

Partnership of Douglas County Governments Accomplishments

Castle Pines

Law Enforcement

Castle Pines continues the long-time tradition of contracting law enforcement services through Douglas County Sheriff's Office. This year, given some of the distrust of law enforcement conveyed in the national media, the City Council passed a resolution in support of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the integrity upon which they dispense law enforcement within the City of Castle Pines.

Tri-County Health Department

Douglas County partners worked together with the Tri-County Health Department to keep our community informed and safe, as well as successfully articulating why Douglas County should remain at a lower safety level.

CDBG IGA

With Federal regulations changing, Douglas County chose to participate in the Federal CDBG program which required an IGA with local jurisdictions to participate. Castle Pines and Lone Tree worked with the County to develop an IGA that creates a solid foundation and partnership as we each individually move forward with potential programs within our communities.

Castle Rock

Partnership entities involved in cooperation on responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, including sharing of resources among jurisdictions, educating the public about best COVID-19 health practices, and seeking to support our local businesses with necessary changes to public health orders.

Cooperation with several Douglas County public water suppliers and Douglas County as we secure a long-term renewable water supply for our future, including work on the WISE option for additional water to Castle Rock.

Cooperation on transportation enhancements, including the intersection of Highway 86, Founders, Ridge, 5th Street – Four Corners – where the Town, County, DRCOG and CDOT are cooperating on this improvement

Continued cooperation with the Reuter-Hess reservoir, with additional recreational amenities being provided through the Reuter-Hess Recreation Authority with several Douglas County members.

Douglas County

COVID- 19 Response

So much of 2020 has been focused on responding to COVID-19 that it has clearly dominated many areas that we have come together on with our partners throughout the Partnership of Douglas County Governments. From Commissioner calls with PDCG elected leaders to weekly calls with Tri-County Health, applying for CARES Act funds, supporting our local businesses and non-profits, purchasing personal protective equipment and recognizing the struggles our county residents are experiencing we know how to come together to serve our County and all that live and work within it.

Task Forces

In response to countywide COVID-19 needs, Douglas County set up a Human Needs Task Force, Economic Recovery Task Force and Communications Task Force, along with the efforts of the EOC and Emergency Management Office.

Human Needs Task Force

“The Douglas County Human Needs Task Force was convened to address the immediate and long-term needs of those directly affected by COVID-19. This collaboration with our Human Services Department and so many of our valued community partners, nonprofits, and municipalities really has highlighted the value of breaking down barriers and silos to be greater together and get good things done efficiently for our citizens in times of challenge such as this.” Commissioner Abe Laydon, Liaison to the Task Force.

Through the Human Need Task Force, Douglas County assembled a coordinated response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to support our community’s most vulnerable populations. Workgroups were initiated with community partners to address needs identified in five key areas including:

- High Needs Populations (older adults, disabled individuals, Veterans, other)-16 organizations represented
- Food, Emergency Assistance & Shelter- 15 organizations represented
- Childcare- 8 organizations represented
- Healthcare Access- 18 organizations represented
- Volunteers- 2 organizations represented

Each workgroup reported to a community Response Team made up of 18 representatives and community partners. These meetings provided an opportunity to learn of and identify community needs and collaborate on potential solutions and strategies during this unprecedented time. Douglas County provided \$52,000 to 11 local food banks to help them sustain food supplies and meet the 400% increase in demand as a result of residents financially impacted by COVID-19.

The Healthcare Access Workgroup is a collaborative of mental, substance use and physical healthcare providers who have been monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on community health. Together the group has connected providers with PPE and testing resources, explored opportunities to connect community members with technology for accessing telehealth services, and shared information and trends allowing this network to be informed and responsive to community need.

Economic Recovery Task Force COVID-19 Response

With the release of public health orders and the shutdown of non-essential businesses, there was an anticipated increase in unemployment and economic impact, requiring community response. Commissioner Thomas lead the Economic Recovery Task Force on behalf of the Board. The task force focused on:

- Federal legislation analysis
- Communication with economic development organizations
- Outreach to business and community leaders
- CDPHE variance requests
- Implementation of the CARES Funds Small Business Grant

Communications Task Force

Working closely with Tri-County Health, the County continues its simultaneous, ongoing integration of data-informed, multiple online and traditional disciplines and distribution-means, including consistent messaging to target audiences, in the spaces they trust, often where they already are. Distribution means include paid media, social media, live town halls, media relations, and a variety of other digital means. The County continues to maximize information distribution and message penetration via its collaborative relationships with its municipalities, local area hospitals, Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Councils, Douglas County Libraries, the Douglas County School District, local area police and fire departments, and Highlands Ranch Metro District and South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

CARES Act funding

An application to DOLA for CARES Act funding was submitted on behalf of the County and the municipalities of Castle Rock, Parker, Lone Tree, Castle Pines and Larkspur. A distribution formula was developed for the funds on behalf of all the participating entities. A total of \$30,124,485 in CARES Act funding was awarded.

