

Memo Requesting County Grant Program Funding Cycle Approval

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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County Grant Program: Human Services Fund

Funding Cycle: 2026

Date: November 13, 2025

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**Introduction**

Human Services Fund grants support nonprofits providing human services across Boulder County, with a focus on basic needs and access to basic needs for historically underserved communities. Grants are awarded to local nonprofit organizations through a competitive cycle administered in collaboration with the City of Boulder, City of Lafayette, and the City of Longmont (Funders Collaborative).

Consistent with Policy 1.06 and Policy 9.02, the Evaluation Committee recommended 24 grant awards for a total of \$1,323,926 for the Human Services Fund 2026.

Following an administrative meeting concerning these grants, staff amended the evaluation committee recommendations as follows:

- Because additional funds are available, fund the following organizations at their full amount requested: Bridge to Justice, Coal Creek Meals on Wheels, Colorado Legal Services, Focus Reentry, and The Inn Between of Longmont, Inc.
- Because Streetscape’s proposed funding is not aligned with regional homeless strategies, we have removed the recommendation to fund Streetscape.

The table below represents staff’s final recommendations. The updated total recommended amount and awardees is \$1,325,818 as reflected in the table below.

**Application and Evaluation Process**

In conjunction with the Funders Collaborative (City of Boulder, City of Lafayette, and City of Longmont), we opened the 2026 fund round on June 23, 2025, held a Q&A with applicants on

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July 22, and closed on August 25. To share the information with the non-profit community, we issued a press release and posted information on the Human Services Fund and County grants webpage. We received 50 applications totaling \$2,442,197 in requests.

Applications were evaluated by 19 County staff members who work directly with underserved communities, are subject matter experts, grant administrators, bilingual, and racial equity practitioners. The committee included staff from Community Services (CS), Community Planning and Permitting (CPP) Human Services (HS), Public Health (PH), Public Works (PW), Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), and the Office of the County Administrator (OCA).

The following criteria was used to score the applications: Basic Needs (20 pts), Racial Equity (25 pts), Client Impact (20 pts), Financial Stability (15 pts), and Scope of Work (20 pts).

Organizations receiving a minimum score of 70 were considered for funding. Award amounts are based on the amount requested by the organization and merit of application and score.

### Award Recommendations

<b>Name of Awardee</b>	<b>Project/Request</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Funding Recommendation</b>
A Precious Child	Resource Bridge: empowering families by providing basic needs	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Boulder Housing Partners Foundation	Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY)	\$55,000	\$49,500
Bridge To Justice	Legal services: pre-and post-decree family law cases and civil protection orders	\$23,920	\$23,920
Coal Creek Meals on Wheels	Home delivered meals	\$30,000	\$30,000
Colorado Legal Services	Legal services: health care access, elder rights, homelessness prevention, public benefits, and protection from domestic violence	\$60,000	\$60,000

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Community Roots Midwife Collective	Midwifery healthcare and ancestral healing program for families and youth	\$10,000	\$10,000
El Centro AMISTAD	Promotoras model working with Latinx families to overcome health inequities	\$40,000	\$40,000
El Comite de Longmont	Immigration attorney and resource navigation and case management	\$99,161	\$94,161
Focus Reentry	Outreach for individuals experiencing homelessness in Nederland	\$30,000	\$30,000
Growing Gardens of Boulder County, Inc.	Fresh food, seeds, plant starts and gardening education for children, youth, families, and older adults	\$35,000	\$35,000
Harvest of Hope Pantry	Food Pantries – Permanent and Mobile	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
HomeAhead	Home furnishings and household essentials	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County	Academic and mental health support for high school students	\$180,000	\$75,000
Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County	Immigration legal services	\$78,180	\$78,180
Intercambio Uniting Communities	Adult English language classes for Immigrants	\$70,000	\$53,188
Rise Against Suicide	Suicide youth prevention	\$60,000	\$54,000
Teaching Peace dba BRITE Collaborative	Restorative approaches for parents referred from probation services	\$35,902	\$14,400
TEENS, Inc.	Early childhood education, Chinook West Alternative High School, youth employment, outdoor leadership, and teen center	\$86,000	\$80,000

