

# IMPACT FUND GRANT PROGRAM



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May 2024



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About Behavioral Health Services (BHS)

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# About BHS



In 2018, Larimer County voters passed a **20-year ballot initiative** that dedicates a .25% sales-and-use tax (\$0.25 on \$100) for behavioral health purposes.

**Behavioral Health:** *Includes both mental health and substance use, encompassing a continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support services for overall well-being.*

BHS utilizes two funding pathways to invest back into the community.

- 1 Behavioral Health Services at Longview Campus**
- 2 Impact Fund Grant Program**



# Impact Fund



**BHS Mission:** Responsibly investing in community-driven work to increase access to behavioral health services and improve outcomes for all Larimer County community members.

The Impact Fund allows Larimer County to **invest directly** into behavioral health programs that serve the needs of our community.

BHS utilizes community-informed decision-making through **three advisory groups**, each representing a valuable perspective on behavioral health.



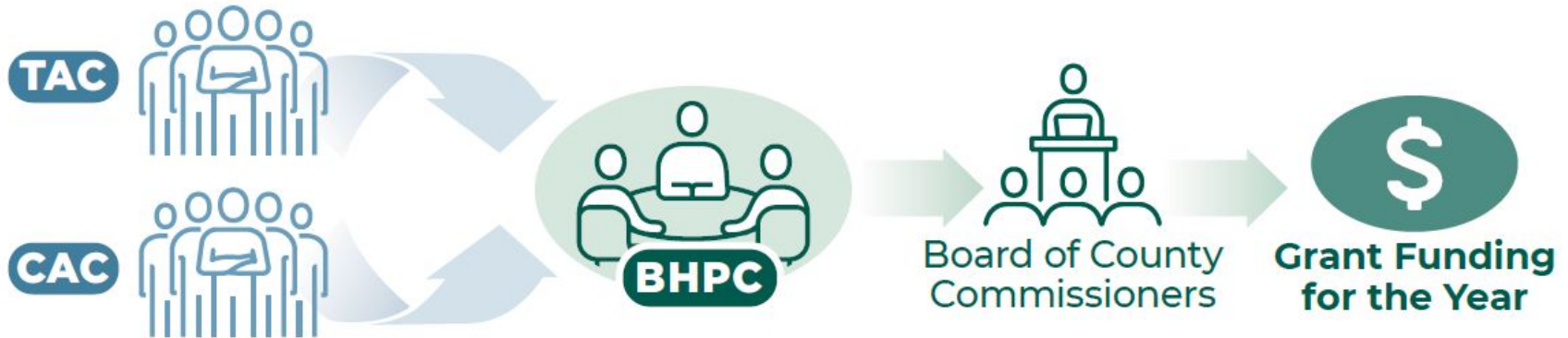
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## Advisory Groups

**Behavioral Health Policy Council (BHPC)** - Elected officials, At-Large Members, and a Commissioner Liaison

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** - Professionals in the field of behavioral health

**Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)** - Individuals with lived experience navigating behavioral health systems



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## Become a member of a BHS Advisory Group:

- Members serve a three-year term starting in December
- Regular participation in meetings
- Community liaison
- Work to define targeted projects for focused funding through the Grant Program

## For more information:

[www.larimer.gov/boards](http://www.larimer.gov/boards)

**Applications Open in September**



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## Timeline

JAN-  
MAR

Worksession

APR-  
MAY

Approvals

JUNE

Applications Accepted

JUL-  
AUG

Review & Evaluation

SEPT

Awards Announced

OCT

Funding Distributed

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## Online Resources

### [LCBHS Impact Fund Website & Applicant Resource Page](#)

- [Eligibility Criteria](#) - Eligible Organizations and things we do not fund
- [Application Outline](#) PDF, [Application MS Word Doc](#), [Budget Worksheet](#)
- [SmartSimple User Guide](#) - Registration & System Navigation
- [FAQ Page](#)
- [Post-Award Resources](#)
  - Accounting, Reporting, Contract Terms, Required Insurance



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## Online Resources

### **Required Application Documents - You can start uploading or updating these documents now**

- W-9 (2018 form or later)
- IRS Public Charity Designation Letter or EIN Verification Letter
- Organization's Current Annual Operating Budget (current fiscal year)
- Organization's Most Current Income/Financial Statement (P&L)
- Organization's Most Current Balance Sheet
- Most recent audited financial statements (if applicable)

Returning Applicants do not need to reupload the W9 or EIN Letter, unless something has changed

All Financial documents need to be updated on an annual basis

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## TARGETED GRANTS

Designed to address gaps in behavioral health care with concentrated focus and funding.



