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Purpose of the Report

During the 2022 Legislative session, [Senate Bill 22-001](#) created The Crime Prevention through Safer Streets Grant Program. The grant program supports local governments to evaluate and design safer streets and neighborhood models that discourage crime, revitalize community image, and establish place-specific crime prevention strategies that account for geographic, cultural, economic, and social characteristics of the target areas.

Local Governments could submit a grant application to the department for a grant to pay for improvements designed to decrease the incidence of crime and create safer streets. A local governmental agency may partner with a community-based nonprofit organization to submit a joint application to the department for a grant to pay for improvements designed to decrease the incidence of crime and create safer streets.

Such improvements may include:

- (a) Better lighting;
- (b) Improved trash collection;
- (c) Access control;
- (d) Territorial reinforcement; and
- (e) Improved space management.

Activities that are not eligible:

- (a) Hiring law enforcement or code enforcement personnel or peace officers;
- (b) facial recognition purposes; or
- (c) surveillance programs that utilize networks of sensors to detect gunshots, commonly referred to as a "ShotSpotter" program.

Advisory Committee

The Division of Criminal Justice, in the Colorado Department of Public Safety is responsible for administering the grant program with the advice of The Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Advisory Committee. The division was to ensure that the composition of the committee was racially, ethnically, and geographically diverse and representative of the communities where crime is disproportionately high. The committee consists of the following thirteen members:

Committee Position	Individual	Agency/Organization
Law Enforcement (1st of 2 positions available)	Chief Bob Dalley	DeBeque Marshal's Department
Law Enforcement (2nd of 2 positions available)	Chief Robert Brammer	Durango Police Department
Local Official - 1 Urban	Commissioner Candace Moon	City of Centennial
Local Official - 1 Rural	Wendy Buxton-Andrade	Prowers County
Situational Crime Prevention Expert	Dr. Cindy Stewart	CO Department of Transportation
Community Organization (1 of 3 positions available)	Terri Hurst	CO Criminal Justice Reform Committee
Community Organization (2 of 3 positions available)	Don Addy	Crime Stop
Community Organization (3 of 3 positions available)	Bishop Jerry Demmer	Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance

Law Enforcement and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Expertise	Tracie Keesee	Policing Equity
Urban or Transportation Planning	Cate Townley	CO Department of Public Health and Environment
Architect	Ignacio Correa-Ortiz	RTD Denver

Grant Award Requirements

The General Assembly appropriated \$10,300,000 for fiscal year 2022-23. The Advisory Committee shall ensure that money from the grant award enhances community safety both inside and outside of urban areas.

All grant applications must address:

- (a) The target area and crime challenge the applicant hopes to address;
- (b) Data regarding the incidence of crime in the target area, disaggregated by the type of crime, and demographic data;
- (c) The specific projects the grant would fund;
- (d) Measurable or observable goals to decrease the incidence of crime, disaggregated by the type of crime;
- (e) Details on how the applicant has collaborated with communities and other agencies in developing the improvements to be funded under the application; and
- (f) Details on how the plan would prevent the displacement of homeless populations and harm to communities of color and vulnerable populations.

Prior to submitting grant applications to the department, local government agencies shall solicit feedback and consult with impacted communities, including but not limited to area residents and business owners; homeowners' associations;

registered neighborhood organizations; and experts in environmental design, including urban and transportation planning professionals and architects with relevant experience in environmental design.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance was provided to agencies interested in submitting responsive proposals. Technical assistance was provided utilizing multiple methods. The first opportunity was through a webinar to educate applicants on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. Secondly, the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance provided weekly office hours for potential grantees to cover questions about the grant application, the grant management system, grant requirements, and application questions. Lastly, through a contracted technical assistance provider, Richard Stoker, potential applicants had the opportunity to request individual assistance on a 1:1 basis as needed. The individual technical assistance sessions were available through a scheduling link on the Division of Criminal Justice website.

FY2023 Grant Review Process and Outcome

The Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Advisory Committee reviewed all the submitted grant applications. In whole, there were 25 grant applications submitted requesting \$7,691,328 in funding. The appropriation available for fiscal year 2023 was \$10.3 million. The Advisory Committee recommended 23 grant applications for funding, totaling \$6,284,732 over a six-month grant period, January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023.

FY2025 Grant Review Process and Outcome

The original appropriation set in SB22-001 expired on June 30, 2023. In fiscal year 2023, SB23-227, Concerning Measures to Provide Resources to Increase Public Safety, extended the grant program and extended the authority for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to use the appropriation received in the 2022-23 state fiscal year to pay

for the grant program until the appropriation was fully expended. The extension of the Crime Prevention through Safer Streets Grant Program allowed for the DPS to award the remaining appropriated funds to new grant recipients. A second request for applications was announced on November 1, 2023. The second round of funding allowed for a much longer planning period for local governments. During this planning period, the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance provided additional technical support to local communities. Applications were due on March 1, 2024. In May 2024, the Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Advisory Committee met to review a new solicitation of grant applications. The remaining funds available for the second round of awardees was \$ \$3,754,944. There were 16 grant applications submitted requesting \$4,820,056 in funding. The advisory committee recommended 14 grant applications for funding, totaling \$3,585,336 over a twenty-four-month grant period, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. Although the funding decisions were made during this reporting period, the projects did not commence until the state fiscal year 2025. The DPS has included summaries of the newly funded grant projects to demonstrate the progress forward to fully implement and expend the grant funds. More details on the progress of the projects will be reported in the state fiscal year 2025 Legislative Report.

Conclusion

The initial implementation phase of the Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Grant Program, established by Senate Bill 22-001, demonstrates tangible success in meeting its legislative mandate to reduce crime and improve community safety across Colorado. Project outcomes consistently confirm the efficacy of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, particularly the strategic deployment of lighting, access control, and surveillance technology.

A review of the funded programs reveals early and significant impacts on criminal activity. Several municipalities reported substantial reductions in calls for service and specific crime types following the installation of enhancements. Examples include the City of Delta's Armory rehabilitation, which became a pillar of strength within the community; the City of Arvada's cleanup efforts, which led to a dramatic decline in

calls for service; the Mesa County Sheriff's Office achieving zero reported bike thefts at targeted trailheads; and Memorial Park seeing the lowest crime levels in four years following the installation of 179 new light fixtures. These results validate the program's approach to proactively deterring crime through physical and environmental modification.

Beyond quantifiable crime reduction, the projects have generated significant positive ancillary benefits. The "ripple effect" of these improvements includes a notable boost in staff morale, increased community appreciation and support for local law enforcement, and a greater public sense of safety that encourages the use of previously high-risk public spaces. Furthermore, the complexity of these multi-agency projects has served as a valuable learning experience, leading to improved internal city processes for project management, technical procurement, and cross-departmental collaboration, as highlighted by the efforts in the City of Evans and the Denver Department of Transportation & Infrastructure's ECSSC program.

While implementation has faced challenges, including delays due to personnel turnover, unforeseen technical issues, procurement roadblocks requiring inter-agency coordination, and the necessity of securing supplemental funding for high-quality, climate-appropriate equipment, these obstacles have resulted in stronger community partnerships and more robust internal administrative structures. In conclusion, the Safer Streets Grant Program has successfully laid a strong foundation, demonstrating its capacity to deliver measurable safety enhancements and cultivate a stronger, more unified approach to crime prevention in both urban and rural areas across the state.

Appendix A

2023 Funded Grant Programs and Summary of Progress

January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and some extended through 2024

City of Arvada

Project: Safer Streets Improved Trash Collection

Award: \$ 50,000

Status: Project ended 6/30/23

Summary: The City of Arvada is utilizing funds for hazardous and biohazardous waste cleanup in and around the homeless encampments. The cleanup process is both a community and environmental safety need. The hazard and nonhazardous debris collected at these non-designated campsites could inevitably find their way into public walkways, waterways, and parks if not already there. Hazardous chemicals at these non-designated campsites, while not as common as biohazards, are of significant concern as well. These can include paint, oil, gasoline, household chemicals, and chemicals used in drug production. Removal of these items quickly and adequately helps make the city community safer. Protecting the entirety of the city is a top priority for the police department and city officials.

- Goals:**
1. Decrease the number of calls for service in and around the encampments.
 2. Decrease complaint calls by citizens of the City of Arvada.

Project Impact/Outcomes: Crime analysts pulled data on calls for service in the three hotspot areas near a local creek and pedestrian path. During the first quarter, there was a sixty percent decline in calls for service in those areas. The typical reduction was

for calls concerning surrounding debris (hazardous and nonhazardous) and encampments. This type of reduction equates to nearly ten full hours that were freed up for officers to respond to more pressing calls for service. The Arvada Police Department is similar to many other Denver metro area police agencies in that they are experiencing unprecedented resignations which means any resources freed up to help ease the strain on patrol officers responding to calls, is helpful.

From the start of the grant to the end of the second quarter, June 30, 2023, the most notable decline was along the Clear Creek Path trail. Prior to the grant, there had been eight calls for service in the previous year from April 1 to June 30th, this year there were only two calls for service. Reductions such as these prove this grant funding is extremely helpful in reducing crime, so much so that the number of complaints the city staff received has decreased as well. There were other notable decreases in calls for service in the other two areas, both of those areas experienced a decrease of thirty-three percent in reported crimes. Prior to the grant although these activities were necessary, the city budget could not fully support all that was needed. This grant ended on June 30, 2023, the project was fully implemented, and the funds were fully expended. Due to the cost of the cleanups, the city budget will not be able to support the same number of cleanups going forward. The city will need to look for other grant funding for continued support.

