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NextFifty Initiative Awards \$1,461,400 in Flexible Support Grants to 24 Organizations in Denver, Adams, Jefferson, Broomfield, and Arapahoe Counties

DENVER, Colo. - NextFifty Initiative today announced \$1,461,400 in grants to 24 organizations in five Metro Denver counties that are working to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers. The organizations are located in Denver, Adams, Jefferson, Broomfield, and Arapahoe counties.

NextFifty Initiative, which funds game-changing efforts to improve and sustain the quality of life for people in their second 50 years, announced a total of \$2.9 million in grants to 65 organizations around Colorado. In all, NextFifty received 238 requests for funding from organizations requesting more than six times the amount of funding available.

“The strong response to our request for proposals demonstrates the great need for additional funding to support older adults and caregivers in Colorado,” said Chandra Matthews, Director of Programs at NextFifty Initiative. “We designed Flexible Support grants to allow organizations to request the type of support they most need to meet the evolving needs of older people in their communities, and it’s clear to us that the need for this type of funding is high.”

The organizations that received funds serve older adults in a variety of categories including caregiver support, community life, elder justice, health, housing, multi-generational support, social services, technology, transportation, and workforce/employment.

Recipients in Metro Denver include:

- **Visiting Ancillary Services** – The \$90,000 grant from NextFifty Initiative will support staff salaries, new audiology equipment, and two new dental mobile units. Visiting



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Ancillary Services, based in Thornton, provides dental, auditory, and vision services for those in long-term care facilities.

- **Parkinson Association of the Rockies** – The \$30,000 grant will be used to expand the organization’s efforts to serve older adults with Parkinson’s disease who live in rural areas. Parkinson Association of the Rockies is based in Denver.
- **Project Angel Heart** – Project Angel Heart, based in Denver, will use its \$40,000 grant to provide meal programs for low-income, severely ill older adults. The organization reports that the need has increased over 100 percent in the past year due to increased food costs and the expansion in the areas it serves.
- **Southwest Improvement Council** – The \$100,000 grant will be used to offer tech and computer programming for older adults, increase food bank offerings, and expand community outreach. The organization, based in Denver, serves a diverse population.
- **Brothers Redevelopment Inc.** – A \$65,000 grant will fund a bilingual outreach coordinator to help connect 350-plus older adults to housing and other services. Brothers Redevelopment provides housing solutions for low-income communities.
- **Second Chance Center, Inc.** – Based in Aurora, Second Chance Center works with older adults who were formerly incarcerated. The \$125,000 grant will be used to support staff who work directly with the increasing number of older adults in their program.
- **Deserving Dental** – Based in Broomfield, Deserving Dental will use its \$25,000 grant to support rotations to nursing homes and shelters. Deserving Dental serves more than 300 low-income older adults per year.

Other organizations receiving grants include Life/Art Dance (\$13,100, Adams County); Project Worthmore (\$100,000, Adams County); Fax Aurora (\$30,000, Arapahoe County); HIV Care Link (\$30,000, Denver); Christian Living Communities (\$50,000, Denver); Denver Asset Building Coalition (\$20,000, Denver); Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center (\$100,000, Denver); Laradon (\$38,300, Denver); Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc. (\$50,000, Denver); Think 360 Arts for Learning (\$50,000, Denver); The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center of Colorado (\$40,000, Denver); Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning (\$90,000, Denver); ViVe Wellness (\$100,000, Denver); Denver Inner City Parish (\$50,000, Denver); Colorado Fund for People with Disabilities, Inc. (\$50,000, Denver); Mount Evans Home Health Care & Hospice (\$50,000, Jefferson County); and Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (\$125,000, Denver).

About NextFifty Initiative

NextFifty Initiative is a Colorado-based, national foundation supporting efforts to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers. The foundation works with community leaders, experts in the field of aging, and front-line professionals to support programs and projects that positively impact aging and longevity. They focus on learning, sharing best practices, and supporting



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innovation that will transform aging for generations to come. In 2022, NextFifty Initiative awarded grants totaling \$8.2 million. To learn more, visit www.Next50Initiative.org.

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