



# AID TO AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS

October 19, 2021



# PURPOSE

Present review team recommendations for competitive grant funding cycle

Seek concurrence on recommendations

# BACKGROUND

Aid to Agencies grant program augments the safety net provided by the County.

The grant program supports nonprofit agencies and organizations that deliver necessary services to our residents.

Consistent with Board's goal of fiscal sustainability, staff evaluated the program, collected feedback, and presented several options to better align the program to the Board's strategic plan.

Aid to Agencies Total Budget: \$1,679,500.

# BACKGROUND

The Board established specific funding categories for future Aid to Agency grants, to help address service gaps that continue to exist within the county:

- Behavioral and Mental Health
- Homelessness
- Seniors
- Domestic Violence

Within these categories, annual allocation of budget to fund nine programs that supplement the County's existing safety net programs and offer community-based assistance to populations in need

Service Area	Organization	Geographic Area	Proposed Award
BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH			
Mental Health Substance Use	AllHealth Network	Entire County	\$179,540
Mental Health	Aurora Mental Health Center	Entire County	\$180,063
Substance Abuse	Aurora Mental Health Center –Detox	Entire County	\$280,000
HOMELESS			
Shelter	Comitis Crisis Center	Entire County	\$68,000
Residential Program	Family Tree – GOALS	Entire County	\$80,000
SENIORS			
Care Management	Jewish Family Service of Colorado – Aging Care & Connections	Entire County	\$33,000
Transportation Resource Sharing	Tri-Valley Senior Citizens Association	Focus on Eastern Plains	\$10,000
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE			
Emergency Shelter	Gateway Domestic Violence Services	Entire County	\$300,000
Domestic Violence Services for Women & Children	Family Tree – House of Hope	Entire County	\$20,000

# BACKGROUND

## Competitive Grant Program

- Applications must align within four funding categories
- Eliminated existing Tiered category system
- Award cap of \$100,000 per agency
- Leveraged online grant tool to improve submittal and review process
- Updated application to include additional questions regarding metrics, outcomes, population

Available competitive grant funds: \$528,897

# BACKGROUND

Opened competitive grant process on July 15, 2021

Application process closed August 27, 2021

Received 40 online applications; total value of \$1.8M

Review team comprised of Human Services and Community Resources department staff scored applications based on established criteria; max score was 56

Met to discuss scores and finalize recommendations

# OPTIONS

**OPTION 1:** Allocate available funding based on scores, which would fully fund 16 recipients based on their request, with one receiving partial funding.

**OPTION 2:** Allocate available funding to those scoring 43 and higher, adjusting the recommended award amounts and augmenting program funds with the existing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) food assistance allocation and Community Service Block Grant -CoronaVirus (CSBG-CV) funds for qualified applicants (^).

**OPTION 3:** Amend the 2022 budget with an additional \$50,000 in general fund dollars to allocate available funding to those scoring 43 and higher, adjusting the recommended award amounts.



# RECOMMENDED FUNDING

CATEGORY	Application	Organization	Award Request	Rec'd Award	Wgt Avg Score
HOMELESSNESS	Food Assistance and Community Navigation Services for Arapahoe County Residents in Aurora	Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc, DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS)	\$22,000	\$ 22,000	50.5
SENIORS	Nourish Meals on Wheels	Nourish Meals on Wheels	\$30,000	\$ 30,000	49
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	Gateway Domestic Violence Services*	Gateway Domestic Services	\$369,533	-	49
HOMELESSNESS	South Metro Community Foundation	South Metro Community Foundation <a href="https://www.smcfinfo.org">https://www.smcfinfo.org</a>	\$10,000	\$ 10,000	48.25
HOMELESSNESS	Jewish Family Service - Community Resources for Stability	Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc.	\$15,000	\$ 15,000	48
HOMELESSNESS	HAAT Force - Severe Weather Vouchers	HAAT Force, south metro inc. (Homelessness Awareness/Action Task Force)	\$10,000	\$ 10,000	47.75
HOMELESSNESS	Community Housing Partners/Aurora Housing Corporation	Community Housing Partners	\$10,000	\$ 10,000	47.5
BEHAVIORAL/MENTAL HEALTH	Housing for People with Mental Health Conditions	Mental Health Colorado	\$20,000	\$ 20,000	46.75
HOMELESSNESS	Centennial Salvation Army's Bundled Social Services Outreach	The Salvation Army (Intermountain Division) Centennial Corps	\$30,000	\$ 30,000	46
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	Legal Services for Domestic Violence Victims in Arapahoe County	Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center (JAMLAC)	\$30,000	\$ 30,000	46
HOMELESSNESS	Movement 5280 Arapahoe Aid to Agencies	Movement 5280	\$75,000	\$ 75,000	46
HOMELESSNESS	Hunger Alleviation - One Can Feed Program	Integrated Family Community Services	\$90,000	^	45.75
BEHAVIORAL/MENTAL HEALTH	Doctors Care Behavioral Health Expansion	Doctors Care	\$50,000	^	45.25
BEHAVIORAL/MENTAL HEALTH	18th Judicial Problem Solving Court	Mile High Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse dba Mile High Behavioral Healthcare	\$45,720	\$ 35,000	45
HOMELESSNESS	Ready to Work Aurora	Ready to Work Aurora	\$25,000	\$ 25,000	44.5
BEHAVIORAL/MENTAL HEALTH	STRIDE CHC Aid To Agencies	STRIDE Community Health Center	\$60,000	\$ 60,000	44.25
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	Advocates for Children CASA Program	Advocates for Children CASA	\$15,000	\$ 15,000	44
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	Child & Family Advocacy providing Family Stability	A Precious Child	\$10,000	\$ 10,000	43.75
HOMELESSNESS	Second Chance Center	Second Chance Center, Inc.	\$100,000	\$ 80,000	43.5
SENIORS	Medically Tailored Meals for Arapahoe County Seniors	Project Angel Heart	\$26,811	\$ 26,811	43
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	The Kempe Foundation	The Kempe Foundation	\$25,000	\$ 25,000	43

# IMPROVED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Grant agreements will include more expectations around awareness and public education to better evaluate metrics/outcomes

All annually funded agencies would be required to provide regular updates, with at least one being presented to the Board in-person at least once per year

Agencies receiving competitive grants would be required to report once a year, and at the request of the Board



# NEXT STEPS

Seek direction from Board

Issue notice of intent; finalize intergovernmental agreements