



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION BRIEFING

JULY 27, 2026

COLORADO
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HEALTH
FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTIONS



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1. Organizational Overview
2. Grantmaking Approach
3. Impact
4. Questions

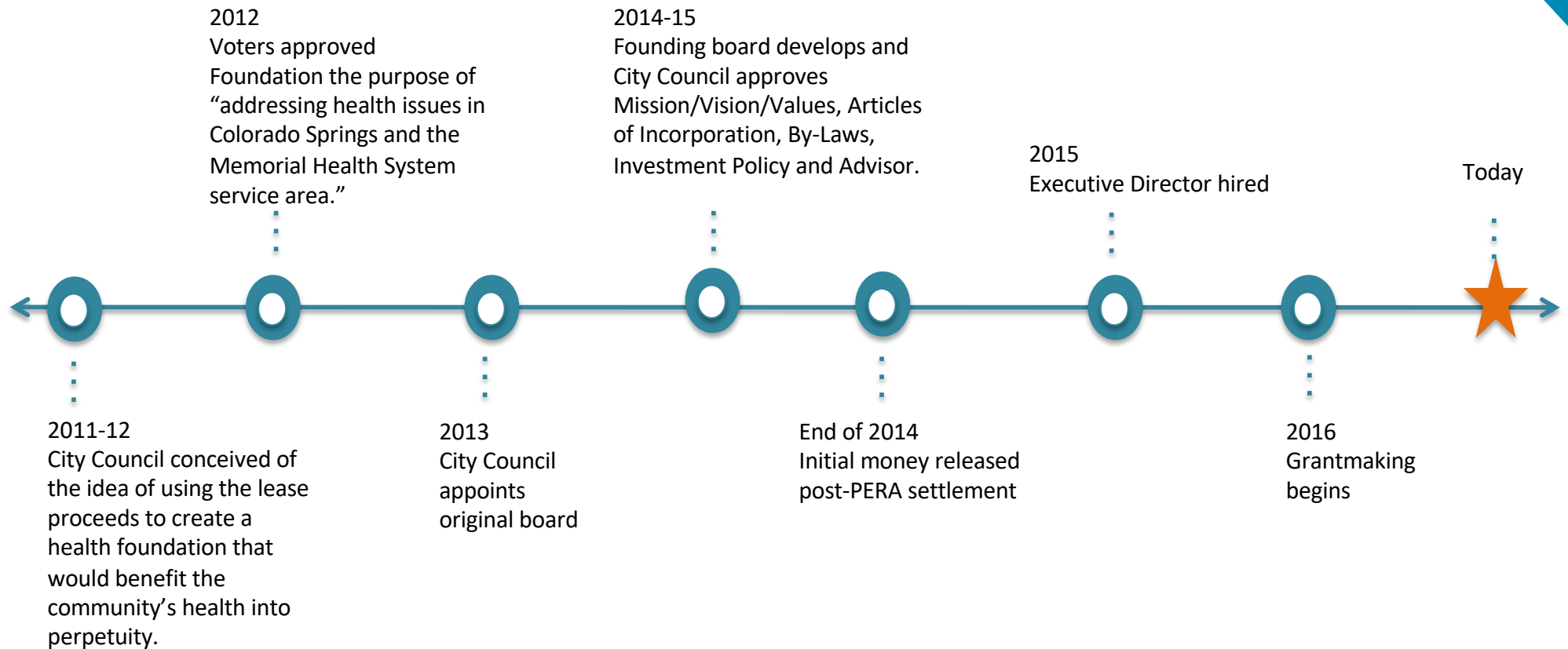


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BRIEF HISTORY



MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Mission

To target immediate healthcare needs and encourage healthy living

