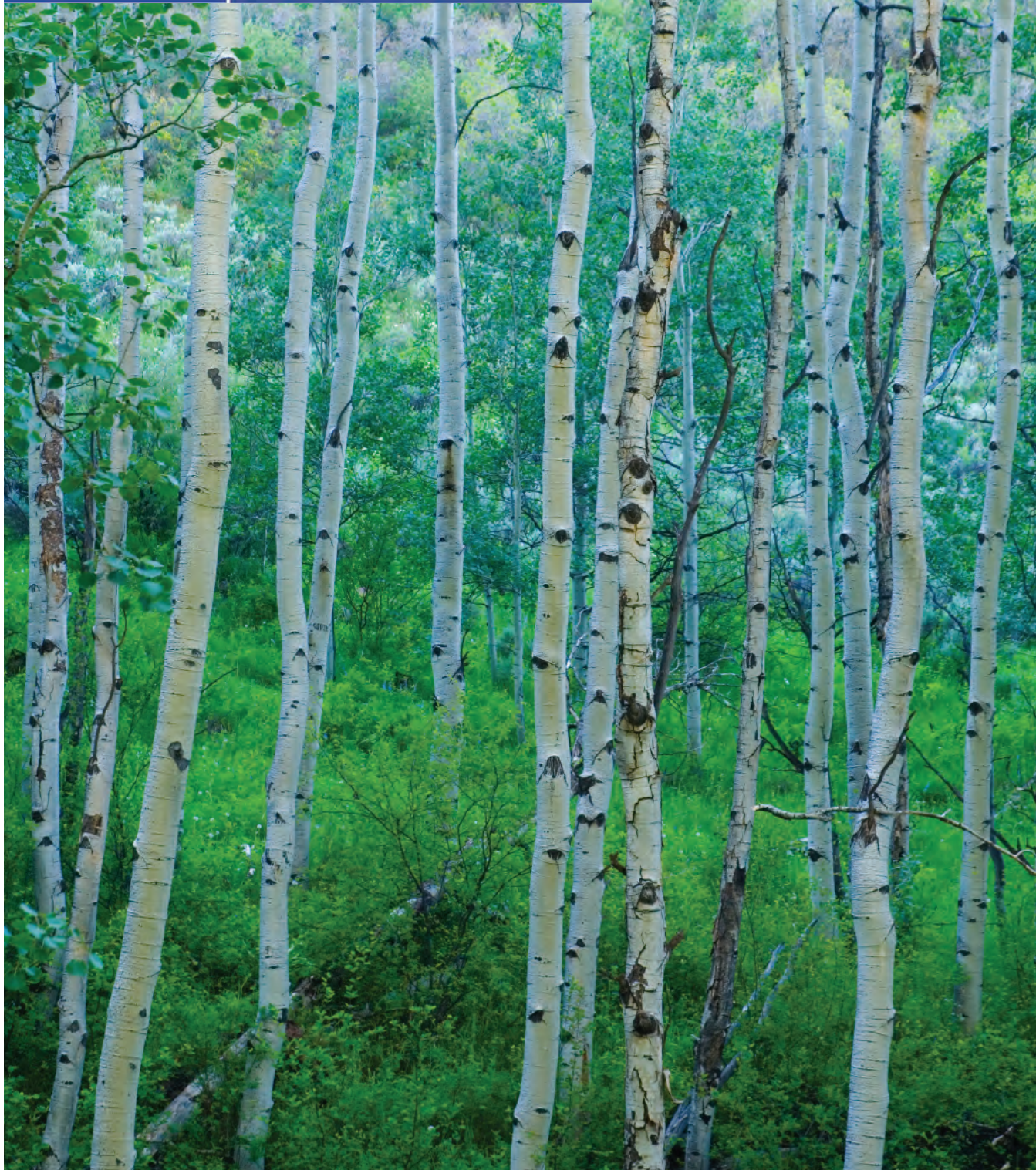




FIRE RELIEF FUND 2012



Report to the Community **PART I**

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John Hickenlooper
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It's no secret that this past summer was very challenging for Colorado. The wildfires that occurred across the state ravaged over 388,000 acres and destroyed 648 homes. The Little Sands, Treasure, Weber, Waldo Canyon, Flagstaff, Lower North Fork, High Park, Springer, Woodlands Heights, Last Chance, Ironing Board and Pine Ridge Fires collectively were the worst in Colorado's history. As westerners, we know in order to recover from such tragedy we must come together and rebuild our communities stronger than they were.

