



PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY AND SYSTEMS CHANGE – WHAT WE FUND

Caring for Colorado responsively funds public policy advocacy to support efforts that align with our goals in **Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Youth** and **Strong and Resilient Families** and our [grantmaking guiding principles](#). Efforts that focus on children, youth and families experiencing systemic barriers to health and well-being in rural, urban and frontier communities are our priority.

We seek to fund organizations that center community voice, engagement, feedback and decision-making with an emphasis on opportunities to:

- ✓ Strengthen families and communities to ensure children are safe and that their physical, emotional and cognitive needs are met.
- ✓ Grow programs, services and investments in the behavioral health of Colorado’s children and their caregivers.
- ✓ Create access to and strengthen safety-net and public benefit programs, such as health coverage, food and housing assistance, income supports and tax credits, paid leave and childcare subsidies.
- ✓ Ensure comprehensive reproductive and sexual health services are accessible, affordable and culturally responsive.
- ✓ Address economic and racial inequity.
- ✓ Solve for Colorado’s fiscal constraints to create greater investment in the health, social and education systems.

Funding can support general operating, capacity building, network and coalition building, research and analysis, public education, policy implementation engagement and monitoring, leadership development, polling, nonpartisan voter education, regulatory efforts and, in some cases, limited lobbying.

We **do not** fund:

- Political candidates
- Partisan activities