

United Way
of Larimer County



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

*Transforming communities so
everyone thrives.*



Our 2021-2022 year was another in which we demonstrated the power and value of a strong local United Way to respond to community needs, changes, and opportunities as we continued to navigate the complexities of the pandemic. With generous support of our donors, we amplified our response to academic learning loss among students in all three Larimer County school districts, increased child care access across the entire county and helped families rebuild their homes and lives following last year's fires... just to name a few!

UWLC also continued our commitment to equity, launched shared learning for the nonprofit sector and funded community-led work, including Larimer County's first resident-led mobile home park purchase. 2021-2022 also included expanded efforts in local and state public policy for housing, child care, and nonprofit excellence, living out our mission to reduce the needs of tomorrow in addition to meeting today's greatest needs. Through a nonpartisan, pragmatic approach to advocacy, we brought together cross-sector allies to create a more equitable Larimer County.

We hope this Annual Report provides a glimpse into all the incredible work made possible through partnerships with donors, nonprofit organizations, businesses, government agencies, and our wonderful community. Thank you for *Giving*. Thank you for *Advocating*. Thank you for *Volunteering*.

Thank you for being part of a Larimer United.



Deirdre Sullivan
President & CEO

Kelly McBartlett
2022-2023 Board Chair

2021-2022 Board of Directors

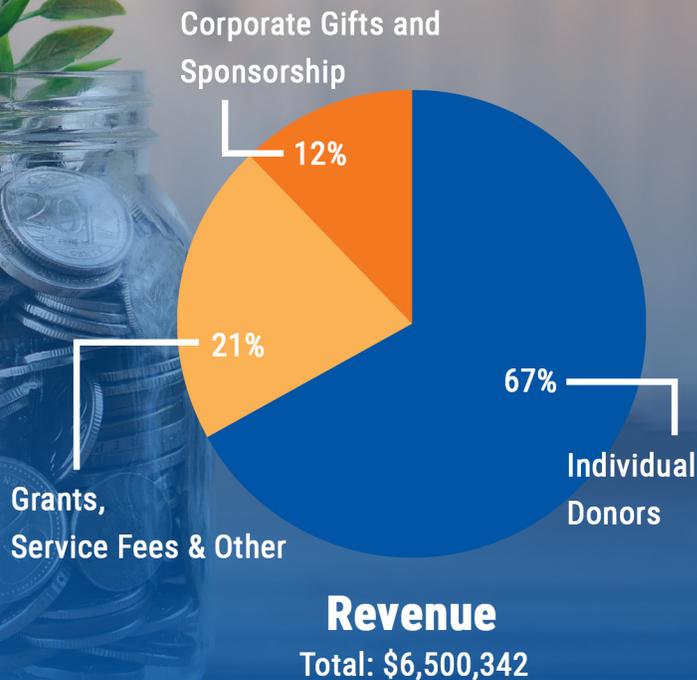
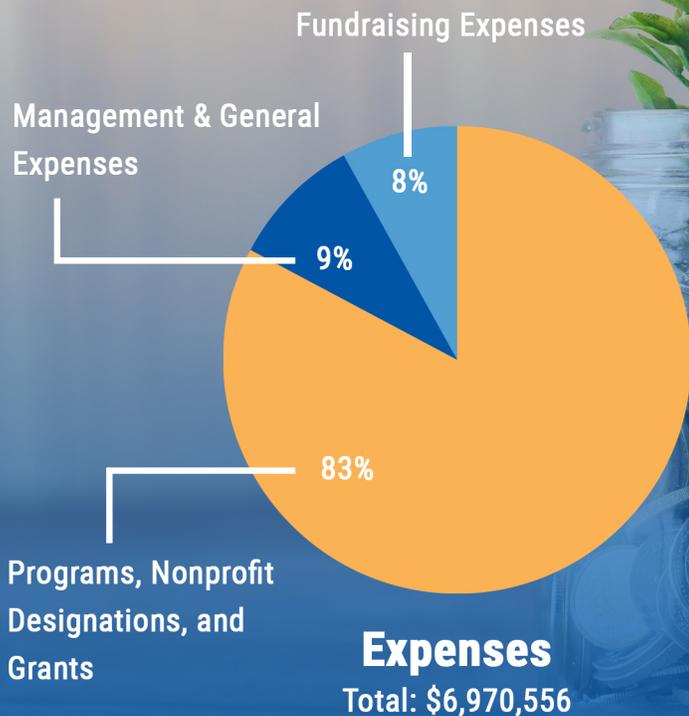
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Financial Snapshot