Fully embracing this value we were honored to partner with The Denver Foundation as our lead agency along with several other community organizations across the state to create the Colorado Fire Relief Fund 2012. Thanks to the generosity of countless supporters, over \$1.6 million has been raised to help the victims of this devastating tragedy. This money was used for flood control and debris mitigation, mental health services for the fires' victims, grants for volunteer fire departments, and over a dozen other projects. And all of these disbursements were transparently and expertly managed by the Denver Foundation. Much thanks is owed to them.

As the recovery process continues it is important that we recognize the strength of our community leaders especially when we all work together. Collaborative efforts like the Colorado Fire Relief Fund 2012 are proof of this strength and we should all be proud of the groups many accomplishments. Our Office would also like to offer a special thanks to the countless first responders who sacrificed so much to keep our communities safe.

We hope that this report provides us all with helpful information that will guide us in our recovery efforts as well as serve as a manual of "lessons learned" so that future critical situations may be dealt with ever-increasing efficiency, effectiveness, and elegance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The summer and fall of 2012 represented the worst wildfire season on record in Colorado. In response to this devastation, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper established the 2012 Colorado Fire Relief Fund (the Fire Fund) to provide private funding to support meeting unmet intermediate needs for individuals, families, community organizations, and volunteer fire departments across Colorado. Nearly \$1.7 million was contributed to the Fire Fund by generous individuals, businesses, and foundations, with 100 percent of the funding directly supporting grants to nonprofit organizations and local governments.

All grants awarded by the Fire Fund addressed the following funding priorities:

- Meet the intermediate unmet needs of individuals and families whose lives were seriously affected by the wildfires;
- Support rebuilding communities including environmental restoration projects and reestablishing important community resources;
- Help volunteer fire departments to compensate volunteer firefighters for loss of income; and
- Support volunteer fire departments in replenishing depleted supplies.

The Fire Fund awarded a total of 81 grants across Colorado in accordance with these priorities, with a majority of the funding supporting recovery efforts related to the High Park and Waldo Canyon fires. A summary of our funding allocations follows:

	Total	Larimer County	Pikes Peak	Rest of Colorado
Number of Awards	81	23	24	34
Total Funding	\$ 1,693,291.39	\$ 653,228.71	\$ 650,997.00	\$ 389,065.68
Percentage of Funding	100%	38.6%	38.4%	23%

Part I of this report includes a full list of Fire Fund donors, a list of all awarded grants with the grant purpose and amount, and a summary of the early results achieved through the Fire Fund's grant recipients. Part II of this report documents the Fire Fund's grantmaking process and summarizes our lessons learned for other communities seeking to allocate philanthropic resources in response to similar tragedies.

About the Colorado Fire Relief Fund

The wildfire season of 2012 represented the worst on record in Colorado. Of the dozens of wildfires that burned across the state during 2012, the High Park and Waldo Canyon fires were particularly devastating. The High Park Fire, which started on June 9 and was contained on June 30, burned 87,284 acres, destroyed 259 homes and 371 structures, and involved 155 firefighters. The Waldo Canyon Fire, which started on June 23 and was contained on July 10, burned 18,247 acres, destroying 347 homes and more than 300 other structures, and involved 80 firefighters. Dozens of other smaller fires burned in communities across Colorado, destroying homes, ranchlands, and forests. Firefighters and emergency service personnel, many local nonprofit and community organizations, and hundreds of volunteers bravely stepped up while the fires were burning and in the immediate aftermath to address the most urgent needs. Many donors also stepped up to provide financial support to help these communities provide food, shelter, and emotional support for fire victims.

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Governor Hickenlooper appointed the chief executive officers from eight community foundations across Colorado to serve as the statewide Allocation Board for this fund, with David Miller, CEO of The Denver Foundation, serving as the Chair. The Allocation Board's responsibilities included setting funding priorities, developing an application process, ensuring that grant awards made through the Fund met the most pressing community needs, and overseeing the final approval of all grant awards made under the Fire Fund.



Local Allocation Committees, overseen by the statewide Allocation Board, reviewed all grant applications for the fires affecting Larimer County and the Pikes Peak region and have made all of the funding recommendations for the grants listed within this report. For smaller fires affecting other communities across Colorado, the Allocation Board reviewed and considered applications, seeking local input through the El Pomar Foundation's Regional Council structure to help make decisions that were most in line with community needs.