Auraria Campus Police Department

Project: Security Upgrades

Award: \$ 10,317

Status: Project ended 6/30/23

Summary: The Auraria Campus Police Department will utilize grant funds to purchase and install an emergency phone for the west side of Lynx Crossing. There is no phone located on the west side of this building. Funding will be utilized for materials, products, and installation of lines for the telephone. There is a population of the

unhoused living adjacent to campus, and this will not displace nor cause them any harm. The emergency telephone will increase their security and provide an immediate avenue to call for emergency services. Many of them live west of the Lynx Crossing Dormitory and will have access to the emergency phone. The project does not involve any changes or adjustments to structures, sidewalks, or the overall environment. Therefore, homeless and vulnerable populations will not experience any adverse impact as a result of this project.

- Goals:**
1. Increase the perception of safety and reduce any personal safety fears in the area of Lynx Crossing.
 2. Reduce delays to dispatch and first responders and decrease the incidences of fatal emergencies by 10%.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The phone was installed on June 27, 2023. Between June 27, 2023, through July 18, 2023, there has been a 17% decrease in calls for service at this location when compared to the same time in 2022. Calls for service, text tip information, and medical calls will continue to be tracked to show outcomes. The installation of the phone impacted the perception of safety and well-being of the students and staff living at Lynx Crossing. The perception of safety is important, and the project addressed the issue.

City of Aurora

Project: Lighting & Camera Trailer Improvements
Award: \$ 285,357
Status: Project Ended 12/31/2023

Summary: The City of Aurora is targeting the project city-wide but with the

primary focus being the highest crime areas of the Havana Street Business District, along E. Colfax Ave, The Stanley Marketplace, and The Southlands Mall. The crimes committed in these areas range from burglary to assault to homicide to menacing and everything in between. Criminals do not like to get caught committing their crimes and so they often seek out poorly lit areas so that it is harder to be seen. The areas listed above are some of the more poorly lit areas in the city and therefore some of the areas of highest criminal activity. Crimes affect both the direct victims but also the surrounding businesses. Small businesses are the backbone of the city. They provide tax revenue for the city, but they also provide jobs to countless members of the community who would not otherwise be able to provide for their families.

Goals: 1. Reduce Crime by improving the lighting of high-crime areas.

Project Impact/Outcomes: Since implementing the grant project, the city has seen a decrease in property crimes throughout the city, and they believe that the deployment of these light trailers is a contributing factor to that decrease. The fact that there are flashing police lights on top of the trailer is deterring criminals from targeting properties with trailers nearby. The city is also able to conduct preventative measures by utilizing these trailers and the intelligence unit. The intelligence unit is identifying future areas that can be targeted, and the trailers can be easily moved to the new locations as needed. The city will continue to monitor the crime rates in the city so they can be both reactive and proactive with the placement of the trailers.

City of Delta

Project: Crime Prevention Unit
Award: \$ 305,361
Status: Project Ended 8/31/25
Summary: The City of Delta will make changes to the social and physical

environment to prevent and reduce crime in high-frequency areas. This project will implement environmental elements, in particular cameras and lighting, in high-frequency call areas. Delta will measure the results of these actions and will adjust location and practices as necessary. In addition, Delta will establish a Crisis Prevention Unit that will respond with Delta PD to calls involving mental health and substance abuse disorder to provide in-house case management.

- Goals:**
1. Prevent crime in high-frequency call areas by implementing environmental elements.
 2. Prevent the escalation and repetition of crimes involving mental health and substance abuse disorders.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The historic Armory building, which had previously been a site of suspicious behavior and criminal activity, was rehabilitated as part of the project. Now complete with territorial fencing, access control points, and streetlighting, the structure is seen as a pillar of strength within the community. This successful rehabilitation not only deterred criminal and illicit activity directly at the location but also communicated a broader message that public safety is a community priority. Following the improvements, there have been no incidents of damage or theft to police or staff vehicles parked inside the fencing. The greatly improved security features and increased police presence contributed to the project's overall success, leading to a direct and significant reduction in crime at the site. Beyond the immediate impact, the project created a ripple effect, boosting staff morale, increasing community support and appreciation for the police, and fostering a more unified effort to reduce crime in the community. The project is regarded as a successful kickstart for the community's ongoing efforts to improve public safety.

City of Durango

Project: Safer River Trails and Parks
Award: \$ 64,300
Status: Project Ended 6/30/25

Summary: In the City of Durango, the Schneider and Iris Parks adjoin each another on either side of the Animas River in the heart of downtown Durango with the Animas River Trail connecting the two parks. They are open from five am to midnight and a diverse group of citizens and visitors utilize these parks throughout the open times. The parks are not easily viewable from the roadways which inhibit extra patrols by officers and creates a sense of seclusion that emboldens criminals. The parks are part of the greater Animas River Trail system and are a mix of maintained and unmaintained landscaping, with an abundance of trees and shrubbery. Improving sightlines by trimming down vegetation overgrowth, adding lighting near the gazebo in Iris Park, and placing three high-visibility cameras in strategic locations within the two parks will discourage criminal behavior and improve safety for all users.

Goals: 1. Improve the perception of safety and reduce crime by addressing environmental factors that encourage illicit behavior.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The project is expected to positively impact city parks by deterring and reducing crime through the installation of new surveillance cameras. These cameras will also enhance evidence collection and support law enforcement efforts, ultimately aligning with the objectives of the original grant application.

Despite the ongoing status, a significant accomplishment to date has been the city's recognition of the need for a dedicated project management team to oversee complex initiatives, leading to a reassessment and improvement of project management

strategies. The city has gained valuable insights and experience throughout the course of the work. Once finalized, the project is expected to provide additional resources and tools to effectively reduce crime and improve public safety, thereby fostering a positive and secure environment within the city parks.

City of Evans

Project: Neighborhood Street Lighting Enhancement

Award: \$ 870,000

Status: Project Extended

Summary: The City of Evans is installing fifty-eight streetlights in an area with high levels of criminal activity to enhance the safety of residents and reduce crime rates for businesses. The city has assessed the area to determine crime frequency, and options to reduce threats and vulnerabilities and enhance community safety. Street lighting will provide natural surveillance to deter criminal activity in lit areas.

Goals:

1. Decrease criminal activity in the area where cameras are installed.
2. Increase safety for patrons and property/business owners with decreased criminal activity.

Summary of Progress: The project experienced initial delays because the original engineer went on FMLA and subsequently left the city. The city hired a new engineer who was assigned to the project, and after time spent getting familiar with the work through multiple conversations with the contractor and site visits, the project is now back on track.

The city's contractor successfully installed 58 streetlights, all of which are now operational and were completed under budget. While additional lights were initially

delayed due to the change in project leadership, all previously funded lights are expected to be installed and operational before October of this year. An extension was requested and approved, allowing the city to order four additional lights for the already approved Zone 3, which are scheduled to be operational by June 30, 2025. Streetlight installation is nearly complete, with XCEL having energized the transformers, and all streetlights anticipated to be fully operational.

The need for improved safety along the corridor persists. The new lighting is expected to enhance safety for both pedestrians and drivers while discouraging illicit activity in the area. Once the full installation is complete and all streetlights are operational (expected by the end of October), the city will be able to begin observing, evaluating, and documenting changes in activity along the corridor.

City of Grand Junction

Project: Environmental Design Improvements for City Parks

Award: \$ 555,000

Status: Project Ended 6/30/25

Summary: The City of Grand Junction, to curb the crimes of trespassing, vandalism, and theft, is improving lighting, access control, and territorial reinforcements at eight locations within the city. City parks have long been sites and targets of the crimes above. The city is hopeful that the addition of lighting in the identified parks will alleviate the incidence of these crimes without displacing homeless populations or negatively impacting vulnerable populations. In addition to lighting improvements, Conex containers will be utilized at identified locations to decrease the occurrence of theft crimes. Criminals have been able to easily penetrate fenced barriers that currently contain stored equipment. The containers will improve security and prevent future instances of vandalism and theft. The vandal, theft-proof vessels will be

placed specifically to provide additional territorial reinforcement, thereby making theft and vandalism more difficult.

Goals:

1. Improve lighting in identified City Parks.
2. Improve access control and reinforcements at identified locations in the city.
3. Decrease the incidence of crime at the locations included in the project.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The City of Grand Junction's Environmental Design Improvements for City Parks project aimed to enhance public safety and increase the use of public spaces by improving lighting and equipment accessibility. Using grant funds, the city successfully replaced and expanded lighting at three parks—Columbine, Hawthorne, and Sherwood—by installing 45 pedestrian lights, 17 area lights, and 6 interior lights. The installation, planned for 2023 and constructed in spring 2025, achieved the intended effect of improved illumination.

Additionally, the city purchased and installed shipping containers within the park system to provide secure storage for equipment like goals, cones, and nets, making it easier for user groups to utilize the parks. This approach, along with the increased lighting, extended the hours residents could safely enjoy the equipment, as lack of reliable storage or adequate lighting previously limited park use and could encourage crime. The improved visibility also increased safety and user confidence.

The city views the biggest accomplishment as making the parks safer and more attractive for residents. The lighting and related infrastructure, as well as the shipping containers, will be maintained long-term by City Parks personnel. The project's funding has provided the city with the opportunity to adapt to community needs without the

risk of obsolescence, and the city plans to continue monitoring crime incidents at the three parks.

City of Greeley Police Department

Project: 9th St Alley Public Safety and Waste Collection Improvements

Award: \$ 150,000

Status: Project Ended 6/30/24

Summary: The City of Greeley is making improvements in a key downtown alley to improve safety through enhanced lighting, waste collection consolidation, and placemaking efforts. The project will focus on the alley between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue and 8th Street and 9th Street, approximately a tenth of a mile. The alley is currently utilized for a variety of uses including but not limited to pedestrian walkways, delivery services, and refuse collection. Unfortunately, it is also ground zero for violent and property crimes. Safety and cleanliness will be improved by consolidating existing dumpsters that are often rummaged through, into access-controlled trash enclosures that will include enhanced lighting. This approach will not only dramatically improve the cleanliness, lighting, and placemaking of the alley but more importantly, eliminate the source of undesirable activities like digging through trash and/or utilizing dumpsters to hide nefarious activities.

