



# CITY COUNCIL: TRANSFORMING SAFETY OVERVIEW

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# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: OVERVIEW

- HB 1326, also known as the Colorado Crime Prevention Initiative, was passed with bipartisan support and signed by the Governor at the end of the 2017 Colorado Legislative Session.
- The bill created reforms in parole laws that will result in savings to the state Department of Corrections budget. Those savings, a total of \$4 million each year, will be dedicated to small business lending and a crime prevention grant program in two communities – North Aurora and Southeast Colorado Springs. Resources directed to North Aurora will include \$500,000 in small business lending and \$1.3 million in grants
- The legislation requires the creation of a local planning team in each community, which is empowered to determine the specific crime prevention priorities in their respective communities.

# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: THE DENVER FOUNDATION

- Competitive application process
- The Denver Foundation selected to run process and administer grant funds for both North Aurora and Southeast Colorado Springs
- Working with local partners in Colorado Springs

# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: PRIORITY AREAS

- Academic Achievement, including school readiness, reducing expulsions and suspensions in schools, increasing high school graduation, college enrollment and retention rates, and promoting school-parent-student engagement
- Community-based direct services to strengthen families, promote recovery from trauma, provide support to crime survivors, increase employment, reduce recidivism, or other similar community needs
- Neighborhood connections, community engagement, and local leadership development
- Increasing safety and usability of common outdoor spaces
- Technical assistance related to data collection, analysis, and evaluation

# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: NOMINATIONS PROCESS

- Applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by others to the Local Planning Team
- A team that includes four local community members, one Denver Foundation staff member, and one staff member of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition. This review body is appointed by The Denver Foundation.
- Criteria for consideration for appointment to the local planning team will include:
  - Reason for interest
  - Areas of knowledge or expertise
  - Background of applicant
  - Ability to represent a broader constituency beyond individual perspective
  - Interest in and openness to learning
  - Availability and ability to meet expectations for committee participation
- Extensive community outreach will be conducted to solicit potential planning team members

# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: LOCAL PLANNING TEAM CONFIGURATION

- The specific geographic boundaries defining Southeast Colorado Springs will be determined by the local planning team.
- The local planning team will be comprised of no more than 25 members.
- The local planning team will include a combination of community members who will be most directly impacted by the program, including potential recipients of the funds, and those who bring expertise and interest, but will not directly benefit from these resources. Members must either live, work, or have strong connections in Southeast Colorado Springs.
- Areas of expertise: Education, Business and Workforce, Youth and Families, Nonprofit Direct Service, Faith Leaders, Law Enforcement and Local Government, Residents in North Aurora (including those that have been directly impacted by crime and involvement in the criminal justice system)

# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: LOCAL PLANNING TEAM DUTIES

- Define Southeast Colorado Springs
- Input specific priorities that will be used as a filter for grantmaking over the three-year period of the pilot
- Meet annually thereafter to review outcome data from grantees, assure the program is complying with priorities, and is meeting intended impact.

# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: TIMELINE

- Local planning team appointed by January 2018, with first convening also in January.
- Finalized local priorities for grantmaking by the end of February 2018.
- Grantmaking by second quarter 2018 through two open, responsive application cycles in each fiscal year.
- The local planning team, in their full configuration as a priority-setting and oversight body, will not serve as the review team for grant proposals to protect against conflict of interest.



# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: LOCAL PARTNERS

- CONO: Project Administration and Outreach Coordination, and Documentation of Meetings for Local Planning Team
- Pikes Peak Community Foundation: Local grantmaking partner
- Multiple local Southeast Colorado Springs community members and partners

# TRANSFORMING SAFETY: QUESTIONS

Does the Council have any questions regarding the Transforming Safety Initiative?

Does the Council approve of the nominating process and governance policies for the Local Planning Team?