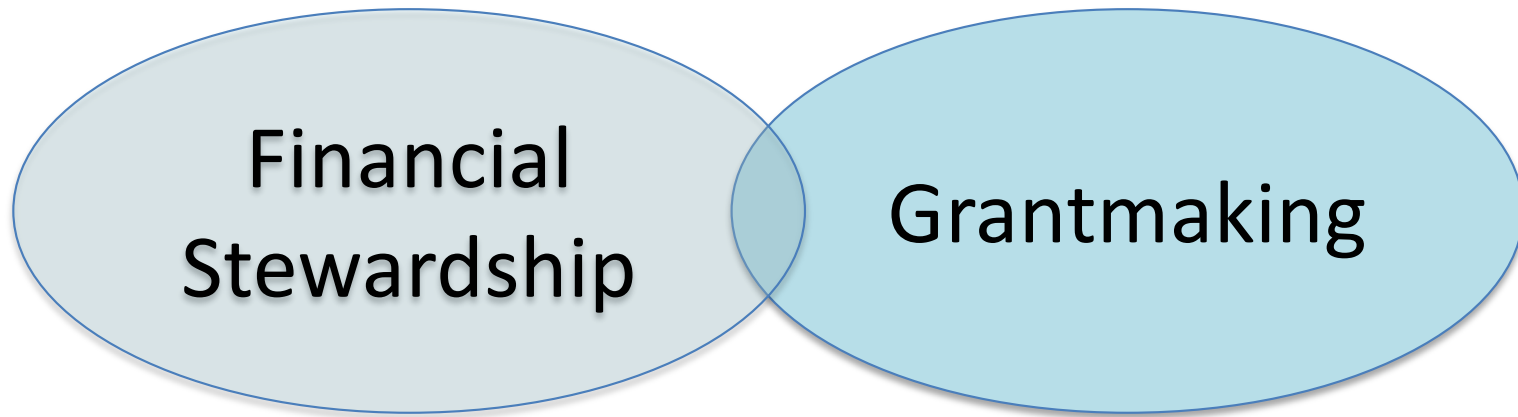
Vision

El Paso & Teller Counties are the healthiest in Colorado

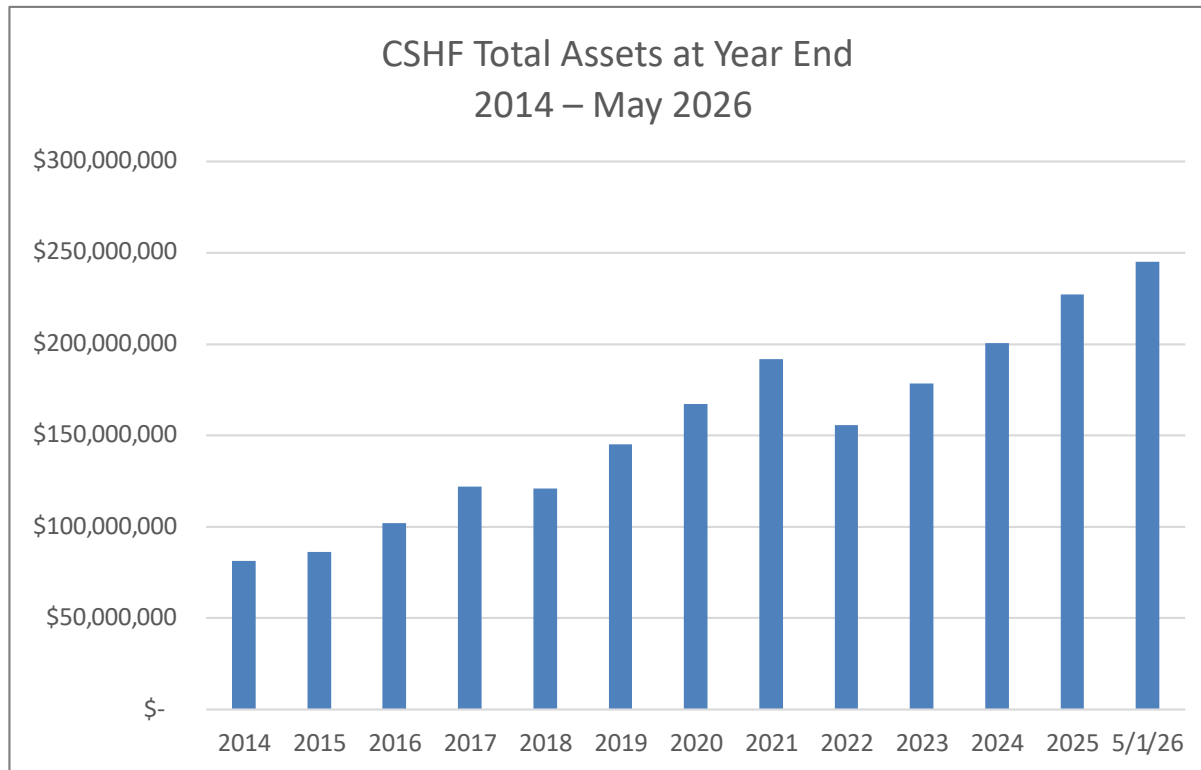
Values

Integrity :: Stewardship :: Collaboration :: Innovation :: Leadership

THE FOUNDATION'S TWO MAIN ROLES



INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO



\$246M+ Total Assets

Return in 2025: **15.2%**

Annual Return Since
Inception: **7.9%**

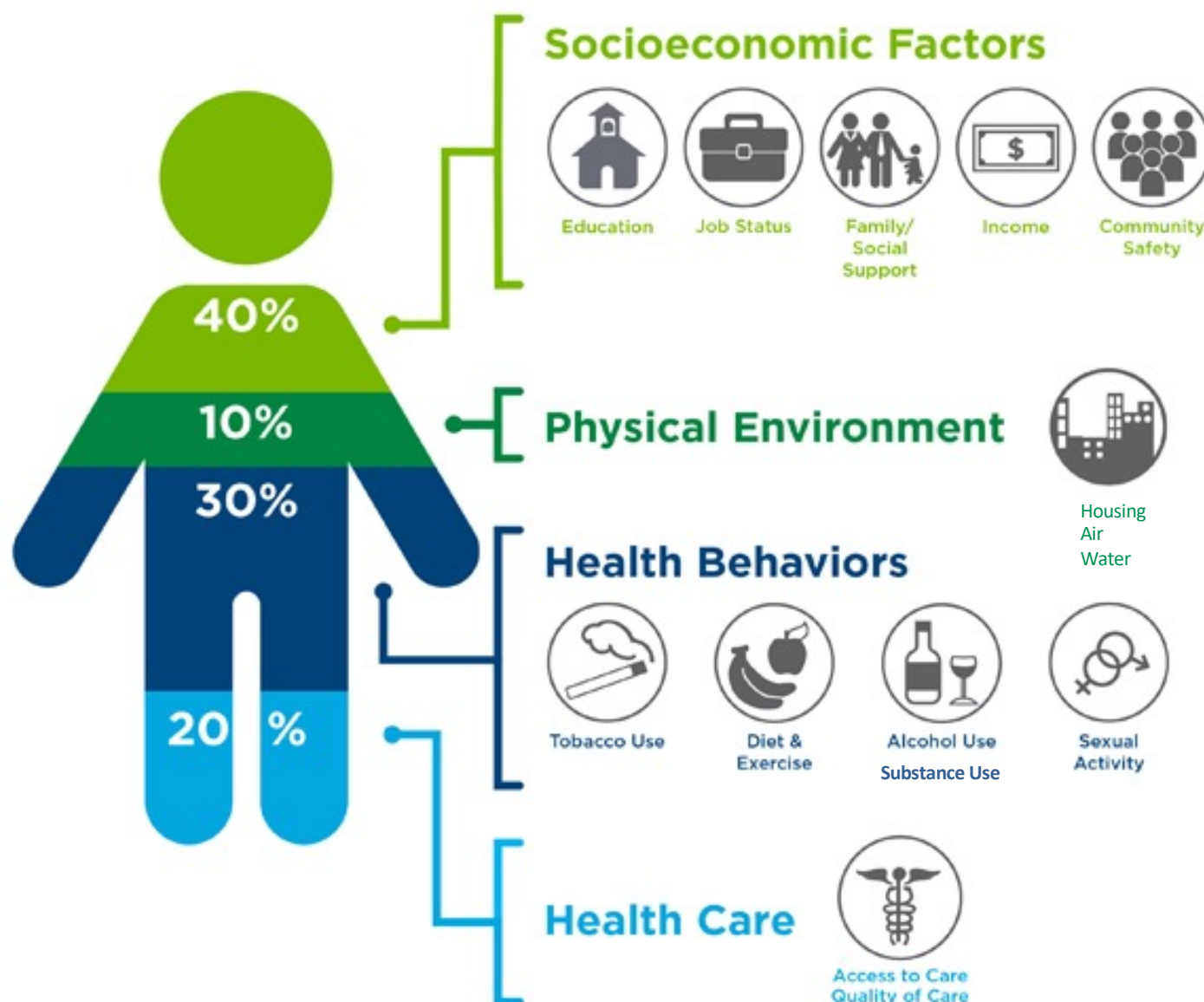
Max 5% Payout/Year

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DEFINING HEALTH



*This graphic was modeled after the work of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Source: Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, Going Beyond Clinical Walls: Solving Complex Problems (October 2014)

AREAS OF STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

Healthcare
Access

Suicide
Prevention

Trauma
Prevention
or Healing

Food

Physical
Activity

Transitional
or
Affordable
Housing

WHY THESE?

- CSHF's Funding Focus Areas are informed by community health data.
- They incorporate prevention and intervention.
- They reflect an understanding of what drives health outcomes.

