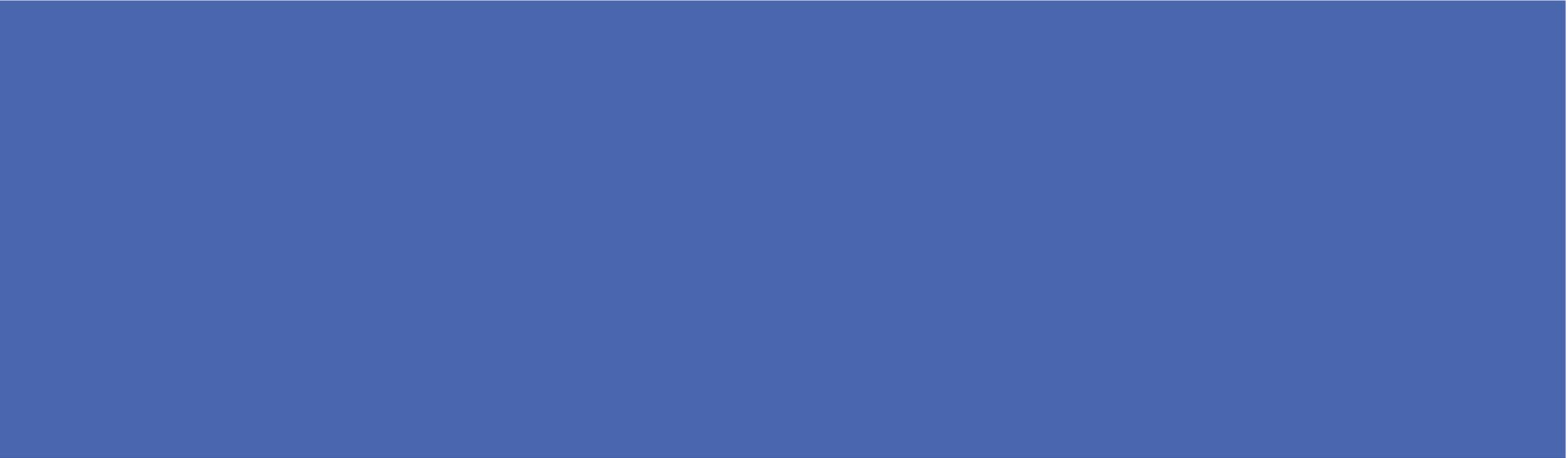




2020 AID TO AGENCIES RECOMMENDATIONS

SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2019 STUDY SESSION



2020 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.
- Ten (10) 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.

TIER I APPLICATIONS

- Family Tree, Inc.
- Freedom Service Dogs
- Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center
- Aurora Interfaith Community Services
- Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners
- South Metro Medical Equipment Loan Closet
- Homelessness Awareness Action Task Force
- Jewish Family Service of Colorado – Senior Solutions Center
- Comitis Crisis Center
- Integrated Family Community Services
- 18th Judicial District Wellness Court
- Advocates for Children
- AllHealth Network
- Sunshine Home Share
- Doctors Care
- Aurora Mental Health Center – Detox
- Tri-Valley Senior Citizens Association
- Community Housing Partners/Aurora Housing Corporation
- TLC Meals on Wheels
- Gateway Domestic Violence Services
- Aurora Mental Health Center
- Out and About Colorado
- Juvenile Assessment Center
- Arapahoe County Council on Aging
- Via Mobility Services
- STRIDE (formerly MCPN)

TIER II APPLICATIONS

- Environmental Learning for Kids
- Jewish Family Service of Colorado – Family Safety Net
- A Precious Child
- Kids in Need of Dentistry
- Recreation Opportunities for Aurora Residents Foundation
- Whiz Kids Tutoring
- Denver Urban Gardens
- Young Americans Center for Financial Education
- The Salvation Army
- Center for Work Education and Employment

AID TO AGENCIES REVIEW TEAM

- BoCC Administration, 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 the same amounts awarded in 2019, with the exception of the following:
 - Recommend a \$5,000 increase in awards to **Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center** to help provide legal aid to more low-income families
 - Recommend a \$2,000 increase in awards to **TLC Meals on Wheels** to help serve a rapidly growing population
 - Recommend a \$1,000 increase in awards to **Aurora Interfaith Community Services** to help with rising costs
 - Recommend awarding \$9,000 to **Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners** for outreach activities
 - Recommend not awarding funding to **Freedom Service Dogs, Sunshine Home Share, and Out and About Colorado**

RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Recommend holding \$20,000 in funds for Food Bank of the Rockies. Due to staffing changes, this agency neglected to submit an application this year, though they plan to next year. Out of concern for the impact on the food banks they serve, who normally receive an allocation of funds to purchase food at FBR, we recommend holding \$20,000 in funds aside in the event action needs to be taken to support these food banks in any way.

RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Recommend awarding funding to the following:
 - **Jewish Family Service of Colorado – Family Safety Net**, the amount of \$15,000, to address the demand for affordable housing and rental assistance in Arapahoe County
 - **A Precious Child**, the amount of \$10,000, to provide basic essentials to children and their caregivers who are challenged by poverty, abuse, neglect, and crisis situations in Arapahoe County
 - **The Salvation Army**, the amount of \$15,000, to address the need for rental assistance and eviction protection

FISCAL IMPACT

- The Aid to Agencies budget in 2018 and 2019 was \$1,679,500.
- After awarding both the Tier I and Tier II applicants as recommended above, a balance of \$72,983 would remain in Unspecified Funds for 2020.
- The Review Team would like direction from the BoCC on how to allocate the unspecified funds. A few options to consider would be that the unspecified funds could be: redistributed should the Affordable Care Act funding be cut significantly; used for other future needs, i.e. another detoxification center location; or held in case of an emergency where additional funds might not be available.