000 households were served with the funds, which were used for housing (including security deposits), legal assistance, transportation, direct cash assistance, and other financial needs. Nearly 90% of project participants reported they were more financially stable after receiving flex funds and 83% of survivors reported that their immediate housing situation had improved. Around 95% of survivors also reported that the assistance helped them learn more ways to plan for their safety and increased their knowledge of community resources.
- **Social Health Information Exchange:** In implementing Section 9817 of ARPA in FY 2022-2023, the Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI), in partnership with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), initiated the construction of an interoperable Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE) ecosystem. The SHIE will transform care delivery and member health support by integrating behavioral, physical, and social health data into a single system. By providing a comprehensive digital health picture and permitting providers to easily share information, the SHIE will enhance efficiency and whole-person care. Colorado Public Health Works, the first state commission-supported AmeriCorps Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) in the country, creates a dual registered community health worker apprenticeship and AmeriCorps program where AmeriCorps members serve at local public health agencies and nonprofits helping to coordinate care, provide culturally appropriate health education and information, and implement individual and community assessments.

Outcomes/Outputs

The primary outcome of interest in the public health area is improved access to care, with intermediate outcomes being COVID-19 survival rates by demography and geography as well as community hospital and ICU capacity. Outputs center on measures related to the availability, quality, and accessibility of care.

As of 2024, Colorado has spent the majority of SLFRF dedicated to Public Health and Safety programs in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. During the public health emergency, these funds were critical in enabling the state to implement initiatives to combat the virus. Today, the state is continuing to capitalize on SLFRF by furthering the broader public health and safety programs it launched as a part of its public health recovery efforts.

OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
• COVID-19 Testing Rates • Vaccine Rates • Distance to Care • Availability of Care • Quality of Care • Victim Interactions/Services	• *Primary*: Improved access to care • Intermediate: COVID survival rates • Intermediate: Available hospital/ICU capacity

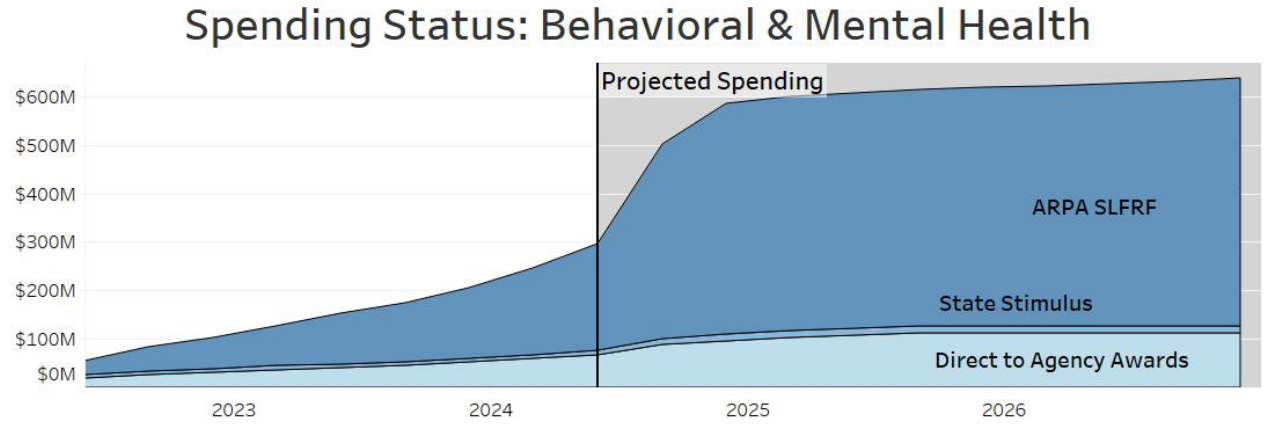
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY PROGRAMS:	
• HB20B-1003, Food Pantry Assistance Grant	• SB21-288, SERVE Colorado/AmeriCorps Healthcare Staffing Surge
• HB21-1270, SNAP Employment and Training	• SB21-288, State Employee COVID-19 Testing - Administration Funds
• HB22-1283, In-Home and Residential Respite Care Services for Foster Care Children and Youth	• SB21-290, Security For Colorado Seniors
• HB22-1411, Round 2: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: COVID-19 Vaccination	• SB21-292, Address Confidentiality Program Participant Data Removal
• HB22-1411, Round 2: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: Other COVID-19 PH Expenses	• SB21-292, Crime Victim Compensation Funding
• HB22-1411, Round 3: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: COVID-19 Testing	• SB21-292, Domestic Abuse Program Enhance the Safety of Survivor's Animal Companions
• SB21-027, Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program	• SB21-292, Family Violence Justice Fund Grant Program
• SB21-137, Community Mental Health Centers-COVID 19 Mental Health and PPE (Part 1)	• SB21-292, Forensic Nurse Examiner Telehealth Program
• SB21-137, Community Mental Health Centers-COVID 19 Mental Health and PPE (Part 2)	• SB21-292, Funding to Gendered-Based Violence/Anti-Sexual Assault Organizations
• SB21-137, HIV and AIDS Prevention Grant Program - ARPA	• SB21-292, Round 1 - Flexible Financial Assistance for Survivors of Domestic Violence
• SB21-202, BEST Air Quality Improvement Grant Projects	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Medical Expenses
• SB21-243, Disease Control and Public Health Response Administration and Staffing	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Other COVID-19 PH Expenses
• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Child Care	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Other Services
• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Community Health	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: PPE
• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Food Program	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Premium Pay
• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Healthy Child Home Visit	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Social Determinants of Health
• SB21-288, Payroll and Benefits for Public Health Response to COVID	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Substance Use
• SB21-288, Round 1: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: COVID-19 Testing	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Testing

- SB21-288, Round 1: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: COVID-19 Vaccination
- SB21-288, Round 1: COVID-19 Public Health Response Initiatives: Other PH Expenses
- SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Water Filtration
- SB21-288, Alternative Care Staffing Surge
- SB21-288, COVID-19 Testing Lab Certification - Health Facilities and Emergency Medical
- SB21-288, Denver Health Services
- SB21-288, Flu Vaccines for Low-Income Coloradans
- SB21-288, Medicaid Member Immunization Effort
- SB21-288, Mpox Public Health Response
- SB21-292, Round 1: Local VALE Fund Grant Program (Local Gov Victim Assistance)
- SB21-292, State Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Funding
- SB22-147, Round 2: School-Based Health Centers: Other
- SB22-183, ACRTI Training and Technical Assistance for Advocacy Service Network
- SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Tracing
- SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Vaccination
- SB22-183, Crime Victim Service Funding - ARPA
- SB22-183, Crime Victim Service Funding - GF
- SB22-183, Crime Victims Services: Community Crime Victims Grant Program
- SB22-183, Round 2 - Flexible Financial Assistance for Survivors of Domestic Violence
- SB22-183, Round 2: Local VALE Fund Grant Program (Local Gov Victim Assistance)
- SB22-200, Rural Healthcare Provider Expanded Access
- SB22-213, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters - HIPPY Program
- SB22-226, Health Workforce School Nurse Grant Program
- SB22-226, Healthcare Workforce Recruitment and Re-engagement Effort
- SB23-214, Rural Healthcare Provider Expanded Access (GF)

Behavioral and Mental Health

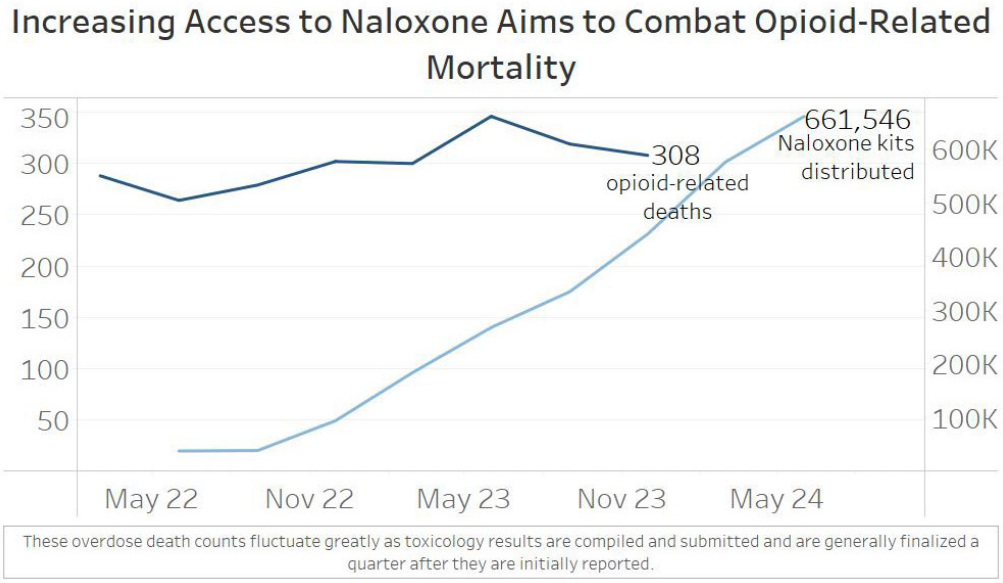
Colorado has made great strides in creating a statewide behavioral health system that serves all people who need it, in no small part due to the once-in-a-generation funding provided through SLFRF. As of 2023, the state's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) has utilized ARPA funding to award more than $130 million in grants in support of more than one hundred behavioral health organizations.

With the support of federal stimulus funds, the state has worked to expeditiously and thoroughly address behavioral health issues exacerbated by the pandemic. BHA released a comprehensive strategic plan in early 2023. The state has leveraged stimulus funds to increase state-funded beds in medical facilities, decrease distance to healthcare in underserved and rural communities, and provide training and credentialing for Colorado's behavioral health workforce.



Programmatic Highlights:

- **Crisis System for Coloradans:** Piloted with SLFRF in July 2021, the Crisis System for Coloradans program aims to keep youth who experience high acuity needs safe in the comfort of their homes and communities, rather than in hospitals. The pilot program funded the development and deployment of Crisis Resolution Teams (CRT), supporting youth and families experiencing behavioral health challenges who would benefit from intensive, short-term, in-home services and linkage to ongoing support services. Families have access to a mental health clinician, case manager, peer specialist, prescriber, family skills and/or behavioral coach, care coordinator, and other local referrals based on individualized needs. As of March 2024, the project has served 622 families with an average of 97% of program participants able to remain in their homes. The achievement of the initial project has led it to be extended into a second round continuing into FY 24-25.
- **Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund**: In recent years, Colorado, like the rest of the country, has suffered from a sharp rise in opioid-related deaths. Consequently, Colorado deployed federal recovery funds to support three rounds of the Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund project. Between March 2022 and March 2024, the state purchased and distributed nearly 570,000 units of naloxone, far surpassing the project's original goal of 5,500 units. To make naloxone as available as possible, the kits have been widely distributed to law enforcement, first responders, nonprofit providers, and individuals who are in contact with or support those at risk of overdose. The program addresses equity issues by supplying naloxone to marginalized communities with a high risk of overdose incidents and rural agencies that do not have the funding to increase access to naloxone in their communities. Approximately one-third of the eligible entities currently utilizing the Naloxone Bulk Fund are located in a rural or frontier area.



- **The *I Matter* project** provides youth with free and easily-accessible rapid mental health and substance use disorder services. Initially created through the Colorado Recovery Plan and then continued with $6 million in SLFRF, the program offers children and youth up to six free telehealth behavioral health appointments. With a network of over 200 licensed therapists, telehealth appointments are typically available immediately. The program also connects participants to a continuity of care system so children and youth can access other resources as needed. As of June 2023, nearly 8,900 different youth had participated in the program. Due to the results of I Matter, state funding was appropriated in the 2024 legislative session to continue the program for years beyond June 2023 to continue providing youth with the high-quality behavioral health care they need and deserve.

Outcomes/Outputs

The primary outcome of interest for the public health major program group is improved access to care. Output metrics will require programs to show quantifiable improvements in average or median distance to care, availability of care, and/or quality of care relative to the program design.

In order to provide top-quality behavioral healthcare throughout the state, another output being monitored is the training and credentialing of providers. More than 1,500 health providers have received training on substance use to date. The Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, among several other organizations, used ARPA funding to provide training and education for healthcare professionals on safe opioid prescribing, pain management, and substance use disorder treatment. To accomplish this, the Consortium developed 10 new education modules, including topics on fentanyl, opioid prescribing for dentists, and benzodiazepines. Furthermore, in terms of addressing substance use disorders in Colorado, early data shows a reduction in opioid overdose mortality as naloxone distribution and availability increased.

OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
• Distance to Care • Availability of Care (ie: # of beds etc) • Quality of Care: Provider Training/ Credentialing	• *Primary:* Improved access to care (distance to care, availability of care, & quality of care) • *Intermediate:* Safety in Congregate Care • *Intermediate:* Lives saved (ex. suicide rate reduction, overdose death reduction)

BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS:	
• HB21-1258, Mental Health Screenings in Schools	• HB22-1243, Rapid Mental Health Response (I Matter) - Awareness Campaign
• HB22-1243, Rapid Mental Health Response for Colorado Youth (I Matter)	• SB21-137, Community Mental Health Centers- School Aged Children
• HB22-1243, Round 2: Behavioral Health Care Professional Matching Grant Program	• SB21-137, Community Transition Services for Guardianship
• HB22-1281, Behavioral Health Continuum Gap Community Investment Grants	• SB21-137, County-Based Behavioral Grant Program
• HB22-1281, Behavioral Health Continuum Gap Community Investment Grants (GF)	• SB21-137, Crisis System for Colorado Residents
• HB22-1281, Children Youth and Family Behavioral Health Services Grants	• SB21-137, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (ECMH) Evaluation
• HB22-1283, Neuro-psych Facility at Fort Logan	• SB21-137, Health-Care Professionals Training on Opioid Risks and Alternatives
• HB22-1283, Residential Substance Use Treatment Beds for Children and Youth	• SB21-137, High-Risk Families Cash Fund
• HB22-1283, Round 2 - Crisis System for Colorado Residents	• SB21-137, HIV and AIDS Prevention Grant Program - CO Recovery
• HB22-1302, Healthcare Practice Transformation & Integration	• SB21-137, Incentives and Support for Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
• HB22-1302, Regional Health Connector Workforce Program	• SB21-137, Jail Based Behavioral Health Services
• HB22-1303, Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds - Contract Beds	• SB21-137, Managed Service Organization: Substance Abuse
• HB22-1303, Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds - State Residential Facilities	• SB21-137, Mental Health Awareness Campaign

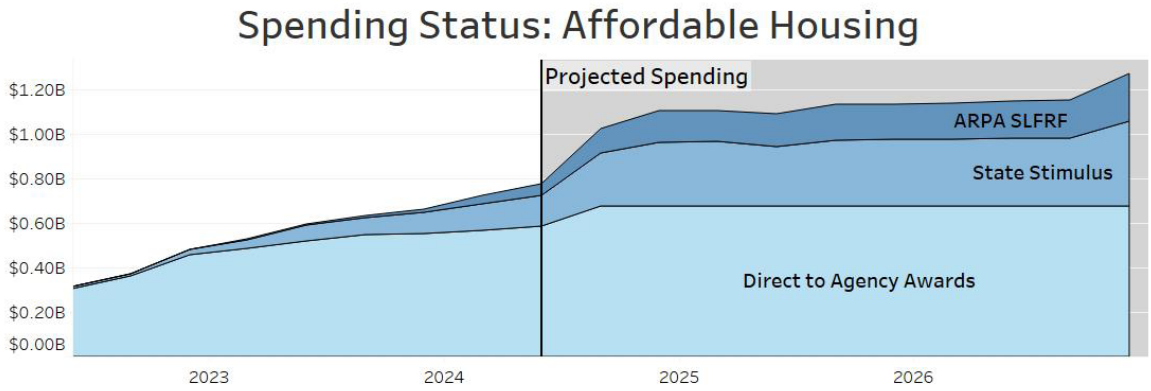
- HB22-1303, Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds- Fort Logan
- HB22-1326, Fentanyl Test Strips for Rural and Marginalized Communities
- HB22-1326, Harm Reduction Grant Program
- HB22-1326, Round 3: Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund
- HB22-1326, Technical Assistance to Jails for Medication-Assisted Treatment
- HB22-1369, Children's Mental Health Programs
- HB22-1386, Adams County Facility Renovation Feasibility Study
- HB22-1386, Round 2: CDHS Competency Beds Allocation (Contracted)
- HB23-1153, Behavioral Health Care Feasibility Study
- SB21-137, Behavioral Health Statewide Care Coordination Infrastructure
- SB21-137, School-based Health Centers: Vaccination
- SB21-137, Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Program
- SB21-137, Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Children/Youth/Families
- SB21-239, Mental Health Hotline
- SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Mental Health Services
- SB21-288, ARPA Residential Youth Beds
- SB21-288, Electronic Medical Record Systems (EMRS) Hosting
- SB21-288, Round 1: CDHS Competency Beds Allocation (Contracted)
- SB21-288, Round 2: Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund
- SB22-147, Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation and Access Program
- SB21-137, Mental Health First Aid- Colorado Behavioral Health Council
- SB21-137, Behavioral Health Treatment for Children, Youth, and their Families
- SB21-137, Regional Health Connector Support - Behavioral Health Recovery (Other COVID-19)
- SB21-137, Regional Health Connector Support for Behavioral Health Recovery (Mental Health)
- SB21-137, Regional Health Connector Support for Behavioral Health Recovery (Substance Use)
- SB21-137, Residential Placement for Youth with High Acuity Needs
- SB21-137, Round 1: Mental Health Services Corps and Scholarships for Addiction Counselors
- SB21-137, Round 1: Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund
- SB21-137, San Miguel County-Based Behavioral Grant Program
- SB21-137, School-based Health Centers: Mental Health Services
- SB21-137, School-based Health Centers: Other
- SB21-137, School-based Health Centers: Testing
- SB22-147, Round 1: Behavioral Health Care Professional Matching Grant Program
- SB22-148, Colorado Land-Based Tribe Behavioral Health Services Grant Program
- SB22-177, Round 2: Care Coordination Infrastructure
- SB22-181, Behavioral Health Care Workforce: Learning Academy
- SB22-181, Round 2: Mental Health Service Corps and Scholarships for Addiction Counselors
- SB22-196, Criminal Justice Intervention Detection & Redirection Grant Program
- SB22-196, Expand Medication Assisted Treatment in Prisons
- SB22-196, Pretrial Adult Diversion Program
- SB22-196, Round 1: Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CICJIS) Linking Project

Affordable Housing

Demand for housing has outpaced supply in Colorado, leading to increased housing prices and increased rates of homelessness. Voters approved Proposition 123 in 2022, which will increase the number of affordable housing units in Colorado. Paired with SLFRF and ARPA funds, the state's actions toward creating more affordable housing drives communities to invest resources and advance policies that reduce the housing burden for Coloradans.

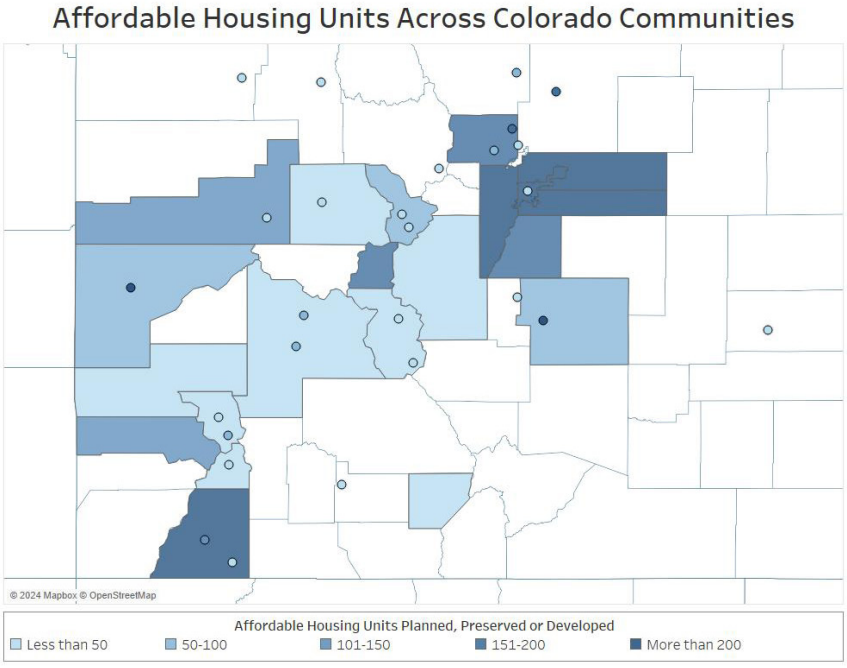
During the pandemic, Colorado deployed unprecedented levels of federal and state support to keep families in their homes, aiming to avoid the lifelong physical, mental, and behavioral health issues that often arise from housing instability. With the support of ARPA funding, the number of

total families helped with rental or mortgage assistance has also grown each year from June 2022 to June 2024. Currently, Colorado is focusing on directing SLFRF and other ARPA funds toward long-term housing affordability.



Programmatic Highlights:

- To reduce housing cost burdens for Coloradans, $138 million of SLFRF funds have been allocated toward **State Grants for Investment in Affordable Housing** through HB 22-1304. The grants enable local governments and nonprofits to fund activities such as creating permanent supportive housing, improving existing housing through maintaining affordable housing stock, paying for accessibility improvements, and improving the energy efficiency of buildings. Under the program, Colorado has added 3,210 affordable housing units to its existing stock, with the majority of additions occurring in 2024.
- The **Transformational Affordable Housing Grant (TAHG)** program is one of the two state grant programs created under HB 22-1304 to channel funds to the local level. The program provides eligible applicants with assistance developing, creating, or preserving affordable housing opportunities in their communities. In 2023, the Division of Housing awarded $48 million in grants across 13 Colorado counties in the third round of the TAHG. The projects are expected to add approximately 1,353 affordable housing units to the state, a 64% increase compared to the number of units projected from the previous grant round's funding.



- Many of the communities that have been awarded grants are located in rural areas, where construction costs tend to be higher due to the smaller scale of development. In the 1,000-person town of Ordway, 16 local governments banded together to leverage SLFRF

funds for land and other entitlements needed for a developer to invest in 14 duplexes. The remaining publicly owned land is slotted for 18 affordable homeownership dwellings, a park, and expansion of the community's senior center. The new development will serve residents from a range of AMIs, creating an economically diverse neighborhood that benefits the local workforce.

Outcomes/Outputs

The primary outcome of interest for the affordable housing major program is a reduction in the average housing burden of Coloradans, broken down by geography. Intermediate outcomes include a reduction in the number of evictions and increase in the number of housing units per-capita in a given geographic area. As of June 2024, the state contracted for 11,134 units of affordable housing. The outputs of this major program area will be the number and geographic distribution of affordable housing units constructed and the number and distribution of households receiving housing aid.

OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
• Affordable Housing Units Added • Households receiving assistance (ERA)	• *Primary:* Reduction in Housing Burden • *Intermediate:* Eviction Rate Reduction • *Intermediate:* Increased housing units per capita

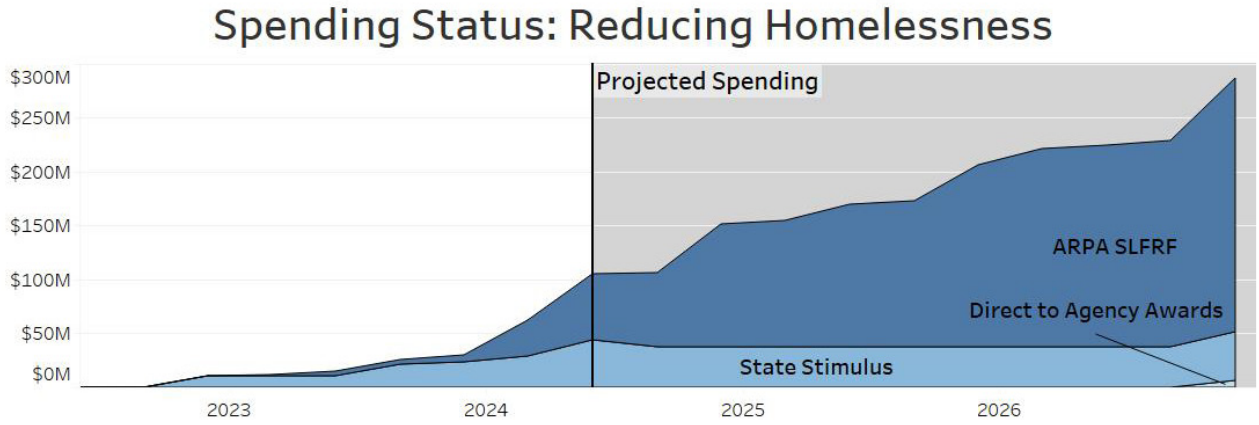
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS:	
• HB21-1271, Affordable Housing Development Incentives Grant Program	• HB21-1329, Eviction Legal Defense Fund Grant Program
• HB21-1271, Affordable Housing Incentive and Planning Grant Programs (GF)	• HB22-1304, Infrastructure and Strong Communities Grant Program
• HB21-1329, Affordable Housing Investments	• SB21-252, Innovative Housing and Community Revitalization
• SB22-159, Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund	• HB22-1282, Innovative Housing Incentive Grants and Loans Program
• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Housing Support	• SB21-204, Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grants
• HB21-1271, Local Government Planning Grant Program	• HB22-1304, State Grants for Investment in Affordable Housing
• SB22-146, Middle Income Access Program	• SB21-137, Health-Care Professionals Training on Opioid Risks and Alternatives
• HB21-1253, RENEW Grant for Local Governments	• SB21-137, High-Risk Families Cash Fund
• SB22-160, Revolving Loan Program for Mobile Home Park Acquisition	

Reducing Homelessness

Homelessness has been a longstanding nationwide challenge, but the problem significantly escalated with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic. Solving homelessness requires a multifaceted strategy, involving close collaboration between multiple state agencies, local governments, nonprofits, businesses, and other entities. The state is also taking action with highly related issues such as mental healthcare and high housing costs. To fund projects dedicated to ending homelessness, Colorado uses a combination of funding sources and state funds in addition to SLFRF.

In 2020, the Office of Homeless Initiatives within the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, completed its Playbook for Ending Homelessness as a statewide strategy on this issue. The playbook outlines the state's three key aims in utilizing SLFRF investments: decrease inflow into homelessness, decrease time actively homeless, and double the rate of placement into stable housing. As the state

works to implement these strategies, Colorado has invested in evidence-based projects at both the local and state levels, focusing on more immediate impacts as well as long-term solutions.

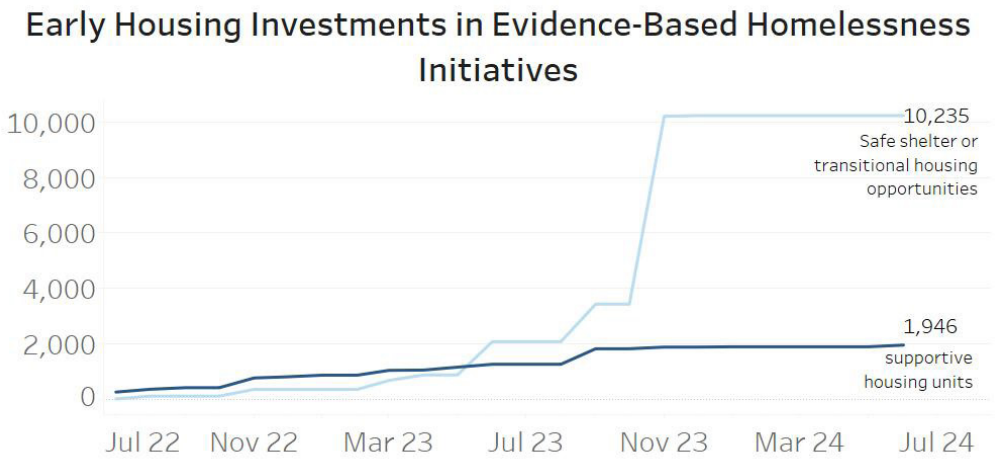


Programmatic Highlights:

- Informed by HB22-1304 and HB22-1377, the **Transformational Homelessness Response Grant** Program (THRGP) aims to prevent or end individuals' homelessness as efficiently and effectively as possible. Grants are awarded to programs that fundamentally shift the landscape of homelessness within the project's community, region, or the state, by transforming systems, programs, and outcomes while being responsive to the one-time nature of THR funds. In 2023, the state's Division of Housing (DOH) awarded more than $86 million in THR funding to projects that will run through September 2026. The 64 grantees include cities, housing support organizations, soup kitchens, health-focused nonprofits, and other organizations dedicated to supporting people experiencing homelessness. The awards reach every Colorado county, funding street outreach, homelessness systems improvement and data work, shelters, transitional housing operations, supportive housing, and eviction and homelessness prevention. The program has already served over 10,350 individuals in its first seven months in operation, from October 2023 to May 2024. These numbers are expected to grow as more THR programs launch in 2024.
- In Larimer County, $3.7 million in SLFRF has been allocated to the **Thompson School District's Matthews House** to renovate a school district building into a regional drop-in center and overnight emergency shelter for people aged 15 to 21 experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Annually, the center is expected to shelter 100 youths and serve 250 youth and young adults. **The Village on San Juan** project, located in Montrose County, is adding $5.5 in SLFRF to a larger investment to fully fund the building of 45 single-family detached affordable housing units. Thirty units will serve as permanent supportive housing for youth exiting foster care or experiencing homelessness. 15 units will be for seniors aged 62 and older experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The state's first intergenerational housing complex will also feature a community center and recreation trails, working off the idea that living in a nurturing community environment will help youth succeed in transitioning into a new phase in their lives.

Outcomes/Outputs

The primary outcome of interest is reducing the number of people experiencing chronic, unsheltered homelessness and the intermediate outcome of interest is improved "access to care" capacity. The outputs focus on the evidence-based practice of Permanent Supportive Housing, the delivery of critical services, and the number of communities adopting proven strategies.

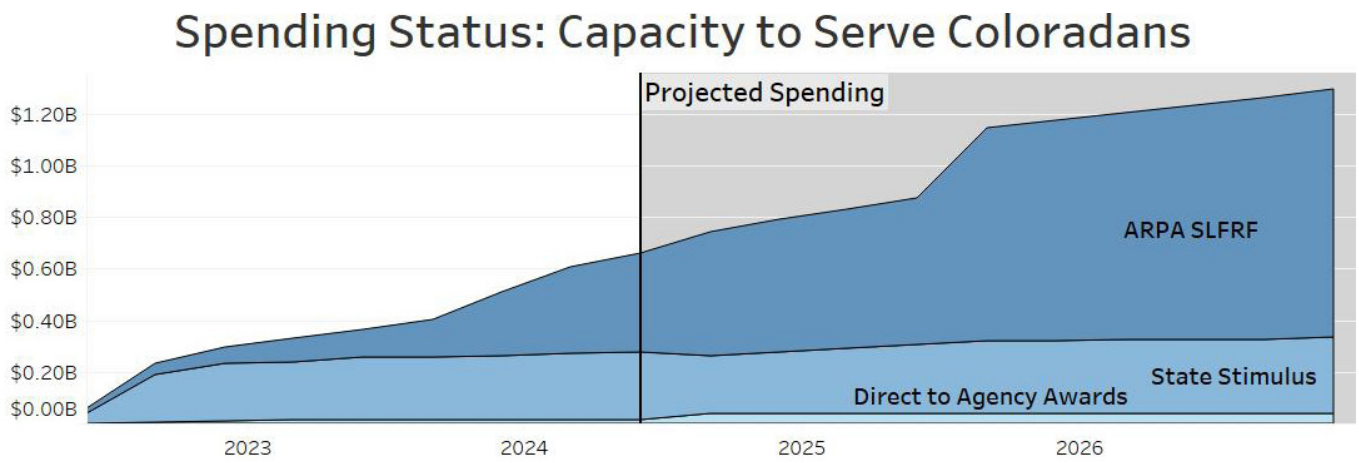


OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
• Number of permanent supportive housing units added • Number of sheltered individuals • Number of people served	• *Primary:* Reduction in the number of people experiencing homelessness • *Intermediate:* Improved "Access to Care" Capacity

REDUCING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS:	
• HB22-1377, Arapahoe County- Ready to Work Englewood	• HB23B-1001, Special Session Emergency Rental Assistance Program (GF)
• HB22-1377, Delta County- Delta Shelter	• HB23B-1001, Special Session Emergency Rental Assistance Program (SLFRF)
• HB22-1377, Denver- Theodora Family Hotel	• HB24-1197, Migrant Housing & Legal Assistance
• HB22-1377, El Paso County- Helen Hunt Campus	• SB21-242, Hotels Tenancy Support: Acquisition Fund-Admin
• HB22-1377, Homelessness Response Grant Program - Services	• SB21-242, Housing Development Grants Hotels Tenancy Support Program
• HB22-1377, Jefferson County- Recovery Works	• SB21-288, Migrant Assistance Contracted Services
• HB22-1377, Larimer County- Matthews House	• SB21-288, Migrant NGO Services
• HB22-1377, Mesa County- Mother Teresa Place	• SB21-288, Migrant Stable Housing Support
• HB22-1377, Montrose County- Village on San Juan	• SB21-288, Migrant Support Coordination - Medical Financial Services
• HB22-1377, Pitkin County- Response Shelter	• SB22-211, Repurpose of the Ridge View Campus for Homelessness Response
• HB22-1378, Denver-Metro Regional Navigation Campus Grant	

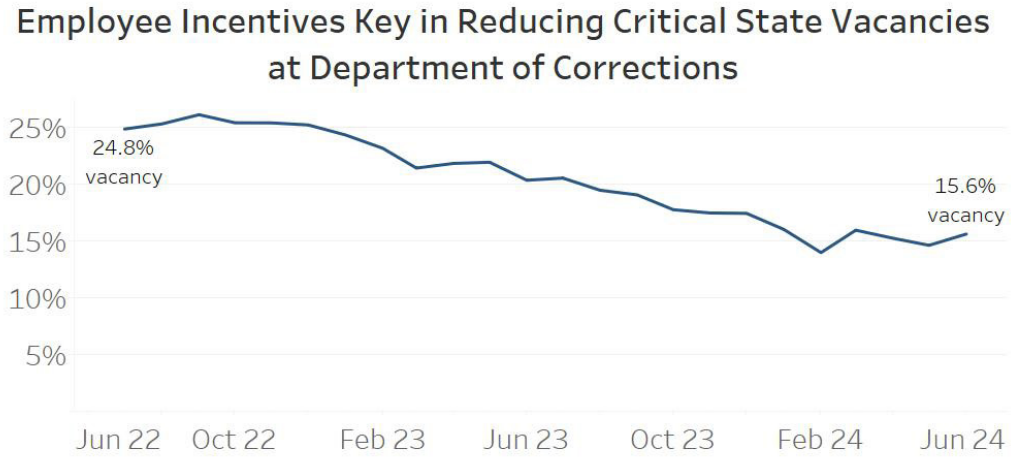
Capacity to Serve Coloradans

The pandemic provoked many changes to the way state government functions and necessitated rapid change in how programs were delivered. Since people look to the government in challenging times, the state recognized the importance of providing quality service while maintaining trust and accountability. For this reason, targeted, temporary, and limited investments were made to expand general government operations and meet temporarily increased needs. These investments kept vital services, such as 24/7 facilities, operating and maintaining quality care and ensuring safety for Coloradans during the public health crisis. Furthermore, SLFRF is still making a difference through the impacts of direct program funding, improved systems, and new modes of service delivery.

