



# 2021 AID TO AGENCIES RECOMMENDATIONS

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## 2021 AID TO AGENCIES APPLICATIONS

- Twenty-six (26) Tier I agencies applied. Tier I agencies have previously received Aid to Agencies funding, meet the grant criteria, and serve at-risk and underserved populations in one of three core focus areas: human services, health and wellness, and crisis intervention.
- Twenty-four (24) Tier II agencies applied. Tier II agencies include agencies that have not received Aid to Agencies funding, but do meet the grant program criteria and serve at-risk and underserved populations in one of the core focus areas.
  - Of these, 16 Tier II agencies were deemed eligible for Aid to Agencies funding.

# TIER I APPLICATIONS

1. Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center
2. Aurora Interfaith Community Services
3. Gateway Domestic Violence Services
4. South Metro Medical Equipment Loan Closet
5. A Precious Child
6. Family Tree
7. Comitis Crisis Center
8. AllHealth Network
9. Integrated Family Community Services
10. Nourish Meals on Wheels (formerly TLC Meals on Wheels)
11. Doctors Care
12. Jewish Family Service of Colorado – Family Safety Net
13. Via Mobility Services
14. Advocates for Children
15. Community Housing Partners/Aurora Housing Corporation
16. Homelessness Awareness Action Task Force
17. The Salvation Army – Centennial Corps
18. 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Wellness Court
19. Jewish Family Service of Colorado – Aging Care and Corrections
20. Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners
21. Tri-Valley Senior Citizens Association
22. Aurora Mental Health Center – Detox
23. STRIDE Community Health Center
24. Arapahoe County Council on Aging
25. Aurora Mental Health Center
26. Juvenile Assessment Center

## TIER II APPLICATIONS

1. Second Chance Center Colorado
2. Food Bank of the Rockies
3. Aurora Community Connection
4. There With Care
5. Second Wind Fund
6. Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry
7. Hope Starts Here Food Bank
8. Project Safeguard
9. Movement 5280
10. Tennyson Center for Children
11. Break Bread
12. Ready to Work Aurora
13. Immigrant Pathways Colorado
14. Lincoln Health
15. Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation
16. The Kempe Foundation

## AID TO AGENCIES REVIEW TEAM

- Administrative Services, Community Resources, and Human Services staff have reviewed all applications to determine if agencies meet the grant criteria, as well as to determine if any applicant is currently receiving funding from another County program or entity.
- It should be noted that the review team does not have any knowledge of the legal status of clients served by agencies.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Award the Tier I agencies with the same amounts as awarded in 2020, with the exception of the following:
  - Recommend a \$1,000 increase in awards to Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners to match their 2021 request.
  - Recommend an \$8,000 decrease in awards to Via Mobility Services to match their 2021 request.
- The review team considered whether any of the Tier I agencies are currently receiving or have applied for CARES Act funding. Tier I agencies that requested an increase were contacted to find out if the increase was related to the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore eligible to be funded through CARES Act funds. Based on the responses received, the review team determined that none of the increases were eligible for CARES funds.

## RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

- The review team looked at each Tier II application for community impact, a diverse set of services, and areas that have gaps in services. Therefore, the recommendation is to award funding to the following Tier II applicants:
  - Second Chance Center Colorado, the amount of \$24,992, to help provide recovery programming, housing, career training, and job placement to formerly incarcerated people.
  - Ready to Work Aurora, the amount of \$24,992, to help provide housing and employment to adults experiencing homelessness.
  - Food Bank of the Rockies, the amount of \$30,000, to provide food assistance.

## FISCAL IMPACT

- The Aid to Agencies budget has remained flat over the past two years at \$1,679,500.
- If the Board adopted the recommendations above, the county would allocate \$1,679,500, leaving no unspecified funds in the account for 2021.
- The Board could also choose to fund all eligible Tier II applicants, which would require allocating additional funding to the 2021 Aid to Agencies program in the amount of \$1,055,000.
- The Board could also reduce the 2021 Aid to Agencies program budget due to the COVID-19 pandemic by 5 percent (\$153,309) or 10 percent (\$233,635). This could result in decreasing funding for recommended applicants or eliminating applicants from funding altogether. If the board desires to pursue reductions, these projections are listed on the funding spreadsheet.