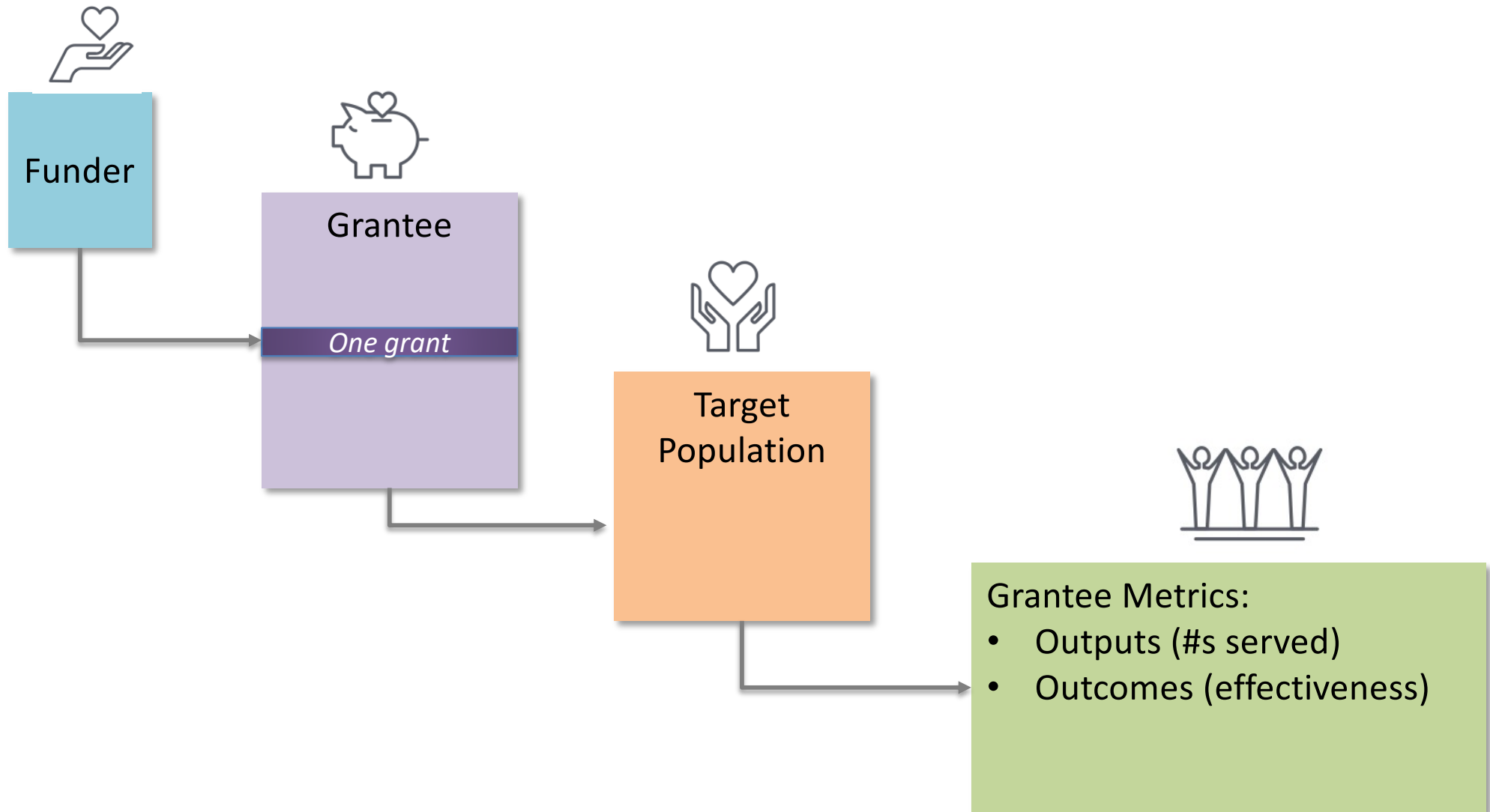


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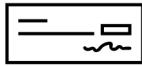
PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT: One Grant



CSHF USES MULTIPLE APPROACHES TO ASSESS IMPACT

- Number and \$ Value of Grants Awarded
- Grant Final Reports
 - Outputs, Outcomes, Learnings
 - Financial Statements