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The Inn Between of Longmont, Inc.	Case management, navigation services, and life skills classes for individuals and families facing homelessness	\$76,920	\$76,920
The Tiny Tim Center, Inc dba TLC Learning Center	Early childhood education	\$50,000	\$50,000
TRU Community Care	Palliative care, hospice care, and grief services.	\$50,000	\$42,000
Via Mobility Services	Paratransit transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities	\$390,610	\$351,549
YMCA of Northern Colorado	Early childhood education, after school and school days off programing, and summer day camp.	\$57,500	\$ 57,500

**Recommending to not fund**

<b>Name of Awardee</b>	<b>Project/Request</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Funding Recommendation</b>
A Way Forward	Comprehensive substance use disorder treatment	\$10,000	\$0
Adaptive Adventures	Outdoor activities	\$35,000	\$0
Allegiance Ranch	Equine assisted social support program	\$15,000	\$0
Autism Society of Boulder County	Autism Support Programs	\$ 4,000	\$0
Banksmovement LLC/Fiscal Sponsor LuneAseas	Remembrance Community Gatherings	\$10,000	\$0

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Boulder Chamber Orchestra	Chamber Music for Seniors Program	\$ 9,000	\$0
BOULDER COUNTY RSVP BOARD, INC dba Cultivate	Grocery shopping & delivery, home repairs, snow removal, and yard service	\$55,000	\$0
Boulder Pride dba Rocky Mountain Equality	Resilience and wellness for LGBTQ+ youth and adults	\$40,000	\$0
Circle of Care Project	Health and wellbeing for older adults	\$48,000	\$0
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition	Providers Advancing Student Outcomes (PASO) Institute	\$70,000	\$0
Foundation For Scalable Innovations	Art therapy	\$24,000	\$0
Freedom Revived	Responder crisis support and recovery program	\$10,000	\$0
Levelup Senior Tech Bridge	Internet essentials program	\$50,000	\$0
Medicine Horse Program	Equine assisted therapy	\$20,801	\$0
myWealthBeing	Financial education and coaching	\$15,000	\$0
Parent Engagement Network	Educational workshops	\$ 5,000	\$0
Qualified Listeners Corp.	Listening and transportation services for veterans	\$ 7,000	\$0
Queer Asterisk	LGBTQIA+ mental health services	\$10,000	\$0
Rocky Mountain Legal Center	Legal services: estate planning and end of life planning	\$30,000	\$0
Streetscape	Outreach and basic needs for unhoused individuals	\$15,000	\$0

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The Early Childhood Council of Boulder County	Early childhood services scholarship fund	\$75,000	\$0
The Early Childhood Council of Boulder County	Early childhood coaching	\$50,000	\$0
The New Local	Arts program for youth	\$43,503	\$0
WOW! World of Wonder Children's Museum	STEAM learning	\$20,000	\$0

**Monitoring/Reporting Requirements**

Grantees will be required to submit a midyear and end of year report. The midyear report includes data on impact and outcomes per the executed Funding Agreement. On-site visits will be conducted as needed.

**Distribution of Funds**

The funds are distributed quarterly. The first payment is issued upon Funding Agreement execution. The second payment is made in the second quarter of the year. The third quarter payment is made upon submission of the midyear report, with the final payment upon submission of the end of year report.

**Action Requested:** Approval of the Human Services Fund 2026 Recommendations allocation of \$1,325,818 to award to grantees from Fund 101 revenues and direct staff to execute funding agreements and distribution of funds according to County Grant Program Policy 9.02D. Approval to delegate signing authority of Human Services Fund 2026 Funding Agreements to the County Administrator and/or Department Head in accordance with Policy 9.02D effective January 1, 2026.