The Denver Foundation, a community foundation serving the seven-county Metro Denver area, served as the administrator of the Fire Fund. The Denver Foundation paid for all of the administrative costs for the Fire Fund's work, ensuring that 100 percent of the funding raised would be used to benefit the communities affected by 2012's devastating fires.

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Fire Fund Grants

The Fire Fund began its work in July, 2012, by assessing community needs and developing a grantmaking process. Over the next nine months, the Fire Fund awarded nearly \$1.7 million across the state of Colorado, with most of the funding dedicated to relief for the communities affected by the High Park and Waldo Canyon fires. Since immediate needs had already been met by first responders and relief agencies and the Fire Fund would not have the resources to support long-term recovery, the Allocation Board identified funding for projects occurring in the six to nine months after the fires were contained as the area where the Fund could have the most impact in meeting community needs.

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Summary of Grant Awards

	Total	Larimer County	Pikes Peak	Rest of Colorado
Total Funding Requests	\$ 3,674,517.69	\$ 1,189,553.69	\$ 2,174,909.00	\$ 310,075.00
Awarded Grants to Volunteer Fire Departments				
Dollar Amount	\$ 292,292.85	\$ 71,766.17	\$ 36,536.00	\$ 183,990.68
Number of Awards	38	7	5	26
Awarded Project Grants				
Dollar Amount	\$ 1,400,998.54	\$ 581,462.54	\$ 614,461.00	\$ 205,075.00
Number of Awards	43	16	19	8
Total Funding	\$ 1,693,291.39	\$ 653,228.71	\$ 650,997.00	\$ 389,065.68
Percentage of Funding	100%	38.6%	38.4%	23%

"The Colorado Fire Relief Fund has allowed us to touch each and every fire survivor and has given hope to many families that their unmet needs can be met. Just having a case manager to help sort out the intricacies of government programs and insurance claims lifted a huge burden off of families at a time when they were desperate. The funding has achieved and will continue to achieve far more good than just the dollars themselves would suggest."

Gordan Thibedeau
President & CEO
United Way of Larimer County

Fire Fund Guiding Principles

The Allocation Committee adopted the following as their guiding principles throughout the process:

- The Committee will allocate dollars based on the best interests of the people of Colorado.
- We will be open and transparent in everything that we do.
- Our focus will be on intermediate-term needs. Immediate needs are being handled by first responders and service providers. Long-term needs are beyond the resources of the committee.
- We believe that decisions are best made at the local level.
- We believe that every possible dollar should go to the ultimate beneficiaries and that administrative costs should be minimized.
- We will make our decisions by consensus.

Early Results and Outcomes

In total, the Fire Fund awarded 43 project grants and 38 grants for replenishing supplies within volunteer fire departments across Colorado. Because Fire Fund grants were awarded over a five month period of time starting in September 2012, many grantees are still in the process of implementing their projects. Based upon interim reports and other updates from grantees, the Fire Fund's primary outcomes for our investment of \$1.7 million include the following to date:

- The availability of Fire Fund grants enabled some grantees to secure federal dollars from both the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Bureau of Land Management for restoration projects. These grantees have reported that receiving early matching funding was essential in securing federal support for their projects and that raising funding from other sources would have otherwise been difficult. Some grantees want to complete flood mitigation projects before spring rains, and this early support helped move important projects forward quickly.
- Fire Fund grantees are providing direct financial assistance to at least 160 families and individuals who experienced devastating losses through the High Park, Waldo Canyon, and Lower North Fork fires. Grantees have developed eligibility criteria to ensure that this direct financial assistance supports those most in need, including low-income individuals and families, those from vulnerable populations such as seniors and the disabled, and those who were under- or uninsured. Grantees are awarding financial assistance up to \$5,000 to support needs like covering insurance deductibles, supporting basic living

expenses, re-establishing small businesses that were destroyed during the fires (repurchasing tools, for example), debris cleanup, and property restoration.

Through five grantees, these families and additional fire victims have received extensive case management and supportive services to help them in re-establishing their lives. Case management services have included helping victims access community resources, helping homeowners navigate the process of rebuilding their lives, working with insurance and mortgage companies, and helping fire victims deal with the trauma of losing many or all of their possessions and family memories through mental health services.