An IGA was entered with each of the listed municipalities to formalize the CARES Act distribution process with the County serving as the fiscal agent for the distribution of funds.

Grants for Small Businesses and Non-profits

Douglas County developed and implemented a Small Business Grant Program and a non-profit grant program using CARES Act funds to serve the entire county including all municipalities and unincorporated Douglas County. To date nearly \$2M has been distributed in the County through these grant programs to offset the financial and human need impacts of the Coronavirus.

The Small Business Grant program to ease COVID-19 impacts was launched. Small businesses countywide with physical locations and 100 or fewer employees have been eligible for COVID-19 impacts reimbursement grants of up to \$10,000, funded through the Countywide share of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The aim of this program is to reimburse local small businesses a portion of the expenses they incurred as they adjusted and adapted to public

health restrictions and continued to serve our community while complying with COVID-19 public health order guidelines. To date the Small Business Grant program has distributed close to \$1M in funding.

Example of Small Business Grant Distribution – as of end of October 2020

Geographic Area	Count
Parker	55
Castle Rock	45
Unincorporated Douglas County	39
Lone Tree	23
Castle Pines	2

Type of Business	Count
Personal service (Fitness and training, beauty and nail salon, childcare, dry cleaner, massage)	62
Food and beverage service (restaurant, bar, brewery, and similar)	40
Medical and dental	28
Retail	12
Professional service (Counseling, real estate, consulting, staffing, financial)	9
Lodging	7
Construction and trades	3
Manufacturing	2
Media	1

Non-profit Grant Program

Through the non-profit grant program, Non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organizations that serve Douglas County residents are eligible for COVID-19 impact reimbursement grants funded through the County’s share of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The program aims to reimburse nonprofit organizations a portion of the expenses incurred as they adjusted and adapted to public health restrictions and continued to serve our community while complying with COVID-19 public health order guidelines.

As of December 9, 2020, 35 non-profit agencies have received \$908,259. in grants through this program.

Impact Grant Funding for Restaurants and Event Venues

The County initiated Impact Grant funding for restaurants and event venues struggling to keep their businesses open during the latest COVID-19 public health restrictions for these businesses. The County Commissioners allocated \$15M in CARES Act funds for these grants and are willing to commit additional County funds up to \$5M if needed. As of 12/7/20, 25 businesses have been approved for Impact grant funding.

Testing and Contact Tracing

The County set aside 20% of its CARES Act allocation or \$6M+ for countywide testing and contract tracing. As of 12/9/20, STRIDE has conducted 4,100 tests and MAKO, 4,400 tests with this funding.

As part of its commitment to coronavirus testing, contact tracing and data gathering, Douglas County entered an IGA with Tri-county Health Department in the amount of \$1.938M to provide these services across the County.

The Town of Parker, City of Lone Tree, Town of Castle Rock and City of Castle Pines partnered with Douglas County to offer locations for four community Covid-19 testing drive through events in July and August. Jurisdictions also provided staff support including law enforcement, traffic control and marketing.

Beginning on 9/1, the City of Lone Tree and the Douglas County School District partnered with Douglas County to provide community testing sites at the Lone Tree Art Center and Chaparral High School through the remainder of the year.

Variance Applications

The County applied to CDPHE, along with Tri-County Health Department, for 13 public health order variances on behalf of the entire County, including the municipalities and Highlands Ranch. Only one was site specific to Lone Tree on behalf of Park Meadows Mall.

Commissioner Partridge took the lead in communications with Dr. Douglas from Tri-county Health Department concerning COVID-19 data and variance requests and serves as the liaison with local hospitals and CCI on coronavirus issues.

County Department Highlights

Emergency Management

Quarterly meetings are held with EM partners including municipalities, schools, the library and Castle Rock Fire Department to share information relative to EM issues.

