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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Community Foundation grants \$750K for COVID-19 response, between March 20-April 22, during Phase 1 funding

**Boulder (April 29, 2020)** – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Foundation Boulder County has awarded \$750K since March 20 — \$650K to Boulder County nonprofit organizations and \$100K to Gov. Jared Polis’ COVID Relief Fund.

On March 13, the foundation established the [COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County](#), awarding grants totaling \$391K to dozens of local nonprofits since March 20. The Community Foundation is providing COVID-19 funding in three phases: Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery.

“The Community Foundation’s promise is to be a catalyst in fighting inequities by creating systems where all people can thrive,” says Jeff Hirota, CEO, Community Foundation Boulder County. “Our COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County ensures essential services for community members who find themselves at the intersection of being most vulnerable to the virus and most impacted by inequity.

“We couldn’t have gotten this far without the [challenge matches issued by Brad Feld and Amy Batchelor](#) and two anonymous Donor-Advised Funds, as well as a fundholder who made it possible for us to support the statewide fund with a \$100K grant. Our deepest gratitude goes out to these donors – and to everyone for digging deeper during these emotionally and financially stressful times.

“I am humbled by the incredible generosity of the more than 500 donors, who have committed a total of more than \$1.4 million thus far, and I encourage ongoing contributions, crucial to ensure our continued support where it’s most needed.”

Funds internal to the Community Foundation have supplemented the COVID-19 Boulder County Response Fund, including the School Readiness Initiative endowment, the President’s Fund, and the Millennium Trust – 21% of gifts to the fund have come from Donor-Advised Fundholders. First National Bank, Hemera, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation have partnered with the fund to deepen its Phase 1 (Prevention) impact.

Another new initiative launched by the foundation to inspire connection and compassion during the COVID-19 pandemic is [TRENDS Diary](#): home base for Boulder County residents of all ages to share their personal experiences in coping with current circumstances, and their creative, innovative ways of coming together to address pressing community needs.

Phase 1 (Prevention) grantees of the Community Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County include:

Association for Community Living	Hopelight Medical Clinic
Attention Homes	Imagine!
Boulder County AIDS Project	Inn Between of Longmont
Boulder Food Rescue	Longmont Meals on Wheels
Boulder Shelter for the Homeless	Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund via Lyons Community Foundation
Bridge House	Meals on Wheels of Boulder
Center for People with Disabilities	Mother House
Clinica Family Health Services	Nederland Area Seniors, Inc.
Coal Creek Meals on Wheels	Nederland Food Pantry
Colorado FriendShip	Our Center
Community Food Share	Out Boulder County
Cultivate	Queer Asterisk
El Centro Amistad	Recovery Cafe
El Comité de Longmont	Reentry Initiative
ELPASO, Engaged Latino Parents Advancing Student Outcomes (ELPASO)	Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley
Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA)	Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence (SPAN)
FOCUS Reentry	Salud Family Health Centers
Harvest of Hope Pantry	Second Wind Fund of Boulder County
Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement (HOPE)	Sister Carmen Community Center
	Via Mobility Services

On April 27, the Community Foundation released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to begin its Phase 2 (Intervention) grantmaking from the COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County. See [commfound.org](http://commfound.org).

For more information – i.e., data and stories of countywide impact of Community Foundation Boulder County's [COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County](#) – please contact Gretchen Minekime at [Gretchen@commfound.org](mailto:Gretchen@commfound.org) or 303.442.0436.

### **Community Foundation Boulder County**

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