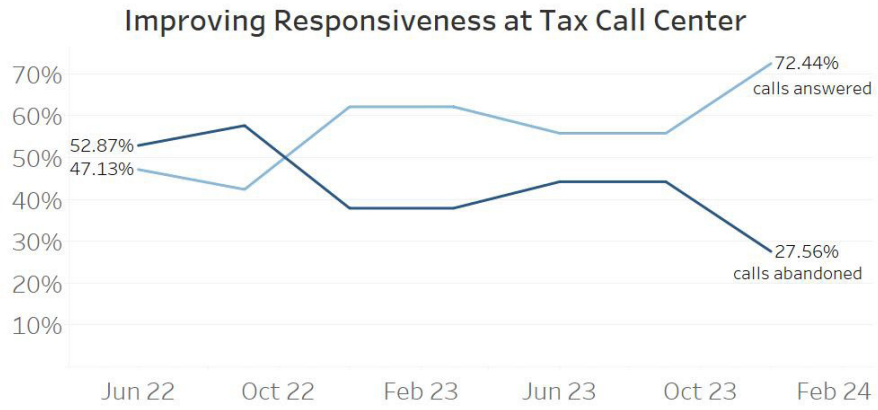


Programmatic Highlights:

- **Corrections Hiring Retention:** Due to the inherently challenging nature of the work, the Colorado Department of Corrections faces one of the highest rates of employee turnover among all state departments. The pandemic added substantial strain to maintaining necessary levels of staffing. SLFRF bolstered the department's existing staffing incentives program by funding support activities such as a marketing and media plan and temporary staff housing at remote correctional facilities. During the program's duration from June 2022 to June 2023, key metrics, including number of new hires and falling vacancy rates, indicated positive retention outcomes within the department. Vacancy rates continued to fall in fiscal year 23-24, with the department hiring 1,390 new employees. Correctional Officer I vacancies fell from a high of around 20% in August 2023 to around 10% in May 2024. Similarly, State Teacher I vacancies fell from a high of around 36% in July 2023 to around 25% in June 2024.



- **Enhanced Taxation Division Service:** The Department of Revenue increased customer service staffing following the swift changes in federal and state tax codes that provided temporary or expedited refunds and expansion of tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). This increased staffing was able to improve the responsiveness of state call centers and expand the usage of virtual assistance (ChatBot) technology. From February 2022 to 2024 the Taxation Division served over 47,500 taxpayers through federal stimulus funding, increasing the average rate of taxpayers' calls answered by 10%. Additionally, 83% of the tax policy's rules backlog was resolved.



Outcomes/Outputs

The primary outcome of interest for the capacity to serve Coloradans major program group is the dollars saved by Coloradans by accelerating infrastructure investments in roads, state facilities, and IT upgrades, and ensuring these investments do not add to the long-term size of government. Intermediate outcomes include keeping the full-time equivalent (FTE) to program ratio low by hiring temporary staffing and the successful implementation of ARPA funding to benefit all Coloradans. The outputs for this major program group include the number of programs that are adequately staffed to deliver services, the percentage of new programs operating, and the amount of capital investment made to the state.

OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
• Program Staffing Levels • New State Programs • Admin, Infrastructure, and IT Systems	• *Primary:* Dollars Saved • *Intermediate:* Successful ARPA Administration • *Intermediate: T*emporary FTE to Program Ratio

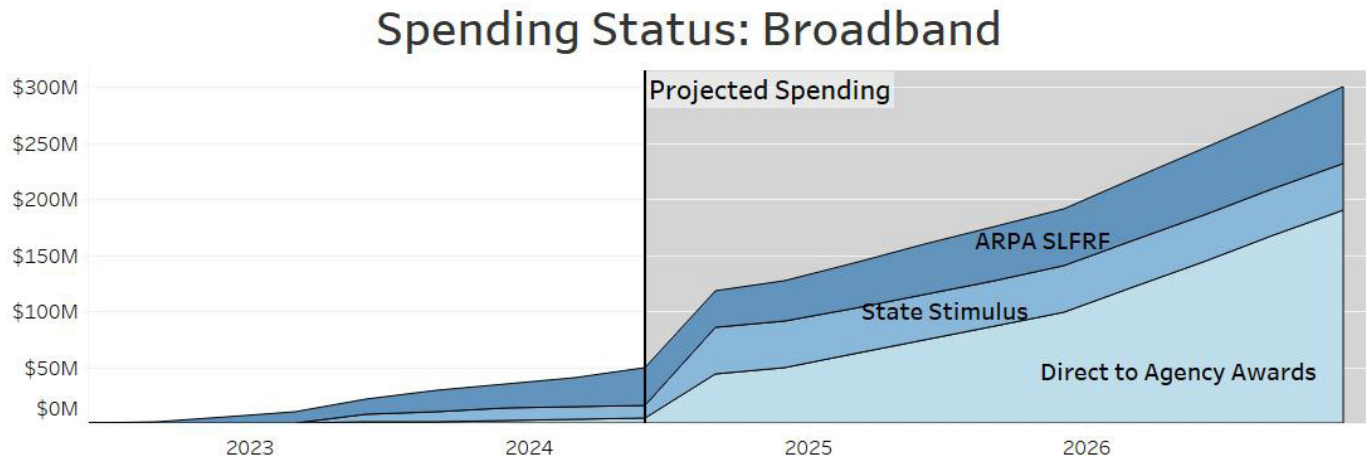
CAPACITY TO SERVE COLORADANS PROGRAMS:	
• HB21-1262, Support of Stock Show and State Fair	• SB21-110, Revitalizing Main Street (to State Highway Fund)
• HB22-1133, Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund (FAMLI)	• SB21-112, Access to State Parks
• HB22-1176, HB22-1329, SB23-214, Judicial Department Recovery Officer	• SB21-137, Behavioral Health Ombudsman
• HB22-1259, Colorado Benefits Management System Operating Expenses	• SB21-234, Investments in Drought Response
• HB22-1329, Round 1: Division of Human Resources Stimulus Staffing (FY 2022-23)	• SB21-243, Distributions to Local Public Health Agencies: Payroll
• HB22-1329, Round 1: State Capital Facilities Project Funding	• SB21-260, Burnham Yard Rail Development
• HB22-1329, State IT Capital Project Funding	• SB21-260, Clean Fleet Enterprise
• HB22-1329, HB22-1176, HB22-1335, IT Infrastructure Upgrades	• SB21-260, Highway Users Tax Fund Distribution
• HB22-1352, Stockpile For Declared Disaster Emergencies	• SB21-260, Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects FASTER Safety Backfill COPs
• HB22-1380, Joint Agency Interoperability Program: Work Management System Project	• SB21-288, Administration of Nonentitlement Unit of Local Government (NEU's)
• HB22-1380, LEAP / CBMS Data System Interface	• SB21-288, ARPA Administration Costs

• HB22-1466, Department of Corrections Personal Services for FY 2023-24 • SB21-288, Correctional Staffing: Hiring and Retention Support Program • SB21-288, Court Video Appearances Technology and Staffing • SB21-288, Department of Corrections Staff Shortage + Booster Incentives • SB21-288, Department of Human Services Booster Incentives • SB21-288, Department of Human Services: Staffing and Retention Efforts • SB21-288, DMV Programming Backlog Reduction • SB21-288, Finance System Integration- MYUI Reporting Functionality • SB21-288, Local Affairs Recovery/ARPA Administrative Funds • SB21-288, Migrant Coordination - Office of New Americans • SB21-288, myColorado COVID Response Initiatives • SB21-288, OEDIT Recovery Administration • SB21-288, Office of the State Controller ARPA - Administration Expenses • SB21-288, Office of the State Controller ARPA - Compliance Expenses • SB21-288, Private Prison Retention Bonuses • SB21-288, Recovery and Infrastructure Administrative Support - Governor's Office • SB21-288, Recovery and Infrastructure Administrative Support - Operations	• SB21-288, ARPA Investment Fund Management • SB21-288, Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo Administrative Staff • SB21-288, Colorado Mental Health Institute Pueblo (CMHIP) Operating Funding • SB21-288, Colorado Mobile Drivers License System • SB21-288, Recovery and Infrastructure Administrative Support - OSPB • SB21-288, Recruitment and Retention Efforts at CDHS 24/7 Facilities • SB21-288, Reporting Coordination - Funding for Term Limited Position • SB21-288, Round 1: Recovery Officers Administrative Costs • SB21-288, Round 2: Recovery Officers Administrative Costs • SB21-288, Statewide Training and Skills Based Hiring Administration • SB21-288, Taxation Division Customer Service Enhancement • SB21-291, Strategic Fund - Data System Modernization • SB23-214, Department of Human Services Revenue Replacement for FY 2023-24 • SB23-214, Department of Local Affairs Revenue Replacement for FY 2023-24 • SB23-214, Department of Public Health and Environment Revenue Replacement for FY 2023-24 • SB23-214, Round 2: Division of Human Resources Stimulus Staffing (FY 2023-24) • SB23-214, Round 2: State Capital Facilities Project Funding • SB23-214, Round 2: Stockpile For Declared Disaster Emergencies

Broadband

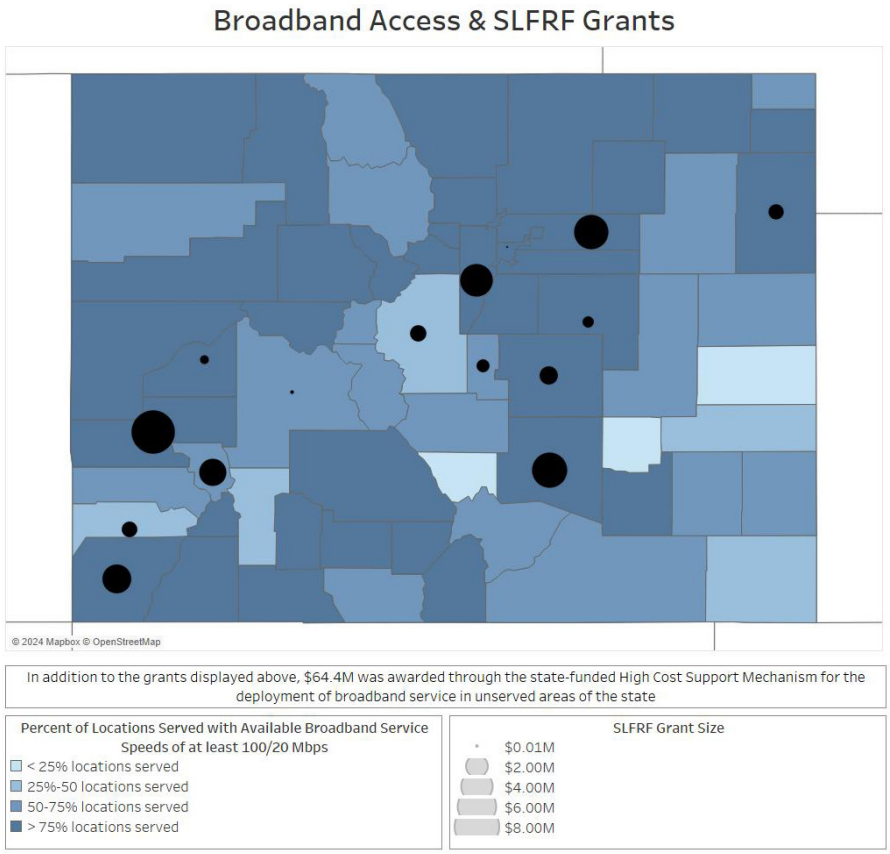
The pandemic has permanently changed the way people interact, elevating the necessity of internet connectivity in people's daily lives. The major shift of healthcare to telemedicine models, employment to work from home options, and even the weekly family phone call to a virtual visit during the past three years has elevated high-speed internet as a necessity for all Coloradans. However, Colorado's mountainous terrain and way of life created unique challenges to connecting every home and office to broadband.

Colorado is deploying SLFRF funding to develop broadband infrastructure in high-cost and tribal areas, and investing in building the foundation for deployment of increased broadband infrastructure funding over the next few years. These projects are essential to success in all of other major programs, from economic growth, to affordable housing and solving workforce shortages. Connectivity is the heart of life in Colorado going forward.



Programmatic Highlights:

- **Broadband Mapping and Administration:** The State of Colorado participated in the ongoing updates of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) National Broadband Map, which has formed the foundation for the state's broadband infrastructure deployment plan. The National Broadband Map has been updated over the past year through ongoing data from internet service provider service location lists to ensure the most updated information guides the deployment of broadband funding. Data continues to be collected by the CBO and is used to verify the FCC data and identify potential inaccuracies. Funding from the Broadband Mapping and Administration project has been used to enhance the Broadband Mapping Hub and to provide visibility into the state of broadband within Colorado.



- **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP):** As part of the administrative portion of this program, and prior to the expiration of the program, Colorado enrolled more than 250,000 households into ACP, an increase of 33% over baseline. The ACP provided eligible households with a monthly discount of up to $30 per month (and up to $75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands) toward internet services and a one-time $100 discount toward a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet. ACP-eligible households included families with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and those who qualify for Lifeline, SNAP, free and reduced-price school lunch, WIC, and other government-funded programs.

- **HB21-1289, Rural Health Facilities Broadband Infrastructure (Telehealth Grants)**: The Telehealth Grants project helps expand telehealth services through improving internet connectivity at rural health facilities. A critical access hospital in northeast Colorado used these funds to upgrade network infrastructure, supporting an emergency care telemedicine program. This program allows a remote board-certified emergency room physician to assist the local team with high-need patients. Additionally, the grants improved internet infrastructure at a nonprofit treating behavioral and mental health issues in children, boosting telehealth visits by 130%. The funds also upgraded internet infrastructure at three Department of Correction facilities and funded broadband studies at five more, including the San Carlos Correctional Facility, which provides the state's most extensive mental health programs for incarcerated individuals.

Outcomes/Outputs

The primary outcome of interest for the broadband major program area is to increase the percentage of households connected to high speed internet. Utilizing a variety of funding sources, including $68 million in SLFRF, $890 million in direct federal BEAD and CPF funding, and $18 million in state funding, the state's goal is to connect 99% of units with 100/20 Mbps symmetrical broadband service by 2027. Today, that number stands at 94.3%. The outputs for this program will be the number and geographic distribution of grants issued to build infrastructure, the total number of miles of cable laid, and locations served.

- **Broadband Deployment Board Last Mile Projects** - With the $35 million funds allocated to building last-mile infrastructure in Colorado, the Broadband Deployment Board awarded 17 grants which, once completed, will serve a total of 8,529 locations, including 8,076 households, 418 business and 44 community anchor institutions. All funded projects are underway, and some projects will be wrapping up construction as early as October 2024.
- **Broadband Grants to Tribes** - The State of Colorado awarded $10 million to each of the federally recognized tribes within the state, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. SLFRF funds will support fiber connectivity to approximately 6,745 locations within tribal boundaries.

OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
• Grants Issued • Fiber laid • Locations served	• *Primary: Percent of Colorado households connected to high speed broadband*

BROADBAND PROGRAMS:	
• HB21-1289, Broadband Deployment Board-Last Mile	• HB21-1289, Broadband Investments - Middle Mile
• HB21-1289, Broadband Deployment Board-Last Mile: RDOF Overlap Projects	• HB21-1289, Rural Health Facilities Broadband Infrastructure (Telehealth Grants)
• HB21-1289, Broadband Grants to Tribes	• HB21-1289, Statewide Digital Inclusion Survey
• SB21-288, Broadband Mapping and Administration	

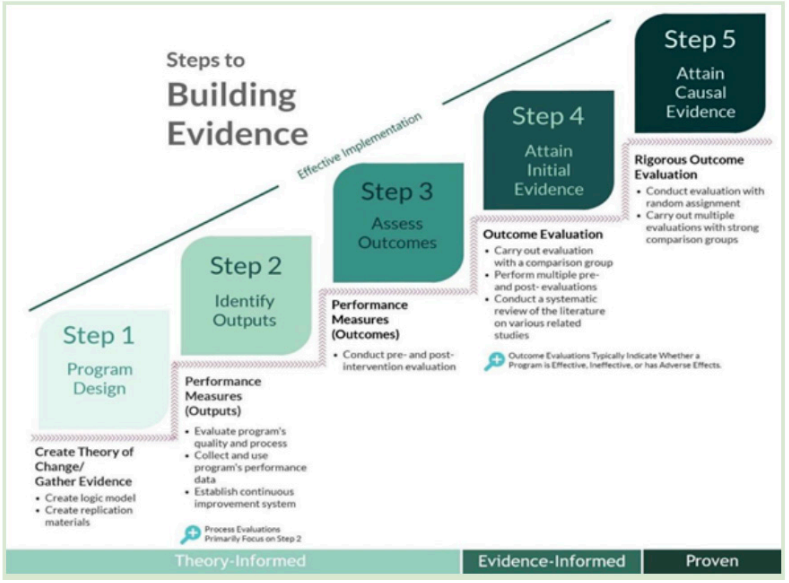
USE OF EVIDENCE

Colorado continues to be a leader in the use of data and evidence in state government. Strong leadership, performance management, and continuous process improvement are critical pieces to this success and strong and equitable outcomes. In 2023, Results for America again recognized Colorado as a leading state for its use of data and evidence in key areas of governance. Colorado's Office of State Planning and Budget (OSPB) is committed to operationalizing and ensuring the State's commitment to evidence-based decision making (EBDM). In partnership with the **Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab** (Colorado Lab) at the University of Denver, the state is actively building a culture of evidence-based decision making. EBDM is defined as the intersection of the best available research evidence, decision-makers' expertise, and community needs and context and recognizes that research evidence is not, nor should it be, the only contributing factor to policy and budget decisions.

To build capacity within state government, the Colorado Lab conducted training for performance managers and other leaders from across state agencies on how to incorporate EBDM and theories of change into agency budget processes. The Colorado Lab also presented at a meeting of SLFRF Recovery Officers to help them support their agencies in applying EBDM to decisions large and small every day.

The Colorado General Assembly codified EBDM in statute in HB24-1428, "Evidence-Based Designations for Budget." In addition, the bill defined "evidence-based" programs and practices as those that are "evidence-informed," "promising," or "proven." These definitions evolved out of the Steps to Building Evidence, shown below, which have been employed systematically in the budget development process and the Governor's budget submission for several years. The Steps to Building Evidence help executive branch departments think about evidence-building as a process, while the evidence designations in HB24-1428 characterize the quality of the existing evidence on a program or practice. "Evidence-informed" refers to a program or practice with existing research evidence at Step 3, while "Promising" has existing research evidence at Step 4, and "Proven" at Step 5.

The Colorado Lab is in the process of providing additional training to OSPB staff and executive branch agencies around complying with HB24-1428 in budget requests. Simultaneously, the Colorado Lab is working collaboratively with the Governor's Office of Operations to support several agencies in embedding their strategic goals into theories of change. The Governor's Office will continue to look for opportunities to build capacity within the executive branch to use data and evidence to improve decision making.



Over the past several years, the Governor's Office has also worked with the Colorado Lab to promote the use of evaluation in the implementation of SLFRF and the development of legislative proposals. This partnership work has included:

- Direct assistance to agencies in developing evidence based practices and theories of change, development of evaluation RFPs, identification of data reporting needs and techniques, and working on how grantee reporting can align with evidence creation;
- Analysis of legislative programs that are strong for evaluation and work to integrate funding for evaluation into the program's larger budget; and
- Ongoing guidance and support to develop evidence-building activities on SLFRF and related investments.

Programs that have benefitted from this work include:

- The **Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC)** worked to develop an evidence-based approach to decision-making around continuation of stimulus funds. Between 2021 and 2022, CDEC received over $700 million in state and ARPA funds as well as a supplemental discretionary funding award from the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) to expand early childhood care and education and support access to high-quality child care. In September 2022, CDEC engaged the Colorado Lab to serve as the coordinating hub for evaluation of priority stimulus-funded activities. The Colorado Lab selected local and national evaluation teams to conduct evaluations of 18 stimulus activities, including development of theories of change and systems-level analyses of activity implementation. The Early Childhood Stimulus Evaluation Hub also aligns with the work of independent teams conducting evaluations for 10 additional stimulus activities. The Hub synthesized actionable findings in the form of legislative briefs in August 2023, and final reports will be completed in September 2024. The Hub is also producing an external dashboard to capture the distribution and reach of stimulus funding across the state.
- The **Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Finance** worked to develop a theory of change and align outcomes for approximately 70 stimulus-funded initiatives. Additionally, the Colorado Lab is conducting an evaluation of the CAPABLE program. CAPABLE is a person-directed, home-based program that integrates services from an occupational therapist, a registered nurse, and a handyworker who work together with older adults to set goals and direct action plans that change behaviors to improve health, independence, and safety. The goal is for individuals to learn new skills, exercises, and how to work with additional equipment and home modifications to improve function and safety, so they can remain safely in their homes. The national literature on CAPABLE has demonstrated its effectiveness for older adults. This study is designed to inform CAPABLE of becoming a Medicaid benefit for adults across the lifespan (i.e., ages 18+) and with a focus on serving individuals with disabilities. This study will be completed in September of 2024.
- The **Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Child Welfare** is leveraging funds to identify barriers to mitigating risks and preventing child abuse and neglect especially for black, brown, indigenous, and LGBTQ+ children and families in underserved and over-represented communities. The Colorado Lab completed a study in SFY24 to explore the individual and county-level economic security factors associated with child welfare involvement by race and ethnicity. The goal of this study is to use these findings to inform county practice to reduce disproportionate involvement in child welfare and strengthen families.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Even before taking office, Governor Polis held a deep commitment to the idea that authentic community engagement was critical to effective public service and governance. In addition to the expectation that all agencies and departments regularly engage their stakeholders, consumers and constituents, the Polis Administration created the Community Engagement Department as part of the Communications Team to focus on ensuring that various constituency groups are engaged in government and have regular correspondence and shared activity with the administration. Members of Colorado's legislature also engage regularly with their constituents through in-person and, during the pandemic, virtual town-halls, community input sessions, and other opportunities for dialogue.

In April 2021, as Colorado state leaders proceeded with crafting a stimulus bill for economic recovery and officials in Washington, D.C. finalized the details of the American Rescue Plan Act, an important question arose — how to maximize the impact of these funds. To prepare to face this challenge, Governor Polis, in collaboration with State Treasurer Dave Young, State House and Senate Leadership, and legislators from both sides of the aisle convened a series of meetings to hear directly from Coloradans from across the state's diverse communities, industries, and areas of interest. The state leaders had the simple, yet ambitious, goal to incorporate the varied perspectives, experiences, and expertise of thousands of Coloradans in deciding how to focus the use of state and federal stimulus funds.

The Build Back Stronger (BBS) listening tour was designed to gather this input and assist state leaders in prioritizing the allocation of approximately $3.8 billion in ARPA funds, within federal guidelines. Build Back Stronger listening sessions were scheduled across seven geographical regions and ten additional audience or topic specific sessions were held.
These listening sessions gathered the input of thousands of Coloradans directly and the public was invited to share additional thoughts through a dedicated website. That online forum generated thousands more comments, letters and suggestions while dozens more organizations, trade groups or industry associations submitted letters, reports or input. All of this public input was incorporated into a 194 page report that was shared with the Governor, Treasurer, State House and Senate, and the general public. Following that report's publication, members of the State House and Senate held a series of internal discussions as well as meetings with the Governor's Administration and other state leaders to craft a spending agenda that was responsive to the input from and needs of the people of Colorado.

Interim Committee Public Input Process

The Interim Committees discussed previously are one of numerous efforts to ensure public and key stakeholder engagement was, and continues to be, considered in the investments made toward the state's recovery.

The **Affordable Housing Transformational Task Force** consisted of a bipartisan cohort of ten legislators from Colorado's General Assembly and six state agency directors. A fifteen member subpanel of diverse affordable housing experts was appointed to advise the task force. Additional insights and input were provided through a public survey, stakeholder participation, and public testimony.

The **Behavioral and Mental Health Transformational Task Force** was composed of legislators, executive branch representatives, and a diverse group of behavioral health practitioners and experts.

This task force and subpanel undertook a deliberative and transparent process with public input. At the outset of their process, a public input survey was developed and deployed by the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Mental Health Colorado to understand the priorities and concerns of the general public regarding Colorado's behavioral health system. Results were presented to the Task Force and incorporated into their recommendations. After each interim committee submitted its report of recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly, the recommendations were transformed into legislation in the 2022 session.

In Colorado, every bill receives a public hearing by one of the legislature's committees. Coloradans have the opportunity to express their views and have them incorporated into the official legislative record and amended into legislation.

Additionally, several programs required the engagement of a steering committee or a community input process in the design and implementation of the programs:

Office of New Americans: The Office of New Americans (ONA) added the position Global Talent Advisor (GTA) to its office to support traditionally underserved and underemployed immigrant and refugee populations (New Americans) in Colorado and to improve their economic stability, mobility, and integration. The GTA is working to increase economic opportunities for New Americans by expanding access to state workforce initiatives, engaging with high need sector employers, collaborating with the state government to build pathways to employment and upward mobility, and collaborating Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that can share employment opportunities with New Americans.

The Office of New Americans holds quarterly stakeholder meetings that reach community based organizations that serve New Americans. The New American Task Force holds meetings that reach state agencies seeking to collaborate or improve their services and increase access to state programs and services for New American communities. The GTA has also developed an in-depth presentation series to help employers hire and integrate New Americans onto their teams. The GTA is now using the "train the trainer" model to maximize impact and is training workforce center staff across Colorado, so that they too can engage, educate and support employers with hiring and integrating New Americans onto their teams.

Opportunity Now: Enacted by CO House Bill 22-1350 and led by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), the Opportunity Now Colorado Grant Program awarded more than $80 million in grant funding before December 2024 to organizations and regional partnerships that meet workforce needs in identified regions of the state. Under the direction of a steering committee and a selection committee representing industry, community, and institutions of higher education, the program has awarded its second round of grants to support organizations and regional partnerships that meet workforce needs through intentional alignment and collaboration among Colorado's employers, industry leaders, secondary and postsecondary education institutions, and workforce development and training providers.

LABOR PRACTICES

Colorado applies strong workforce and labor practices to infrastructure projects, and particularly for projects funded under the SLFRF infrastructure expenditure category. For capital projects approved during the 2022 session under BH22-1340 and that will be categorized as government services, the Colorado State Architect is providing guidance on Davis Bacon requirements. The state regularly works to include robust labor standards that promote effective and efficient delivery on projects while

supporting employment opportunities for workers and continuing Colorado's economic recovery. During the 2019 legislative session, Colorado passed Senate Bill 19-196, which implemented a prevailing wage and apprenticeship program for public projects that do not receive federal funds. Any construction contract awarded for $500,000 or more is subject to the requirements of prevailing wage and any public project construction in the amount of $1 million or more is required to comply with the apprenticeship utilization requirements of C.R.S. §24-92-115.

V. PROJECT INVENTORY

The following is an inventory of projects that have been submitted to US Treasury with expenditures occurring within the performance period of this report. It does not include projects that are still going through Colorado's eligibility review process (i.e. projects that are in recently passed bills).



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: CAPACITY GRANTS

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: NEI030
Funding Amount: $2,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is a workforce development program to recruit, retain, and train the behavioral health workforce to ease the behavioral healthcare workforce shortage in Colorado. Specifically, the funds will be for: Providing capacity-building grants to diversify the safety-net provider workforce and meet the requirements of the behavioral health safety net. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral health needs trended up nationally for the past several years, but the pandemic further exacerbated the issue, including in Colorado, particularly for underserved communities who already experiencing barriers to care. The Colorado Health Institute's Colorado Health Access Survey found that from 2013-2019, Coloradans who reported eight or more poor mental health days in the previous month ranged from 9.9%-15.3%, but in 2021, that increased to 23.7%, equating to an additional 300,000 people. This increased demand has generated a need for additional care capacity and quality of care (i.e. more and better trained workforce). Furthermore, those who are most likely to not have access to care are residents of rural communities, Medicaid recipients, and low-income families—all marginalized communities that were impacted or disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The pandemic impacted the healthcare industry significantly (as noted in this analysis) from an economic standpoint, with impacts specifically endured by the workers in this industry. This project aims to provide grants to diversify the safety-net provider workforce and expand capacity for providing services.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

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PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: RRI150
Funding Amount: $16,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is a workforce development program to recruit, retain, and train the behavioral health workforce to ease the behavioral healthcare workforce shortage in Colorado. Specifically, the funds will be for: 1) Developing an online training system that allows for accessible statewide training opportunities; 2) Developing an online training curriculum for providers in rural and metro areas to increase competencies in mental health and substance use disorders that will support a high-quality, trained, culturally responsive, and diverse behavioral healthcare workforce; 3) Providing fiscal incentives for lower income individuals to obtain a degree in behavioral health, with funding specifically targeted for rural areas of the State; and 4) Providing training to the existing behavioral healthcare workforce to be certified in federally reimbursed services. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care, and the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

MANAGED SERVICE ORGANIZATION: SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI040
Funding Amount: $10,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will increase by 66% the resources available for regional Managed Service Organizations (MSOs) to implement locally developed Community Action Plans to address substance abuse. These plans aim to fill gaps in coverage for substance use prevention, treatment and recovery capacity, and utilize local needs assessments to guide investments to provide individuals with SUD services. The intended outcome of this program is to address substance use through prevention and treatment. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to develop substance use prevention, treatment and recovery capacity and utilize local needs assessments to guide investments. This initiative will help those with behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

HIGH-RISK FAMILIES CASH FUND

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI050
Funding Amount: $3,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project aims to increase treatment capacity, including start-up costs and capital expenditures, and/or to provide substance use disorder recovery and wraparound services, including the prenatal plus program and access to child care, to high-risk families. This will be achieved through partnerships with vendors in the community and managed through Colorado's Managed Services Organizations. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to provide services to high-risk parents, including pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders and for high-risk children and youth. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

JAIL BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI060
Funding Amount: $4,700,013.96
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support county jails who have jail-based behavioral health services and more than 400 beds to eliminate the use of restrictive housing for individuals with behavioral or mental illnesses. This funding will result in an increase in screening and service provision for the previously mentioned individuals. The intended outcome of this program is to decrease restrictive housing for individuals with serious mental illness and pregnant women. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project will support jail-based behavioral health services at county jails with over 400 beds and keep those with behavioral health needs out of restrictive confinement. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/jbbs

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COMMUNITY TRANSITION SERVICES FOR GUARDIANSHIP

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI070
Funding Amount: $494,108.57
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide additional guardianship services for individuals with severe mental illness and cognitive impairment who need to transition out of the Colorado Mental Health Hospitals. Specifically, this program targets individuals who are severely mentally ill typically with co-occurring substance use or other health issues who are disadvantaged with little to no financial means and do not have a family support system that allows for a successful transition into the community. The intended outcome of this program is to remove the discharge barrier specific to guardianship services so patients can live in the least restrictive setting possible. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This project will support guardianship services for individuals with severe mental illness (SMI) and cognitive impairment who need to transition out of the Colorado Mental Health Institutes. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI090
Funding Amount: $1,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is a mental health awareness marketing and communications campaign to destigmatize conversations about mental health. Specifically, the COVID-19 pandemic has had far-reaching behavioral health impacts on adults. To address these behavioral health needs and leverage the current behavioral health discourse, a campaign will be launched that educates audiences on common mental health challenges and ways to strengthen mental wellness and resilience. This campaign will target Colorado adults primarily, as the Colorado Department of Human Services already manages robust marketing campaigns for youth and crisis services, respectively. The campaign will speak to Coloradans who can manage their needs with self-directed guidance and tips. As a secondary goal, is to have more Coloradans that can better advocate for themselves or loved ones by improving behavioral health literacy. The outcome of this program is to successfully operationalize the Mental Health Awareness Campaign in order to destigmatize conversations about mental wellness and offer actionable steps to help Coloradans develop resilience. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this program is to address behavioral health needs and leverage the current behavioral health discourse, utilizing a campaign that educates audiences on common mental health challenges and ways to strengthen mental wellness and resilience. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATEWIDE CARE COORDINATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI110
Funding Amount: $26,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The proposed use of the funds is to develop coordination infrastructure for all Coloradans to identify and locate behavioral health services in their community. This effort will help Coloradans initiate care and navigate to the right behavioral health treatments, preventative care, and connect to services that address social determinants of health. This infrastructure in partnership with the Office of e-Health Innovation will establish the necessary infrastructure to create a front door for accessing services through the development of a portal, website and mobile application that will include screening tools, navigation support and resources through an easy-to-use/user-friendly app/website. The outcome of this program is to launch a web-based/app for clients and providers to streamline access and connect to digital, telehealth and in-person behavioral health resources and other community based organizations in order to reduce barriers to access The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this program is to develop coordination infrastructure for all Coloradans to identify and locate behavioral health services in their community. This effort will help Coloradans initiate care and navigate to the right behavioral health treatments, preventative care, and connect to services that address social determinants of health. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI130
Funding Amount: $637,830.33
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services developed with this funding is to provide screening, care navigation, and care coordination services to children and youth with behavioral health disorders and to help them and their families access and utilize the most effective supports and services available. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of these funds is to address the behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment for children and their families. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19 and specifically had behavioral health needs for children, youth and/or their families.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS - SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI150
Funding Amount: $2,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides schools and supporting community providers with additional resources and training to support teachers and school professionals to help students improve: daily coping and problem solving strategies, establish and enhance social skills, and improve functional abilities. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to provide services and resources to school-aged children and parents by community mental health center school-based clinicians and prevention specialists. This initiative will help those who have mental health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS-COVID 19 MENTAL HEALTH AND PPE (PT 1)

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI160
Funding Amount: $378,644.68
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will address unanticipated expenses related to COVID-19, including pay for additional staff time who are specifically providing mental health services and expanding telehealth services. This project is part 1 of 2 funded to support these efforts, along with PHI170. These funds also allow CMHCs to purchase PPE, cleaning supplies, and protective barriers/shields, as well as provide training on disease prevention and the use of PPE and enhanced cleaning procedures necessary to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The intended outcome of this project is to build Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) capacity to provide service during the pandemic and limit service interruptions. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to cover unanticipated mental health expenses related to COVID-19. This initiative will help those whose mental health needs were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

CRISIS SYSTEM FOR COLORADO RESIDENTS

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI080
Funding Amount: $5,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will increase access to specialized crisis services to reduce the negative effects of untreated behavioral health disorders and family systems problems, including statewide access to crisis system services for children and youth. The intended outcome is to provide specialized in-home crisis resolution services for children, youth, and their families who do not need inpatient level of care. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This funding will increase access to specialized crisis services to reduce the negative effects of untreated behavioral health disorders and family systems problems, including statewide access to crisis system services for children and youth. The intended outcome is to provide specialized in-home crisis resolution services for children, youth, and their families who do not need inpatient level of care. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COUNTY-BASED BEHAVIORAL GRANT PROGRAM

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI120
Funding Amount: $6,260,644.43
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This program matches local investments at county departments of human or social services for the expansion or improvement of local regional behavioral health disorder treatment programs. These funds can support peer training, augmentation of direct therapy, acute treatment units, inpatient treatment programs, outreach and education, navigation or care coordination, capital investments in behavioral health center infrastructure, services for non-english speaking individuals, culturally responsive and attuned services, suicide prevention and intervention, crisis response, withdrawal management, workforce development, or supporting regional service delivery. The intended outcome of this project is to increase the capacity for behavioral health services at the county-level through county partnerships. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this program is to provide matching grants to county departments of human or social services for the expansion or improvement of local or regional behavioral health disorder treatment programs. This initiative will help those whose mental health needs were exacerbated by COVID-19 and specifically had behavioral health needs at a more local level.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY-BASED BEHAVIORAL GRANT PROGRAM