"We're so grateful to the Colorado Fire Relief Fund for making it possible for United Policyholders to provide wildfire recovery services over the past year to devastated residents of three communities in Colorado. This critical funding has made it possible for us to do three things: 1) help people navigate and overcome challenges related to insurance, repairs, and rebuilding; 2) establish partnerships with Larimer and El Paso County and build a network of local volunteers who are dedicated to our mission; and 3) participate in a successful legislative reform effort that will improve the lives of future disaster victims in Colorado."

Amy Bach
Executive Director and Co-Founder
United Policyholders



- One Fire Fund grantee has provided expertise and navigation to help families and individuals navigate the highly complex process of settling insurance claims and rebuilding properties. This grantee has been successful in helping dozens of fire victims negotiate settlements in excess of what their insurance companies initially offered, making a substantial difference in their ability to move on with their lives.
- The Fire Fund is funding 23 restoration projects that include debris removal, flood mitigation, and land restoration efforts. Many of these projects are leveraging volunteer and in-kind resources to significantly increase the spending power of their grants. Additionally, these restoration projects will help mitigate future damage from flooding, protect properties, and reduce further environmental impacts on fire-damaged land.
- Five grantees received funding to support coordination efforts between local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private parties involved in restoration and rebuilding efforts. These grants have helped ensure a higher level of coordination and a more effective use of resources.
- Three volunteer fire departments received grants to support reimbursement of very small portions of lost income for their volunteer firefighters who spent extended time fighting a 2012 wildfire. These departments report that the small stipends helped keep their volunteer force strong after a difficult 2012 fire season.
- Thirty-eight volunteer fire departments received funding to support replenishing supplies to help them be better prepared to fight future wildfires. Many of these departments reported that 2012 wildfires severely damaged field equipment, destroyed personal protective equipment, and left them ill-prepared to fight future fires. These departments are often nonprofit organizations with no funding base other than private donations, so most had no other options for securing the funding to pay for replenishing these supplies. As the first line of defense against wildfires for many communities, these departments are better prepared for 2013 with the help of these grants.

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

The following three projects are examples of how Fire Fund grants have been used in communities across Colorado to help recover from 2012's devastating wildfires.

High Park Restoration Coalition

The historic High Park fire left extensive environmental damage in its wake. Burned land is prone to further damage from flooding. The remnants of burned homes, buildings, and vehicles create hazards, with debris containing environmentally damaging materials. These factors make environmental restoration one of the primary priorities for wildfire recovery. In Larimer County, the High Park Restoration Coalition (HPRC) is using Fire Fund support, granted to lead agency Trees, Water & People, to coordinate, plan, and implement environmental restoration projects using a highly collaborative model, with ten major private and public partners at the table.

Because a large geographic area was damaged from the High Park fire, the HPRC mapped the burn areas to create a decision-making tool to help identify priority projects and partners. Through this process, the HPRC has been able to identify three geographic areas as their highest priorities for restoration, with the Coalition moving together to collaboratively develop projects and devote resources to addressing these priority locations. The HPRC also identified the need to formalize these collaborative efforts for the long-term, a major outcome of these partners working together on restoration efforts.

Going well beyond planning and coordination, individual HPRC partners have started implementing fire-related restoration

projects. For example, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, a HPRC member and Fire Fund grantee, has organized ten restoration projects with the value of volunteer labor contributed amounting to more than \$120,000 for a total of 595 volunteer days. Volunteers have successfully sowed native seed grasses, distributed mulch, installed erosion control structures, and worked on water quality improvement projects on 155 acres of land that were severely burned during the High Park fire. Similar restoration projects will be completed through private and public partnerships through ongoing efforts within existing organizations, helping ensure that these vital coordinated restoration efforts will continue well into the future.

Through their work, the leaders of the High Park Restoration Coalition have found that much more can be accomplished with a collaborative approach to coordinated project planning and development than any single organization could achieve on its own.



United Policyholders

The Fire Fund provided three grants to United Policyholders (UP) to support their Roadmap to Recovery program for the victims of the High Park, Woodland Heights, and Waldo Canyon fires. A national organization with extensive experience in helping disaster survivors navigate the maze of insurance settlements and recovery, UP previously provided highly regarded services in Boulder County after the Four Mile Canyon fire.