Youth & Education

Community Impact Grants	\$239,750
Nonprofit Excellence Grants	\$5,000
Colorado Reading Corps & Literacy Grants	\$165,000
Equity-Focused Grants	\$30,000
Emerging Priorities Grants	\$80,173

Child Care

Nonprofit Child Care Provider Grants	\$110,000
Early Childhood Navigator Grants	\$100,698
Larimer Child Care Fund Scholarships	\$233,976

Financial Stability

Community Impact Grants	\$300,500
Nonprofit Excellence Grants	\$12,500
Equity-Focused Grants	\$90,000
Emerging Priorities Grants	\$29,000
Community Emergency Response Fund Grants	\$17,400
WomenGive Scholarships	\$116,133

* For a full listing of grant recipients visit uwaylc.org

“ I’ve had a lot of people, a lot of parents, text me on Class Dojo... and they’ll say, ‘Brooklyn wants to read now and she never wanted to come home and read’, so having that spark and knowing they’re becoming even better readers outside of our time together – in class and at home and in the community is huge. ”

Maddie Elder
Reading Tutor



During the 2021-2022 school year, Colorado Reading Corps served 375 students across 13 school sites in Larimer County.

77% of students in Thompson School District and 85% in Estes Park exceeded their target growth rate, meaning they are catching up with grade-level peers.



Colorado Reading Corps

Since 2014, United Way has funded Colorado Reading Corps – an evidence-based nationally replicated program designed to help students build literacy skills and increase reading proficiency for kindergarten through third grade students who are not reading at grade level. Colorado Reading Corps utilizes AmeriCorps members, trained in early literacy interventions, to provide one-on-one tutoring so that students who are behind can catch up with their grade-level targets.

In fiscal year 2021-2022, UWLC allocated \$519,923 to 17 programs and nonprofit organizations, including Colorado Reading Corps, that elevate youth and education in Larimer County. In partnership with the superintendents from Estes Park, Poudre, and Thompson School Districts, UWLC advocated for a Larimer United for Youth and encouraged our community to give of their time, talent and treasure to support our local students.

“ My husband and I suddenly took custody of our two grandsons, now ages 2 and 3... Making ends meet for a family of four, on retirement income, was not enough, so I took a job... Just as we were turned down by CCCAP, we learned about the LCCF. This grant has been a saving grace for the family.

Without the grant, I would have had to leave the workforce and let our family live in poverty, relying on social benefits. We are grateful to be in a position to keep the children going to quality child care and to have a household that meets our needs... ”

Larimer Child Care Fund Recipient

54 children from 34 families received scholarships through the Larimer Child Care Fund.

On our most recent recipient survey, 86% of respondents reported that receiving the scholarship made child care expenses less of a barrier to affording essentials such as rent, utilities, and food.

Larimer Child Care Fund

The Larimer Child Care Fund provides child care scholarships for low-and moderate-income families so that they can afford quality care for their children at the providers of their choice. This fund fills the gap for families who do not currently receive or qualify for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) and still need assistance with the high cost of quality, licensed care for their children.

Including our Larimer Child Care Fund, in 2021-2022 UWLC allocated \$444,674 to 7 programs and nonprofits that support equitable and accessible child care opportunities for Larimer County families. We also partnered with the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County to explore a local tax initiative to support early care and education in our community.





“ At the start of this 3 years ago, I was unsure, insecure, I was scared and so was my daughter... Being supported as a single mom specifically, has made a huge difference. It has given me confidence, going back to school has shown me that I am smart and I can persevere and endure through things. It has given me a lot of strengths that I forgot about.”

Marisa Ryan
WomenGive Graduate

WomenGive

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32 mothers received scholarship assistance through WomenGive.

On our most recent WomenGive scholarship recipient survey, 85% reported they were employed after graduation and 88% reported that their self-confidence has increased because of WomenGive.

WomenGive

WomenGive provides support and financial assistance in the form of child care scholarships to single mothers continuing their education. Through this program, single mothers have the opportunity to work toward their associates, bachelors, masters, certificate or other degree program, while their children are enrolled in quality early child care.

Including our WomenGive program, in 2021-2022 UWLC allocated \$565,533 to 28 programs and nonprofits that support financial stability and economic mobility for local community members. We endorsed the Colorado Homeless Contribution Tax Credit to increase funding for organizations supporting individuals and families facing homelessness in our community. And, in partnership with local housing providers and other organizations, we helped launch and serve as the fiscal agent for One Voice for Housing, a campaign to elevate education, awareness, and policy change for housing across Larimer County.