Goals: 1. Reduce violent and property crimes in the surrounding area by 3-5% by the end of the project period.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The project has successfully completed strategic planning and the purchase and installation of all necessary equipment, with service utilizing the new trash enclosures scheduled to begin on August 1st. Property owners have expressed strong enthusiasm for the improvement, citing relief and noting the enhanced safety

and cleanliness. The replacement of exposed dumpsters with enclosed, organized trash containment directly impacted the alleyway's safety, cleanliness, and overall appearance, aligning with the legislative goal of improving public safety and encouraging economic and social activity in urban spaces.

The successful installation and enthusiastic community support are considered the biggest accomplishments to date. Furthermore, a partnership with the Greeley Art Commission will wrap the enclosures in public art, enhancing the visual appeal and promoting foot traffic, which contributes to a safer, more vibrant public space.

The city plans to continue the project's momentum. The ongoing maintenance and management will be handled by the City of Greeley's Public Works & Transportation team, and the program is sustainable as property owners continue to pay for trash service. The city will evaluate the pilot program after six months to a year and explore expanding the model to other alleys. Long-term monitoring of public safety data will be used to assess the program's effectiveness in crime prevention.

City of Pueblo

Project: Better LED Spaces
Award: \$ 744,000
Status: Project Ended 10/31/24

Summary: The City of Pueblo will improve public safety by installing better park lighting utilizing additional LED lighting fixtures. Investments will be most worthwhile in Pueblo's highest-crime neighborhoods. This strategy will not only act as a situational deterrent to crime but will also improve community cohesion and pride, which in turn increases the willingness of residents to intervene in crime and cooperate with the police. Improvements to the physical environment of crime-susceptible areas will dissuade potential offenders. Improved lighting will send a message to potential

offenders that the neighborhood no longer offers easy opportunities for crime.

Goals: 1. Reduce crime at night by providing better lighting in the highest-crime neighborhoods.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The installation of the new lights has provided a great sense of security in the parks, which the public has noticed and appreciated. Now that the lights are installed, the city can evaluate the crime statistics. The lights were deliberately mounted downward to prevent light pollution or skyglow, and the use of LEDs helped achieve the illumination goal effectively. The project is expected to reduce public crime, increase safety, and allow the public to be more aware of their surroundings, facilitating better surveillance. The installation, completed by Black Hill on October 23, 2024, will be measured for its true success in crime reduction over the next 12 to 24 months, during which time the city will continue to monitor crime data. The city currently views the project as successful but is prepared to make adjustments if necessary. In addition to the new lights, the city is in the process of implementing new video security surveillance in City Park, which is expected to be completed in 2025.

City of Trinidad

Project: Reducing Overgrown Vegetation Along Trinidad's Downtown Riverwalk and Purgatoire River

Award: \$ 90,425

Status: Project ended 6/30/2024

Summary: This project will reduce overgrown vegetation near Trinidad's downtown Riverwalk in the Purgatoire Riverbed, which measures approximately one mile. Currently, visibility in this section is extremely low due to a combination of plant species. Vegetation removal will not only increase visibility but also reduce the chance of fire. Funding provides the opportunity to remove vegetation

overgrown on the Riverwalk, reducing the risk of fire and the feeling of safety in the community.

- Goals:**
1. Increased visibility along the Riverwalk and within the Purgatoire River
 2. Reduction of fire risk and risk to critical infrastructure.
 3. Increased safety and feeling of safety.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The Reducing Overgrown Vegetation Project was successful. With funds from DCJ, a previous GOCO stewardship grant, and city funds, the intended objectives were met. The City has dedicated and continues to dedicate funds for Riverwalk improvements. Downstream areas that could not be addressed in the grant timeframe will be remedied as they move forward with the River Visioning Project, which includes funds for vegetation efforts along the river. The City and the Purgatoire Watershed Partnership recently received a second COGO Stewardship Impact grant that includes funds specified for river improvements.

Visibility was increased along many sections of the river, from the Boulevard Addition to beyond Linden Street. The PWP trash clean-ups along the river continue faithfully, with an average of 22 participants per month. Flammable materials reduced with CDJ funding amounted to 51 tons of brush, which was chipped and used for cover at the Trinidad Landfill. The Fire Department responded to 18 fires in the river bottom and Boulevard Addition in 2022, in contrast to a total of 5 from January 2023 to June 2024.

Evaluating citizens' feelings of safety were gathered through surveys. Although Riverwalk use has increased where vegetation was removed, such as near the Cedar Street Bridge and in the Boulevard Addition, users reported that they often still feel unsafe due to the presence of homeless camps and loiterers. The City continues to

address homelessness issues through the following endeavors: maintaining the option for officers to receive overtime pay for additional river patrols; the creation of the Trinidad Coalition for the Unhoused, which meets regularly with community social resources; applying for funding from Colorado’s Office of Homeless Initiatives to add a homeless coordinator City staff position; merging efforts with Huerfano County to study and implement alternatives, such as Built for Zero, for homeless populations; among other efforts. From 2021 to 2024, regarding calls to the Police Department, data shows that calls specific to Safeway and Cimino Park are relatively the same for accidents, extra patrols and harassment, have increased for disturbances and welfare checks, and have decreased for assaults, foot patrol and transient problems. For calls to the Riverwalk, 2021 to 2022 numbers total 47. Although calls do not account yet for all of 2024, Riverwalk incidents dropped to 26. River-related incidents total 34 for January 2023 through June 2024.

The Reducing Overgrown Vegetation Along Trinidad's Downtown Riverwalk and Purgatoire River Project has been part of an ongoing effort to improve the Purgatoire River corridor and the Riverwalk. As mentioned above, the City has dedicated capital improvement funds (over a million dollars to date) and has received and continues to solicit grant funding from various state agencies to address vegetation mitigation, stewardship, crime, and homelessness. The River Visioning Plan also includes improvements suggested through the surveys that relate to River access and connectivity. The next steps include conducting public meetings to continue to gather input regarding the river vision as well as homelessness.

City of Wray

Project: Public Space Crime Deterrence Project
Award: \$ 80,632
Status: Project ended 6/30/2023

Summary: In the City of Wray, city parks and open spaces have historically

had high incidents of crime including underage drinking, vandalism, and sexual assaults. The main street area of the city is also an area of high crime incidents where multiple businesses have been broken into over the past years including a pharmacy, a jewelry store, and some restaurants. Providing additional lighting and a new camera system will improve the deterrence of crime. Cameras will be permanently affixed to city buildings/utility poles in the five park areas, the main street, the Wray Public Library open space area, and the Wray City Hall green space. All cameras focus on public areas and not residential houses or properties.

Goals: 1. Deter the incidence of crime activities in the City of Wray public parks and open spaces.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The major scope of work for this grant project has been completed. Cameras and lighting were installed in the second quarter. The city has received positive feedback from city staff and community members. Many noted an increased sense of security and safety knowing there are surveillance cameras in place. The city is confident the project will result in many positive outcomes. The city will continue to increase lighting in open public spaces and will be monitoring and evaluating the new camera system to determine if expansion and/or additions to the system are needed.

Colorado Springs Police Department

Project: Memorial Park Safety Improvements
Award: \$ 1,726,331
Status: Project ended 6/30/24

Summary: Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) and the city of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) department are collaborating on the shared goal of reducing crime

and enhancing recreation at Memorial Park, a popular Colorado Springs community park. The Memorial Park Safety Improvements project will implement evidence-based Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles through the following safety improvements: 1.) Installing wireless theft and vandalism-resistant security cameras at strategic points near the Memorial Skatepark and Sertich Ice Center, 2.) Securing Memorial Park from vehicle traffic during established nighttime closed hours by installing gates at the park access points, 3.) Increasing visibility throughout Memorial Park by installing new and/or improved lighting on roadways, in parking lots, and along walkways.

Goals:

1. Secure Memorial Park from vehicle traffic during closed nighttime hours.
2. Establish 24-hour video surveillance around Memorial Skatepark and Sertich Ice Center.
3. Improve lighting throughout Memorial Park

Project Impact/Outcomes: The successful Memorial Park safety enhancement project, funded by a nearly \$1.7 million grant, has positively impacted park visitors, the surrounding neighborhood, and first responders. The biggest accomplishment was the installation of 179 new light poles/fixtures, which dramatically improved visibility and created a safer environment for people using the park during evening hours.

The project's key features and their observed benefits include:

Enhanced Lighting: Visitors and neighbors anecdotally approved of the enhanced lighting, noting that it made the park feel more welcoming and safer. Police officers reported seeing more people enjoying previously poorly lit areas and benefiting from a safer environment when responding to calls for service.

Security Cameras: Ten security cameras were installed to facilitate 24-hour surveillance near the skate park and Sertich Ice Center. Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) members can use these cameras for live monitoring to detect criminal activity and for investigative follow-up.

Access Gates: Nineteen access gates were installed to restrict unauthorized vehicle traffic within the park when it is closed, a measure expected to reduce criminal activity facilitated by vehicles.

Although the project was not completed until late 2023, making a definitive long-term assessment difficult, CSPD crime analysts conducted a preliminary review of criminal offense data:

2023 Comparison: The total number of criminal offenses in Memorial Park during 2023 dropped by approximately 21% compared to 2022, marking the lowest total crime count in the last four years.

The preliminary data shows that the total number of offenses from January through June of 2024 was approximately 26% less than the same period in 2022 and roughly 6% less than the same period in 2023. While the data is preliminary and does not conclusively prove the improvements are the sole cause of the decrease, it is reasonable to conclude that the safety enhancements and the surrounding publicity have had at least some positive impact on criminal activity.

Delta County

Project: Community Crime Prevention Initiative

Award: \$ 303,537

Status: Project ended 9/30/2023

Summary: Delta County is implementing environmental changes to reduce criminal activity and calls for service on Graff Road. The County is installing a series of security and privacy fences, street lighting, the removal of an abandoned mobile home, and a school bus stop kiosk to promote security in an area of Delta County where the

sheriff's office receives the most calls for service. Installing strategically placed environmental controls creates a safer neighborhood for residents and helps the Delta County Sheriff's Office respond to calls for service. Delta County has the 18th largest population of counties in the State of Colorado and Graff Road hosts the highest crime rate in unincorporated Delta County. By focusing on crime prevention measures in this area alone, there will be a dramatic reduction in the overall crime rate for Delta County.