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: RRI160
Funding Amount: $846,436.82
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project aims to attract and retain community-based Behavioral Health Clinicians in rural San Miguel County. Two homes were purchased to house community behavioral health clinicians from partner agencies and a rental housing license agreement was created that offers low-cost rent to clinicians. The below-market rate rental income is exclusively used for insurance, HOA fees, upkeep and maintenance of the property. The houses will remain a county asset designated for behavioral health clinician housing for at least 5 years, beginning in June 2023. The intended outcome of this project is to increase the capacity for behavioral health services at the county-level through county partnerships. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS- COVID 19 MENTAL HEALTH AND PPE (PT 2)

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI170
Funding Amount: $1,694,360.50
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will address unanticipated expenses related to COVID-19, including pay for additional staff time who are specifically providing mental health services and expanding telehealth services. This project is part 2 of 2 funded to support these efforts, along with PHI160. These funds also allow CMHCs to purchase PPE, cleaning supplies, and protective barriers/shields, as well as provide training on disease prevention and the use of PPE and enhanced cleaning procedures necessary to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The intended outcome of this project is to build Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) capacity to provide service during the pandemic and limit service interruptions. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to cover unanticipated mental health expenses related to COVID-19. This initiative will help those whose mental health needs were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

RAPID MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE FOR COLORADO YOUTH (I MATTER)

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI290
Funding Amount: $4,276,382.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide free rapid mental health services, including substance use disorder services, to children and youth, including those needs that may have been exacerbated by the pandemic. The program will continue a pilot program that established a web-based application as a portal to connect children and youth with access to a minimum of 3 telehealth or in person mental health appointments, and additional sessions subject to available funds, available from an existing network of providers. Additionally, these services will connect to a continuity of care system so children and youth are connected to other resources as needed. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the program is to provide rapid mental health and substance use services to children and youth to respond to identified mental health needs, including those needs that may have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. The structure of the program includes the following: (a) a web-based application as a portal to facilitate services statewide, (b) the use of an existing network of providers and additional providers as needed, (c) the provision of up to three or more in-person or telehealth behavioral health sessions for children and youth, and, (d) continuity of care and other resource connections as needed. CDC data indicates that Colorado's teens went into the pandemic with a disproportionately high mental health crisis (since 2017) and the 2021 Healthy Kids Colorado survey shows that during the pandemic the percentage of teens exhibiting depressive behaviors increased by a further 5%. These two factors indicate the need for 1) action to address an existing problem, and more importantly 2) action to keep the recent pandemic impacts from exacerbating the problem.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://imattercolorado.org/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

RAPID MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE FOR COLORADO YOUTH (I MATTER) - AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PSI040
Funding Amount: $1,268,988.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will promote the I Matter program (PHI290) to raise awareness of the program and drive youth to sign up for free therapy sessions. The public awareness and outreach campaign will include the initial branding of the program, creative asset development, paid media strategy and execution, and community outreach to youth-serving organizations and schools. The I Matter communications campaign reaches youth (with an emphasis on reaching youth in priority populations), and parents/ trusted adults (with both English and Spanish communications) via paid media tactics such as digital video, advanced TV, streaming audio, terrestrial radio, out of home posters and pediatric office placements, social media, and search engine marketing. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the marketing campaign is to connect children and youth to rapid mental health and substance use services, including those needs that may have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. As of June 13, 2022, youth from 55 Colorado counties have scheduled sessions through the I Matter program (project ID PHI290). With the continuation of this marketing campaign it is expected to be able to continue to reach all Colorado counties including the 9 counties that youth have not had a scheduled session. CDC data indicates that Colorado's teens went into the pandemic with a disproportionately high mental health crisis (since 2017) and the 2021 Healthy Kids Colorado survey shows that during the pandemic the percentage of teens exhibiting depressive behaviors increased by a further 5%. These two factors indicate the need for 1) action to address an existing problem, and more importantly 2) action to keep the recent pandemic impacts from exacerbating the problem.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://imattercolorado.org/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI340
Funding Amount: $40,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide grants to nonprofits and local governments to expand behavioral health care services for children, youth, and families (CYF) to address acute, complex, or severe behavioral health problems. Uses include establishing and operating CYF-oriented care "access points" located within a two-hour drive of every community co-located with behavioral health treatment facilities or family resource centers, establishing navigation and coordination services, expanding evidence-based/informed behavioral health treatment (including substance use disorder treatment, intensive outpatient services with wraparound care, and caregiver interventions), and capital expenditures for the treatment services described in this section. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program will expand behavioral health services for children, youth, and families with serious behavioral health problems, and the services would be developed based on local community needs. The pandemic has made the lack of behavioral health access particularly dire for children, youth, and families. Between 2019 and 2021, kids who "felt sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row" grew from 34.7% to 39.6%, and Colorado's largest provider (Children's Hospital) saw a 90% increase in demand for behavioral health treatment over the same period. The purpose of this project is to expand access to evidence-based treatment for behavioral health services, including the expansion of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment to ensure that both mental health and substance use treatment services are available for children, youth and their families.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: RRI100
Funding Amount: $2,015,985.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will develop a behavioral health aide pilot program that will fill gaps in the behavioral health treatment array, allowing for some degree of para-professionalism, where appropriate tasks can be handled by lower-credentialed staff, allowing higher-credentialed staff to work at the top of their licensure. This program focuses interventions at the needed level of care that seeks to avoid behavioral health deterioration that requires higher levels of care outside of the local community. Additionally, this model (based on one developed in Alaska) allows for tiered entry into the workforce, which invites and allows a larger pool of prospective employees to find an appealing career path within behavioral health. This project combines with other SLFRF funded projects at the Department of Higher Education (project NEG100), Behavioral Health Administration (projects PHI320, NEI070, NEI080, & NEI090) and the Department of Public Health and Environment (project NEF090) to organize and professionalize the behavioral health workforce by standardizing roles, apprenticeships, credentials, continuing education requirements, and educational support systems in a manner consistent with traditional healthcare models. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILIES

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI140
Funding Amount: $289,451.95
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services developed with this funding is to provide screening, care navigation, and care coordination services to children and youth with substance use disorders and to help them and their families access and utilize the most effective supports and services available. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of these funds is to address the behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment for children and their families. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19 and specifically had behavioral health needs for children, youth and/or their families.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COLORADO LAND-BASED TRIBE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI390
Funding Amount: $5,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide funds to Southern Ute Indian Tribe, per Tribal Chairmen, to fund capacity for treatment of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and related disorders available to both of Colorado's Land-Based Tribes. The Tribe will either remodel an existing facility or will purchase suited property to build a center designed to meet residential substance use treatment needs. This project responds to the need in Southern Colorado for culturally appropriate substance use disorder treatment. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDC data has shown that Native American and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations had a 3.5 times higher rate of COVID cases, and positivity rates for those younger than 18 (12.9%) significantly higher than the non-hispanic white (4.3%) populations. The CDC also reported that overdose deaths among AI/AN populations nationwide rose 39% during COVID, compared to white Americans growth of 22%. The land-based tribes in Colorado continue to experience these disparities as well as other Covid-related health impacts. This project will grant funds toward addressing the serious need for residential and supportive SUD treatment facilities, either by purchase or by remodel and refurbishment, that is culturally appropriate and community based to mitigate physical and mental health impacts on the Tribal population in Colorado.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ROUND 2: CARE COORDINATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI350
Funding Amount: $12,200,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will improve Colorado's behavioral health care coordination infrastructure (created in HB21-137/Project ID PHI110) by shifting to a critical cloud-based platform for Colorado's care coordination infrastructure, namely a cloud-based platform that will allow behavioral health providers that currently do not utilize an electronic health record to actively participate in the state's care coordination infrastructure. The infrastructure will include grievance tracking and performance management systems as described in §27-50-108 and §27-50-201 to ensure provider quality and accountability. In addition, as part of implementing this technology solution, the BHA will train new and existing navigators on the behavioral health safety net system services, procedures, and social determinants of health resources. The intended outcome of this project is to improve state care coordination to better support access to behavioral health services so that individuals can receive the care they need when they need it.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Nearly one in four Coloradans ages 5 and older (23.7%) said they had eight or more days of poor mental health in the past month — far above the previous high of 15.3% recorded by the CHAS in 2019. But many Coloradans sought or plan to seek support. More than 1.4 million people ages 5 and older (26.8%) spoke to their doctor or a mental health professional about their mental health in 2021.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE: WORKFORCE EXPANSION

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: RRI120
Funding Amount: $17,526,654.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project creates paid internships and pre-licensure stipends; career pipeline development grants; and behavioral health apprenticeships in order to strengthen and diversify the behavioral health career pipeline by removing barriers for those entering the field, and reducing the administrative burden for the current behavioral health workforce. Additionally, marketing & outreach as well as further workforce development research will support the promotion of opportunities in these behavioral health workforce expansion efforts. This project combines with other SLFRF funded projects at the Department of Higher Education (project NEG100), Behavioral Health Administration (projects PHI320, NEI070, NEI080, & NEI090) and the Department of Public Health and Environment (project NEF090) to organize and professionalize the behavioral health workforce by standardizing roles, apprenticeships, credentials, continuing education requirements, and educational support systems in a manner consistent with traditional healthcare models. Efforts are outlined and detailed in the BHA Strategic Plan: Workforce Report. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral health needs trended up nationally for the past several years, but the pandemic further exacerbated the issue, including in Colorado, particularly for underserved communities who already experiencing barriers to care.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE: INNOVATIVE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION GRANTS

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: NEI070
Funding Amount: $4,760,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project creates grant programs for healthcare employers to support recruitment and retention in high-need areas in order to strengthen, diversify, and reduce the administrative burden for the current behavioral health workforce. Grants provide an intervention to address retention and burnout in the behavioral health field to ensure employers have the staff they need to support the public. While burnout in the behavioral health industry has been a long-standing challenge, this issue has reached existential levels as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Retention and recruitment grants will address specific challenges by a) assisting to identify root causes of burnout and turnover within organizations, and b) provide employers with the flexibility and freedom to fund innovative and creative solutions to address these problems. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral health needs trended up nationally for the past several years, but the pandemic further exacerbated the issue, including in Colorado, particularly for underserved communities who already experiencing barriers to care.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE: PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: RRI110
Funding Amount: $5,928,337.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will expand, strengthen, and professionalize the peer support workers in the Behavioral Health field by formalizing ethical standards, governance, certification, training curriculum, and tracking mechanisms. The Peer Support Professionals program provides entry into the workforce for populations that have been underutilized and underrepresented and will formalize career pathways that value lived experience for substance use disorder prevention, suicide prevention supports, and programs for other mental health concerns. Peer support services are tailored to provide clients with support from their own communities, making it especially effective in rural areas and among demographic groups that have not had equitable access to healthcare services. This project will enhance other SLFRF funded projects at the Department of Higher Education (project NEG100), Behavioral Health Administration (projects PHI320, NEI070, NEI080, & NEI090) and the Department of Public Health and Environment (project NEF090) to organize and professionalize the behavioral health workforce by standardizing roles, apprenticeships, credentials, continuing education requirements, and educational support systems in a manner consistent with traditional healthcare models. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral health needs trended up nationally for the past several years, but the pandemic further exacerbated the issue, including in Colorado, particularly for underserved communities who already experiencing barriers to care. The Colorado Health Institute's Colorado Health Access Survey found that from 2013-2019, Coloradans who reported eight or more poor mental health days in the previous month ranged from 9.9%-15.3%, but in 2021, that increased to 23.7%, equating to an additional 300,000 people. This increased demand has generated a need for additional care capacity and quality of care (i.e. more and better trained workforce). Furthermore, those who are most likely to not have access to care are residents of rural communities, Medicaid recipients, and low-income families—all marginalized communities that were impacted or disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The pandemic impacted the healthcare industry significantly (as noted in this analysis) from an economic standpoint, with impacts specifically endured by the workers in this industry. This project will support and expand a tiered entry into the BH workforce, reduce traditional barriers and expand the pool of prospective employees to find an appealing career path within behavioral health. It will also develop supervisor and trainer talent pipelines and career counseling/advising to assist individuals in maximizing their career options in the field.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE: LEARNING ACADEMY

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI320
Funding Amount: $4,856,674.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will build an innovative behavioral health learning nexus that will become the definitive source connecting people and knowledge across the state. This project combines with other SLFRF funded projects at the Department of Higher Education (project NEG100), Behavioral Health Administration (projects PHI320, NEI070, NEI080, & NEI090) and the Department of Public Health and Environment (project NEF090) to organize and professionalize the behavioral health workforce by standardizing roles, apprenticeships, credentials, continuing education requirements, and educational support systems in a manner consistent with traditional healthcare models. This project will increase the capacity and skills of providers through the learning platform and will help provide culturally responsive care and better serve individuals with complex needs. This training will be accessible by first responders, law enforcement, and other allied health roles to ensure that the people of Colorado receive culturally competent behavioral health care at all junctions of life. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral health needs trended up nationally for the past several years, but the pandemic further exacerbated the issue, including in Colorado, particularly for underserved communities who already experiencing barriers to care. The Colorado Health Institute's Colorado Health Access Survey found that from 2013-2019, Coloradans who reported eight or more poor mental health days in the previous month ranged from 9.9%-15.3%, but in 2021, that increased to 23.7%, equating to an additional 300,000 people. This increased demand has generated a need for additional care capacity and quality of care (i.e. more and better trained workforce). Furthermore, those who are most likely to not have access to care are residents of rural communities, Medicaid recipients, and low-income families—all marginalized communities that were impacted or disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The pandemic impacted the healthcare industry significantly (as noted in this analysis) from an economic standpoint, with impacts specifically endured by the workers in this industry. This program will fund the creation of a multi-faceted central learning hub open to everyone in the state of Colorado free of charge and geared specifically toward the behavioral health workforce. The objective of these learning modules is to increase cultural competency among providers to improve both the quality and accessibility of behavioral health services in Colorado. Population-specific training will be developed for groups identified in the legislation, such as LGBTQ, BIPOC, individuals with co-occurring disabilities, veterans, and more.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERVENTION, DETECTION & REDIRECTION GRANT PROGRAM

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI300
Funding Amount: $50,700,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project establishes the early intervention, deflection, and redirection from the criminal justice system grant program in the behavioral health administration (BHA) to provide grants to local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, health-care providers, community-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations to fund programs and strategies that prevent people with behavioral health needs from becoming involved with the criminal justice system or that redirect individuals in the criminal justice system with behavioral health needs from the system to appropriate services. Local law enforcement agencies are eligible for a grant only for the purpose of developing or expanding a co-responder community response program, and can provide a local match (local funding or in-kind). The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The World Health Organization has found that prevalence of anxiety and depression have increased by 25% as a result of the pandemic. As outlined in the Final Rule: "In January 2021, over 40 percent of American adults reported symptoms of depression or anxiety, up from 11 percent in the first half of 2019.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM GAP COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI310
Funding Amount: $35,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide grants to local governments, community-based organizations, and non-profit organizations for programs and services along the behavioral health continuum in areas of highest need. The behavioral health continuum includes prevention, treatment, crisis services, recovery, harm reduction, care navigation and coordination, trauma recovery, trauma-informed training, training on providing services in a culturally responsive manner, transitional housing, supportive housing, and recovery homes. The expansion of community based behavioral health services by filling critical gaps is expected to decrease the distance to or wait time experienced by Coloradans to acquire mental health services. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to integrated quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

As outlined in the Final Rule: "In January 2021, over 40 percent of American adults reported symptoms of depression or anxiety, up from 11 percent in the first half of 2019. The mental health impacts of the pandemic have been particularly acute for adults ages 18 to 24, racial and ethnic minorities, caregivers for adults, and essential workers, with all reporting significantly higher rates of considering suicide."

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

SUBSTANCE USE WORKFORCE STABILITY GRANT PROGRAM

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: NEI110
Funding Amount: $15,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides grants for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery providers to support front line SUD workforce employees. Providers may use the funding for temporary salary increases, recruitment and retention bonuses, and other workforce support strategies. The BHA shall prioritize awarding grants to direct care providers that offer same-day or next-day appointments, serve low-income and marginalized populations, or intend to expand the number of individuals they serve. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral health needs trended up nationally for the past several years, but the pandemic further exacerbated the issue, including in Colorado, particularly for underserved communities who already experiencing barriers to care.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT BEDS FOR YOUTH

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI330
Funding Amount: $5,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide one-time capital grants to 1-2 existing private and/or nonprofit sector substance use care providers to add necessary facilities and equipment for at least 16 additional residential treatment beds for youth. To the greatest extent possible, these beds will serve both mental health and substance use treatment services and withdrawal management treatment services. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the program is to expand residential substance use and mental health treatment beds for youth through our existing Managed Services Organizations (MSO) network. In an analysis concluded just prior to the pandemic, services for acute needs in Colorado were identified as the least accessible part of the State's mental health system, offered by fewer than 4% of providers.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ROUND 2 - CRISIS SYSTEM FOR COLORADO RESIDENTS

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI370
Funding Amount: $2,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will extend the work started by SB 21-137 (Project ID PHI080) to enhance crisis access for children, youth, and families. The project supports crisis stabilization services for children, youth, and their families who do not need inpatient level of care using a multidisciplinary, wraparound approach including: individual and family therapy, case management, coordination with existing programs, group therapy, peer supports, psychiatry and medication management, family skill building with the intention of reducing referrals to higher levels of care and stabilization of young people in their communities. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

As outlined in the Final Rule: "In January 2021, over 40 percent of American adults reported symptoms of depression or anxiety, up from 11 percent in the first half of 2019. The mental health impacts of the pandemic have been particularly acute for adults ages 18 to 24, racial and ethnic minorities, caregivers for adults, and essential workers, with all reporting significantly higher rates of considering suicide. The proportion of children's emergency department visits related to mental health has also risen noticeably." This strategy brings in-home services to families where a young person is experiencing a mental health crisis and aims at avoiding unnecessary utilization of higher levels of care including psychiatric facilities. The intervention involves a team that will visit the family in the home for up to 6 weeks, regularly 3 times or more per week to provide onsite support and skill building related to symptom management and improved family dynamics. The goal of the program will be to provide the needed supports to the family in crisis while avoiding any out of home placement for the child or adolescent.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO JAILS FOR MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT

Behavioral Health Administration
Project ID: PHI360
Funding Amount: $3,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will offer technical assistance to all county jails that participate in Colorado's Jail Based Behavioral Health Services Program (currently 49) with development and implementation of medication-assisted substance use treatment (MAT). This support includes funding directly related to delivering MAT such as medication; staff time related to services for assessment, administering medications, follow-up, etc; and contracted services to provide related support. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This project will improve the continuity of care for incarcerated individuals who: (1) suffer from opiate withdrawal to receive Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT); or (2) were previously prescribed MAT. As indicated in the US Treasury final rule, incidents of overdose have increased nationwide during the pandemic, with "preliminary data from the CDC showing a nearly 30 percent increase in overdose mortality from April 2020 to April 2021, bringing the estimated overdose death toll for a 12-month period over 100,000 for the first time ever."

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/jbbs

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COMMUNITY FOOD ACCESS PROGRAM

Department of Agriculture
Project ID: RRB010
Funding Amount: $8,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project creates a new Community Food Access Program to improve access and lower prices for healthy foods in low-income and underserved areas in the state. Under this program, the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) will establish a Food Access Consortium composed of food retailers and Colorado family farms that will assist in purchasing and price negotiations, financial assistance for distribution costs, and connect small food producers to small food retailers. This program will also provide grants of up to $25,000 to small food retailers and local farmers to further advance access to healthy food in underserved areas. Through these grants, retailers will receive assistance with the cost of operating, purchasing equipment, accounting, and updating their point of sales systems to allow retailers to accept payment from the food incentive program. At least 30% of the grant funding will be awarded to rural areas. The intended outcome of the State's economic recovery & resilience spending is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible and accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://ag.colorado.gov/markets/community-food-access-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

PRIVATE PRISON RETENTION BONUSES

Department of Corrections
Project ID: PPC010
Funding Amount: $1,049,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 4.2 Private Sector: Grants to Other Employers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing grants to employers that have eligible workers who are critical to protecting the health and wellbeing of state-mandated prison facilities. The Department of Corrections will allocate funds to CoreCivic for the use of hiring and retention bonuses, in installments of $1,000/employee delivered at three points: November 15, 2021, December 15, 2021, and February 15, 2022, contingent upon continuous employment at CoreCivic. No more than $445,000 will be awarded per period, and the final amount of funding awarded will be dependent on the number of employees who qualify for the bonuses. The intended outcome of this project ensured that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 5/31/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS STAFF SHORTAGE + BOOSTER INCENTIVES

Department of Corrections
Project ID: PPC020
Funding Amount: $5,187,323.46
Project Expenditure Category: 4.1 Public Sector Employees

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing up to 8 weeks of incentive pay and one-time vaccination booster bonuses to eligible workers who are critical to protecting the health and wellbeing of state correctional facilities. These incentives aim to address staffing shortages and keep facilities running as COVID-19 outbreaks and staff quarantines, coupled with an already limited staff supply, are straining facilities. The intended outcome of this project ensured that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 3/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

EXPAND MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT IN PRISONS

Department of Corrections
Project ID: PHC010
Funding Amount: $3,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will expand the medically assisted treatment (MAT) program to eleven state correctional facilities (Sterling, Denver, Ark Valley, Limon, Fremont, Arrowhead, Four Mile, Trinidad, Rifle, Delta, and Buena Vista). These funds will pay for the required renovations, hardware, software, and vaults to store the medications at each of the Department's facilities. The program will provide continuity of care for inmates with opioid use disorder (OUD) between the institutional settings and/or community-based treatment in order to mitigate the illness and suffering surrounding the acute withdrawal of individuals with opioid use disorder, and facilitate the long-term treatment and recovery of individuals upon release. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated behavioral health issues for individuals, especially those within the prison system. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of June 2020, 13% of Americans reported starting or increasing substance use as a way of coping with stress or emotions related to COVID-19. Overdoses have also spiked since the onset of the pandemic. A reporting system called ODMAP shows that the early months of the pandemic brought an 18% increase nationwide in overdoses. The trend has continued throughout 2020, according to the American Medical Association, which reported in December that more than 40 U.S. states have seen increases in opioid-related mortality along with ongoing concerns for those with substance use disorders.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COURT VIDEO APPEARANCES TECHNOLOGY AND STAFFING

Department of Corrections
Project ID: PSC010
Funding Amount: $1,037,087.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide for technological updates and staffing at correctional facilities through the end of FY22-23 in order to comply with mandatory county video court appearances for inmates, which began during the pandemic and are continuing to be utilized by the courts. The funds will be used for technology upgrades and equipment at state correctional facilities, and staffing needed to monitor hearings during use by incarcerated persons. The intended outcome of this project ensured that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The pandemic forced the judiciary to quickly embrace virtual judicial hearings. In 2021, nearly all of the 1.4M scheduled court events (hearings, trials, and conferences) were conducted virtually. As the Judicial Department seeks to continue and expand its reliance upon remote work models, the Department of Corrections needs to adapt, and provide constitutionally mandated access to the courts via remote options. This project will provide technological upgrades to all correctional facilities, and funding for staffing those hearings through the end of FY2022-23.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

CORRECTIONAL STAFFING: HIRING AND RETENTION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Department of Corrections
Project ID: RRC010
Funding Amount: $1,349,195.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will fund a staffing hiring retention support program at the Department of Corrections, necessary due to staffing shortages exacerbated by pandemic in order to keep facilities running. While $23M in staffing incentives will be covered within existing DOC personnel resources, the necessary support activities are not able to be funded using the same pot of available funds. This project will fund a marketing and media plan (built off of best practices established during a recent pilot project) to attract new talent, as well as a program that provides temporary staff housing at remote correctional facility locations. The intended outcome of this project ensured that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PERSONAL SERVICES FOR FY 2023-24

Department of Corrections
Project ID: RRC980
Funding Amount: $232,847,512.86
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support ongoing government personal services expenses for the Department of Corrections for the 2023-24 fiscal year. These funds are being used to support annual program costs to compensate for lost State revenue as a result of the pandemic. Per U.S. Treasury Guidance, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to pay for government services in an amount equal to the State's total revenue loss experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency as determined by US Treasury's formula. Government services "generally include any service traditionally provided by a government". Additionally, in accordance with the SLFRF restrictions on use, funds from this project will not be used for the offset of a reduction in net tax revenue, deposits into pension funds, debt service, replenishing financial reserves, satisfaction of settlements and judgments, or unallowable capital expenditures. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively mitigate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Education
Project ID: RRD010
Funding Amount: $5,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This grant program provides adult education programs funding for adult basic education, adult education leading to a high school equivalency credential, English as a second language instruction, or integrated basic education and skills training. These services are provided by grantees as part of a workforce development partnership or education attainment partnership with the Colorado Department of Education. Half of the funds will be used to supplement the existing state grant to fully fund existing grantees at the levels of funding requested in their grant applications from spring 2021 for the 2021-25 four-year grant cycle. The other half of the funds will be used to run a new grant competition in fall 2021. This grant cycle will be 3.5 years, from January 2022 - June 2025. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post-secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected those without education credentials (HS diplomas, skill certifications, etc). The unemployment rate in Colorado for those without a HS diploma was 20.9% at the peak of the pandemic (compared to 8.9% for those with a bachelor's degree), and today remains twice as high as those with a bachelor's degree or higher at 5%. These Coloradans often experience barriers to workforce programs, such as non-fluency in English or not possessing a GED.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeadult/prospectivegrantees

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT EXPANSION AND INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Education
Project ID: NED020
Funding Amount: $1,750,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.27 Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Concurrent Enrollment Expansion and Innovation Grant Program provides grant funding to local educational agencies so they may expand access to and/or to develop innovations to concurrent enrollment opportunities for K-12 students. Concurrent enrollment is defined as the simultaneous enrollment in both high school and college courses. This grant program assists high school students by allowing them to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school, saving the students and their families money. In order to address the educational disparities, in part caused by lost instructional time, this program provides funding to schools to innovate how students are concurrently enrolled to meet the new needs of students after the COVID-19 pandemic-induced remote learning. The overall outcome of all of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans. This grant program also helps to achieve the CDE strategic plan goal: Students graduate high school with knowledge, skills and experience needed for career and college success.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

In Colorado, in-person learning in K-12 public and private schools was suspended beginning in March of 2020, and extended into the following academic year to slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent loss of life. Although Colorado was one of the earliest states to safely resume in-person learning by January-February of 2021, the loss of in-person learning time disrupted the opportunity for High School students to participate in Concurrent Enrollment for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ceexpansiongrant_slfrf

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION (ECMH) EVALUATION

Department of Education
Project ID: PSQ010
Funding Amount: $340,828.72
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will conduct an evaluation of the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (ECMH) model, assess and support a full program implementation, analyze outcome data to examine effectiveness, conduct evaluation, enhance the overall efficacy of the ECMH consultation program and provide needed resources towards an improved data collection process. As a statewide prevention and promotion program, the Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Consultation Program builds the capacity of adults including early childhood professionals, directors, programs, and systems to prevent, identify, treat and reduce the impact of mental health problems among children from birth to age six and their families. The ECMH program offers confidential consultation with families and child care professionals; on-site or virtual support and training for child care professionals and families to promote social-emotional and overall development; workshops for families and caregivers to help them support social-emotional and overall development; and referrals to community services and resources.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation program began in 2021 to increase the number of qualified mental health consultants supporting professionals who work with young children and to give guidance and support to families, caregivers, and providers in addressing the social-emotional developmental needs of children through age eight.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdec.colorado.gov/early-childhood-mental-health-consultation

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ROUND 1: EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Education
Project ID: PHD010
Funding Amount: $5,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project expands the State funded School Health Professional Grant Program that provides funds to enhance the availability and capacity of school health professionals (School Nurses, School Psychologists, School Social Workers and School Counselors) in both elementary and secondary schools. These funds can be used by eligible education providers to: increase the presence of licensed school health professionals to provide behavioral health education and intervention to students; provide training and resources to school staff for the implementation of evidence-based programming for behavioral health education and care for all students; and, allow school health professionals to connect students enrolled in elementary and secondary schools with services provided by community-based organizations for treatment and counseling. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Through an established grant program, the School Health Professional Grant Program (SHPG) is designed to provide funds to expand student access to school health professionals including School Nurses, School Psychologists, School Social Workers and School Counselors as well as to expand training opportunities for school staff on prevention education and screenings. The program is governed by the State Board of Education adopted Rules for the Administration of the School Health Professional Grant Program (CCR 301-97).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/school-health-professional-grant-program-state-and-local-federal-recovery-funds

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ROUND 2: EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Education
Project ID: PHD020
Funding Amount: $2,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project expands the State funded School Health Professional Grant Program that provides funds to enhance the availability and capacity of school health professionals (School Nurses, School Psychologists, School Social Workers and School Counselors) in both elementary and secondary schools. These funds can be used by eligible education providers to: increase the presence of licensed school health professionals to provide behavioral health education and intervention to students; provide training and resources to school staff for the implementation of evidence-based programming for behavioral health education and care for all students; and, allow school health professionals to connect students enrolled in elementary and secondary schools with services provided by community-based organizations for treatment and counseling. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Through an established grant program, the School Health Professional Grant Program (SHPG) is designed to provide funds to expand student access to school health professionals including School Nurses, School Psychologists, School Social Workers and School Counselors as well as to expand training opportunities for school staff on prevention education and screenings. The program is governed by the State Board of Education adopted Rules for the Administration of the School Health Professional Grant Program (CCR 301-97).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/school-health-professional-grant-program-state-and-local-federal-recovery-funds

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

EMERGING AND EXPANDING CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Education
Project ID: RRQ010
Funding Amount: $16,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project expands on State funding (NEQ018) that created the Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program. The program expands access and availability of licensed child care throughout Colorado, especially in child care deserts and for children age two and under, by funding facility upgrades and expansions to increase capacity at existing licensed home-based providers and/or child care centers. Facilitated through partnerships with Early Childhood Councils (ECCs), applicants must demonstrate their commitment to quality by participating in quality improvement activities through the Colorado Shines System. Additionally, The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) will provide technical assistance to child care providers. The intended outcome of the State's economic recovery & resilience spending is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible and accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.coecstimulus.com/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

EMPLOYER BASED CHILD CARE

Department of Education
Project ID: RRQ020
Funding Amount: $10,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will expand a state funded grant program created in 2020 by adding an additional $10M for employer-based child care facility grants. In 2021, Colorado created this program and dedicated $8.8 million in General Funds to provide grants to employers to construct, remodel, renovate, or retrofit a child care center to provide licensed child care services on- or near-site to its employees. Eligible employers must provide a financial match of 50% for for-profit employers and 25% match for nonprofit or government employers. It is expected that the ARPA-funded projects will add an additional 14 childcare centers to the state, supporting an additional 1,365 families, providing options to Coloradans who want to get back into the workforce but cannot find or afford child care. Grants to applicants who are located in "childcare deserts" will be given priority. The intended outcome of the State's economic recovery & resilience spending is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible and accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This innovative solution creates and continues private and public partnerships which are critical in increasing child care capacity. Employers that apply for funding submit a detailed business plan, commit to the 25% or 50% match (depending on the applicant's business model), and provide a sustainability plan and include how their plan will address the current shortage in child care within their respective community.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.coecstimulus.com/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

EARLY CARE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM

Department of Education
Project ID: RRQ030
Funding Amount: $15,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project seeks to increase the number of qualified early childhood educators through grants, compensation, and scholarships. This project is an expansion of an existing, State funded program created in 2021 (SB21-236) that provides grants to licensed early child care programs and nonprofit entities or institutions of higher education to pay for tuition, professional development, apprenticeships, loan forgiveness, or other activities that increase the capacity and quality of early-educator training programs. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program will fund up to 2,000 early childhood educators and our non-educator early childhood professionals, such as home visitors and mental health consultants, with scholarships and loan forgiveness at community colleges and public universities across the state, as well as expanding professional development and supporting career pathways. Between March 2020 and December 2021, the early childhood workforce decreased in size by over 6% due to the pandemic. In that period, we would have expected about a 5% growth rate had the pandemic not occurred, resulting in a worker deficit of nearly 11%. The Childcare workforce in Colorado is approximately 21,000, meaning the loss equates to over 2,100 professionals. This funding seeks to close that gap.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.coecstimulus.com/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS SUPPORT PROGRAM

Department of Education
Project ID: RRQ040
Funding Amount: $7,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project establishes a Family, Friends, and Neighbors (FFN) Advisory Group to recommend policy, funding, rules, and regulations to the Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) and creates a training and grant program for community based and non-profit organizations to offer credentialed (non-licensed) training programs, resources and technical assistance to the FFN providers. FFN providers are non-licensed childcare providers that serve 4 or fewer children in a single setting. There are currently estimated to be 2,000 such providers across the state who are barred from accessing federal early child care funding and support due to their unlicensed nature. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

FFN providers did not have access to the previous CARES Act and ARPA funding (i.e. paycheck protection program utilized by 27% of licensed providers) because of the informal nature of their operations (without state licenses), but were relied upon heavily during the pandemic when COVID restrictions restricted licensed facilities. An Early Milestones Colorado survey found that 42% of licensed facilities had reduced enrollment or closed, while only 24% of FFN providers had reduced capacity.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.coecstimulus.com/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

HOME VISITING PROGRAM- HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS

Department of Education
Project ID: PHQ020
Funding Amount: $1,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will expand the existing, evidence-based Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program to add at least one additional cohort, focused on populations that are underserved by language, culture, or geography. HIPPY is a peer-delivered program where trained home visitors provide weekly home visits, working with parents one-on-one. The program also provides monthly group meetings, where parents and children can socialize and meet other families within the community, and connects families with specialized needs resources. The program works toward two main goals to maximize your child's chances of successful early school experiences: 1) To empower and train parents to act as the primary educator of your children in the home; and 2) To encourage parents' involvement in the school and community. Families typically enroll in HIPPY for at least one school year; however many families choose to continue enrollment for up to three years. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The HIPPY Home Visiting Program is an evidence-based program that helps parents prepare their 2, 3, 4 and 5-year old children for success in school and throughout life by providing families who are most at risk due to poverty, English proficiency, and limited education access to curriculum, story books and other materials, to build literacy, social/emotional and physical development.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.coecstimulus.com/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM-CHILD FIRST

Department of Education
Project ID: PHQ010
Funding Amount: $2,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will expand Colorado's Child First mental health program begun under the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program, also funded by ARPA, to a second cohort, serving an additional 12-16 families in Chaffee, Fremont and Lake Counties. Colorado is one of four states that have adopted the innovative evidence-based approach to child mental health that Child First has pioneered. This national program helps struggling families build strong, nurturing relationships that heal and protect young children from the devastating impact of trauma and chronic stress. Child First uses a home visiting strategy and engages the work in three ways: the health and development of the child; the critical relationship between the primary caregiver and the child, as well as important relationships with other caregivers; and the challenges (both internal and external) that interfere with the caregiver's ability to nurture and support the child's development. Each Child First cohort serves between 12 and 16 families at a time, such that they can complete 12-14 home visits per 40-hour work week. Services generally continue for six to twelve months but may be longer based on individual family needs. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Child First serves children (prenatal through age five) and their families using a home visiting strategy to enhance a caregiver's capacity to provide sensitive, age-appropriate care and protection to mitigate or preempt adverse childhood experiences that have life-long adverse effects on a child. The pandemic has caused major disruptions in the lives of Colorado children in the form of caregiver mortality, families' economic security, mental health, and disruption and access to education.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.coecstimulus.com/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT (SBIRT) PROGRAM

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
Project ID: PHU010
Funding Amount: $249,999.99
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