Through our Emergency Operations center we work with these partners to provide masks, troubleshoot transportation.

All municipalities as well as the Highlands Ranch Metro District are participating in the planning process for our update to the County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The planning process for that is well underway and we hope to conclude the update in March of 2021.

We have partnered with DCSD to provide them with PPE and a standing offer to help if they need support. The schools have been a huge help to us the past with transportation needs during traffic accidents and blizzards.

Disaster Declaration Coordination with all our partners.

2019 coordination of an amendment to the Partnership of Douglas County Mutual Aid and Mutual Resource Sharing IGA.

Public Works/ Operations

Douglas County HCR PILOT Program

The Tri-County Health Department, in cooperation with Douglas County and the following agencies, Highlands Ranch Metro District, Parker Water and Sanitation District, Town of Parker, Plum Creek Water Reclamation Authority, City of Lone Tree, Perry Park Water and Sanitation District, Inverness Water and Sanitation District, Roxborough Water and Sanitation District, Castle Pines North Metro District, Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District, Louviers Mutual Service Company, High Prairie Farms Metro District, and others, plan to implement and operate a program where the citizens of Douglas County may drop off or have their hazardous household chemicals picked up from their homes by a contractor and brought to a site for recycling or disposal.

In 2020, this program substituted for the Household Chemical Roundup Program under current COVID-19 pandemic safety considerations and will be known as the Douglas County Household Chemical Roundup Pilot Program. The program/agreement is still being finalized but will offer an invaluable service to Douglas County residents. We hope to launch this program in November 2020.

Since 2001, TCHD has organized and managed the Household Chemical Roundup Program on behalf of Douglas County and the sponsoring agencies. Last year, the Douglas County Program facilitated the proper disposal of almost 400,000 pounds of hazardous materials and an estimated 3,225 households were served.

Larkspur Parking Lot

Public Works Operations recently completed a parking lot surfacing project for the Town of Larkspur, Colorado. This parking lot expands the current parking area in the Town's park through an area that connects with the existing parking lot at the Town Hall.

We worked with the Larkspur Mayor, Marvin Cardenas to secure gravel materials owned by the Town for construction of the parking lot. We hauled, graded, and compacted about 1,000 cubic yards of gravel to surface a parking lot expansion area previously started by the Town. Our crews contributed labor and equipment (trucks, motor graders, compactors) to complete the project.

Public Works/ Engineering

Public Works Engineering has continued with their many collaborative projects to improve transportation and safety throughout the County.

US 85:

Widen US85 to 4-lanes (Louviers to Sedalia aka Mini Gap):

Construction is underway

Partners: FHWA, CDOT, DC

Widen and reconstruct US85 to 6-lanes (HR Parkway to north of County Line Road)

ROW acquisition nearing completion and relocate several major utilities underway in 2020

Partners: DRCOG, FHWA, CDOT, DC

Temporary Traffic Signal at Daniels Park/US 85:

ROW acquisition and utility relocates in 2020

Partners: DRCOG, FHWA, CDOT, IREA, DC

I-25 South Gap (Monument to Castle Rock):

Construction is underway

Partners: FHWA, CDOT, El Paso County, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, DC

Jamaica/Meridian Blvd Intersection Improvements:

Construction underway

Partners: Meridian Metro District, Southeast Public Improvement Metropolitan District (SPIMD), DC

Ridgegate Widening:

Widen to 4-lanes, installs 8' sidewalk and 12' cycle track

Construction underway

Partners: DRCOG, FHWA/CDOT, Rampart Ranch Metro District, Lone Tree, SPMID, DC

Peoria Street Widening (Lincoln Ave. to Severn Lane):

Construction underway

Partners: Lone Tree, DC

Tomah Road and West, I-25 Frontage Road Improvements and new Traffic Signal:

Construction underway

Partners: CDOT, DC

South Suburban Access Improvements at County Line Road:

Construction underway

Partners: South Suburban, DC

Install Permanent Variable Message Signs at 3 Locations:

1. westbound Lincoln Ave. east of Keystone Parkway;

2. eastbound Highlands Ranch (HR) Parkway west of University;

3. northbound University south of HR Parkway

Construction completed and operational in 2020

Partners: DRCOG, DC

Waterton Road Extension (Moore Road to Rampart Range Road):