Goals:

1. Reduce the number of calls to the sheriff's office from residents on Graff Road regarding suspicious activity, disturbances, wanted persons, fire, littering, illegal burning, trespassing, animal control, and drug violations.

2. Provide Children with a safer place to wait for the bus.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The project specifically targeted the increased number of criminal incidents taking place in the project area. With the completion of the project erecting physical barriers to deter Trespassing and Theft, the goals and objectives were met. The lighting infrastructure reduced the number of nighttime offenses related to the area. Increasing the visibility of possible offenders effectively reduced the number of incidents related to Theft and Trespassing.

The goals of the project were to reduce criminal activity and increase the safety and welfare of the residents. The residents have voiced a great deal of appreciation for the efforts and improvements this project provided.

Denver Police Department

Project: 9th St Alley Public Safety and Waste Collection Improvements

Award: \$ 154,195

Status: Project Ended 6/30/2024

Summary: The Denver Police Department in partnership with Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) and the Denver Dream Center (DDC) are addressing crime prevention, intervention, and community outreach in areas with high crime. ECM's model provides opportunities for both individual voice and collective ownership of a neighborhood's community culture by directly involving communities in revitalization projects. The project focuses on nine Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) work days, supports forty-eight Denver Dream Center (DDC) Adopt-a-Block events, and allows each Denver Police Department District to be stocked with supplies to directly help the neighborhoods they serve with crime prevention.

Goals:

1. Target and enhance Colorado's Youth Violence Prevention Action Table's strategies, which are based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations.
2. Improve environmental quality, connectivity, mobility, access to goods and services, and community safety in targeted neighborhoods.
3. Provide direct crime prevention supplies to the neighborhoods served.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The Denver Police Department's project is a collaborative effort involving three partners: Extreme Community Makeover, the Denver Dream Center (DDC), and the Denver Police Department (DPD).

Extreme Community Makeover has scheduled workdays from July to October, continuing to partner with residents on projects. By creating clean spaces, the organization aims to communicate that people care about their environment, which helps to build community pride, unity, and neighborhood watchfulness. This approach offers both tangible and intangible benefits for crime reduction, with residents expressing gratitude for the cleanup of messy, distressed alleyways.

The Denver Dream Center is preparing to launch a case manager program for students and is expanding its team, which includes recruiting 5-10 youth as peer influencers in their schools. The organization is increasing its programmatic approach with DPD by offering after-school activities and is expanding partnerships with educational facilities. At the city's request, the DDC has increased its presence in high-crime neighborhoods, including Westridge and Westwood, and plans to host more community engagement activities such as concerts and sports events.

The Denver Police Department has acquired and is distributing crime prevention supplies to support residents and local businesses. This distribution, managed by the individual districts, has helped to strengthen police and community relations. Districts are requesting additional supplies for community events to proactively address crime, and the DPD is actively seeking additional funding sources to purchase more supplies and host community awareness events.

Hugo Marshals Office

Project: Preventing Crime at Hugo's Playground
Award: \$ 51,400
Status: Project Ended 12/31/24

Summary: The Town of Hugo has one community playground located parallel to the town's main street, Highway 287. Despite the low residential population in our small rural community (800 people), this highway is very busy with through traffic of 5,700 trucks and cars passing through a day. Installing an attractive fence around the playground will help contain children and keep out harmful entities and influences. Installing a fence around a community playground is a crime prevention strategy aimed at reducing victimization, deterring offender decisions that precede criminal acts, and building a sense of community among playground users, and our youth. This approach also reinforces territorial control of this area

to reduce crime opportunities. This is an approach to design out crime. It also addresses the social environment by building a sense of community in areas thereby reducing the motivations for crime.

Goals: 1. Achieve access control by installing a fence around the town's community playground.

PROJECT IMPACT/OUTCOMES: The project was successful and met all its goals. The newly established boundaries are visually clear, and the community is pleased with the outcome and the enhanced feeling of safety. The project has improved the visual appeal, safety, and community involvement of the playground and surrounding park areas, and its impact aligns with the intent of the legislation. The most significant result is the creation of a visual safety barrier. The maintenance of the fence has been incorporated into the annual budget.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Project: Increased Lighting for Safer Streets
Award: \$ 99,996
Status: Project ended 9/30/2023

Summary: The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in partnership with Tall Pines Homeowners Association (HOA) in Lakewood, determined there is a necessity for additional lighting within the HOA. A review by a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Deputy, the maintenance staff, and board members of the HOA determined that additional lighting is most needed within the parking lots. Funds will be utilized to purchase and install poles and lights throughout the parking lots to deter crime, decrease the fear of crime, and increase the safety of the residents by improving their ability to see.

Goals: 1. Decrease crime and the fear of crime and increase the safety of residents.

Project Impact/Outcomes: At a special HOA meeting, crime prevention and all the work that was done as part of the grant were discussed. There were fifteen residents at the meeting, and they all indicated they are extremely happy with the new lights and signage and they feel much safer being outside at night. In February 2023 a three-question pre-survey (pre-installation of lights and signage) was sent to the three hundred and twenty residents of Tall Pines. The survey asked about crime in their neighborhood and how safe they felt. The goal was a survey response rate of ten percent (thirty-two responses). One hundred and thirty-one responses were submitted equating to forty-one percent of the residents of Tall Pines. The residents indicated excitement for the project and an opportunity for a safer neighborhood to live in. At the end of June 2023, a post-survey with the same three questions was disseminated to the same three-hundred twenty residents of Tall Pines. Their feedback will be used to evaluate any measurable differences from the pre-survey now that the installation has occurred.

Signage is a huge part of the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design program and is involved in many of its principles. Several of the communities and residents have reported feeling safer after the presentation and now having the signage posted throughout their community.

Lamar Police Department

Project: Lighting Improvements in Lamar

Award: \$ 36,600

Status: Project ended 9/30/2023

Summary: The City of Lamar installed new motion sensor lighting at targeted locations to deter damage to publicly owned property. Specifically, the city increased lighting at Willow Creek Park, North Side Park, Escondido Park, Pocket Park, and North Gateway Park. Willow

Creek Park, North Side Park, Escondido Park, and Pocket Park utilize wired electric motion sensor lights. The lighting will be placed at the entrances to the men's and women's restrooms and the skate park.

Goals: 1. Decrease damage to publicly owned property.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The installation of all lights and light poles has been completed in Pocket Park. The installation of the lighting at the skate park has discouraged individuals from damaging the surface. The lighting has also encouraged youth to utilize the skate park after sunset, which was an unintentional outcome.

Limon Police Department

Project: Lighting in Limon
Award: \$ 37,984
Status: Project ended 6/30/2024

Summary: The Town of Limon is targeting two popular town locations that have insufficient and/or no lighting. Limon's Main Street is dangerous as there is insufficient lighting in this area, adding street lighting will improve pedestrian visibility and personal security. The second location is along the pedestrian route to Main Street from the Limon Town Hall, where there is both a small parking area and a tunnel that pedestrians walk through to access a nature trail system. Despite historic use and high foot traffic, there is no lighting in this area. As a result, this location is frequently used for drug dealing, drug use, loitering, and graffiti. Additional lighting in these areas improves visibility and decreases concealment, thus contributing to increased safety and crime prevention.

Goals: 1. Improve natural surveillance: Maximize visibility of a space so

that it is easy to identify an allowed user of a space versus one who is suspicious.

2. Improve public area space management along Main Street and at the Kissel Pond recreation area: Create public spaces that are attractive and well-maintained, encouraging the use of the space.

Project Impact/Outcomes: This project was for better lighting in downtown Main Street, to increase pedestrian and driver safety. The goal is also to help deter crime from storefront businesses. The town has received the light poles and they have been installed. Residents reported that they feel much safer with the added lighting and also, they are safer from traffic, as drivers can see better. Main Street businesses hopefully will stay open a little later with the added lighting.

Mesa County Sheriff's Office

Project: RTCC Infrastructure

Award: \$ 11,278

Status: Project ended 6/30/2024

Summary: This project supports the infrastructure for the Mesa County Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) to place security cameras in county-managed parks near schools and neighborhoods with increasing juvenile and violent crime. These parks are beginning to experience an increase in juvenile fights and weapons offenses, as well as an increase in drug use. These cameras with RTCC support will increase the certainty of detection and apprehension of offenders and, as a result, will discourage crime in the area, ultimately revitalizing the community. In addition to combating aggressive, distracted, and intoxicated drivers, Mobile Traffic Data Loggers (MTDL) will be placed to monitor and evaluate traffic flow characteristics as well as measure, analyze, and quantify reported traffic complaints.

- Goals:**
1. Prevent increasing juvenile and violent crime in and around the parks.
 2. Place MTDLs around Mesa County thoroughfares and in response complaints about traffic data collection purposes.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The cameras have been installed, and so far, there have not been any serious crimes reported at those locations. Compared to previous data there has been a reduction of crime in the area. As part of this project patrols of the area were also increased. The cameras have raised the public's attention. As a result, community partners and citizens have seen the benefit and have asked to place similar equipment around the County at both public and government facilities open to the public. Overall, the presence of this equipment has been positive.

Concerning the speed trackers, the plan is to use them to narrow the focus and to confirm/deny traffic complaints in the rural areas made by citizens. The information gleaned from these devices will help narrow the focus of resources. These devices are being assigned to deputies identified as being highly interested in Traffic Operations. Both parts of this project have been successful. Based on the cameras they have at the Parks, the county plans on expanding to other parks in the area in need of coverage. Overall, the camera program has been so successful, that they are constantly getting requests for other areas to be covered with this type of coverage. Funding has already been requested and funded for the maintenance and sustainability of these cameras. They do not anticipate any issues with funding in the future.