- Site visits
- Bi-annual Impact Assessment Project with Outside Evaluator
- Other Evaluation Projects, e.g.
 - Access to Services Study
 - Suicide Grant Cluster Analysis

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED AS OF APRIL 30, 2026



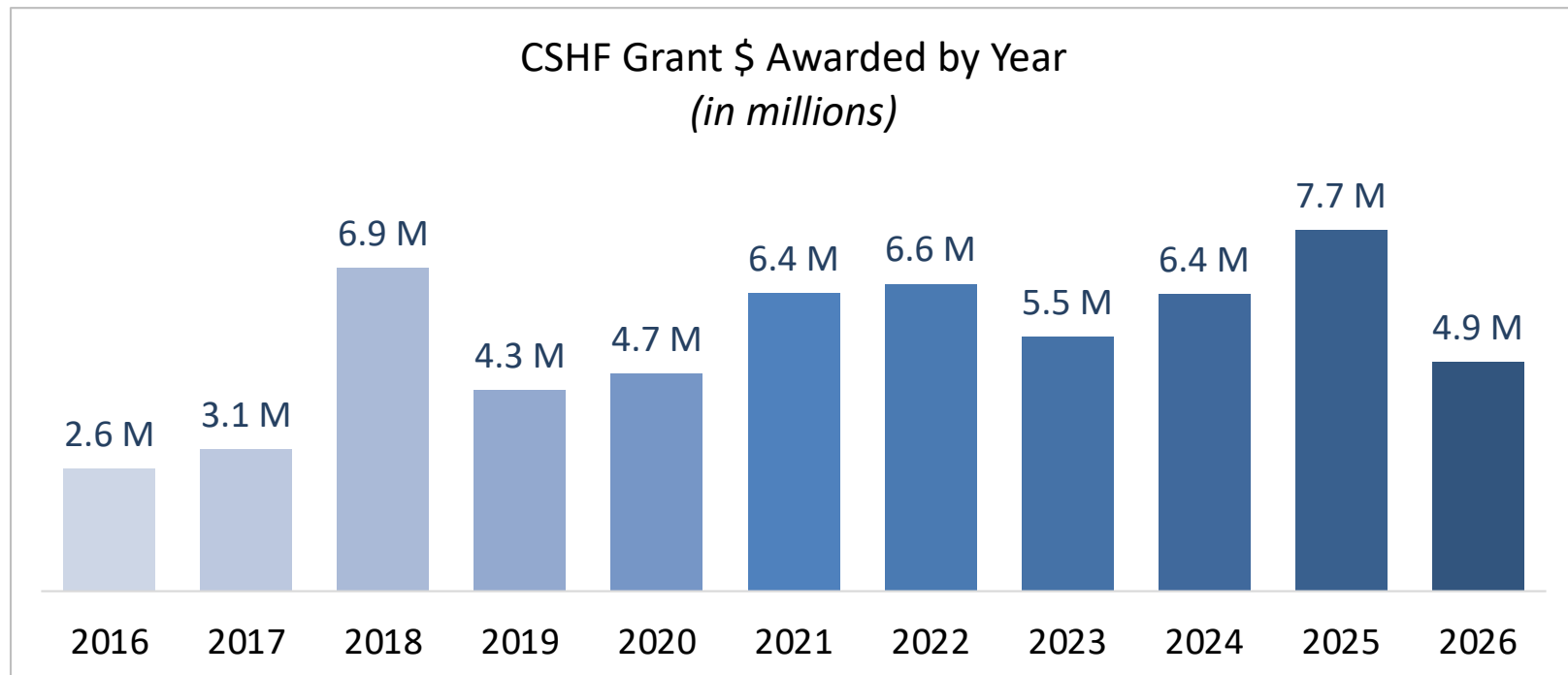
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TOTAL GRANTS



