

# Thriving Jeffco

A Grant Opportunity to  
Support a Thriving Jeffco



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# Funding Opportunity

## Thriving Jeffco - A Grant Opportunity to Support a Thriving Jeffco

Colorado Gives Foundation is pleased to announce a 2023 Responsive Grantmaking Opportunity working in Jefferson County (Jeffco) to help their communities thrive.

### Funding Overview

Colorado Gives Foundation defines a thriving Jeffco community as one where residents:

- live fulfilled lives;
- are meaningfully involved in matters that affect their community; and
- connect with, appreciate, and support each other.

This definition complements our strategic impact work in the areas of [Essential Needs, Economic Prosperity, Resilient and Connected Neighborhoods and Civic Engagement](#).

### Funding Goal/Objective

Colorado Gives Foundation will provide unrestricted, one-year grant support to Jeffco serving organizations focused on advancing Jeffco Thrive metrics (see Award Considerations) that complement Colorado Gives Foundation's strategic impact work and in response to other community needs.

Specifically, we are looking for organizations working in these areas:

- [Essential Needs](#)
- [Economic Prosperity](#)
- [Resilient and Connected Neighborhoods](#)
- [Civic Engagement](#)

### Application Period

- Applications open: July 25, 2023
- Applications close: September 29, at 5 p.m.
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis between July 25-September 29
- Funding decisions will be made on a rolling basis as applications are submitted and reviewed.
- Priority will be given to applications submitted earlier in the cycle.
- Funding notifications will be made within two months after receiving an application.
- Weekly Office Hours: Colorado Gives Foundation is pleased to host these office hours to answer your questions about our 2023 Responsive Grantmaking Opportunity.
  - Office Hours: Every other Wednesday, 10 – 11 a.m. [Register](#) once and as needed.

## Eligibility

- To be eligible, organizations must be 501(c)(3) Nonprofits and/or government equivalents, or 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations, such as neighborhood associations, operating within the defined geographic scope of this grant opportunity. In some instances, for profit organizations may be eligible if they have or serve a charitable purpose.
- Funding will be prioritized to organizations most strongly aligned with the **Award Considerations** outlined below.

## Funding Amounts

We are committing more than \$3,000,000 for this funding opportunity.

Grant awards will vary depending on the demonstrated impact and alignment related to the primary purpose for proposed funds and award considerations as outlined below.

Because we think it's important to understand your funding gaps and/or organizational dreams, we are intentionally **NOT** putting grant award range amounts.

While we may not be able to fully fund your request, it's important that we fully grasp your needs so we can better understand our ability to support you, or connect you with other funders, donors, and networks.



## Award Considerations

Applications and funding decisions will be made based on the strength of criteria alignment with one or more Jeffco Thrive Metrics:

- **Demonstrated and/or desired impact in Jeffco**

Priority will be given for demonstrated impact in Jeffco's corridors of poverty:

- **Arvada Corridor:** Between Sheridan on the East and Ward Road on the West and from 41st Avenue South to 60th Street North.
- **Wheat Ridge, Edgewater and Lakewood Corridor:** Between Sheridan on the East and Simms/South Union St. with westward expansion along 6th Avenue near Denver West on the West and 6th Avenue South to 25th Street North.
- **South Lakewood/Golden Corridor:** Between Sheridan on the East and Johnson Road in Golden on the West and Jewell Avenue (South) to 6th Avenue (North).
- **Unincorporated-Rural Jefferson County:** considered the mountain rural area of Jefferson County.

- **Jeffco Residents Live Fulfilled Lives.**

- Employment or Workforce Development
- Housing (any type of service helps a residents find or maintain housing, whether temporary or permanent)
- Early Care and Education (Screening, Home Visitation, Child Care, Early Childhood Mental Health, Early Care Workforce, Resource and Referral, and Parent Education)
- Education – outside of early childhood and specific to K-12, post-secondary and adult life skills (E.g., money/wealth building).
- Physical Health/Access to Health
- Mental Health – Adult-focused
- Mental Health – Youth-focused
- Substance Use & Abuse
- Food Security – direct food assistance
- Food Security – helping people attain food subsidies.
- Food Security – Local production and delivery of healthy, nutritious food
- Domestic Violence/Victim Services

