

## Problem Statement

Today we know that our health is shaped by more than the absence of disease. Factors such as the physical, social and economic environment in which we live can have a long-lasting impact. Our ability to access healthcare and good education also has a profound impact. Conditions like these are known as the social determinants of health.

When these conditions are optimized for all individuals living in a community, we can say we have a healthy community. Unfortunately, the conditions in Jefferson County are not optimized for everyone. That is why Community First Foundation created a grant opportunity to invest \$1 million in efforts that improve these conditions in our county. We call it the 2017 Improving Conditions of Community Health in Jeffco grant.

## What did this grant do?



Dedicated  
**\$1M**  
to improve  
Conditions of  
Community Health



Funded  
**66**  
organizations  
serving Jeffco



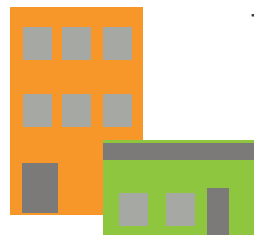
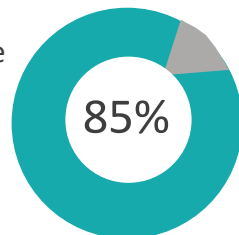
Engaged  
**12**  
community members  
in grant review process



Measured impact  
around the Conditions  
of Community Health

## How did we ensure the best results?

Asked grantees to track their program outcomes. Eighty-five percent met their established outcomes and demonstrated that their clients were better off as a result of their work.



Trained 20 grantees to use the Results Based Accountability practice to improve program evaluation. The training was facilitated by consultants Civic Canopy.

Required applicants to demonstrate effectiveness of their programs in their applications. This included the use of evidence-based practices, goals and record-tracking.



Trained select community members to review applications and recommend top-notch grantees. Training included expectations, responsibilities, collective impact framework and the social determinants of health framework.

## Is anyone better off because of this grant?

The 66 nonprofit recipients of this grant are influencing change and collectively improving the overall health of the Jeffco community. Each condition of community health was supported as follows:



### ECONOMIC STABILITY

15 grantees received \$306,750

#### Grantee Highlight

\$25,000 grant to Mountain Resource Center contributed to strengthening economic stability in Jefferson County by achieving 26% of their Jefferson County mountain region clients served (who completed the Income Domain) reporting an increase in their income.

**26%** reported increase of income



### EDUCATION

14 grantees received \$250,211

#### Grantee Highlight

\$24,125 grant to Denver Street School contributed to strong high school graduation rates in Jefferson County by helping 100% of their 2018-2019 seniors who are at-risk be on track to graduate on time and 100% of their 2017-2018 seniors who are at-risk graduate.

**100%** graduation rate



### SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT

13 grantees received \$136,194

#### Grantee Highlight

\$25,000 grant to Jewish Family Service of Colorado contributed to increasing social and emotional support for Wheat Ridge and Edgewater older adults/seniors by achieving 83% of participants who felt connected to their community through the Colorado Seniors Connections program community activities.

**83%** felt connected to their community



### HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

15 grantees received \$203,348

#### Grantee Highlight

\$14,500 grant to Carin' Clinic contributed to decreased risk of communicable diseases in Jefferson County by achieving an 88% immunization rate for all their Jefferson County patients under the age of three, whose family was living on low-income.

**88%** immunization rate



### NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

9 grantees received \$103,497

#### Grantee Highlight:

\$10,450 grant to Home Builders Foundation of Metro Denver improved the quality of life for individuals with a physical disability by making their homes more accessible. Surveys indicated that clients agreed that their lives were better at an average response rate of 4.6 out of 5 (with 4 = agree and 5 = strongly agree).

**4.6 out of 5**  
reported improved quality of life