



Strategic Investment Grants (SIG)



For more than 137 years, Mile High United Way has provided wraparound support to families across Metro Denver. Today, we continue to address the challenges facing our community, from finding an affordable home to accessing food and child care. Our programs and community investments – including our Strategic Investment Grants – provide families with the resources they need to thrive, grow and move toward economic success.

Forty percent of Coloradans say they are “just getting by

financially,” and one in three are concerned they may not always be able to afford food. More than 10,200 Colorado women are out of the workforce because of child care challenges and a shortfall of 88,500 child care slots.

These are a few reasons why our Strategic Investment Grants are so important. The Strategic Investment Grants program provides flexible funding to Metro Denver nonprofits working to create change across our community. Rooted in our history and mission, these grants support initiatives aligned with

our vision of a Community United with opportunities for all. Through this program, we provide funding to Metro Denver nonprofits focused on basic needs services, out-of-school time and early childhood education.

These grants are not just funding opportunities – they are the fertile soil where possibility takes root. Grant recipients also receive year-round support from Mile High United Way through capacity-building trainings, roundtable discussions and site visits so organizations can grow toward their own goals.

YOUR INVESTMENT IN ACTION

During the 2023-2025 Strategic Investment Grants funding cycle, we invested \$1.9 million in Metro Denver nonprofits, helping to serve 513,000 people across Metro Denver.



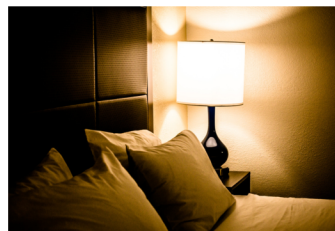
228,000

people accessed food pantry or delivery services



8,600

children received high-quality early child care



1,600

people safely housed through overnight shelters



1,500

households provided rental assistance

WHAT WE'RE DOING:



Basic Needs

We invest in organizations focused on helping people meet their basic needs, such as housing, food, tax preparation and legal services, so they can focus on what's possible.



Early Child Care and Education

We invest in organizations providing high-quality, comprehensive, inclusive and responsive early child care and education so that every child begins kindergarten ready to succeed.



Out-of-School Time

We invest in high-quality programs that deliver engaging activities that honor and respond to the needs and interests of participants (kids ages 5 to 12) and the community, and ensure a physically, emotionally and socially safe space that supports learning.

WHO YOU'RE HELPING

Your investment is helping people like Annelise and Felicity.

After suffering a perinatal stroke during birth, Felicity faced developmental challenges. She received intensive therapy, but her parents worried about choosing between child care or keeping her in therapy. Felicity's parents enrolled her in Sewall Child Development Center, a SIG grantee that provides speech, physical, occupational and vision therapy, in addition to high-quality early education.

"Parents face many difficult choices. For us, choosing early education over therapy wasn't one of those because of Sewall."

—Annelise, Felicity's mom



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