**Care  
Coordination**



**Systems  
Integration**



**Alternative &  
Interventions in  
Criminal Justice**



**Workforce  
Expansion**



**Services in  
Diverse Settings**



**Expansion of  
Youth Services**

## RESPONSIVE GRANTS

Available to organizations that work to support the behavioral health of community members, align with our funding priorities, but do not fall into a Targeted Grant area.

See [Areas We Fund](#) for more details

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## **\*Alternatives & Interventions in Criminal Justice: Gary A. Darling Grant Award**

Grant awarded to programs that attempt to disentangle behavioral health and criminal justice, reduce recidivism, offer reentry programming, or community-based competency restoration support.

Gary Darling served the Larimer County Sheriff's Office for 30 years and then the Criminal Justice Division. Served as a member of the Mental Health and Substance Use Alliance and on the guidance team for the the 2018 Behavioral Health ballot initiative.



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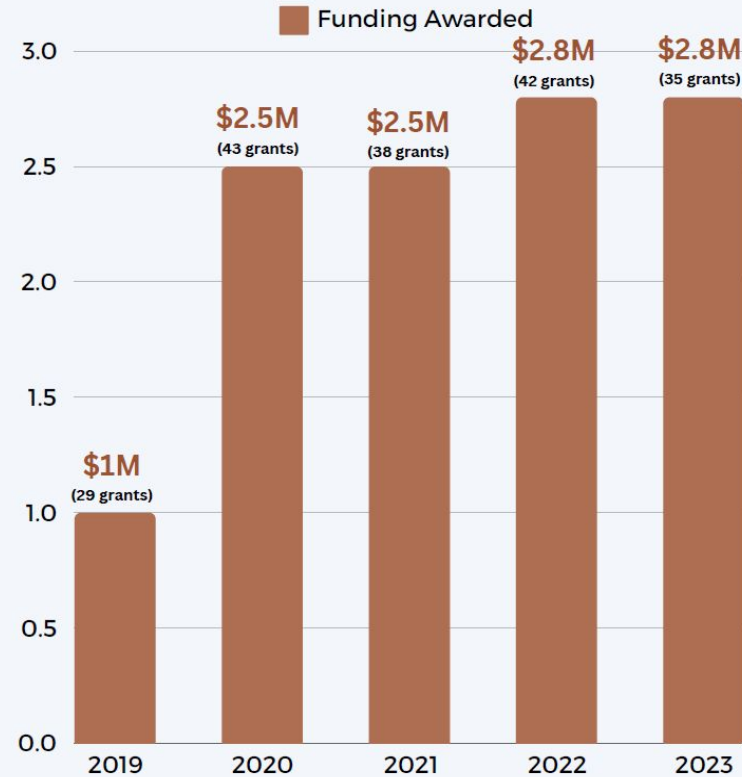
## FUNDING PARAMETERS



- ✓ \$2.8 Million in Funding
- ✓ Awards range from \$10k - \$150k; Up to \$250k
- ✓ Available to a variety of organizational types
- ✓ Directly related to behavioral health programming/services
- ✓ Serving Larimer County