Montrose County

Projects: Fairgrounds Security Project

Award: \$ 114,075

Status: Project ended 6/30/2023

Summary: Install exterior lighting to create secure parking and staging areas

on the Montrose County Fairgrounds for patrol deputies, staff, and the general public. For several years, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office has struggled to patrol the site as it lacks basic security infrastructure including access control and exterior lighting. Potential criminals and the homeless are easily able to hide within animal barns, grandstands, picnic areas, and darkened parks. Drive-through patrols, while necessary, are not efficient as patrol deputies must exit their vehicles to secure the area. It becomes a dangerous game of hide-and-seek. In the last six months of 2017, the Montrose County Fairgrounds saw between fifty-four to seventy-eight incidents per square mile. Crimes ranged from theft to drugs, vandalism, weapons offenses, and trespassing. This project is installing exterior lighting necessary to keep law enforcement and the public safe.

Goals:

1. Improve Patrol Deputy Safety.
2. Improve the safety and security of staff and attendees at the Montrose County Fairgrounds.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The project is complete. The lights have been installed and are functioning. They are set up on timers to turn on at dusk and off at dawn. A large previously dark area is now covered in security lighting. This includes the parking areas and exteriors of buildings. The facility is currently hosting an event with over 300 horses housed on-grounds and will host a similar event in early July, plus the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo at the end of July. The immediate result of the project has been the increased security for patrons and staff of the facility as well as deputies patrolling the areas. As the project was just completed, there is not a measure of impact on crime yet.

Mountain View Police Department

Project: Safety & Security Vision 2023

Award: \$ 44,944
Status: Project ended 9/30/2023

Summary: The Town of Mountain View is installing security and cameras in the police/town hall building in the center of the city. This high-tech camera system will monitor and report activity in and around the town facilities. It will allow police to observe and allow entry access and egress in and around city property. None of the cameras have the capability of facial recognition or LPR (License Plate Readers) and will be strictly used for entry and egress purposes without logging individuals or retaining any information on individuals. Also, the Town of Mountain View is installing an additional radar speed sign in one of their higher traffic areas. These signs are a proven traffic calming solution to raise the speed awareness of drivers. Studies repeatedly show that when alerted by a radar sign, speeders will slow down up to eighty percent of the time resulting in a safer environment. Adding the traffic radar signs, cameras, and additional lighting targets some crime problems they have encountered in the past. Most crime that occurs in Mountain View is crime of opportunity which this project greatly impacts.

Goals:

1. Address Criminal Mischief, Loitering, and Burglary by placing cameras and security systems to monitor and prevent crime and better assist their community.
2. Increase traffic safety through the placement of a fixed radar sign.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The first part of the Grant was the purchase and installation of a full Surveillance Camera System for the Police Department/Town Hall

building. The addition of this equipment has significantly enhanced the level of security in and around the facility. With the amount of area covered by the equipment, it has also made the area in and around the town's community park, (the park is attached to both buildings) significantly safer for the residents. Soon there will be training for police officers and staff on the new alarm system and door entry systems. There will also be an opportunity to show staff and citizens the impacts of the new equipment.

On September 27, 2023, the department took delivery of a Speed Radar Trailer. This piece of equipment was outlined as the second part of the grant project. They have the trailer up and running and have deployed it in several locations throughout town. So far, the results have been positive, and they have noticed a significant change in traffic calming. Based on the very short timeframe the Speed Radar Trailer has been deployed, they believe it will play a significant role in the department's efforts to increase traffic control/calming. Moreover, the ability to move this piece of equipment to problem areas throughout town has the potential to be effective in multiple locations.

The department's stats since deploying the Radar Trailer have shown a decrease in the number of summonses issued in reference to speeding violations. Moreover, they have noticed a decrease in the number of citizen complaints in reference to speeding in more problem areas.

Town of Coal Creek

Project: Safe Streets and Strong Community

Award: \$ 200,000

Status: Project Extended

Summary: The Town of Coal Creek is focused on community-driven maintenance and territorial enforcement. The town will emphasize creating trails/sidewalks/safe walkways around the downtown loop, which goes from the community center down Main Street, past the town hall, past the post office, to the park, and back to the community center. The town is also focused on improving the

management of spaces such as the community center for improved community access and outreach. There is no adverse impact on the homeless population, on the contrary, the project provides better sanitation and pedestrian access. The project includes 1.) Providing safe pedestrian and recreational access, 2.) Community sanitation and maintenance of downtown; 3.) Territorial enforcement of community resources to uphold state and federal law, including cameras, fencing, and lighting (solar where possible) to demonstrate ownership of community spaces; 4.) Compliance with ADA requirements and improved space management.

- Goals:**
1. Visible improvements to the community and increased use of community spaces.
 2. Increase community experience and involvement.

Summary of Progress: The recent period has been a time of transition focused on getting the project back on track. The team successfully met with the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) and appointed a new project manager and a new finance officer, resulting in a much clearer understanding of the process needed to move forward and complete the grant. This restructuring was necessary due to previous difficulties tracking expenditures and evaluating forward movement.

To address the project's goals, a multi-day community clean-up was conducted from April 25th to April 28th, 2025 (addressing Goal #2). A community meeting was held on May 27, 2025, to discuss the project with interested citizens and determine next steps, with a follow-up meeting planned for July. Internally, the organization restructured to better accomplish the grant's objectives, including discussions on how to best utilize the balance of the Safe Street grant monies.

At the May 27th meeting, residents shared anecdotal reports of a positive impact from the safety steps taken, noting that new street signs have been effective in slowing traffic. Improvements in blighted areas and the creation of walking paths have also

substantially increased use of the local park. Overall, attendees expressed a feeling of positivity about the actions funded through the grant. The meeting was attended by fourteen people, which met the goal of 5% community participation. Citizens of the town are reportedly happy that the updated street signs have slowed down traffic.

Town of Severance

Project: Safe Parks
Award: \$ 299,000
Status: Project ended 6/30/2024

Summary: The Town of Severance is improving park lighting and placing surveillance cameras at all parks owned by the town. The lack of lighting and surveillance in these parks, especially during the morning and evening commuting hours for students, raises additional concerns beyond vandalism and graffiti. These features will not only reduce current crime rates but will help mitigate future instances of crime. The town is also installing an automated system to limit access to the bathrooms at the parks. The police department plans to limit access with juvenile curfews and provide more patrols in the areas at night. Lastly, the town continues to incorporate new trails and pedestrian linkages between school sites, residential neighborhoods, and community features, such as the subject park sites.

Goals:

1. Reduce the volume and level of crime in the target parks.
2. Reduce the amount of crime in the neighborhoods that surround the target parks.

3. Provide a safe and well-illuminated environment for all residents who use the parks or pass through the parks between the schools and neighborhoods.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The installation of pathways and entry lighting in three community parks has increased usability and safe hours for the community. Automatic door locking on restroom facilities has increased operation hours and provided a safe place for the growing community. The town can also increase events and functions in the public spaces with the increased hours of restrooms and lighting. The addition of pathway and entry lighting will allow for increased security which will lead to reducing crime.

All security cameras in the designated parks have been installed and are functioning. All safety lighting for the four parks has been fully installed and is operational.

Through this project, they have identified other locations where security cameras and lighting would be beneficial using these same two companies to help prevent vandalism and be a safer area lighted. They have been able to reduce vandalism as well as capture and prosecute vandals within the parks that were outfitted with lights and security cameras. The town has been able to save time and money with a decrease in police reporting and clean-up by public works. This has also provided safer locations for residents to enjoy during dusk hours.

The town will be moving forward with introducing these same lights and security cameras to all the Town of Severance Parks. The addition of lighting, surveillance capabilities, and amenities in the community park will increase safety, allow for easy monitoring, and reduce crime.

Appendix B

2025 Funded Grant Programs and Summary of Progress

Project Grant Period - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026

Arvada Police Department

Project: Olde Town Security Enhancements

Award: \$ 56,574.00

Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: Over the last decade, Arvada's Urban Renewal department has done an amazing job by attracting new businesses and restaurants to the Olde Town area. Additionally, there is a Festivals Commission that coordinates events that take place in Olde Town throughout the year to bring in additional commerce as well as create a sense of community in the town. Unfortunately, over the last six years, Olde Town has become the epicenter of drug use and crime. In pulling data for just a one-block radius directly across from the light rail station, this portion of the Olde Town area has seen a 13% year-to-year increase of calls for service from 2021 to 2023, and going back even further, it has increased 48% from 2018 to 2023. The purpose of this grant funding would be to purchase six wireless cameras that provide a live feed of different views of the most populated areas in Olde Town. Ideally, the mere visual presence of these cameras would deter crime and drug use.

- Goals:**
1. Purchase cameras and get them installed.
 2. Decrease calls for service in the one block radius area

mentioned in our application after the cameras are fully operational.

3. Increase the ability to identify a suspect in a crime because it was caught on camera.

Summary of Progress: The camera installation project experienced initial power issues during the finalization of camera locations with the Public Works department, which temporarily delayed the timeline but were quickly resolved. The discovery of City power as an option lowered the estimated cost per camera, opening the possibility for a grant modification to purchase additional units, pending a review of storage capacity costs by the Project Director, and the IT Department.

The original quad cameras, installed in January 2025, were determined to provide insufficient video quality for identification. This led to a decision to replace all six cameras with higher-quality PTZ (pan, tilt, zoom) cameras, following a successful trial of a single PTZ unit. A seventh PTZ camera is also planned for a newly identified hotspot. All equipment is purchased and installed; however, the team is troubleshooting an issue with one camera, suspected to be related to the power source or wiring. Configuration for police access is scheduled for January 8, 2025.

The program has fostered stronger collaborative relationships with the Public Works and IT departments, as well as the Olde Town Business Improvement District. Regular meetings are held with Olde Town businesses to encourage reporting suspicious activity. The project was also featured during a visit with Governor Polis, leading to multiple inquiries about expanding the efforts.

