



June 25, 2024

Town of Castle Rock
100 Wilcox St.
Castle Rock, CO 80104

Dear Town Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to request funding for 2025. The Town of Castle Rock has been a major supporter of the Youth Initiative since its inception, and on behalf of those we serve, we thank you for your loyal support.

As many of you are aware, the Youth Initiative is a major collaboration between eight Douglas County entities. It is truly the definition of partnership as we work together to serve our youth. The Town's contribution helps leverage each group's contribution. In addition to Castle Rock, we currently receive funding from the Town of Parker, City of Lone Tree, the Library District, the School District, Douglas County Government, the City of Castle Pines, and the Highlands Ranch Metro District.

This year we are requesting \$19,800 from the Town; the same amount as the past 10 years. We are also requesting this amount from the City of Castle Pines, Library District, Parker, Highlands Ranch, Castle Pines, and Lone Tree. The School District and the County contribute higher amounts, \$75,750 each.

For these contributions, the Youth Initiative provides numerous services and programs, outlined on the next two pages, reaching hundreds of County residents. Over the past five years we have added new programs, including, Truancy Project, Youth Leadership Summit, Juntos, DCYI Vlog, and the "Take Ten Vlog", at no extra cost.

The Douglas County Youth Initiative would not be possible without the support of municipalities and other members of the Partnership. The structure of the Youth Initiative ensures that each financial contributor has oversight. This is accomplished by each funder appointing an elected official to the Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to request funding.

Sincerely,

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Vision

The Douglas County Youth Initiative envisions a community in which youth are involved, valued, productive, protected and healthy.

Mission

Our mission is to unite the Douglas County community, including youth, parents, agencies, governments, schools, nonprofits and other adults, in our mutual efforts to:

- Collaborate effectively as a seamless continuum of services.
- Advocate for system improvements that will better serve youth and families of Douglas County.
- Support youth and encourage their contributions to the broader community.
- Effectively intervene with youth who are endangered by their decisions and/or situation.
- Support and expand opportunities for youth to express viewpoints.
- Support parents with resources, education and unconditional care.

DCYI Goals

- Continue assisting students in graduating from High School; nine in the last six years
- Continue developing a strategic plan focusing on the topics selected at our Youth Needs Summit, to include:
 - ***Parent Education and resources***
 - ***Coordination of mental health services and resources***
 - ***Substance Use Prevention***
 - ***Youth Mentorship***
 - ***Transportation***
 - ***Forming Youth Commissions/Councils***
 - ***Staying Connected: Peer Tutoring, Cleaning Trails, etc.***
 - ***DCSD SAG Presenting to the DC Partnership***
 - ***Mental Health: Youth want a DCSD class on mental health for youth and teachers***
 - ***Get info out to youth re: mental health resources AND how best to get this info. out!***

La Liga in Castle Rock:

Free soccer for 6th-12 graders, featuring Spanish speaking coaches and refs.



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Douglas County Youth Initiative Mission:

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*Programs of DCYI make sure to follow DCYI's values: youth are **involved**, **valued**, **productive**, **protected** and **healthy***

DCYI STRATEGIC INITIATIVES 2024

INVOLVED

Youth Congress - direct access to youth
La Liga - direct access to youth
DC Youth Commission - valued and productive
DC Youth Forums: meeting local elected officials - direct access to youth; involved
DC Youth Leadership Summit April 2024 - direct access to youth
Plan mini Youth Congress events for middle schools / work with BOE to discuss implementation

VALUED

Outstanding Youth Awards - valued, protected

PRODUCTIVE

Recognizing and growing youth leaders - Youth Commission, Youth Congress
Hosting various programs to assist with current youth trends - Lunch-n-Learns

PROTECTED AND HEALTHY

WrapAround
Truancy Project
Teen Court Project / on-going discussions
Oasis/work with BOE to discuss

=NEW PROJECTS DISCUSSED

**2025 SERVICE ORGANIZATION
FUNDING APPLICATION**

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

DCYI

I. 2025 FUNDING REQUEST *(Please use this form for this information and not another format.)*

Breakdown of funds *(What would monies from the Town specifically be used for?)*

<u>WRAP - personnel</u>	6.5%	<u>\$ 17,395</u>
<u>Events</u>	6.5%	<u>\$614</u>
<u>Cell Phones</u>	6.5%	<u>\$163</u>
<u>Mileage</u>	6.5%	<u>\$975</u>
<u>Training</u>	6.5%	<u>\$325</u>
<u>Supplies and Misc.</u>	6.5%	<u>\$373</u>

TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST **\$ 19,800**

II. 2025 PROJECTED ORGANIZATION BUDGET *(Please use this form for this information and not another format.)*

2025 projected organizational budget *(Including funding from the Town)*

Projected sources of revenue

<u>School District</u>	<u>\$35,750</u>
<u>Douglas County</u>	<u>\$35,750</u>
<u>Lone Tree</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Castle Rock</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Parker</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Library</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Highlands Ranch Metro</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>City of Castle Pines</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>
<u>Douglas County – Additional Funding</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
<u>School District – Additional Funding</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
<u>Dept. of Human Services</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE **\$305,300**

Projected expenditures

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>\$267,618</u>
<u>Events/programs</u>	<u>\$9,450</u>
<u>Cell Phones</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
<u>Training</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<u>Supplies & Misc.</u>	<u>\$5,732</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES **\$305,300**

III. 2025 PROPOSED PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

*Please propose up to eight measurable performance objectives that your organization will strive to accomplish in **direct relationship to any funding and contract awarded by the Town.***

1. *Serve 50 families through the WrapAround program during 2021.*
2. *Work with 50 youth via our Truancy Project*
3. *Begin the Youth Mental Health Round Table Talk Series*
4. *Host the “Student Leaders Meet Elected Officials” Series*
5. *Update each funder in 2024 on DCYI activities*
6. *Facilitate the Partnership of Douglas County Governments partnering with the DCSD Student Advisory Group*

In accordance with the contracts, organizations will be required to track and report on attainment of the objectives at the middle and end of the contract term.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- a) *Provide a cover letter no longer than three pages that includes:*
 - a. ***A summary of how the requested funding would be leveraged with other dollars and volunteer resources to maximize the return on the Town’s requested investment (What does your organization expect to generate using monies the Town might give?)***
 - b. *The name of and contact information for the person within the organization responsible for administration of the requested contract*
 - c. *If applicable, the amount of additional funds requested this year, and an explanation for the request*
 - d. *Any further discussion about the application as deemed necessary by the requesting organization*
- b) *Provide a list of the board of directors of the organization*
Advisory Board for the Douglas County Youth Initiative:
Becky Myers, DCSD Board of Education
Abe Laydon, Douglas County Commissioner
Brandi Wilks, Town of Parker
Andy Jones, Highlands Ranch Metro District
Chris Eubanks , City of Castle Pines
Tim Dietz, Town of Castle Rock
Melissa Harmon, City of Lone Tree
Douglas County Library staff