



Together

we can create a culture in Colorado
that values and upholds healthy relationships
based in equity and respect.



Violence*free*
COLORADO™

Together we can end relationship abuse

2018 IMPACT REPORT

How We Work To End Relationship Violence

Tailored Support

Violence Free Colorado builds the capacity of local organizations to meet the needs of all survivors

- Trained more than 2,590 individuals in person, through webinars and our Online Learning Center, and at our 2.5 day-long Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference
- Responded to 1,188 technical assistance requests across a wide variety of topics
- Across all of our capacity-building efforts, over 90% of evaluation respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the information was relevant to their work and would help them be more effective in assisting survivors

Collective Action

Violence Free Colorado works in concert with local community based organizations to advance the movement to end relationship violence and linked forms of oppression

- In partnership with the Office for Victims Programs, Violence Free Colorado completed the coordination of a project to develop and launch eight domestic violence housing first programs around the state to help survivors increase access to, and retain safe, long-term housing stability through tailored supportive services
- 571 victims received housing assistance; 438 received financial assistance to support the cost of long-term housing and other needs, 871 received mobile advocacy services, including assistance obtaining housing
- 90% were able to obtain housing as a result
- 95% of those surveyed reported increased safety and stability for themselves and their children
- 264 landlords were engaged, significantly expanding availability and options for long-term, affordable housing for victims of crime

Survivor Centered

Violence Free Colorado works in partnership with survivors, heeding their experiences and amplifying their voices

- Staff supported four projects of the Close To Home Storyteller's Network, a grassroots group of people with lived experience of homelessness who share their stories with the community to deepen understanding of and move the public to address the root causes of homelessness – including relationship abuse
- The Storytellers Network held a total of 16 events across the state where individuals shared their lived experiences of homelessness with a total of 118 people

Social Change

Violence Free Colorado mobilizes communities to take action and works to create conditions where freedom and peace are possible for all Coloradans

- For the first time in Colorado sports history, every major professional team unified to support a single project to end relationship violence in our Stand Up Colorado statewide prevention campaign
- The Denver Broncos, Colorado Rockies, Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, Colorado Rapids and Colorado Mammoth each provided players, alumni and mascots for our video ads. [Watch them!](#)
- Stand Up Colorado's targeted violence prevention messaging had tremendous reach in 2018, registering 635,264 social media, 3,921,953 television, 228,214 digital, and 69,947,384 bus shelter ad impressions

Advocacy & Policy

Violence Free Colorado advocates for state, local and federal policies that end relationship violence and support victims of relationship abuse

- Expanded economic empowerment opportunities for survivors of relationship violence by spearheading legislation that raised the statute of limitations and expanded qualified injuries for civil torts resulting from domestic violence, allowing survivors to seek compensation for the harm they suffered so they are not indefinitely saddled with the debt of being abused
- We spearheaded one policy change through the state Division of Insurance (ensuring explanations of benefits for survivors' healthcare services aren't provided to their abusive partners/policyholders, but kept confidential for their safety), and were actively engaged in 47 other policy efforts on behalf of survivors of relationship abuse and our 120+ program and individual members across Colorado

