



2023 Children, Youth, and Families Grantees

Children

Catholic Charities of Southern Colorado

Stabilizing and Strengthening Families

Support programs of Catholic Charities of Southern Colorado which empower individuals and families in Pueblo County to live whole and healthy lives. By providing those served with the pathways to build skills, knowledge, and opportunities, the agency's programs seek to build healthy, secure, and resilient families both now and in the future.

\$20,000 12-month term

Early Learning Ventures

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership

Support early childhood teacher coaching, health, nutrition, and disability and family support services. Services will elevate quality throughout the child care center, also benefiting children who aren't enrolled in Early Head Start directly, with more qualified teachers, improved environmental safety and facilities, and more family engagement activities.

\$10,000 12-month term

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center

Fostering Safety, Stability, and Well-Being for Pueblo's Children

Provide support for the Safe Babies Court Team and Caregiver Advocacy Program in Pueblo, ensuring safety, stability, and well-being for children while fostering the abilities of their caregivers and community to meet their needs. Safe Babies Court Team is an intensive approach to serving infants and toddlers involved in dependency and neglect cases. Caregiver Advocacy Program provides legal advocacy to non-parent caregivers so they have the legal orders and supports necessary to care for the children in their homes.

\$15,000 12-month term

Soaring Eagles Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (SECA-DD)

Youth Behavioral and Mental Health: Tackling Everyday Challenges

Support for families navigating the maze of assessments, diagnoses and therapies. SECA-DD teaches children and youth the skills to cope and tackle everyday challenges, and empowers them to live purposefully in their homes and communities. SECA-DD provides autism-awareness and community-based educational opportunities for Pueblo's educators, families, employers and other public environments.

\$20,000 12-month term

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Children

Southside Children's Center (SCC)

General Operating Support

Support quality Early Childhood Education Programs and low-income childcare for three facilities. All three of SCC's centers continue to see an increased need and requests for Pueblo's families seeking childcare.

\$70,000 24-month term

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Youth

Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE)

Healthy Relationships

Reduce teen pregnancy by providing and expanding sexual health services to ensure access for everyone. PDPHE will reach youth via in-person classes and social media outreach. Teens will be informed on consent, healthy and unhealthy relationships, and how to get out of unhealthy relationships. PDPHE will promote activities to avoid unhealthy behaviors.

\$25,000 12-month term

Pueblo Diversified Industries (PDI)

HOPE - Helping Our Partners Engage

Assist parents and families of children with IDD in navigating changes in rules, regulations, and legislation at local, state, and national levels. PDI's H.O.P.E. program provides parents with a foundation of knowledge and surrounds them with community resources as their future. The HOPE Program has served 103 families since its inception in 2022.

\$10,000 12-month term

Pueblo Rape Crisis Services (PRCS)

General Operating Support for PRCS

Support PRCS' response to victims/survivors of sexual assault. PRCS provides a 24/7 confidential crisis response via hotline/textline; and at Parkview Hospital for all survivors presenting for a forensic exam, many of whom are youth. Other funded services include case management to those individuals, including children, who require continued support; and prevention education focused on youth and young adults with the aim of dismantling rape culture.

\$80,000 24-month term

Raise the Future

Improving the Future for Pueblo's Youth

Sustain and expand evidenced-based programs throughout Pueblo County that will find permanent relationships for youth in foster care and increase trauma-informed family support. Through expansion and enhanced collaboration with public and private organizations, Raise the Future works to reduce trauma and increase the factors that promote health/resiliency in youth in foster care and the families that care for them.

\$10,000 12-month term

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Youth

Southern Colorado Youth Development (SCYD)

General Operating

Improve outcomes for Pueblo's youth by teaching skills that promote positive and healthy lifestyle choices through experiential activities. Southern Colorado Youth Development SCYD is uniquely qualified to connect with youth, teaching them to respect themselves, their families and their communities. SCYD targets underserved and at-risk youth who may not have economic access to diverse activities and experiences.

\$20,000 12-month term

Spark the Change Colorado

Equitable Access to Mental Health for Youth

Engage with youth-serving organizations to increase mental health support for youth. Spark's Mental Wellness Program deepens existing partnerships and creates new partnerships to identify youth-specific mental health needs. The MWP provides free trauma-informed mental health supports for low income and marginalized individuals experiencing barriers to mental health care. Spark's Mental Wellness Program connects clients to volunteer clinicians through a support line for up to 10 free sessions. In addition, the Mental Wellness Program partners with community agencies to place clinicians onsite to serve mental health needs of those agencies' constituents.

\$20,000 12-month term

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Families

Avondale Resident Team

Avondale Food Pantry

Provide food assistance by filling the gap created by food inequities in Avondale through the development of a permanent, reliable and well-stocked food pantry. This resource will provide families a no-cost grocery store experience that offers fresh, healthy, culturally relevant, and desirable food in and for the Avondale community.

\$100,000 24-month term

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado

Feeding Families in Pueblo Colorado

Sustain and expand Care and Share's hunger-relief efforts in Pueblo County, and support the acquisition, transportation, storage, and distribution of millions of pounds of food to Pueblo neighbors struggling with hunger.

\$75,000 12-month term

City of Pueblo

Pueblo Food Project Outreach

Expand food literacy and education outreach. Current classes emphasize culturally relevant recipes with tips to make dishes healthier. Participants learn kitchen skills, nutrition, and use of seasonal ingredients, while they learn how to grow, prepare and store family meals. Expanded classes include children's nutrition, food preservation, and family gardening.

\$20,000 12-month term

Posada

Family Emergency and Transitional Housing & Supportive Services

Provide emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, and supportive services to homeless and at-risk-of-becoming-homeless youth and families. Pueblo's critical housing shortage has created a need for rental assistance, hotel stays, and maintenance and repairs of Posada's existing affordable housing.

\$30,000 12-month term

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Pueblo Cooperative Care Center (PCCC)

Food Sack and Power-Up Kids Zone Programs

Provide culturally relevant food assistance, supportive youth programming, homebound food delivery, mobile shower services, and aid with clothing, hygiene, prescriptions and transportation. As Pueblo County's largest emergency food resource, PCCC focuses on providing access, quality, and equity in its services for children, youth, and families struggling with food insecurity. Funds will be used for program support for food assistance.

\$45,000