

ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO 

Recovery Plan

State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds | 2023 REPORT



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ADAMS COUNTY
Rising Through Resiliency

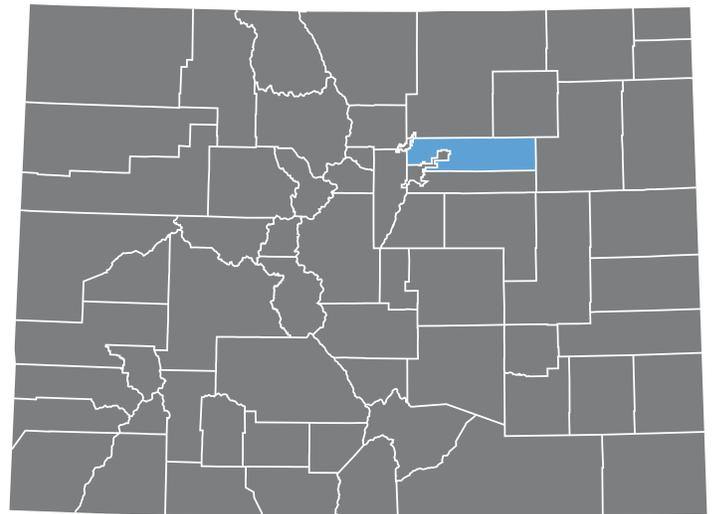
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1 General Overview

ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO 

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

Over \$100 million goes a long way and we're doing our best to make the most of every penny. As a result of funding received from the federal government through the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Adams County has been thoughtful and strategic in awarding this grant money. The Board of County Commissioners chose to spend this money based on a common theme: put people first.

Adams County did this in two phases: The first phase was intended to get as much money out into the community as possible; the second phase was intended to address more regional and long-lasting issues. As outlined in the report, Adams County assessed the needs in the community, then invested in those areas while promoting equity and fairness throughout each phase process.

PHASE 1

As stated above, Phase 1 was intended to get as much money out into the community as possible by leveraging nonprofits and partners who were already serving the communities. Adams County identified needs in housing, business recovery, healthcare, technology, food insecurity, transportation, and overall support for low-income children, seniors, and their families. Therefore, Phase 1 focused on the following four funding categories: Economic Stimulus and Recovery; Shelter Support and Community Safety; Family Stability; and Health and Wellness.

To encourage quick and efficient delivery of services to those in need, the Adams County COVID-19 Grant program was designed to give nonprofits and partners the ability to apply directly for funds. The county received more than 200 grant applications from businesses, nonprofits, school districts, and special districts. By the end of Phase 1, more than 102 projects or programs managed by 70 organizations were funded.

PHASE 2

In contrast to Phase 1, Phase 2 focused on fewer larger, regional projects that would have significant long-lasting impact to the overall recovery effort. As a result, Phase 2 focused on the following three funding categories: Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Behavioral Health.

Phase 2 funded 15 projects totaling \$43.8 million to address transitional housing from tiny home construction to shelter beds, and training for mental health professionals.

Recovering from COVID-19 takes time, at every level. Adams County constituents, partners, and stakeholders can take comfort in knowing county leaders and staff have worked hard to maximize the positive impact and investments made in the response and recovery from the global pandemic of 2020.

Sincerely,

Steve O'Dorisio

ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4



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Executive Summary

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

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

Funds were utilized initially to meet the immediate needs of residents brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. These needs, funded through Tranche 1 dollars, were categorized as both internal and external priorities for the county. Tranche 1 dollars also included money for contingencies.

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

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



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BACKGROUND

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

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

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TEAMS (RRTS)

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

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

COMMUNITY NEEDS RESIDENT SURVEY

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

RESIDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

As illustrated in Figure 1, most respondents (86%) live in households with zero to three other people while 14% of respondents live in a household with four or more other people. About half of respondents earn greater than \$50,000, and nearly a third (31%) of respondents earn less than \$25,000.

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

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

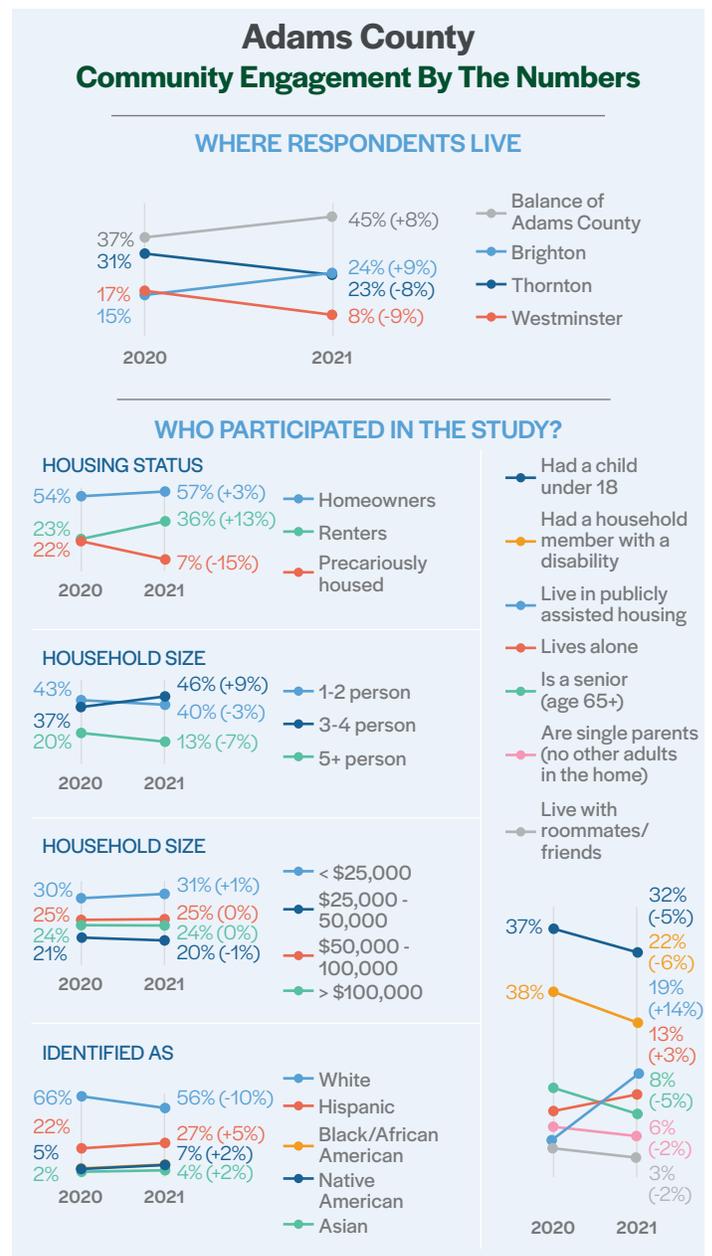


Figure 1. Community Survey Respondent Characteristics, 2020-2021
Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 and 2020 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Surveys.

Community Engagement

PRIMARY FINDINGS

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

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

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

Employment Changes as a Result of COVID

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

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

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

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

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

COVID-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

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

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

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

COVID-19 AND HOUSING

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

Housing Changes as a Result of COVID

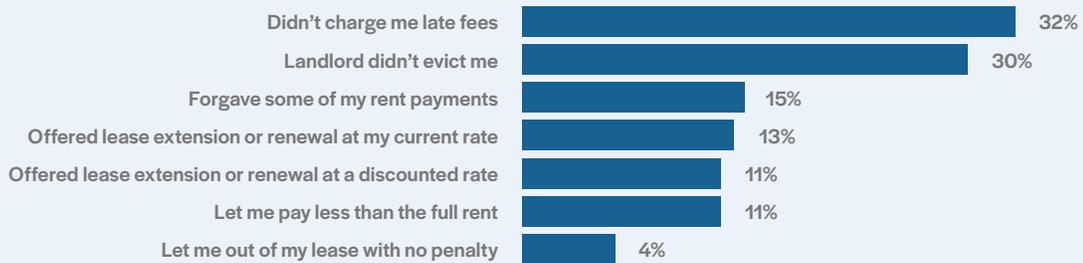
■ Higher than County (>7 percentage points) | ■ Lower than County (<7 percentage points)

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

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

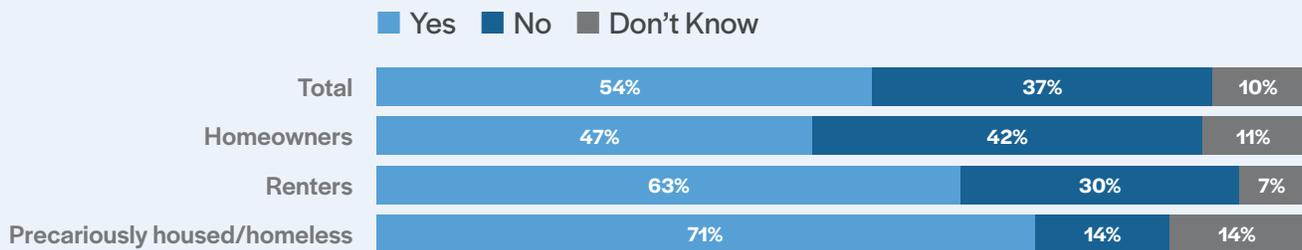
Community Engagement

Landlord Accommodations During COVID



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

Receipt of COVID-related Payments from the Federal Government



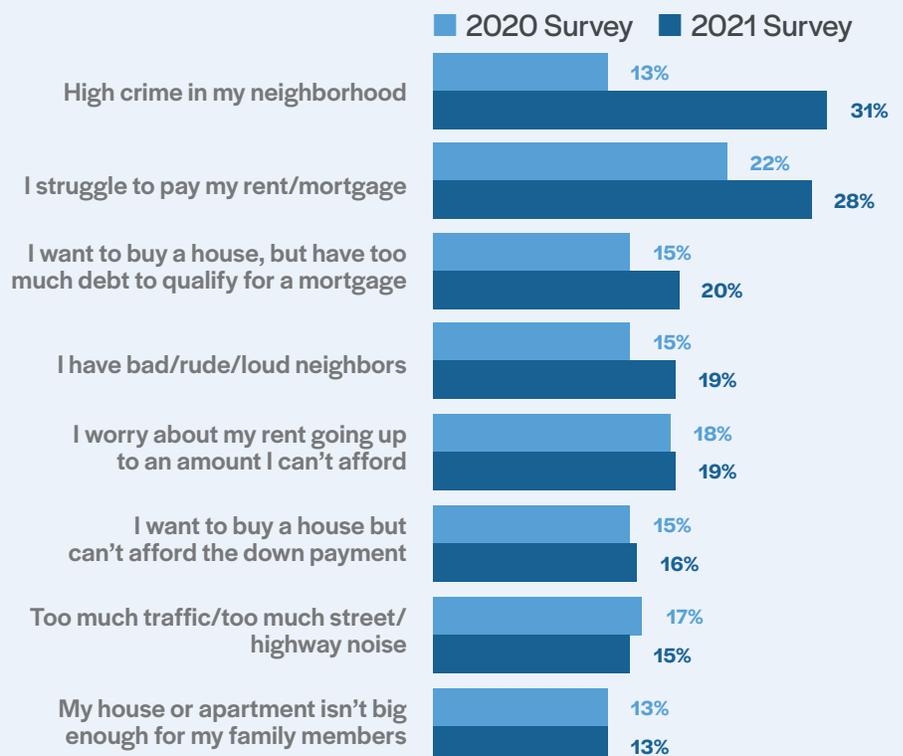
Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Survey

