

## **Grant Opportunities**

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## Elevating Prevention In Colorado (EPIC) Grant Funding

Deadline for applicants to submit written inquiries: October 17, 2025

Application submission deadline: November 3, 2025

**Purpose:** CDPHE is excited to announce the new round of funding from 2026 - 2031 (5-year cycle). A new Request for Applications (RFA) #49960377 is available to fund communities addressing substance use/misuse primary prevention using a shared risk and protective factor approach, starting July 2026 through June 2031.

The EPIC grant funding opportunity empowers communities to establish a collective impact system that fosters comprehensive primary prevention efforts for substance use and misuse, aligning with community needs. CDPHE's prevention goals are to support communities by combining different funding sources at the state level to meet community needs through promotion and primary prevention, tackling the root causes of substance use in Colorado.

- Option A: Comprehensive Prevention System
  - Supports communities ready to implement a full-scale prevention system, including:
    - organizing a multi-sector coalition
    - implementing policy & systems change initiatives
    - implementing evidence-based prevention programs
- Option B: Environmental Strategies including Policy & System Change with Capacity-Building for Future Comprehensive Prevention System
  - Supports communities that are building capacity for a full prevention system by focusing on:
    - implementing policy & systems change initiatives
    - strengthening partnerships
    - laying the groundwork for a future prevention system
- Option C: Evidence-Based Programs with Capacity-Building for Future Comprehensive Prevention System
  - Supports communities that wish to implement evidence-based programs while
    - strengthening their capacity for comprehensive prevention in the future.



- Implementing existing or new evidence based programs
- Building capacity to form a coalition
- Policy & systems change

**Funding Amount :** Available funds from the state: \$10,000,000 (estimated) annually for a five-year funding cycle contingent upon meeting performance metrics and the availability of funding.

The average award is around \$320,000 per awarded applicant per 12-month period. The award amounts will vary depending on local living wages and agency requests for costs to operate in the community.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants within the State of Colorado include community based organizations serving under-resourced populations, non profits serving Native Americans; private non-profit entities; governmental entities including county, city, schools, and school districts; universities, local health or human services departments; other public entities; and faith based organizations.

**Application Process:** The Application must be received electronically by no later than the due date and time indicated on the cover page of this document. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Fill out the <u>EPIC Application Form</u> and attach the required attachments to the form.

**Link to grant:** <a href="https://cdphe.colorado.gov/prevention-and-wellness/injury-prevention/cofp/EPIC">https://cdphe.colorado.gov/prevention-and-wellness/injury-prevention/cofp/EPIC</a> RFA 49960377

**Sponsors:** CDPHE



## **Colorado Community Initiated Solutions Grants**

Deadline: October 15, 2025

**Purpose:** The Colorado Health Foundation provides funding for projects that directly engage community members to identify health challenges and implement solutions that meet the specific needs of their communities.

Organizations are required to work collaboratively with community members to:

- Address a health challenge
- Develop and implement a solution
- Leverage existing strengths and resources
- Improve health equity
- Priority will be given to projects that advance health equity or that center on communities of color.
- Areas of Focus: Community Health
- Amount of Funding: Not stated

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include:

- Community based groups or nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Organizations that can demonstrate a substantial commitment to community-identified and community-led efforts to address complex health-related issues and/or challenges
- Organizations without 501(c)(3) status may apply through a fiscal sponsor.

**Application Process:** Links to application instructions and the online application portal are available on the program website.

Link to grant: https://coloradohealth.org/funding-opportunities/community-initiated-solutions

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