SBIRT is an evidenced-based screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment practice to identify, reduce and prevent the use of alcohol and other substances. Screening and brief intervention is recommended by the CDC, U.S. Preventive Services Tax Force, American Academy of Pediatrics, SAMHSA, and the Veterans administration. When combined with community level prevention strategies, SBIRT contributes to the prevention of disease, injury, and other negative consequences of alcohol and other substance use in individuals, families and communities. This funding will support the expansion of the SBIRT training program contract with Peer Assistance Services by 25% for the current year and will be expended by the end of the 2021-22 fiscal year. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program grant is awarded to an organization which provides training to healthcare providers. The training is about the clinical tool of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). SBIRT is a preventive service for drug and alcohol use. Providers who receive the training will be better equipped to treat patients who are at-risk, or who currently have a drug or alcohol use disorder. This outcome is related to addressing the increased use of drugs and alcohol as an effect of the public health emergency.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://hcpf.colorado.gov/sbirt-benefit

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ARPA ADMINISTRATION COSTS

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
Project ID: ADU010
Funding Amount: $80,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Department received funding to pay for start-up costs related to creating administrative infrastructure for ARPA-related projects. The funding was to hire (a) human resources staff associated with the hiring of other positions associated with ARPA spending, (b) accounting staff associated with tracking expenditures and developing reporting associated with ARPA spending and (c) procurement staff associated with writing and executing contracts associated with ARPA spending.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2021

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://hcpf.colorado.gov/arpa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

MEDICAID MEMBER IMMUNIZATION EFFORT

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
Project ID: PSU010
Funding Amount: $278,886.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will increase the number of Medicaid members fully immunized for COVID-19 and other critical vaccines. From Spring 2022 through Spring 2023, HCPF employed two term-limited FTE who leveraged Medicaid and statewide data to develop localized strategies to increase Membership vaccination rates. Beginning in the Spring of 2023, HCPF will scale back the staffing needed to one FTE in order to continue this work through June 30, 2024. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The urgent need for mass vaccinations against COVID-19 and its many variants has highlighted the ongoing public discourse around vaccine efficacy and the social determinants of health. Medicaid members continue to receive COVID-19 vaccinations at lower rates than the general population. Additionally, Colorado Medicaid Members and Children's Health Insurance Plus (CHP+) Members are also receiving childhood and adolescent immunizations at rates well below CMS benchmarks.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://hcpf.colorado.gov/health-first-colorado-immunization-benefits

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

HEALTHCARE PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION & INTEGRATION

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
Project ID: PHU030
Funding Amount: $34,750,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support the creation of the primary care and behavioral health statewide integration grant program to provide grants to physical and behavioral health care providers for implementation of evidence-based clinical integration care models. Grants may be used to retrain staff, invest in IT upgrades to support integration, expand telehealth, support change management and re-processing workflows, and community engagement. Depending on the hospital's revenue, cost sharing is required as a component of participation and receipt of grant funds. Funding will be prioritized to applicants that serve populations that experience disparities in healthcare access and outcomes. Grant amount will be based on the needs of the provider but will not exceed $400,000 over two years. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this grant program are to build off of Colorado's state innovation model, implemented in 2015-2019, which showed positive outcomes related to increasing access to behavioral health care and decreasing the need for behavioral-health-related emergency visits. Grants will be made available to primary care and behavioral health care providers to implement evidence-based clinical integration models.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://hcpf.colorado.gov/integratedcare

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

RURAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDER EXPANDED ACCESS

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
Project ID: PHU020
Funding Amount: $10,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide grants to qualified rural healthcare providers based on financial need and the ability to expand health-care access. The grant program is intended to improve health-care affordability and access in rural communities. Qualified uses for the grant funds include: Projects that modernize the information technology infrastructure of rural providers, such as investments in shared data analytics platforms, technologies like telehealth and e-consults, and other tools that expand access to health care in rural communities. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This project is designed as a grant program targeting hospitals located in rural communities. The objectives of the program are to improve health-care access in rural communities; drive financial sustainability for hospitals and clinics in rural communities; improve the efficiency of health-care services in rural communities; make investments in Colorado's rural economy; modernize the information technology systems available to health-care providers in rural communities; improve access to critically needed health-care services in rural communities, including behavioral health care, telemedicine, remote patient monitoring, and long-term and recovery care in skilled nursing facilities; and lower the prices of health-care services in rural communities. According to the Colorado Rural Health Center, rural hospitals and clinics in Colorado were already facing a financial crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, 18 of 42 rural hospitals in the state were operating with negative profit margins in 2019. In spring 2020, rural hospitals and clinics reported more than 50% revenue loss due to significant decreases in patient volume, while expenses were increasing for personal protective equipment and other supplies. This grant project is aimed to provide investments into these providers to ensure they have the infrastructure needed to meet the demands of residents, including the new needs related to the provision of virtual or remote care.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://hcpf.colorado.gov/rural-provider-access-and-affordability-stimulus-grant-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: RRG100
Funding Amount: $10,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will add to existing federal Perkins and State funds for Colorado's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program, which aims to provide: quality educational programs emphasizing core academic content, Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness (PWR) competencies, technical skills, and seamless transition to further education or employment; and better prepare students, including special populations to meet challenges of the workforce, economic development, and emerging occupations. This funding will be prioritized to expand equipment, facility and instructional capacity in key CTE job demand areas. This funding seeks to increase the program capacity and get more students employed in CTE careers. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program structure expands the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program capacity across the state to expand the number of credentials existing programs can offer each year. Broadly, the economic impact of COVID-19 impacted those with low and moderate incomes more severely than higher-income individuals, and those without a credential experienced longer spans of unemployment as jobs return than those without a credential. Additionally, recent surveys show that half of Americans are willing to change jobs to improve their economic situation, and 28% are interested but not enrolled in training or education programs.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/cte

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP-FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: NEG020
Funding Amount: $25,892,841.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will create the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI), Finish What You Started (FWYS) grant program. Funds will be allocated and distributed to public institutions for direct and indirect support to students with some college, no degree or those that enrolled in but did not attend a postsecondary institution during Academic Year 19-20 or 20-21. This program will increase the number of students who complete their academic programs, and will limit accumulation of excessive educational debt held by these students to complete these programs. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program aims to provide scholarships to individuals who left college due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. As unemployment rates increased during the pandemic, many individuals left higher education and training programs due to the financial burden of attending on themselves and their families. Broadly, the economic impact of COVID-19 impacted those with low and moderate incomes more severely than higher income individuals, and those without a credential or degree experience longer spans of unemployment as jobs return than those without a credential. This program seeks to reverse the impacts on individuals seeking a post-secondary credential (Community: Assistance to Impacted Households, low- or-moderate income households or communities; and households that experienced unemployment).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/about-us/divisions/cosi-colorado-opportunity-scholarship-initiative

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

COLORADO OPP. SCHOLARSHIP- FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED (ALT. ELIGIBILITY)

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: RRG060
Funding Amount: $13,107,159.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project creates the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI), Finish What You Started (FWYS) grant program. Funds will be allocated and distributed to public institutions for direct and indirect support to students with some college, no degree or those that enrolled in but did not attend a postsecondary institution during Academic Year 19-20 or 20-21. This program will increase the number of students who complete their academic programs, and will limit accumulation of excessive educational debt held by these students to complete these programs. This is part of a larger project (NEG020) and was split off out of an abundance of caution to ensure compliance with federal guidelines. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/about-us/divisions/cosi-colorado-opportunity-scholarship-initiative

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

RE-ENGAGED INITIATIVE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: NEG040
Funding Amount: $1,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Colorado Re-Engaged (CORE) initiative allows 4-year institutions to award associate's degrees to eligible students who enroll in a bachelor's degree program, earn at least 70 credit hours, and withdraw from the institution prior to completing the degree. This funding will support a single administrative position and will: provide grant support to 4-year institutions designing associate degrees; implement process improvements in the current reverse transfer program; and initiate a statewide marketing and outreach campaign for reverse transfer and CORE. This program aims to increase degree attainment without incurring additional educational debt. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program structure expands the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program capacity across the state to expand the number of credentials existing programs can offer each year. Broadly, the economic impact of COVID-19 impacted those with low and moderate incomes more severely than higher-income individuals, and those without a credential experienced longer spans of unemployment as jobs returned than those without a credential. Additionally, recent surveys show that half of Americans are willing to change jobs to improve their economic situation, and 28% are interested but not enrolled in training or education programs.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/attending-college/core-initiative

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP - DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: NEG050
Funding Amount: $13,836,281.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) displaced workers grant program ('Back to Work" program) prioritizes workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, helping them to reskill, upskill, or complete industry-recognized credentials within the grant term. Support to displaced workers under the program includes: post secondary scholarships, advising services, and connection to the workforce. The goal of this program is to increase the number of workers who attain a certificate/degree while keeping education debt below state average. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program structure expands programs that offer reskilling, next skilling, and upskilling across the state to expand the number of credentials in existing programs available to workers who are changing careers. Broadly, the economic impact of COVID-19 impacted those with low and moderate incomes more severely than higher- income individuals, and those without a credential experienced longer spans of unemployment as jobs returned than those without a credential. Additionally, recent surveys show that half of Americans are willing to change jobs to improve their economic situation, and 28% are interested but not enrolled in training or education programs.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/back-to-work

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP - DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: RRG050
Funding Amount: $500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) displaced workers grant program ('Back to Work" program) prioritizes workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, helping them to reskill, upskill, or complete industry-recognized credentials within the grant term. Support to displaced workers under the program includes: post secondary scholarships, advising services, and connection to the workforce. The goal of this program is to increase the number of workers who attain a certificate/degree while keeping education debt below state average. This is part of a larger project (NEG050) and was split off out of an abundance of caution to ensure compliance with federal guidelines. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/back-to-work

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL FOR DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED STUDENTS ADMINISTRATION

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: NEG060
Funding Amount: $685,270.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds 2.0 FTE, term limited through the end of 2024, to support: administrative, accounting, fraud prevention, reporting and monitoring, procurement and audit compliance related the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) oversight of SLFRF and direct to agency ARPA federal funds appropriated in HB21-1330, SB21-137, SB21-232, and HB21-1264. This administrative activity supports the workforce related initiatives charged to CDHE. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This funding supports the administration of all workforce programs funded by SLFRF and administered by the Department of Higher Education, including: the Displaced Workers Grant, the Re-Engaged Initiative, the Finish What You Started grants, and the expansion of the Career and Technical Education grants. Combined, these programs added an additional $75 million in programming to the department, necessitating additional personnel to administer effectively and efficiently.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS TRAINING ON OPIOID RISKS AND ALTERNATIVES

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: PHG010
Funding Amount: $1,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will increase efforts for training and education of health care, behavioral health care and public health professionals with a focus on reducing prescribed opioids and will further promote the use of evidence-based models of care for treatment of pain and substance use disorders. The project will work to strengthen recovery support programs and services for individuals with an opioid or other substance use disorder in Colorado and will assist local organizations in obtaining state and federal funding through a grant writing assistance program. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This funding will allow the Center for Research into Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Strategies to expand evidence-based opioid abuse treatment and prevention training and education for healthcare and behavioral healthcare providers, as well as public healthcare professionals. The pandemic exacerbated behavioral health traumas for many Americans, and nationwide the US saw an increase in the number of opioid abuse cases. Healthcare professionals are on the frontline of this issue, and need to be prepared with the most current information and training to address this national issue.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://corxconsortium.org/resources/cme/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR SUPPORT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY (MENTAL HEALTH)

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: PHG020
Funding Amount: $333,334.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will expand the Regional Health Connectors (RHCs) work around mental health as a crucial point of connection between primary care practices, other health care providers, public health, and community resources and will be engaged to help accomplish the broad aims of the Behavioral Health Recovery Act. RHCs work to: educate health-care providers on evidence-based and evidence-informed therapies and techniques to enable health-care providers to incorporate such practices in their work and to improve community health; provide support and assistance to primary care providers as a link between primary care services, behavioral health services, public health services, and community agencies to improve community health and health care, including attention to behavioral health needs; assist primary care practices and community agencies in connecting patients with mental health or substance use disorders for support and treatment options; educate health-care providers about preventive medicine, health promotion, chronic disease management, and behavioral health services; and, provide clear information to providers and community members regarding COVID-19 prevention, treatment, and vaccines. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program is designed to address healthcare access deficiencies by increasing the number and distribution of healthcare providers qualified to treat mental health needs. This initiative will help those who have mental health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

www.regionalhealthconnectors.org

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR SUPPORT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY (SUBSTANCE USE)

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: PHG040
Funding Amount: $333,333.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will expand the Regional Health Connectors (RHCs) work around substance use as a crucial point of connection between primary care practices, other health care providers, public health, and community resources and will be engaged to help accomplish the broad aims of the Behavioral Health Recovery Act. RHCs work to: educate health-care providers on evidence-based and evidence-informed therapies and techniques to enable health-care providers to incorporate such practices in their work and to improve community health; provide support and assistance to primary care providers as a link between primary care services, behavioral health services, public health services, and community agencies to improve community health and health care, including attention to behavioral health needs; assist primary care practices and community agencies in connecting patients with mental health or substance use disorders for support and treatment options; educate health-care providers about preventive medicine, health promotion, chronic disease management, and behavioral health services; and, provide clear information to providers and community members regarding COVID-19 prevention, treatment, and vaccines. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program is designed to address access issues by increasing the number and distribution of healthcare providers qualified to treat substance use health needs. This initiative will help those who have substance use needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

www.regionalhealthconnectors.org

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR SUPPORT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY -OTHER COVID-19

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: PHG050
Funding Amount: $333,333.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will expand the Regional Health Connectors (RHCs) work around other COVID 19 Public Health concerns as a crucial point of connection between primary care practices, other health care providers, public health, and community resources and will be engaged to help accomplish the broad aims of the Behavioral Health Recovery Act. RHCs work to: educate health-care providers on evidence-based and evidence-informed therapies and techniques to enable health-care providers to incorporate such practices in their work and to improve community health; provide support and assistance to primary care providers as a link between primary care services, behavioral health services, public health services, and community agencies to improve community health and health care, including attention to behavioral health needs; assist primary care practices and community agencies in connecting patients with mental health or substance use disorders for support and treatment options; educate health-care providers about preventive medicine, health promotion, chronic disease management, and behavioral health services; and, provide clear information to providers and community members regarding COVID-19 prevention, treatment, and vaccines. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program is designed to address access issues by increasing the number and distribution of healthcare providers qualified to treat behavioral health needs. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

www.regionalhealthconnectors.org

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

INCENTIVES AND SUPPORT FOR MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (MOUD)

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: PHG030
Funding Amount: $630,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project aims to improve the adoption of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) by: delivering practice consultation services to health-care providers who are eligible to prescribe MOUD; providing stipends to health-care providers who achieve certain benchmarks known to lead to an increased number of patients being managed with MOUD; distributing outreach materials designed for patients and developed with patient and practitioner input that increase awareness of MOUD; and, supporting communication strategies between MOUD prescribers, patients and referral sources. This program aims to reduce the number of opioid deaths in Colorado and ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program is designed to address access issues by increasing the number of healthcare providers who are prepared to prescribe medications for opioid use disorder. National surveys have shown that the need for opioid treatment has grown since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in a greater need for treatment capacity.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

STUDENT AID APPLICATION COMPLETION

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: NEG030
Funding Amount: $1,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This grant program will assist local education providers in partnering with higher education institutions and community-based organizations to help students and families complete the free application for federal student aid and the Colorado application for state financial aid. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

College attendance amongst 18 year olds dropped broadly since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with low-income students accounting for a disproportionate percentage of that reduction. This program will assist school districts in increasing their student aid application completion rates by targeting school districts with lower completion rates and/or lower college-going rates (which are highly correlated to free and reduced lunch program recipients) and those who are willing to make completion of student aid applications a graduation requirement.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/provider-resources/fund-my-future

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE: IN-DEMAND SHORT TERM CREDENTIALS

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: RRG030
Funding Amount: $26,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project provides funding to the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) for scholarships towards in-demand short term health care credentials programs for students of the CCCS system and their institutions. These scholarship funds are only a part of a larger program established by SB22-226 that seeks to support the resilience, well-being, and retention of the healthcare workers through technical assistance, guidance and funding support to develop programs for and assist in retaining healthcare workers. This is an industry-wide effort that brings together institutions of higher education, healthcare providers, healthcare provider trade associations, and healthcare focused nonprofit organizations. The larger outcome of this program is to provide more healthcare workers to Colorado.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

While Colorado's healthcare sector did not experience larger job losses (1.6%) than the hospitality and leisure industry (5.2%), this industry does qualify as an impact industry due to the level of job loss relative to job postings and the drop in revenues to the industry. Overall healthcare job loss (1.6%) and a surge in job openings (64%) in the healthcare sector, are both greater than the average for all industries combined in Colorado (0.5% and 43%, respectively). In regards to sales, national data on inflation-adjusted gross output shows that the sector had a decline of 7.3% from the period immediately preceding the pandemic to the period around the publication of the final rule. Further, the job openings rate for the healthcare industry in Colorado increased from 6.5% preceding the pandemic to 10.3% at the time period of the publication of the final rule. These analyses indicate that the healthcare industry meets the qualification for impacted industry defined in US Treasury guidance. (Community: Impacted Industry)

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cccs.edu/new-students/explore-programs/care-forward-colorado/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

REMOVING BARRIERS TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: RRG020
Funding Amount: $52,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project seeks to increase the flow of new educators into schools through three interventions: 1) the Student Educator Stipend Program ($39M) to cover stipends for approximately 1,380 students in each year for 2 years, for students who participate in either a 16-week or 32-week residency program; 2) the Educator Test Stipend Program ($3M) that covers the cost of 6,250 exams per year for two years, and student travel and lodging costs to take the exams; and 3) a temporary educator loan forgiveness program ($10M) in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 for up to $5,000 in loan forgiveness per teacher who entered the profession on or after the 2019-20 school year. The overall goals of the workforce programs in the project are to increase the number of qualified teachers filling PK-12 teacher positions in Colorado post the COVID-19 pandemic which exacerbated a growing teacher shortage in the state.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Job loss in public PK-12 education in Colorado was -4.2% higher in comparison to the three month time period preceding the publication of the final rule (November 2021, December 2021, and January of 2022) with the same three month period immediately preceding the pandemic (November of 2019, December of 2019, and January of 2020). Thus, job loss was comparable with the state's leisure and hospitality industry jobs decline of 5.2% over the same time period. Additionally, job postings in the PK-12 increased 124% from the period preceding the pandemic to the time period of the publication of the final rule. This large increase, combined with job loss in the sector, indicates that the workforce shortage within PK-12 worsened over the pandemic. The increase in job postings was larger than the all-industry totals in the state.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/programs-and-services/programs/k-12-educator-stipends-resources

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR WORKFORCE PROGRAM

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: NEG090
Funding Amount: $250,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will add a traveling health expert to support training/technical assistance to ensure primary care providers understand how to navigate behavioral health resources for their patients. The Regional Health Connector program works to: educate health-care providers on evidence-based and evidence-informed therapies and techniques to enable health-care providers to incorporate such practices in their work and to improve community health; provide support and assistance to primary care providers as a link between primary care services, behavioral health services, public health services, and community agencies to improve community health and health care, including attention to behavioral health needs; assist primary care practices and community agencies in connecting patients with mental health or substance use disorders for support and treatment options; educate health-care providers about preventive medicine, health promotion, chronic disease management, and behavioral health services; and, provide clear information to providers and community members regarding COVID-19 prevention, treatment, and vaccines. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to integrated quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project is designed to address healthcare access deficiencies by improving access to behavioral health resources and services, especially mental health services. This initiative will help those who have mental health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19, as outlined in the Final Rule: "In January 2021, over 40% of American adults reported symptoms of depression …The proportion of children's emergency department visits related to mental health has also risen noticeably."

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhe.colorado.gov/programs-services/cosi-colorado-opportunity-scholarship-initiative

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COPPCAP: COLORADO PEDIATRIC PSYCHIATRY CONSULTATION & ACCESS PROGRAM

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: PHG060
Funding Amount: $4,600,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project expands coverage of the existing Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation & Access Program (CoPPCAP) at the University of Colorado by 33% through expanded call center capacity and hiring staff to travel across Colorado in support of rural areas. CoPPCAP supports primary care providers and school-based health centers in the identification and treatment of pediatric behavioral health conditions through peer-to-peer consultations between providers and integrated behavioral health clinician. As behavioral health care needs have grown beyond the capacity of the behavioral healthcare workforce, the integration of mental health care services as part of primary care has grown more important. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The structure of the program includes supporting primary care providers to identify and treat mild to moderate pediatric behavioral health conditions at the primary care level by integrating pediatric behavioral health screening and treatment, provide peer-to-peer consultations, and identify/elevate evidence-based resources and care coordination. CDC data indicates that Colorado's teens went into the pandemic with a disproportionately high mental health crisis (since 2017) and the 2021 Healthy Kids Colorado survey shows that during the pandemic the percentage of teens exhibiting depressive behaviors increased by a further 5%. Children's Hospital Colorado has reported a 90% increase in demand for behavioral health treatment in the past two years since 2019, a record number of kids and youth in mental health crises. Additionally, based on recent data, there has been a 23% increase in patients visiting the hospital's emergency departments for behavioral health concerns when compared to the first quarter of 2021 and a 103% increase above the first quarter of 2019, before the pandemic began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.coppcap.org/about-coppcap

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE CREDENTIAL PATHWAYS

Department of Higher Education
Project ID: RRG040
Funding Amount: $15,193,018.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project directs the Colorado Community College System to develop postsecondary competency-based credentialing pathways to support Colorado's behavioral and mental health care jobs. This project combines with other SLFRF funded projects at the Behavioral Health Administration (projects PHI320, NEI070, NEI080, & NEI090) and the Department of Public Health and Environment (project NEF090) to organize and professionalize the behavioral health workforce by standardizing roles, apprenticeships, credentials, continuing education requirements, and educational support systems in a manner consistent with traditional health care models. These funds will hire curriculum experts with industry expertise to build training programs that can be offered through classroom instruction and on-the-job training across all 13 community colleges in our state system. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care, and the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary credential attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral health needs trended up nationally for the past several years, but the pandemic further exacerbated the issue, including in Colorado, particularly for underserved communities who already experiencing some high barriers of care. The Colorado Health Institute survey found that from 2013-2019, Coloradans who reported eight or more poor mental health days in the previous month ranged from 9.9%-15.3%, but in 2021, that increased to 23.7%, equating to an additional 300,000 people. Furthermore, those who are most likely to not have access to care are residents of rural communities, Medicaid recipients, and low-income families—all marginalized communities that were impacted or disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The pandemic impacted the healthcare industry significantly (as noted in this analysis) from an economic standpoint, with impacts specifically endured by the workers in this industry.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/workforce-development

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ANTI-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORGANIZATIONS

Department of Human Services
Project ID: NEI010
Funding Amount: $701,254.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The proposed use of these funds is to provide additional funding to Domestic Violence Program-funded organizations to offset funding shortfalls and additional costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic so the organizations can maintain essential services for survivors. The intended outcome of this program is to maintain current programs and increase programs for adults and children in need of direct services.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to provide additional funding to Domestic Violence Program funded organizations to offset funding shortfalls and additional costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic so the organizations can maintain essential services for survivors.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Human Services
Project ID: NEI020
Funding Amount: $4,714,859.57
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provided grants to food pantries/banks across the state in order to provide more food resources to Coloradans and bolster food pantries during a time of increased demand and reduced donations/revenue for food pantries. Food banks/pantries were awarded grants based upon need, geographic coverage, and available funding. The program utilized a third-party vendor to administer and distribute funds to food pantries across the state. The intended outcome of this program is to assist food pantries in purchasing additional food to meet the demand for food assistance. The intended outcome of the State's economic recovery and resilience spending is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to make grants to food pantries/banks across the state to provide more food resources to Coloradans and bolster food pantries during a time of higher need and reduced donations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/benefits-assistance/food-assistance/food-distribution-programs

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR YOUTH WITH HIGH ACUITY NEEDS

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PHI010
Funding Amount: $4,999,352.30
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will create a new pilot program that will be initiated by the Division of Child Welfare for residential placement of children and youth with high acuity physical, mental or behavioral health needs. This pilot will establish a residential treatment facility that will have higher levels of direct care medical and behavioral health care staff that will be able to meet the needs of this population. The intended outcome of this program is to maintain children in treatment services in Colorado and close to their home communities. Specifically, increase residential children's treatment capacity and the reduction of out-of-home placement. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this program will be to establish a residential treatment facility that will have higher levels of direct care medical and behavioral health care staff that will be able to meet the needs of this population. This initiative will help children whose needs were exacerbated or care was interrupted by COVID-19 and specifically had medical and behavioral health needs in a residential setting.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/child-welfare-placement-services

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ARPA RESIDENTIAL YOUTH BEDS

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PHI190
Funding Amount: $11,891,605.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds an additional estimated 37 state-contracted specialized residential beds for children and youths with complex behavioral health needs. The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected the health outcomes for children with complex behavioral health needs and created a demand for additional bed capacity for children. This project will add residential bed capacity in the state including specialized residential beds, psychiatric residential treatment facilities beds, and a 21-day residential assessment program. The intended outcome of this project is to transition a portion of youth to lower levels of care upon discharge. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 11/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this program is to secure an estimated 37 state-contracted specialized residential beds for children and youths with complex behavioral health needs. The effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency exacerbated behavioral health concerns for youth across the country, including Colorado. The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected the health outcomes for children with complex behavioral health needs and created a demand for additional bed capacity for children.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ROUND 1: CDHS COMPETENCY BEDS ALLOCATION (CONTRACTED)

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI050
Funding Amount: $26,950,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will: 1) Expand the capacity at the State Mental Health Institutes by contracting with community partners to secure beds for civil patients from the Institutes; 2) Contract with a psychiatrist to provide consultation services to jail based medical providers and assist in addressing medication needs of acute individuals waiting for a bed and provide guidance on how to complete an emergency mental health hold; and, 3) Expand a pilot program specific to restoration services for an additional year. This funding will ease the inpatient competency waitlist, which has worsened as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOOSTER INCENTIVES

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PHI380
Funding Amount: $6,045,200.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide staff up to 8 weeks of pay retention incentives and one-time vaccination bonuses for employees at 24/7 congregate care facilities run by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). These incentives intend to address staffing shortages and maintain safe facility operations as COVID-19 outbreaks and staff quarantines exacerbate already strained facilities. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project will enable the Department to meet staffing and safety needs to run CDHS programs and serve the vulnerable people in the care of the Department. These dollars were specifically allocated to incentivize vaccinations and boosters of staff working at our 24/7 facilities that could expose the clients within those facilities to COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected staff recruitment and retention at many organizations, including CDHS resulting in staffing shortages at critical levels. The US Treasury lays out in their guidance that human service agencies have been impacted by COVID-19.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT PUEBLO ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PSI010
Funding Amount: $1,785,368.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will fund a program for medical and administrative staff at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo. Specifically, these funds will be used for the continued use of contracted medical/administrative staff originally hired using emergency funds in FY 2020-21 to address critical COVID-19 related functions in the current fiscal year, FY 2021-22, as well as a new need for contracted positions at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan to conduct COVID-19 related functions. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to fund medical/administrative staff at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo (CMHIP) and the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan to conduct COVID-19 related functions. This initiative will help those who have behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by COVID-19 and institutionalized, which created a greater need for increased safety precautions due to the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: STAFFING AND RETENTION EFFORTS

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PSI020
Funding Amount: $2,619,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will enable the Department of Human Services (CDHS) to meet staffing needs to run CDHS programs and serve the vulnerable people in the care of the Department. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected staff recruitment and retention at CDHS resulting in staffing shortages at critical levels. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project will enable the Department to meet staffing needs to run CDHS programs and serve the vulnerable people in the care of the Department. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected staff recruitment and retention at many organizations, including CDHS resulting in staffing shortages at critical levels. The US Treasury lays out in their guidance that human service agencies have been impacted by COVID-19. In addition, they note workforce impacts to Public Health, Public Safety and Human Services workers. As an extension of this workforce impact, there has been an increased need in human resources support.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ARPA- DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM FUNDING TO GENDER BASED SEXUAL ASSAULT ORGANIZATION

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PHI240
Funding Amount: $761,902.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide funding for gender-based violence organizations including stand-alone anti-sexual assault organizations to offset funding shortfalls and additional costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic so the organizations can maintain essential services for survivors. This will be blended with non-SLFRF ARPA-originated anti-sexual assault funds that will be distributed to States by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the program is to provide funding for gender-based violence organizations including stand-alone anti-sexual assault organizations to offset funding shortfalls and additional costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic so the organizations can maintain essential services for survivors. A national review of research literature found that domestic violence incidents in the U.S. increased by 8.1% following the imposition of stay-at-home orders.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

JOINT AGENCY INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM: WORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI090
Funding Amount: $3,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project, under the Joint Agency Interoperability program, is to digitize county paper records in order to administer health and human services more efficiently. This project expands the existing work management system that seeks to standardize processes across the state and connect county and state systems more easily. The outcome of this project is to accomplish the digitizing needs for a health and human services workflow system and increase capacity for counties to do remote work when needed due to digitizing their files.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/benefits-assistance

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

INCREASE RESIDENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BEDS- CONTRACT BEDS

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI020
Funding Amount: $11,185,761.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will contract for 140 additional mental health transitional beds at mental health residential treatment facilities throughout the state for adults in need of ongoing supportive services, for treatment of individuals with serious mental illness in need of mental health services, and/or for those discharged or not in need of inpatient psychiatric treatment at the mental health institutes in Pueblo and Ft. Logan. This funding will ease the inpatient competency waitlist, helping move individuals from the inpatient setting into the community. The waitlist has worsened as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/mental-health-transitional-living-homes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

EXPANDING CAPACITY FOR "DOUBLE-UP FOOD BUCKS"

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PSI050
Funding Amount: $1,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will pay for the front-end programmatic development and changes to automate the Healthy Food Incentives program, known as the "Double-Up Food Bucks" program, in Colorado. Double-Up Food Bucks is a USDA grant-funded program that allows Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants to earn a penny-for-penny match incentive when they use SNAP benefits to buy qualifying fruits and vegetables from participating SNAP retailers, farmers markets, and other authorized vendors. Every dollar a SNAP recipient spends on food products with their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card at a qualified vendor will generate a matching dollar that can be spent on Colorado-grown produce, dried beans, fresh herbs, and food-producing seeds/plants. Currently this program is managed through paper vouchers and store-printed receipts and this funding will support both programming changes to the Department's vendor for EBT service and the Colorado Benefits Management System. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Low-income Coloradans often struggle to access healthy food choices, including Colorado-grown produce. Additionally, Colorado agriculture producers often struggle to find a market for their produce among low-income Coloradans. The Double-Up Food Bucks program essentially doubles SNAP recipients dollars for qualifying purchases at retail stores, farmers markets, and other qualified vendors. Every dollar a SNAP recipient spends on eligible food products with their EBT card at a qualified vendor will generate a matching dollar that can be spent on Colorado-grown produce, dried beans, fresh herbs, and food-producing seeds/plants. This project makes important investments to improve the access to and user experience of the Double-Up Food Bucks program.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/benefits-assistance/food-assistance

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

NEURO-PSYCH FACILITY AT FORT LOGAN

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI030
Funding Amount: $35,539,926.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will build and maintain a Neuro-psych facility on the Colorado Mental Health Hospital Campus at Fort Logan. The facility will have a capacity of up to 16 residential beds for youth who are under 21 years old. Additionally, CDHS must develop and implement admission criteria that ensure Colorado children have been evaluated for the least restrictive level of care before being admitted to the facility. The outcome of this project is to increase access to behavioral health care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ADAMS COUNTY FACILITY RENOVATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI040
Funding Amount: $800,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is to conduct a feasibility study of renovating a hospital facility in Adams County to provide inpatient beds for competency services. The project includes planning and potentially programming, design, and construction. The intended outcome of this effort is to explore the feasibility of a potential capital investment and architectural design which would create additional acute care psychiatric capacity at a new location.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

COLORADO BENEFITS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CBMS) CHANGES TO COMPLY WITH HB 22-1259

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PSI060
Funding Amount: $1,066,400.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will complete the required programming to the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) in order to a) increase Basic Cash Assistance by 10% and apply a cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase beginning in FY 2024-25; b) use the lowest monthly income conversion ratio for converting weekly and bi-weekly income to a monthly amount; and c) apply changes to sanctions, income disregard, and new categories of eligible households. Funds will be reappropriated to the Office of Information Technology (OIT) who will work with the CBMS vendor. The outcome of this project is to provide the system changes necessary to support the implementation of HB22-1259 which is meant to reduce the impact of inflation on low-income households by providing more resources and expanding eligibility. The overall outcome of the State's investments into improving government capacity is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

TANF is a federal program that provides cash assistance - along with case management and supportive services - to help households with children who are living in extreme poverty to become self-sufficient. The Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) determines eligibility for applicants for TANF (as well as SNAP, Medicaid, and Adult Financial programs) and issues benefits, based on system logic, to households approved for benefits. The state responded to the negative economic impacts of COVID by simplifying eligibility determination factors and increasing the amount of cash assistance that families on TANF receive. This project implements CBMS system changes to enact those policies funded by the State's ARPA SLFRF allocation (project NEI040).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/benefits-assistance

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE INCREASE FOR COLORADO WORKS HOUSEHOLDS

Department of Human Services
Project ID: NEI040
Funding Amount: $20,433,600.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.3 Household Assistance: Cash Transfers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide for a 10% Basic Cash Assistance (BCA) increase for households enrolled in the State's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, also known as Colorado Works. This project will cover a two year period (and potentially the first few months of a third year) and later be funded by non-SLRF dollars. The outcome of this program is to reduce the impact of inflation on low-income households by adjusting the financial support to keep pace with higher costs.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

TANF is a federal program that provides cash assistance - along with case management and supportive services - to help households with children who are living in extreme poverty to become self-sufficient. Income eligibility in Colorado is less than 30% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL) and the median income among cases in Colorado is $0.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/colorado-works

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

EXPANDING THE COLORADO WORKS SUBSIDIZED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT (CW STEP) PROGRAM

Department of Human Services
Project ID: NEI100
Funding Amount: $3,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will expand subsidized employment and training opportunities for low-income households with children, living below 200% of the federal poverty level. County human services caseworkers will refer work-ready participants to receive paid work experience and/or training at the prevailing wage for the industry/job. It will be operated in tandem with the existing CW STEP program, contracting funds to counties and third-party partners to operate the program. The outcome of this program is to help participants work toward earning a living wage, securing permanent employment (through obtaining workforce skills and applicable credentials) and creating a brighter economic future for families. The overall outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans.