Executed IGA in 2020 with Sterling Ranch Community Association Board (CAB) in order to accelerate construction to begin in 2021

Partners: CAB, DC

Human Services

Human Services has been instrumental in serving on the Human Needs Task Force and managing the Call Center to assist citizens in need during COVID-19 and in assisting with the Non-profit Grant Program. In addition:

Douglas County Department of Human Services and our Collaborative Management Program are embarking on a process to develop a Douglas County Child Maltreatment Prevention Plan. The plan development includes partners from across the county, Early Childhood Council, mental health providers, Tri County Health Department, CASA and other non-profits, the Douglas County School District, citizens of Douglas County, and many others. The Colorado Department of Human Services has provided funding for a community needs survey, data analysis, and facilitation for the development meetings. The intent of the prevention plan is to identify needs and gaps in services/supports in our community that support healthy family development and prevent child maltreatment. Once the gaps are identified the work group will prioritize the gaps and begin developing strategies to enhance the resources available to families in Douglas County.

Staff participated with the Douglas County School District staff to distribute resource flyers at all the “grab and go” breakfast and lunch sites. As a result, many families were educated and have received services including food assistance, Medicaid, childcare, general assistance, food banks, and non-profit organizations that can help families in these critical times.

Child Welfare staff, law enforcement, and school staff conducted Mandatory Reporting Training virtual to principals and clinical staff to start the 2020/2021 school year.

Department and school district administration have been meeting monthly to ensure our children and community are supported in these difficult times. We are collaborating with resources including providing low to no-cost mental health resources through the ReWiring project sponsored by the Tennyson Center.

Community Development

Community Development has been instrumental in serving on the Economic Recovery Task Force and Human Needs Task force along with implementing the Small Business, Non-profit and Impact for restaurants and event venues CARES Act grant programs that serve all of Douglas County. With changes in federal requirements, they are also bringing the CDBG program back to Douglas County.

CDBG Program

On April 1, 2020, Douglas County received a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the opportunity to rejoin the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Upon consideration of recent regulatory changes and the funds available to HUD grantees, the County informed HUD of our intentions to re-join the CDBG program on April 17, 2020, Douglas.

CDBG Program IGA

The BCC approved an IGA between Castle Pines, Lone Tree, Parker and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The IGA is the required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the first step to requalify for the program. A series of planning documents are required to complete the process and apply for annual funding. Community and Resource Services plans to engage a consultant to manage the planning process, which includes a Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, a Community Needs Assessment and an Annual Action Plan.

The consultant will facilitate community meetings with staff support, analyze public comments and community needs, perform a housing study and prepare the plans in conformance with federal regulations. The process is expected to begin in the fall and continue through June of 2021. Once the documents are approved, the annual allocation is expected to be \$1,056,000 in 2021.

Amended Intergovernmental Agreement Related to Community Development Block Grant Program

The original IGA with Parker, Lone Tree and Castle Pines was approved July 14, 2020 to initiate the requalification process for the CDBG program. HUD requested some changes to the IGA, and those changes were presented and discussed. The IGA was submitted for approval at the September 15, 2020 Business Meeting.

CAPER Report

County staff evaluates progress made toward Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) objectives through housing and community development activities on an annual basis. Accomplishments are reported to the citizens of the County in the form of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The County has not received an annual allocation since the 2015 program year.

However, the Douglas County Housing Partnership received previous grants for down payment assistance. Grants were used to loan income-eligible home buyers down payments, which are repaid to a revolving loan fund (RLF) when the home is sold or refinanced. The CAPER provides Douglas County the opportunity to inform residents of these activities and describes how funds were spent during the program year, August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020.

Open Space and Natural Resources

Due to the significant increase in usage on open space trails caused by COVID, staff and volunteers established an Ambassador program to educate new users about open space, trail etiquette, and the history of the various properties, in addition to being available to assist in case of emergencies. They wear brightly colored vests identifying them as Ambassadors to be more visible to the public.

Miscellaneous

Point in Time Survey

On January 27th, Douglas County Community Development staff and its partners completed the annual Point in Time Survey of Homelessness. The outreach team conducted the survey across the county, including the I25 and C470 corridors, store parking lots and other place known to have campers. Possible encampments had been identified by local law enforcement, including Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Parker and Castle Rock Police in recent weeks. The team worked on Monday with officers and deputies from all three agencies to perform area checks of the potential encampments. The Metro Denver Homeless Initiative will be collecting and compiling data from across the metro region. The final report is typically released in late spring or early summer.