- **Jeffco residents are meaningfully involved in matters that affect their lives and communities.**

**Inclusive of:**

- Political efficacy
- Volunteering
- Civic Engagement
- Changes to neighborhood design (physical)
- Involvement in community groups



- **Jeffco residents connect with, appreciate and support one another. Inclusive of:**
  - Supporting community involvement in decision making
  - Participation in events and groups
  - Equitable access to arts and culture
  - Improving the built environment
  - Social mixing
  - Building Social capital
  - Creating a sense of belonging
  - “Neighbor-liness”
- Demonstrated need for resources to fulfill primary purpose identified in your application.
- Strength of performance measure alignment with Jeffco Thrive metrics and proposed funding.
- Consideration of annual organizational budget and impact for activities as identified above.
- Previous relationship with Colorado Gives Foundation (formerly Community First Foundation).



## Types of Requests Allowed

- Unrestricted Operating Support
- Project or Specific Program in Jefferson County
- Adding to Operating Reserves
- Capital Needs in service to Jefferson County
- Piloting project or new services
- Scaling up projects or services already successfully piloted
- Other (please indicate purpose) (text field)

## Catchafire

Colorado Gives Foundation is partnering with [Catchafire](#), an online platform of professionals who donate their time to support and strengthen the social good sector. Catchafire connects you with talented professionals looking to give back, allowing you to access expertise in areas such as marketing, web development, operations, strategy, and more.

When you submit your application, we'll verify whether you have a current Catchafire subscription. If you already have a Catchafire account - great! We hope you're taking advantage of it to complete your projects and drive impact in your community. [Log into your account](#) here and start and continue

receiving volunteer support! Don't yet have a Catchafire account? We'll follow up with you and may award your organization a Catchafire subscription valued at \$1,000.

## Still have questions?

Colorado Gives Foundation's Community Impact Team is available to talk through your ideas. We want you to be successful and encourage you to connect with us before applying.

Take advantage of the office hours and reach out to Marybeth Goodwin at [mgoodwin@coloradogivesfoundation.org](mailto:mgoodwin@coloradogivesfoundation.org).

## Application and Submission Instructions

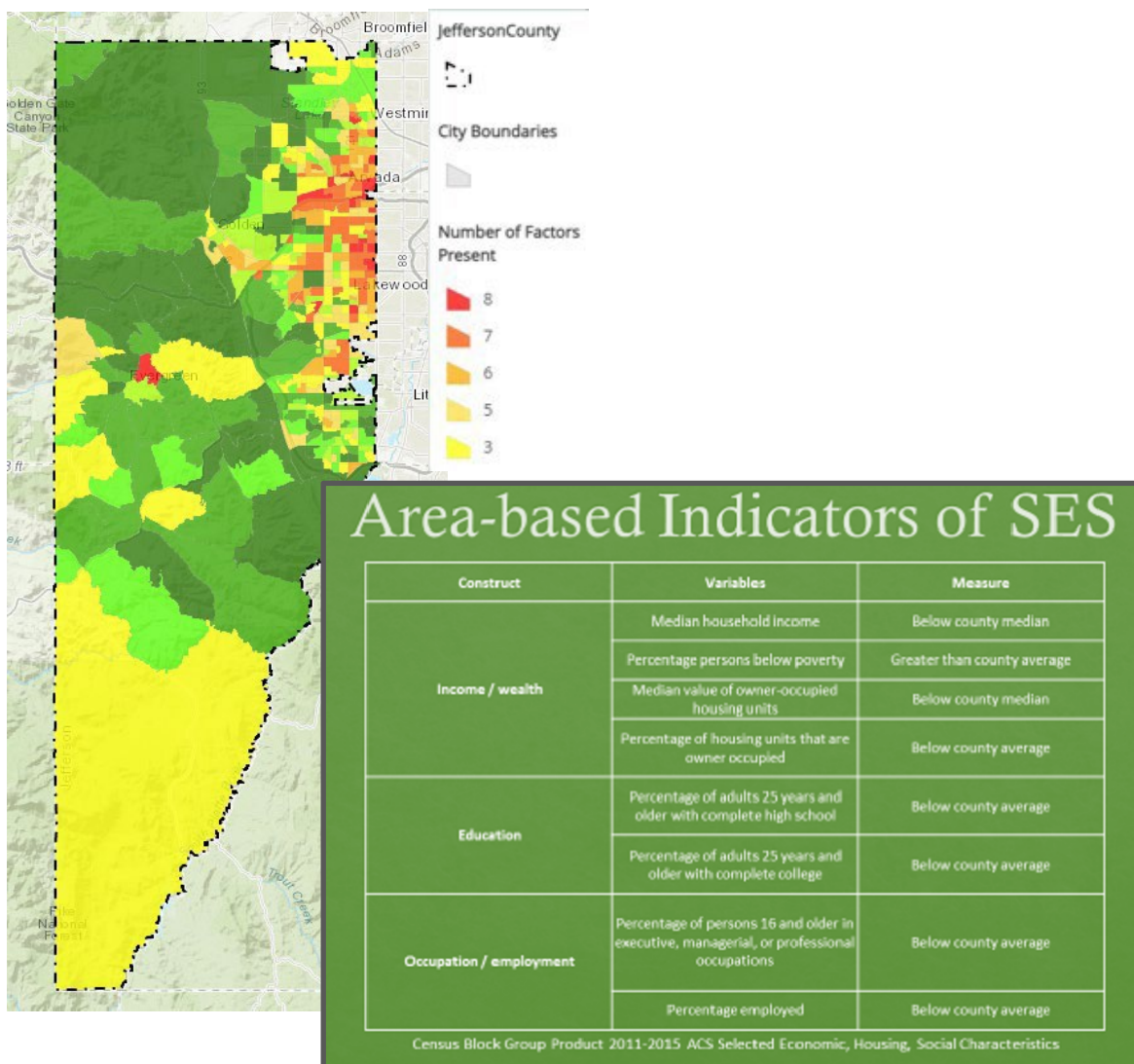
Think you're a good fit? Qualified applicants should submit an online application for the Thriving Jeffco Grant Opportunity through Colorado Gives Foundation's [online application portal](#).

