

June 13, 2025

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



Dear Distinguished Members of the Castle Rock Town Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a 2025 funding request. The Town of Castle Rock has long been a vital supporter of the Douglas County Youth Initiative, and on behalf of the youth and families we serve, we extend our sincere appreciation for your continued commitment.

As many of you know, the Youth Initiative represents a unique and longstanding collaboration among numerous Douglas County entities. It is a true model of partnership—bringing together municipalities, agencies, and the school district to serve and support our youth. The Town’s investment helps to leverage the broader contributions of all participating entities.

In addition to Castle Rock, we currently receive funding from the Town of Parker, the City of Lone Tree, the Library District, the Douglas County School District, Douglas County Government, the City of Castle Pines, and the Highlands Ranch Metro District.

For 2026, we respectfully request a contribution of **\$25,000** from the Town of Castle Rock. This is only the second increase in two decades—and matches our request to other municipal partners including Castle Pines, Parker, Lone Tree, Highlands Ranch, and the Library District. Douglas County and the School District contribute higher amounts, each providing \$75,750 annually.

In return for these contributions, the Youth Initiative delivers a wide range of impactful programs and services. These include countywide youth leadership development and support for at-risk youth through our WrapAround program, reaching hundreds of young people and families throughout the community. A summary of these services is outlined in the attached materials.

The continued success of the Douglas County Youth Initiative depends on the active support and shared vision of our funding partners. Our governance model ensures transparency and accountability, as each funding entity appoints an elected representative to serve on the Advisory Board, providing direct oversight and input.

Thank you again for your steadfast support of the Youth Initiative and the young people of our community.

Sincerely,
Marsha Alston
Program Manager, Douglas County Youth Initiative

Current members of the DCYI Advisory Board:

- Brandi Wilks, Councilman, Town of Parker
- Tim Dietz, Councilwoman, Town of Castle Rock
- Jay Carpenter Councilman, City of Lone Tree
- Chris Eubanks, City of Castle Pines
- Abe Laydon, Douglas County
- Andy Jones, Director, Highlands Ranch Metro District
- Becky Myers, Director, Board of Education
- Amy Windju, Libraries

The Douglas County Youth Initiative

Working hard, so DC YOUTH and families are involved, valued, protected, and healthy

What do we do?

- *Educate
- *Interact with families
- *Help
- *Act as a resource
- *Recognize **and** grow youth leaders
- *Help youth who are struggling, via our WrapAround program
- *Support parents with their at-risk youth

Who is our audience?

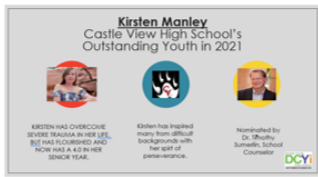
- *Youth 5-21
- *Families
- *DCSD
- *DHS and Child Welfare
- *Court involved youth
- *At-risk youth
- *Law Enforcement involved youth
- *Mental Health Professionals

How do we do the above?

- *WrapAround
- *Truancy Project
- *Youth Related activities
- *La Liga
- *Juntos/4H
- *Youth Awards
- *Youth Congress
- *Connections: mental health action
- *Communications, Vlogs, trainings and emails

What issues do we work on?

- *Mental Health of family and youth
- *Sub Abuse
- *Truancy
- *Making sure kids go to school
- *Youth Leadership
- *Transportation
- *Pro-social/mentoring
- *Parenting
- *Kids with disabilities
- *Family dysfunction
- *Blended families
- *Imprisoned parent
- *DV
- *Child Welfare involvement
- *GED help
- *Homelessness



**2026 SERVICE ORGANIZATION
FUNDING APPLICATION**

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING: 2026

I. 2026 FUNDING REQUEST (Please use this form for this information and not another format.)

Breakdown of funds (For what specifically would monies from the Town be used?)

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>\$20205</u>
<u>Events</u>	<u>\$683</u>
<u>Cell Phones</u>	<u>\$195</u>
<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$553</u>
<u>Training</u>	<u>\$98</u>
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>\$4</u>
<u>Misc</u>	<u>\$172</u>
TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST	<u>\$25000</u>

II. 2026 PROJECTED ORGANIZATION BUDGET

(Please use this form for this information and not another format.)

