



# CDBG Project Summary Sheet

*2020 Project Reviews for AAP*

**Applicant Name:** Audio Information Network of Colorado  
**Project:** Smart Speaker Program  
**Activity(ies):** Provide bilingual audio services for residents who cannot see or read  
**Funding Requested:** \$28,067 (\$20,407 for staff and \$7,660 operating costs)  
**COVID-19 Changes:** Increased by \$6,214 (\$5,224 in Personnel and \$990 in PPE and Disinfection Supplies) 45 residents

## **General Description**

Returning CDBG grant recipient. Founded 29 years ago, AINC provides news and information in audio to some of the most vulnerable adults in Colorado-- those who cannot read print materials due to blindness, low vision or the inability to read print materials because of a physical or learning disability, neurological disorder or literacy issue. AINC is the only service in Colorado providing audio access to local newspapers, grocery discount ads, transit guides, nutrition tips, and a host of disease prevention and health promotion materials for those who cannot read.

AIN's mission is to assist self-sufficiency by sharing information on food, shelter, medical assistance, government, transportation, and current news/events in audio formats (English and Spanish). This assists blind/low vision and print-disabled residents make informed health, civic, and economic decisions; remain connected to their communities; maintain their independence longer; and have a higher quality of life.

Daily, over 150 AIN volunteers read and record materials. English and Spanish recordings are shared as on-demand podcasts and on live regional broadcasts that run 24/7 on the internet, a toll-free telephone system, and via a digital receiver that does not require internet or TY.

NOTE: Diabetes is the top cause of blindness in the U.S. One in four Hispanics of Mexican descent will develop diabetes. Currently, Hispanic AINC listeners are younger (mean age of 56) compared to Caucasian listeners (mean age of 65).

### **Project Description**

To provide free equipment, training, and services to blind/low vision and print-disabled residents of Commerce City. Free services include equipment, in-home setup and training, in-home and remote troubleshooting, equipment maintenance and studio technology upkeep, and ongoing program preference monitoring. Low-cost internet and if necessary hot-spots are also provided as necessary. This is currently being performed remotely due to COVID-19.

AIN focuses on providing local news and provides three regional broadcasts- Northern Front Range, Southern, and the Western Slope. AIN added local publications including the "Commerce City Connected", the Commerce City Sentinel-Express, Commerce City On the Move, City Manager Updates, and announcements from the Mayor and City Council.

### **COVID-19 Need Description**

Stay at Home orders curtailed traditional services and information for people living with disabilities. AIN needs a slight increase in personnel time to compensate for the additional remote set-up time required to avoid person to person contact. When contact is required PPE and disinfection supplies for staff and client.

### **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Assist disabled residents to remain safely in their homes
2. Dramatically improve the health, safety, and quality of life for the most vulnerable residents
3. On-going AIN volunteer-client check-in with clients
4. Expanding affordable internet connection for our disabled residents
5. COVID-19 prevention and education
6. Diabetes coordination with the CDC
7. Continual coordination with numerous related organizations, (VA, CDC, NFB, CSBD, CCB, internet providers, etc.) and bringing those resources to C3
8. Reduces isolation of disabled residents
9. Great outreach format for Spanish speaking seniors/disabled
10. Increase communication abilities for the City and other service organizations



## **Agency Experience and Ability**

Community Development Block Grants in: Commerce City, Arapahoe County, the City and County of Denver, Douglas County, the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, and the City of Grand Junction. Three consecutive Colorado Compassion Initiative Grants. Currently responsible for reporting for AINC's contract with the Denver Regional Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging and the contract with the Boulder County Area Agency on Aging.

### **LMI Benefit**

1. 45 residents
2. 100% LMI - Presumed Status

### **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

84% estimated

### **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Needs Assessment



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**Applicant Name:** Almost Home, Inc.  
**Project:** Homelessness Prevention Program  
**Activity(ies):** Temporary payments of housing and utility expenses plus case management support for residents at risk of being evicted or foreclosed.  
**Funding Requested:** \$11,000 requested (\$10,000 rent and \$1,000 in case management staff) Assists 13 household from becoming homeless, 12 case management.  
**COVID-19 Changes:** No Changes

## General Description:

Since 1993 Almost Home has assisted the Adams County area by providing:

1. a 30-bed homeless shelter for individuals and families,
2. Emergency Assistance program for homelessness prevention with rental/mortgage and utility assistance,
3. case management with additional resources, with an educational component (ESL/GED, etc.), and
4. follow-up on the residents to help keep the clients from homelessness for three months after assistance.