Expected Completion Date: 12/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Participants eligible for or receiving TANF services are un/under-employed adults with children living in poverty. Often, these individuals lack employment skills and/or workplace experience in order to secure a good job. Subsidized employment is one of the most impactful strategies to ensure that individuals with limited workforce experience train for and attach to employment.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/cwstep

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

ROUND 2 - ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ANTI-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORGANIZATIONS

Department of Human Services
Project ID: NEI050
Funding Amount: $1,489,788.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides additional funding to Domestic Violence Program-funded organizations to offset funding shortfalls and additional costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic so the organizations can maintain essential services for survivors. The intended outcome of this funding is to maintain current programs and increase programs for adults and children in need of direct services. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care. This funding is in addition to the funds provided in project ID NEI010.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this project is to provide additional funding to Domestic Violence Program (DVP) nonprofit partners to offset funding shortfalls and additional costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic so the organizations can maintain essential services for survivors. Through several surveys conducted by DVP, 79.5% of nonprofits supported by the DVP program reported financial hardships caused by canceled fundraisers, reduced contributions, and increased costs responding to COVID-induced demand.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF SURVIVORS ANIMAL COMPANIONS

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PHI250
Funding Amount: $100,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This pilot project seeks to partner with community-based anti-domestic violence organizations to find innovative solutions to keep survivors of domestic violence – and their pets – safe. This may include offering training from national experts on modifying shelters to accommodate both survivors and their pets, facilitating access to animal boarding facilities as needed and providing for pets' basic food and care needs, or having other flexible financial support for pets. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

During natural disasters, incidents of domestic violence increase, and research is indicating that domestic abuse has increased in prevalence with the COVID-19 pandemic (Arkow, 2020). At the same time, according to Shelter Animals Count, a group that maintains a database to track animal shelter and rescue activity for over 500 organizations in the U.S., there were 26,000 more pet adoptions in 2020 than in the year before—a rise of about 15%.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 1: FLEXIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PHI260
Funding Amount: $3,186,844.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the DVP Flex Funds Project is to respond to and mitigate the negative impacts of COVID-19 on survivors' safety and well-being by assisting with survivors' most immediate and emergent needs. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that 65% of clients who receive flex funds will report that the funds assisted with the financial and/or housing stability of the household and will report an increased awareness of the financial impacts of victimization by 12/31/2025.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

People in Colorado who are surviving domestic and sexual violence are additionally impacted by a statewide lack of affordable housing, and by employment insecurity and financial concerns. These issues have become amplified due to the impacts the pandemic has had on the economy and the workforce.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 2 - FLEXIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PHI270
Funding Amount: $3,623,098.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project responds to and mitigates the negative impacts of COVID-19 on survivors' safety and well-being by assisting with survivors' most immediate and emergent needs. The project provides flexible funding in the form of financial support provided to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to address barriers that exist between the survivor and safe housing. The flexible funding can include payments to a third party requested by the survivor (i.e., a landlord, child care provider, mechanic, health care provider, and others), the use of an agency credit card to purchase necessities or services requested by the survivor, and cash assistance provided directly to the survivor. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care, including victims assistance. This funding is in addition to the funds provided in project ID PHI260.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

People in Colorado who are surviving domestic and sexual violence are additionally impacted by a statewide lack of affordable housing, and by employment insecurity and financial concerns, a situation amplified by the pandemic. Among the general public, concerns about financial stability have increased rates of anxiety and depression, and for individuals who are additionally impacted by domestic and sexual assault, the stressors and mental health impacts can intensify. A survey of domestic violence survivors in 2020 regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on survivors found that survivors are, on average, four times more likely to have experienced material hardship, such as food and/or housing insecurity in the past year when compared to the average American adult. (Doyle, Durrence, & Passi, 2020). In one study prior to the pandemic, 73% of survivors reported staying with their harm-doer longer because they couldn't afford to leave, and of these survivors, 50% stayed for two years or longer (Hess & Rosario, 2018). This project provides flexible financial assistance for survivors to use in any way they need, such as obtaining housing, purchasing food or other essentials, transportation costs, etc. This financial security significantly improves survivor safety and wellbeing (Lopez-Zeron, Clements, Sullivan, 2018).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ACRTI TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADVOCACY SERVICE NETWORK

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PHI280
Funding Amount: $392,114.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide funding for targeted training and technical assistance (TTA) to ensure high quality service delivery by non-profit organizations in Colorado that provide no-cost confidential advocacy services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Specific focus regarding best practices with Accessible, Culturally Responsive, and Trauma-Informed (ACRTI) service delivery, flexible financial assistance programming, and creating a culture of evaluation will be prioritized. The contracted TTA vendors will build resource materials, facilitate webinars, offer additional training opportunities and one-on-one assistance, and the TTA will be tailored to anti-Domestic Violence and anti-Sexual Assault service delivery. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the program is to provide additional support to organizations serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence to ensure meaningful access to services is available to all survivors, especially those most marginalized.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OMBUDSMAN

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PSI030
Funding Amount: $300,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project temporarily expands the capacity of the Behavioral Health Ombudsman Office (BhoCO) to address three core challenges: staff capacity to reduce case backlog, internal caseload tracking and office sustainability. BhoCO is an independent authority within the State of Colorado that is charged with interacting with consumers and healthcare providers to address concerns or complaints regarding behavioral healthcare access and coverage. The temporary new staff are needed to alleviate a caseload backlog and implement a new caseload management system that will make the office operations sustainable in the long term and to refocus operating procedures on making the office as a whole more efficient. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

With the addition of nearly $300M in new SLFRF funds into the Behavioral Health system, the need for additional staffing and support for the Behavioral Health Ombudsman was needed to ensure the necessary consumer support mechanisms continue to serve the public.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://behavioralhealthombudsman.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE PUEBLO (CMHIP) OPERATING FUNDING

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI010
Funding Amount: $1,653,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project implements administrative changes to the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo (CMHIP) as recommended by the Department of Public Health and Environment in July 2021. These changes to the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Department will add additional resources to the department to ensure that the facility can perform the level of monitoring necessary for its status as a large 24/7 facility that cares for a highly vulnerable population. This project will hire 6.0 FTE for incident management and investigations, audits, performance improvement projects, weekend/after-hours follow-up, and maintain, calibrate and tune critical equipment. The outcome of this project is to ensure CMHIP's continued operational status.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

LEAP / CBMS DATA SYSTEM INTERFACE

Department of Human Services
Project ID: PSI080
Funding Amount: $2,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will create a technological interface between the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) and the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS), Colorado's statewide database through which eligibility is determined for other State and Federal medical, food, cash and other assistance programs. This addition to CBMS will enable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients, households who are already qualified but not currently receiving, LEAP benefits. This interface will streamline program execution and expand outreach among SNAP participants. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Food insecurity has increased significantly during the pandemic, evident by the 20% (and growing) increased SNAP caseload and energy costs peaking at 82% higher than pre-pandemic levels. But due to rising energy and food prices, families supported by SNAP are choosing to go without food to pay their rent and energy costs. Colorado estimates that 40% of SNAP beneficiaries who do not unlock their full Standard Utility Allowance because they cannot provide proof of paying a utility bill, despite energy costs being passed down through higher rents or other fees. Enrollment in LEAP would unlock additional SNAP SUA payments to these families, estimated at $90/yr. While SNAP benefits are designed to supplement households' food budgets, it does not cover all food costs, and as food prices have increased over the past year many SNAP families will have to choose between feeding their families and heating their homes in the winter. The interface will enable the Department to identify households receiving SNAP benefits who might be eligible for LEAP benefits, further reducing their monthly utility expenses during the winter months.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/benefits-assistance

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ROUND 2: CDHS COMPETENCY BEDS ALLOCATION (CONTRACTED)

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI080
Funding Amount: $28,562,828.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will extend, for two years, a contract for inpatient bed capacity for competency services or mental health care and treatment. These contracted beds are located around the State. This is an extension of the SLFRF funded contract for beds provided in project ID RRI050 which began in September 2021 and intended to ease the inpatient competency waitlist, which has worsened as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will provide for the continuation of funding for approximately 90 beds until December 30, 2024 (or until funding is exhausted) through contracts with private providers. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

IN-HOME AND RESIDENTIAL RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR FOSTER CARE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Department of Human Services
Project ID: NEI120
Funding Amount: $3,828,023.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.13 Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project creates a system of respite options for children and youth involved in the foster care system. This includes three levels of respite support services: 1) short term emergency stays in congregate care settings, 2) short term emergency stays in foster care settings, and 3) services which can provide substitute care and support in the child's home environment. The Department will contract with providers for these services in order to establish a continuum of available bed space and services. The intended outcome is to provide emergency respite options for children and youth in the foster care system and to reduce disruption of placement.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program intends to award contracts through a request for proposal process in three areas: supportive services to maintain placements, foster care level respite, and residential level stabilization. Through these contracts, the Department will maintain available bed space to access intervention level respite, with the goal of reducing disruptions in placement. This program additionally intends to reduce the number of crisis situations wherein a county department of human or social services is without a viable placement for a child. The impact was outlined in the final rule: "the COVID–19 pandemic placed a meaningful strain on the child welfare and foster care system. Court hearings were delayed, essential mental health care was shifted to a virtual environment, and attendance and performance in school among foster children dropped sharply. Additionally, there was a nationwide rise of new children entering the foster care system and many states placed temporary moratoria on children aging out of the foster care system. As these temporary moratoria expire, additional support will be needed to assist children exiting the system."

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

INCREASE RESIDENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BEDS - FORT LOGAN

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI060
Funding Amount: $7,355,715.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will renovate an unused wing at the Colorado Mental Health Institute on the Fort Logan campus in Denver to create at least 16 additional forensic/civil beds (as part of a larger initiative that will add 141 beds) for persons in need of inpatient residential behavioral health treatment. This project will increase hospital capacity in order to provide inpatient competency restoration services and civil commitment beds. The waitlist for inpatient beds has increased significantly because of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as changes in admissions processes and staff shortages. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/CMHIFL
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/mental-health-transitional-living-homes
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

INCREASE RESIDENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BEDS- STATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI070
Funding Amount: $6,615,935.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will renovate three existing State owned residential treatment facilities to create 18 new mental health residential facility step down/up beds (as part of a larger initiative that will create 141 beds, outlined in HB22-1303) for adult individuals in need of mental health treatment and/or restoration treatment but do not need inpatient psychiatric treatment at one of our mental health institutes. This project will provide transition housing and treatment resources for individuals who are appropriate to be in the community setting. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EFFORTS AT CDHS 24/7 FACILITIES

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI130
Funding Amount: $8,490,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is intended to hire and retain critically needed staff for the Colorado Department of Human Services' 24/7 facilities and keep facilities running as COVID-19 outbreaks and staff quarantines, coupled with an already limited staff supply, are straining facilities. This project will help CDHS retain existing and recover lost staff at 24/7 state run facilities by providing sign-on, referral, and retention bonuses, as well as a marketing campaign targeted at recruiting individuals outside of state government to join the CDHS workforce. Bonuses are paid through sign-on bonuses, referral bonuses, and retention bonuses. Bonuses are paid in addition to the employee's base salary and are capped at amounts less than 25% of base pay for an individual employee. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a state government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REVENUE REPLACEMENT FOR FY 2023-24

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI140
Funding Amount: $130,377,154.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support ongoing government expenses for the Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health, including Personal Services at the state hospitals, as well as Forensic Services. within the Department of Human Services for the 2023-24 fiscal year. These funds are being used to support annual program costs to compensate for lost State revenue as a result of the pandemic. Per U.S. Treasury Guidance, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to pay for government services in an amount equal to the State's total revenue loss experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Government services "generally include any service traditionally provided by a government". Additionally, in accordance with the SLFRF Restrictions on use, funds from this project will not be used for the offset of a reduction in net tax revenue, deposits into pension funds, debt service, replenishing financial reserves, satisfaction of settlements and judgments, or unallowable capital expenditures. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively mitigate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Department of Human Services
Project ID: RRI170
Funding Amount: $140,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will have the Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health (OCFMH) within CDHS contract with an independent third party to conduct a feasibility study focusing on the intersection of Colorado's Behavioral Health service availability and the judicial system. The study will determine the feasibility of establishing a system to support persons with serious mental illness' access to voluntary and involuntary behavioral health care and housing support services. OCFMH will coordinate with the Behavioral Health Administration, Department of Local Affairs, Department of Public Safety, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Judicial Department, and other state agencies to determine the scope and minimum qualifications for the independent third party, as well as submit a report on or before March 1, 2024 detailing the findings and recommendations from the feasibility study to the General Assembly, Governor's Office, and impacted state agencies. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

INVESTMENTS IN RESKILLING, UPSKILLING, AND NEXT-SKILLING WORKERS PROGRAM (RUN)

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: NEK010
Funding Amount: $25,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide support for Coloradans in need of reskilling, upskilling, or next-skilling, by providing assistance to access and participate in short-term training to obtain an industry-recognized credential. Uses of these funds include career counseling, career/academic exploration and planning, tuition, employer-provided training, need-based services, transportation, retention, program implementation/administration/evaluation, and other purposes determined by the state council. This funding will be distributed using the state's regional workforce centers, and existing training providers by the way of referrals to various sectors spread throughout the State's workforce The intended outcome of the State's workforce spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 pandemic unemployment rate peaked at 11.6% in May of 2020. However, regional and demographic differences varied widely, with rural counties seeing unemployment as low as 2.3% during the same period. As the pandemic recovery began, employment rates overall recovered quicker in urban areas, but southern Colorado lagged behind with unemployment in Pueblo County remaining above 7% until November of 2021. Additionally, the unemployment rate in Colorado for those without a HS diploma was 20.9% at the peak of the pandemic (compared to 8.9% for those with a bachelor's degree). In 2020, black labor force participation dropped lower than any other demographic to 60.3%, the lowest level since 2001, 8% below white participation, and 12% below hispanic participation. Additionally, as the recovery from the pandemic began, labor force participation of those of hispanic ethnicity dropped 8% by 2022. This variety of impact on different populations necessitated a varied response, where regional workforce boards and the statewide Colorado Workforce Development Council chose the responses that best fit the needs of the communities they serve. The Workforce Innovation Grant program provides both local and statewide programming to address the variety of needs, and to expand upon opportunities and avenues for career advancement of those that are unemployed and/or underemployed as a result of the pandemic. The structure of this program allows local workforce boards to tailor the support to the local need, while also reserving a port of funds for statewide approaches.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cwdc.colorado.gov/stimulus-policy/reskilling-upskilling-and-next-skilling-workers-funding

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

WORKFORCE INNOVATION ACT: LOCAL WORKFORCE AREAS

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: NEK020
Funding Amount: $17,251,200.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project allocated funding to local workforce boards distributed through a formula totaling $17.5M to offer grants that promote innovation in order to improve employment outcomes for learners and workers, including underserved populations, by promoting partnerships and helping prepare Coloradans for well-paying quality jobs. This project includes all activities except for the funding allocated under NEK040, which utilized $248K to deploy a financial literacy program. The local Workforce Development Boards were allowed to award grants to eligible applicants through a competitive process for: new program development; to expand access to existing programs; for outreach and engagement, especially to marginalized or disproportionately impacted populations; and for career coaching and navigation for individuals. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 pandemic unemployment rate peaked at 11.6% in May of 2020. However, regional differences varied widely, with rural counties seeing unemployment as low as 2.3% during the same period. As the pandemic recovery began, employment rates overall recovered quicker in urban areas, but southern Colorado lagged behind with unemployment in Pueblo County remaining above 7% until November of 2021. Additionally, the unemployment rate in Colorado for those without a HS diploma was 20.9% at the peak of the pandemic (compared to 8.9% for those with a bachelor's degree). This variety of impact on different populations necessitated a varied response, where regional workforce boards and the statewide Colorado Workforce Development Council chose the responses that best fit the needs of the communities they serve. The Workforce Innovation Grant program provides both local and statewide programming to address the variety of needs, and to expand upon opportunities and avenues for career advancement of those that are unemployed and/or underemployed as a result of the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cwdc.colorado.gov/stimulus-policy/workforce-innovation-funding

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

WORKFORCE INNOVATION ACT: LOCAL WORKFORCE AREAS - RURAL UN/ UNDERBANKED SERVICES

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: NEK040
Funding Amount: $248,800.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.7 Job Training Assistance

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is part of the $17.5M allocated to local workforce boards. One local workforce board opted to provide a grant to deploy a financial literacy program that aims to assist people that have experienced medical conditions and/or have health problems which affect their personal and financial health or avoid bankruptcy and to navigate through these issues financially. The intended outcome of the State's workforce spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The Rural Consortium awarded funds to Financial Health Inc to provide financial health education, and digital competency which leads to better economic opportunities to those persons within the Rural Consortium's 51 county service area, that were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This is an expansion of FHI's existing curriculum, and seeks to assist covid-impacted individuals and families. As outlined in the Final Rule, "banking inequities can make it difficult for unbanked or underbanked households to access housing, jobs, and other important economic opportunities. Safe, affordable, and accessible financial services play a critical role in assisting households in the United States in managing income volatility and cash flow shortages." In a study released during the pandemic, up to 50% of Colorado's rural population was reported to be un/underbanked, over twice the state average. This inequity made rural areas more prone to encountering barriers to receiving financial assistance, including services like pandemic emergency housing assistance.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cwdc.colorado.gov/stimulus-policy/workforce-innovation-funding

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

WORKFORCE INNOVATION ACT: COACHING COLLABORATIVE

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: NEK050
Funding Amount: $5,999,573.19
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide career navigation and coaching services, which are a valuable component for many Coloradans who utilize workforce centers to find meaningful, high-quality jobs. This funding supports three interrelated activities: funding for coaches, training for those coaches, and outreach efforts. Coaches will be trained to provide culturally relevant services that effectively serve the varied needs of the program's targeted populations: New Americans; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC); individuals without college degrees or with some college and no degree (comebackers); the formerly incarcerated; those displaced from work by Covid-19; and individuals who are age 55+ and older who are looking for career guidance. The intended outcome of the State's workforce spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 pandemic unemployment rate peaked at 11.6% in May of 2020. However, regional and demographic differences varied widely, with rural counties seeing unemployment as low as 2.3% during the same period. As the pandemic recovery began, employment rates overall recovered quicker in urban areas, but southern Colorado lagged behind with unemployment in Pueblo County remaining above 7% until November of 2021. Additionally, the unemployment rate in Colorado for those without a HS diploma was 20.9% at the peak of the pandemic (compared to 8.9% for those with a bachelor's degree). In 2020, black labor force participation dropped lower than any other demographic to 60.3%, the lowest level since 2001, 8% below white participation, and 12% below hispanic participation. Additionally, as the recovery from the pandemic began, labor force participation of those of hispanic ethnicity dropped 8% by 2022. This variety of impact on different populations necessitated a varied response, where regional workforce boards and the statewide Colorado Workforce Development Council chose the responses that best fit the needs of the communities they serve. The Workforce Innovation Grant program provides both local and statewide programming to address the variety of needs, and to expand upon opportunities and avenues for career advancement of those that are unemployed and/or underemployed as a result of the pandemic. The coaching collaborative aims to meet un- or underemployed people where they are at, providing services that are focused and relevant to recipients. The program will help coaches understand labor market information, equity issues and culturally aware coaching practices, the Cliff Effect, the utility and use of MyColoradoJourney, evidence- based practices, human-centered design, emotional agility, and other essential resources and skills necessary to deliver high-quality career coaching services to Coloradans. This upskilling has been identified by the CWDC as an integral component of the Coaching.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:
None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:
Workforce

WORKFORCE INNOVATION ACT: NONPROFIT PROVIDED TRAINING

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: NEK060
Funding Amount: $1,050,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project will provide grants to nonprofits, Trade Associations and/or Tribal Organizations to assist unemployed and underemployed individuals to obtain training in order to acquire initial, full-time, or potentially better employment. By utilizing these nonprofit organizations, the State can expand the reach of workforce programs to communities that have not traditionally sought out workforce centers when changing employment. Specifically, these nonprofits design novel or packaged interventions that finely tailor to the unique needs of their community. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 pandemic unemployment rate peaked at 11.6% in May of 2020. However, regional and demographic differences varied widely, with rural counties seeing unemployment as low as 2.3% during the same period. As the pandemic recovery began, employment rates overall recovered quicker in urban areas, but southern Colorado lagged behind with unemployment in Pueblo County remaining above 7% until November of 2021. Additionally, the unemployment rate in Colorado for those without a HS diploma was 20.9% at the peak of the pandemic (compared to 8.9% for those with a bachelor's degree). In 2020, black labor force participation dropped lower than any other demographic to 60.3%, the lowest level since 2001, 8% below white participation, and 12% below hispanic participation. Additionally, as the recovery from the pandemic began, labor force participation of those of hispanic ethnicity dropped 8% by 2022. This variety of impact on different populations necessitated a varied response, where regional workforce boards and the statewide Colorado Workforce Development Council chose the responses that best fit the needs of the communities they serve. The Workforce Innovation Grant program provides both local and statewide programming to address the variety of needs, and to expand upon opportunities and avenues for career advancement of those that are unemployed and/or underemployed as a result of the pandemic. The NonProfit Training program looks to expand on the reach of the CWDC training initiatives funded through HB21-1264 by engaging organizations to work with the clients with whom they have built a unique relationship to deliver reskilling, upskilling and newskilling training. Many of the individuals who will be the beneficiaries of this program are hesitant to engage directly with government organizations but have trust in those community-based non-profit organizations with the targeted objective of serving their communities.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

WORKFORCE INNOVATION ACT: CAPACITY BUILDING

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: RRK040
Funding Amount: $1,334,882.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide services and add FTE capacity to allow the Department of Labor and Employment to support and integrate several projects funded under the Workforce Innovation Act (HB21-1264), as well as other agency wide initiatives, the department will add capacity by: contracting for evidence based practice consulting; improving grant management resources and technical assistance to grant recipients; funding federal compliance training for grant recipients and agency staff; as well as hiring a Digital Equity Manager, a Global Talent Advisor and an Employer Coach. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

WORKFORCE INNOVATION ACT: ADMINISTRATION AND EVALUATION

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: PSK020
Funding Amount: $4,200,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support the general administrative costs for the whole of the funding provided by HB21-1264. This funding will also support the development and implementation of a comprehensive evaluation of the projects and programs funded by HB21-1264 being executed at the State, regional and local levels. The evaluation will provide qualitative and quantitative data and analysis to recommend modifications to existing programs, inform strategic development in the creation of new initiatives, and valuation of individual programs for potential continued funding support. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans and increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 pandemic unemployment rate peaked at 11.6% in May of 2020. However, regional and demographic differences varied widely, with rural counties seeing unemployment as low as 2.3% during the same period. As the pandemic recovery began, employment rates overall recovered quicker in urban areas, but southern Colorado lagged behind with unemployment in Pueblo County remaining above 7% until November of 2021. Additionally, the unemployment rate in Colorado for those without a HS diploma was 20.9% at the peak of the pandemic (compared to 8.9% for those with a bachelor's degree). In 2020, black labor force participation dropped lower than any other demographic to 60.3%, the lowest level since 2001, 8% below white participation, and 12% below hispanic participation. Additionally, as the recovery from the pandemic began, labor force participation of those of hispanic ethnicity dropped 8% by 2022. This variety of impact on different populations necessitated a varied response, where regional workforce boards and the statewide Colorado Workforce Development Council chose the responses that best fit the needs of the communities they serve. The Workforce Innovation Grant program provides both local and statewide programming to address the variety of needs, and to expand upon opportunities and avenues for career advancement of those that are unemployed and/or underemployed as a result of the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

WORKFORCE INNOVATION ACT: BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: RRK020
Funding Amount: $4,915,544.81
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides support for three activities: innovative workforce training programs offered by trade associations, regional public-private partnerships in workforce training, and grants to support business and industry workforce development through new and expanded apprenticeship programs. By increasing the capacity of our business and industry partners to train their employees, we aim to expand a collaborative and adaptable industry-led training system to provide Colorado workers and businesses skills needed to keep Colorado's economy growing. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary credential attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cwdc.colorado.gov/stimulus-policy/workforce-innovation-funding

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND PAYMENT (UITF)

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: NEK030
Funding Amount: $600,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.28 Contributions to UI Trust Funds

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide a $600M one-time payment to the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund and will lower the UI payroll premium paid for by an average small business with 10 employees of $2,000 over the next 4 years. This infusion of funding will pay down debt accumulated as a result of UI payments to unemployed Coloradans made during the pandemic and will lessen the payments from businesses, allowing our State's employers to create more jobs and save Colorado workers money. The intended outcome of this program is to accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The Workforce Innovation Grant program seeks to expand upon opportunities and avenues for career advancement of those that are unemployed and/or underemployed as a result of the pandemic

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdle.colorado.gov/unemployment

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND (FAMLI)

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: RRK010
Funding Amount: $20,900,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will pay the State's required payments as an employer, as required by Proposition 118 passed in November 2020, to the paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program administered by the Department of Labor and Employment. The FAMLI program ensures all Colorado workers, including State employees, have access to 12 weeks of paid leave in order to take care of themselves or their family during life circumstances that pull them away from their jobs. Both employers and employees will contribute premiums for the program, and FAMLI will start providing benefits to employees beginning January 1, 2024, with premium payment collections beginning in January of 2023. This funding is expected to cover the premium payments for the State, as an employer, to the fund for a year and a half. These payments would otherwise be made with state tax or service fee generated revenues paid by Coloradans, therefore allowing up to $20.9 million to be directed towards providing services across all government activities. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 1/31/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://famli.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

FINANCE SYSTEM INTEGRATION- MYUI REPORTING FUNCTIONALITY

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: PSK010
Funding Amount: $1,181,820.25
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project builds significant fiscal reporting functionality within MYUI+. Prior to the pandemic, CDLE did not utilize MYUI+ for this purpose, and relied on an intermediary system to receive the data from MYUI+, and translate it into reports for CORE entry. This has been identified by the department as a significant deficiency in the process, specifically due to the increased complexity of Unemployment Insurance since the start of the pandemic. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Prior to the pandemic, Colorado was utilizing an over 30 year old system to process UI payments to process an average of 1,900 initial claims each week and 18,600 ongoing claims. In 2020, the average week saw 14,300 initial claims and 168,732 ongoing claims, with a peak of 104,247 initial claims processed in April of 2020. While Colorado did upgrade the entire system in the winter of 2020, this unprecedented volume exposed flaws in the manual processes used to convert claims into payments to individuals. This project upgraded the new system to directly connect claim processing with payment issuing systems, eliminating the need for costly hours of manual entry, reducing errors, and accelerating payment to claimants, and helped to return the speed of payment to pre-pandemic levels.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

REPORTING COORDINATION - FUNDING FOR TERM LIMITED POSITION

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: RRK050
Funding Amount: $291,601.06
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds a single term-limited position for two years to ensure all CDLE Divisions that received ARPA or other federal funding are effectively complying with all grant reporting requirements and fiscal rules, regardless of funding source as well as coordination of all audits and monitoring. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

MIGRANT COORDINATION - OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS

Department of Labor & Employment
Project ID: RRK030
Funding Amount: $130,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide support for 1 FTE to support the coordination of humanitarian service providers from nonprofit, governmental, and private sources. The coordination will avoid duplication of service, better assess outstanding needs, bring additional resources and maximize impact across all migrant support activities such as intake, shelter, food, clothing, healthcare, cash management, navigation, transportation, wrap-around support service and immigration legal aid to migrants and migrant families. This position will liaise between the Office of New Americans at CDLE, the Office of Emergency Management at CDPS, and the local municipal governments providing services to migrants. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdle.colorado.gov/offices/office-of-new-americans

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ADMINISTRATION OF NONENTITLEMENT UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NEU'S)

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: ADN010
Funding Amount: $9,853.87
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports administrative costs and 1 FTE at the Department of Local Affairs to administer ARPA funds to non-entitlement units of local government. The division will use the funds during fiscal years 2021-23 to ensure compliance, distribute the first and second tranches of the recovery funds, and assist recipients in understanding federal requirements. These actions are required by the Treasury. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

BROADBAND INVESTMENTS - MIDDLE MILE

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: RRN010
Funding Amount: $5,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides grants to local governments or regional coalitions for shovel-ready, middle mile broadband projects that are designed to serve locations without access to reliable wireline 100/20 Mbps broadband services. The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Broadband Investment program funds fiber broadband projects that establish a middle mile fiber backbone infrastructure to underserved areas of Colorado. This project is designed to meet the criteria of the SLFRF broadband expenditure category and to support the State's initiative to ensure that 99% of households are connected to high speed broadband by 2027.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://dlg.colorado.gov/nonprofit-infrastructure-grant-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Broadband

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: RRN040
Funding Amount: $31,300,987.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides grants to local governments to develop one or more affordable housing developments in their community that are livable, vibrant, and driven by community benefits. These incentive grants can help cover tap fees, infrastructure, parks/playgrounds and other needs and amenities that support the affordable housing project. Local governments are encouraged to pick one or two shovel-ready projects that can spend all of the funds by June 2024, and provide gap funding. Projects must provide community benefits. A small portion can be used for needs and amenities in the neighborhood where the affordable housing development is located. To qualify, local governments must adopt at least three strategies from the menu of policy and regulatory options listed in the authorizing legislation (HB 21-1271) or novel, creative or innovative incentives. The intended outcome of the State's affordable housing projects are to revitalize communities and provide safe, stable housing that Coloradans can afford.

Expected Completion Date: 7/1/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://dlg.colorado.gov/innovative-affordable-housing-strategies

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Affordable Housing

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN020
Funding Amount: $3,699,013.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Planning Grant Program provides grants to local governments to help them understand their housing needs and adopt policy and regulatory strategies to qualify for the Affordable Housing Development Incentives Grant Program. Of note, the Planning Grant Program can fund housing needs assessments to help local governments guide their policy and regulatory approach to reducing barriers to affordable housing development, but the application for funding must also include work to adopt qualifying strategies from the options listed in the bill or novel, creative or innovative incentives.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

DOLA will award funds to local governments to support the following: (a) assessing housing needs; (b) assessing land use regulations, fees, funding, policies, processes, programs, and standards; (c) engaging the community in developing land use solutions; (d) performing equity assessments on land use strategies, and (e) rewriting land use regulations that will help make it easier to increase the local supply of housing options and increase affordability. Additionally, DOLA will fund the development of cutting-edge model land use codes to raise the state of practice across local governments statewide. Funding awards will begin in the fall of 2021 and spent before June 30, 2025. DOLA engaged myriad stakeholders to develop thoughtful and impactful program guidelines. By incentivizing affordable housing development through land use planning, this program will reduce the housing cost burden, which will directly impact quality of life, health outcomes, and wealth building. Indirectly this program will lead to improved outcomes for underrepresented and disproportionately impacted communities. Additionally, overall the program has carefully created program guidelines that allow under-resourced, small, and rural communities to compete effectively for funds. Our goal is to ensure these investments, leveraging other stimulus fund investments, do not contribute to gentrifying neighborhoods over time. To address equity gaps, this program has adopted granting policies that encourage communities to utilize an inclusive community engagement process to develop strategies that consider the needs of their most vulnerable and underrepresented populations. DOLA is collaborating with partner agencies to collect and promote resources designed to guide communities on: how to assess affordable housing needs of all community members, especially those that are underrepresented and marginalized; how to perform equity assessments on policies and regulations the local government is intending to adopt; and how to create an inclusive community and stakeholder engagement process that includes vulnerable and underrepresented populations. DOLA plans to fund this work as a critical component of the planning grants. By its nature these funds suppDOLA will track whether equity assessments were completed as part of funded projects. DOLA will track the rate of affordable housing units built each year compared to a 2019 baseline (long term over many years). DOLA ensures compliance with state and federal rules in all programs and has a tested system of grant program policies, monitoring systems, and compliance

processes to ensure proper spending. DOLA - DLG will hire 2 FTE that will specifically focus on program and project management, budget oversight, expenditure tracking, spot-monitoring, review of quarterly grantee reports, and contract closeout. Staff will be shared between the two DLG HB21-1271 programs (Planning and Incentives Grants). An additional .3 FTE will provide contract assistance.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://dlg.colorado.gov/planning-grant-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Affordable Housing

SMALL COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN030
Funding Amount: $35,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project creates a new grant program to support small community based nonprofit organizations that have been impacted by COVID-19. The Department of Local Affairs has selected eight regional access partners (nonprofit organizations) to award and monitor grants. Grant recipients can use funds for data collection and technology upgrades, professional development and capacity building, communications and marketing, and existing program expansion. The intended outcome of the State's economic recovery & resilience spending is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible and accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, small community based nonprofit organizations have had to restructure to operate remotely, work extended hours, provide more services to a greater segment of the population, collect data for impact and outcomes, catalog increased needs, create culturally responsive solutions to longstanding problems that were exacerbated by the pandemic, and pivot from prior routines or practices to reduce the economic and emotional toll on impacted and disproportionately impacted communities as a result. While the impacts of the pandemic are clear, many of these small community-based nonprofit organizations as entities have themselves experienced negative financial impacts due to decreased revenue, increased costs, employee shortages and the new and increased needs of the communities they serve. Recent studies on the impact of the pandemic on the nonprofit sector indicated that 40% are reporting reduced staffing levels per a 2021 Federal Reserve survey and 42% of NPOs with budgets under $500k and 29% with budgets over $500K experienced reduced donations in 2020. This program provides grants to mitigate the additional financial burden that the pandemic placed on nonprofits.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://dlg.colorado.gov/nonprofit-infrastructure-grant-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN040
Funding Amount: $67,282,174.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Communities may invest in a broad range of activities, including services and operational funding for: Street Outreach; Emergency Shelter; Transitional Housing; Bridge Housing; Permanent Supportive Housing; Data Collection, Management, Analysis, and System Integration; Coordination; and Resource Utilization Acceleration. This project will coordinate with the affordable housing resources awarded in the State Grants for Investment in Affordable Housing project to ensure that communities who invest in supportive services for individuals facing homelessness have safe and affordable housing solutions. The intended outcome of all the State's homelessness interventions is to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis, a population that is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver alone, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021. In addition, the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Metro Area than sheltered for the first time since record keeping began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

DENVER THEODORA FAMILY MOTEL

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN080
Funding Amount: $7,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Volunteers of America Colorado (VOAC) will develop the Theodora Family Motel in Denver to serve families with children and veterans experiencing homelessness with non-congregate shelter. This project will demolish an existing hotel shelter and construct a new facility on the same site. This project will expand the number of shelter rooms available and offer extensive services onsite including housing-focused case management, life skills, employment and educational services in addition to Head Start Home Based Services. The facility is in close proximity to Colorado Coalition for the Homeless West End Health Center which offers medical and behavioral health services to area residents. This project will expand shelter capacity in Denver and work with program participants on re-housing services to identify and transition participants into permanent housing.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis, a population that is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver alone, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021. In addition, the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Metro Area than sheltered for the first time since record keeping began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

DELTA DAY AND EMERGENCY SHELTER

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN090
Funding Amount: $1,252,400.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Delta will utilize funds to acquire and renovate a building to create a year-round warming and cooling center to serve the community's unhoused population. The building will also be used as a seasonal overnight shelter for approximately 50 persons.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

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PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

LARIMER COUNTY MATTHEWS HOUSE

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN100
Funding Amount: $3,757,160.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Thompson School District's Matthews House project in Larimer County will renovate an existing school district building to create a regional drop-in center and 20 non-congregate shelter beds for youth (15-17 years old) and young adults (18-21 years old) experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The new facility will address the needs of unaccompanied youth and young adults by annually sheltering an estimated 100 youth and serving 200-250 youth and young adults through the drop-in center.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

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PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

MONTROSE COUNTY VILLAGE ON SAN JUAN

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN110
Funding Amount: $5,590,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Village on San Juan, located in Montrose County and is a new construction affordable housing project that includes a total of 45 single family detached housing units. 30 of the units will be permanent supportive housing dedicated to youth exiting foster care and seniors who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis, a population that is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver alone, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021. In addition, the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Metro Area than sheltered for the first time since record keeping began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

PITKIN COUNTY RESPONSE SHELTER

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN120
Funding Amount: $4,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Response Domestic Abuse shelter is a new construction of a 24 bed facility that will serve as the first shelter for residents living in the Roaring Fork Valley. The facility will consist of 5 efficiency units and 2 rooms for single adults. Each unit will have its own bathroom and kitchenette with access to a communal kitchen and living space. Response anticipates serving 40-50 survivors in shelter and an additional 200 clients through services at the facility. There is no maximum length of stay at the Response Domestic Abuse shelter with the goal for participants to have a safe and permanent housing placement when they leave the facility.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis, a population that is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver alone, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021. In addition, the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Metro Area than sheltered for the first time since record keeping began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

EL PASO COUNTY HELEN HUNT CAMPUS

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN130
Funding Amount: $4,412,266.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Catholic Charities of Southern Colorado will rehabilitate a two story building previously used for commercial space into 24 multi-sized family apartments for transitional housing for families with children experiencing homelessness. Participants will be engaged in on-site wraparound supportive services through Catholic Charities as well as connections to health and employment services. This project will expand the transitional housing inventory in the region and help to bring families into safe temporary housing.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis, a population that is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver alone, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021. In addition, the most recent Point in Time estimate for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Metro Area than sheltered for the first time since record keeping began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

