

# INVESTING *in* SAFER COMMUNITIES

In 2017, the Colorado State Legislature passed a bill (HB17-1326) that is transforming our approach to public safety. This new safety vision invests in strategies that strengthen communities as a way to prevent crime in the first place. With oversight by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), this legislation provides three years of funding for pilot projects in Southeast Colorado Springs and North Aurora. Funding will be used to offer small business loans managed by lenders and a grant program administered by a community foundation. Local planning teams will determine grant funding priorities for each community.

NORTH AURORA AND SOUTHEAST COLORADO SPRINGS WERE SELECTED TO PILOT THIS NEW SAFETY VISION.

## LOCAL PLANNING TEAMS

Each community develops crime prevention priorities that inform grant guidelines.

## CDFIs

Community Development Financial Institutions

### PARTICIPATING LENDERS:

N Aurora: Community Enterprise  
Development Services (CEDS)  
SE Colorado Springs: DreamSpring

## GRANTS

\$1.3 million\*

\*PER YEAR/PER COMMUNITY

Administered through  
The Denver Foundation

## SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

\$500,000\*\*

\*\*PER YEAR/PER COMMUNITY  
MAX LOAN AMOUNT \$50K;  
MAX TERM 60 MONTHS

### GRANTS MAY FUND:

School achievement

Community-based services

Neighborhood connections, community  
engagement and leadership development

Safety/usability of common outdoor spaces

Data collection, analysis and evaluation