2026 projected organizational budget

(Including funding from the Town)

\$-48859 There is currently a carry-over amount being used

Projected sources of revenue

<u>School District</u>	<u>\$75750</u>
<u>Douglas County</u>	<u>\$75750</u>
<u>Lone Tree</u>	<u>\$25000</u>
<u>Castle Rock</u>	<u>\$25000</u>
<u>Parker</u>	<u>\$25000</u>
<u>Library</u>	<u>\$25000</u>
<u>HRMD</u>	<u>\$25000</u>
<u>Douglas County</u>	<u>\$10000</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE \$286500

Projected expenditures

(By major budget category)

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>\$310851</u>
<u>Events</u>	<u>\$10500</u>
<u>Cell phones</u>	<u>\$3000</u>
<u>Mileage</u>	<u>\$8500</u>
<u>Training</u>	<u>\$1508</u>
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>\$65</u>
<u>Misc</u>	<u>\$2648</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES \$335359

2026 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. Work with the Douglas County Youth Commission in efforts to prevent youth vaping. Youth Commissioners
2. Plan a clean-up event for all youth leading groups, to include Castle Rocks' Teen Court and Youth commission on a county-wide clean up day
3. Celebrate the 20th anniversary of DCYI; inviting current and former DCYI Advisory Board members to be honored, including Councilman Tim Diet, and former Council members, Rene Valentine and Jason Bower
4. Hold two educational lunch-n-learns
5. Hold a junior La Liga event, free soccer, for 2-5th graders, held at South Ridge Elementary
6. Continue to work with youth in the court system for truancy
7. Recruit adult volunteers for mentoring
8. Increase number of youth attending the 2025 Youth Congress event
9. Continue offering WrapAround to the entire County
 - a. Currently working with Castle Rock 10th grader; in Court for Truancy and MIP; WRAP is working with family, youth has attended school at DCHS since our involvement and passes all classes

QUICK REMINDER: WHAT IS OUR LARGEST PROGRAM, WRAPAROUND, ALL ABOUT?

- Free
- Voluntary
- Work with families with youth, ages 5-21
- Work in the home, for 12-24 months
- Trying to keep kids, safe, healthy, and remain in the home
- Get to know the whole family PLUS their neighbors, friends, relatives, teachers, doctors, etc.
- Clients: Self-referral or from an agency; mostly DCSD schools and Human Services/Child Welfare
- Review each family on a scale of 10 life domains, calculated, via their needs

Example:

- Grandparents raising two girls, 5th and 7th grades
- 5th grader in SEL classroom
- 5th grader has been hospitalized numerous times; out of control behaviors
- Family has Kaiser
- WRAP:
- Meets with family 1 a week
- Met with school to help
- Coordinates services
- Arranges for services
- Listens
- Family has stated that we have done more for them than any other service
- Working with the family on how to parent children coming from a very dysfunctional setting
- Their domain number: 6, or 60%

TEN LIFE DOMAINS

1. SCHOOL	2. MENTAL HEALTH DX	3. CHILD WELFARE	4. COURT	5. POLICE/DCSO	6. GEN	7. HEALTH	8. BASIC NEEDS	9. PARENTING	10. FINANCES
TRUANT	HOSPITAL	OUT OF HOME RISK; LOW, MED, HIGH	CHARGES	GENERAL INVOLVEMENT	DV	SUB-ABUSE	HOUSING	LACK OF PARENTING SKILLS	LACK OF RESOURCES
DISRUPTIVE	MH DIAGNOSIS	DHS INVOLVEMENT	PROBATION	REPEAT VISITS	TRAUMA	DISABLED	TRANSPORTATION	BEYOND CONTROL	UNDER EMPLOYED
EXPELED	BIPOLAR		DYC	KNOWN TO PATROL AS HIGH RISK	ADOPTED	ILLNESS	FOOD	PARENTAL CONFLICT	UNEMPLOYED
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	SUICIDE / SUICIDAL IDEATION		PRE TRIAL		FOSTER CHILD	OBESE	NO HEALTH INSURANCE	LACK OF RESOURCES; TRAININGS, EDUCATION	UNDER INSURED/NOT INSURED
BULLIED	CUTTING		OPEN NEGLECT CASE		INCARCERATED	TBI		LACK OF SUPPORT	CAN'T AFFORD DEDUCTIBLE
IEP/SSN/BEH PLAN	PTSD		DIVERSION		HI CONFLICT DIVORCE	MS		LACK OF RESPIRE	