Over the past 25 years, Almost Home has assisted over 47,000 individuals, 25,000 of which were children.

## Project Description –

A current 2-bedroom Fair Market Rent in Adams Co. is \$1,310. To afford this you need 2.7 full-time minimum-wage jobs or an income of \$50,000. In Adams Co., 125,000 of the 491,337 residents have less than \$500 in their checking/savings accounts. 87% of households under the poverty level are spending 87% of their income on housing. This annually leaves only \$1,000 for everything else.

The overall goal is to reduce the number of residents becoming homeless by providing gap funding for rent/mortgage, and utility bills. In 2019, Almost

Home provided emergency assistance to 111 C3 residents and an additional 129 received supportive services. Countywide they assist almost 1,000 households a year.

This application seeks to fund homelessness prevention for an additional 13 households in Commerce City. Every household provided with rental assistance receives case management to help with resource navigation (food assistance, job placement assistance, health care, etc.). By providing this case management, they help clients work toward self-sufficiency and avoid the possibility of being in the same financial crisis in the future.

**COVID-19 Need Description - \$**

None

**Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Direct homelessness prevention for an additional 13 households
2. Personal, one-on-one assistance for residents in crisis
3. After assistance, residents are on more stable footing with numerous resources
4. Protects children from the instabilities of homelessness

**Agency Experience and Ability**

1. Almost Home has run its homelessness prevention program for over 20 years.
2. They have ample experience with Federal funding sources
3. Works with Thornton's CDBG program
4. Bilingual case management
5. 90-day follow-up program

**LMI Benefit**

1. 13 households = 41 residents
2. 100% LMI

**Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

100% Leverage

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Assessment Plan
- 2.





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**Applicant Name:** Victim Services - PD  
**Project:** Domestic Violence Financial Support  
**Activity(ies):** Temporary, limited housing & utility support to victims of domestic violence and their children  
**Funding Requested:** \$42,000 (\$2,000 per household = 21 households)  
**COVID-19 Changes:** Additional \$38,000 for COVID-19 Response 19 more households

## **General Description:**

Returning applicant to CDBG. In 2019, the PD's Victim Service Unit 14-member team responded 24/7/365 to 726 domestic violence cases. At least 254 (35%) of these victims needed financial assistance to maintain stability. They provide immediate crisis intervention at the hospital or in the victim's home to provide seamless support for victims and their families. They focus on safety, healing, justice, recovery, and advocacy to the family.

The current year CDBG DVV funds are over 80% spent and expected to run out by August 2020. This is significantly ahead of schedule due to the increased need caused by the pandemic.

## **COVID-19 Needs - \$38,000**

"Stay at Home" and "Safer in Place" orders have escalated the violence and its level of intensity. Loss of income, loss of freedom, loss of social support, loss of control, and the increased density of households 24/7 (children are now at home) has escalated domestic violence across the county. Local shelters are at capacity or have been quarantined.

Compared to the same 3-month period last year, the PD has received twice the number of DV cases. Escalating severity of the injuries includes repeated strangulations, longer hospital stays, and captivity. Attacks are increasingly including the children. One weekend in May they received 11 DV calls. It is hard for the victims to determine on which side of the front door the greatest danger lies.

**Project Description – Please keep this information confidential**

To provide temporary, limited housing support payments to escape the abuse and avoid homelessness. Payments are made directly to the billing entity (utilities, landlord or mortgage company, hotel, etc). Emergency cell phones may also be provided. Financial assistance typically will run for one month.

**Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Crime prevention
2. Homelessness prevention
3. Helping victims/families escape their abuser and avoid homelessness
4. Improves City's level of service to crime victims
5. Improves resident's health and safety
6. All money is directly assisting the clients
7. High profile, positive image to City and PD

**Agency Experience and Ability**

1. C3 Police Department
2. Kim Messina is Victim Services Coordinator, 7 staff, 7 trained volunteers
3. VS has experience with Federal and State grants
4. Project is ongoing and ready to expand
5. Financial records available on request
6. Funding sources are in place if annual budget is approved
7. VS has been a part of the City PD since 1980s
8. Three years with the City's CDBG program

**LMI Benefit**

1. 40 households = 126 residents
2. LMI is presumed by HUD - 100% LMI

**Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

1. Entire program budget from Victim Services can be leveraged into the project. >100%

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Inter-Governmental Agreement between Brighton and C3.
2. 2018-19 Housing Needs Assessment







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**Applicant Name:** Economic Development Division  
**Project:** City's Small Business Pandemic Assistance  
**Activity(ies):** Pay Staff and Operating Costs  
**Funding Requested:** \$32,460 (\$28,800 PTE Staff and \$3,660 Operating Costs)  
**COVID-19 Changes:** Additional \$67,160 (\$52,320 for FTE staff, \$14,840 in Operating Costs including Safe & Open Kits and Outreach) - Total of 75 city businesses and 125 residents.

## **General Description:**

Returning applicant. The Economic Development Division supports these bilingual program areas:

1. Business retention and expansion
2. Start-up/small business development
3. Job training and recruitment for local businesses

## **COVID-19 Project Description**

The City of Commerce City desires to contract for a part-time position to support the City's Economic Development Division as follows:

1. Provide one-on-one support, virtual meetings, training, and workshops
2. Increase staffing resources to meet increased demand during COVID - 19
3. Support small business by providing one-on-one counseling and training programs for small businesses promoting pandemic regulation compliance, e-commerce, digital payments grant application literacy, financial literacy, sanitation, disinfection, and marketing.
4. Continue and expand the partnerships to provide bi-lingual technical support
5. Manage and schedule virtual operations through ED and the Small Business Resource Center at 7270 Monaco Street.



6. Prepare outreach materials outlining new and updated programs and services in English and Spanish.
7. Increase staff by 1 FTE for a total of 1.5 at the SBRC to meet the massive new demand
8. Developing a Safe & Open marketing campaign and toolkit
9. Staff training in new technologies and COVID-19 related business issues
10. Marketing and outreach to small businesses

#### **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

- Provide accurate information to small businesses to prevent COVID-19
- Increase assistance to existing small and start-up businesses in C3
- Securing and implementing loan funds to C3's small businesses
- Small business growth means job expansion
- Attract and expand additional business resources to C3, including business training, certification, and counseling, to educate and train existing small and start-up businesses in C3
- Technical assistance will increase business expansion and existing business security

#### **Agency Experience and Ability**

The ED Division has CDBG administration experience from the previous year and is in compliance.

#### **LMI Benefit**

1. 75% LMI
2. 125 plus 75 small businesses

#### **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

1. 50% match

#### **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. ED
2. EOC





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**Applicant Name:** Groundwork Denver  
**Project:** Commerce City Green Team Youth Employment Program (Green Team)  
**Activity(ies):** Employ 6-8 Commerce City youths and 2 supervisors to perform environmental-based projects in the Core City  
**Funding Requested:** \$28,583 (\$22,953 for wages and \$5,630 for operating expenses)  
**COVID-19 Changes:** None

## **General Description:**

Returning CDBG recipient. Groundwork Denver (GWD) was founded in 2002, and unlike other environmentally-focused organizations, GWD builds partnerships with residents, businesses, nonprofits, City departments, and residents to deliver programs and resources that assist lower-income communities in making a wide range of environmental improvements, while also building diverse community involvement and providing leadership and job training opportunities. GWD's application listed 16 non-profit partners.

GWD's mission is to bring about the sustained improvement of the physical environment and promote health and well-being through community-based partnerships and action. The projects are located within the Target Area. GWD will hire low-income youth in C3 – primarily from the Target Area and focuses on job training, leadership, and hard and soft skill development.

Past projects have included building and maintaining urban gardens and farms, cleaning up parks and waterways, planting trees, measuring water quality, conducting door-to-door outreach to share opportunities for residents, sorting waste at community events, building trails, and adding youth voice to a planning process.