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

INCREASED HOUSING COST

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

Housing Challenges, 2020 & 2021



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

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

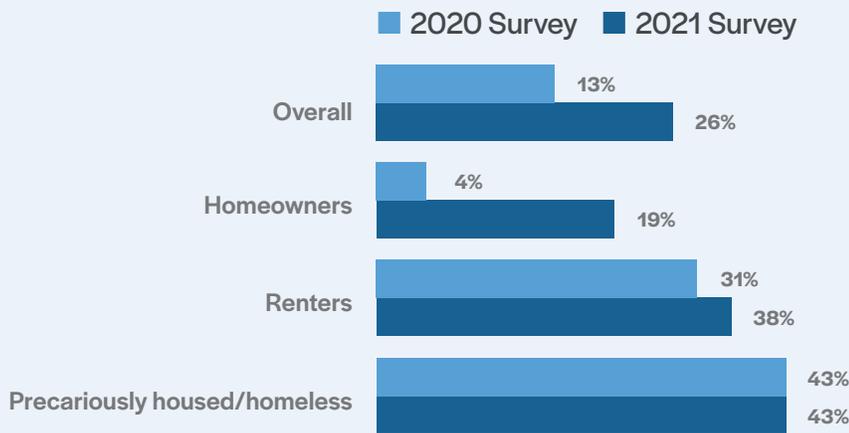


Figure 11. Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Surveys

Reason for displacement, 2020 and 2021

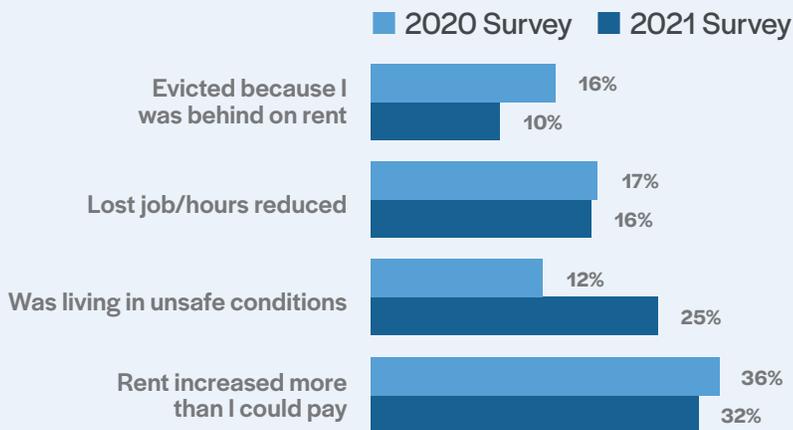


Figure 12. Source: Root Policy Research from the 2021 Adams County Housing and Community Needs Resident Surveys

hikes of \$60 per month while those in the 2021 survey indicated median utility hikes of \$100 per month. Many more respondents indicated they had been recently displaced. In the 2021 survey, 26% of respondents indicated they recently had to move out of a home/apartment when they did not want to move. The proportion of respondents who indicated they were displaced in the 2021 survey is twice the rate of the 2020 survey in which 13% indicated they had been recently displaced.

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

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

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



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

for food, medical, cash, childcare, and other assistance programs.

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

AREAS OF NEED

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

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

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

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

Healthcare needs were focused on creating more accessibility for county residents struggling with mental illness (MI) and substance use disorders (SUD), as well as those with physical disabilities.

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

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

Transportation concerns were related to accessibility and cost.



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

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

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

COVID-19 Grants Priorities Areas

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

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



Economic Stimulus & Recovery

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



Shelter Support & Community Safety

- Homelessness Prevention & Affordable Housing



Health & Wellness

- Veterans
- Healthcare & Vaccinations



Family Stability

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

TRANCHE 1

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

Internal priorities totaled \$10 million and included improvement to areas in Administration and Evaluation, Economic Stimulus and Recovery, Family Stability, Health and Wellness, and Shelter Support & Community Safety. Initially, \$5,000,000 was set aside for contingency to ensure the county remained nimble and adaptive throughout the

recovery from the pandemic. Only \$1,251,885 out of the \$5,000,000 was spent from the contingency set aside. The remaining funds were reallocated to Tranche 2 projects.

The Adams County COVID-19 Grant program was developed to ensure the community was provided an opportunity to directly apply for dollars from the county to address the impacts of COVID-19. The BoCC identified four funding categories that include 10 funding priorities with equity being foundational to meet the needs of the community through the county's COVID-19 Grant Program.

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

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

communication, the application, and one-on-one technical assistance to all interested applicants.

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

The county received over 200 grant applications from businesses, non-governmental organizations, nonprofits, school districts, and special districts and ultimately awarded funding for 102 projects/programs managed by 70 organizations. To date, five grant recipients have withdrawn their application totaling \$478,156.45.

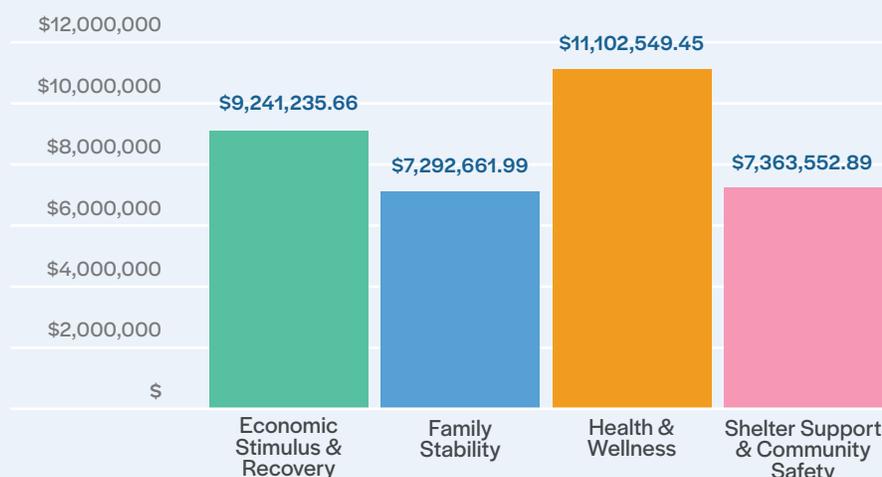
For details on these projects, please see the narratives listed by category at the end of this report.

ARPA Funds Summary

COVID-19 Grants	\$34,623,287.54
Tranche 1 Internal Projects	\$10,000,000
Tranche 2 Projects	\$43,745,000
Tranche 1 Contingency	\$1,251,885.87
Revenue Loss	\$10,000,000
Administrative Expenses	\$882,790.59
Total	\$100,502,964

Funding Priorities

Recommended Funding Amounts



Use of Funds

Equity

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

COVID-19 Recovery Committee 15 voting members



Applications

Submitted **206**

Vetted **204**

Scored **204**

of Projects **102**

of Organizations **70**

TRANCHE 2

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



Mental/Behavioral Health



Housing & Homelessness Prevention

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

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

The second round of ARPA funding will be used to support a wide range of initiatives including:

- \$4,320,000 in funding for respite housing for Adams County residents fleeing domestic violence. Domestic violence is currently the leading cause of homelessness in Adams County.
- Land Banking projects received \$7,000,000 working primarily with Maiker Housing Partners, the county's housing authority. The partnership will use the funds for market-timed acquisition of parcels for affordable housing projects.
- The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Partnership received \$3,800,000 for acquisition of property for transitional and permanently supportive housing.
- The Homeless Campus Partnership with the City of Aurora will receive \$5,000,000 for the creation of a \$70,000,000 campus. The campus will feature 150 shelter beds, 80 transitional units, and a full-service day center with laundry, mental health services, housing navigation, and case management.
- The Mental/Behavioral Health initiatives will receive \$9,125,000 in funding. The initiatives include identifying community needs, resources, and gaps in access to care.
- The Mobile Mental Health/Human Services will receive \$1,800,000 for access to outreach for people experiencing homelessness.
- The Strengthening Families Partnership with the Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC), Human Services, and the Adams County Health Department will receive \$1,150,000 for early childhood prevention services for mental health intervention.

Tranche 2 projects are still being developed

and the recovery team is working with departments to design Performance Evaluations and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to begin reporting after program implementation.

For a list of projects funded in Tranche 2 please reference Project Inventory Section

Long-Term Recovery and Resiliency



Though federal funding was initiated due to the crisis of the pandemic to provide immediate assistance to people, communities learned about longer-term needs through their assessments and surveys. Adams County was no different in this regard, and as funding became available for meeting the needs of the vulnerable outside of the direct impact of COVID-19, the BoCC decided to take action. As mentioned earlier, they utilized the data from the assessments, surveys, and other community input they received to create the initial response teams, which then morphed into the longer-term work group that exists today.

The Community Recovery Working Group has created a vision for the county and will be leading the development of a Long-Term Recovery and Resiliency Strategic Plan for Adams County. It is intended to build further organizational capacity to better address disruptions that severely impact our community. This process will capture

the county's projects, services, programs, and partnerships into one document to better understand capacity and resources, as well as identify where gaps may exist.

This work will address processes and organizational issues related to internal county functions and structure to ensure policies, procedures, and organizational structure enable Adams County to be proactive during emergencies and to provide efficient and equitable services during recovery. It will also focus on maintaining and building partnerships within the county with state and local government agencies, educational entities, businesses, and nonprofit agencies.