## Appendices

### Appendix A: Corridors of Need

Where are the Corridors of High Need in Jefferson County?

The [map](#) below illustrates the highest corridors of need in Jeffco based on indicators related to income/wealth, education and occupation/employment. It uses a set of eight indicators to identify the areas of highest need which generally follow the Sheridan and Colfax corridors, but also include specific neighborhoods in nearly every municipality in the County, with heavier concentrations in Arvada, Lakewood and Wheat Ridge.

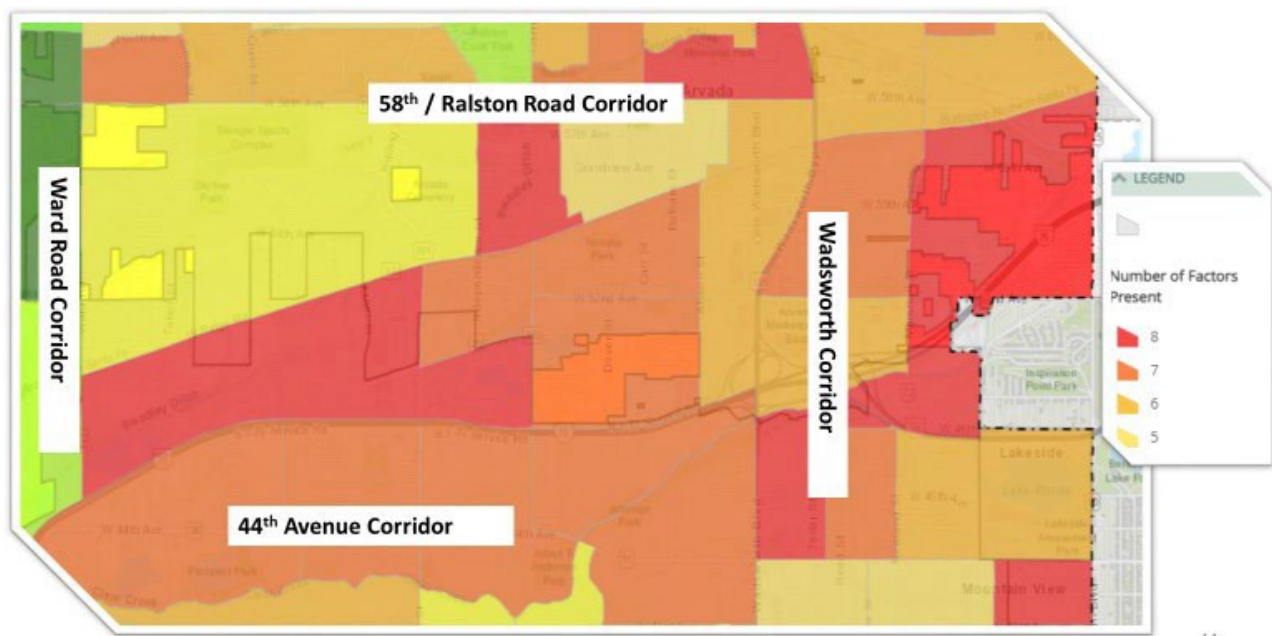




