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WFCO Makes Second Round of Grants from Women and Families of CO Relief Fund, Bringing Total Grants to More Than 100

Second round of grants focus on economic rebuilding for a more equitable future

DENVER (July 14, 2020) – The Women’s Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) announced that it made 42 grants in June 2020 from its Women and Families of CO Relief Fund ([WFCO Relief Fund](#)). These grants are in addition to the 66 rapid response grants WFCO made in April to help women and families across the state meet basic needs during the pandemic. To date, WFCO invested \$782,500 through 108 grants to increase the capacity of organizations helping Colorado women and their families, women-led social ventures, and women-led small businesses.

The focus of WFCO’s second round of grants expanded beyond emergency assistance that the earlier grants provided. While many of the grants are meant to provide safe shelter, food, and other essentials for transgender women, women with children, women in rural communities, and women experiencing homelessness or escaping domestic violence - they also focus on economic rebuilding for a more equitable future, including:

- Strengthening the early care and education (ECE) sector and child care resources for school-age children in Colorado. This will allow more women to access child care so they can continue their essential work during the crisis and more women can return to work in every sector, even if K-12 schools cannot resume full-time in-person learning for all students.
- Providing reproductive and other women’s health services.
- Improving and accelerating economic opportunities for women of color.
- Advancing intersectional research to understand the economic opportunities and challenges for women across our state

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“We must ensure new systems and programs that are imagined and implemented in the wake of COVID-19 truly work to advance the economic standing of women and families, particularly women of color,” said Lauren Y. Casteel, president and CEO of The Women’s Foundation of Colorado. “COVID has shown that as the majority of essential workers and caretakers, our economy thrives only if women do. It’s time to reform the racist and sexist systems that obstruct women, through no fault of their own.”

The economic fallout of COVID-19 continues to highlight gender, racial, and class inequities that have existed for generations. Even in the context of huge job losses across demographics, The U.S Bureau of Labor and Statistics reported that in April 2020 the unemployment rate for Black women increased to 16.4% and for Latinas it was 20.2%. By comparison, the unemployment rate for white men was 12.4%.

The combined grants from April and June were made to organizations based in 24 counties, many serving women and families in all 64 Colorado counties.

Grantee Organizations

County

9to5, National Association of Working Women*	Denver
A Woman’s Place, Inc.	Weld
Adelante Community Development	Adams
Advocates Against Domestic Assault	Las Animas
Advocates of Lake County	Lake
Alianza Norco	Larimer
Alliance Against Domestic Abuse	Chaffee
Boulder Valley Women’s Health Center	Boulder
Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County	Fremont
Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County	Larimer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, Inc	Denver
Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County	Pueblo
Bright Future Foundation for Eagle County	Eagle
Center for Work Education and Employment	Denver
Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores	Denver

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Clayton Early Learning, Trustee, George w. Clayton Trust	Denver
Cobalt Foundation	Denver
Collaborative Healing Initiative within Communities*	Denver
Colorado Black Women Endowment Fund	Denver
Colorado Center on Law and Policy	Denver
Colorado Children's Campaign	Denver
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Denver
Colorado Fiscal Institute	Denver
Colorado Gerontological Society	Denver
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)*	Denver
Colorado Springs Child Nursery Centers Inc	El Paso
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition*	Adams
Community Enterprise Development Services	Arapahoe
CPCD (Community Partnership for Child Development)	El Paso
Denver Asset Building Coalition	Denver
Denver Early Childhood Council	Denver
Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation	Denver
Denver Youth Program	Denver
Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities	Denver
Dream Centers-Mary's Home	El Paso
Durango Adult Education Center	La Plata
Eagle County Department of Human Services	Eagle
Early Childhood Council of Larimer County	Larimer
Early Learning Ventures	Arapahoe
ECDC African Community Center	Denver
Emergency Family Assistance Association, Inc.	Boulder
Executives Partnering to Invest in Children	Denver
Families Forward Resource Center (Fiscal sponsor: CNDC)	Denver
Florence Crittenton Services of Colorado	Denver
Fractal3	Denver
Friends of the Haven	Denver
Girls Inc. of Metro Denver	Denver
Greccio Housing	El Paso
Healthy Child Care Colorado	Denver

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Hilltop Health Resources	Mesa
Hispanic Affairs Project	Montrose
HopeTank/Swag for Food	Denver
Huerfano County Department of Human Services – Huerfano/Las Animas Family Resource Center	Huerfano
Huerta – Focus Points Family Resource Center	Denver
La Plata Family Centers Coalition	La Plata
La Puente Home, Inc.	Alamosa
Lady Justice Brewing	Denver
Latina Safehouse	Denver
Mi Casa Resource Center	Denver
Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers DBA Mile High Early Learning	Denver
Mile High United Way (Keep the Lights On Fund)*	Denver
Morgan County Family Center	Morgan
Neighborhood Navigators of Eagle County	Eagle
OneMorgan County	Morgan
Padres & Jovenes Unidos	Denver
Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Inc.	Denver
Posada	Pueblo
Prairie Family Center	Kit Carson
Project Self-Sufficiency of Loveland-Fort Collins	Larimer
Pueblo Community College/Pueblo Community College Foundation	Pueblo
Pueblo Rescue Mission	Pueblo
Renew, Inc.	Montezuma
Rose Andom Center	Denver
Servicios De La Raza	Denver
Sistabiz Global Network	Denver
Small Business Majority Foundation Inc.	District of Columbia
Soul 2 Soul Sisters	Denver
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning	Denver
Summit County Family Resource Center	Summit
The Bell Policy Center	Denver
The Center for African American Health	Denver
The Center for Trauma & Resilience	Denver
The Delores Project	Denver

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The Equity Project	Denver
The Gathering Place: A Refuge for Rebuilding Lives	Denver
The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of Colorado (The Center)	Denver
The Nappie Project – A Diaper Bank	Larimer
The Pinon Project Family Resource Center	Montezuma
The Small Town Project	Otero
The Village Institute	Denver
Tu Casa, Inc.	Alamosa
Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado	Denver
Valley Settlement	Garfield
Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of Denver	Denver
Warren Village, Inc.	Denver
WeeCycle	Arapahoe
Wild Plum Center for Young Children and Families	Boulder
Women's Resource Center	La Plata
Wompost	Denver
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver	Denver
YoungInvincibles	Denver
YWCA Boulder County	Boulder

**Received more than one grant*

A second round of grants from the WFCO Relief Fund was made possible by generous contributions from The Colorado Health Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, and additional gifts from individuals.

“As Rose Community Foundation leans into our own equity-oriented grantmaking strategies, we are eager to partner with organizations that have historic expertise in funding equitable solutions to our community’s most pressing issues,” said Lindy Eichenbaum Lent, president and CEO of Rose Community Foundation. “Supporting WFCO’s Women & Families of Colorado Relief Fund amplifies our ability to address acute needs that have emerged due to COVID-19 with a gender equity lens.”

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The Women's Foundation of Colorado is the only statewide community foundation dedicated to creating more pathways to prosperity for Colorado women through the power of community, philanthropy, and impact. Since 1987, WFCO has served as an essential partner, resource, voice, and catalyst in strengthening Colorado's families, communities, and economy through the power of women. In its 33-year history, WFCO has funded dozens of research reports that identify the systemic barriers that keep women from earning a livable wage, helped pass key legislation that to spur women's economic advancement, and granted more than \$19 million to nonprofits that work with women and families in communities statewide. For more information, please visit www.wfco.org.

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