Larimer County Fire Recovery Fund

Grand Total Allocation - \$524,720.37



UWLC's Larimer County Fire Recovery Fund was launched in late 2020 to respond to emergency needs associated with the Cameron Peak and East Troublesome Fires, and help build resiliency among impacted communities while preparing for future potential flooding in the area. In 2021-2022, the Long Term Recovery Group, a volunteer committee that oversees the distributions from the Larimer County Fire Recovery Fund, granted \$524,720.37 on a variety of a initiatives such as land restoration assessments for hazard tree removal, debris removal, road repairs, property recovery, and outreach and education efforts to both fire departments and vulnerable communities.

“This new ambulance went on two calls the day it was put in service. Again, I want to extend my thanks to the Larimer County Long Term Recovery Group for helping to making this new ambulance possible.”

Hugh Collins
Chief, PCFPD

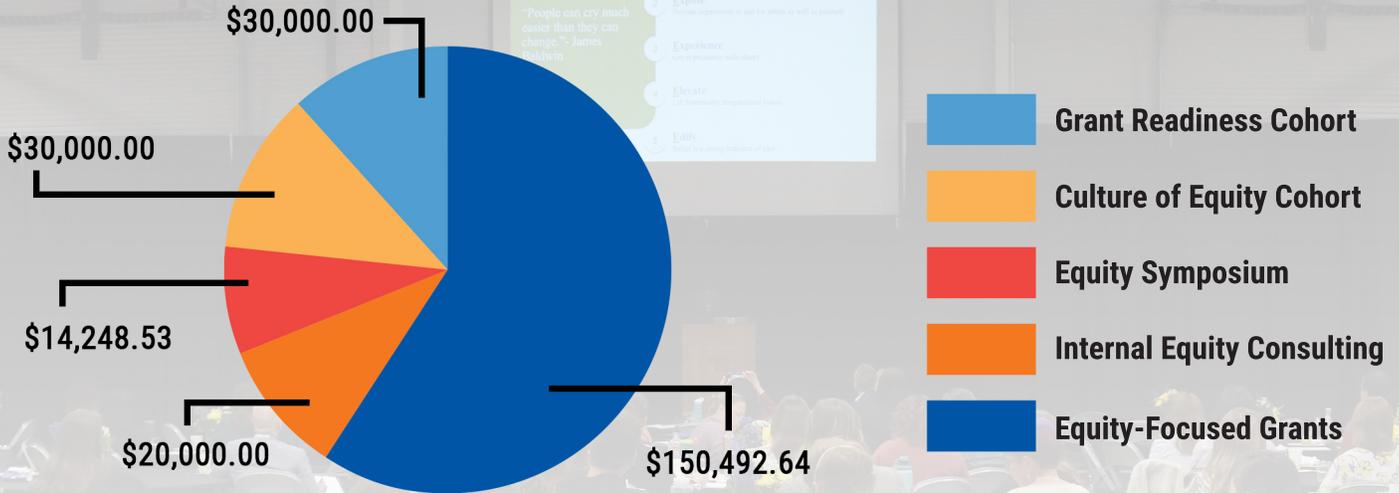
“...It is such a pleasure to get to the firehouse, turn on the light and open the doors and have every confidence that you, as a first responder have the equipment to help people when they need it most.... As firefighters and EMT's we appreciate it...”

Greg Venette
PCFPD



Our Commitment to Equity

Advancing outcomes in our four priority areas of youth and education, financial stability, nonprofit excellence, and community engagement, requires addressing disparities and inequities in our community. We acknowledge incorporating diversity, equity and inclusion is an ongoing process and we have more work to do.



During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, UWLC: Developed and shared our commitment to equity statement, held the Inaugural Northern Colorado Nonprofit Equity Symposium, served as the fiscal sponsor for the Fort Collins Juneteenth Celebration, provided in-kind office space to BIPOC-led nonprofits in the Community Impact Center, launched two equity-focused cohort learning programs (Grant Readiness Cohort and Culture of Equity Cohort), and provided our staff and Board of Directors with diversity, equity and inclusion training opportunities.

UWLC held the Inaugural Northern Colorado Nonprofit Equity Symposium.

The average rating for satisfaction in each conference track was 4.3/5.

Over 135 people participated.

68 Organizations attended.

UWLC served as fiscal sponsor for the Fort Collins Juneteenth Celebration.



Our Cornerstone Partners

United Way's Cornerstone Partners invest directly in our internal operating and fundraising capacity so that your donations can have the greatest impact on our local nonprofit programs. Thank you to these Larimer County business leaders for their continued generosity.

Longs Peak: \$25,000+



Mount Meeker: \$10,000 - \$24,999



Horsetooth Rock: \$5,000 - \$9,999



Reservoir Ridge: \$2,500 - \$4,999



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