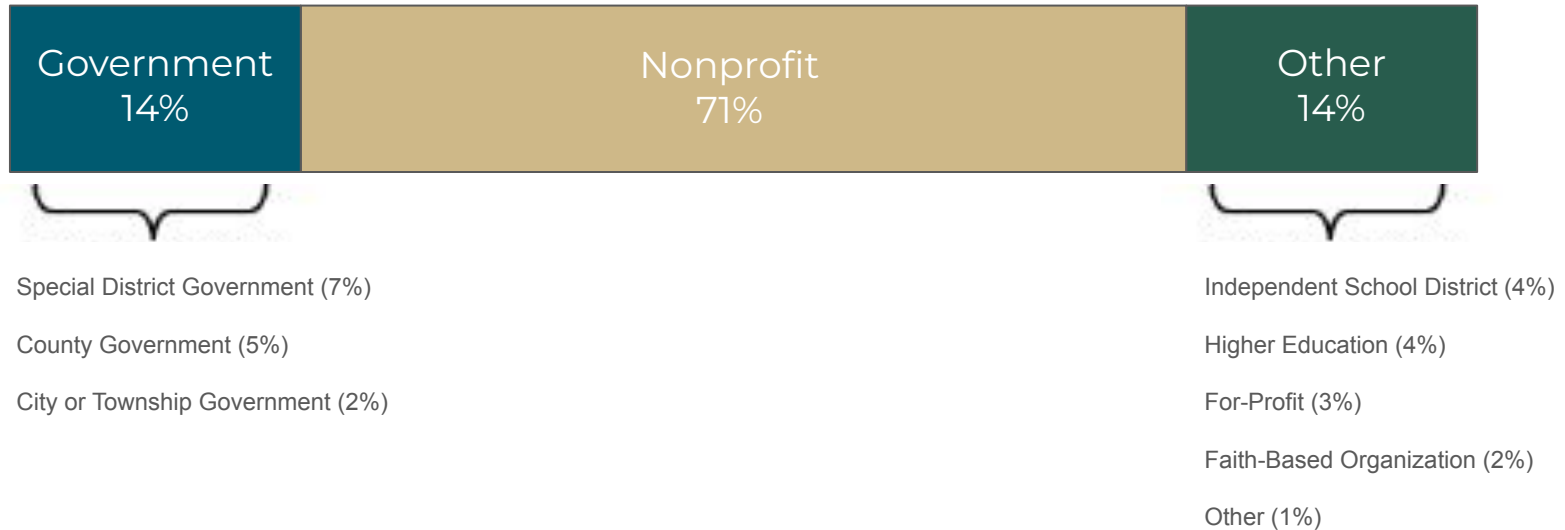
See [Eligibility Criteria & Funding Exclusions](#)

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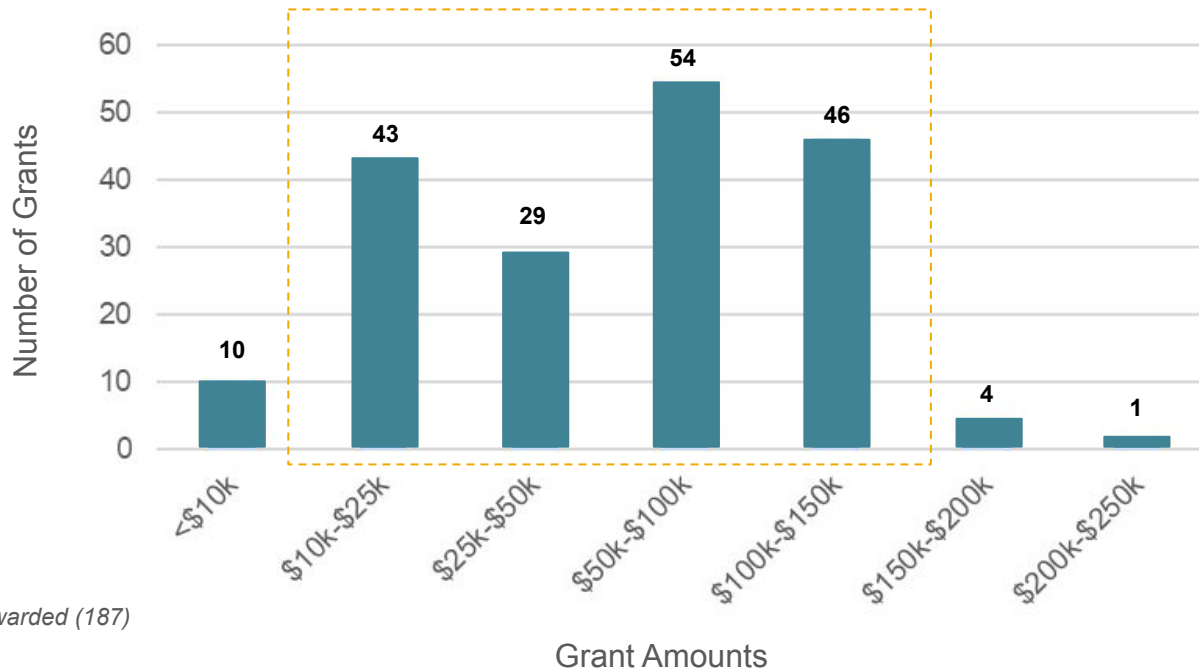
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*\*Based on Total Grants Awarded (187)*

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## How big are the grants?