With support from the Fire Fund, UP has been successful in partnering with Larimer County and El Paso County to provide fire victims with access to experts, an extensive publication and resource library, and multi-session, in-depth workshops on topics like completing the detailed personal property inventories that insurers require, working with mortgage companies on financial obligations, and insurance claim dispute resolution.



With their extensive experience in working with disaster survivors across the U.S., UP was able to provide much-needed support and expertise on highly complex topics for fire victims in Colorado. In the words of one Roadmap to Recovery participant: "I can't thank you enough for watching all of the fine print." Another says, "I am so grateful for your help as it is a true insider's guide to wading through the quagmire after a catastrophe. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!"

In partnership, Fire Fund grantees Larimer County and United Policyholders conducted a survey of 105 High Park fire victims six months after the fire was contained. Some of their findings include:

- 43 percent of fire victims reported not having enough insurance to cover the cost of repairing, replacing, or rebuilding their home, with the average amount of underinsurance at around \$83,000.
- 25 percent had not yet reached a settlement with their insurance company.
- 33 percent reported delays in getting payments of their policy benefits, and 34 percent reported delays in getting answers to questions, phone calls, and emails about their insurance settlements.

United Policyholders' survey of Waldo Canyon fire victims found that:

- 63 percent of survey participants had not reached a settlement with their insurance company six months out from when the fire was contained.
- 32 percent of fire victims reported being underinsured on their home and 39 percent reported being underinsured on their personal property.
- 44 percent of these victims reported delays in payments of policy benefits, and 47 percent reported delays in getting answers to questions, phone calls, and emails about their insurance settlements.

Mountain Resource Center

The Lower North Fork fire burned 4,140 acres in a populated area near Conifer, Colorado, destroying 23 homes and damaging private land in the process. Because of the circumstances surrounding this fire, many homeowners have been engaged in litigation and ongoing insurance issues, adding an additional layer of emotional trauma and sense of loss to the recovery process.

The Fire Fund has provided three grants to the Mountain Resource Center (MRC) to support fire victims in recovering from this devastation. Learning that an organization had funding available to help in restoring property and providing supportive services—

without many strings or complications attached—has given these victims significant hope and appreciation for these victims. With this funding, MRC has provided services to 24 families, many of whom are seniors and some of whom are under-insured or completely uninsured. For some fire victims, support in deciding how to rebuild their lives has been most helpful, and these individuals have received extensive case management and supportive services, including individualized and group counseling, emotional support, and advocacy services to help them move past the trauma of losing everything they owned.

For other families, receiving assistance to start restoring their property has been most helpful, especially for those who have experienced financial devastation, are still waiting on insurance settlements, or were under-insured or uninsured and have few resources to start the rebuilding process. Through support from the Fire Fund, MRC has been able to provide financial assistance that helps fire victims purchase the small equipment necessary to clear debris from their land, purchase seedlings, and get assistance with labor for those who are physically unable or the task to perform debris mitigation on their own properties is too enormous to handle alone.

Receiving a small amount of financial support has helped homeowners start the recovery process. MRC reports, "This funding has given people hope. Since the fire, families have been in shock, overwhelmed, and deeply depressed. Families that lost their homes have had trouble dealing with the loss of all their possessions and memories. However, in time, people are benefitting from witnessing the positive signs of new growth and life generated by planting seedlings and removing burned trees and stumps from their properties. They have begun to see that there is hope through the rebirth of their land."

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Fire Fund Grantees

Grants to Support Recovery Efforts in Larimer County (High Park and Woodland Heights fires)