ARAPAHOE COUNTY READY TO WORK

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN140
Funding Amount: $3,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Bridge House's Ready to Work program will utilize funds for site improvements and rehabilitation of a building to be renovated into a 50 bed semi-private dormitory and program/training facility to extend the Ready to Work program that is currently operating in Aurora and Boulder. The program will serve people experiencing homelessness in the Tri-Cities area of Denver Metro (Englewood, Sheridan, and Littleton). Participants will have paid employment and job training opportunities in the Bridge House social enterprise and will receive case management support services including recovery services and housing counseling.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis, a population that is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver alone, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021. In addition, the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Metro Area than sheltered for the first time since record keeping began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

JEFFERSON COUNTY RECOVERY WORKS

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN150
Funding Amount: $4,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Recovery Works will leverage funds to assist with the acquisition and non-substantial rehabilitation of a motel in Jefferson County. The 32 unit motel will be converted into bridge housing for people experiencing homelessness. The program will quickly be able to serve 33 chronically homeless persons coming from unsheltered homelessness. The project will target adults who have complex barriers to housing stability (disabilities, criminal justice involvement, behavioral health needs) and need a bridge housing placement to end homelessness as quickly as possible.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis, a population that is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver alone, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021. In addition, the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Metro Area than sheltered for the first time since record keeping began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

MESA COUNTY MOTHER TERESA PLACE

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN160
Funding Amount: $4,706,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Mother Teresa Place is a new construction project of 40 permanent supportive housing units within a multi-family apartment building in Grand Junction. The developer is Grand Valley Catholic Outreach who will partner with Marillac Health Clinic, Coalition for the Homeless, GJ Housing Authority and other local service providers to support residents of Mother Teresa Place. The units will be designated for single adults experiencing homelessness and units will be filled through the Coordinated Entry System.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to address and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis, a population that is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver alone, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021. In addition, the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Metro Area than sheltered for the first time since record keeping began.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

DENVER-METRO REGIONAL NAVIGATION CAMPUS GRANT

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN050
Funding Amount: $50,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide a local government in the Denver metropolitan area or a community partner, in conjunction with a local government financial resources to build or acquire, and then facilitate, a regional navigation campus to respond to and prevent homelessness. The Division of Housing (DOH) will collaborate with the Department of Human Services and Behavioral Health Administration to establish the application requirements, review applications, select a grant recipient, and ensure the grant is only awarded after a fair and rigorous open competition among eligible applicants. The overall goal for the State's Reducing Homelessness major program group is to reduce the number of Coloradans experiencing homelessness, and the overall goal for the State's Behavioral Health major program group is to improve access to behavioral health services for all Coloradans.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides additional capacity to treat behavioral health conditions in people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis resulting from the pandemic. This population is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and a group that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. More people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021 and the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Denver Metro Area than experiencing sheltered homelessness for the first time due to a lack of local resources.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

REPURPOSE OF THE RIDGE VIEW CAMPUS FOR HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: NEN060
Funding Amount: $45,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will repurpose the decommissioned Ridge View juvenile corrections campus into the Ridge View Supportive Residential Community to provide transitional housing, a continuum of behavioral health service treatment, medical care, vocational training, and skill development for Coloradans experiencing homelessness who require treatment for behavioral health and substance abuse disorders. The Division of Housing (DOH), in collaboration with the Behavioral Health Administration and the Department of Human Services, will develop a master plan, including a financial plan for start-up and ongoing operational costs, that will utilize public or private contractors to establish the Ridge View Supportive Residential Community at the Ridge View campus. The overall goal for the State's Reducing Homelessness major program group is to reduce the number of Coloradans experiencing homelessness, and the overall goal for the State's Behavioral Health major program group is to improve access to behavioral health services for all Coloradans.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The project provides additional capacity to treat behavioral health conditions in people experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness were disproportionately impacted by the public health and economic crisis stemming from the pandemic. This population is disproportionately BIPOC (when compared to the State population as a whole) and a group that historically has had lower access to basic healthcare and economic mobility. In addition, more people have fallen into homelessness during and following the pandemic. In Denver, the number of newly homeless in shelters doubled between January 2020 and January 2021, and the most recent Point in Time estimated for 2022 showed that we have more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Denver Metro Area than experiencing sheltered homelessness for the first time. This project will utilize an existing unutilized state-owned facility to provide space for at least 300 individuals annually to receive healthcare, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, stable housing, and consistent nutrition. This campus, combined with an additional SLFRF funded project intended to solicit community investment, will increase the capacity of state residential care facilities for those experiencing homelessness by nearly three times, addressing the fact that the pandemic exacerbated existing conditions and created more complex needs to treat both homelessness and mental health conditions. Through this and other ARPA investments in behavioral health and affordable housing and through local and state match funding as well as a redeployment of existing State resources, we estimate that our homelessness initiatives over the next four years could reduce by as much as half the number of people experiencing homelessness in Colorado by 2026.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

engagedola.org/ridgeview

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

HOTELS TENANCY SUPPORT: ACQUISITION FUND–ADMIN

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: PSN040
Funding Amount: $105,996.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds the administration of the Hotels Tenancy Support project, which is funded by the General Fund. The Hotels Tenancy Support (PSN049) includes $29.89M in funds from SB21-242 for the purpose of providing low-interest or zero-interest loans for the acquisition of vacant land and/or existing structures (vacant or underutilized) to provide shelter, supportive housing or affordable housing to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness or low to moderate income individuals and families in need of affordable housing. The intended outcome of all the State's homelessness interventions is to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

SB21-242 transferred $30 M to DOLA DOH for the purpose of providing grants and loans to local governments and nonprofit organizations for the rental, acquisition or renovation of underutilized hotels, underutilized motels and other underutilized properties to provide non-congregate sheltering or affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness. The funds may also be used for rental assistance or supportive services for people experiencing homelessness. Operation Turn Key (OTK) Acquisition Fund NOFA (combined effort with funds from HB21-1329): DOH would like authority to issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that includes up to $30 M in SB21-242 funds for the purpose of providing low-interest or zero-interest loans for the acquisition of vacant land and/or existing structures (vacant or underutilized) to provide shelter, supportive housing or affordable housing to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness or low to moderate income individuals and families in need of affordable housing. All applications must demonstrate a plan, commitment to, and the financial feasibility of developing Supportive Housing (SH), Non-congregate Sheltering, or other forms of Affordable housing. Eligible entities will include nonprofit, housing authorities, governmental entities or for-profit companies with affordable housing background. DOH is drafting project requirements in order to ensure the efficient expenditure of funds. This OTK NOFA was issued in September 2021. Draft requirements include: Awardees must contract with DOH within 6 months and draw down funds within 3 months of contract, Awardees must have conceptual and financial plans to begin conversion or construction within 36 months of acquisition, Awardees must agree to record the DOH Beneficiary and Rent Use Covenant recorded on land at acquisition to reflect application's commitment for future development, Site must have appropriate zoning and PUD approvals in place or a detailed plan and timeline for approval before DOH loan contract execution, and Site must have utilities and existing site access.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/office-housing-finance-sustainability

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

LOCAL AFFAIRS RECOVERY/ARPA ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: RRN020
Funding Amount: $1,215,039.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports administrative costs for 4 FTE in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Executive Director's Office, Recovery Office. Staff will be responsible for financial monitoring and compliance; public communications and reporting; research evaluation and analysis; equity, diversity, and inclusion analysis and coordination; and any other work necessary to respond to the requests of the State Recovery Office, coordinate agency compliance with federal requirements, identify underserved populations, develop outreach strategies, and complete any other associated work needed by the DOLA Recovery Officers. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

DOLA will track whether equity assessments were completed as part of funded projects. DOLA will track the rate of affordable housing units built each year compared to a 2019 baseline (long term over many years).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://doh.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

STATE GRANTS FOR INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: RRN050
Funding Amount: $138,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to make transformational affordable housing investments in their communities. Eligible Activities include: developing housing infrastructure, providing gap financing, maintaining existing and building new affordable housing stock, energy efficiency improvements, property conversions, permanent supportive housing, land banking, eviction legal defense, rental assistance, remediation, and accessibility improvements. Local applicants are encouraged to design the affordable housing projects that fit their communities to serve people who have an Area Median Income (AMI) of up to 80% AMI in Front Range / Urban locations, up to 140% AMI in Rural locations, and up to 170% AMI in Rural Resort locations. The overall intended outcome of the State's affordable housing programs is to reduce the housing cost burden and save people money on housing across Colorado.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://doh.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Affordable Housing

INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRONG COMMUNITIES

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: RRN030
Funding Amount: $40,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides grants to local governments to perform planning and analysis work and to invest in infill infrastructure projects that support affordable housing development (affordable unit construction not funded with this program). Eligible activities include: hiring consultants to perform planning and engineering assessments, analyze and adopt policy and code updates; staffing capacity (including project delivery), infrastructure projects (water, sewer, stormwater and possibly roads, street trees, etc- any infrastructure investments needed to support an infill development that includes affordable housing (also may include early childhood education centers); could include covering tap fees for infrastructure that serves the project). Housing projects that can be supported through these funds must meet AMI limits in the bill (i.e., 140% AMI for rental and ownership in most areas but up to 160% AMI is allowed for ownership units in rural resort areas). The overall intended outcome of the State's affordable housing programs is to reduce the housing cost burden and save people money on housing across Colorado. All work funded is designed to spur infill development/redevelopment and promote less sprawling growth, which costs more long term.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://dlg.colorado.gov/strong-communities

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Affordable Housing

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS REVENUE REPLACEMENT FOR FY 2023-24

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: RRN070
Funding Amount: $5,002,336.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support ongoing government expenses for the Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community of the Division of Housing within the Department of Local Affairs for the 2023-24 fiscal year. These funds are being used to support annual program costs to compensate for lost State revenue as a result of the pandemic. Per U.S. Treasury Guidance, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to pay for government services in an amount equal to the State's total revenue loss experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Government services "generally include any service traditionally provided by a government". Additionally, in accordance with the SLFRF Restrictions on use, funds from this project will not be used for the offset of a reduction in net tax revenue, deposits into pension funds, debt service, replenishing financial reserves, satisfaction of settlements and judgments, or unallowable capital expenditures. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively mitigate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdola.colorado.gov/more-about-fort-lyon

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

SPECIAL SESSION EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Department of Local Affairs
Project ID: RRN080
Funding Amount: $14,900,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide funds to Colorado tenants with incomes at or below 80% AMI who are at-risk of eviction or displacement. The funds will be distributed through contracted non-profit entities and can pay for rent in arrears, rent owed, and up to two months of rent in advance. Tenants may also receive assistance for utility bills, late fees, court costs, reasonable attorney fees and other costs associated with preventing eviction. The program can assist tenants with relocation costs including deposits and move-in expenses. Non-profit project delivery costs are included as an eligible expense. The intended outcome of all the State's homelessness interventions is to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY IN RIO GRANDE AND REPUBLICAN RIVER BASINS

Department of Natural Resources
Project ID: RRP010
Funding Amount: $60,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will strengthen financial incentives that the Republican River Water Conservation District and the Rio Grande Water Conservation District utilize to ensure agricultural producers retire a sufficient number of irrigated acres to maintain compliance with interstate compacts and/or groundwater rules. Through direct payments, the districts will provide incentives to supplement payments from USDA's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) or other Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs. Funding may also be utilized to support purchase agreements with agricultural producers to reduce groundwater use or fallow irrigated acreage. The overall outcome of the State's Economic Recovery and Resiliency response is to ensure Colorado's economy continues to grow in a vibrant and sustainable manner.

Expected Completion Date: 12/30/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FEDERAL WATER PROJECT GRANTS

Department of Natural Resources
Project ID: RRP020
Funding Amount: $5,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide technical assistance to support and empower local entities to pursue and implement federal IIJA funded water projects to advance priorities outlined in Colorado's Water Plan. Technical assistance to take a water project from concept to completion will be provided to local governments and nonprofits, particularly in rural and disadvantaged communities, through grants to hire technical help in their community or direct support from DNR contractors with broad expertise to help secure these significant one-time federal funds. This assistance will focus on helping organizations identify needs, strategize on funding, perform conceptual design and feasibility studies, work through environmental permitting processes, finish final design, procure contracts, and supervise construction. The intended outcome of this program is to accelerate the economic recovery by expanding opportunity and saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 12/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cwcb.colorado.gov/federal-technical-assistance

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

WATERSHED RESTORATION AND FLOOD MITIGATION GRANTS

Department of Natural Resources
Project ID: RRP030
Funding Amount: $10,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Approximately 80% of Colorado's population relies on forested watersheds to deliver water supplies. Healthy forests and watersheds provide critical ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, water supply, filtration, and purification. Funds provided under HB22-1379 ($10M) will be used for watershed restoration and flood mitigation grants to restore, mitigate, and protect stream channels and riparian areas susceptible to flood hazards and sediment erosion and deposition after wildfire. Funds are eligible for the design and implementation of projects intended to mitigate increased flows, sediment, and debris. Up to 5% of the funds may be used to administer the program and up to 10% of the funds may be used to provide technical engineering services to assist grantees with design review, engineering analysis, fire and flood support, construction oversight, fluvial hazard zone program implementation, project monitoring and adaptive management, and overall program management.

Expected Completion Date: 12/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.wildfirereadywatersheds.com/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

COLORADO STRATEGIC WILDFIRE ACTION PROGRAM (COSWAP)

Department of Natural Resources
Project ID: RRP040
Funding Amount: $2,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will add the capacity for two landscape-scale fuel reduction grants to the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP), adding to the $17.5M in state funding provided to COSWAP in 2021 (project INP038). COSWAP addresses the urgency and need of reducing wildfire risk in the state of Colorado through workforce development and landscape-scale fuels reduction projects. These grant funds are uniquely available to all land ownership types across the state, allowing projects to be cross-jurisdictional and large scale. Projects are intended to be developed strategically to: reduce hazardous fuels directly adjacent to communities and provide safe access routes to communities (fuelbreaks, ingress/egress); be conducted adjacent to or within close proximity to lands that have been recently treated or are planned for treatment; be a component of a larger landscape-scale treatment effort; or protect critical infrastructure including evacuation routes, power and transmission lines, critical watersheds, healthcare facilities and emergency services. The overall outcome of the State's Economic Recovery and Resiliency response is to ensure Colorado's economy continues to grow in a vibrant and sustainable manner.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://dnr.colorado.gov/divisions/forestry/co-strategic-wildfire-action-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

HEALTHY FORESTS & VIBRANT COMMUNITIES (HFVC) FUND

Department of Natural Resources
Project ID: RRG010
Funding Amount: $3,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project will include implementation of cross-boundary forest management treatments to improve watershed health and reduce wildfire risk in three high priority watersheds in Colorado. Treatment prescriptions will be developed by the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) in coordination with partners. Partners include Denver Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service and multiple private landowners. The CSFS will conduct project layout and contract administration, including obtaining bids and hiring contractors to implement treatments on approximately 1,500 acres. Outcomes include: reducing wildfire risk, increasing watershed resilience, and improving protection of critical infrastructure in the Fraser Valley Watershed, Pikes Peak Watershed, and the Upper South Platte Watershed.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER ARPA - COMPLIANCE EXPENSES

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: ADA010
Funding Amount: $10,242,890.00
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support contracted vendors at the Office of the State Controller to assist with the monitoring and compliance of the American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF programs for the spending period. The vendor will assist the State in interpreting Treasury Guidance, communicating that guidance to agencies, monitoring SLFRF funds, and providing training on risk and compliance with Treasury requirements. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

STATE EMPLOYEE COVID-19 TESTING - ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: PHA030
Funding Amount: $298,617.80
Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Department of Personnel & Administration (DPA) received this allocation from the funds authorized through S.B. 21-288 for the implementation, administration, and operation of a COVID-19 State Employee Testing program supported by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) between August 2021-September 2022. Funds will be utilized for the hiring of temporary FTE and Vendor Staff and procurement of Tracking and Reporting Software, including the following staff: Program Manager, Operations Technical Director, Communications Specialist, Customer Service Specialist [2], Vendor Provided Staff [4], and a Tracking and Reporting System. The intent of this program is to provide a safe working environment and reduce the potential for COVID 19 exposure for State employees reporting in for in person work. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 10/31/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

COVID-19 exposure amongst state employees and between employees and the general public when conducting required state business with state employees who were unvaccinated against COVID-19 risked the general public's health.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER ARPA - ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: RRA010
Funding Amount: $6,780,721.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will support staff at the Office of the State Controller to assist with the monitoring, compliance, and reporting of the American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF programs for the spending period. Staff will oversee the vendor contract that will assist the State in interpreting Treasury Guidance, communicating that guidance to agencies, monitoring SLFRF funds, and providing training on risk and compliance with Treasury requirements. The FTE will manage the vendor, develop communications, provide consultation and guidance to State agencies, assist with reporting, and perform other duties related to compliance, monitoring, and reporting as necessary. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD SYSTEMS (EMRS) HOSTING

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: RRA020
Funding Amount: $75,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will fund a contract with a third-party vendor for three years to provide the external hosting for the Employee Medical Records System, a necessary component of the Colorado State Employee Assistance Program (CSEAP). CSEAP is a free resource to all state employees for mental health counseling, leader consultation, critical incident response, mediation, or webinar and facilitation services. This program saw an increase in utilization following COVID, as well as expanded capabilities to support telehealth, necessitating expanded functionality for EMRS.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM PARTICIPANT DATA REMOVAL

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: PHA010
Funding Amount: $500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will contract with an online data removal service to supplement the state-funded Address Confidentiality Program. This program provides survivors of domestic violence, sexual offenses, and/or stalking with a legal substitute address and mail forwarding service in order for them to safely interact with all state and local government agencies to protect the location of a survivor's actual address and reduce the risk of future harm. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care, including victims assistance.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the program is to reduce likelihood of revictimization by partnering the State's existing address confidentiality program with a data removal service that scrubs the internet of personally identifiable information of program participants. Based on data collected by the Colorado Department of Public Safety, domestic violence among minority groups increased during the pandemic at 2-4 times their white/non-hispanic counterparts, with rural Coloradans seeing an all-time high in 2021. These local impacts align with national statistics of the pandemic and the economic fallout have been widespread, but remain particularly prevalent among Black adults, Latino adults, and other people of color and particularly those who have also experienced interpersonal violence (Wood et al, 2021). These already marginalized groups of people have encountered additional trauma and an increased need for assistance over the course of the pandemic. Examples of these negative impacts include revictimization, loss of income, disconnections from community resources and support systems, an inability to obtain and maintain safe, affordable housing, and feeling unsafe knowing that their abusers could locate them with a simple internet search.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 1: STATE CAPITAL FACILITIES PROJECT FUNDING

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: RR9010
Funding Amount: $344,327,558.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds capital construction projects across the state to maintain, update, expand, and construct state-owned facilities that support State agencies and Institutions of Higher Education. These funds are being used to support annual program costs to compensate for lost State revenue as a result of the pandemic. Per U.S. Treasury Guidance, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to pay for government services in an amount equal to the State's total revenue loss experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Government services "generally include any service traditionally provided by a government". Additionally, in accordance with the SLFRF Restrictions on use, funds from this project will not be used for the offset of a reduction in net tax revenue, deposits into pension funds, debt service, replenishing financial reserves, satisfaction of settlements and judgments, or unallowable capital expenditures. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/youth-services/dys-residential-youth-centers
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/our-services/child-and-family-services/domestic-violence-program
https://cdhs.colorado.gov/mental-health-transitional-living-homes
https://oedit.colorado.gov/art-in-public-places

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ROUND 1: DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES STIMULUS STAFFING (FY 2022-23)

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: PSA010
Funding Amount: $192,308.01
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

For FY 2022-23, this project provides central support for Human Resources at the Department of Personnel and Administration for agencies during COVID-induced staffing surges as well as support for transitioning into a post COVID hybrid work environment. In order to accommodate the additional HR support and certification at agencies that must be trained to support additional ARPA funded staff statewide, this project adds two additional trainers. Additionally, the content is intended for new and tenured HR professionals to bridge learning gaps and develop consistent HR practices to assist in creating a safe, inclusive and positive work environment. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

With the addition of over $6B to the State in new Federal supported spending (both direct to agency and SLFRF) brought on by the American Rescue Plan Act, the State has identified over 1000 new term-limited FTE needed to implement the programming. This 5% growth in State workforce expanded the needs for training by a comparable amount. This additional staffing was needed to respond to the elevated workload brought on by the increase in HR personnel throughout the state as well as COVID related work initiatives.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

STATEWIDE TRAINING AND SKILLS BASED HIRING ADMINISTRATION

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: PSA020
Funding Amount: $19,804.32
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will add support staffing capacity to the Center for Organizational Effectiveness that provides central support and training for agencies and their staff. These programs include a skills based hiring initiative that is meant to address labor resource shortages brought about by the shift in the workforce as a result of the pandemic and a general expansion of the centralized training needs of the State's workforce as it recruits staff needed to address the myriad programs created as a result of the influx of federal dollars to the State. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

With the addition of over $6B to the State in new Federal supported spending (both direct to agency and SLFRF) brought on by the American Rescue Plan Act, the State has identified over 1000 new term-limited FTE needed to implement the programming. This 5% growth in State workforce expanded the needs for training by a comparable amount. This additional staffing was needed to respond to the elevated workload brought on by the increase in HR personnel throughout the state as well as COVID related work initiatives.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ROUND 2: DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES STIMULUS STAFFING (FY 2023-24)

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: PSA030
Funding Amount: $293,501.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

For FY 2023-24, this project will continue to provide central support for Human Resources at the Department of Personnel and Administration for agencies during COVID-induced staffing surges as well as support for transitioning into a post COVID hybrid work environment. In order to accommodate the additional HR support and certification at agencies that must be trained to support additional ARPA funded staff statewide, this project adds two additional trainers. Additionally, the content is intended for new and tenured HR professionals to bridge learning gaps and develop consistent HR practices to assist in creating a safe, inclusive and positive work environment. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that is able to responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

With the addition of over $6B to the State in new Federal supported spending (both direct to agency and SLFRF) brought on by the American Rescue Plan Act, the State has identified over 1000 new term-limited FTE needed to implement the programming. This 5% growth in State workforce expanded the needs for training by a comparable amount. This additional staffing was needed to respond to the elevated workload brought on by the increase in HR personnel throughout the state as well as COVID related work initiatives.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

STATE IT CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: RR9020
Funding Amount: $15,563,988.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports Phase II of the Digital Transformation Initiative for Rural Higher Education: a Collaboration of Adams State University, Fort Lewis College, and Western Colorado University. This second phase will modernize all three campuses' Student Information systems in the final step of the Digital Transformation Initiative. This includes all components of their student-facing systems including Financial Aid, Student Records, Advising, Registration, and other services critical to student success in Higher Education. These funds are being used to support annual program costs to compensate for lost State revenue as a result of the pandemic. Per U.S. Treasury Guidance, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to pay for government services in an amount equal to the State's total revenue loss experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Government services "generally include any service traditionally provided by a government". Additionally, in accordance with the SLFRF Restrictions on use, funds from this project will not be used for the offset of a reduction in net tax revenue, deposits into pension funds, debt service, replenishing financial reserves, satisfaction of settlements and judgments, or unallowable capital expenditures. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ROUND 2: STATE CAPITAL FACILITIES PROJECT FUNDING

Department of Personnel & Administration
Project ID: RR9030
Funding Amount: $41,075,824.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds controlled maintenance projects beginning in FY 23-24 to maintain, update, or expand state-owned facilities that support Institutions of Higher Education. These funds are being used to support annual program costs to compensate for lost State revenue as a result of the pandemic. Per U.S. Treasury Guidance, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to pay for government services in an amount equal to the State's total revenue loss experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Government services "generally include any service traditionally provided by a government". Additionally, in accordance with the SLFRF Restrictions on use, funds from this project will not be used for the offset of a reduction in net tax revenue, deposits into pension funds, debt service, replenishing financial reserves, satisfaction of settlements and judgments, or unallowable capital expenditures. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: HEALTHY CHILD HOME VISIT

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF060
Funding Amount: $24,899.16
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This portion of the local support funding is available to all local public health agencies. One local public health agency opted to provide home visiting programs that provide structured visits from health professionals to pregnant women or families with young children to offer education and assistance navigating resources for economic support, health needs, or child development. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: FOOD PROGRAMS

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: NEF050
Funding Amount: $16,237.73
Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. One local public health agency has opted to use funding to support individuals and families, especially BIPOC, elderly, low income, rural individuals with limited access to transportation, and/or migrant field workers to provide greater access to healthy food while they, or their family members, are recovering from COVID infection. This local public health agency serves a county with the second highest poverty rate in the state. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: CHILD CARE

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: NEF070
Funding Amount: $3,897.43
Project Expenditure Category: 2.11 Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. One rural local public health agency has opted to use funding for work with a local child care provider to expand capacity to serve more children at the center. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure the youngest Coloradans have the opportunity for social and academic learning. COVID-19 has been difficult on all childcare providers and there are numerous impacts to the youngest children for which the COVID-19 pandemic has existed for all or most of their lives. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PSF210
Funding Amount: $44,055.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. This is funding administrative support for a mobile free health clinic in Moffat County and facilitating access to resources that improve health outcomes through community outreach and engagement Services provided through Moffat under this project included services that connect residents with healthcare resources, public assistance programs, and build healthier environments. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: OTHER COVID-19 PH EXPENSES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF030
Funding Amount: $1,529,849.63
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies and is assigned to expense category 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses. Twelve local public health agencies opted to use this expense category for communication related to COVID–19 vaccination programs and/or enforcement by recipients of public health orders related to COVID–19 and capital expenses as needed. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 1: NALOXONE BULK PURCHASE FUND

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF050
Funding Amount: $1,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund, known as "The Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund," aims to make naloxone available to as many people who work with, support, live with, or interact with individuals at risk of an overdose as possible. This is achieved through targeted naloxone distribution to first responders, law enforcement agencies, harm reduction organizations, and other eligible entities. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program addresses equity issues by supplying naloxone to marginalized communities with a high risk of overdose incidents and rural agencies that do not have the funding to increase access to naloxone in their communities. Approximately one-third of the eligible entities currently utilizing the Naloxone Bulk Fund is located in a rural or frontier area.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/naloxone-bulk-purchase-fund

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF060
Funding Amount: $2,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This will fund four types of HIV prevention interventions offered Colorado HIV/AIDS prevention program, including: 1) testing; 2) Broad-based selective interventions that raise awareness, provide basic HIV education, and encourage enrollment in further preventive services among people with increased risk for HIV acquisition, with only minimal entry or commitment requirements; 3) Client-centered, evidence-based selective interventions for populations whose risk will not be lowered through awareness and education. These interventions are consistent with evidence-based models and may be delivered one-on-one or to groups. They also encourage enrollment in further preventive services, when warranted; and 4) Indicated interventions for individual clients who are at imminent risk of acquiring HIV. Examples include, but are not limited to retention services that promote access and adherence to PrEP and case management for people who use drugs (PWUD) and people who inject drugs (PWID). These efforts aim to reduce the number of newly reported HIV diagnoses in Colorado during the implementation period.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

HIV prevention programs across the country were severely limited and suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Testing and prevention decreased significantly due to the closure of many community-based programs and the necessary COVID-19 focus in health care settings.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/sti-hiv-prevention-care

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: VACCINATION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF070
Funding Amount: $63,386.47
Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding supports the rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations at School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs), public medical clinics co-located in schools with high utilization of the free or reduced lunch program. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. This funding is focused on increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates among children 5 through <20 years old. This funding supports staff time, vaccine informational materials, translation and interpretation services, refrigeration and storage, and staff vaccination training. In FY2022, COVID-19 Vaccination funding was allocated to 8 existing SBHC contracts via an amendment to support operating SBHCs. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Health care utilization, including preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services (especially behavioral health) and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g., telehealth). School-Based Health Centers are also a safety net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services, including testing and vaccine administration. Funds will also assist vulnerable children and adolescents.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/sbhc

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: TESTING

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF080
Funding Amount: $95,867.95
Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding supports the roll out of COVID testing at School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs), public medical clinics co-located in schools with high utilization of the free or reduced lunch program. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. The intent of this short-term funding for the SBHC Program grantees is to provide additional support to administer COVID-19 testing activities, including: staff time, materials, translation and interpretation of testing materials, and laboratory services. In fiscal year 2022, COVID-19 Testing funding was allocated to 8 existing SBHC program contracts via an amendment to support operating SBHCs. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Health care utilization including: preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services (especially behavioral health) and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g., telehealth). School-Based Health Centers are also a safety net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services, including testing and vaccine administration. Funds will also assist vulnerable children and adolescents.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/sbhc

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF090
Funding Amount: $231,670.36
Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding supports the expansion of behavioral and mental health care at School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs), public medical clinics co-located in schools with high utilization of free or reduced lunch utilization. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. This project will increase the availability of behavioral health services for youth through short-term contracts with behavioral health treatment providers, improved provider training, and increasing salary time for behavioral health staff to expand hours for on-site service delivery. In FY 2022, mental health services funding was allocated to 13 SBHC program contracts via an amendment for operating SBHCs and allocated to planning grants for 4 SBHCs in FY2023. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health and public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Health care utilization including: preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services (especially behavioral health) and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g., telehealth). School Based Health Centers are also a safety net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services, including testing and vaccine administration.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/sbhc

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: OTHER

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF100
Funding Amount: $809,075.22
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding supports the roll out of COVID-19 testing at School Based Health Centers (SBHCs), public medical clinics co-located in schools with high utilization of the free or reduced lunch program. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. This funding will support investment in SBHCs as part of the state's critical public health infrastructure by: purchasing clinic equipment and supplies; supporting personal service costs to resume prevention and primary medical care services following COVID-19-related disruptions in care among adolescents and children; and expanding SBHC telehealth service delivery as a mechanism to expand SBHC reach to additional youth and adolescent populations. In fiscal year 2022, other public health services funding was allocated to 13 SBHC program contracts via an amendment for operating SBHCs and allocated to planning grants for 4 SBHCs in fiscal year 2023. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Health care utilization, including preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services (especially behavioral health) and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g., telehealth). School Based Health Centers are also a safety net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services, including testing and vaccine administration.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/sbhc

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: VACCINATION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF120
Funding Amount: $729,911.98
Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Three local public health agencies are using this funding for expenses related to COVID–19 vaccination programs and sites, including staffing, acquisition of equipment or supplies, facilities costs, and information technology or other administrative expenses. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: PPE

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF150
Funding Amount: $49,822.42
Project Expenditure Category: 1.5 Personal Protective Equipment

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Four local public health agencies opted to use this funding for the acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: MEDICAL EXPENSES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF160
Funding Amount: $17,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.6 Medical Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Two local public health agencies opted to use this funding for medical expenses (including alternative care facilities). The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: SUBSTANCE USE

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF180
Funding Amount: $20,069.02
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Three local public health agencies opted to use this funding to provide services for mental health treatment, substance misuse treatment, other behavioral health services, crisis intervention, overdose prevention, infectious disease prevention, and services or outreach to promote access to physical or behavioral health primary care and preventative medicine. The intended outcome of the State's public health and mental and behavioral health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 1: COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE INITIATIVES: COVID-19 VACCINATION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF270
Funding Amount: $20,616,107.08
Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This program provides funding for COVID-19 vaccinations through the state including contracts for vaccine points of dispensing, various vaccine related outreach, payments to primary care physicians to increase vaccination uptake within their local communities, mobile vaccine clinics, vaccine outreach and related translation services, and contract for staffing costs. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care and that the State is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The general objective of the program is to increase the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered by providers, and is therefore a specific and proportionate response to the public health impacts of the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-institutes

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 1: COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE INITIATIVES: COVID-19 TESTING

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF280
Funding Amount: $63,901,017.43
Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This program provides funding for COVID-19 testing throughout the state to including: mass testing sites, providing over the counter testing to schools, contracts to purchase rapid antigen tests for unvaccinated state employees and long-term care facility staff, and funding for the state laboratory to increase testing capacity. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program's primary objective is to increase testing capacity across the state of Colorado. related to COVID-19 , including mass testing sites, providing over the counter testing to schools, contracts to purchase rapid antigen tests for unvaccinated state employees and long term care facility staff, and funding for the state laboratory to increase testing capacity. This program aims to increase testing capacity and also to decrease the COVID positivity rate.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ALTERNATIVE CARE STAFFING SURGE

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF410
Funding Amount: $6,834,994.26
Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project was part of a statewide initiative that created a surge capacity of medical staff to support 500 beds for treating COVID-19 in hospitals and supporting additional staffing in long-term care facilities throughout the state. Twelve hospitals and six long-term care facilities were identified around the State to meet the geographic needs of the state. Funding is to provide supplemental medical staff in order to increase hospital bed capacity as well as increase post-acute care bed capacity to decompress hospitals by discharging patients to long-term care facilities. Between December 2021 and April 2022, SnapNurse deployed more than 100 clinicians to the six long-term care facilities to add 105 staffed post-acute care beds to the system. During this time, 681 patients were discharged from hospitals to these six long-term care facilities which freed up existing bed capacity in hospitals throughout the state. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 2/28/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Beginning in December of 2021, Colorado needed to quickly respond to the largest wave of COVID yet experienced. Between December 2021 and April 2022 Colorado COVID cases peaked at over 18,900 cases, or 329 cases per 100,000 residents. At the start of this period, acute hospital bed availability dropped to a pandemic low of 7%, and ICU availability to below 5%. By the end of this project, ICU availability had improved to 19%, and acute bed availability improved to 9%. This project was structured to alleviate the strain through two initiatives: 1) to support long-term care facility staffing in order to minimize the number of COVID patents needing transport to hospitals; and 2) to staff additional acute beds for COVID patents to be quickly transferred to in order to free up ICU capacity.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 1: COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE INITIATIVES: OTHER PH EXPENSES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF290
Funding Amount: $18,885,828.49
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides funding for staffing infusions into hospitals and long term care facilities, Monoclonal Antibody Infusion buses, supplies, and various related activities, and general public health expenses related to the Covid-19 response which were unbudgeted. The overall outcome of all of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program provides a variety of support needed to quickly ramp up a public health response, excluding vaccination, testing, and treatment activities.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

COVID-19 TESTING LAB CERTIFICATION - HEALTH FACILITIES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF300
Funding Amount: $144,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This program supported the fees needed for 174 private labs to obtain required licenses (CLIA waivers) to test for new COVID-19 variants. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program provides a specific and targeted response to the need for more testing related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, this program focuses on supporting the fees needed for 174 private labs to obtain required licenses (CLIA waivers) to test for new COVID-19 variants, with the overall objective to maintain current testing levels through 2023.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 2: NALOXONE BULK PURCHASE FUND

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF330
Funding Amount: $1,812,500.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund, known as "The Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund," aims to make naloxone available to as many people who work with, support, live with, or interact with individuals at risk of an overdose as possible. This is achieved through targeted naloxone distribution to first responders, law enforcement agencies, harm reduction organizations, and other eligible entities. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program addresses equity issues by supplying naloxone to marginalized communities with a high risk of overdose incidents and rural agencies that do not have the funding to increase access to naloxone in their communities. Approximately one-third of the eligible entities currently utilizing the Naloxone Bulk Fund is located in a rural or frontier area.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/naloxone-bulk-purchase-fund

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

DISEASE CONTROL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE: ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PSF130
Funding Amount: $9,237,251.99
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports staffing for the disease control and public health division response, including staffing to perform: Compliance and oversight of funding; Electronic Laboratory Reporting; Laboratory data management and reporting; Biological Sciences testing and research; Laboratory quality assurance and regulatory compliance; Immunization statistical analysis; Community action and engagement for Health Equity; Emergency Response regionally based staff; Increased epidemiology resources; Administrative staff, including budget, accounting, contracts, and HR, to provide continued support to the increased capacity within multiple divisions. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Additional FTE were distributed across the Disease Control and Public Health Response Division in all areas of the response efforts. The objective was to provide support for the main responding agency so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 1: CTC/EITC OUTREACH - PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PSF170
Funding Amount: $1,162,939.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project's aim is to connect as many families as possible to the expanded Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and starting in 2022 the Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit. This project 1) awards grants to IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites; 2) awards grants to nonprofits, local public health agencies, family resource centers, and/or early childhood councils for outreach and assistance; and 3) funds Department of Revenue (DOR) "train the trainer" sessions and sends targeted DOR mailers and/or pre-filled tax returns. The intended outcome of this program is to accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Outreach and tax filing assistance efforts geared towards increasing the number of Coloradans who claim the federal Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit on their federal income tax return, as well as the analogous state tax credits on their state income tax returns. The focus for the initiative is on populations who can benefit most but are not claiming tax credits owed to them.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

ROUND 1: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CORPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADDICTION COUNSELORS

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF080
Funding Amount: $1,700,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Behavioral Health Recovery Act (SB21-137) $1.7 million to CDPHE for use by the Primary Care Office for loan repayments for behavioral healthcare providers and candidates for licensure participating in the Colorado Health Service Corps (CHSC) program and scholarships for addiction counselors. CHSC creates practice incentives (e.g., loan repayment) for clinicians to work in areas of the state that are deemed to have a shortage and provide care to Coloradans who are uninsured and publicly insured. Candidates for these awards will be selected from the March 2022 application period for CHSC. These funds will provide incentives such as loan repayment to at least 24 providers. There is strong evidence to show that the availability of these workforce incentive programs are effective tools for recruiting and retaining clinicians within specific communities that are underserved.

