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Colorado Health Foundation Awards Second Cohort of Grants for Connecting Communities and Care Initiative

DENVER, CO – The Colorado Health Foundation recently awarded funding to seven diverse communities for two years to strengthen connections between the health care system and community-based resources to help improve the health of the community's population. Grantees awarded for the second cycle of funding include: Jewish Family Service of Colorado; Servicios de la Raza; Prowers United; Mt. San Rafael Clinic; Northwest Colorado Community Health Partnership; City of Longmont; and San Luis Valley Behavioral Health.

This initiative is part of the Foundation's strategy to support communities to prevent disease and improve population health. Funding supports collaborations focused on addressing community health; linking assets to address health priorities; impacting obesity, mental health (including substance use treatment), diabetes and/or heart disease; and upstream factors that contribute to health.

In total, 14 geographically dispersed communities have been awarded funding for this effort, and will support both urban, rural and frontier areas including: Alamosa, Bent, Boulder, Conejos, Costilla, Denver, El Paso, Grand, Jackson, Jefferson, Las Animas, Mineral, Moffat, Montrose, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, Rio Grande, Routt, Saguache, San Miguel, Ouray, Prowers and Weld counties.

"Each community represented in this cohort experiences health differently," said Colorado Health Foundation program officer Melanie Herrera Bortz. "By

facilitating connections between the health care system and community resources, this funding will help to address unique health challenges, build on existing community strengths and support our mission to improve the health and health care of all Coloradans.”

Learn more about the Connecting Communities and Care initiative and access the announcement on the first cohort.

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