Helping Each Other Thrive in Jefferson County

A Grant Opportunity to Support Neighborhood Resilience in Jefferson County

Community First Foundation
Who is joining us today?
Our Goal

To learn from and support agencies engaging residents from specific neighborhoods in Jeffco to become activated and engaged in improving their community.
IMPACT AREAS
for Grantmaking and Community Building

- Essential Needs
- Economic Prosperity
- Connected and Resilient Neighborhoods
- Civic Engagement
We believe resiliency and connection are necessary to thrive.

Evidence points to four corridors in Jeffco where many people are merely surviving.

We are setting the stage to go deeper in these corridors and want to bring a group of partners with similar goals on our journey.
What We Will Fund:

- **Resident Training/Development**: Support for efforts to build leadership, advocacy, or other skills for local residents to become more active on issues important to their community

- **Community Engagement**: Support for organizations working to increase or improve their levels of community engagement among people living in neighborhoods with the highest concentration of poverty
Corridors of Focus
Corridor of Poverty: Arvada Zone

Between Sheridan on the West and Ward Road on the East and 41st Avenue South to 60th Street North

Specific Neighborhoods where 5 or more risk factors are present:

- I-70 Corridor
- Mansfield / Kipling
- Lakeside
- Arvada Plaza
- Olde Town Arvada
  - Memorial Park
  - McLvoy/Olde Town
  - Creekside and East Wadsworth
  - Columbine/Foster Elementary
  - Elevado Estates Mobile Park
58th / Ralston Road Corridor

44th Avenue Corridor

Ward Road Corridor

Wadsworth Corridor
Corridor of Poverty: Wheat Ridge, Edgewater, Lakewood Zone
Between Simms/South Union St. – with westward expansion along 6th avenue near Denver West (West) to Sheridan Blvd. (East) and 6th Avenue (South) to 25th Street (North).

Specific Neighborhoods where 5 or more risk factors are present:
- Molholm/Two Creeks
- Luckland Vista
- Green Acres
- Hearthside Townhouses
- Edgewood
- Northeast Lakewood
- Ashwood East
- East Pleasant View
- Heverly Heights
- Morse Park
- Lakewood Green Homes
- Brentwood Estates
- Cedar Crest
- Daniels
25th Street Corridor

Simms St./Union Corridor

6th Avenue Corridor

Sheridan Corridor
Corridor of Poverty: South Lakewood/Golden Zone
Between Johnson Road in Golden (West) to Sheridan Blvd. (East) and Jewell Avenue (South) to 6th Ave (North).

Neighborhoods where 5 or more risk factors are present:
- Greenbriar/Cloverdale
- South Alameda
- Martindale
- Newland Station
- O’Kane Park
- East Gate
- Third Place
- Glennon Heights
- Briarwood hills
- Sun Valley
Corridor of Poverty: Kittredge (Near Evergreen) and Unincorporated Jefferson County

Between Highway 74 on the West to Myers Gulch Road on East and Hilltop Road on the South and Highway 74 looping around on North

Other areas of Unincorporated Jefferson County outlined by applicant
What Zone are you most interested in?
What do We Mean by Community Engagement?

- For **Resident Training and Development**: Engagement is primarily about access for residents with a desire to become more active to receive support and training.

- For **Community Engagement**: Engagement is about increasing engagement at an agency level and moving residents further along the continuum of community engagement.
Thriving Communities
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## Community Engagement Continuum

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<td>INFORM</td>
<td>To provide stakeholders with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives and solutions.</td>
<td>CONSULT</td>
<td>To obtain stakeholder feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.</td>
<td>INVOLVE</td>
<td>To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that their concerns and aspirations are consistently understood.</td>
<td>COLLABORATE</td>
<td>To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of the decision from development to solution.</td>
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<td>“Here’s what’s happening.”</td>
<td>“Here are some options, what do you think?”</td>
<td>“Here’s a problem, what ideas do you have?”</td>
<td>“Let’s work together to solve this problem.”</td>
<td>“You care about this issue and are leading an initiative, how can we support you?”</td>
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*Adapted from the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum*
Examples

- Civic Engagement training
- Community organizing training
- Issue-based community organizing training
- Municipal resiliency and leadership training programs for neighborhood leaders
- Resident-led projects, particularly from work within HOA’s or Neighborhood Associations
- Support for Community Navigators within the identified corridors of need
- Capacity building in the areas of community organizing, navigation, worker-owned cooperative development, and other community-identified areas requiring technical assistance
- Activities that move organizations deeper along the continuum of community engagement within the identified corridors of need.
What we won’t fund

- Individuals
- Fundraising events
- Private foundations
- Other foundations or nonprofits that distribute money to recipients of its own selection
- Endowments
- Organizations that practice discrimination of any kind
- Organizations that do not have fiscal responsibility for the proposed project
Selection Criteria:

- Jeffco-focused
- Capacity to Use Grant Funds
- Equity
- Past success in training/engagement from corridors
- Ability to support residents in taking action steps on issues important to them
- Evidence of targeted focus in the corridors of need
- Willingness to advance along the continuum of community engagement
- Clarity of plan to increase engagement along the continuum of community engagement
Application Period:
- Open: August 31  Close: 5 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 30

Objective:
- Invest $1,000,000 with awards ~$15,000
  - Support efforts to build leadership, advocacy or other skills for local residents to become more active on issues important to their community
  - Support for organizations working to increase or improve their levels of community engagement among people living in neighborhoods with the highest concentration of poverty

Eligibility: Jeffco-focused
- 501(c)(3) Nonprofits
- Government equivalents
- 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations
The Fine Print

Award Considerations

- 1-time funding event
- Grant decisions will favor organizations that:
  - Operate with diversified funding sources
  - Demonstrate commitment and ability to advance community engagement approaches with their work.

Award Amounts

- $1,000,000 available
- Many grant awards in the range of $15,000

Timetable

- 12 months
Timeline:

August 31, 2021
- Grant applications open.

September 10, 2021, 8:30 a.m.
- Webinar. Attend this online meeting and learn more about the grant opportunity.

September 30, 2021
- Proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. (MST). The online application system will not allow incomplete proposals or submissions after 5 p.m.

Early November 2021
- All applicants will be notified of their application status.
Catchafire

https://www.catchafire.org/discover/
Questions?

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Thank you.