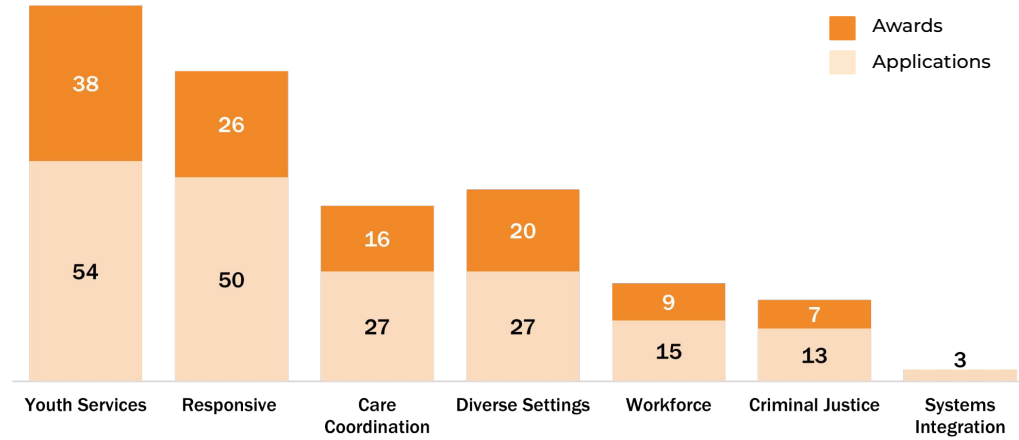
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\*\*Minimum now is \$10k

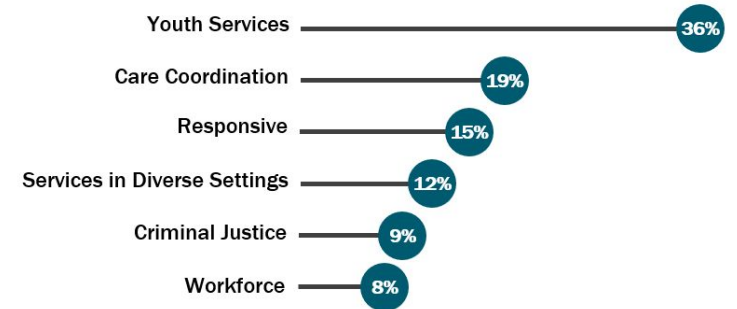
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## What's being funded?

Number of Applications & Awards by Project Type (2021-2023)



Percent of Funding by Project Type (2021-2023)



\*Targeted Project Areas were established in 2021

\*\*Goal >70% Going towards Targeted Areas



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## How competitive is it?

- In 2023, the number of applications increased **42%** (55 to 78 applications)
- In 2023, the total amount requested increased **48%** (\$5.1M to \$7.5M)

## Award Data & Trends

- Most grants are **below \$150k**
- The median and average award size is increasing (~\$80k)
- In general, the number of awards has been between 35-42 each year
- Roughly **half** of the awards each year have been partial awards (i.e. not awarded in full)



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## Important Dates for 2024

**Reminder:** Application Materials are available **now**

**June 1:** Grant Application period opens. See [Applicant Resources](#) for details

**June 5:** [Applicant Webinar](#) from 11am-12pm

**June 11-27: \*NEW** Get support Tuesdays & Thursdays during our [Virtual Office Hours](#)

**June 30:** Grant Application period closes. We encourage early submissions.

The deadline to apply is **Sunday, June 30 by 5:00pm**

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## Registration and Login

[larimerimpactfund.smartsimple.com](https://larimerimpactfund.smartsimple.com)

**Registration is for new organizations and first time applicants.**

If your organization has applied in the past, and you need a new login, please contact [bhsgrants@larimer.org](mailto:bhsgrants@larimer.org) and we will provide you with access to your organization's information.

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## Contact Information

**General Inquiries:** bhsgrants@larimer.org

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**Schedule a Zoom Meeting:** <https://calendly.com/lcbhs-jessica-plummer/>

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