## **Project Description:**

To implement the proposed work, GWD will provide 6-8 Commerce City youth with 160 hours each of paid employment in the summer of 2021. The youth

are recruited through targeted outreach in Core City Commerce City schools and community-based organizations by working one-on-one with counselors, teachers, community organizers, and other adults to identify candidates for the program and give presentations to various youth groups and classes. Two supervisors, typically promoted from recent program grads, will also be hired for the summer.

GWD's programs include:

1. Leadership Development & Job Skills Training, please see program description.
2. Land Transformations, through which GWD partners with communities to transform underutilized properties for public benefit, increase access to natural areas, and improve the built environment.
3. The Climate and Energy Initiative, through which GWD has engaged more than 20,000 households in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy conservation, recycling, and tree planting. GWD's energy team provides free energy audits and energy efficiency upgrades to low-income families.
4. The Urban Waters Initiative, through which GWD builds partnerships to address watershed issues, developing and continuing to implement a watershed plan for Bear Creek, volunteer activities to improve riparian corridors, and improving access to the South Platte River from low-income neighborhoods.
5. The Securing Healthy Food Program, through which GWD grows vegetables in its greenhouse and distributes them, along with food rescued from backyard gardeners to the community at pay-what-you-can farm stands, mobile markets, and through donations.

### **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Youth education and training in "hard" skills such as proper tool use, planting techniques, trail maintenance, plant identification, and more
2. Youth education and training on "soft" skills such as communication, attitude, problem-solving, teamwork, and timeliness
3. Youth education and training in "professional" skills which includes resume development, interviews, and filling out new hire paperwork
4. Physical improvements to Commerce City neighborhoods, parks, trails, and community projects
5. Youth are more engaged in their community
6. Youth can network with area organizations and residents



7. Youth are encouraged to lead healthy and active lives
8. Youth are engaged in solving environmental and community issues

### **Agency Experience and Ability**

Last year, within the Denver area, the Green Team employed 71 youth who worked over 8,700 hours alongside 92 collaborative partners. Further, the GWD has demonstrated consistent growth since its inception, increasing the number of youth served, the paid job training hours available to those youth, the list of collaborative community partners that work alongside them, and the efficacy of programming.

GWD has successfully managed numerous Federal, State, and City contracts including:

- \$19,410 in Commerce City CDBG funds
- \$228,500 (EPA Lead Outreach and Training);
- \$330,000 (Colorado Department of Labor);
- \$230,000 (Colorado Department of Transportation CMAQ);
- \$169,100 (Department of Interior/US Fish and Wildlife Service),
- \$70,000 (CDPHE WQCD), and
- \$80,000 (City of Denver CDBG).

### **LMI Benefit**

1. 10 households = 32 residents
2. 9 0% LMI youth estimate

### **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

\$9,474 in match = 24.9% leverage

### **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Walk, Bike, Fit
2. Youth Master Plan





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**Applicant Name:** Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND)  
**Project:** KIND Commerce City Oral Health Clinic  
**Activity(ies):** Adams Tower Rent, Staff, Teledentistry Outreach, Kind CARES Kits, Activity Outreach  
**Funding Requested:** \$30,000 (6-months rent) – 500 residents (pre-CV est)  
**COVID-19 Changes:** Additional \$42,535 for: teledentistry personnel (\$30,485), teledentistry outreach (\$3,583), PPE (\$4,234), at home dental kits (KIND Cares Kits - \$833), Data Tracking Equipment (\$1,950), and MIFI and Service (\$1,450). 250 additional children.

## General Description:

New applicant. This 108-year old program, the oldest dental charity in Colorado, started to assist low-income children of miners and railroad workers. Since then they have expanded to several clinics and mobile services. In 2019, they served 546 Commerce City children. KIND serves patients regardless of their ability to pay and no child is ever turned away due to the inability to pay. KIND is one of the 12% of Colorado dentist that accepts Medicaid. KIND intentionally relies on donor and grant funding in their financial model.

KIND is moving into the Adams Tower by early 2021 to help provide coordinated pediatric medical, dental, and mental services, all in one location for low-income C3 residents. Other area residents will be served but over 50% of the patients will be from C3. KIND will also continue its mobile dental services and are incorporating teledentistry to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Coordinated pediatric medical events will occur at and/or from the new Adams Tower location.