The Long-Term Recovery and Resiliency Strategic Plan will provide a dedicated process for resiliency, develop a shared resiliency vision and goals, define and catalyze resiliency priority projects, and complement resiliency planning efforts in our community.

Labor Practices

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

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

- Follow federal acquisition regulations, as required
- Provide fair and open competition while ensuring the best value for the county and its residents

- Provide a comprehensive centralized program encompassing best practices and principles
- Provide uniform procedures for the procurement of material, equipment, supplies, and services

When federal funds are utilized for construction projects, it is standard practice for the county to incorporate two Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Appendix II to Part 200, which includes, but is not limited to, the Davis-Bacon Act, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Clean Air Act, and Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

The inclusion of such contract provisions in the county's competitive bid documents promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality construction projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers.

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

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ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO 

Use of Evidence: Performance Evaluation

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

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

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

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

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




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

The Process: Progress Toward Milestones

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

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

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

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

The county's nonprofit organizations were quick to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Response by implementing services and programs to

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

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



[Check Out RMP FAQ's](#)



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Project Inventory

PROJECTS - TRANCHE 1

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



Economic Stimulus & Recovery



Health & Wellness



Shelter Support & Community Safety



Family Stability

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	FUNDING CATEGORY	PAGE
170	27J Schools	Workforce Retention and Recruitment	\$1,000,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	21
156	9Health:365	9Health:365 Serving Marginalized Communities in Adams County through Collaborative COVID-19 Vaccine Events & Preventive Health Fairs	\$422,038.33	Health & Wellness	76
220	Adams 14 Education Foundation	Support Adams 14 Scholars and Funding the Unfunded	\$35,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	22
63	Adams County Emergency Food Bank	Food assistance during COVID-19 recovery	\$350,000	Health & Wellness	*
187	Adams County Fire Protection District	Premium Pay Program	\$230,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	23
133	Adams County School District 14	Adams 14 - Motorola Nitro	\$1,000,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	24
132	Adams County School District 14	Homeless Supports Office Expansion	\$275,000	Shelter Support & Community Safety	43
6	Adams County Sheriff's Office Employee Foundation	Operation Freebird	\$1,200.00	Health & Wellness	*
183	Adelante Community Development	Juntos Adelante	\$1,862,662.67	Health & Wellness	74
182	Adelante Community Development	Centro Comunitario Adelante	\$1,886,362.67	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	25
80	Alley Cat Beads	New product line	\$3,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
159	Almost Home, Inc.	Adams County Housing Solutions	\$1,886,362.67	Shelter Support & Community Safety	44
131	Archway Housing & Services	Decrease food insecurity at Green Leaf and Villa Verde as a result of COVID-19	\$4,500	Health & Wellness	75
208	Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition	North Aurora AEOC COVID Recovery Program	\$75,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	26
169	Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc., DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS)	Community Navigation Services for Adams County Residents Impacted by COVID-19	\$30,163	Shelter Support & Community Safety	42
168	Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc., DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS)	Food Pantry Services for Adams County Residents Facing Food Insecurity Due to COVID-19	\$73,152	Health & Wellness	96
129	Aurora Mental Health Center	Acute Care Center	\$1,341,862.67	Health & Wellness	77
29	Awakening Balance LLC	Awakening Balance Acupuncture - Full Spectrum Traditional Chinese Medicine	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
124	Bennett Park and Recreation District	Recover Revenue lost from COVID restrictions	\$80,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	27
211	Brighton Housing Authority	Adams County Covid-19 Recovery Center	\$350,000	Shelter Support & Community Safety	46
123	Brothers Redevelopment	Brothers Redevelopment Housing Support Services	\$302,348.33	Shelter Support & Community Safety	47

Project Inventory

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	FUNDING CATEGORY	PAGE
142	CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties	CASA Volunteer Program	\$965,270	Family Stability	58
62	Cakes By Karen	Cakes By Karen	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
42	Coal Creek Adult Education Center	Free English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency Preparation classes	\$15,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	28
144	Colfax Community Network	Central East Adams County Family Resource Center	\$1,700,000	Health & Wellness	78
128	Colorado Poverty Law Project	Adams County Housing Solutions	\$1,040,000	Shelter Support & Community Safety	48
152	Colorado Safe Parking Initiative	Adams County SafeLots	\$387,889.23	Shelter Support & Community Safety	45
148	Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (CSPC)	Conectando and Providers Advancing School Outcomes (PASO)	\$60,000	Family Stability	59
104	Colorado Youth for a Change	Educational Recovery	\$552,348.33	Family Stability	*
141	Community Counseling & Consulting DBA Life Recovery Centers	Resilience Family Program	\$50,000	Family Stability	60
176	Community Uplift Partnership	3 Non-Profit Coffee Houses	\$75,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	29
48	Cultivando	COVID-19 Community Response	\$202,348.33	Health & Wellness	79
120	Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County	Expanding ECPAC's Family Care Navigation Program Through Co-Location	\$207,295.33	Family Stability	61
140	Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County	Supporting Young Children and Their Caregivers Through a Three-Pronged Approach	\$197,719	Family Stability	62
117	Five Star Education Foundation	Adams 12 Summer Explores	\$1,052,348.33	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	31
97	Five Star Education Foundation	Five Star Resource Closets	\$1,359,900	Family Stability	63
116	Five Star Education Foundation	Adams 12 Employee Wellness Support Program	\$270,856	Health & Wellness	80
99	Five Star Education Foundation	Adams 12 COVID-19 Response Team and Supports	\$487,033	Health & Wellness	92
2	Fleet Management Services	Fleet Management Services	\$75,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
127	Food for Hope	In-School Food Banks	\$180,475	Family Stability	65
82	Foster Source	Therapeutic Services to Foster/Kinship Parents	\$31,998	Health & Wellness	81
114	Front Range Community College	Adams County Nursing Student Clinical Supports	\$110,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	33
90	Front Range Community College Foundation	High Needs Program	\$50,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	32
91	GE Heating & Air, LLC	Small Family Owned Business in Northglenn	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
68	Galaxy Towing LLC	Galaxy Towing Maintenance	\$7,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
198	Griffith Centers for Children CHINS UP	Community Based Programs and Truancy Prevention	\$25,000	Family Stability	64
139	Growing Home	Growing Home Infrastructure Development Project	\$788,740	Shelter Support & Community Safety	49

**Small business grant/beneficiary, no reporting required.*

Project Inventory

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52	Hanavan Holdings International, Inc	Small Business Economic Recovery & Workforce Development	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
5	Healthy spine llc	Economic recovery relief	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
103	Heidi's Test Kitchen dba Heidi's Brooklyn Deli	Covid Relief and Continuation of Business Operations	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
157	Hope House Colorado	Self-Sufficiency Programs for At-Risk Teen Moms	\$25,000	Family Stability	66
31	Intrepid Bodyworks	Expansion of Intrepid Bodyworks	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
175	Jesus on Colfax Ministries	Street Safety Program	\$29,200	Shelter Support & Community Safety	*
51	Junior Achievement- Rocky Mountain	Junior Achievement Programs for Adams County Youth	\$40,000	Family Stability	67
100	Kids First Health Care - ARPA 100	New Pediatric Primary Care Clinic at Maiker Housing Community	\$618,264	Health & Wellness	83
85	Kids First Health Care-ARPA 85	Expansion of Children and Youth Mental Health Services	\$603,406.67	Health & Wellness	82
84	Kids in Need of Dentistry	Kids in Need of Dentistry Adam County Oral Health	\$271,628	Health & Wellness	93
210	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Employment Navigation, Education, Workforce Training, and Upskilling/Reskilling for Low-Income, Adams County Community Members	\$422,928	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	37
214	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Culturally Responsive, Mobile Benefits Enrollment for Low-Income Latinos and other Low-Income Community Members in Adams County	\$221,848.33	Family Stability	68
192	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Culturally Appropriate and Equitable Vaccine/Booster Information and Administration with a focus on Latinos and other BIPOC Adams County Residents	\$182,790	Health & Wellness	84
204	La Raza Services, Inc. dba Servicios de La Raza	Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Mental Health and Substance Misuse Treatment Services for Low-Income Latino Adults and Children in Adams County	\$177,848.33	Health & Wellness	85
89	Maiker Housing Partners	Building Community Spaces to Improve Maiker Community Member's Social Determinants of Health and Well Being	\$552,348.33	Shelter Support & Community Safety	51
87	Maiker Housing Partners	Claude Court Affordable Housing	\$750,000	Shelter Support & Community Safety	50
8	Mango House (Ardas PLLC)	Covid testing/treatment/vaccinations and community outreach	\$75,000	Health & Wellness	85
111	Mapleton Public Schools	Student Learning and Behavioral Gaps	\$759,472	Family Stability	69
105	Mile High United Way	United for Schools	\$226,500	Shelter Support & Community Safety	52/57
108	Mile High United Way	Bridging the Gap	\$294,153	Shelter Support & Community Safety	56
15	OTM Skin LLC	OTM Skin's Community Tattoo Removal Program	\$20,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
54	Panaderia y Antojitos La Piramide	Panaderia Antojitos La Piramide	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
109	Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation	Nurse Extern Transition to Practice Program	\$1,500,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	34
196	Primo Bachh dba Simply Pizza Truck	Slice Out Hunger	\$60,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	35