\$59+M
IN FUNDING



~110
ORGS PER YEAR



OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

(Calculated Annually)

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2025 BY THE NUMBERS

COLORADO SPRINGS HEALTH FOUNDATION'S CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Based on final grant reports received in 2025, CSHF's contributions have helped local health-related organizations provide the following services and supports:

TYPE OF SUPPORT	SERVICES PROVIDED	PEOPLE SERVED	PEOPLE TRAINED	LBS OF FOOD PROVIDED
 Physical Healthcare	13,902	7,117	30	
 Mental Healthcare	21,854	17,090	895	
 Substance Use Care	6,607	6,607		
 Case Management / Care Coordination	2,214	2,160		
 Trauma-related Services (Non-clinical)	28,771	18,245	8,173	
 Transportation to Care	38,701	2,245		
 Suicide Prevention	12,672	15,653	1,313	
 Food / Nutrition	1,152,953*	675,860		8,710,673
 Physical Activity	89,956	14,827		
 Transitional or Affordable Housing	1,809**	1,940		

Notes:

- These figures are understated because not every funded partner reports the same metrics within the same timeframes.
- These numbers are not additive. One person may show up in multiple columns or lines depending on how funded partners reported their data.
- These numbers are outputs only, not outcomes. They don't capture data related to a particular client's or patient's progress toward goals.
- These numbers do not reflect CSHF's contribution alone. In most cases, they reflect the contribution of CSHF along with other funders.
- The numbers reflect final reports received in 2025; N=81 final reports; analysis conducted early January 2026.
- *This includes meals served or food pantry visits depending on how funded partners reported their data.
- **Includes 18 housing units created or acquired.

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FUNDED PARTNER IMPACT

A SAMPLE OF FUNDED PARTNER OUTCOME ACHIEVEMENTS¹

Source: Funded Partner Final Grant Reports received in 2025

PEAK VISTA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS received \$300,000 for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Fellowship Program. The growth of the program, and the successful recruitment of five Fellows, has allowed for a second attending faculty member, two additional Medical Assistants, and one Senior Fellow (graduate PMHNP Fellow from the 2024-2025 cohort). This expansion will enhance the program's capacity for encounters by roughly 3,660 each year.

CARE AND SHARE FOOD BANK FOR SOUTHERN COLORADO received \$200,000 for Feeding Neighbors in the Pikes Peak Region. In El Paso and Teller Counties from October 2024 through June 2025, Care and Share served 564,094 duplicated individuals/185,201 duplicated households; distributed 8 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 6.7 million meals; distributed 4,916 packs/35,135 pounds through their Send Hunger Packing program.

SOLID ROCK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION received \$131,600 for the Southeast Colorado Springs Food Security Program. The award allowed Solid Rock to not only sustain critical Food Center operations, but it also facilitated the completion of the Aquaponic Farm, which will be an important resource to Solid Rock's internal operations and will strengthen the Southeast Colorado Springs community's connection to locally grown food.

STEP DENVER received \$200,000 for the Campaign for the Launch of Step Springs. Funding from CSHF was utilized for pre-construction costs (architectural plans, permitting, and construction materials) which enabled the project to start on schedule. A facility was purchased in May of 2024, construction began in early 2025, and Step Springs' doors opened in Fall of 2025.