Expected Completion Date: 8/31/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

According to a recent survey administered by the Colorado Health Institute, more Coloradans reported poor mental health in 2021 than ever before. The 2021 Colorado Health Access Survey indicated that nearly a quarter of Coloradans said their mental health was poor, the most in the twelve years the survey has been conducted. This program increases access to mental health services by providing loan repayment to clinicians who provide clinical services to low-income, publicly insured, uninsured, and geographically isolated people.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

PAYROLL AND BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO COVID

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PSF180
Funding Amount: $1,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.1 Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides additional funding to support pandemic response staffing at the Department of Public Health and Environment. This additional $1M will support the Field and Support Team (FAST) activities which include deployment to sites throughout the State for Covid-19 testing and vaccinations. Additionally, funding will support central Administrative and Communications staff through the end of June 2023. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The objective was to provide support for the main responding agency so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time of award, CDPHE had closed nearly 9,000 reported outbreaks, but was still seeing nearly 50-60 new outbreaks reported each week.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 2: COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE INITIATIVES: COVID-19 VACCINATION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF390
Funding Amount: $14,974,958.80
Project Expenditure Category: 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project expands funding for COVID-19 Vaccinations through the state including contracts for vaccine points of dispensing, call centers, vaccine courier services, mobile vaccine clinics, vaccine outreach and related translation services, and contract for staffing costs associated with ringless voicemail and texting initiative. Specifically, this award supports the 10% match for FEMA required with FEMA policy change effective July 1. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care and that the State is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 5/31/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The general objective of the program is to increase the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered by providers, and is therefore a specific and proportionate response to the public health impacts of the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 3: COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE INITIATIVES: COVID-19 TESTING

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF400
Funding Amount: $41,201,574.24
Project Expenditure Category: 1.2 COVID-19 Testing

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project expands funding for COVID-19 testing throughout the state to include mass testing sites, long term care facility testing (formerly state lab), courier services, staffing agreements, and funding for the state laboratory to increase testing capacity. Specifically, this award supports the 10% match for FEMA required with FEMA policy change effective July 1. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care and that the State is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 5/31/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The general objective of the program is to increase the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered by providers, and is therefore a specific and proportionate response to the public health impacts of the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 2: COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE INITIATIVES: OTHER COVID-19 PH EXPENSES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF420
Funding Amount: $13,823,466.96
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides funding for general public health expenses related to the Covid-19 response which were unbudgeted (including, but not limited to lab supplies, translation services, purchased personal services, technology costs, and employee travel reimbursements). Specifically, this award supports the 10% match for FEMA required with FEMA policy change effective July 1 and expenses which were deemed ineligible for FEMA reimbursement prior to the FEMA policy change. The overall outcome of all of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 5/31/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program provides a variety of support needed to quickly ramp up a public health response, excluding vaccination, testing, and treatment activities.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://covid19.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

MPOX PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF010
Funding Amount: $2,898,600.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides funding for three months of response efforts related to Mpox. Specifically for vaccine, testing and treatment staffing mobile Mpox vaccine buses; communication to at-risk communities; and Denver Health vaccine, testing and treatment support. The intended outcome of the State's public and behavioral and mental health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 2: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADDICTION COUNSELORS

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF090
Funding Amount: $20,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project aims to reduce health inequity caused by inadequate access to behavioral health care services in Colorado. The Colorado Health Service Corps (CHSC) creates an incentive for primary clinicians to practice in Health Professional Shortage Areas by reducing education loan debt and providing scholarships to health care professionals in exchange for clinical service to low-income, publicly insured, uninsured, and geographically isolated people. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health and public health spending is to improve access to behavioral care for underserved Colorado communities.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral health needs trended up nationally for the past several years, but the pandemic further exacerbated the issue, including in Colorado, particularly for underserved communities who already experiencing some high barriers of care. The Colorado Health Institute survey found that from 2013-2019, Coloradans who reported eight or more poor mental health days in the previous month ranged from 9.9%-15.3%, but in 2021, that increased to 23.7%, equating to an additional 300,000 people.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES - WATER FILTRATION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF100
Funding Amount: $9,284.83
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. Dolores County worked with their municipal water provider to make improvements to the drinking water filtration system. Clean drinking water has many public health benefits and local public health has a responsibility to ensure access for the community. Access to clean drinking water contributes to the overall public health and well-being of a community, and disadvantaged communities are often most impacted by a lack of access to clean drinking water. The service area's median household income is $59,167, which is 21% lower than the state's overall median household income of $75,231. The intended outcome of the State's public and behavioral and mental health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: HOUSING SUPPORT

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF110
Funding Amount: $22,601.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. One local public health agency opted to provide housing services to support healthy living environments and neighborhoods conducive to mental and physical wellness. The intended outcome of the State's public and behavioral and mental health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Affordable Housing

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS OR BENEFITS NAVIGATORS

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF120
Funding Amount: $12,534.50
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding available to all local public health agencies. Two local public health agencies opted to fund community health workers to help community members access health services and services to address the social determinants of health. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: TRACING

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF130
Funding Amount: $161,054.25
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is part of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Six local public health agencies opted to use this funding for costs of providing COVID–19 testing and monitoring, contact tracing, and monitoring of case trends and genomic sequencing for variants.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: TESTING

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF140
Funding Amount: $170,834.94
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Two local public health agencies opted to use this funding for costs of providing COVID–19 testing and monitoring, contact tracing, and monitoring of case trends and genomic sequencing for variants. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: OTHER SERVICES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF150
Funding Amount: $2,170,268.93
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Twenty-eight local public health agencies have opted to use this funding for staff to assess the ramifications of COVID-19 to public health across all programs and services and re-assess the needs and priorities of their communities. Many are supporting staff who perform community health assessments, and partnering with community organizations to assess the needs and inform local public health improvement processes. Many are also using this funding to perform COVID-19 community engagement work. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF160
Funding Amount: $170,048.66
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Five local public health agencies, Lincoln County Public Health and Fremont County Public Health, opted to use this funding for providing mental health services to school aged children and residents in their jurisdiction. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care and to improve mental health declines due to COVID.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: PREMIUM PAY

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF170
Funding Amount: $375,040.97
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Eight local public health agencies have opted to use funding for premium pay to public health staff who are performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DISTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: PAYROLL

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF180
Funding Amount: $6,325,486.56
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This is a portion of the local support funding that is available to all local public health agencies. Within this project, 18 local public health agencies opted to use this funding for payroll and covered benefits expenses for public safety and public health staff who provide services to mitigate or respond to the COVID–19 public health emergency. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

CDPHE is working with all 54 local public health agencies in Colorado to determine the highest public health needs in their respective jurisdiction. The objective is to provide support for all local public health agencies so that they may manage and build capacity to address the immediate needs of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as emerging needs that are manifesting as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework for this project emphasized equity and funds are being distributed to Local Public Health Agencies based on population size as well as underserved and disproportionately impacted populations.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ROUND 2 - SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS: OTHER

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF350
Funding Amount: $1,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports school-based health centers (SBHCs) that provide integrated health care, including behavioral health, primary medical care, and oral health services, within schools or on school grounds with high utilization of the free or reduced lunch program. These clinics are open to both students and the general public to provide basic health services in often rural communities. The SBHC Grant Program will award this funding via competitive grants to organizations for: establishing new SBHCs; expanding the types of services offered by existing SBHCs; and providing support for ongoing operations of SBHCs such as expanded hours. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health and public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Health care utilization, including preventative care, primary medical care, behavioral health services, and dental health services decreased during the pandemic. The pandemic also created a demand for these services (especially behavioral health) and a need for enhanced service delivery modalities (e.g., telehealth). SBHCs are also a safety net provider for low-income communities and can provide COVID-19 related services, including testing and vaccine administration.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 3: NALOXONE BULK PURCHASE FUND

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF360
Funding Amount: $19,700,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund, known as the "Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund," aims to make naloxone available to as many people who work with, support, live with, or interact with individuals at risk of an overdose as possible. This is achieved through targeted naloxone distribution to first responders, law enforcement agencies, harm reduction organizations, and other eligible entities. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program addresses equity issues by supplying naloxone to marginalized communities with a high risk of overdose incidents and rural agencies that do not have the funding to increase access to naloxone in their communities. Approximately one-third of the eligible entities currently utilizing the Naloxone Bulk Fund are located in a rural or frontier area. Incidents of overdose have increased nationwide during the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://cdphe.colorado.gov/naloxone-bulk-purchase-fund

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

FENTANYL TEST STRIPS FOR RURAL AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF380
Funding Amount: $300,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides fentanyl test strips (FTS) to community partners, such as local public health agencies, focused in counties that lack existing community-based FTS providers as a low-cost and easy-to-administer method for members of the public to detect if a substance has been laced with fentanyl, in order to prevent overdoses and reduce harm. This SLFRF funding will be added to over $400K provided from the General Fund and other non-ARPA Federal Grants to support this program, increasing the number of tests distributed from 397,300 to 660,300, and supporting an economy-of-scale discount that these small or isolated entities cannot achieve on their own. CDPHE will provide support and technical assistance for rural and marginalized communities who lack expertise and experience, using existing CDPHE infrastructure to administer. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program addresses equity issues by supplying fentanyl test strips to marginalized communities with a high risk of overdose incidents and rural agencies that do not have the funding to increase access to test strips in their communities. As indicated in the final rule, incidents of overdose have increased nationwide during the pandemic, with "preliminary data from the CDC showing a nearly 30 percent increase in overdose mortality from April 2020 to April 2021, bringing the estimated overdose death toll for a 12-month period over 100,000 for the first time ever."

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

HARM REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF440
Funding Amount: $6,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project expands a State program that was created in 2019 that supports local communities addressing substance use through a public health and harm reduction approach, rather than the criminal legal system model. These additional funds allowed for the expansion of eligible entities and inclusion of additional evidence-based interventions from the original program. Funds are used for a wide variety of uses, such as linkages to care (peer specialists), training on Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) prescribing, education and outreach, supplies, and law enforcement assistance diversion (STAR program). The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The program seeks to address both the opioid crisis and address equity issues by supporting communities to identify and implement strategies to prevent overdose death, reduce harms associated with drug use and approach substance use as a public health issue rather than through incarceration.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ROUND 2: CTC/EITC OUTREACH - PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PSF190
Funding Amount: $1,944,867.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project expands the work begun in PSF170, by supporting outreach and tax filing assistance efforts for two additional tax filing seasons (2023 and 2024). These projects aim is to connect as many families as possible to the expanded Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and starting in 2022 the Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit. This project 1) awards grants to IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites; 2) awards grants to nonprofits, local public health agencies, family resource centers, and/or early childhood councils for outreach and assistance; and 3) funds Department of Revenue (DOR) "train the trainer" sessions and sends targeted DOR mailers and/or pre-filled tax returns. The intended outcome of this program is to accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Outreach and tax filing assistance efforts geared towards increasing the number of Coloradans who claim the federal Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit on their federal income tax return, as well as the analogous state tax credits on their state income tax returns. The focus for the initiative is on populations who can benefit most but are not claiming tax credits owed to them. These groups include rural and non-English-speaking households, immigrants, refugees, and low-wage workers, all populations who were impacted and often disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

ROUND 3: CTC/EITC OUTREACH - PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PSF200
Funding Amount: $1,850,619.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project continues the work begun in PSF190, by supporting outreach and tax filing assistance efforts for the 2024 tax filing season. These projects aim is to connect as many families as possible to the expanded Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and starting in 2022 the Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit. This project 1) awards grants to IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites; 2) awards grants to nonprofits, local public health agencies, family resource centers, and/or early childhood councils for outreach and assistance; and 3) funds Department of Revenue (DOR) "train the trainer" sessions and sends targeted DOR mailers and/or pre-filled tax returns. The intended outcome of this program is to accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Outreach and tax filing assistance efforts geared towards increasing the number of Coloradans who claim the federal Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit on their federal income tax return, as well as the analogous state tax credits on their state income tax returns. The focus for the initiative is on populations who can benefit most but are not claiming tax credits owed to them. These groups include rural and non-English-speaking households, immigrants, refugees, and low-wage workers, all populations who were impacted and often disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

ROUND 4: CTC/EITC OUTREACH - PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PSF220
Funding Amount: $204,514.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports the administrative needs to conclude the work begun in PSF170, PSF190, and PSF200 which supported outreach and tax filing assistance efforts for each tax filing season. These projects aim is to connect as many families as possible to the expanded Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and starting in 2022 the Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit. Whis was supported by 1) awarding grants to IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites; 2) awarding grants to nonprofits, local public health agencies, family resource centers, and/or early childhood councils for outreach and assistance; and 3) funding Department of Revenue (DOR) "train the trainer" sessions and sending targeted DOR mailers and/or pre-filled tax returns. The intended outcome of this program is to accelerate the economic recovery by saving Coloradans money.

Expected Completion Date: 12/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Outreach and tax filing assistance efforts geared towards increasing the number of Coloradans who claim the federal Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit on their federal income tax return, as well as the analogous state tax credits on their state income tax returns. The focus for the initiative is on populations who can benefit most but are not claiming tax credits owed to them. These groups include rural and non-English-speaking households, immigrants, refugees, and low-wage workers, all populations who were impacted and often disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

HEALTHCARE WORKER RESILIENCE AND RETENTION PROGRAM

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF040
Funding Amount: $2,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports retention efforts for healthcare workers by providing resources, connections, guidance, and support across the state to reduce employee attrition as a result of pandemic induced fear, exhaustion, isolation, and distress. The State has contracted with the University of Colorado and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs to provide a large array of mental health and wellbeing services to employees at hospitals, long term care facilities, emergency medical services, local public health agencies, coroners, and funeral homes and will conduct outreach efforts to build bridges between those organizations and the above offerings. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness and retain healthcare workers in Colorado.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RE-ENGAGEMENT EFFORT

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: NEF130
Funding Amount: $6,120,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide funding to healthcare employers to support efforts to recruit and re-engage healthcare professionals who have previously left the industry. This project will target distribution of funds to long term care facilities, federally qualified health facilities, and critical shortage healthcare systems to re-engage healthcare professionals. The awards will be dependent on the type of professional recruited with a maximum award of $25,000 per professional recruited (which aligns with what some hospital trade industry groups have estimated as the cost of health worker turnover, ranging from $28,000 to $51,000 per employee), and no more than $250,000 awarded to any single facility. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

A primary concern in the health care sector over the pandemic has been a shortage of workers. Job postings increased in the health care sector in Colorado 64% from the period preceding the pandemic to the period around the time the publication of the final rule. Further, the job openings rate for the health care industry in Colorado increased from 6.5% preceding the pandemic to 10.3% at the time period of the publication of the final rule.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

HEALTH WORKFORCE SCHOOL NURSE GRANT PROGRAM

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF070
Funding Amount: $3,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will expand the School Nurse Grant Program, a program that began in July of 2019 to supplement school district costs associated with providing and expanding school nursing services. The intent of the program is to improve student health, reduce school absenteeism, and increase educational performance through better access to school-based health services. The project will use the existing infrastructure of the School Nurse Grant Program to distribute the funds to approximately 10 additional schools, doubling the number of participants. The intended outcome of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/30/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

HEALTH WORKFORCE PRACTICE-BASED EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: NEF110
Funding Amount: $20,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will fund the Practice-Based Education Grants Program which will award approximately 50 grants to practice-based health professional training organizations (e.g., hospitals and community health clinics) that agree to increase the number of training slots available to health professions students from accredited Colorado training programs. It will rely on existing partnerships with training institutions, clinicians, clinician groups, healthcare organizations, and others to inform the work. The intended outcome of the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness (as measured by the number of individuals who complete a credential, training, and/or apprenticeship course) of all Coloradans, as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving postsecondary attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

A primary concern in the health care sector over the pandemic has been a shortage of workers. Job postings increased in the health care sector in Colorado 64% from the period preceding the pandemic to the period around the time the publication of the final rule. Further, the job openings rate for the health care industry in Colorado increased from 6.5% preceding the pandemic to 10.3% at the time period of the publication of the final rule. This project seeks to increase the capacity of our state to train health care professionals by incentivizing private industry to increase the number of practice-based slots available for recent graduates of medical schools.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

FLU VACCINES FOR LOW-INCOME COLORADANS

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF030
Funding Amount: $581,970.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provided 35,000 influenza vaccines for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 flu seasons to lower income populations, for whom the negative economic effects of the pandemic were particularly pronounced. CDC guidance notes that influenza vaccination will be paramount to reduce the impact of respiratory illnesses attributed to influenza and resulting burdens on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic. These doses were administered by the State Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Local Public Health Agencies, or other Community Based Organisations. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 2/28/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DENVER HEALTH SERVICES

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF020
Funding Amount: $4,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides funding for supplemental medical staff to Denver Health for the purposes of providing an additional 16 staffed pediatric hospital beds in order to reduce pressure on existing capacity from November 2022 through February 2023. Denver Health will use the funding to expand its ability to treat patients with either or both COVID-19 and RSV and related or similar respiratory illnesses. The overall outcome of all of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 3/31/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

SERVE COLORADO/AMERICORPS HEALTHCARE STAFFING SURGE

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: PHF450
Funding Amount: $3,371,861.32
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds the placement of at least 100 AmeriCorps members to identified grantees that provide healthcare service. This project will provide critically needed short-term healthcare and administrative workers to the healthcare field as a response to the healthcare worker shortages that resulted from COVID-19. SERVE Colorado, the State's AmeriCorp administrator, shall administer an AmeriCorps program to directly respond to COVID-19 and to the critical healthcare worker shortage as perpetuated by the pandemic. The overall outcome of all of the State's public health spending is to ensure and improve Coloradans access to quality healthcare.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Between December 2021 and April 2022 Colorado COVID cases peaked at over 18,900 cases, or 329 cases per 100,000 residents. At the start of this period, acute hospital bed availability dropped to a pandemic low of 7%, and ICU availability to below 5%. A primary concern in the health care sector over the pandemic has been a shortage of workers. Job postings increased in the health care sector in Colorado 64% from the period preceding the pandemic to the period around the time the publication of the final rule. Further, the job openings rate for the health care industry in Colorado increased from 6.5% preceding the pandemic to 10.3% at the time period of the publication of the final rule. This project was structured to alleviate the strain through the rapid deployment of flexibly-trained AmeriCorps members to support healthcare providers and care facility staffing in order to minimize the number of COVID patents whose symptoms compound to the point of needing transport to hospitals and to staff the large number of testing sites, vaccination campaigns, and other health-related service needs that exploded to respond to the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT: REVENUE REPLACEMENT FOR FY 2023-24

Department of Public Health & Enviornment
Project ID: RRF050
Funding Amount: $24,117,939.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support ongoing government expenses for the Administration and Support; Center for Health and Environmental Information; Division of Disease Control and Public Health Response; and Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division divisions within the Department of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment for the 2023-24 fiscal year. These funds are being used to support annual program costs to compensate for lost State revenue as a result of the pandemic. Per U.S. Treasury Guidance, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to pay for government services in an amount equal to the State's total revenue loss experienced due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Government services "generally include any service traditionally provided by a government". Additionally, in accordance with the SLFRF Restrictions on use, funds from this project will not be used for the offset of a reduction in net tax revenue, deposits into pension funds, debt service, replenishing financial reserves, satisfaction of settlements and judgments, or unallowable capital expenditures. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively mitigate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER TELEHEALTH PROGRAM

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: PHR010
Funding Amount: $2,846,435.65
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will expand the Colorado Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)/Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) program at UCHealth Memorial to add a Center of Excellence for Forensic Nursing at the Memorial Central campus, adding to the current robust forensic nursing program. The center will continue Memorial's work in providing on-site training and technical support for SANE nurses as well as providing space for the telehealth nurse program to expand the number of sites by 50%, to 15 sites that are receiving telehealth support. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program will allow Colorado to expand funding to training for those who support victims of sexually based offenses. This is a demonstrated public health service.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUNDING

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: PHR020
Funding Amount: $1,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will supplement fee revenue and federal grants to ensure the 22 local victim compensation boards have the funding needed to provide victim compensation such as: medical and dental expenses; mental health expenses; economic support (lost wages; loss of support to dependents); funeral/burial expenses; repair or replacement of doors, locks and/or windows of residential property; and rekeying of a motor vehicle or other locks necessary to ensure a victim's safety. It is expected that 4 of the 22 local boards will not have enough revenue to cover the approved applications for assistance. The goal of this program is to provide assistance to 100% of approved applications for assistance. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program allows Colorado to maintain or increase funding to support victims of crime that have unexpected medical, mental health, and financial needs as a result of their victimization through the victim compensation programs. A major need for victims of crime immediately after their victimization is financial assistance.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

STATE VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (VALE) FUNDING

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: PHR030
Funding Amount: $1,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This funding will supplement fee revenue to ensure the 22 local victim assistance boards have the funding needed to provide victim financial assistance, as outlined in the Colorado Crime Victim Compensation Act, and other support for victims. The goal of this program is to support 100% of the approved claims to victims. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This program allows Colorado to maintain or increase funding to support victims of crime that have unexpected medical, mental health, and financial needs as a result of their victimization through the victim compensation programs. A major need for victims of crime immediately after their victimization is financial assistance. The State VALE funding is intended to support victims of crime including domestic violence and sexual assault. The Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) Emergency fund accepts applications from victim advocates who are assisting victims in obtaining resources after their victimization.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

CRIME VICTIM SERVICE FUNDING

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: PHR040
Funding Amount: $32,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project creates a grant program for organizations that provide services to victims of crime throughout the state as part of the two year Crime Victim Services funding process administered by the Office for Victims Programs in conjunction with the Crime Victim Services Advisory Board. Awarded programs include both non-profits, state agencies or local governments that are providing direct services to victims of a variety of crimes. The direct services support such as rent or relocation assistance, civil legal support, therapy/counseling services, navigating the criminal justice system, and other healing centered services. The intended outcome of the State's public health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality health care after victimization.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

These Crime Victim Service (CVS) grants that will be awarded will be to agencies that assist victims in navigating their recovery including providing or finding resources to assist with a variety of services including therapy, housing assistance, civil legal services to include help with obtaining protection orders, eviction assistance, or child custody matters, and criminal justice support.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

ROUND 1: STOCKPILE FOR DECLARED DISASTER EMERGENCIES

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: RRR010
Funding Amount: $1,881,727.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide funding to acquire and maintain a stockpile of essential materials (personal protective equipment, ventilators, and any other items necessary to respond to a disaster emergency) that are available for distribution after the Governor has declared a disaster emergency for the next two fiscal years. This is the first of three annual appropriations of funding for this project. This funding will ensure that the State has essential and maintained equipment and expendable materials on an annual basis, and will continue to update this stockpile using state funds and the revenue from resale of equipment and materials (as they approach the end of their useful life) after this funding source is exhausted. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to future pandemics and minimize any negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ROUND 1: INTEGRATED CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CICJIS) LINKING PROJECT

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: PSR010
Funding Amount: $3,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project will provide grant funding to expand the Colorado Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CICJIS) that facilitates information sharing on incarcerated persons between county jails. This program allows for the efficient sharing of information concerning behavioral, mental and physical health needs; housing needs; and demographic information for those detained. This project will greatly expand on a pilot program that began in 2019 funded by a federal Department of Justice grant to build the central infrastructure and link county jails. This information sharing will improve the continuity of care for incarcerated persons because jails will be able to efficiently assess the person's historical needs in other systems and there will be a standardization for the different types of needs so that minimal personal information must be shared. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

During and following the pandemic, Colorado followed the national trend of increases in all types of crime, with violent crimes increasing by 17% during the pandemic. This increase has strained the criminal justice system, while at the same time the State has worked hard to keep those in custody and who work in these facilities safe and healthy. Additionally, the World Health Organization has found that prevalence of anxiety and depression have increased by 25% as a result of the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

ROUND 2: INTEGRATED CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CICJIS) LINKING PROJECT

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: PSR020
Funding Amount: $2,265,390.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project will provide grant funding to expand the Colorado Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CICJIS) that facilitates information sharing on incarcerated persons between county jails. This funding is a continuation to PSR010. This program allows for the efficient sharing of information concerning behavioral, mental and physical health needs; housing needs; and demographic information for those detained. This project will greatly expand on a pilot program that began in 2019 funded by a federal Department of Justice grant to build the central infrastructure and link county jails. This information sharing will improve the continuity of care for incarcerated persons because jails will be able to efficiently assess the person's historical needs in other systems and there will be a standardization for the different types of needs so that minimal personal information must be shared. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

During and following the pandemic, Colorado followed the national trend of increases in all types of crime, with violent crimes increasing by 17% during the pandemic. This increase has strained the criminal justice system, while at the same time the State has worked hard to keep those in custody and who work in these facilities safe and healthy. Additionally, the World Health Organization has found that prevalence of anxiety and depression have increased by 25% as a result of the pandemic. For incarcerated persons, the situation is worse. Incarcerated persons are more likely to suffer from issues of mental illness (5x more likely) and substance use (8x more likely) and often cycle between institutions and the community. This often leads to interruptions in services and decreased continuity of care. The sharing of information between institutions should allow for improvements in care. The grant program to facilitate this data sharing among jails will allow for counties that may not otherwise be able to invest in this type of program to utilize it and improve outcomes for both inmates and staff.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Behavioral & Mental Health

MIGRANT STABLE HOUSING SUPPORT

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: RRR030
Funding Amount: $667,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides grants to service providers (nonprofit, governmental, or private) to provide humanitarian relief in the form of stable housing and case management to migrant families and individuals who have recently entered the United States. Service providers may use the funds for food, clothing, health care, navigation, transportation, volunteer and donations management, incident management, and wrap-around supportive services for approximately 400 individuals. The intended outcome of all the State's homelessness interventions is to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 3/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

MIGRANT NGO SERVICES

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: RRR020
Funding Amount: $10,107,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports service providers (nonprofit, governmental, or private) to provide humanitarian relief in the form of shelter, food, clothing, health care, navigation, transportation, volunteer and donations management, incident management, and wrap-around supportive services to migrant families and individuals who have recently entered the United States. The intended outcome of all the State's homelessness interventions is to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 9/15/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

MIGRANT ASSISTANCE CONTRACTED SERVICES

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: RRR050
Funding Amount: $4,229,258.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports direct contracts with service providers (nonprofit, governmental, or private) to provide humanitarian relief in the form of shelter, food, clothing, health care, navigation, transportation, volunteer and donations management, incident management, and wrap-around supportive services to migrant families and individuals who have recently entered the United States. The intended outcome of all the State's homelessness interventions is to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 9/15/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

ROUND 2: STOCKPILE FOR DECLARED DISASTER EMERGENCIES

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: RRR040
Funding Amount: $1,881,727.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide funding to acquire and maintain a stockpile of essential materials (personal protective equipment, ventilators, and any other items necessary to respond to a disaster emergency) that are available for distribution after the Governor has declared a disaster emergency for the next two fiscal years. This is the second of three annual appropriations of funding for this project. This funding will ensure that the State has essential and maintained equipment and expendable materials on an annual basis, and will continue to update this stockpile using state funds and the revenue from resale of equipment and materials (as they approach the end of their useful life) after this funding source is exhausted. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to future pandemics and minimize any negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

MIGRANT HOUSING & LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: RRR060
Funding Amount: $4,926,100.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project allows the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Office of New Americans to provide grants to community based organizations to provide housing and legal assistance to migrant families and individuals that intend to call Colorado home. Housing assistance will primarily consist of security deposit and rent subsidies, as well as providing funding for additional staffing at the nonprofits to coordinate, identify, and secure long term housing. The legal assistance portion will grant funds to nonprofits that provide low to no-cost attorney's who will assist migrants to obtain Temporary Protected Status and file Employment Authorization Documents. The intended outcome of all the State's homelessness interventions is to prevent and reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

MIGRANT SUPPORT COORDINATION - MEDICAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

Department of Public Safety
Project ID: RRR070
Funding Amount: $300,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project allows the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Office of New Americans to execute grants to community based organizations for the provision of navigator services for medical financial assistance. It is estimated that 6 navigators will help migrant families/ individuals apply for programs that help to subsidize medical costs. The goal is to assist 3,500 migrants in determining eligibility for various low-income health insurance or financial assistance programs to assist in affording medical care. The intended outcome of all the State's homelessness interventions is to prevent and reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.

Expected Completion Date: 11/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Reducing Homelessness

TAXATION DIVISION CUSTOMER SERVICE ENHANCEMENT

Department of Revenue
Project ID: PST010
Funding Amount: $1,035,708.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will add eight term-limited FTE for the Taxation Division to address ongoing impacts of numerous federal COVID-19 legal tax-code changes and extensions without impairing or delaying the DOR's delivery of other services. Examples include taxpayer support related to multiple tax filing deadline postponements and emergency rule-making. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The pandemic induced many short-term tax policy changes that have strained the capacity of the Department of Revenue's taxation division to provide the level of support and analysis that are needed for both citizens and lawmakers. These State and federal tax policy changes and extensions intended to alleviate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic created significant confusion, uncertainty, and delays in filing for taxpayers.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

DMV PROGRAMMING BACKLOG REDUCTION

Department of Revenue
Project ID: PST020
Funding Amount: $2,519,110.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will add an additional capacity to address the backlog in programming demands for the DMV IT system (DMV DRIVES) that has grown as a result of the pandemic and the associated change in service delivery. The creation of more self-service options and contactless interactions with the DMV brought unexpected demand for changes and enhancements to DRIVES, and existing programming staff for the DRIVES system have had to prioritize these urgent system transformation needs over other system maintenance and enhancements, resulting in a significant programming backlog. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 public health emergency necessitated significant, unprecedented changes in operations at the Division of Motor Vehicles to meet the ongoing need for driver licenses, vehicle registration, and titling while reducing the need for in-person contact. The creation of more self-service options and contactless interactions with the DMV brought unexpected demand for changes and enhancements to the DMV IT system (DMV DRIVES).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

COLORADO MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSE SYSTEM

Department of Revenue
Project ID: RRT010
Funding Amount: $2,250,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

These funds will be used to develop a mobile driver license (mDL) system. Beyond simply visually displaying a photo of the user's ID card, mDL technology enables an ID verifier (e.g., a police officer, bar, or TSA agent) to send a digital request for the user to approve or deny. At the most basic level, mDL allows users to avoid having to hand over a physical ID card to a party seeking to verify their ID; in many cases, users will not have to hand over or even visually display their phones. If the user has the necessary technology, users will be able to press a button to digitally transmit proof of identification directly to the verifier's own device. This can occur at a distance with no person-to-person contact at all. Similarly, users will also have the ability to transmit updated information at a distance to the DMV, and vice versa. mDL will therefore enable a contactless experience for mDL users when sharing their credentials and greater control over the distribution of their personally identifiable information (PII).