## Project Description - \$30,000

KIND is asking for half of the annual rent at their new Adams Tower location.

## COVID-19 Need Description - \$42,535

Serve an additional 250 patients through teledentistry to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- 60% of the annual salary for a dentist and two dental assistants
- outreach campaign consisting of printed and mailed materials
- tracking software to track remote patients

They also need additional *medical grade* PPE for the clients and staff entering the clinic.

### **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Increases health equity
2. Reduces oral disease in children
3. Helps fill Adams Tower with non-profit organizations
4. Embeds oral health education into children and their family's medical behaviors
5. Increase oral health education to underserved communities
6. Provides positive oral health experience to children, often for the first time, reducing stress and anxiety
7. Provides bilingual, culturally competent services across social and educational domains.
8. Assist a long-term C3 and Adam 14 partner

### **Agency Experience and Ability**

1. Extensive grant management experience
2. Project is ongoing and ready to expand
3. Financial records available on request
4. Multiple funding sources are in place and being sought
5. 108 years of service to low income children in the Denver area
6. Three years with the City's CDBG program

### **LMI Benefit**

1. 500 residents (pre-COVID-19 est)
2. 250 additional residents with teledentistry

### **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

1. Additional grants and donations to the KIND move project can be leveraged into the project. >100%

### **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

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**Applicant Name:** CDBG  
**Project:** Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP)  
**Activity(ies):** Rehabilitate LMI owner-occupied homes for accessibility, health & safety, weatherization, energy efficiency, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and structural improvements  
**Funding Requested:** \$170,250 (15 homes at 11,350 each)  
**COVID-19 Changes:** If necessary, reduce request to \$114,500 (10 homes at \$11,450 each – includes resident PPE kit)

## **General Description:**

Funded in the 2017, 2018, and 2019 Annual Action Plans, this is a popular continuing program. MHRP provides free home rehabilitation services to LMI owner-occupied homeowners in Commerce City. Projects can include items related to health, safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility. Seventy-six (76) MHRP applications have been received to date. We have completed 48 home rehabilitation projects within the first 14 months of the city's MHRP program. Approximately applications/projects 22 more are in progress.

## **COVID-19 Project Description**

The Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP) will provide grants up to **\$10,000** (plus \$1,450 in city taxes, permits, PPE, & admin) to rehabilitate a minimum of 10 LMI owner-occupied homes. This program will repair and improve homes to increase the safety, health, accessibility, and energy efficiency of the residents homes. In 2019, the City let an RFP and again engaged the services of a CDBG home repair contractor Brother's Redevelopment to assist in the operations of the Minor Home Repair Programs.

The CDBG Office has coordinated with other area service providers to increase the positive financial and rehabilitation impacts to C3 LMI homeowners. These include Paint-a-Thon, Groundwork Denver, Adams County, and Arapahoe County.

$\$10,000 + \$550 \text{ (permits \& fees)} + \$100 \text{ (PPE kit)} + \$800 \text{ (BRI and City admin)} = \$11,450 \text{ per home estimate.}$



### **COVID-19 Need Description**

BRI executed a strict COVID-19 prevention program in April of 2020. Only by home-owner permission will the work be performed the home. Otherwise they will focus on external projects such as roofs and accessibility.

At BRI's first visit to the home, each home-owner will be provided with a PPE kit to prepare for BRI's entry into the home to make repairs. It will contain masks, hand sanitizer, surface disinfection products, etc. This will ease the homeowner and family's COVID-19 exposure, financial burdens to get the supplies, and the anxiety from others entering their home.

MHRP realizes the immediate needs of the community have changed due to the pandemic. It is reducing the funding request to accommodate the immediate and temporary COVID-19 needs. Once the pandemic is resolved we will return to increased numbers of homes assisted by the MHRP, as needed. We still have the 2019 funds (at least half of \$178,515) to spend in the city.