## Corridor: Arvada Zone

Between Sheridan on the east and Ward Road on the west; and from 41st Avenue on the south to 60th Street on the north. Specific neighborhoods where five or more risk factors are present:

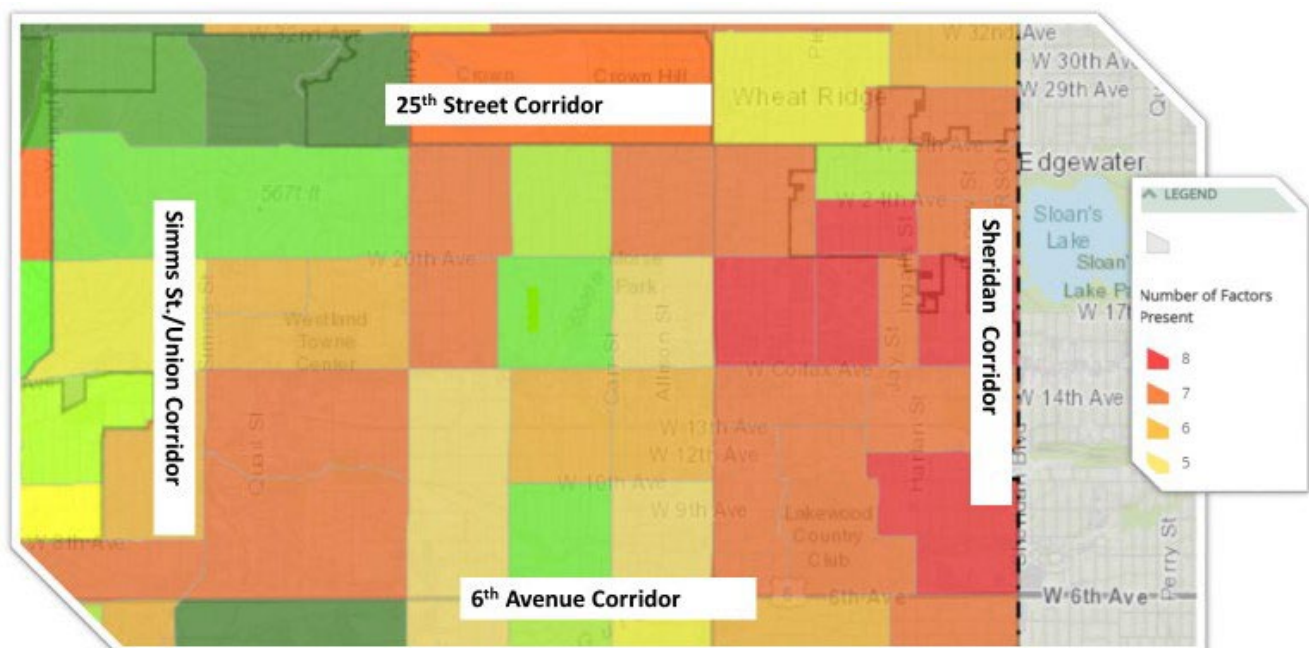
- I-70 Corridor
- Mansfield / Kipling
- Lakeside
- Arvada Plaza
- Olde Town Arvada
  - Memorial Park
  - McIlvoy/Olde Town
  - Creekside and East Wadsworth
  - Columbine/Foster Elementary
  - Elevado Estates



## Corridor: Wheat Ridge, Edgewater, Lakewood Zone

Between Sheridan on the east and Simms/South Union St. on the west, with westward expansion along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Denver West on the west, 6th Avenue on the south, and to 25<sup>th</sup> Street on the north.

