



## Grantmaking Philosophy

Caring for Colorado's mission is to promote health and improve health care for the people of Colorado. As a statewide funder, we serve all Coloradans, yet our programs are focused on the most vulnerable – those facing disproportionate barriers in accessing health care services and achieving optimal health.

Caring for Colorado uses its human and financial resources to achieve its mission. Each year we provide significant grant funding and staff engagement to support activities aligned with our mission and strategic funding priorities.

We are committed to improving health systems, focusing on population health and prevention and working to solve the most pressing health needs of vulnerable and underserved populations in our state. We serve as a catalyst, building consensus and coalitions to create sustainable health system improvements.

To realize our mission, we:

- Support strategies and innovations to reduce health disparities in our state;
- Work to develop a new generation of healthy Coloradans, focusing on children and the opportunities to help them achieve optimal health for a lifetime;
- Ensure that underserved populations (rural, low-income, culturally isolated) have access to quality and affordable health care;
- Build and strengthen local and state health systems to produce long-term benefits and improved health outcomes for individuals and communities;
- Foster community-based collaboration and partnerships;
- Serve as an informed convener and educator.

To achieve our mission, we partner with agencies, organizations and leaders who have:

- Strong connections and credibility within communities.
- Expertise and strengths in delivering evidence-based programs and services.
- The ability to evaluate and report outcomes.
- Operational and financial stability.
- The capacity to leverage resources and partnerships to achieve community health goals.