Project Inventory

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	FUNDING CATEGORY	PAGE
94	Rain Dance Car Wash LLC	Covid Recovery Plan	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
188	Every Child Pediatrics	Virtual Scribe - Strategy to reduce clinician burnout and improve patient safety and satisfaction	\$75,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	30
92	Ralston House - ARPA 92	Ralston House Child Advocacy Center - Bilingual Program	\$248,281.33	Health & Wellness	87
96	Ralston House - ARPA 96	Ralston House Child Advocacy Center - Mental Health Case Management Navigator	\$96,075	Health & Wellness	88
193	Reaching HOPE	Family Trauma Recovery Program Expansion	\$397,820	Family Stability	70
43	Second Wind Fund	Second Wind Fund Program - Connecting Youth At Risk For Suicide With Life-Saving Mental Health Treatment	\$66,600	Health & Wellness	90
207	Ready to Work Aurora (RTWA)	Ready to Work	\$202,348.33	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	36
205	Rebuilding Together Metro Denver	Safe at Home & Emergency Repairs for Adam's County COVID Affected Low-Income Homeowners	\$55,000	Shelter Support & Community Safety	41
106	Savio House	Child First	\$100,000	Family Stability	55
112	Shiloh House, Inc	Family-Based Housing for Youth Finishing High School	\$70,000	Shelter Support & Community Safety	53
163	South Adams County Fire Department- ARPA 163	Strengthening Pandemic Emergency Health Care Services in Adams County	\$912,393	Health & Wellness	94
200	South Adams County Fire Department- ARPA 200	Young Adult & Firefighter Workforce Development Cooperative	\$490,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	38
199	Stage Images Dance Studio - The Next Generation, LLC	Rent and Equipment for Program Growth	\$10,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
160	The Rocky Mountain Partnership	The Rocky Mountain Partnership: a collective impact approach to eliminate equity gaps amplified by the COVID-19 Pandemic	\$250,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	39
161	The Senior Hub	The Senior Hub: Addressing the Exacerbated Needs of Adams County Older Adults during COVID-19	\$805,523	Family Stability	71
79	Ultimate Beauty Haircare and Supplies LLC	Covid-19 relief	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
47	Urban Land Conservancy	Holly Park	\$350,000	Shelter Support & Community Safety	54
145	Victory Grange	Compensate for loss of rental income due to Pandemic	\$3,900	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
28	Vida Consejeria Individual & Familiar LLC	Vida Consejeria Individual & Familiar	\$30,000	Health & Wellness	*
189	Village Exchange Center	Health Equity Fairs, Vaccine Incentives, & Bilingual Outreach	\$711,727.67	Health & Wellness	91
219	Village Exchange Center	Microenterprise Business Development Support for Minority-owned Businesses	\$452,348.33	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	40
60	Village Exchange Center	Low Wage Workers Fund (LWWF)	\$500,000	Family Stability	72
217	Vuela for Health	Mejorando la Salud Juntos (Improving Health Together)	\$90,076.33	Health & Wellness	95
56	WeeCycle	WeeCycle's Essential Baby Gear Program	\$618,491	Family Stability	73
			\$34,515,843.54		

**Small business grant/beneficiary, no reporting required.*

Project Inventory

ARPA TRANCHE 1 GRANTS WITHDRAWN

ARPA #	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	FUNDING CATEGORY	PAGE
218	Clinica Family Health	COVID testing, COVID vaccination, and primary health care as needed for Afghani refugees in Adams County	\$71,853.12	Health & Wellness	*
118	KALACO, LLC (DBA SideSurance)	Empowering Adams County	\$5,000	Economic Stimulus & Recovery	*
93	Let Your Light Shine Food Pantry	Food Pantry and Community Outreach	\$91,511	Health & Wellness	*
88	Maiker Housing Partners	Enhancing Adams County's Senior Affordable Housing Assets to Improve Community Member's Social Determinants of Health and Well-Being	\$202,348.33	Shelter Support & Community Safety	*
136	Ralston House - ARPA 136	Ralston House Child Advocacy Center - Prosecutor Project	\$107,444	Health & Wellness	89
			\$478,156.45		

**Small business grant/beneficiary, no reporting required.
Funds will be reallocated to other projects.*

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 170

PROJECT NAME: Workforce Retention and Recruitment

ORGANIZATION: 27J Schools

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: sd27j.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health-Negative

ECONOMIC IMPACT: Public Sector Capacity

3.3: PUBLIC SECTOR WORKFORCE: Other

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 220

PROJECT NAME: Support Adams 14
Scholars and Funding the Unfunded

ORGANIZATION: Adams 14 Education
Foundation Organization

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$35,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts
2.27 Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Narrative

The Adams 14 Education Foundation funds approximately 70 scholarships every year. During the year, students are supported by the Executive Director by visiting students on campus, creating summer success programs, and connecting through email and telephone conversations. The Foundation Board uses funding from fundraising to support this program. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the years 2020 and 2021 did not raise the funds needed to support the program in its entirety.

Regarding funding the unfunded, the Foundation traditionally funds up to \$25,000. This year there were \$35,000 in requests. These requests are for technical support items students need to be successful in school, particularly when working independently and/or remotely.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 187

PROJECT NAME: Premium Pay Program

ORGANIZATION: Adams County Fire Protection District

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: acfpd.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$230,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Premium Pay

4.1 Public Sector Employees

Narrative

Our project provides premium pay for our firefighters as allowed by ARPA (Premium Pay 4.1 Public sector Employees). Adams County Firefighters perform essential public safety work and have continued that work despite the challenges of COVID-19. Because of their close living quarters and contact with the public, including rendering patient care and transporting patients, our firefighters are at an increased risk of contracting COVID-19. Our original application was for 92 firefighters who responded to calls from March to December of 2020, to receive \$2,500 each for their service.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 133

PROJECT NAME: Adams 14 - Motorola Nitro

ORGANIZATION: Adams County School District 14

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: Adams County School District 14

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impact

2.4: Household Assistance Internet Access Programs

Narrative

Adams County School District 14 partnered with Motorola Solutions (Motorola) to implement a pilot of the Nitro solution, which is a private LTE network to provide coverage of broadband data to students who would not otherwise have access to broadband. This pilot program was used to determine the viability of an expanded project to provide broadband services for any student within the Adams 14 boundary area who attends an Adams 14 school.

The Motorola Nitro pilot program was designed to provide services for up to 400 students in the immediate areas around Lester Arnold High School and Kearney Middle School in central Commerce City. These locations were chosen to provide the largest possible pilot area with the lowest projected cost.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 182

PROJECT NAME: El Centro Comunitario Adelante

ORGANIZATION: Adelante Community Development

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: AdelanteCommunity.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,886,362.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

Narrative

Adelante Community Development (ACD) seeks ARPA funding to launch El Centro Comunitario Adelante (El Centro). El Centro will serve as a conduit for equitable access to government pandemic relief funds by offering community resources, business education, and resources specifically designed to meet the needs of the Latino community. This physical location to house operations and increase staff capacity to support minority-owned businesses and families. Unlike other business resources in the region, ACD is both representative of and trusted by the Latino community members, which constitute approximately 41% of the 522,000 total people of Adams County.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 208

PROJECT NAME: North Aurora AEOC
COVID Recovery Program

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalition

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: TheAEOC.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$75,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.9 COVID-19 Assistance to Nonprofits

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 124

PROJECT NAME: Recover Revenue Lost from COVID-19

ORGANIZATION: Bennett Park and Recreation District

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: BennettRec.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$80,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.9 COVID-19 Assistance to Nonprofits

Narrative

We are a community recreation center that serves the eastern plains of Colorado. During the pandemic, we had to shut down for safety and then were restricted to the number of patrons who could be in the establishment at any given time. Due to the length of time we had restrictions, we had many cancellations of memberships. We would like to continue the employment of staff and renew relationships with community members in hopes they will return for recreation in our facility.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 42

ORGANIZATION: Coal Creek Adult Education Center

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: CoalCreekAdulted.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$15,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.9: COVID-19 Assistance to Nonprofits

Narrative

Coal Creek Adult Education Center received funding for its free English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency Preparation classes in Northglenn and Brighton for the 2023 calendar year. Funding helped support both direct and indirect costs for four classes, five sessions per year, for a total of 420 instructional hours in a 12-month period.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 176

PROJECT NAME: Three Nonprofit Coffee Houses

ORGANIZATION: Community Uplift Partnership

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: CupColorado.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$75,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: : Public Health

1.9 COVID-19 Assistance to Nonprofits

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 188

PROJECT NAME: Virtual Scribe - Strategy to reduce clinician burnout and improve patient safety and satisfaction

ORGANIZATION: Every Child Pediatrics

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: EveryChildPediatrics.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$75,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.9 COVID-19 Assistance to Nonprofits

Narrative

Every Child Pediatrics is piloting a virtual scribe service in our Thornton Clinic to help reduce the immediate and long-term impact of COVID-19 on clinician well-being.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 117

PROJECT NAME: Adams 12 Summer Explores

ORGANIZATION: Five Star Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [5StarFoundation.org](https://www.5StarFoundation.org)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,052,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.25: Addressing Educational Disparities:
Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

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

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

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Addressing Educational Disparities and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 0

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 90

PROJECT NAME: High Needs Program

ORGANIZATION: FRCC Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: FrontRange.edu

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.37: Economic Impact Assistance: Other

Narrative

Community College (FRCC) and the Front Range Community College Foundation awarded funds as monetary assistance to current FRCC students who are experiencing an unforeseen financial hardship due to an emergency. FRCC and the FRCC Foundation have observed that the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant ripple effects upon FRCC students, resulting in unexpected challenges including the impact of inflation on food, fuel, rent costs, and transportation. These financial issues can derail a student's pathway to degree completion, especially for students from low-income backgrounds. These issues can impact under-represented and minority students significantly. FRCC and the FRCC Foundation awarded scholarships of up to \$500 to a minimum of 100 students over a 12-month period.

Use of Evidence

When the funds are disbursed, the students will be evaluated based on their completions rate, if they graduate, and if they enroll in the Summer or Fall Semester.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 114

PROJECT NAME: Adams County Nursing Student Clinical Supports

ORGANIZATION: FRCC Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: FrontRange.edu

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$110,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.10: COVID-19 Aid to Impacted Industries

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 109

PROJECT NAME: Nurse Extern Transition Practice Program

ORGANIZATION: Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [sclHealth.org/
Locations/Platte-Valley-Medical-Center](https://www.sclHealth.org/Locations/Platte-Valley-Medical-Center)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,500,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.10 COVID-19 Aid to Impacted Industries

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 196

PROJECT NAME: Slice Out Hunger

ORGANIZATION: Primo Bachh dba Simply Pizza Truck

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: SimplyPizzaTruck.com

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$60,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Assistance

2.1 HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: Food Programs

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 207

PROJECT NAME: Ready to Work

ORGANIZATION: Ready to Work Aurora (RTWA)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: BoulderBridgeHouse.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$202,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.18 HOUSING SUPPORT: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

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

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

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Household Assistance Housing Support

Number of households receiving eviction prevention services: N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 210

PROJECT NAME: Employment Navigation, Education, Workforce Training, and Upskilling/Reskilling for Low-Income, Adams County Community Members

ORGANIZATION: Servicios de La Raza

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [ServiciosDeLaraza.org](https://www.serviciosdelaraza.org)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$422,928

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports, or incentives)

Narrative

Servicios de La Raza proposed to partner with Adams County to provide job skills training, soft interviewing skills training, connecting individuals to gainful employment, providing certifications in fields with a large demand, and providing ancillary wraparound services that address the social determinants of health and job retention. This project will help any Adams County residents in need of these services; however, the program will prioritize services to assist Latinos, BIPOC communities, undocumented individuals, and veterans. Through this proposed project, at least 175 individuals in year one and 250 individuals each year in years two and three will be placed into gainful employment. Employment navigation, education, workforce training, and upskilling/reskilling will be provided for low-income Adams County community members.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 200

PROJECT NAME: Young Adult & Firefighter Workforce Development Cooperative

ORGANIZATION: South Adams County Fire Protection District

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: sacfd.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$490,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impact

2.25 ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

The Young Adult & Firefighter workforce development cooperative provides a pathway for high school students to graduate with the technical skills in key residential construction areas and real-world experiences in building and welding careers while providing valuable community service to the first responders.