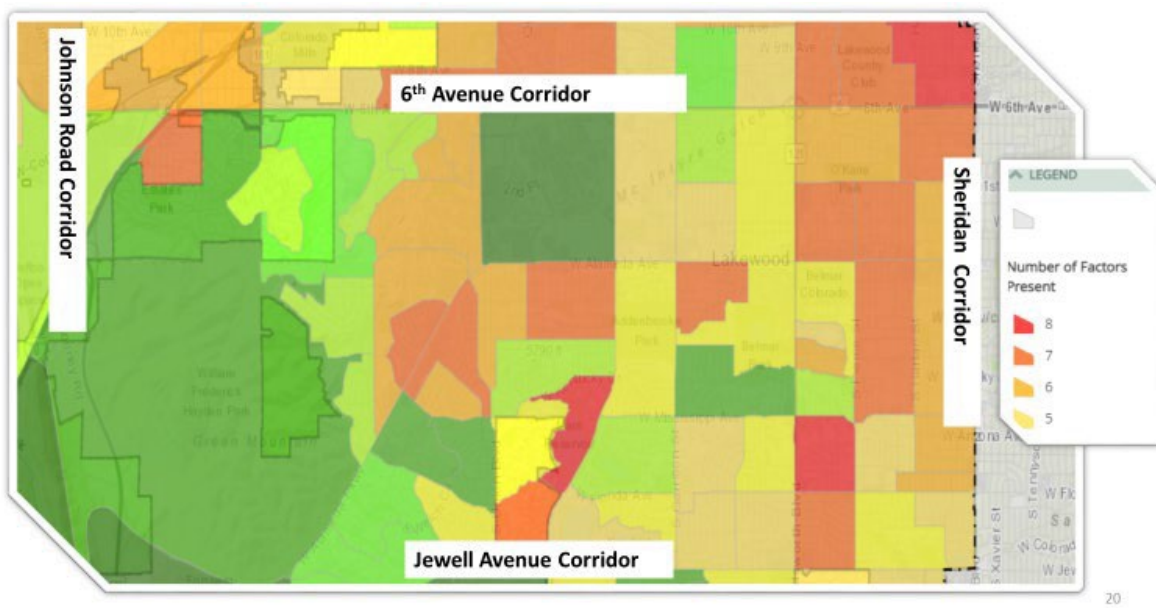
- Molholm/Two Creeks
- Luckland Vista
- Green Acres
- Hearthside Townhouses
- Edgewood
- Northeast Lakewood
- Heverly Heights
- East Pleasant View
- Morse Park
- Lakewood Green Homes
- Brentwood Estates
- Cedar Crest
- Daniels
- Ashwood East



## Corridor: South Lakewood / Golden Zone

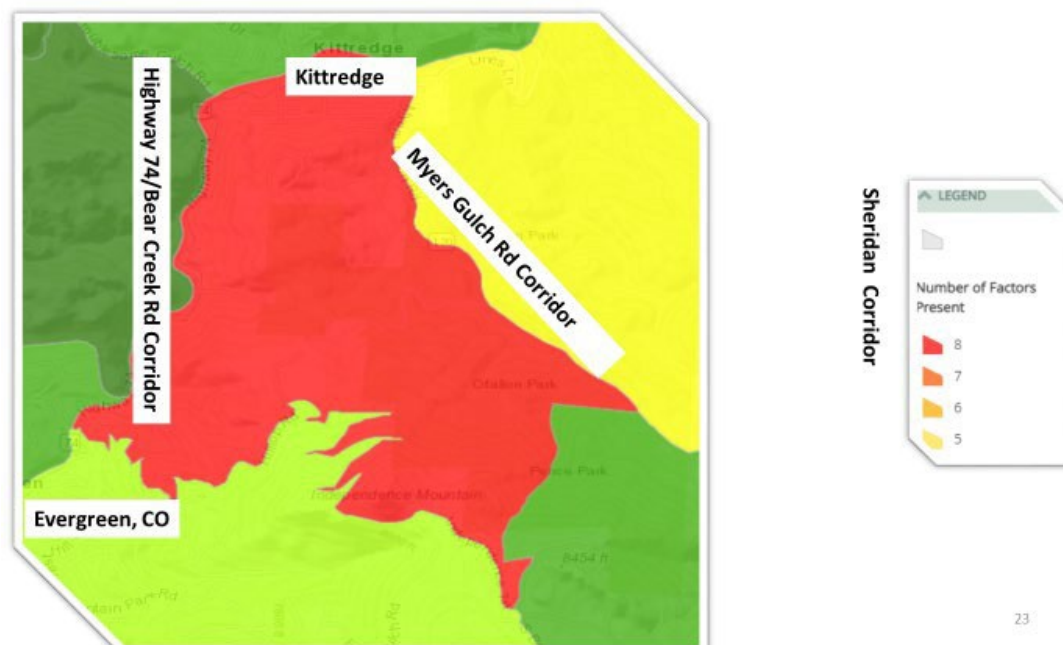
Between Sheridan on the east, and Johnson Road in Golden on the west; and Jewell Avenue on the south and 6th Avenue on the north.