In terms of observable impact, the second quarter of 2025 showed a 6% reduction in calls for service in the predetermined area, surpassing the 5% goal. While the first quarter of 2025 saw an overall 13% increase in calls for service compared to the previous year, this increase is attributed to community encouragement to call in suspicious activity and a new loitering ordinance. Specific crime types showed notable decreases in the Q1 2024 to Q1 2025 comparison, including a 200% decrease in criminal mischief

and a 100% decrease in public indecency and menacing. Case stories demonstrate the successful use of the trial PTZ camera for suspect identification, resulting in multiple citations and arrests for offenses like trespassing and drug possession.

The plan for the third quarter is to replace all remaining quad cameras with the PTZ models and complete the installation of the seventh camera. The team anticipates having the cameras go live in the second week of January 2025 and will work with the grant administrator to revise project goals and deliverables to align with the current project status.

City and County of Denver

Project: DPD Lakewood Dry Gulch Trail Safety Project
Award: \$249,630.00
Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: The Denver Police Department in partnership with Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) will address crime prevention, intervention, and community outreach in areas with high crime, specifically Paco Sanchez Park and surrounding areas. ECM's model provides opportunities for both individual voice and collective ownership of a neighborhood's community culture by directly involving communities in revitalization projects. This is vital to building community relationships and to improving residents' quality of life. In addition, the Denver Police Department in collaboration with Denver's Council President Torres' Office, Colorado Department of Transportation, Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Denver Park and Recreation will improve the environmental design along the Lakewood Dry Gulch Trail under the 14th Ave. and Federal Blvd. bridge.

- Goals:**
1. Decrease crime along the Lakewood Dry Gulch Trail under the 14th Ave. and Federal Blvd. bridge by 20%.
 2. Utilize improvements to environmental design to improve the image and safety of the Lakewood Dry Gulch Trail.
 3. Partner with Extreme Community Makeover to improve environmental quality, connectivity, mobility access, and community safety in the targeted neighborhood.

Progress Summary: The Denver Police Department's project involves a partnership with Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) and plans for infrastructure improvements.

The installation of LED lights and a fence have been significantly delayed due to procurement roadblocks requiring approval from multiple city agencies. The DPD grants team has escalated the issue to city agency heads and planning meetings are scheduled with City Attorneys for 2025 Q1 (January) to expedite the process. A vendor quote within the approved budget has been secured, and the goal is to execute a contract with a vendor to begin work in 2025 Q2. Separately, the contract with Sturgeon for work under the bridge is pending city approval, with construction expected to start in Q4 of 2024.

Despite the infrastructure delays, the community outreach component has made progress. The grant agreement with ECM was executed, and they completed 13 Workday events, including eight in neighborhoods near Paco Sanchez Park, engaging 645 volunteers. These events focus on cleaning alleyways and problem areas to reduce crime and build community cohesion, as exemplified by the support provided to vulnerable residents. ECM is also ordering supplies for Adopt-A-Block events scheduled to begin in April 2025. Although volunteer numbers have decreased, ECM continues to advertise and seek support from community partners.

City of Delta

Project: Community Safety Center
Award: \$189,517
Status: Project Ended 12/31/24

Summary: The City of Delta is requesting funding to implement access control and territorial reinforcement around a new community safety center housing the Delta Police Department and combat a long history of criminal mischief, property damage, and suspicious behavior in a specific area targeted at the Delta Police Department as an entity.

Goals:

1. Reduce impact and deter criminal and illicit activity concentrated in the location of the Delta Police Department by establishing access control, territorial reinforcements, and lighting.
2. Reduce or deter criminal activity in an area through the revitalization of a long vacant building in the heart of downtown Delta. The funding for this goal is separate from this request. It is however listed in this section because it supports the overall effort of crime prevention through environmental deterrents.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The project is considered a great success, having met its goals and transformed the historic Armory building from a crime hotspot into a pillar of strength for the community. The structure was rehabilitated with territorial fencing, access control points, and streetlighting. This not only directly deterred criminal and illicit activity—leading to zero incidents of damage or theft to police or staff vehicles parked inside the fencing—but also communicated a broader message that public safety is a community priority.

The overall success was attributed to the greatly improved security features and increased police presence, which resulted in a direct and significant reduction in crime at the specific location. Furthermore, the project created a positive ripple effect, boosting staff morale, fostering community support and appreciation for the police, and encouraging a more unified effort to reduce crime. The project is seen as an excellent kickstart for ongoing community public safety initiatives.

The territorial fencing, access control points, and streetlights will continue to be utilized. The city plans to ensure the project's sustainability by incorporating minimal maintenance and repair costs into the operating budget for the next 10-20 years, utilizing city staff. Additionally, the equipment is insured and carries warranties.

City of Pueblo

Project: Better LED and Solar Spaces

Award: \$853,413.00

Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: The City of Pueblo's public safety will be improved by bettering trail, park, and parking garage lighting with upgrades and additions of LED lighting fixtures. Investments will be most worthwhile in Pueblo's highest-crime neighborhoods. This strategy will not only act as a situational deterrent to crime but will also improve community cohesion and pride, which in turn increases the willingness of residents to intervene in crime and cooperate with the police. Improvements to the physical environment of crime-susceptible areas will dissuade potential offenders. Improved lighting will send a message to potential offenders that the city no longer offers easy opportunities for crime.

Goals: 1. Improved lighting reduces crime at night.

2. Light pollution will be minimized while maintaining desired standards of brightness.

Progress Summary: The city is experiencing delays in obtaining finalized quotes from Black Hills Electric Company for light improvements in the parks. As the sole provider under a franchise agreement, Black Hills has been slow in updating the quotes due to personnel turnover, and an initial submission was rejected, requiring resubmission. The city has received a draft of the project scope and costs and is currently providing comments to Black Hills for adjustment.

In parallel, plans for solar lights along the river trails are nearing completion and will soon be priced or put out for bid. The city recently installed a sample solar light fixture on the trail to monitor its performance. The overall city goal is to install night lighting in dark areas along the trails and within the parks to improve safety. City staff are devoting extra time to developing the critical placement plans for both the park lights and the river trail solar lights and are meeting regularly with community partners.

The measurable impact on crime will be evaluated by the police department using crime data over the 12 to 24 months following the installation of the lights. The immediate next steps include finalizing the quotes from Black Hills, completing the solar plans and specifications, bidding the solar portion of the project, and then ordering the necessary equipment and supplies.

Colorado Springs Police Department

Project: Improving Urban Trailheads to Prevent Crime

Award: \$147,028

Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) and the Parks,

Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) Department will apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles for safety improvements at two trailheads in Austin Bluffs Open Space (ABOS). Located in the urban core, ABOS is a popular destination for outdoor recreation. Despite its attractiveness, crime has created pressing safety concerns at ABOS, as unimproved trailheads hold the highest rates of Burglary of Motor Vehicles (BMV) of any city parking area. To discourage criminal activity, the project includes the following CPTED best practice improvements: (1) Lighting installed - 13 units. (2) Gates at entrances to establish open/closed hours. (3) Security cameras - 5 units. (4) Added security features - fencing, boulders, and signage. These critical elements will complement the existing 2020 ABOS Master Plan, resulting in decreased crime, fewer service calls, and improved safety for all ages and users.

Goals:

1. Secure access to two trailheads that provide entry to Austin Bluffs Open Space from vehicles during posted closed periods.
2. Improve visibility and security of each parking lot with lighting and security cameras.
3. Trail users, residents, and surrounding businesses will see a reduction in crime incidences and experience enhanced safety as evidenced by quantitative CSPD crime statistics and results from qualitative data collected by PRCS, who regularly assesses user feedback as part of its best practices as a CAPRA-accredited agency.

Progress Summary: The project's primary objectives are to enhance public safety at the two Austin Bluffs Open Space trailheads by securing access and improving

visibility. This involves three goals: securing vehicle access during closed periods through the installation of perimeter reinforcements, steel gates, and signage; improving lighting and security by installing a specified number of lights and pole security cameras in both the north and south parking lots; and ultimately achieving a reduction in crime and an increase in user safety, which will be measured using Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) crime statistics.

The project has experienced delays in starting, largely due to external and internal coordination issues. Challenges include coordinating with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) for approval, as the north trailhead parcel's controlling department was found to be CSU, and finalizing agreements to transfer control to the Parks Department. Anticipated cost increases, particularly for steel, may also necessitate budget adjustments.

Despite the delays, the preparation phase is largely complete. The project partner, Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PRCS), finished detailed site plan drawings and prepared the Request for Proposal (RFP) bid documents. PRCS also completed preparatory site work, such as expanding parking lot footprints, using separate non-grant funding. Initial coordination has been established with CSU for site lighting and with a vendor for security cameras. Construction drawings and bid documents were completed for a July release, with groundbreaking anticipated by September and project completion by the end of 2025. As the construction phase has not yet begun, there is currently no data on the measurable impact on crime reduction. CSPD crime analysts plan to conduct a post-project examination of criminal activity for evaluation.

Commerce City Police Department

Project: Core Commerce City Crime Prevention Lighting Study
Award: \$100,000.00
Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: The Commerce City Police Department will utilize the grant funds to fund a street light study to identify the highest priority locations for lighting installation in the Core of Commerce City, as well as the design and development of a recommended street lighting plan to meet project objectives. Improving lighting at these locations will reduce accidents, enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and deter criminal activities, making residents feel safer.

- Goals:**
1. Evaluation of the current street light system.
 2. Enhanced Safety on Pedestrian/Bicyclist Routes.
 3. Crime Deterrence Through Improved Street Lighting

Progress Summary: The Street Lighting Study project remains in the strategic planning and development stage, with the core focus being to ensure its alignment with the City's new Safety Action Plan, which is targeted for City Council adoption in the third quarter of this year. The project team, including the Project Director, Traffic Engineer, Grants Manager, and Executive Policy Analyst, has held a strategic planning meeting to discuss a new timeline, roles and responsibilities, and the vendor procurement process. The Project Team is now in the process of preparing procurement documents to hire an outside vendor to complete the street light study. With a new Project Director in place, the team anticipates a clear path to begin implementing grant activities soon. Measurable impacts and highlights from the project are expected in the coming quarters once implementation begins.