Organization	Amount	Purpose of Grant
Community Foundation of Northern Colorado	\$ 63,748	To support the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado's High Park Restoration Fund.
Larimer County, Colorado	\$ 45,000	To support the purchase of dumpsters for low-income victims of the High Park fire for the purpose of assisting with debris removal and cleanup.
Larimer County, Colorado	\$ 50,000	To support high-priority flood control and debris mitigation efforts in the areas affected by the High Park fire.
Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District	\$ 9,590	To provide additional support for digging and maintaining a well that provides water for regional firefighting needs.
Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District	\$ 15,000	To provide support for purchasing a wood chipper for debris removal and cleanup.
Touchstone Health Partners	\$ 13,440	To support a full spectrum of mental health services for those directly impacted by the High Park fire.
Trees, Water, People	\$ 68,000	To support capacity building, coordination, planning, and implementation for the High Park Restoration Coalition (for items included under the "task" section of the approved budget).
United Policyholders	\$ 47,000	To support the Roadmap to Recovery program for individuals and families whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the High Park fire.
United Policyholders	\$ 11,688	An increase in funding to support the Roadmap to Recovery program for individuals and families whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the High Park fire.
United Way of Larimer County	\$ 165,000	To support providing case management services and direct financial assistance to victims of the High Park and Woodland Heights fires in coordination with the Northern Colorado Long-Term Recovery Group.
United Way of Larimer County	\$ 10,500	An increase in funding to provide direct financial assistance to families and individuals affected by the High Park fire.
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado	\$ 18,475	To support volunteer-driven restoration projects in areas that were damaged by the High Park fire.
Wildlands Restoration Volunteers	\$ 39,022	To support three restoration projects in the Rist Canyon area that were damaged by the High Park fire.
Wildlands Restoration Volunteers	\$ 25,000	An increase in funding to support three restoration projects in the Rist Canyon area that were damaged by the High Park fire.

Grants to Support Recovery Efforts in the Pikes Peak Region (Waldo Canyon fire)

Organization	Amount	Purpose of Grant
Cascade Fire Protection District	\$ 45,000	To support flood mitigation in neighborhoods damaged by the Waldo Canyon fire.
City of Colorado Springs	\$ 30,000	To support the installation of a debris screen on the inlet to a dam above the Alpine Autism Center to prevent significant property damage and loss of life.
City of Colorado Springs Engineering Department	\$ 25,000	To support building an emergency spillway on a compromised dam above the Alpine Autism Center to prevent significant property damage and loss of life.
City of Colorado Springs Engineering Department	\$ 50,000	To provide matching funding for flood mitigation measures and watershed restoration efforts.
City of Colorado Springs Engineering Department	\$ 15,000	To support the installation of a temporary floodwall above the Alpine Autism Center to help mitigate the risk of damage due to flooding.
City of Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management	\$ 40,833	To support flood mitigation in neighborhoods damaged by the Waldo Canyon fire by providing access to sandbags for residents.
City of Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management	\$ 5,377	To support the purchase of a trailer for the City of Colorado Springs to help transport a sandbagger for the purpose of flood mitigation.
City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services	\$ 5,250	To support the purchase of trees and a volunteer planting program to restore open spaces and parks damaged by the Waldo Canyon fire.
City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services	\$ 25,000	To support the hiring of an additional forester to help with fire restoration efforts.
Coalition for the Upper South Platte	\$ 100,000	To oversee the process of restoring watersheds in the areas affected by the Waldo Canyon fire, including assessment, coordination, project management, and project implementation.



Grants to Support Recovery Efforts in the Pikes Peak Region (Waldo Canyon fire) cont.

Organization	Amount	Purpose of Grant
Colorado Springs Fire Department	\$ 45,950	To support the purchase of a chipper to help with debris removal in the communities damaged by the Waldo Canyon fire.
Colorado Springs Together	\$ 10,000	To support the start-up costs for this organization's community rebuilding and coordination efforts.
Colorado Springs Utilities	\$ 25,200	To support applying biosolid compost to high-priority areas for flood mitigation and beginning a biosolids composting program within Colorado Springs Utilities.
El Paso County	\$ 23,361	To support the costs of a recovery coordinator for El Paso County.
El Paso County	\$ 50,000	To support flood mitigation efforts in the Williams Canyon and Manitou Springs area.
Lutheran Social Services of Colorado	\$ 50,000	To support case management services and direct assistance to individuals and families whose lives were directly affected by the Waldo Canyon fire.
Peregrine Master Association, Inc.	\$ 12,490	To support community restoration and erosion control in the Peregrine neighborhood to prevent further damage to property by debris flow and flooding.
Pikes Peak Community Foundation	\$ 12,490	To provide support to the Peregrine Master Association for debris flow and flooding mitigation for the Peregrine community. The Pikes Peak Community Foundation is serving as the fiscal sponsor for this project and will not charge any fees to the Peregrine Master Association.
Pikes Peak Community Foundation	\$ 33,000	To support the Pikes Peak Community Foundation's Waldo Canyon Fire Fund.
United Policyholders	\$ 23,000	To support the Roadmap to Recovery program to help victims of the Waldo Canyon fire in navigating the insurance and rebuilding process.