- Greenbriar/Cloverdale
- South Alameda
- Martindale
- Newland Station
- O’Kane Park
- East Gate
- Third Place
- Glennon Heights
- Briarwood hills
- Sun Valley



### Corridor: Kittredge (near Evergreen)

Primarily rural areas with concentrated focus between Highway 74 on the west to Myers Gulch Road on the east, and Hilltop Road on the south and Highway 74 on the north. Specific neighborhoods where five or more risk factors are present are not identifiable as Neighborhood Zones; only listed as Kittredge.



## Application Worksheet

Prepare your responses using this worksheet that mirrors the grant application. Then, copy and paste your responses into your online application when you're ready.

### Responsive Grant Application Cycle- Application Questions

**Grant Contact Info (Prefix, Name, Title, Phone, Email)**

**CEO Name (Prefix, Name, Title, Phone, Email)**

**Organization Name & DBA (if applicable)**

**Organization EIN**

**Organization Website**

**Organization Classification (e.g., 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), for-profit, an organization fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3), etc.)**

**Fiscal Sponsor's Name & Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement**

**Is your organization primarily BIPOC-led or primarily BIPOC-serving? (select all that apply, this answer will not affect your eligibility)**

- ☐ Led
- ☐ Serving
- ☐ Neither

**Your organization's total operating expenses for the current fiscal year (# field)**

**Your organization's total operating expenses for the last fiscal year (# field)**



**Your organization's operating budget for the current fiscal year (attachment, usually Excel, maybe Word)**

**Your organization's financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal year (must include a Statement of Activities/Profit and Loss statement and Balance Sheet) (attachment, usually Excel, maybe Word)**

**Is there anything you'd like to share with us regarding your overall financial health that may or may not be reflected in the above responses?**

**We are interested in knowing how many individuals your organization serves annually. Please fill in at least one field below that best aligns with how your organization tracks the number of people you serve. *Note: Prior to submitting your application, please reach out to us if you did not or do not track data related to people served.***

\_\_\_\_ Total # of unduplicated, unique individuals served in the previous recorded year. (# field)

\_\_\_\_ Total # of unduplicated, unique individuals anticipated to be served during this 12 month grant period, if approved. (# field)

\_\_\_\_ Total # of unique services provided to all the individuals you serve currently (estimates are acceptable) (# field).

**Does the work of your organization extend beyond Jefferson County**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**If yes, what % of your annual budget is expended within Jefferson County? (% field)**

**We understand that some services require multiple interventions or continuous service over time. Please select the best “characterization” of your work in service to Jeffco residents among the following:**

- ☐ Low Dosage: Serves a larger population of clients who interface for limited or singular purpose in relatively few or irregular interventions
- ☐ High Dosage – typically serves fewer numbers of clients with multiple services or a single type of service over a longer period of time (select)
- ☐ Mix of Both
  - \_\_\_\_\_ % of work in Jeffco that is Low Dosage (% field)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ % of work in Jeffco that is High Dosage (% field)

**We are interested in understanding how the impact of your work in Jeffco benefits residents living in corridors with higher concentrations of poverty. Please select from the list below where your organization is providing direct services or working on behalf of residents living in those corridors.**