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Addressing Educational Disparities

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 105

Economic Stimulus & Recovery

These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.



Project Overview

APRA #: 160

PROJECT NAME: Collective Impact of Covid-19

ORGANIZATION: The Rocky Mountain Partnership

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: RMPPartnership.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$250,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.37 ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE: Other

Narrative

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

- **Regional Labor Shortage (Rocky Mountain Climbs):** Addressing the current labor shortage by removing barriers to employment in critical industries, and once people are employed, increase their access to up-skilling and credentialing opportunities in the workplace.

- **Credential Attainment:** Support community members to attain a skill, credential, or degree that will prepare them to work in high-demand industries and earn a wage that allows them to support themselves and their families.
- **Housing & Education:** Improve access to affordable housing and improve educational outcomes for those living in affordable housing (including early learning, K-12, and those in the process of earning a skill, credential, or degree).

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Economic Stimulus & Recovery



These projects were focused on workforce development, job training, broadband, technical assistance for businesses, and transportation.

Project Overview

APRA #: 219

ORGANIZATION: Village Exchange Center

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: VillageExchangeCenter.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$452,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.30: Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning

Narrative

The Village Exchange Center (VEC) and the Colorado Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (COHCC) will launch a COVID-19 vaccination campaign to reach the most vulnerable and at-risk Spanish-speaking Hispanic populations of Adams County. The campaign will promote the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines and offer a variety of culturally compelling incentives to motivate vaccine uptake and reduce barriers to access. The incentives will have a value of approximately \$100 and are strategically planned to influence the greatest amount of people while reducing project costs. This campaign includes Spanish language omnichannel media and in-market activations motivating the most vulnerable communities to get vaccinated. The media campaign would be focused on promoting the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, as well as the incentives. VEC hosts weekly vaccine clinics at our center, in partnership with either 9Health or other qualified health providers.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety

These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.



Project Overview

APRA #: 205

PROJECT NAME: Safe at Home & Emergency Repairs for Adams County COVID-19-Affected Low-Income Homeowners

ORGANIZATION: Rebuilding Together Metro Denver

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: RebuildingTogether.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$50,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic impacts

2.18 HOUSING SUPPORT: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

This funding was requested to specifically target Adams County low-income homeowners who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our organization has seen a sharp increase in requests for services since March of 2020. The best way to keep our seniors and other vulnerable populations from contracting COVID-19 is for all of them to remain safely in their own homes. Unfortunately, there are many seniors in need of critical home repairs and modifications to safely remain in their homes during this pandemic.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety



These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.

Project Overview

APRA #: 169

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

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc., DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE:

AuroraInterfaithCommunityServices.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$30,163

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.19 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH:

Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

Narrative

Aurora Interfaith Community Services' (Aurora Interfaith) community navigation program helps clients access the diverse resources they need during the challenging COVID-19 environment and economy, with an ultimate goal of supporting clients in overcoming poverty and food insecurity long-term. There is a great need for this program, which will help current clients to not only survive pandemic-driven poverty and hunger but have equitable access to resources for improving their lives long-term. We have found our clients have had difficulty finding and utilizing these resources for a myriad of reasons, including time constraints, language barriers, experiences of discrimination, being unaware of services available, and having been disproportionately impacted by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Evidence

Aurora Interfaith is in the process of developing an evaluation plan and awaits further guidance from Adams County.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety

These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.



Project Overview

APRA #: 132

PROJECT NAME: Adams County School District 14

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: Adams14.net

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$275,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic impacts

2.18 HOUSING SUPPORT: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

Adams 14 School District expanded both staffing and services offered by its Homeless Supports Office. The increased staffing added a Homeless Liaison to assist the district in serving the additional demands caused by COVID-19 for these families and children experiencing homelessness within the district. The position assists homeless families with determining support they qualify for, understanding their rights, and locating any needed services through the district and its partners, such as shelters, healthcare, dental care, or mental health services. The liaison makes referrals for external support and ensures continuous engagement with the school to support the family and students. Specific expenditures for expanded services included expanded hours for the Hope Center, funds for motel vouchers, food and gas cards, school attendance incentives for at-risk students, and incentives for class completion and graduation. Additional supports are counseling and other mental health services, showers, access to washers and dryers, a mini food bank, a clothing bank, school supplies and backpacks, and medical care such as immunizations, medical, dental, and vision services.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety



These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.

Project Overview

APRA #: 159

PROJECT NAME: Adams County Housing Stability Program

ORGANIZATION: Almost Home, Inc.

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: AlmostHomeOnline.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,886,362.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

2.16 LONG-TERM HOUSING SECURITY:
Services for Unhoused Persons

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

We are currently working on creating an effective program evaluation for our Homelessness Prevention program.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Household Assistance Long-Term Housing Security

Number of households receiving eviction prevention services: 1,352

Shelter Support & Community Safety

These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.



Project Overview

APRA #: 152

PROJECT NAME: Adams County Safe Lots

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Safe Parking Initiative

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ColoSafeParking.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$387,889.23

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic impacts

2.18 HOUSING SUPPORT: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety



These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.

Project Overview

APRA #: 211

PROJECT NAME: Adams County Covid-19 Recovery Center

ORGANIZATION: Brighton Housing Authority

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: BrightonHousingAuthority.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$350,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.9 COVID-19 Assistance to Nonprofits

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety

These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.



Project Overview

APRA #: 123

PROJECT NAME: Brothers Redevelopment Housing Support Services

ORGANIZATION: Brothers Redevelopment

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: BrothersRedevelopment.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$302,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic impacts

2.2 HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Household Assistance

Number of households receiving eviction prevention services: 143

Shelter Support & Community Safety



These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.

Project Overview

APRA #: 128

PROJECT NAME: Adams County Housing Solutions

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Poverty Law Project

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: COPovertyLawProject.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,040,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.18 HOUSING SUPPORT: Other Housing Assistance

Narrative

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

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

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Household Assistance

Number of households receiving eviction prevention services: 71

Shelter Support & Community Safety

These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.



Project Overview

APRA #: 139

PROJECT NAME: Growing Home Infrastructure Development Project

ORGANIZATION: Growing Home

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: GrowingHome.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$788,740

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.9 COVID-19 Assistance to Nonprofit

Narrative

Like many organizations, Growing Home has spent most of the past two years responding to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Growing Home experienced a drastic increase in requests for services, including an overnight spike in the food pantry with an average of 3-7x the number of visitors compared with pre-pandemic levels. The organization had to act quickly to meet the needs of its community and made swift programmatic changes while leaning on key partners like Adams County to sustain this level of overnight growth. For many participants without work at the beginning of the pandemic, food security and remaining safely housed were top of mind for participants in need. Growing Home mobilized its resources and deep community roots to take immediate action in response to community need.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety



These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.

Project Overview

APRA #: 87

PROJECT NAME: Claude Court
Affordable Housing Development

ORGANIZATION: Maiker Housing Partners

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: MaikerHP.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$750,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.15 LONG-TERM HOUSING SECURITY: Affordable Housing

Narrative

To facilitate the development of the 128th Ave. and Claude Ct. affordable housing community of 80-120 affordable housing units, by contributing to the necessary offsite infrastructure upgrades. These upgrades require approximately 2,800 feet of storm drainage pipe replacement on 128th Ave. from Claude Ct. to Columbine St.

Use of Evidence

Aurora Interfaith is in the process of developing an evaluation plan and awaits further guidance from Adams County.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Household Support

Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 0

Shelter Support & Community Safety

These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.



Project Overview

APRA #: 89

PROJECT NAME: Building Community Spaces to Improve Maiker Community Members Social Determinants of Health and Well-Being

ORGANIZATION: Maiker Housing Partners

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: MaikerHP.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$552,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.22 STRONG HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety



These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.

Project Overview

APRA #: 105

PROJECT NAME: Bridging the Gap

ORGANIZATION: Mile High United Way

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [UnitedWayDenver.org](https://www.unitedwaydenver.org)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$294,153

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.2 HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

Mile High United Way's Evaluation and Learning team employs a rigorous evaluative process to assess the impact of BTG. We utilize interviews and surveys to collect program data, as well as an annual survey of participants who have exited. Our evaluation metrics include the number of participants who have maintained housing during the timeframe of the housing voucher, as well as the number who have successfully moved into independent housing at the end of housing support. We also track data related to the number who engaged in education and employment activities, as well as those who connect to the community resources they need. BTG tracks these evaluation data points using a Salesforce database.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety

These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.



Project Overview

APRA #: 112

PROJECT NAME: Family-Based Housing for Youth Finishing High School

ORGANIZATION: Shiloh House, Inc.

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ShilohHouse.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$70,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.13 HEALTHY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare Systems

Narrative

To create 10 host homes during a two-year period in Adams County due to the increase in homelessness throughout the pandemic. Some of these youth may qualify for shelter at Urban Peak in Denver; however, the distance from their school, in combination with transportation barriers, may make graduating high school unattainable.

Use of Evidence

\$34,000 of the total project spending is allocated toward evidence-based interventions. The interventions used are trauma-informed care, use of housing stability standards (ensuring home is safe and financial assistance is provided to support hosting), harm reduction, housing (for host homes this is stabilizing through crisis and moving to a host home as soon as possible), system of care framework since it is evidence-based and the easiest way to link to wraparound, youth centered, and culturally and linguistically delivered.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Healthy Childhood Environments

Number of children served by childcare and early learning services: N/A

Shelter Support & Community Safety



These projects were focused solely on preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing, particularly to high-risk persons and families.