Denver Department of Transportation & Infrastructure

Project: East Colfax Safer Streets Collaborative (ECSSC)
Award: \$869,384.00
Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary:

The Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI) will utilize grant funds to support the East Colfax Safer Streets Collaborative (ECSSC), a cross-agency initiative to address crime prevention and transportation safety in East Colfax. ECSSC will expand a pilot program to implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) built environment and engagement strategies to create safer streets.

Through a coordinated shared partnership approach with residents, businesses, non-profits, and service providers, ECSSC will fund ongoing capacity building, stewardship, and maintenance support, as well as capital infrastructure changes to the built environment on both public and private property, including lighting, fencing, and landscaping. As a neighborhood prioritized in DOTI's Equity Index, ECSSC will also work with service providers and partners through a trauma-informed lens to provide services and support to people experiencing homelessness (PEH) and populations vulnerable to displacement.

Goals:

1. Foster a collaborative project team with regular convening and engagement opportunities and increase project team knowledge about CPTED and community-led health and safety interventions. This goal will allow the project team to understand exactly what types of CPTED-based interventions to use based on the unique context of each block, business, or type of crime.
2. Implement CPTED-based built environment projects in the East Colfax neighborhood that increase the quantity and quality of well-lit and well-maintained walkable spaces with visibility and access,

interventions which have shown to reduce rates of crime and fear of crime.

3. Capture relevant data to evaluate program outcomes and pursue long-term sustainability of safety and security in East Colfax.

Progress Summary: The East Colfax Safer Streets Crime Prevention (ECSSC) program, following a contract hold-up that required City Council approval, was fully executed on November 18, 2024. City agencies established monthly coordination meetings to review timelines and updates. A part-time Program Administrator was hired in January 2025. The project leveraged existing consultants to begin the final design phase in Q1 2025 to maximize efficiency. Grant planning meetings started, with community partners (EC3 and The Fax) invited to review proposed Scopes of Work for technical assistance and community activation.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) classes were purchased for seven individuals across four organizations/departments, with certifications targeted for May 31, 2025. This CPTED team is intending to conduct an "Assessment Week" for businesses in the corridor.

The team partnered with the Iron Sharp Foundation to complete a successful East Colfax Spring Clean Up on April 19, 2025, involving 200 volunteers across Denver and Aurora jurisdictions. This cross-jurisdictional and community-building effort is considered a major positive outcome.

Denver Police Department (DPD) quarterly safety meetings consistently reported an ongoing reduction in crime, particularly violent crime, on the East Colfax corridor, with the ECSSC grant being cited as one component of a broader effort.

A major obstacle remains the finalization and execution of contracts with community partners (EC3 and The Fax) and delays in CPTED certifications for all team members.

These issues have forced the tentative "Assessment Week," originally scheduled for early June 2025, to be put on hold. Once the contracting and certification processes are resolved, the team plans to initiate business outreach, schedule CPTED assessments, develop microgrant eligibility requirements, and launch the community activation projects.

Greeley Police Department

Project: 9th/10th Street Alleyway Lighting

Award: \$135,000.00

Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: Greeley's gateway along 9th/10th Street is home to families and small businesses, but most of the traffic moves at high speeds along these routes. High vehicular volumes with high speeds create uncomfortable and unsafe conditions for students, pedestrians, residents, and bicyclists and disrupt multimodal connectivity from Greeley's gateway to the outlying subareas of Greeley. Through extensive public outreach in 2022-2023, residents also identified the area as being known for high crime volumes, creating uncomfortable and unsafe conditions. Specifically mentioned during public outreach was the poor lighting in the alleyways, where most crime occurred. The grant project will incorporate alleyway lighting between 10th Avenue and 23rd Avenue along 9th Street to help restore community connectivity, livability, and safety; promote walking, biking, and other active modes; and provide economic development opportunities to improve the safety conditions along the 9th Street corridor.

Goals: 1. Install lights in alleyways with high reported crime along 9th/10th Street Corridor.

Progress Summary: The city is progressing with several lighting projects to enhance public space safety and visibility. Staff identified locations for street lighting that can be installed by Xcel Energy, while also exploring solar lighting options for areas where Xcel service is not feasible, ensuring maximum coverage. The team met with a solar lighting provider and is currently obtaining a quote. Once received, the necessary paperwork and purchase order will be finalized for installation in the upcoming quarter. Due to the provider’s estimated timeline, the city plans to request a one-quarter grant extension. A key highlight has been the enthusiastic support from surrounding neighbors regarding the planned solar lighting, which reinforces the City's commitment to responsive, community-driven improvements. The City secured approval to use a cooperative purchasing agreement to streamline the procurement of solar lighting equipment.

The project to add lighting to the 9th/10th Street Alleyway is progressing with a comprehensive field survey completed to pinpoint potential mid-block locations. Public Works staff collaborated with the Police Department on placement before submitting the locations to Xcel Energy for design development. The next steps involve finalizing the design and quote from Xcel, reviewing the contract with the City Attorney's office, and then executing the contract to begin the procurement and installation process. The City also plans to send notifications to property owners in proximity to the planned lights to keep them informed.

Hotchkiss Police Department

Project: Town of Hotchkiss Safer Streets Initiative
Award: \$34,437.00
Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: The Hotchkiss Police Department in part of the Town of Hotchkiss is embarking on a Safer Streets Initiative aimed at enhancing public safety and security by installing lighting in parking lots and

low-light areas throughout the community. This project seeks to address safety concerns and improve visibility in key locations to reduce the risk of accidents and crime and enhance the overall well-being of residents and visitors by installing a total of five light poles. By strategically placing energy-efficient lighting fixtures in the town's public parking lot and walkways designated of concern by the Town Council, the initiative aims to create a more secure environment, promote nighttime visibility, and deter potential criminal activity. Through this proactive approach to enhancing street lighting, the Town of Hotchkiss is committed to fostering a safer and more welcoming community for all.

Goals: 1. Reduction in theft and accidents.

Progress Summary: The project has made significant headway, including submitting a DCJ Form 16 regarding the potential for grant funds to extend further than originally anticipated. This favorable change stems from the selection of a sole proprietor who offered to complete the entire project for a fraction of the cost of the initial contractor's quote, which was accepted in compliance with the Procurement Policy.

The city has selected the new contractor and secured a permit from the Delta Montrose Electric Association for supplying power to the lighting. The project is now moving forward with the decision for excavation and public works trenching the lines to install the light poles. The physical installation is hoped to be finished in the next quarter, at which point the city plans to begin tracking and reporting the reduction in crime.

The installation of lighting is expected to actively and passively reduce crime in the area. The increased lighting in the public parking lot, a location vital to local businesses and situated near the Sheriff's substation, is specifically expected to lead

to an upswing in public use and a heavily reduced effect on theft crimes. The city is very optimistic about the project's final outcome, believing it will eliminate crime in the area, and looks forward to monitoring the crime statistics and positive community feedback.

Mesa County Sheriff's Office

Project: Solar/Camera Trailers and Kimwood Park Lighting

Award: \$91,783.00

Status: Project Ended 6/30/25

Summary: The Mobile Solar Surveillance Trailer Project entails the acquisition of completely modular and mobile surveillance platforms, designed as tow-behind trailers and equipped with solar battery equipment that supports up to three surveillance cameras. The trailers will be deployed in high-crime areas, high-risk areas, and areas where stationary cameras are not practicable. The trailers will be utilized to improve public safety, assist law enforcement, and serve as a tool to engage and educate the community about public safety and crime prevention. Grant funds will also be used to install lighting and cameras at Kimwood Park, a public park that historically and currently experiences higher rates of criminal activity. NOTE: Shot Spotter (gunshot detection) and facial recognition will not be included in the cameras' technology.

Within Clifton, Kimwood Park is a significant location for juvenile complaints/problems, assaults, and vandalism. Kimwood Park sits in the middle of a block of neighborhoods, consisting of a total area of less than 1 square mile. In 2023, there were 67 reported juvenile complaints/problems, 48 assault reports, and 20 calls for vandalism in this small area. Of the total calls for service in the

much larger Clifton area, 34% of all the juvenile complaints, 32% of all the assault reports, and 69% of all the vandalism reported originated from just the Kimwood Park area.

Goals:

1. Purchase three Solar Surveillance Trailers
2. Install lighting and stationary cameras at Kimwood Park.

Project Impact/Outcomes: The project is considered a huge success, with all goals met or exceeded, and the team is very excited about the results.

All solar camera trailers became operational in March and have been continuously deployed since April 1st. With two trailers requiring maintenance for a cumulative 18 days, the system achieved a high operational use rate of 93.4% during the quarter. The trailers have been primarily deployed at heavily used trailheads, which were historical hotspots for vehicle break-ins and high-end mountain bike thefts. Since deployment, there have been zero bike thefts and vehicle break-ins at these locations are "all but non-existent."

Two camera trailers were deployed to aid federal fire teams during large wildfires. Equipped with StarLink, the trailers provided internet access for communication and a live remote view of the fires, saving significant drive time and proving highly valuable for both law enforcement/crime-fighting and wildland fire fighting functions. Infrastructure improvements, including added lighting and community safety cameras, have resulted in a reduction in criminal behavior and law enforcement involvement at Kimwood Park.

The park, previously a "hot spot" for juvenile issues, drug use, and public nuisance crimes, saw a significant decrease in calls for service, dropping from 42 total incidents in 2024 to 14 in 2025.

This drastic reduction has freed up deputies to spend significantly less time patrolling the park, allowing them to be more proactive in other high-crime areas.