Douglas County Art Encounters

The Douglas County Art Encounters program typically kicks off with new sculptures in June but got slightly delayed this year due to COVID-19. All 20 sculptures for the 2020-2021 program year have been installed and can be viewed by the public in Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, and Roxborough.

Douglas County Libraries

Wi-Fi Support for School Aged Community Members

DCL worked closely with DCSD's Sethi Gautam and Mark Blair to identify the need for hotspots during the COVID pandemic. At a time when it was easier to find black market organs than hotspots, we donated 50 hotspots in March, and another 50 in August to make remote learning possible for 100 students. On hand to help deliver the second round of hotspots was Kate Wyant, proud student of Gold Rush Elementary (go Golden Retrievers!).

DCL Celebrates High School Graduates

Douglas County Libraries (DCL) was honored to share in the celebration of the 2020 graduates of Douglas County high schools this month by giving grads a special gift to mark their achievement. The gift included a compact toolkit that can be used for minor repairs and projects, along with a gift card for a gift from a local small-business partner. Approximately 2,100 gifts were either picked up at a library location or delivered to graduates' homes by DCL staff. Several DCSD schools helped spread the word about this project.

Summer Reading for Douglas County Schools

Good things come to those who read, and to those who sign up to read! Douglas County Libraries and the DCL Foundation awarded \$500 each to four Douglas County schools that had the most sign-ups in the library's Splash into Summer reading program:

According to those schools, the funds will be used for a variety of needs. Emily Hitchingham, Library Specialist at Copper Mesa Elementary School, said their \$500 award is especially appreciated because the school had to cancel its book fair fundraiser this past spring.

“We are very proud of our CME students for sharing their summer with many wonderful books! The \$500 will be utilized to purchase new library books for our students to enjoy,” said Hitchingham.

“Summer reading was a bit different this year, but Douglas County students did not disappoint,” said DCL Special Events Coordinator Kristen Kallio. “We love partnering with the schools to engage their students and reward them for their commitment to literacy.”

DCL’s annual Summer Reading Program encourages kids to begin reading from a young age, and keeps them reading during school breaks, so they grow up with a strong foundation in literacy.

The school contest component of the program is a friendly competition among Douglas County School District-affiliated schools for fundraising dollars awarded through the DCL Foundation.

Douglas County Libraries (DCL) has continuously worked and supported communications efforts of many of our DC partners. Major initiatives supported in 2020 have been around COVID-19 preventative and informational messages. By working as a larger communications group, Douglas County partners can strengthen their reach and offer consistent and timely messaging to our community.

The Douglas County Library System paid for and provided 100 cellular hotspots to DCSD students so that they have the access they need for learning remotely. This started last Spring with 50 hotspots that they were able to provide and then they had enough budget to purchase an additional 50 for this Fall.

Douglas County School District

DCSD again hosted voting locations for the Colorado General Elections in all 9 of its comprehensive high schools. DCSD provided space, security, building engineer staff, video monitoring and IT connectivity for the day of November 3.

The Douglas County Commissioners contributed \$6.8M to DCSD for security and mental health support. DCSD utilized some of these funds in conjunction with CARES funds to replace rolling shades for the elementary admin window, with a plexiglass window. The glass was paid for with CARES funds and adds safety from a virus perspective, then DCSD added on a bullet proof covering using the Commissioners funds to add the physical safety.

DCSD participated in the rollout of the Mental Health Youth CRT program and partnered with Douglas County Government on the creation of a training video for this program.

DCSD has helped lead the Douglas County Healthy Youth Coalition, a community partnership with 27 active community members. The Douglas County Healthy Youth Coalition:

- organized an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Workshop. Continued the Restorative Justice program through collaboration with CRPD, Lone Tree Teen Court, and the 18th Judicial District.
- The Youth Leadership Board collaborated with Tri-County Health Department to advocate for policy changes to minimum age and licensing of tobacco products and collaborated with TCHD to create e-cig PSAs.

DCSD collaborated with all Law Enforcement Agencies and the Department of Human Services to implement the Handle with Care program.

