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2020 Cycle 1 Grants

Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County

Focus Area: Youth

Priority: Out-of-School Time Programming

Desired Result: Youth have strong, positive, stable connections to family, peers, school, supportive adults, and community.

Grant Award: \$50,000, 12 months

Grant Summary: Funding will support BGPC's Avondale, East Side, Sprague (south side) and Irving (west side) Clubhouses. Each Clubhouse offers high quality programs after-school, on Fridays when schools are closed, and during the summer. Programming is focused on five core areas: (1) Academic Success, (2) Healthy Lifestyles, (3) Good Character & Citizenship, (4) The Arts, and (5) Sports, Fitness & Recreation. Transportation from school and healthy meals are provided daily.

Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado

Focus Area: Families

Priority: Food Assistance

Desired Result: Families have equitable access to the nutritious food needed to thrive and reach their full potential.

Grant Award: \$75,000, 12 months

Grant Summary: Funding will help sustain and expand Care and Share's hunger-relief efforts in Pueblo County. It will support the acquisition, transportation, storage, and distribution of millions of pounds of food to Pueblo neighbors struggling with hunger and will assist with the establishment of a new food pantry on the Eastside.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Pueblo

Focus Area: Children

Priority: Family Support & Education

Desired Result: Adults are knowledgeable, responsive, and interact effectively with and on behalf of children.

Grant Award: \$60,000, 12 months

Grant Summary: Funding will support Catholic Charities' 24 programs that connect and support families on their path to harnessing the family's full potential and help the entire family get on the path to permanent security.

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Early Learning Ventures

Focus Area: Children
Priority: Childcare & Early Childhood Education
Desired Result: Adults are knowledgeable, responsive, and interact effectively with and on behalf of children.
Grant Award: \$20,000, 24 months
Grant Summary: Funding will support Early Learning Ventures' comprehensive Early Head Start services for qualifying children and their families in Pueblo County. Funds will also be used to provide an innovative coaching model to Pueblo teachers and supports to families.

East Side Child Care Center

Focus Area: Children
Priority: Childcare & Early Childhood Education
Desired Result: Young children reach their developmental potential and are ready to succeed in school and in life.
Grant Award: \$30,000, 12 months
Grant Summary: Funding will support the Center's licensed early childhood development and education programs and will help to subsidize service fees which reduce barriers to access for families who would otherwise not have access to quality childcare and education.

Friends First

Focus Area: Youth
Priority: Mentoring
Desired Result: Youth have strong, positive, stable connections to family, peers, school, supportive adults, and community.
Grant Award: \$10,000, 24 months
Grant Summary: Funding will help Friends First educate the community on programs and opportunities available and will supplement current programming by covering expenses related to equity, inclusivity and accessibility for youth.

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Posada

Focus Area: Families
Priority: Housing
Desired Result: Families have safe, stable, affordable housing.
Grant Award: \$60,000, 12 months
Grant Summary: Funding will support Pueblo's homeless families with children exiting Posada's emergency shelter program by providing intensive case management and a security deposit and first month rent payment. Case management services will be extended for a minimum of six months after exiting the emergency shelter to provide families with the necessary support they need to address and overcome barriers encountered to prevent them from returning to homelessness.

Pueblo Child Advocacy Center

Focus Area: Children
Priority: Behavioral & Mental Health
Desired Result: Environments that impact children (home, neighborhood, programs, school) are safe, stable, and supportive.
Grant Award: \$50,000, 24 months
Grant Summary: Funding will support PCAC's Prevention & Investigation of Child Abuse Programs and efforts to become a "trauma-informed" organization.

Pueblo Cooperative Care Center

Focus Area: Families
Priority: Food Assistance
Desired Result: Families have equitable access to the nutritious food needed to thrive and reach their full potential.
Grant Award: \$75,000, 12 months
Grant Summary: Funding will support the Center's core programming: (1) Emergency Food Assistance (Food Sack), (2) Clothing Assistance, (3) Emergency Transportation, (4) Medical Prescription Assistance, (5) Personal Hygiene Essentials, (6) Voucher Programs (CO ID and Driver's License, Birth and Death Certificates and Diabetic Supplies), (7) Mobile Shower and Laundry, and (8) Nutrition on Wheels which delivers emergency food assistance to individuals who are home bound.

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Southern Colorado Youth Development

Focus Area: Youth

Priority: Mentoring

Desired Result: Youth have strong, positive, stable connections to family, peers, school, supportive adults, and community.

Grant Award: \$20,000, 24 months

Grant Summary: Funding will support SCYD's work with at-risk and disadvantaged youth ages 10-17, specifically the National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM) program—a structured experiential activity that balances risk and competence, and utilizes dirt bikes as a motivational tool, supported by a behavior contract that establishes expectations among youth who learn to target specific negative behaviors that need improving.

Southside Children's Center

Focus Area: Children

Priority: Childcare & Early Childhood Education

Desired Result: Young children reach their developmental potential and are ready to succeed in school and in life.

Grant Award: \$30,000, 12 months

Grant Summary: Funding will support the Center's licensed early childhood development and education programs at two south side locations and will help to subsidize service fees which reduce barriers to access for families who would otherwise not have access to quality childcare and education.

Spark the Change Colorado

Focus Area: Youth

Priority: Behavioral & Mental Health

Desired Result: Youth have the skills and support needed to handle stress, manage emotions, and tackle everyday challenges.

Grant Award: \$25,000, 12 months

Grant Summary: Funding will support the Mental Wellness Program in Pueblo in its efforts to recruit, connect and support professional mental health counselors, interns or license-seeking graduates to provide pro bono services to youth who have experienced trauma and give them the skills they need to deal with stress/anxiety, manage emotions or deal with everyday school and life challenges.

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United Way of Pueblo County

Focus Area: Community Impact
Priority: Human Services
Grant Award: \$25,000 toward the Emergency Response & Recovery Fund
Grant Summary: In response to the COVID-19 crisis, 100% of funding will directly support local emergency response and recovery efforts. United Way will allocate resources to local nonprofit agencies addressing the community's most pressing immediate and long-term needs.

YWCA Pueblo

Focus Area: Children and Youth
Priority: Family Support & Education; Healthy Relationships & Sexual Health Education
Desired Result: Environments that impact children (home, neighborhood, programs, school) are safe, stable, and supportive; Youth are equipped to make informed decisions about their relationships and sexual health.
Grant Award: \$35,000, 12 months
Grant Summary: Funding will support the YWCA's core programming and services which include: a safe and secure 24-7 shelter, case management, counseling, community referrals, and healthy relationship programming for youth.