The success of the Kimwood Park model will be continued, with plans underway to replicate the infrastructure improvements at another park, and funding options are currently being explored.

Rio Grande County Public Health Department

Project: Rio Grande County Public Health Comprehensive Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets

Award: \$397,893.00

Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: The crime prevention initiative in Rio Grande County is a comprehensive endeavor aimed at creating safer streets and fostering a resilient community. There has been a rise in property (and violent) crimes, endangering the safety of residents. Through targeted community engagement programs, youth outreach and education, and training and support for local businesses, they aim to address the rise in property crimes and enhance safety for all residents. With measurable goals, inclusive strategies, and a commitment to collaboration, they seek to achieve a 15% reduction in overall crime rates within 12 months (and beyond) while preventing displacement and harm to vulnerable populations. Collaboration with the community, law enforcement, and agencies ensures a community-driven approach to shaping equitable strategies.

Goals: 1. Achieve a 15% Reduction in Overall Crime Rates within 12 Months.

2. Decrease the Number of Reported Burglaries (property crimes) by 20%.

Progress Summary: The Rio Grande County Public Health (RGCPH) Safer Streets Program focuses on achieving a 15% reduction in overall crime, a 20% decrease in burglaries, and a 15% reduction in theft incidents through community engagement, lighting improvements, and youth outreach.

The program successfully restarted two inactive Neighborhood Watch organizations in South Fork and Monte Vista, holding numerous meetings throughout the reporting period. These meetings featured presentations from law enforcement on topics like home security, being a good witness, and crisis response. Residents expressed appreciation for the educational content, the opportunity to build rapport with officers, and feeling heard about local safety and traffic issues. The program successfully engaged the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce, leading to newspaper coverage. Efforts to engage the Del Norte Police Department and Chamber of Commerce have been initiated but faced unresponsiveness or delays.

Three local law enforcement agencies (Monte Vista PD, South Fork PD, and Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office) have begun submitting crime statistics to RGCPH. The Prevention Coordinator is developing a tool to standardize and track county-wide crime trends, as the currently submitted data varies in format and categorization. Staff consulted with Public Works in Monte Vista and South Fork to define lighting criteria, considering the region's extreme climate (e.g., high winds and cold temperatures) and resident preferences for "dark skies."

The project secured \$10,000 in supplemental funding for light poles from the Mineral Rio Grande Health Service District. With community input on locations, the first purchase of solar lights and poles was completed, with installation planned for later that summer. The project required seeking alternative funding due to the higher-than-anticipated cost of climate-appropriate lighting and poles.

Two Youth Outreach Specialists were hired in early March. They are actively compiling a Youth Resource Evaluation, including a gap analysis to identify areas for enhancing services and reducing youth involvement in crime. The specialists are also researching and preparing recommendations for establishing youth mentorship programs within Rio Grande County.

The Prevention Coordinator presented the program goals to the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce, securing their support. However, connecting with the South Fork and Del Norte Chambers of Commerce for similar presentations has been challenging due to staff changes and local project priorities.

The program's foundational progress is measured by increased stakeholder and community attendance at events and the successful launch of two Neighborhood Watch programs. While no significant crime reduction data is available yet due to the early stage of implementation, the program is laying the groundwork for future measurable impact.

Town of Akron

Project: Making Downtown Akron Safer
Award: \$126,700.00
Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: The Town of Akron seeks to significantly boost community safety. The project involves replacing 9 downtown streetlights with 34 new LED lights, aligning with CPTED principles for improved illumination and a secure atmosphere. They have 9 street light poles through 4 blocks of downtown; these lights are very dim at night due to the height and the sparse quantity.

Additionally, they will add 7 security cameras in two parks, along with public trash cans throughout the Main Street district which will be maintained by the town, where currently there are none. This project aims to create a well-lit, secure, and inviting downtown hub for residents and visitors alike, enhancing the overall quality of life in Akron.

Goals: 1. Enhance downtown Akron's safety and vibrancy through comprehensive improvements.

Progress Summary: The project has encountered a delay in the installation of the streetlight footers, which were postponed until the end of September due to persistent summer storms. Consequently, the full installation of Streetlights is now anticipated to occur in October, though the project remains on track in all other areas, with all lights already on hand. The delay has inadvertently highlighted the project's importance to downtown business owners, whose frustration underscores the community's urgency for timely completion.

All planning, community engagement, and design work are complete, and all materials have been ordered. The delivery of the street pole lights is expected in late March 2025, with final installation projected for completion by June 2025. A key highlight of the early phases was the robust community engagement, with residents and business owners providing input that shaped the project's design and built local support.

Initial measurable impact has been observed through the installation of new trash cans, which have been well-received and have contributed to crime reduction by improving public space aesthetics, thereby discouraging minor crimes like vandalism. However, the public's preferred, more expensive streetlight design necessitated a shift to explore cost-effective alternatives to remain within the project budget.

The next steps for the project include completing the separately funded sidewalk replacement work, pouring the concrete footers, and proceeding with the installation of the new lights, followed by the installation of security cameras. Once the street lighting is fully operational, law enforcement plans to monitor crime data and community feedback to assess the long-term measurable impact on crime rates and safety.

Town of Milliken Police Department

Project: Traffic & Crime Prevention through Proactive Detection and Monitoring to Increase Public Safety

Award: \$49,037.00

Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: The Town of Milliken has seen an increase in traffic accidents and serious injuries related to speeding and aggressive driving. Although the increase of injuries has risen, the emphasis on reducing the number of serious injuries in traffic accidents will focus on several identified areas that include enforcement, education, and developing solutions to curb aggressive driving and speeding, which results in traffic accidents and serious injury. The Milliken Police Department will utilize the grant funds to purchase a radar speed trailer with a messaging board and mobile camera. The Mobile Camera System, equipped with cameras and real-time monitoring capabilities, will be strategically deployed in areas prone to criminal activity. It will serve as a visible deterrent to potential criminals and aid in the detection and identification of individuals involved in criminal behavior.

Goals: 1. Utilize the Shield 12 Speed Display, Radar Speed trailer with messaging board and Mobile Camera System after purchase.

2. Speeding Violation Reduction: Measure the impact of the radar wagon and message board on reducing instances of speeding violations within the target area. Compare before and after data to assess the effectiveness of the intervention.

3. Emergency response and coordination.

Progress Summary: The deployment and equipment purchase of the trailer-mounted camera system have been overwhelmingly positive, leading to a visible reduction in criminal activity when the trailer is positioned in problem areas. For instance, deployments in new construction areas have notably resulted in fewer thefts.

All necessary equipment has been purchased, and the system is planned for deployment at numerous community events, including the upcoming Beef and Bean Day. The Town of Milliken has also purchased a trailer, held training, integrated the camera system with its provider, and applied "Milliken Police Department" graphics; its deployment is expected by the end of January.

The project has encountered a minor technical challenge: while the system is functional, it is operating on a separate account from the city's main video network, an issue engineers are actively working to resolve to ensure full system integration. The next major activities across the programs include finalizing deployment logistics, such as licensing and graphic placement, and continuously identifying the best problem areas for future deployment.

West Colfax BID

Project: West Colfax Business Safety Project

Award: \$284,940.00

Status: Project ends 6/30/2026

Summary: This project focuses on the West Colfax Business Improvement

District, running along West Colfax Avenue between Federal and Sheridan Boulevards. The district has experienced increases in criminal activity affecting its constituent businesses and nearby residents, with impacts felt most directly by employees and customers, who feel increasingly unsafe. The district assets, particularly its bus shelters, have also, like many storefronts, seen increasing vandalism, further feeding the reality of Colfax Avenue as an unsafe place for this economically and racially diverse area of Denver.

Environmental design measures proposed through this grant focus on businesses on Colfax Avenue, which cater to lower-income and vulnerable populations. Measures are also identified for district-owned bus shelters, which serve the RTD ridership of predominantly lower-income customers. Working with the local neighborhood association and based on the hot spots, they have identified eight motivated business owners, who, alongside the district, will participate in this effort.

- Goals:**
1. Reducing vulnerability of businesses, customers, employers and transit users to crime through environmental design measures safety for customers accessing businesses on West Colfax, Denver.
 2. Reducing criminal incidents in crime hot spots in WCBID.

Progress Summary: The project focuses on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments and implementation, with a goal to reduce criminal activity in high-concentration areas of the district. The project has successfully increased business participation and corresponding CPTED assessments, with the implementation processes and selection of vendors for improvements now running smoothly.

The implementation of CPTED measures, particularly added lighting and security systems, has led to a noticeable drop in criminality in targeted areas, which has been observed by both businesses and residents. Business owners have noted that security cameras, with their expanded capabilities, are providing greater benefits than anticipated.

Collaboration with the community has expanded. A public meeting, well attended by police and the Mayor's office, resulted in a commitment from the police to increase their presence at a local hotspot. The district is also working with police and property owners to secure "no trespassing" agreements to facilitate easier enforcement.

The initial step involved engaging and securing agreement from businesses to conduct CPTED assessments. With the help of the WeCAN (RNO) safety committee, the project secured approval from eight businesses and one residence. The district also conducted its own CPTED assessments on district-owned bus shelters, which led to increased patrols by the Denver Police Department (DPD) and RTD.

A problem area near a McDonald's has been effectively abated, and the displacement of networks of criminality is underway in two locations. A video testimonial from a business owner is being created to further expand the program's reach.

The project will continue to implement recommended CPTED improvements. The team plans to use business testimonials to reach more businesses and will begin pulling crime data mid-year to track changes year over year.

Future efforts will focus on expanding CPTED assessments and implementation, particularly for lighting and security systems, and will include a business survey to better assess program impact, interest in CPTED, and suggestions for improvement. Continued collaboration with the community and police to ensure better enforcement is also planned, including hosting "happy hours" with businesses to further expand the

program's reach. The next operational steps involve conducting a few more CPTED assessments, followed by finding contractors and obtaining quotes for the desired work.