- ☐ Arvada Corridor: Between Sheridan on the East and Ward Road on the West and from 41st Avenue South to 60th Street North.
- ☐ Wheat Ridge, Edgewater & Lakewood: Between Sheridan and Simms/South Union, and 6th Avenue South to 25th Street North. Plus, Denver West along 6th Ave.
- ☐ South Lakewood/Golden Corridor: Between Sheridan on the East and Johnson Road in Golden on the West and Jewell Avenue (South) to 6th Avenue (North).
- ☐ Unincorporated-Rural Jefferson County: considered the mountain rural area of Jefferson County.
- ☐ Do not provide services to these areas.

Help us better understand how your work in Jeffco aligns with our objective of supporting a thriving Jeffco community. Colorado Gives Foundation defines a thriving Jeffco community as one where residents live fulfilled lives, are meaningfully involved in matters that affect their community, and where residents connect with, appreciate and support one another. This definition complements our strategic impact work in the areas of [Essential Needs, Economic Prosperity, Resilient and Connected Neighborhoods and Civic Engagement](#).

Please select every category that applies to a program or service you provide for the benefit of Jeffco residents – if your organization is advocacy or policy-focused, please select categories based on the focus of your work in Jeffco.

- ☐ Jeffco Residents Live Fulfilled Lives.
  - ☐ Employment or Workforce Development
  - ☐ Housing (any type of service helps a residents find or maintain housing, whether temporary or permanent)
  - ☐ Early Care and Education (screening, home visitation, child care, mental health, early care workforce, resource/referral, parent education)
  - ☐ Education – outside of early childhood and specific to K-12, post-secondary and adult life skills (E.g. money/wealth building).
  - ☐ Physical Health/Access to Health
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  - ☐ Substance Use & Abuse
  - ☐ Food Security – direct food assistance
  - ☐ Food Security – helping people attain food subsidy.
  - ☐ Food Security – Local production and delivery of healthy, nutritious food
  - ☐ Domestic Violence/Victim Services
- ☐ Jeffco residents are meaningfully involved in matters that affect their lives and communities.  
Inclusive of:
  - ☐ Political efficacy
  - ☐ Volunteering
  - ☐ Civic Engagement
  - ☐ Changes to neighborhood design (physical)
    - ☐ Involvement in community groups

- ☐ Jeffco residents connect with, appreciate and support one another. Inclusive of:
  - ☐ Supporting community involvement in decision making
  - ☐ Participation in events and groups
  - ☐ Equitable access to arts and culture
  - ☐ Improving the built environment
  - ☐ Social mixing
  - ☐ Building Social capital
  - ☐ Creating a sense of belonging
  - ☐ "Neighbor-liness"

**For one or two of the categories your organization selected above where your work in Jeffco is most concentrated, please provide more information about the impact you made in Jeffco in the previous year. What did success look like? Please fill in text box (could include a link to a video) or provide an attachment.**

**For one or two of the categories your organization selected above where your work in Jeffco is most concentrated, please provide more information about the impact you hope to make in Jeffco for your current year. What will success look like? Please fill in text box (could include a link to a video) or provide an attachment.**

**Please indicate the primary purpose for the funds you are seeking in this application by selecting one of the following:**

- ☐ Unrestricted Operating Support
- ☐ Project or Specific Program in Jefferson County
- ☐ Adding to Operating Reserves
- ☐ Capital Needs in service to Jefferson County
- ☐ Piloting project or new services
- ☐ Scaling up project or services already successfully piloted
- ☐ Other (please indicate purpose) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the amount of money needed to support the primary purpose selected above.**  
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Colorado Gives Foundation adopted the [Results-Based Accountability](#) framework for measuring the performance of our grants. Applicants should follow these guidelines.

#### Performance Measures

**Question 1: What will we do? List expected outputs you will accomplish by the end of your grant timeframe such as # clients served, # activities performed, etc. \***

**Question 2: How well will we do it? List process measures and/or quality measures such as % timely actions, % complete actions, client-to-staff ratio, staff turnover rate, unit cost, etc. \***

**Question 3: How will we know anyone is better off? List outcome measures such as # and % of clients who will show improvement in skills/knowledge, attitude, behavior or circumstance. \***