Lone Tree

Phase 2 of the Ridgeway Parkway Expansion project continues. This project involves widening Ridgeway Parkway from two to four or six thru lanes for the segment within the City of Lone Tree. Funding partners for this project include: \$17 million from Rampart Range Metropolitan District, \$6.4 million via the DRCOG's previous Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project selection process, \$2.5 million from the Southeast Public Improvement Metropolitan District (SPIMD), and \$2.5 million from Douglas County. The City of Lone Tree is managing the project; construction began in spring, 2019, and will be fully open to traffic as of this month, with a final completion date in Early 2021.

The Mile High Flood Control District in partnership with Douglas County and The City of Lone tree conducted a design to stabilize Happy Canyon Creek for approximately 4,000 feet upstream from I-25.

The City of Lone Tree provided review and inspection services for this Douglas County Lead in the final phase of the East-West Trail construction.

In March of 2020 the "Topping-Off" of K1 at the Kiewit Regional Headquarters and groundbreaking of K2 at the Kiewit Regional Headquarters.

Lone Tree saw grand opening in 2020; Cochlear Americas opened in the Summer of 2020, adding 400 jobs and Lockheed Martin in the Fall of 2020 adding 800 jobs in the ParkRidge Corporate Center in Lone Tree.

Parker

Safety

Lone Tree IGAs for Dispatch and Property and Evidence Services

Parker Police Department and the Lone Tree Police Department partnered to provide 911 and non-emergent call taking and dispatch services. Parker and Lone Tree Police Departments also partner for a joint Property and Evidence unit, providing evidence storage and crime scene investigation services for both agencies.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force

ICAC's primary goals are to provide state and local law enforcement agencies the tools to prevent Internet crimes against children by encouraging multi-jurisdictional cooperation, as well as educating law enforcement agents, parents, and teachers. The aims of ICAC task forces are to catch distributors of child pornography on the Internet, whether delivered on-line or solicited on-line and distributed through other channels and to catch sexual predators who solicit victims on the Internet through chat rooms, forums and other methods.

Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT)

Through a partnership with the DA's office and other jurisdictions within the 18th Judicial District, which includes Douglas, Arapahoe, Elbert and Lincoln Counties, the role of the Critical Incident Response Team is to fully investigate the use of deadly force, typically through the discharge of a firearm by an officer(s), resulting in injury or death. At the request of the involved agency's Chief, the Critical Incident Response Team may investigate other use of force situations resulting in deaths, in-custody deaths or other non-traffic situations involving injury or death where an outside investigation may assist in protecting the integrity of the case.

School Resource Officers (SRO)/School Marshal Officer (SMO) Programs

An IGA with the Douglas County School District provides for officers from the Parker Police Department to be placed in community-oriented policing assignments to work in collaboration with Douglas County public schools and charter schools.

School Resource Officers (SRO) work in partnership with Douglas County schools located in Parker. Currently, SRO's are assigned to Legend High School, Cimarron Middle School, Sierra Middle School and American Academy. An SRO teaches classes, informally counsels students, and fosters positive relationships with students and the community. School Resource Officers are a uniformed presence at the school; they take incident and offense reports, investigate crimes that occur on school grounds, and gather information about potential threats to the schools. They are available to students and their parents to report incidents and/or to offer advice and assistance when needed.

The School Marshal Program (SMP) is another way that Parker PD works with the Douglas County School District to ensure a safe environment for those in our schools. The School Marshal Officer (SMO) provides law enforcement patrol, crime prevention, emergency preparedness, and emergency response services to the elementary and contracted charter schools within the Town of Parker.

Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team

S.W.A.T. is a multi-agency regional tactical team that responds to high risk law enforcement calls like active killers, barricades, serving search warrants, shots fired, dignity protection and others. The team includes operations and tactical commanders, team leaders, entry operators, K-9s, snipers, crisis negotiators, paramedics and civilian volunteers. SWAT is made up of officers from the Parker Police Department, as well as, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Lone Tree and Castle Rock Police departments and medics from the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority.

IMPACT Unit

The Town of Parker entered into an IGA with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to make available an officer to function as a member of the Impact Unit; a multi-organizational team that was created to distinctively address hard to solve crimes that are committed by semi-organized, habitual or career criminals who commit crimes with a repeat or "pattern" in Douglas County. The Impact Unit also addresses quality of life issues, emerging crime trends and identifies problem areas through Douglas County.

