



# Progress Report

COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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## Learn About Our Open Funding and Apply by Oct. 15



At the Foundation, we fund impactful work – including promising programs or projects, innovative ideas and policy advocacy – that [reflect our cornerstones](#). These outline who we serve, how our work is informed and our intent to create [health equity](#).

We invite you to [visit our website](#) to learn how our open funding opportunities can help you make a difference in your community. Our next grant application deadline is Oct. 15, 2018.

We encourage you to connect with us before applying to talk through your ideas. If you don't already work with a program officer, please reach out to us by [email](#) or by phone at 303-953-3600, and be sure to

note the county you work in and your area of interest. View [our funding calendar](#) to learn about funding that will open for our February grant deadline.



### WFCO Grant Award

The Foundation has awarded a grant to The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) in support of accelerating the economic



### Prime Health Challenge

Six finalist in the 2018 Prime Health Challenge will pitch their innovative health technology solutions to a panel of Colorado



### Build a Playground

Join the Landmark Mobile Home Community, Kids At Their Best, KaBOOM! and the Foundation on Sept. 29 as we build a brand-new,

advancement of Colorado women and their families.

[Learn...](#)

health care executives on Oct. 11 at EXDO Event Center.

[Register...](#)

kid-designed playground in a matter of hours.

[Volunteer...](#)

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## Foundation Announces \$2.75 Million Investment in Accion



In an effort to increase economic empowerment and improve the health of communities with the highest needs across Colorado, the Foundation recently provided \$2.75 million in support to [Accion](#), a community development finance institution that offers microfinancing and small-business loans to populations that can face barriers to entrepreneurship. Over the past decade, the organization has distributed nearly \$35 million in loans to 1,841 small businesses in Colorado, with an estimated 4,310 jobs created or sustained by the organization's client businesses statewide.

The total \$2.75 million is provided through a \$1.75 million [program-related investment \(PRI\)](#) as lending capital, as well as a \$1 million program grant. The PRI will help to scale Accion's Colorado-based lending activities, with a focus on serving entrepreneurs of color and individuals with low-to-moderate income. The grant will be used to support the organization's operations and outreach in targeted rural communities beyond the Front Range.

Research has linked improved economic stability to better health outcomes over time. Working to increase employment opportunities for communities and enhance financial conditions for individuals and families is critical to achieving health equity. By providing fair and flexible loans to those often overlooked by traditional financial providers, Accion seeks to boost economic stability across Colorado. In turn, a growth in economic stability has the potential to generate greater access to housing, fresh food, health insurance and preventive care for more Coloradans. For more information about this investment, contact [Ben L. Bynum, M.D.](#), portfolio director of program related investments.

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## Apply Now for Our Senior Program Officer Position



The Foundation is excited to announce a job opening for a senior program officer. This position is responsible for supporting the Foundation's mission to improve the health of Coloradans and lead the development of a new priority area – affordable housing. The senior program officer will provide leadership and oversight for on-the-ground execution of the Foundation's strategies in affordable housing and children's physical activity.

Qualified candidates will have proven expertise in establishing and nurturing relationships with strategic partners (i.e., other foundations, nonprofits, governmental agencies and key decision-makers). They will also have a broad and deep understanding of the social determinants

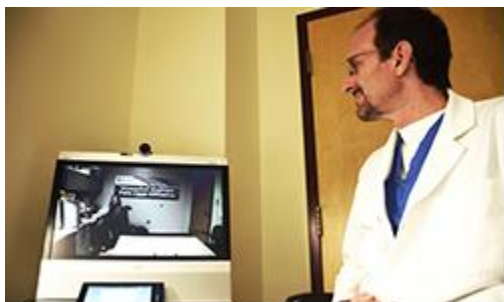
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of health (e.g., poverty, housing, food, etc.) and health philanthropy. Experience working in the health sector is a plus, as is experience working in philanthropy or the nonprofit sector. Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree.

View the job description and [apply online by Sept. 30](#).

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## Foundation Commends Pilot Program by FCC to Promote Telehealth for Low-income Coloradans



On Sept. 10, the Foundation [submitted a letter](#) to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding the agency's announcement of a new pilot program to expand broadband-enabled telehealth services to individuals and families experiencing low income. The FCC solicited public comment on several aspects of their proposed program, including program structure, health focus areas, approach to measuring improved outcomes and more. In its comment letter, the Foundation applauded the FCC's decision and offered direct feedback on many of the structural and operational questions related to its proposed [Connected Care Pilot Program](#).

The growth of telehealth services has proved promising when it comes to decreasing barriers and increasing access to high-quality comprehensive health care. This is especially true for populations that traditionally struggle with accessing care, such as older adults, veterans and residents of rural or low-income communities. By taking advantage of high-speed broadband connectivity, we have the opportunity to bring down the cost of care and expand delivery options for health care providers; and broaden the reach and accessibility of quality care to more Coloradans. [Read the full comment letter](#) for more information.

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## Mark Your Calendar

[Prime Health Challenge](#)

Oct. 11, 2018

[Next Grant Application Deadline](#)

Oct. 15, 2018

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