Project Overview

APRA #: 47

PROJECT NAME: Holly Park

ORGANIZATION: Urban Land Conservancy

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: UrbanLandC.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$350,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Shelter Support & Community Safety

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Infrastructure

5.6 CLEAN WATER: Stormwater

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 106

PROJECT NAME: Child First

ORGANIZATION: Savio House

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: SavioHouse.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$100,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.12 Mental Health Services

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Family Stability



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 108

PROJECT NAME: United for Schools

ORGANIZATION: Mile High United Way

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [UnitedWayDenver.org](https://www.unitedwaydenver.org)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$226,500

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Infrastructure

2.2 HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Addressing Education Disparities

Number of students participating in evidence based tutoring programs: 436



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 105

PROJECT NAME: Educational Recovery

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Youth for a Change Organization

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: YouthforaChange.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$552,348.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.25: ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES:
Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

This project supported the Educational Recovery program in Adams County to address the educational impacts of COVID-19 and help close equity gaps exacerbated by the pandemic. This program is serving students in the 27J, Adams 12, Adams 14, and Westminster school districts. Funding has supported full-time tutors and full-time student support specialists. These staff members provide evidence-based tutoring, academic and attendance support, and social-emotional skill-building to 800 Adams County students per year during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Addressing Educational Disparities

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 524

Family Stability



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 142

PROJECT NAME: CASA Volunteer Program

ORGANIZATION: CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: casa17th.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$965,270

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impact

2.13 HEALTH CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System

Narrative

The CASA Volunteer Program supports children who have experienced abuse and neglect and are involved in the court system by recruiting, training, and professionally supervising community volunteers to advocate for their best interests and ultimate well-being. With the support of the Adams County COVID-19 grant, CASA will work to close the waiting and referral gaps for children and families in Adams County.

Use of Evidence

The CASA Volunteer Program does not meet criteria for evidence-based interventions. CASA Volunteers are simply one support in the lives of children in the foster care system, so this work will never rise to the level of strong or moderate evidence-based (causal). However, CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties closely adheres to program components endorsed by National CASA and follows their standards and training curriculum, which is moving closer to preliminary evidence. National CASA is working with Child Trends to develop a performance measurement system designed to move toward evidence-based data.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Healthy Childhood Environments

Number of children served by childcare and early learning services: 276

Number of families served by home visiting: 1,406



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 148

ORGANIZATION: Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (CSPC)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: CoParentCoalition.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$60,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.27: Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Narrative

CSPC provided multiple services to Adams County residents with their funding. These included:

- The Conectando Program, which serves as a network of families of color, Friend Family Neighbor (FFN) informal childcare providers and other community members with the goal of improving access to community resources, leadership opportunities, early childhood education, and vaccine equity. Conectando helps connect communities with resources such as food assistance, COVID-19 vaccine health information, and vaccine site information.
- Providers Advancing School Outcomes (PASO), which is a unique, long-term, comprehensive training for Spanish-speaking families, specific to immigrant communities living with low-incomes to obtain Child Development Associate (CDA) certification for in-home childcare and increase children's school readiness skills.
- Tutoring in response to the academic and emotional stress that has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program provides academic mentorship, relationship building, and socio-emotional learning to K-12 students in Adams County.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 77

Family Stability



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 141

PROJECT NAME: Resilience Family Program

ORGANIZATION: Community Counseling & Consulting, DBA Life Recovery Centers

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: LifeRecoveryCenters.net

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$50,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.12 Mental Health Services

Narrative

Life Recovery Center created a resilience family program due to ongoing need for trauma-informed services in both Spanish and English. This program addresses the mental health and substance use issues in Adams County and works to eliminate barriers to treatment.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 120

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

ORGANIZATION: Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ecpac.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$207,295.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.37: ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE: Other

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Family Stability



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Project Overview

APRA #: 140

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

ORGANIZATION: Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ecpac.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$197,719

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Infrastructure

2.14: HEALTHY CHILDHOOD

ENVIRONMENTS: Early Learning

Narrative

The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC) works to strengthen the overall health and well-being of young children (ages 0-8 years) and their families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing the following strategies. This specific project included:

- Providing early childhood mental health consultation and training for early childhood education (ECE)

providers in supporting social emotional development.

- Supporting sustainable and high-quality childcare programming by assisting early care and education programs with needed resources.
- Supporting professionals in advancing or entering the ECE field.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 97

PROJECT NAME: Five Star Resource Closets

ORGANIZATION: Five Star Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [5StarFoundation.org](https://www.5StarFoundation.org)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,359,900

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.22: STRONG HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Narrative

The Five Star Education Foundation provides critical, immediate, and ongoing support to students with Resource Closets located in 34 schools in the Adams 12 Five Star School District. This support includes food, basic clothing, hygiene, school supplies, bus passes, and other supports necessary to keep kids in school and learning. The closets provide resources for long-term support, referrals to outside agencies, and family supports in our Adams County community. They will be open 10 months a year with a small number open during holidays and summer breaks. Resource Closets are currently accessed over 3,000 times per month.

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Family Stability



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Project Overview

APRA #: 198

PROJECT NAME: Community Based Programs and Truancy Prevention

ORGANIZATION: Griffith Centers for Children (CHINS UP)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: GriffithCenters.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$3=25,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.12 Mental Health Services

Narrative

Griffith Centers for Children (Griffith) will continue to provide outreach, mental health, and wrap-around services to families in Adams County through its Community Based and Truancy (RELOAD) programs.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 127

PROJECT NAME: In-School Foodbanks

ORGANIZATION: Food for Hope

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: FoodForHope.net

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$180,475

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.1 HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: Food Programs

Narrative

Food for Hope's in-school food bank provides fresh and shelf-stable food to families in need that have students in Adams County school districts. Funding received from this grant will go directly toward sustaining existing food banks and establishing and sustaining four new food banks in three Adams County school districts: Adams 12, 27J, and Westminster Public Schools.

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Family Stability



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Project Overview

APRA #: 157

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

ORGANIZATION: Hope House Colorado

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [HopeHouseColorado.org](https://www.HopeHouseColorado.org)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$25,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Infrastructure

1.14: Other Public Health Services

Narrative

Hope House Self-Sufficiency Programs for at-risk teenaged mothers help improve their lives by empowering them to make changes and build a stable future for themselves and their children. Historically, approximately 40% of the teenage mothers served are from Adams County. In 2020, of the 231 moms served, 96 moms and 140 children were from Adams County for a total of 236 individuals. In general, 67% of teenaged mothers live below the federal poverty line. Compounded on that, mothers connected to Hope House also face daunting emotional challenges such as pregnancy-related depression, history of emotional abuse/neglect, history of physical or sexual abuse, history of mental health issues in the home, and growing up around drug use. These challenges existed before COVID-19 and only became magnified during the pandemic.

Overall, the program experienced a 165% increase in counseling sessions and referrals compared to the previous

year. There was also an increased need for early intervention services in our Early Learning Program as the children who were not able to attend regularly—due to COVID-related issues such as exposure to the virus or limited capacity in our Resource Center per state/county guidelines—fell behind the benchmarks. Our Early Learning teachers regularly screened children with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (third edition) when able in the latter half of 2020 and were able to offer early intervention resources to 100% of the children who showed signs of falling behind.

Extra support for virtual learning or delaying schooling for teenaged mothers in both the High School & GED and College & Career Programs is needed, as well as added support in the Parenting Program. Basic needs are also provided such as food, housing, hygiene products, diapers, and wipes.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 51

PROJECT NAME: Junior Achievement Programs for Adams County Youth

ORGANIZATION: Junior Achievement — Rocky Mountain

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: jaColorado.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$25,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.27: Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 0

Family Stability



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 214

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

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

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ServiciosDelaraza.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$221,848.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.19: SOCIAL DETERMINATES OF HEALTH: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators

Narrative

About one in five (19%) of households headed by Latinos are food insecure, compared with one in eight (12%) for all U.S. households. More than one in five (22%) households headed by Latinos with children are food insecure, compared to one in six (17%) for all U.S. households with children. The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are highly underutilized by Latino communities in Colorado due to several barriers including language, residency status, stigma, embarrassment about utilizing such programs, previous negative experiences with service providers, cultural expectations and norms, and transportation barriers. A Bilingual Enrollment Specialist will conduct a combination of outreach efforts as a strategy to effectively educate and inform the target population and increase their knowledge of benefits, as well as provide hands-on assistance for completing applications. The target is to enroll a minimum of 800 low-income Adams County community members into Medicaid, SNAP, and/or WIC each year for the next three years, focusing on the Latino community.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 111

PROJECT NAME: Student Learning and Behavioral Gaps

ORGANIZATION: Mapleton Public Schools

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [Mapleton.us](https://www.mapleton.us)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$759,472

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.25 ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES:
Academic, Social, and Emotional Services

Narrative

Mapleton will increase student and staff access to healthy communities and mental health supports. Over the course of the 2021-2022 school year, data indicated that our most significant behavioral incidents occurred across our middle school environments. In addition to increased incidents of challenging behaviors, we also experienced increased staff turnover in our middle grades. Therefore, we are hiring Culture Coaches for each school with middle grade levels and a Culture Coordinator to support Culture Coaches in their implementation of social-emotional education and positive school culture and climate. Culture Coaches will be charged with collaborating with teachers to design and implement classroom management systems that are feasible, age-appropriate, and consistent among school teams; integrating behavioral and social-emotional learning practices into their instruction; and reducing students' reliance on the adult(s) in the classroom and increase their independence through strategic structures and support. Culture Coaches will also lead and coordinate peer mentoring programs.

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 0

Family Stability



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 193

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

PROJECT NAME: Family Trauma Recovery Program Expansion

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health Behavioral Health

ORGANIZATION: Reaching HOPE

1.12 Mental health Services

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ReachingHope.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$397,820

Narrative

The proposed program will fuel COVID-19 recovery by supporting the mental well-being of individuals, families, and systems within Adams County. These funds will enable Reaching HOPE to hire and maintain both English and Bi-Lingual English/Spanish speaking mental health providers and a Community Health Worker who can assist our clients with finding and obtaining resources that allow for safety and stability.

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 161

PROJECT NAME: The Senior Hub: Addressing the Exacerbated Needs of Adams County

ORGANIZATION: The Senior Hub

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: SeniorHub.org/mow

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,527,063.63

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.1: HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: Food Programs

Narrative

The Senior Hub has identified that priority community needs during the pandemic include food insecurity and nutrition, social isolation, access to healthcare, and support for those with memory loss and cognitive issues as well as support for their caregivers. The Senior Hub provides daily home delivered meals to older adults, 60 plus, regardless of income, race, or ethnic background.

