

[Our Approach](#)

The foundation's giving is concentrated in two program areas: **Social Justice**, and **Direct Services** in Boulder County.

Our **Social Justice Program** provides support for organizations throughout the state of Colorado working to address the root causes of social, economic, gender and racial inequities through strategies that empower affected communities to engage in the democratic process and advance progressive policy solutions. Critical to this program area is the belief that government can and should be an enterprise for the public good and that progressive public policies, community-based organizing, and civic participation can create a more compassionate and just society.

Our **Direct Services Program** supports Boulder County nonprofits providing services and support for underserved and frequently marginalized populations with an emphasis on programs for disadvantaged and high-risk teens ages 12 through 18.

For more information on these programs and the application process, please see our website at: <http://www.brettfoundation.org>

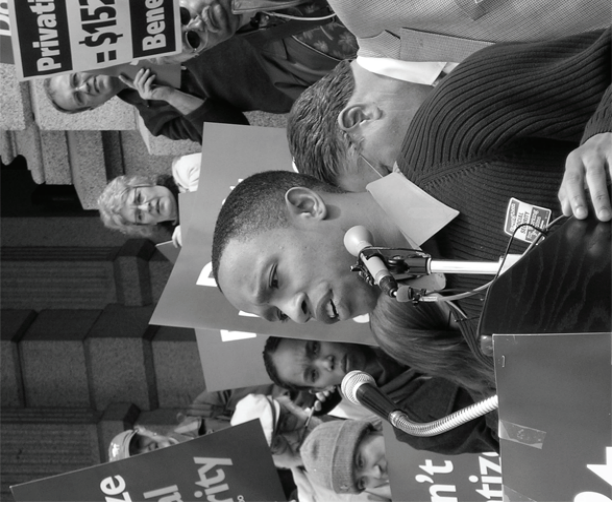
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We support caring communities by investing in organizations throughout Colorado working for social justice, and Boulder County nonprofits addressing the needs of underserved communities.

[2006 Special Projects](#)

Philanthropic Community Organizing Collaborative of Colorado **\$11,500**

A joint project of the Ford Foundation and 11 Colorado funders to expand philanthropic support for community organizing and to foster collaboration among community organizing groups working for social justice.

\$50,000

State of Change

An effort to start a new online tool for connecting people to non-profits working to advance positive change at the state level.

\$100,000

The Bell Policy Center

A state-level, multi-issue policy center working to reinvestigate the well-being of Coloradans and to promote policies that open gateways to opportunity.

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Social Justice

- 9 to 5 National Association of Working Women** \$10,000
Strengthening women's ability to work for economic justice
- Chinook Fund** \$10,000
Promoting social justice and freedom from oppression
- Colorado Center on Law and Policy** \$10,000
Advocating for justice and economic security for lower income Coloradans
- Colorado Children's Campaign** \$10,000
Creating hope and opportunity for children in Colorado
- Colorado Consumer Health Initiative** \$5,000
Ensuring barrier free access to quality health care
- CO Criminal Justice Reform Coalition** \$5,000
Seeking alternatives to mass incarceration
- Colorado Progressive Coalition** \$20,000
Building coalitions, conducting research, organizing communities and getting out the vote
- Common Cause Education Fund** \$5,000
Promoting citizen participation in democracy
- Front Range Economic Strategy Center** \$9,000
Educating, organizing and empowering working families
- GLBT Community Center of Colorado** \$7,500
Providing support and advocacy for Colorado's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population
- Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training** \$5,000
Strengthening grassroots fundraising skills of people working for social justice
- LARASA** \$5,000
Policy development to benefit the Latino community
- Metro Organizations for People** \$8,000
Empowering people to strengthen and transform their communities through community organizing
- Padres Unidos** \$5,000
Working for educational equity, student rights, and justice for immigrants
- ProgressNow.org** \$5,000
Providing a credible voice in advancing progressive solutions
- Rights for All People** \$10,000
Organizing with immigrants and their allies to achieve justice, dignity and human rights



Direct Services Continued

- United Black Women of Boulder Valley** \$3,000
Providing social, educational, spiritual and emotional support for African American families in Boulder County
- Voices for Children** \$5,000
Training CASAs who advocate for and provide service to child victims of abuse and neglect
- YMCA** \$5,000
Creating a supporting environment for youth to self-determine and refuel emotionally, socially, physically and intellectually
- Trustee Awards**
- Boulder Valley Women's Health** \$12,000
Providing quality health care for every woman
- Catalyst Academy** \$5,000
Feasibility study to assess the need for a high school that serves non-traditional and high risk students in Boulder County
- Center for Independent Media** \$5,000
Organizing and providing journalism training to progressive bloggers in Colorado
- Coalition for the Medically Underserved** \$5,000
Providing affordable, timely, quality health care for everyone in Colorado
- Deproduction** \$8,000
Providing media services and training to progressive organizations
- I Have a Dream Foundation** \$5,000
Tutoring for low-income students
- KGNU Boulder Community Radio** \$5,000
Support for expansion to the Denver metro area
- New Mexico Center for Civic Policy** \$7,000
Contributing to public discourse on important issues in New Mexico and around the country
- OUR Center** \$5,000
Working to assist families with children who are residents of the St. Vrain region
- Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mtns.** \$3,000
Longmont reproductive health clinic for teens
- Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Non-Violence** \$11,000
Ending violence against women, youth and children through support, advocacy and education
- Women Donors Network** \$31,500
Mobilizing progressive women donors

Direct Services in Boulder County

- Boulder County Community Services Department** \$5,000
Support for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey
- Compass House** \$5,000
Providing affordable counseling services to individuals and families
- Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County** \$3,000
Assisting with immigration matters for low-income members of Boulder County
- Impact on Education** \$5,500
Leveraging community resources to improve learning
- Intercambio de Comunidades** \$9,000
Reducing language and cultural barriers for Latino immigrants
- Project YES** \$7,500
Providing leadership opportunities for young people through the arts and service learning
- Social Venture Partners Boulder** \$6,000
Assisting nonprofit organizations in strengthening organizational capacity and sustainability
- Teens, Inc.** \$5,000
Offering recreational opportunities, youth employment and training, and support services for teens
- Grants below \$3,000 do not appear in this listing. For a more complete listing, please visit our website: www.brettfoundation.org*