PIKES PEAK HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE received \$150,000 for Unreimbursed Care. In Fiscal Year 2024 (1/1/24 through 12/31/24), PPHPC was able to provide \$251,723 in Charity Care to help 58 of their patients and their families receive the hospice care needed.

ATLAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL received \$150,000 for their Food Pantry. Highlights from this period include: 100% service continuity during construction, 90%+ of clients surveyed indicated the food was culturally appropriate and met household needs. More than 400 first time visitors were served throughout 2024, with an average of 40 new visitors each week.

FEEL THE BEAT received \$35,000 for their Inclusive and Accessible Movement and Dance Classes in Colorado Springs. Based on participant surveys, FTB students experienced the following outcomes in the 2023-2024 school year: In endurance, 70% of students scored 6 or higher on a 1-10 engagement scale, reflecting a 9% increase in scores of 6+ from the 2022-2023 school year. In balance, 57% of students scored 6 or higher, a 9% increase from the prior year. In coordination (defined as spatial awareness and the ability to perform multi-step movements), 52% scored 6 or above, an improvement of 3% from the past year.

¹This information is excerpted from a sub-set of funded partner final grant reports submitted during 2025. Their achievements are a result of the totality of their funding sources supporting their work, not just CSHF's contribution.

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IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXAMPLE: FOSTERING HOPE

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IMPACT REPORT: FOSTERING HOPE

Fostering Hope creates a community of affirmation and support for foster families so that foster parents can be at their best, children who have experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect can heal, and young adults can become the productive citizens they were meant to be.

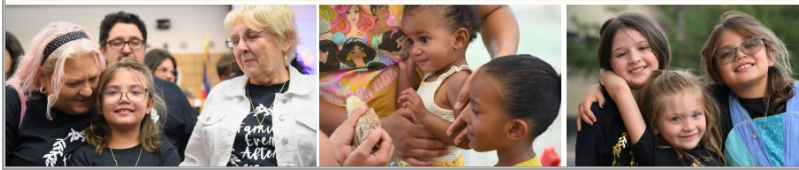
CSHF
8 Grants
since 2018

- 6 general operating grants to support core programming for foster children and families
- COVID-19 technology mini-grant
- Program grant to fund a supportive housing program for young adults

Fostering Hope was selected for The Stand Together Foundation's Catalyst Program-- an invite-only national program that selects nonprofits with promising and innovative practices to difficult challenges.

MILESTONES

- ★ Doubled the organizational budget between 2018- 2023, allowing for more staff and 40 foster family support teams
- ★ Grew the Fostering Adulthood program from pilot to a comprehensive wrap-around support program for children transitioning out of the foster system
- ★ Staff and volunteers deepened support offered to address increasingly complex needs of foster kids and families
- ★ Created more efficient data and technology systems, redesigned website and built staff capacity around technology



IMPACT

- ★ Served 183 foster families and over 1,000 foster children.
- ★ A social return on investment study found that for every \$1 spent by Fostering Hope, \$2.79 is returned to the community.
- ★ 93% foster parent retention rate, with an adoption rate 2.5 times higher than for families without support.
- ★ 90% of foster children in the program completed high school, compared to 23% of foster children in Colorado.
- ★ 10% of Fostering Hope youth are homeless, compared to 50% nationally for this same population.
- ★ All youth in the Fostering Adulthood program have found stable housing and 89% have maintained employment.

SUPPORT FROM CSHF

I don't have the words for how significant it's been...it's permanent transformative impact, that we'll never fully see the extent of. I don't think there are many solutions to healing from trauma as effective as what we are doing... The healing impact on the brain- it really is profound. And it's science, but in some sense, it's so simple. The volunteers are doing ordinary things- just outweighing all these negative things the kids have experienced and flooding them with positive experiences and stability...You can't fully fix it, but you can make it manageable and they can have a fulfilling life. To think of the role that CSHF played in making that happen and where we might be if they didn't exist... I really don't know where we'd be, but I know it'd be a very different place.



IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXAMPLE: PIKES PEAK STATE COLLEGE

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IMPACT REPORT: PIKES PEAK STATE COLLEGE

As the largest post-secondary educational institution in Southern Colorado, PPSC is a career-technical school that aims to provide high-quality education with a focus on student success and meeting the employment needs of the region.