### **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Improves the homeowners' health, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency
2. Improves and preserves the city's housing stock
3. Improves and revitalizes the city neighborhoods
4. Assists the more vulnerable in C3 residents – seniors, the disabled, low income, etc.
5. Meets a high priority need in the Consolidated Plan
6. Develops a positive relationship between residents and the city
7. Reduces municipal code violations
8. Stabilizes the tax base
9. Meets an identified need by the citizenry
10. Provides PPE to LMI households that are mostly senior/disabled occupied.

### **Agency Experience and Ability**

1. Second operating year for the CDBG Office
2. BRI is a non-profit organization with over 45 years of experience screening applications, meeting with clients, inspecting properties, producing a prioritized work plan & budget, contracting, performing, and supervising the work.

### **LMI Benefit**



1. 10 LMI household = 31 LMI residents assisted
2. 100% LMI
3. 25% leverage estimated

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Needs Assessment



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**Applicant Name:** Brothers Redevelopment Inc.  
**Project:** Paint-a-Thon Program  
**Activity(ies):** Exterior paint, accessibility improvements, and yard clean-ups for senior and disabled residents.  
**Funding Requested:** \$40,000 in: staff time (\$25,000), materials (\$10,600), and operating costs (\$4,400). (\$3,077 per home – includes LBP needs)  
**COVID-19 Changes:** An additional \$1,560 for PPE and disinfection supplies for PAT staff, residents, and volunteers. Increases to \$3,197 per home (13 homes – 41 residents)

## **General Description:**

Returning CDBG Grant Recipient. Established in 1971, PAT serves the region's elderly and disabled residents. Since its inception 43 years ago, PAT has assisted over 90,000 households in Colorado. Within the City, PAT has already provided exterior painting, ramps and accessibility improvements, and yard clean-ups to 14 city homes.

We currently have a waiting list of 15 residents who have applied and been approved for the PAT program. There remains a great need to assist the over 5,000 city seniors meet the cost-burdens of maintaining a home and age in place.

## **Project Description**

Goals:

1. Exterior home painting
2. Improving resident accessibility (ramps, railings, grab bars)
3. One time yard cleanup
4. Light tree trimming
5. Minor landscaping modifications.

Activities: (1) Recruit elderly and disabled Commerce City residents and send a program application including a pre-project evaluation; (2) BRI staff will screen applications and determines eligibility; (3) if eligible, a home assessment is conducted and cost estimate is prepared; (4) BRI selects homeowners based upon the work needed; (5) BRI staff will recruit local volunteer teams from Corporate, Civic, Religious, and School communities; (6) work is scheduled,

volunteer teams are assigned and supplies are furnished; (7) a post-project evaluation is presented to the client upon completion of work; and (8) if any unsatisfied work is addressed, immediate corrective action is taken.

**COVID-19 Need Description - \$1,560 (\$120 per home)**

Adding project site, tools and equipment disinfectant supplies plus PPE for staff, residents, and volunteers (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, shoe covers, etc)

**Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Revitalize and stabilize neighborhoods and communities
2. Help our LMI senior and disabled residents stay in their homes
3. Eliminating the risk of lead-based paint exposure to current and future residents
4. Assist residents to come into compliance with municipal code violations/NS
5. High level of need consistently demonstrated by the number of applicants
6. Preserving property values for property owners and their families
7. Providing volunteer opportunities for community members to connect with our low-income, elderly neighbors, especially during a time of isolation.

**Agency Experience and Ability**

Since the 1990's BRI has been strengthened by CDBG funding by partnering with local city and county governments such as Arvada, Colorado Spring, Commerce City, Lakewood, Sheridan, Thornton, Arapahoe, Denver, El Paso, and Jefferson. Most often, federal grants received by BRI are considered pass-through dollars from local jurisdictions receiving HUD allocation. BRI is very experienced with federal grants and adheres to applicable local, county, state, and federal regulations. Successful 2018-2019 CDBG PAT programs with the City. Best CDBG partner to date

**LMI Benefit**

1. 100% LMI
2. 13 families assisted = 41 people MHRP

**Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

1. 100%

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Needs Assessment





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**Applicant Name:** The Senior Hub  
**Project:** Meal Program  
**Activity(ies):** Expanding services for seniors personal Home Care, including bilingual services  
**Funding Requested:** \$36,478 for personnel  
**COVID-19 Changes:** Increased to \$96,940 (\$59,904 PT chef and RN, \$36,272 food, packaging, PPE, and operating costs to serve 50 residents)