Community Resources and Services

Parker Arts Portfolio Day

On March 6, 2020, Parker Arts collaborated with art teachers from various DCSD High Schools on the fourth annual Portfolio Day and Bright Futures Student Exhibit. This partnership was developed to enhance the schools' art curriculum and provide exceptional students with a platform to showcase their work in a professional setting. During this year's event, 65 Douglas County junior and senior art students had the opportunity to have their portfolios critiqued by professionals in the industry. They also got the chance to speak with college recruiters regarding art programs and scholarships. One piece from each students' portfolio was selected by our professional curator to be displayed in an exhibit titled "Bright Futures" at the PACE Center's art gallery. Participating students were from Legend High School, Ponderosa High School, Chaparral High School, Douglas County High School, Lutheran High School, and Valor Christian High School. Several scholarship and internship opportunities were awarded to top students from the Parker Artist Guild, RMCAD Outreach Scholarship Fund, UC Denver's LYNX National Arts & Media Camps, and Metro State's Visual Arts Gallery Teen Internship Program.

Open Space and Recreation

Harvie Open Space

Preservation and protection of the Harvie open space property. This is a partnership between Parker and Douglas County, working in collaboration with Douglas Land Conservancy to enhance and protect the open space values of the 72-acre Harvie open space located within Parker.

East-West Regional Trail

Continued coordination and cooperation with Douglas County and Lone Tree regarding design, engineering and construction of the East/West Regional Trail from I-25 to Chambers Road in Parker.

Rueter-Hess Recreation Authority

The Town of Parker continues to contribute annual funds to the Recreation Authority to enhance amenities at the reservoir as well as provide recreational activities. Capital projects this year include an incline, shade pavilions and trail development. Members of the Authority include the Town of Parker, Town of Castle Rock, Douglas County, City of Castle Pines, City of Lone Tree and Parker Water and Sanitation District.

High Plains Trail

The proposed regional High Plains Trail project is a joint effort between Arapahoe County, Parker, Aurora, Douglas County and the E-470 Authority. In 2019, Arapahoe County was able to secure \$2,000,000 in State of Colorado multi-modal funding for the important regional trail project in addition to previous Great Outdoor Colorado (GOCO). This future trail is part of the recent E-470 Widening Project. The E-470 Authority designed, funded and constructed the regional trail from Quincy Avenue to approximately the county line between Arapahoe and Douglas Counties during the road widening project. This trail is planned to ultimately continue to the north adjacent to E-470 as their widening projects continue in the future. The partnership that has been created is advancing the design with the plan that construction will commence in late-2021.

Douglas County Mill Levy Grant

The Town of Parker receives annual grant funds to provide scholarships and aquatic therapy to individuals with disabilities.

Cherry Creek Master Drainage Plan

Douglas County and the Town of Parker are partnering with the Mile High Flood District, the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority, and other stakeholders on an update to the Cherry Creek Master Drainage Plan. This plan will set forth an updated master plan for the long-term management and improvements to Cherry Creek, with a goal of maintaining a stable drainageway and improving water quality in this important regional waterway.

Transportation

Dransfeldt Road Extension

The Town of Parker and Douglas County commenced the conceptual/preliminary design in 2020 for the extension of Dransfeldt Road south of Twenty Mile Road, over Cherry Creek and connecting to Motsenbocker Road. This proposed roadway is an important component of the Parker and northeast Douglas County's long-term roadway transportation plan. The Town and Douglas County are planning to advance the design in 2021 to allow for construction in 2023.

Misc.

Regular coordination and consultation between the Town (Community Development, Engineering/Public Works) and Douglas County School District, DRCOG, E-470 Highway Authority, IREA, Parker Water and Sanitation District and South Metro Fire and Rescue.

PDCG Initiatives

Douglas County Youth Initiative

The DC WRAP program went virtual in 2020 and is currently serving 12 families experiencing significant stressors and/or system involvement from all over Douglas County: 4 from Castle Rock, 4 in Highlands Ranch, 3 in Parker and 1 in Lone Tree.

La Liga Music began offering free music lessons, via Zoom to County youth, and La Liga Soccer started back up in October. Serving 50 children the program operates safely on an outdoor field, distancing and masking when not running, kicking and scoring goals.

The Youth Initiative is a partner with CSU Extension and DCSD to bring Juntos to Douglas County. Juntos offers trainings, mentoring, and various interactions with families to help attain higher education and prevent high school students from dropping out. One of the first projects DCYI completed was the creation a Multi-language Resource Guide for the community.