Grants to Support Recovery Efforts in Other Communities across Colorado

Organization	Amount	Purpose of Grant
Custer Conservation District	\$ 40,000	To oversee the process of restoring lands damaged by the Wetmore fire to help prevent erosion and flooding.
Mancos Fire Protection District	\$ 22,175	To support reimbursement of lost wages for volunteer firefighters who participated in fighting the Weber fire.
Mountain Resource Center	\$ 12,000	To support providing case management and direct support services to Lower North Fork fire victims in re-establishing their lives.
Mountain Resource Center	\$ 60,000	To support providing direct financial assistance to underserved victims of the Lower North Fork fire to help them in restoring their property and starting the rebuilding process.
Mountain Resource Center	\$ 10,000	To support providing direct financial assistance to underserved victims of the Lower North Fork fire to help them in restoring their property and starting the rebuilding process.
San Juan Mountains Association	\$ 50,000	To support FireWise of Southwestern Colorado in its efforts to restore agricultural lands damaged as a result of the Weber fire.
Southwestern Washington County Fire Protection District	\$ 2,500	To support reimbursement of lost wages for volunteer firefighters who participated in fighting the Last Chance fire.
Washington County Colorado	\$ 8,400	To support rebuilding a damaged fence surrounding the county radio tower.



The Colorado Fire Relief Fund has made the following grants to support Colorado volunteer fire departments in replenishing their supplies and improving their level of preparedness for fighting future wildfires to help protect Colorado communities. All awardees were involved in fighting a 2012 Colorado wildfire.

Beulah Valley Fire Protection District	\$ 2,325
Big Elk Fire Protection District	\$ 909
Coal Creek Canyon Fire Protection District	\$ 7,458
DeBeque Fire Protection District	\$ 7,084
Dolores Fire Protection District	\$ 10,880
Dolores Fire Protection District	\$ 4,120
Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 14,800
Four Mile Fire Protection District	\$ 8,500
Glade Park Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 3,174
Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 10,000
Golden Gate Fire Protection District	\$ 1,545
Green Mountain Falls Chipeta Park Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 2,773
Green Mountain Falls Police Department	\$ 9,500
Hanover Fire Protection District	\$ 7,153
La Veta Fire Protection District	\$ 360
Lake George Fire Protection District	\$ 7,152
Left Hand Fire Protection District	\$ 15,000
Lewis Arriola Fire Department	\$ 12,888
Livermore Fire Protection District	\$ 3,751
Livermore Fire Protection District	\$ 1,215
Mancos Fire Protection District	\$ 14,226
Moffat County Sheriff's Office	\$ 13,050
North Fork Fire Protection District	\$ 13,500
Otis Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 6,516
Pinewood Springs Fire Protection District	\$ 12,000
Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District	\$ 15,000
Rico Fire Protection District	\$ 4,962
Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 15,000
Sable Altura Fire Protection District	\$ 4,714
Seibert Fire District	\$ 1,997
Southern Park County Fire Protection District	\$ 3,329
Southwest Washington County Fire Protection District	\$ 5,500
Southwest Washington County Fire Protection District	\$ 1,100
Spanish Peaks Fire Protection District	\$ 6,569
Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District	\$ 10,632
Tallahassee Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 14,133
Tri-County Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 6,478
Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 13,000

Volunteer Fire Departments

	# of Grants		# of Grants
Aguilar, CO	1	Golden, CO	2
Akron, CO	2	Green Mountain Falls, CO	2
Aurora, CO	1	Guffey, CO	1
Bellvue, CO	1	Laporte, CO	1
Beulah, CO	1	La Veta, CO	1
Boulder, CO	2	Lake George, CO	1
Buffalo Creek, CO	1	Lewis, CO	1
Canon City, CO	1	Livermore, CO	2
Colorado Springs, CO	2	Lyons, CO	2
Craig, CO	1	Mancos, CO	1
De Beque, CO	1	Otis, CO	1
Dolores, CO	2	Rico, CO	1
Estes Park, CO	1	Rush, CO	1
Glade Park, CO	1	Seibert, CO	1
Glen Haven, CO	1	Wetmore, CO	1

Project Grants

Fort Collins, CO (High Park fire)	16	Mancos, CO	2
Conifer, CO	3	Westcliffe, CO	1
Last Chance, CO	2	Colorado Springs, CO (Waldo Canyon fire)	19