Expected Completion Date: 8/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

CONSULTING SERVICES

Department of Revenue
Project ID: RRT020
Funding Amount: $158,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will allow DOR to obtain consulting services from an expert in liquor law best practices, convene a working group for 12 months, and make recommendations for the revision and modernization of the Colorado Liquor/Beer/Special Event Codes. COVID-19 exposed and exacerbated the deficiencies of our existing code, while also necessitating the addition of delivery, take-out, and expanded outdoor seating regulations. These changes were made ad-hoc and in response to quickly changing circumstances, and now need to be reevaluated along with the entire code to ensure Colorado businesses have a clear, predictable, and fair system of regulation that prioritizes public safety in the post-pandemic landscape. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

REVITALIZING MAIN STREETS

Department of Transportation
Project ID: RRH020
Funding Amount: $22,160,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is intended to help communities across the state implement transportation-related projects that improve safety and yield long-term benefits to community main streets. When defining a main street, CDOT is aiming to support areas in or adjacent to community-focused downtowns where people work, dine, and shop. These routes help form a specific region's identity and act as the major economic hub in many towns and cities across Colorado.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.codot.gov/programs/revitalizingmainstreets

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

BURNHAM YARD RAIL DEVELOPMENT

Department of Transportation
Project ID: RRH030
Funding Amount: $500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will secure this large land parcel in Central Denver and contribute to initial environmental review activities. The Department recently acquired Burnham Yard, a 59-acre rail yard just south of downtown Denver. The intent is to use the land to re-route an existing rail line that's directly next to I-25 (major highway) which would free-up space for a future expansion of the interstate. These funds will be used to help secure the property with fencing and provide protection of existing historic structures.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.codot.gov/programs/ctio/procurement/burnham-yard-security-services

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION AND MITIGATION OPTIONS (MMOF)

Department of Transportation
Project ID: RRH040
Funding Amount: $146,840,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will promote a "complete and integrated multimodal system" that benefits disadvantaged communities, rural areas, and provides safe routes to school for children. This funding supports the development of multimodal transit projects at the local and state level that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The funding will be allocated via the following breakdown: 15% ($22.0 million) will be allocated to statewide projects selected by CDOT and 85% ($124.8 million) will be sub-allocated to Transportation Planning Regions for local projects. A report will be produced at the conclusion of the program on the types of projects funded including: Bike and Pedestrian; Travel Demand Management; Transit; & Multimodal Studies. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2025

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants/mmof-local

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

STATE HIGHWAY FUND: SHOVEL READY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Department of Transportation
Project ID: RRH050
Funding Amount: $159,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will accelerate the implementation of shovel ready projects within the Colorado Department of Transportation's 10-Year Vision plan ranging across the state from long-deferred resurfacing projects to large and complex expansion projects. This funding will advance work on major capital, multimodal, transit, and rural paving projects.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT

Department of Transportation
Project ID: RRH060
Funding Amount: $14,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will promote a "complete and integrated multimodal system" that benefits disadvantaged communities, rural areas, and provides safe routes to school for children. This funding supports development of the Southwest Chief La Junta Route Restoration Program and the Southwest Chief Rail Line Economic Development, Rural Tourism, and Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance Fund for use by the newly created Front Range Passenger Rail District. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants/mmof-local

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

RECOVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Governor's Office
Project ID: RRE010
Funding Amount: $3,448,071.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds governmental services within the Governor's Office, including expanded operational and professional services capacity to address the expanded needs generated by the public health emergency, the negative economic effects of the pandemic, economic recovery efforts, emergency response and disaster recovery, increased executive oversight needs, and analysis and implementation of new federal funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

RECOVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT - OPERATIONS

Governor's Office
Project ID: RRE020
Funding Amount: $3,684,041.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds governmental services within the Office of Operations, including expanded operational and professional services capacity to address the expanded needs generated by the public health emergency, the negative economic effects of the pandemic, economic recovery efforts, emergency response and disaster recovery, increased executive oversight needs, and analysis and implementation of new federal funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

RECOVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT - OSPB

Governor's Office
Project ID: RRE030
Funding Amount: $7,117,285.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds governmental services within the Governor's Office, including expanded operational and professional services capacity to address the expanded needs generated by the public health emergency, the negative economic effects of the pandemic, economic recovery efforts, emergency response and disaster recovery, increased executive oversight needs, and analysis and implementation of new federal funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ROUND 2: RECOVERY OFFICERS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Governor's Office
Project ID: RRE130
Funding Amount: $10,598,604.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project continues funding for the Recovery Office beginning July 1, 2023 (a continuation of RRE100) which addresses the expanded needs generated by the public health emergency, the negative economic effects of the pandemic, economic recovery efforts, emergency response and disaster recovery, increased executive oversight needs, and analysis and implementation of new federal funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://coforward.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

EVICTION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Judicial Branch
Project ID: NEJ010
Funding Amount: $1,429,418.01
Project Expenditure Category: 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Eviction Legal Defense Fund Grant Program aims to address inequalities in the availability of legal counsel for low-income households facing eviction. The State awards grants to qualifying non-profit legal services organizations according to a statewide allocation formula based on the annual number of forcible entry and detainer petitions filed in each county or city and county. Grant recipients provide a variety of civil legal services for clients including direct legal representation, mediation services, educational clinics, legal information and advice, and referrals to appropriate persons or agencies. SLFRF funds were appropriated to the program and awarded to existing grantees based on the expectation that more low-income households would seek legal assistance once pandemic-instituted eviction moratoriums expired and court operations returned to normal.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The Eviction Legal Defense Fund (Fund) was created by SB19-180 to address inequalities in the availability of legal counsel for low-income persons facing eviction. Statutes authorize the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO) to award grants from the Fund to qualifying non profit organizations that offer civil legal services to indigent Coloradans. Grant funding is distributed to organizations across the State according to the number of forcible entry and detainer petitions filed in each county or city and county. Grant recipients offer a variety of services for clients including direct legal representation, mediation services, educational clinics, legal information and advice, and referrals to appropriate persons or agencies (Community: Impacted Households).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=eldfgp

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Affordable Housing

ROUND 1: LOCAL VALE FUND GRANT PROGRAM (NON-PROFITS)

Judicial Branch
Project ID: NEJ020
Funding Amount: $1,939,672.64
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Colorado's decentralized local Victim and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) program is unique in the nation. Each judicial district has an independent VALE program overseen by a five-member board appointed by the district's chief judge. Programs award grants to support domestic violence, sexual assault, and child victim programs (among other purposes). The State awarded local VALE boards SLFRF funding based upon financial need compared to existing resources, resulting in 16 judicial districts receiving need-based awards. These additional funds are being used to provide aid to local government agencies in those districts that assist victims and witnesses of crime facing obstacles to recovering from victimization. Funding is specifically focused on assisting individuals whose victimization was made worse by the pandemic to support the additional need resulting from COVID-induced crime and victimization and reduced revenue streams seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. The intended outcome of this program is to meet the immediate needs of victims in each participating judicial district.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

As a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency some local VALE programs reported as much as a 40 decrease in collections available for grants SLFRF dollars aim to help address this pandemic-related funding gap and help victims and witnesses receive much-needed services in their communities across Colorado Community Impacted Nonprofits Nonprofits that experienced decreases in revenue.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/victims-programs/grant-funding-for-agencies/state-vale

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

ROUND 1: LOCAL VALE FUND GRANT PROGRAM (LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT)

Judicial Branch
Project ID: PHJ010
Funding Amount: $845,548.10
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Colorado's decentralized local Victim and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) program is unique in the nation. Each judicial district has an independent VALE program overseen by a five-member board appointed by the district's chief judge. Programs award grants to support domestic violence sexual assault and child victim programs among other purposes. The State awarded local VALE boards SLFRF funding based upon financial need compared to existing resources, resulting in 16 judicial districts receiving need-based awards. These additional funds are being used to provide aid to local government agencies in those districts that assist victims and witnesses of crime facing obstacles to recovering from victimization. Funding is specifically focused on assisting individuals whose victimization was made worse by the pandemic to support the additional need resulting from COVID-induced crime and victimization and reduced revenue streams seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. The intended outcome of this program is to meet the immediate needs of victims in each participating judicial district.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

A national review of research literature found that domestic violence incidents across the country increased by more than 8 from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic Domestic violence survivors are also among the persons served by local VALE programs These grants support local law enforcements' ability to provide victims support services SLFRF dollars aim to help address this pandemic-related service gap.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/victims-programs/grant-funding-for-agencies/state-vale

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

FAMILY VIOLENCE JUSTICE FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Judicial Branch
Project ID: PHJ030
Funding Amount: $152,805.09
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Family Violence Justice Fund Grant Program awards grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations providing civil legal services to indigent persons. Grantees provide a variety of services to victims of family violence including direct legal representation, educational clinics, legal information and advice, and referrals to appropriate persons or agencies (e.g., emergency assistance). Monies are distributed to organizations across the State based upon the number of persons living below the poverty line in each county or city and county as determined by the most recent U.S. Census. SLFRF funds were awarded alongside state funding to meet the increased need for victims assistance support and to compensate for reduced revenues as a result of COVID-19 funding disruptions. The intended program outcome is to meet the legal needs of indigent persons who are victims of family violence.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2022

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Family Violence Justice Fund grantees provide a variety of services to indigent victims of family violence (i.e., a person whose income does not exceed 125 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines) including direct legal representation, educational clinics, legal information and advice, and referrals to appropriate persons or agencies (e.g., emergency assistance). A national review of research literature found that domestic violence incidents in the U.S. increased by more than 8 percent following the imposition of stay-at-home orders (Community: General Public).

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=fvjfgp

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Judicial Branch
Project ID: PSJ010
Funding Amount: $33,383,254.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project seeks to upgrade critical IT infrastructure in the Department's courts and probation operations which supports various in-house and remote work technologies (e.g., hybrid workplace, video conferencing, remote court reporting/interpretation, online connected applications, and other network and internet-based applications). The Department seeks to continue and expand its reliance upon remote work models, which proved widely beneficial during the pandemic, but requires additional funding to support the infrastructure upgrades needed to accommodate increased reliance on IT-based workflows. Anticipated outcomes include improved customer service through better network and A/V system reliability and flexibility, along with improved network security for staff and other users. This project is a critical component in the Department's overall IT infrastructure modernization program which aims to ensure Coloradans have equal access to justice via flexible, up-to-date technologies.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The Department seeks to continue and expand its reliance upon remote work models, which proved widely beneficial at both increasing access to the courts and improving safety during the pandemic, but requires additional funding to support the infrastructure upgrades needed to accommodate increased reliance on IT-based workflows. Anticipated outcomes include improved customer service through better network and A/V system reliability and flexibility, along with improved network security for staff and other users.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT RECOVERY OFFICER

Judicial Branch
Project ID: RRJ010
Funding Amount: $221,641.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports a part-time Recovery Officer to assist with the administration, monitoring, and reporting of ARPA-originated funds appropriated in SB21-292 to the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Fund for the Courts. The Recovery Officer has been further tasked with providing administrative support for other ARPA-funded programs and projects at the SCAO (e.g., Eviction Legal Defense Fund and Family Violence Justice Fund grant programs, along with those newly funded in the 2022 legislative session).

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

ROUND 2 LOCAL VALE FUND GRANT PROGRAM (NONPROFITS)

Judicial Branch
Project ID: NEJ040
Funding Amount: $1,832,022.44
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Colorado's decentralized local Victim and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) program is unique in the nation. Each judicial district has an independent VALE program overseen by a five-member board appointed by the district's chief judge. Boards award grants to support domestic violence, sexual assault, and child victim programs (among other purposes). For Round 1 of this funding (NEJ020), the State awarded local VALE boards SLFRF funding based upon financial need compared to existing resources, resulting in16 judicial districts receiving need-based awards. For Round 2, a similar process will occur with current need evaluated during the district allocation process to provide aid to nonprofits which experienced declining funding and/or increased service demand due to COVID-19 economic impacts. The intended outcome of this program is to meet the immediate needs of victims in each participating judicial district.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

As a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, some local VALE programs reported as much as a 40% decrease in collections available for grants (i.e., surcharges on criminal and traffic offenses) and several of the metropolitan VALE programs had to significantly cut grants this past year by up to 50%. One judicial district was unable to award any VALE funds for 2021. This second round of funding aims to continue the additional support provided to nonprofits in FY 2022.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

ROUND 2 LOCAL VALE FUND GRANT PROGRAM (LOCAL GOV'T SUPPORT)

Judicial Branch
Project ID: PHJ040
Funding Amount: $1,167,977.56
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

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Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

A national review of research literature found that domestic violence incidents across the country increased by more than 8% from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Domestic violence survivors are also among the persons served by local VALE programs. These grants support local law enforcement's ability to provide victims support services. This second round of funding aims to continue the additional support provided to local governments in FY21-22 throughout the remainder of the SLFRF funding.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Public Health & Safety

PRETRIAL ADULT DIVERSION PROGRAM

Judicial Branch
Project ID: PHJ050
Funding Amount: $4,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides additional funding to a program that offers an alternate path through the criminal justice system for adult offenders This path emphasizes accountability, repair of harm to victims, community safety, and rehabilitation, without the adverse collateral consequences to employment, housing, medical/mental health treatment, and family stability that often accompany criminal convictions. Diversion is recognized as a key strategy to successfully rehabilitate individuals accused of certain crimes, while also reducing the population of incarcerated individuals, increasing system efficiencies, and reducing procedural delays in the trial court system (e.g., competency evaluation and restoration). The Court Services Division, with guidance from the multidisciplinary Adult Diversion Funding Committee, will administer the annual award processes, oversee grant contracts, provide technical assistance, and monitor compliance and reporting. The Program is currently composed of 12 prosecutor-led initiatives offering participants help in overcoming the challenges (e.g., behavioral health services, assistance with basic living needs) that may have led to their involvement in the criminal justice system. Partners in these locally driven programs include DA offices, law enforcement, defense attorneys, pretrial service organizations, and behavioral health providers. Pursuant to the appropriating bill (SB 22-196), $1.8M of the total $4M must be allocated to programs that divert individuals with behavioral health disorders.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Colorado's Pretrial Adult Diversion Program, which was first authorized by HB13-1156, provides an alternate path through the criminal justice system. This path emphasizes accountability, repair of harm to victims, community safety, and rehabilitation, without the adverse collateral consequences that criminal convictions may trigger. With diversion, participants can avoid disruptions and improve access to various prosocial services including employment, housing, and medical/substance abuse/mental health treatment. The program is currently composed of 12 locally based, prosecutor-led initiatives. The SCAO's Court Services Division supports the statewide program and the multidisciplinary Adult Diversion Funding Committee.

During and following the pandemic, Colorado followed the national trend of increases in all types of crime, except drug and DUI offenses which dropped precipitously. This increase has demanded additional resources to the criminal justice system, while at the same time the State has worked hard to keep those in custody safe. Corrections facilities, like all congregate care facilities, have struggled with containing outbreaks of COVID-19 and keeping necessary staffing levels necessary to keep both state staff and those in custody safe and healthy. Additionally, research shows that investments in diversion programs are likely to reduce the negative societal harms (e.g., higher unemployment rates, homelessness, repeat offenses) that traditional incarceration of certain types of offenders causes.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:
None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:
Behavioral & Mental Health

ROUND 1: RECOVERY OFFICERS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: RRE100
Funding Amount: $3,749,265.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds the Recovery Office which addresses the expanded needs generated by the public health emergency, the negative economic effects of the pandemic, economic recovery efforts, emergency response and disaster recovery, increased executive oversight needs, and analysis and implementation of new federal funds. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 7/1/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://coforward.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

STRATEGIC FUND - COMMUNITY BUSINESS PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: RRE140
Funding Amount: $1,070,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides grants, as well as training and consultation support, to groups of geographically proximate and culturally similar businesses that are facing displacement pressures and that hold cultural, social, or historical significance in Colorado. Specifically, this program will provide support to businesses who were impacted or disproportionately impacted by the negative effects of the pandemic, by providing: 1) grants of $10,000 to $50,000 per business in a selected community and 2) training and consultation support tailored to each business' unique needs. Two-thirds of the funding will be designated for rural applicants. This program is intended to help Colorado communities preserve the businesses that make them unique and are important to their residents during a time when these businesses, who were often among the most vulnerable to the effects of an unprecedented economic shift caused by the pandemic, are in great need. This competitive grant requires groups of businesses to collaborate with a local sponsoring entity (e.g., local government, economic development organization, business improvement district, community-based nonprofit) who will manage and distribute the award, and may use up to $10,000 for administrative support. The overall outcome of the State's Economic Recovery and Resiliency response is to ensure Colorado's economy continues to grow in a vibrant and sustainable manner.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

SBDC SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: NEE040
Funding Amount: $7,800,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.30 Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide equitable access to capital for small business owners across the State. The program will consist of four major components: 1) Specialized access to capital training for small business 2.) Training programs and one-on-one technical support/consulting to help small businesses navigate available dollars/programs, assistance with subsequent applications, and follow-up with successful implementation of dollars 3.) The development of technology and tools to reach more small business owners 4.) Assistance in obtaining the needed designations and certifications, training on how to best leverage and market the certifications, and support in procuring new small business contracts. This project will lay the foundation for a long-standing technical support system in assisting small businesses with finding and securing the needed capital to start, grow, and succeed in their Colorado small business endeavors.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The businesses targeted by this program are those who have to be able to demonstrate a significant financial hardship that was endured because of the pandemic. Further, this program will also primarily serve those businesses who are smallest and have less capacity to weather financial hardship, which is relevant based on this text from the SLFRF Final Rule: "Such criteria may include businesses facing financial insecurity, substantial declines in gross receipts (e.g., comparable to measures used to assess eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program), or other economic harm due to the pandemic, as well as businesses with less capacity to weather financial hardship, such as the smallest businesses, those with less access to credit, or those serving underserved communities."

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://oedit.colorado.gov/programs-and-funding?search_api_fulltext=technical
https://oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-small-business-development-center-network
https://choosecolorado.com/key-industries/advanced-manufacturing/
https://oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-startup-loan-fund
https://oedit.colorado.gov/employee-ownership-consulting
https://oedit.colorado.gov/rural-technical-assistance-program
https://choosecolorado.com/key-industries/advanced-manufacturing/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

STRATEGIC FUND - OUTDOOR INDUSTRY IMPACT FUND: SMALL BUSINESS

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: NEE080
Funding Amount: $1,195,117.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is part of a larger fund that will support businesses and nonprofits in the outdoor recreation industry with recovery from the impacts of the pandemic. In combination with project NEE110 (Strategic Fund - Outdoor Industry Impact Fund: Non-Profit), this fund will provide a total of $1.8M in grants to at least 23 businesses/nonprofits to support business operations - with the goal of creating/retaining at least 50 jobs. Additional funds will be used for grant management. This program would focus on businesses that have endured a negative economic impact of the pandemic, and need assistance to return to pre-pandemic levels of production and revenue. Outdoor recreation businesses are facing lagging hardships due to pandemic impacts on supply chains, availability of labor, and warehousing needs. Providing direct-to-business grants would help alleviate some of these pandemic impacts. The intended outcome of the State's economic recovery & resilience spending is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

According to the US Census Bureau, which has been measuring COVID-19 impacts on small businesses, at the height of the pandemic in 2020, 75 percent of small businesses in the category that includes recreation reported large and negative effects of the pandemic. Today, 35.1 percent of small businesses in that category are still reporting strong negative effects (compared to the national average of 23.3 percent). According to Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR) and the US Census Bureau, the outdoor recreation category has been hit 31 percent harder than the national average, making the industry the second most affected sector in the country behind "food and accommodation."

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account Data, inflation-adjusted (real) GDP for the national outdoor recreation economy decreased 19.0 percent from 2019 to 2020, compared with a 3.4 percent decrease for the overall U.S. economy. Real gross output for the outdoor recreation economy decreased 17.4 percent, while outdoor recreation compensation decreased 12.5 percent and employment decreased 17.1 percent.

- Across all 50 states and the District of Columbia, outdoor recreation employment decreased in 2020. In 2020, Colorado ranked 10th among all states in ORSA employment and 39th among all states in ORSA employment growth. Since 2019, ORSA employment has decreased 19.5 percent in Colorado, compared with a decrease of 17.1 percent for the United States. In 2020, Colorado ranked 12th among all states in ORSA value-added and 44th among all states in ORSA value-added growth. Since 2019, ORSA value-added has decreased 23 percent in Colorado, compared with a decrease of 19.5 percent for the United States. In 2020, Colorado ranked 10th among all states in ORSA compensation and 36th among all states in ORSA compensation growth. Since

2019, ORSA compensation has decreased 12.5 percent in Colorado, compared with a decrease of 12.5% for the United States.

- According to a 2020 Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR) survey of 21 participating national outdoor recreation trade associations, representing over 23,000 businesses with nearly 2 million employees, the impact includes:
  - Of the businesses this survey represents, all experienced difficulty with production and distribution, with 79 percent experienced significant impacts.
  - 88 percent of these businesses laid off or furloughed a portion of their workforce
  - 94 percent of outdoor industry businesses experienced a decrease in sales with about 24 percent seeing a decrease of 50 percent or greater compared to 2019.
  - 95 percent of outdoor industry trade associations saw a decrease in revenue with 26 percent seeing a decrease of 50 percent or greater compared to 2019.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://www.google.com/url?q=https://oedit.colorado.gov/the-outdoor-recreation-industry-impact-fund-oriif&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1686326308089121&usg=AOvVaw28qLtjJ81P8Q0I6ay_J1d8

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

STRATEGIC FUND - TRAVEL, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: NEE090
Funding Amount: $8,700,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will promote tourism and the tourism industry through a number of initiatives, including: advertising and marketing promotions partnered with Colorado Destination Marketing Organizations targeting areas impacted by COVID19; five insight-based targeted multicultural campaigns, including translating the Colorado.com website into Spanish to ensure our largest potential audience, LatinX/ Hispanic travelers, feel welcome; strengthening the Destination Stewardship program through the creation of technical resources and a sustainable, cooperative platform supporting the education of Coloradans and visitors to protect natural and cultural resources; and, tourism employment promotion through cooperation with the tourism industry to build an educational platform that will direct individuals to Colorado's industry sites to advance skill sets, educational opportunities, and highlight career pathways. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to the pandemic and mitigate its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

This funding fills the Gap in Federal Funding provide the required resources needed for recovery from impacts of COVID to the tourism economy including the needed funds to advance tourism projects, assist rural communities in managing the new demands of stewardship, marketing opportunities for underserved audiences and building careers and jobs through supporting the Tourism economy impacted by the impacts of COVID. The Colorado Tourism Office continues to adapt and adjust in building strategies for recovery from the travel impacts of COVID-19 focusing on collaborative industry strategies targeting the unique recovery needs of each community. 2020 Total Travel Spending finished at $15.5B, a decrease of ($8.8B) with Denver County accounting for a decrease of ($4.7B). For 2021, Colorado currently ranks 9th in the nation for the largest decline in business travel from 2019 a decline of ($1.6B) in revenue from business travel compared to our 2019 numbers or down 68%. This funding will supplement the Tourism Office's effort to advance and market tourism products across the state, including businesses, attractions, business districts, and regions that continue to struggle in the recovery. The Colorado Tourism Office will continue to monitor and adjust programing and strategies based on the highly regionalized recovery rates and pace of change through the term of this funding. Strategies and target regions will be identified based on the pace of recovery and changing regional needs. This funding will support the development of five insight-based targeted campaigns targeted to markets that have been underserved with tourism opportunities. The process of developing these campaigns would start with both quantitative and qualitative research designed to uncover insights on the LatinX/Hispanic, LGBTQ+, Abilities, Black and Asian travelers. This invaluable research would be used to inform custom messaging, media strategies and product offerings created specifically for these audiences. Each campaign would have unique creative and its own media plan with one multi-day photoshoot capturing imagery for

each campaign. As part of this process, the entire colorado.com website would be translated into Spanish by native speakers to ensure our largest potential audience, the LatinX/Hispanic travelers, feels welcome in Colorado before they even arrive in our state. This process would be valuable to both a domestic and international audience. Funds will also be used for Destination Stewardship efforts in rural communities providing technical support, education and funding opportunities to advance solutions for local destination management issues. COVID-19 exacerbated many destination management and stewardship challenges occurring in rural communities across Colorado. Tourism destinations and communities are being 'loved to death' and this funding for destination stewardship is a direct response to that challenge. Support Your Local Tourism Economy Program will support workforce attraction, and retention for small business through an educational platform. This program supports the growth of career opportunities for those that have been impacted by COVID, as well as the businesses who have been impacted.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-tourism-office

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

STRATEGIC FUND - WORKFORCE RESILIENCE TRAINING ASSISTANCE

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: NEE100
Funding Amount: $3,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will provide skills training to employers and workers who, for a variety of reasons, were particularly impacted by the pandemic and were unable to obtain the skills needed for viable employment and advancement. The Workforce Resilience Training Program supports businesses through two grant programs: the Training & Up-skilling Relief Grant Program, and the New Hires Training Grant Program. The Training and Up-Skilling grant program distributes funding directly to employers via the Colorado Community College system who were unable to provide their employees with the opportunity to gain the skills necessary to perform the basic skills in their roles and/or advance in their careers. The New Hires Training Grant Program targets businesses to train new hires who were either unemployed prior to the pandemic or lost employment during the pandemic and provide them skills-based training and hiring opportunities. The intended outcome of the State's behavioral and mental health investments is to ensure and improve Coloradans' access to quality care, and the State's workforce investment spending is to improve the career readiness of all Coloradans, as well as to increase the number of Coloradans achieving post secondary credential attainment.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

The COVID-19 pandemic unemployment rate peaked at 11.6% in May of 2020. However, regional and demographic differences varied widely, with rural counties seeing unemployment as low as 2.3% during the same period. As the pandemic recovery began, employment rates overall recovered quicker in urban areas, but southern Colorado lagged behind with unemployment in Pueblo County remaining above 7% until November of 2021. Additionally, the unemployment rate in Colorado for those without a HS diploma was 20.9% at the peak of the pandemic (compared to 8.9% for those with a bachelor's degree). In 2020, black labor force participation dropped lower than any other demographic to 60.3%, the lowest level since 2001, 8% below white participation, and 12% below hispanic participation. Additionally, as the recovery from the pandemic began, labor force participation of those of hispanic ethnicity dropped 8% by 2022. This variety of impacts on different populations necessitated a varied response that allowed for workforce training to be driven by employment needs, not a one-size-fits-all top-down model. Therefore, this project is one of many responses to the pandemic induced employment needs that puts local proposals and ideas at the forefront. This project will target employers (small businesses) who were negatively impacted by the pandemic (e.g., adopted safer operating procedures; weathered periods of closure; experienced financial hardship) in a manner that limited their ability to provide training and/or upskilling opportunities for their employees due to the pandemic.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:
https://oedit.colorado.gov/strategic-fund-job-growth-incentive

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:
Workforce

STRATEGIC FUND - DATA SYSTEM MODERNIZATION

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: RRE080
Funding Amount: $930,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will upgrade the grants management IT system to expand capabilities to support increased workload as a result of the $120M infusion of ARPA funds into the grant funding streams offered by the OEDIT strategic fund. The current system is over 10 years old, and operating well beyond its original intended purposes before the influx of additional needs caused by ARPA SLFRF allocations. This upgrade will remove security risk, improve operational efficiencies, and save the agency in annual maintenance costs. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure that Coloradans continue to have a State Government that can responsibly and effectively respond to future pandemics and minimize any negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://oedit.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

STRATEGIC FUND - OUTDOOR INDUSTRY IMPACT FUND: NON-PROFIT

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: NEE110
Funding Amount: $804,883.00
Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project is part of a larger fund that will support businesses and nonprofits in the outdoor recreation industry with recovery from the impacts of the pandemic. In combination with project NEE080 (Strategic Fund - Outdoor Industry Impact Fund: Small Business), this fund will provide a total of $1.8M in grants to at least 23 businesses/nonprofits to support business operations - with the goal of creating/retaining at least 50 jobs. Additional funds will be used for grant management. This project would focus on nonprofits that have endured a negative economic impact of the pandemic, and need assistance to return to pre-pandemic levels of production and revenue. Outdoor recreation businesses are facing lagging hardships due to pandemic impacts on supply chains, availability of labor, and warehousing needs. Providing direct-to-organization grants would help alleviate some of these pandemic impacts. The intended outcome of the State's economic recovery & resilience spending is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

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PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://oedit.colorado.gov/the-outdoor-recreation-industry-impact-fund-oriif

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

STRATEGIC FUND - COLORADO COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT (CCRG)

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: RRE060
Funding Amount: $16,500,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides $65 million in gap funding for projects in creative districts, historic districts, mainstreets or neighborhood commercial centers. These grants support creative projects that combine a variety of elements that may include workforce housing, live/work space, commercial spaces, performance space, community gathering spaces, child care centers, and retail partnerships for the purpose of economic recovery and diversification. Projects included in this program will create up to 844 affordable housing units spread across the State. The overall outcome of the State's Economic Recovery and Resiliency response is to ensure Colorado's economy continues to grow in a vibrant and sustainable manner.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

As highlighted by the Final Rule, low income jobs and workers were heavily impacted by the pandemic. Creative workers largely fall into this category and were heavily impacted by closures of in person activities and businesses. By creating affordable housing units in high-need communities, these funded projects will help alleviate housing needs for creative sector workers and other community members who have been disproportionately impacted economically by the pandemic. There is a possible total of at least 844 units created through these funds, dependent on the projects funded. Totals for each potential project are below: Freshlo (Denver - Montbello neighborhood) - 97 units Artspace (Colorado Springs) - 51 units Ouray Waterview - 55 units South Platte Crossing Hub (Commerce City) - 60 units Mile High Greyhound Park (Commerce City) - 553 units Fuel & Iron (Pueblo) - 28 units plus additional units at a satellite location.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-community-revitalization-grant

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Economic Recovery & Resilience

REGIONAL TALENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM ("OPPORTUNITY NOW")

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: RRE070
Funding Amount: $89,123,184.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The project will support regional talent development initiatives across the state that meet regional labor market needs. The goal is to spark alignment and collaboration between local, regional and/or statewide participants in the secondary, post-secondary, and workforce ecosystems, with unyielding focus on enhancing the economic mobility of Colorado's learners and earners. The project will fund both new and proven programs that "seed transformative change" specifically through intentional alignment and collaboration between Colorado's secondary, post-secondary, and workforce ecosystems. The intended outcome of the project is the enhancement of the economic mobility of Colorado's learners and earners and thereby helping Colorado's communities recover from COVID-related economic disruption.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://oedit.colorado.gov/regional-talent-development-initiative-grant-program

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Workforce

OEDIT RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION

Office of Economic Development & International Trade
Project ID: RRE120
Funding Amount: $1,223,609.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support OEDIT's increased procurement, accounting, and HR needs due to the influx of ARPA dollars. The administrative workload now significantly exceeds the current team's capacity, and is leading to increased turnover and inhibiting the necessary standard of work. This funding will support this increased workload through the end of the funding cycle. The intended outcome of this project is to retain and hire critical FTE positions on the OEDIT operations team to continue this work.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://oedit.colorado.gov/

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

MYCOLORADO COVID RESPONSE INITIATIVES

Office of Information Technology
Project ID: PHE010
Funding Amount: $4,518,501.96
Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) developed and deployed additional capabilities for the State's myColorado app, a statewide digital wallet that provides convenient, secure, and up-to-date digital access to an individual's state-held records. This enhanced capability allowed additional user licenses, AWS capacity, testing, and user support to provide Coloradans with access to myVaccine Record and SMART® Health Card. These enhancements allowed users to produce secure and reliable vaccination information needed to enter businesses, venues, and government offices while encouraging the greatest amount of safe economic activity and minimizing mass-spread COVID events. The intended outcome of the State's economic recovery & resilience programs is to ensure that Coloradans can safely return to pre-pandemic activities as quickly as possible. This funding will be used for maintenance, or upgrade of information technology which pursuant to Section 2-3-1701 (2.5), C.R.S. makes this an IT capital expense.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Proof of vaccination has and continues to be required to participate in many social or non-physically distanced activities during COVID outbreaks but the paper cards issued by vaccine providers were often inconvenient easily misplaced and insecure Community General Public.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://mycolorado.gov/myvaccine-record

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans

BROADBAND MAPPING AND ADMINISTRATION

Office of Information Technology
Project ID: PSE010
Funding Amount: $1,109,823.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project supports the administration of the expansion of improved broadband access to previously unserved or underserved parts of Colorado. The project includes developing mapping software that will improve the tracking and presentation of broadband access throughout Colorado, and supports the administration of the extensive efforts of the Colorado Broadband Office, including ensuring that the OIT meets all federal and state requirements while providing services at adequate speeds and providing access to unserved and underserved households and businesses. The intended outcome of the State's broadband spending is to ensure that 99% of households are connected to high speed broadband by 2027.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2024

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

Local Government and vendor applicants for state and federal broadband funding often lack up-to-date information and technical support to understand which Coloradans lack broadband services sufficient to provide access to telehealth, remote work/learning, and eCommerce. State and federal funds may be deployed inefficiently or Coloradans may miss opportunities that apply to their geographies without a centralized source.

PROGRAM WEBSITE: NONE

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS: BROADBAND

BROADBAND GRANTS TO TRIBES

Office of Information Technology
Project ID: RRE040
Funding Amount: $20,000,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides grants to Colorado land-based tribes for early stages of high-cost, high-speed internet projects that are designed to serve Colorado's rural tribal communities without access to reliable internet services. Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribal Nations received funds for planning and infrastructure deployment needed for initial project phases which position them to access other State and federal infrastructure resources to serve tribal members. The intended outcome of the State's broadband spending is to ensure that 99% of households are connected to high speed broadband by 2027.
E
xpected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE: NONE

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS: BROADBAND

RURAL HEALTH FACILITIES BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE (TELEHEALTH GRANTS)

Office of Information Technology
Project ID: RRE050
Funding Amount: $6,510,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project awards grants to increase access to broadband services for providers, nonprofits, correctional facilities, county jails and other health service providers that lack quality internet access and devices for the delivery of telehealth visits. Eligible recipients are agencies located in the State of Colorado that primarily serve individuals who reside in rural communities or communities with limited access to broadband services or propose a project that would limit eligibility to members of these populations; and represent an organization that provides services that impact individuals' health, such as a primary care practice, hospital, behavioral health clinic, or community-based organization. The intended outcome of the State's broadband spending is to ensure that 99% of households are connected to high speed broadband by 2027.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

None

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Broadband

STATEWIDE DIGITAL INCLUSION SURVEY

Office of Information Technology
Project ID: PSE020
Funding Amount: $490,000.00
Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project funds a Statewide Digital Inclusion Survey designed to examine Coloradans' access to government services in the virtual environment, including educational opportunities, economic development, health care and public safety. The survey identifies gaps in infrastructure, technology and education needed to support equitable access to high speed internet and virtual services to assist in planning and implementation of all federal and State funded broadband expansion projects. This project also funds the consultant time to develop Colorado's Digital Government Strategic Plan that will serve as a blueprint for expanding access to high-speed internet and modernizing online state services to create a Colorado for all. The Digital Inclusion Survey was also the basis for the Colorado's Broadband Roadmap and will inform the Colorado Broadband Office's Workforce Plan and BEAD 5-Year Action Plan. The intended outcome of the State's broadband spending is to ensure that 99% of households are connected to high speed broadband by 2027.

Expected Completion Date: 6/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

COVID exposed to all Americans the necessity of high-speed internet access to our modern way of life. In Colorado, this digital divide exists in many unique forms, including rugged rural small towns, geographically isolated housing, pockets of underserved urban neighborhoods, and households who may have infrastructure access but not the financial means to have reliable internet. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), as well as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) both provided significant funding to States and localities for improving broadband and high-speed internet access. In order to coordinate these resources to their highest impact, this project funds a comprehensive survey of the state to identify where investments need to be made, and to provide a single set of data that will inform both State, local and private industry investments in broadband over the coming 10 years.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://coloradodigitalequity.civilspace.io/en/projects/colorado-digital-equity-planning-data-collection-analysis/engagements/digital-equity-ecosystem-mapping-deem/sections/1

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Broadband

BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT BOARD - LAST MILE

Office of Information Technology
Project ID: INE030
Funding Amount: $30,290,464.88
Project Expenditure Category: 5.19 Broadband: Last Mile projects

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides funds for last-mile, shovel-ready, high cost broadband projects that are designed to serve locations without access to reliable wireline 100/20 Mbps broadband services. The Broadband Development Board (BDB) funds fiber broadband projects that meet or exceed 100 Mbps download/upload speeds upon completion. Approved applications must also provide access to an affordability program for low income households. This project is designed to meet the criteria of the SLFRF broadband expenditure category and to support the State's initiative to ensure that 99% of households are connected to high speed broadband by 2027.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://broadband.colorado.gov/broadband-deployment-board-fund/broadband-fund/awards

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Broadband

BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT BOARD - LAST MILE: RDOF OVERLAP PROJECTS

Office of Information Technology
Project ID: RRE110
Funding Amount: $4,709,535.12
Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provision of Government Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project provides funds for last-mile, shovel-ready, high cost broadband projects in areas that may overlap with federal Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) projects, but are designed to serve locations without access to reliable wireline 100/20 Mbps broadband services. The Broadband Development Board (BDB) funds fiber broadband projects that meet or exceed 100 Mbps download/upload speeds upon completion. Approved applications must also provide access to an affordability program for low income households. These funds are for awards that first received a State award of SLFRF funding and then subsequently a direct RDOF federal award with partially overlapping geographies, and therefore risk breaching US Treasury prohibition on projects with overlapping service areas. The State has reviewed these awards and does not believe these overlapping areas will result in an "overbuilt" broadband environment, but have reclassified these contracts under the "Revenue Replacement" US Treasury categorization out of an abundance of caution. This project is designed to meet the criteria of the SLFRF broadband expenditure category and to support the State's initiative to ensure that 99% of households are connected to high speed broadband by 2027.

Expected Completion Date: 12/31/2026

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

https://broadband.colorado.gov/broadband-deployment-board-fund/broadband-fund/awards

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Broadband

ARPA INVESTMENT FUND MANAGEMENT

Treasury Department
Project ID: ADW010
Funding Amount: $47,207.42
Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project will support access to investment analytics services necessary to manage the expanded state portfolio of SLFRF and other ARPA award amounts by the US Department of Treasury. The intended outcome of this project is to ensure Coloradans have a State Government that is responsibly and effectively responding to the pandemic and its negative impacts.

Expected Completion Date: 4/30/2023

STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES:

N/A

PROGRAM WEBSITE:

treasury.colorado.gov

MAJOR PROGRAM AREA GOALS:

Capacity to Serve Coloradans