To address persistent truancy issues the DCYI created a survey to send to parents of truant students and participated in phone calls with 22 of those families. WRAP services were offered to those students as well as coordinated tutoring opportunities.

Volunteer Connect DC

Through the Partnership of Douglas County Governments (PDCG), nine partner organizations worked together to create VolunteerConnectDC.org and they utilize this resource to post their volunteer opportunities. Partners include the City of Castle Pines, City of Lone Tree, Douglas County Government, Douglas County Libraries, Douglas County School District, Highlands Ranch Metro District, Town of Castle Rock, Town of Larkspur and the Town of Parker.

Douglas County Libraries works to maintain the critical work of Volunteer Connect and manages this critical community project. This Douglas County resource is an initiative of the Partnership of Douglas County Governments (PDCG) designed to sustain a culture of volunteerism in our community.

This online community resource connects volunteers with organizations. This online resource easily matches individuals, families, and groups with volunteer opportunities that align with their skills, talents and interests. Volunteers of all ages can locate one-time, short-term and long-term opportunities throughout Douglas County, Colorado.

Douglas County mobilized this existing partnership with Douglas County Libraries utilizing the Volunteer Connect Douglas County website to coordinate the volunteer response to the pandemic. Douglas County Library staff transformed the site to highlight needs brought about by the pandemic. A pipeline was created to plug in volunteers who wanted to help in response to COVID but weren't sure where their skills would have the most impact. Despite the restrictions and precautions necessary due to COVID, 163 volunteers signed up to volunteer at local nonprofits in order to assist with the COVID response on Volunteer Connect Douglas County website.

Douglas County Housing Partnership

The City of Castle Pines requested to join the DCHP prompting the DCHP to review the establishing IGA. Several things were identified that required updating to better align and comply with federal, state and county approval standards and policies. Castle Pines is currently in the process of joining and DCHP will soon execute the IGA that includes Castle Pines as a partner. All other jurisdictions have approved the IGA at this point.

DCHP is adding units to their Oakwood Senior development. This year they secured funding and initiated construction to add 50+ units. Construction is set to be completed in 2021.

Douglas County Mental Health Initiative

A workgroup of the DCMHI tasked with reducing stigma around mental health and substance use disorder launched a public information campaign. With support from the Douglas County Public Affairs department and the Communications Task Force, Let's Talk messaging has been localized through Public Service Announcements filmed by the Board of Douglas County Commissioners and shared with our partners in local government for distribution. This critical work will continue into 2021 as we partner with municipalities and special districts to film additional PSAs for their communities. A mental health and wellness toolkit geared towards Douglas County youth and their families has been designed and is in the final stages of development. Local youth groups identified through the DCYI, DCMHI faith partners and the DCSD are evaluating the toolkit to provide valuable feedback to the workgroup as the DCMHI addresses gaps in services in our community.

The CRT program continued operating uninterrupted throughout the COVID-19 shutdowns. As CRT enters its fourth year of service the partnerships that sustain the program continue to thrive. Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Castle Rock Police Department, Parker Police Department, Castle Rock Fire and Rescue and South Metro Fire Rescue demonstrate a unique inter-agency partnership that provides crisis response coverage for all of Douglas County, including accepting referrals from Lone Tree Police Department.

The Youth Community Response Team continued its success throughout 2020. In partnership with DCSSO and the DCSD, the YCRT adapted to meet the needs of DCSD families now struggling with the added pressures of life post-COVID. These vital collaborations with schools, parents, behavioral health providers and other partners were strengthened as the community joined together to support one another, paving the way for continued growth and success as we look towards the future.

The newest project of the DCMHI is The Care Compact (TCC) which links existing care coordination service providers through a streamlined network to serve vulnerable individuals with complex mental health, substance use disorder and/or intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) needs. TCC providers include hospitals, physical and mental health and substance use disorder providers; intellectual and developmental disability service providers; community co-responder teams, mobile and walk-in crisis and acute care providers; criminal justice partners; child and adult protection; economic assistance programs and community and faith-based organizations that address safety net needs. Administrative entities including the Medicaid Regional Accountable Entity (CO Access), Substance Use Disorder and Crisis Services (SIGNAL) and Douglas County are also key partners. TCC serves adults involved in multiple systems with complex and overlapping needs who would benefit from care coordination through a networked system of care across organizations and resources.