## **COVID-19 Project Description:**

The Senior Hub seeks to temporarily replace their Congregate Meal Program for Seniors at Mercy Housing Holly Park (MHHP) apartments during the pandemic. The new program will provide three prepared and packaged meals per week, delivered at the MHHP apartments by local volunteers. Approximately 90 meals a week will be served at \$7.00 a meal. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy will also be provided. MHHP youth volunteers will assist in delivering the meals and will receive a free meal. Senior Hub is involving partnerships with local farms, restaurants, and supermarkets to support the program.

Additionally, they will offer Senior Tech classes to assist with social media and online communication to alleviate isolation. Senior Hub will make reassurance calls to all participants. For the local volunteer program, PPE and cleaning supplies are requested.

## Need

1. 7% of Commerce City residents are seniors aged 60 and over.
2. 23% of our seniors live alone
3. 31% have incomes of less than \$20,000 and 12% have an income less than \$10,000
4. 28% of our seniors are on food stamps

The program also benefits the taxpayers of Commerce City by helping low-income older adults avoid placement in taxpayer supported assisted living facilities.

**Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Allows seniors to stay safer at home
2. Addresses food insecurity to our vulnerable residents/seniors
3. Prevents social isolation for our seniors during COVID-19 with the delivery visit and regular phone wellness check
4. Balanced, nutritious, and cultural foods are being met through the modified meal program
5. Seniors can stay safe at home and be connected with the tech classes (Zoom, Facetime, Facebook, emails, etc.)
6. Helps to prevent seniors from moving to assisted living facilities that are vulnerable to the pandemic.

**Agency Experience and Ability**

Grant management experience is significant with federal grant programs, but no specific CDBG experience. Staff and management are experienced and have years with Senior Hub. Volunteers have an experienced coordinator.

**LMI Benefit**

1. 50 residents
2. 90% LMI

**Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

100% leveraging

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Needs Assessment





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**Applicant Name:** Saint Vincent de Paul Society  
**Project:** Neighbors of SSVdP  
**Activity(ies):** Help residents meet expenses not being provided by other organizations  
**Funding Requested:** \$14,000 (\$4,250 in operating costs and \$9,750 in hair cut and food gift cards, transportation vouchers, water bill payments, prescription co-pay coverage. No estimated number of residents assisted provided.  
**COVID-19 Changes:** Increased to \$39,500, (Operating expenses only \$5,050, including marketing, supplies, \$34,450 in hair cut and food gift cards, transportation vouchers, water bill payments, prescription co-pay coverage, and household anti-COVID-19 kits). No estimated number of residents assisted provided.

## **Project Description:**

New applicant to CDBG. Brought to America from Ireland in 1845, SSVdP was lunched by Bishop Timor. Today, it is worldwide with 33 Societies in Colorado. In February of 2020, the first society in Commerce City was established accommodated by Our Lady Mother of the Church. Their mission is to alleviate suffering and promote human dignity and personal integrity.

Provide a wide range of services including gift cards and direct payments for:

- Grocery Gift Cards
- Haircut Gift Cards
- Interview Clothing
- Transportation for Medical Visits
- Prescription Co-payments
- Water Bill Payments
- Referrals to other area services
- Follow-up contacts and continued support

The SSVdP seeks to provide support in areas not being provided by other organizations.

## **COVID-19 Project Description:**



Increase funding to meet the tremendous increase in need through the services listed above and adding:

- Anti-COVID-19 Kits (masks, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, safety brochure, etc)

**Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Filling a void is living support for city residents
2. Meeting the needs of residents that may “fall in between the cracks”
3. Bilingual assistance at the grassroots level

**Agency Experience and Ability**

No government grant experience listed. Consists of a volunteer organization consisting of case managers, bilingual health managers, secretaries, former food bank managers, active community members, and a bilingual Director of Family Resources and Referral Center at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

**LMI Benefit**

1. An unknown number of residents, not stated in the application
2. 100% LMI

**Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

0% Leveraging

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

Unknown