CSHF
1 Grant

since 2019

Multiyear grant to support opening of a Center for Healthcare Education and Simulation (CHES) to train future health care workers. CHES is designed to look and feel like health care facilities where students will likely be employed.

PPSC QUICK FACTS

- 18,500 students
- 32% are military-connected
- 47% receive financial aid
- 47% are students of color
- 97% are Colorado residents

MILESTONES

- Constructed and equipped a simulated hospital to train students
- Runs more than 80 health care simulation scenarios with a focus on creating a safe environment for hands-on learning
- Opened simulation spaces to partner organizations for training
- Expanded health care degrees offered and “bridge” programs between health care specialties
- 1 of 9 worldwide programs to be endorsed for core simulation standards by the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning



IMPACT

- Increased enrollment by 411 students within two semesters of CHES opening for a total of 587 students (2022-23).
- Awarded 206 degrees and 624 certificates (2022-23). 24% increase in new nursing students (2023-24).
- 98% employment placement rate across CHES programs and 100% across the four nursing programs (2021-22).
- The first-time pass rate for nursing fundamentals went from 72% in fall 2018 to 100% in spring 2020. Since CHES opened its simulation campus, it has ranged from 93-100%.
- Employer feedback surveys show that CHES students are better prepared than students coming out of online programs or even some more competitive programs that do not use simulation.

SUPPORT FROM CSHF

You learn perhaps more from your mistakes than from your successes. But we can't risk patient safety for students to make mistakes. With simulation, we can develop incredibly realistic scenarios where students are able to make clinical decisions that they'd otherwise not be making as a student. And then they debrief and learn from them. This builds their confidence. What we're doing is instilling confidence and a culture of safety that students then bring into the field with them. And that is how we change a culture.



A man with a beard, wearing a blue t-shirt and khaki pants, is sitting in a wheelchair. He is looking off to the side. In the background, there are several bicycles parked, and some people are visible, though they are out of focus. The setting appears to be an outdoor area, possibly a community center or a public space.

INVESTMENTS TOWARD PREVENTING OR REDUCING HOMELESSNESS (a sampler)

Food:

Springs Rescue Mission
Salvation Army
Westside Cares
Tri-Lakes Cares

Housing Navigation:

Westside Cares

Substance Use

Recovery:

STEP Springs
HOPE COS
Homeward Pikes Peak

Transitional Housing:

STEP Springs
Partners in Housing
Family Life Services

Affordable Housing:

Greccio
Brothers Development
We Fortify

INVESTMENTS TOWARD PREVENTING CHRONIC DISEASE (a sampler)

Physical Activity:

- Park Improvements:
Panorama Park, Memorial
Park, Widefield
- Boys & Girls Club
- YES Program
- Hillside Connection
- Kids on Bikes
- Senior Center rebuild

Fresh Food/Food Prep:

- Care & Share
- Teller Senior Coalition
- Atlas Prep Food Pantry
- Solid Rock
- Tri-Lakes Cares
- Eastern Community Food Pantry
- Community Partnership FRC
- Big Table



INVESTMENTS TOWARD OUR MILITARY (a sampler)

- **HeadStrong**
- **Mt. Carmel Behavioral Health Program**
- **Craig Hospital Operation TBI Freedom**
- **Home Front Military Network**
- **UCCS Health & Trauma Clinic**

A smiling man with short dark hair, wearing a light-colored striped button-down shirt, is sitting in a hospital bed. He is looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred hospital room with a window and a wall outlet.

INVESTMENTS TOWARD MENTAL HEALTH (a sampler)

- **Peak Vista Psychiatric Mental Health NP Fellowship**
- **Lyda Hill Institute of Human Resilience (UCCS)**
- **Children's Hospital Colorado Partial Hospitalization Program**
- **NAMI-Colorado Springs**
- **Mt. Carmel Behavioral Health Program**

THANK YOU

The 2012 City Council envisioned and established a legacy institution that will continue to invest in the community's health in perpetuity.

Already, countless Pikes Peak region residents have been touched by this decision through the health services and supports they receive.

Your predecessors thought **big, bold** and *long-term*,
and our community is healthier because of it.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



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