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Family Stability



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 60

PROJECT NAME: Low Wage Workers Fund (LWWF)

ORGANIZATION: Village Exchange Center

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: VillageExchangeCenter.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$500,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.9: Unemployment Benefits or Cash

Assistance to Unemployed Workers

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



Family stability projects focused on populations that were deemed as high risk during the pandemic, including children, youth and families, older adults, and undocumented residents.

Project Overview

APRA #: 56

PROJECT NAME: WeeCycle's Essential Baby Gear Program

ORGANIZATION: WeeCycle

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: WeeCycle.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$618,491

ADCO CATEGORY: Family Stability

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.14: Other Public Health Services

Narrative

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

The partnership model ensures that each family receives the wrap-around support services they need to thrive. WeeCycle's goal is to meet each family's specific needs rather than provide a "one size fits all" donation. Under this program, we operate two subprograms: Diaper Bank and Mobile Baby Essentials. The Diaper Bank program was established in early 2018 as a response to the overwhelming need and substantial amount

of diaper requests by families. The term "diaper need" is a simple concept with devastating ramifications. One in three American families suffer from diaper need, defined as lacking an adequate supply of diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Mobile Baby Essentials is the newest program to address the inequities that exist among vulnerable populations struggling to meet their children's basic needs. Through this program—both in partnership with other organizations and independently—much needed diapers, wipes, baby food, and baby formula are delivered to underserved populations in targeted underserved and under-resourced areas across the Denver metro area and beyond, in their own neighborhoods, thus eliminating financial and transportation barriers.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



Health & Wellness projects focused on the overall healthcare of Adams County residents, as well as ensuring education about and easy access to vaccinations. This category also included a focus on veterans living in the county.

Project Overview

APRA #: 183

PROJECT NAME: Juntos Adelante

ORGANIZATION: Adelante Community Development

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: AdelanteCommunity.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1862,662.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Economic Stimulus & Recovery

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination

1.2 COVID-19 Testing

Narrative

Through our business programming, we serve Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs and their families. If a person is interested in opening a business or has an established business and is seeking to strengthen their practices, Adelante can support them. We focus on historically excluded communities—our Spanish-speaking members, often women, and immigrants—since they have been denied access to health, education, and wealth-creation opportunities in order to thrive.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



Health & Wellness projects focused on the overall healthcare of Adams County residents, as well as ensuring education about and easy access to vaccinations. This category also included a focus on veterans living in the county.

Project Overview

APRA #: 131
PROJECT NAME: Decrease food insecurity at GreenLeaf and Villa Verde
ORGANIZATION: Archway Housing Services
ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ArchwayCommunities.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$4,500
ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness
EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impact
2.1 HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: Food Programs

Narrative

The goal of this program is to decrease food insecurity at Green Leaf and Villa Verde as a result of COVID-19. This project is working to combat food insecurity at Archway Communities Greenleaf and Villa Verde properties. These communities have a high percentage of residents who are refugees or immigrants and more than 80% of residents identify as Asian or Black/African immigrants. Funds are being used to purchase culturally appropriate healthy foods to support residents.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



Health & Wellness projects focused on the overall healthcare of Adams County residents, as well as ensuring education about and easy access to vaccinations. This category also included a focus on veterans living in the county.

Project Overview

APRA #: 156

PROJECT NAME: Serving Marginalized Communities in Adams Country Through Collaborative COVID-19 Vaccine Events & Preventive Health Fairs

ORGANIZATION: 9Health:365

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: 365health.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$422,038.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

Our partner, Cirrus MD, provides 365 Health—Health in Hand the necessary data regarding evidence-based interventions of Telehealth. With this partnership, 365 Health does not allocate any portion of this grant toward research and outcomes of Telehealth. Dr. Donna Baldwin, Chief Quality and Innovation Officer for Cirrus MD is currently on the 365 Health Clinical Advisory Board to advise and keep 365 Health current with the newest innovations and research statistics. Multiple clinical studies show that Telehealth assists underserved populations by reducing transportation barriers, providing 24/7 access to a medical professional so no unpaid time off work is necessary, and by providing medical assistance to uninsured, including refugee, immigrant, and migrant populations. Cirrus MD doctors are available in English and Spanish and, if necessary, can arrange for interpretation services in over 250 languages.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 129

PROJECT NAME: Acute Care Center

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Mental Health Center (AuMHC)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: AuroraMHR.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,341,862.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.21 Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities

Narrative

The proposed project will support construction of a new 50,000 square foot Aurora Mental Health Center (AuMHC) Acute Care Center to address barriers to care and gaps in access in three key areas: behavioral health crisis services, withdrawal management and addiction recovery, and immediate connection to care for assessment and treatment. The objective is to provide “one stop” access for mental health and substance use acute care in Adams County. To achieve this, AuMHC will relocate and co-locate their walk-in crisis services (WIC), crisis stabilization unit (CSU), and Connect to Care (C2C) with withdrawal management (Detox) at a new facility to be built on this property.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 144

PROJECT NAME: Central East Adams
County Family Resource Center

ORGANIZATION: Colfax Community Network

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ComitisCrisisCenter.org/ccn

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,700,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.37 ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE: Other

Narrative

Colfax Community Network, Mile High Behavioral Healthcare's (MHBHC) flagship family program, will fill the void in family preservation services in Central East Adams County. For 60 years, MHBHC has served families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Unfortunately, location stymies MHBHC's ability to increase services or numbers served. To fulfill MHBHC's vision of providing comprehensive family preservation services, it must move. MHBHC proposes the purchase the Kamsy Event Center, 10190 E. Montview Boulevard, Aurora, in Adams County's Ward 1. This will allow MHBHC to serve 3,000 individuals over its current baseline of 1,000.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 48
PROJECT NAME: COVID-19 Community Response
ORGANIZATION: Cultivando
ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: Cultivando.org
FUNDING AMOUNT: \$350,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness
EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts
2.3 HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: Cash Transfers

Narrative

Our proposed work will help continue supporting the current work of the agency. Many individuals the agency serves are undocumented who received no government aid from the pandemic. Many in our community also lost family members to COVID-19 and are currently facing the financial aftermath of the pandemic. We want to support those in our community who received little-to-no financial support, and who continue

to struggle to recover from the hardships that the pandemic imposed on them. The goal with these funds is to alleviate their stress with the opportunity to purchase fresh foods and healthy alternatives for the children in their care. Ultimately, the pandemic has brought on emotional, physical, financial, and spiritual heartaches to our Latinx community, and we recognize the importance of self-care and mental health.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 116

PROJECT NAME: Adams 12 Employee Wellness Support Program

ORGANIZATION: Five Star Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: 5StarFoundation.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$270,856

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.12: Mental Health Services

Narrative

The Employee Wellness Program's goal is to provide teachers and staff in the Adams 12 Five Star School District with social-emotional support never available before, while lessening the mental burden of their career due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and reduce the impact of burnout. The hope was to not only provide support to teachers, staff, and their families, but to improve their ability to support students and students' families. A full-time Mental Health Professional was hired specifically dedicated to staff for two years to provide material support for school-level staff wellness programming.

Use of Evidence

100% of our project spending is used on evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 82

PROJECT NAME: Therapeutic Services to Foster/Kinship Parents

ORGANIZATION: Foster Source

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: FosterSource.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$31,998

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health
1.12 Mental Health Services

Narrative

Foster Source began providing mental health services to foster parents as a direct result of stressors due to the COVID-19 pandemic including loss of employment, financial burdens, at-home schooling, and increased behaviors in children due to isolation. This program provides virtual therapy for foster parents through a partnership with Better Help and with private therapists specialized in foster care and trauma parenting.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 85

PROJECT NAME: Expansion of Children and Youth Mental Health Services

ORGANIZATION: Kids First Health Care

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: KidsFirstHealthcare.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$603,406.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.12 Mental Health Services

Narrative

Kids First hired our first mental health professionals (MHP) in 2021, and the Adams County ARPA grant has allowed us to further build mental health programming so that it meets the need. Kids First will continue to hire MHPs to deliver counseling and brief interventions at all of Kids First's sites, including school-based clinics where we care for students and in community clinics that serve ages birth to 21. A Program Manager will deliver limited direct patient counseling and oversee other staff and operations to support a fully functioning Mental Health Program. Medicaid reimbursement is expected to largely sustain the program in the future once MHPs successfully achieve full patient panels.

Use of Evidence

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

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 100

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

ORGANIZATION: Kids First Health Care

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: MaikerHP.org/maiker-and-kids-first-health-care-bring-youth-clinic-to-adams-county

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$618,264

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.6 Medical Expenses (Including alternative Care Facilities)

Narrative

The support of Adams County ARPA grant funds will allow Kids First to relocate our Westminster clinic into a larger, higher-capacity space within Maiker Housing Partners' Alto community. Funds will be used to convert existing space into a pediatric health clinic that will double Kids First capacity to deliver medical and mental health services to children and youth ages birth to 21.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 192

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

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ServiciosDeLaRaza.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$221,848.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.1: COVID-19 Vaccination

Narrative

According to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in the Denver Metro area, Adams County had the second highest COVID-19 death rate when compared to the number of infections (1.13%). Statewide, Adams County ranks number three in most deaths following Mesa County (1.52%) and Jefferson County (1.37%). The Colorado Health Institute identified that the life expectancy within BIPOC communities has been deeply and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Based upon the death rates of Latino and Black residents, both groups' life expectancy statistics fell by about four years. Through dedicated mobile outreach, this project aims to provide direct vaccinations and/or boosters to at least 1,000 Adams County residents in year one and 800 in years 2 and 3, as well as reach at least 18,000 Adams County residents with free and paid media/advertising each year for three years.

Culturally Appropriate and Equitable Vaccine/Booster Information and Administration with a Focus on Latinos and other BIPOC Adams County Residents.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 204

PROJECT NAME: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Mental Health and Substance Misuse Treatment Services for Low-Income Latino Adults and Children in Adams County

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

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: ServiciosDeLaRaza.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$177,848.33

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.12: Mental Health Services

Narrative

Latinos are over-represented in substance use disorder treatment admissions as compared to their representation in the population. Latinos are the second most addicted group in Colorado across all substances: Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Rx Opioids, Alcohol, Crack/Cocaine, and Heroin. In 2020, Latino Coloradans were the second highest utilizers of mental health services in the state representing 25.8% of all utilizers (2020 Uniform reporting system, SAMHSA). Most of the construction workforce is made up of Latinos. Data show that almost every year, construction is associated with

the highest number of suicides of any industry in Colorado. Through this project, Servicios will provide free, evidence-based, bilingual, and OBH-licensed mental health treatment, substance misuse treatment, and/or behavioral healthcare case management to at least 84 Adams County youth and/or adults each year over the period of three years. Outreach will be prioritized in hardest to reach, lowest-income areas.

Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Mental Health and Substance Misuse Treatment Services for Low-Income Latino Adults and Children in Adams County.

Use of Evidence

Organization working to submit evidence-based program information.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 8

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

ORGANIZATION: Mango House

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [ArdasClinic.com/MangoHouse.htm](https://ardasclinic.com/MangoHouse.htm)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$75,000

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.14 Other Public Health Services

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

N/A

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 92

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

PROJECT NAME: Child Advocacy Center – Bilingual Program

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

ORGANIZATION: Ralston House

1.12 Mental Health Services

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: RalstonHouse.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$248,281.33

Narrative

Ralston House is an accredited child advocacy center that provides a child-friendly, safe, neutral environment where law enforcement, case workers, mental health, and medical professionals could talk with children and their families in surroundings that would lessen the anxiety of a child who had been assaulted. This program allows monolingual or bilingual Spanish-speaking child victims to receive forensic interviews and victim advocacy support from Ralston House staff that are like them and can understand the nuances of their specific culture and language.

Use of Evidence

Ralston House provides each investigator/professional, child victim, and non-offending caregiver served at Ralston House with a satisfaction survey tailored for their specific group (professionals, non-offending parents/caregivers, children, and adolescents) at the end of their appointment at Ralston House.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 96

PROJECT NAME: Ralston House Child Advocacy Center — Mental Health Case Management Navigator

ORGANIZATION: Ralston House

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: RalstonHouse.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$96,075

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.12 Mental Health Services

Narrative

Ralston House is an accredited child advocacy center that provides a child-friendly, safe, neutral environment where law enforcement, case workers, mental health, and medical professionals could talk with children and their families in surroundings that would lessen the anxiety of a child who had been assaulted. This program allows for the addition of services.

Use of Evidence

Ralston House measures impact by hearing what children, their families, and investigative professionals say about the services they received. Feedback indicates we are achieving desired outcomes. In addition to tracking satisfaction with services and implementing improvements, as needed, staff also track how many cases were founded, unfounded, or inconclusive; number of founded outcries being prosecuted; and how many convictions are obtained. Feedback helps Ralston House make improvements to services provided. A sampling of key evaluation results is included in the attachments. Surveys consistently rate services as excellent or above average.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 136
PROJECT NAME: Ralston House Child Advocacy Center — Prosecutor Project
ORGANIZATION: Ralston House
ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: RalstonHouse.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$107,444
ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness
EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts
2.37 ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE: Other

Narrative

Ralston House is an accredited child advocacy center through the National Children’s Alliance (NCA), operating under strict, best-practice standards. The prosecutor will participate in the multi-disciplinary team during child abuse and neglect investigations which will lead to more successful prosecutions of child/abuse neglect or more expeditious dismissal of cases.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 43

PROJECT NAME: Second Wind Fund Program
— Connecting Youth at Risk For Suicide with
Life-Saving Mental Health Treatment

ORGANIZATION: Second Wind Fund

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: TheSecondWindFund.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$66,600

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.12 Mental Health Service

Narrative

Second Wind Fund provides expedited access to therapy for youth, 19 years and younger, who are at risk for suicide and face a financial or social barrier to receiving potentially life-saving mental health treatment. Youth are connected with highly qualified, licensed, and specialized therapists.

Use of Evidence

We evaluate our program after every fiscal year. Our review is conducted by Franci Crepeau-Hobson, Ph.D., from the University of Colorado Denver to review all the Suicide Ideation Questionnaires we receive from that fiscal year.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 189

PROJECT NAME: Health Equity Fairs, Vaccine Incentives, & Bilingual Outreach

ORGANIZATION: Village Exchange Center

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: VillageExchangeCenter.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$711,727.67

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.1: COVID-19 Vaccinations

Narrative

The Village Exchange Center (VEC) and the Colorado Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (COHCC) will launch a COVID-19 vaccination campaign to reach the most vulnerable and at-risk Spanish-speaking Hispanic populations of Adams County. The campaign will promote the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines and offer a variety of culturally compelling incentives to motivate vaccine uptake and reduce barriers to access. The incentives will have a value of approximately \$100 and are strategically planned to influence the greatest number of people while reducing project costs. This campaign includes Spanish language omnichannel media and in-market activations motivating the most vulnerable communities to get vaccinated. The media campaign would be focused on promoting the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, as well as the incentives. VEC hosts weekly vaccine clinics at our center, in partnership with either 9Health or other qualified health providers.

We anticipate launching the program and starting to screen individuals in January 2023. To date we have not made any grant payments. The Village Exchange Center will partner with the Colorado Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to reach the most vulnerable and at-risk Spanish-speaking Hispanic populations of Adams County. Together, our campaign will promote the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines and offer a variety of culturally sensitive and compelling incentives to motivate vaccine uptake and reduce barriers to access. During the month of March VEC and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce met multiple times with the Adams County team to discuss financial accounting of time, subrecipient vs. contractor rules, and disbursement of funds. Additionally, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being updated to reflect these points.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 99

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

ORGANIZATION: Five Star Education Foundation

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: [5StarFoundation.org](https://www.5StarFoundation.org)

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$487,033

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact

3.3: PUBLIC SECTOR WORKFORCE: Others

Narrative

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

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

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Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 84

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

ORGANIZATION: Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: KindSmiles.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$271,628

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health

1.14 Other Public Health Services

Narrative

KIND will utilize funding to support Adams County residents participating across our two programs over the next three years. The first program is our oral health center in Adams County. The second program, Chopper Topper, is school-based dental care with trained hygienists who place sealants on new permanent molars, and support families with referrals to one of our four clinics when they need additional low-cost services.

Use of Evidence

All dental care provided by KIND is evidence-based, including decay prevention techniques such as sealants and fluoride treatments, among many other evidence-based forms of dental care. Thus, the entire dollar amount of this project is supporting evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 163

PROJECT NAME: Strengthening Pandemic Emergency Health Care Services in Adams County

ORGANIZATION: South Adams County Fire Protection District

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: sacfd.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$912,393

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact

3.4 PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY: Effective Service Delivery

Narrative

The South Adams County Fire Department (SACFD) will purchase advanced and basic life support emergency medical equipment to place in service on its response apparatus to provide higher quality and more advanced care to the community.

Use of Evidence

N/A

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A



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Project Overview

APRA #: 217
PROJECT NAME: Mejorando la Salud Juntos (Improving Health Together)
ORGANIZATION: Vuela for Health
ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: VuelaForHealth.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$90,076.33
ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness
EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Public Health
1.9 COVID 19 Assistance to Nonprofits

Narrative

Vuela for Health, through our project, Mejorando la Salud Juntos (Improving Health Together), will address workforce development and provide COVID-related messaging and vaccination clinic referrals while educating and training Latinas, allowing them to move toward financial independence.

Use of Evidence

At this point we do not have enough data to develop a program evaluation. We do collect very basic information (Gender and Ethnicity) of individuals who attend our Health First events. Once we start our three-day Embajadora training program we will have a program evaluation in place and ready to share.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Health & Wellness



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Project Overview

APRA #: 168

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

ORGANIZATION: Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc., DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS)

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE:

AuroraInterfaithCommunityServices.org

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$73,152

ADCO CATEGORY: Health & Wellness

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Negative Economic Impacts

2.13 HEALTHY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare Systems

Narrative

Aurora Interfaith Community Services (Aurora Interfaith) provides food assistance programs for Adams County residents in Aurora through a brick-and-mortar food pantry and a mobile food pantry. Aurora Interfaith food pantry offers a variety of nutritious food options and many hours of availability, being open four to five days each week. Aurora Interfaith mobile food pantry, launched in May 2020 in response to increased need during the COVID-19 pandemic, provides additional food distribution in a variety of locations around Aurora to ensure ease of access and decrease the stigma associated with food insecurity. Through these food pantries, Aurora Interfaith helps community members to survive food insecurity brought on by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Evidence

Aurora Interfaith Community Services is in the process of developing an evaluation plan and await further guidance from Adams County.

Performance Report

Program Evaluation and KPIs are being developed

Expenditure Category Performance Indicators

N/A

Project Inventory

PROJECTS - TRANCHE 2

Tranche 2 projects are being developed and launched. Individual project reporting will start as soon as projects/programs have been fully implemented.

NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Land Banking	\$7,000,000	Market-timed acquisition of parcels for affordable housing projects
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Partnership for Clarion Hotel Conversion	\$3,800,000	Acquisition of property for transitional/permanently supportive housing units
Homelessness Campus Partnership with City of Aurora	\$5,000,000	\$70M campus for 150 shelter beds, 80 transitional units and full-service day center with laundry, mental health services, housing navigation & case management
Farmworker Housing Partnership with Community Resources and Housing Development Corp.	\$5,000,000	Development of housing to support local farm workers in Adams County (county property)
Earmark for Tiny Home Village Projects	\$5,000,000	Earmark for Tiny Home Village Project in Partnership with Community Organizations
Domestic Violence Respite Housing Program	\$4,320,000	Vouchers for hotel stays; program operational and currently turning away 120 households/year -- Year One
Earmark for Eviction Prevention/ Rapid Rehousing	\$1,000,000	Pot to draw from for these programs, after consultation with partners (e.g. Colorado Legal Services, Almost Home)
Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP)	\$2,000,000	SWAP targets our community's unsheltered residents on dangerously cold nights, provides vouchers for hotel stays.
Mapping of Services & Supports	\$75,000	Consultant for determination of community need/ resources/gaps (Year 1); access to care
Earmark for Needs Identified in Services & Supports Mapping	\$3,000,000	Years 2-4 after Year 1 work in determining need; access to care
Co-responder in All Communities	\$1,900,000	Focus co-response in rural communities; clinical and support services
Mobile Mental Health/Human Services	\$1,800,000	Access to mental health/human services outreach (existing) for people experiencing homelessness; proactive services/connection with people on trails/co-response with Park Rangers (3 years)
Strengthening Families Partnership with ECPAC, Human Services & Public Health	\$1,150,000	Early childhood prevention services for mental health (intervention); 4 years with mid-stream evaluation for potential right-sizing
Mental Health/Stigma Reduction Training	\$1,200,000	Public health training professionals to recognize mental health needs; stigma reduction campaign, esp. in communities of color (4 years)
Human Services Food Insecurity Projects	\$1,500,000	
	\$43,745,000	

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