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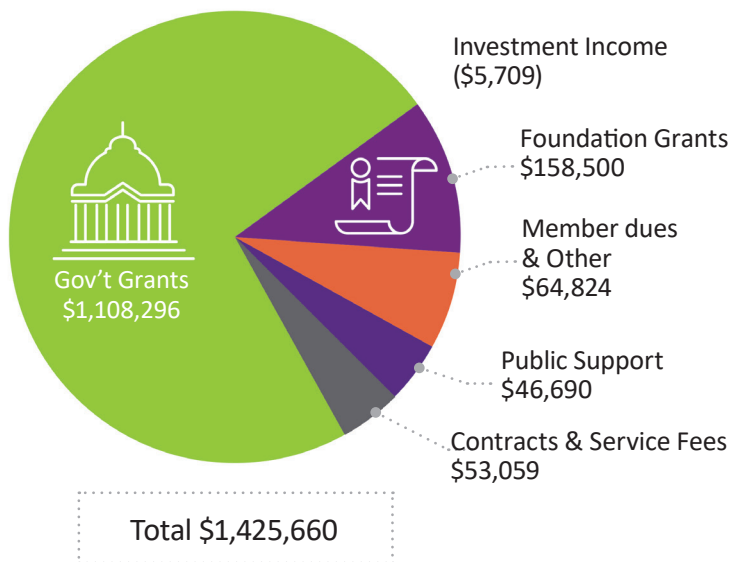
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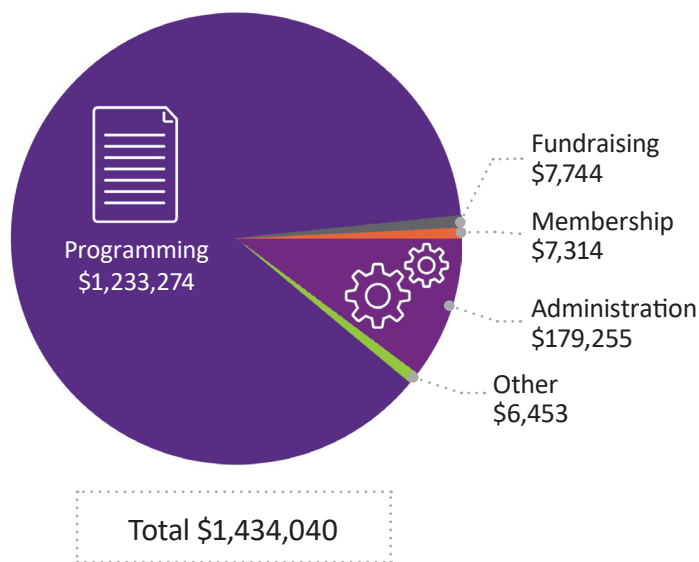
Lydia Waligorski, Public Policy Director

Financials

Income:



Expenses:



Net assets:

Revenue less expenses: (\$8,380)
 Change in net assets: (\$8,380)
 Net assets or fund balances at year end: \$702,286

Message from Leadership

2018 was a year of celebration and new beginnings for Colorado's anti-relationship violence coalition. We concluded a year of reflecting on the past 40 with our members and partners on a festive evening where we unveiled our new name: **Violence Free Colorado**, a name that reflects the social change we are dedicated to promoting. As we celebrated decades of work to improve social conditions and opportunities for those experiencing relationship abuse, we also looked to the future, moving into **our new mission**: Advancing the well-being of all Coloradans through relationships free from abuse and oppression. And **our new vision**: A Colorado culture that values and upholds healthy relationships based in equity and respect.

We said 'goodbye and good luck' to a few of our staff this past year, as they retired or moved on to other opportunities, and we welcomed five new members to our team. Of course, with change comes opportunity: we restructured a few positions, grew our team through the addition of our new Grants and Office Manager position, advanced a couple of long-term staff in support of their professional development goals, and created more levels of responsibility across programs as part of an ongoing process to become an inclusive organization by diffusing decision-making and leadership across our team. Violence Free Colorado staff and board members also initiated a deep dive into exploring what equity and inclusion look like both inside and out, learning and growing together while beginning to translate that into action. Several of our program members opted into our newly launched Bold Purpose Coalition, a cohort of extraordinary leaders and their community-based organizations gathering to envision and align around new ways of moving forward together to create communities free from violence and oppression in Colorado.

During this time of transition and transformation, we continued to advance long-term solutions through public policy and prevention, mobilize communities to act through public-will-building and meaningful partnership with people with lived experience, and build the capacity of staff, volunteers and leadership of community-based anti-violence organizations to meet the needs of all survivors. All of this would not have been possible without the support of our board of directors, members, partners, donors and constituents. We are grateful to all of you for your patience and understanding as **we work our way back to full capacity in 2019**.

Looking ahead, we hope to grow the bigger 'we', and we invite you to join our movement to create a safer, healthier future for Coloradoans, in which everyone can reach their full potential! Thanks to all of you who work each day to create a Colorado in which justice and peace are present in the lives of all people. We truly appreciate all that you do and are humbled to work alongside you towards the realization of a truly violence free Colorado!

In Peace & Solidarity,



Amy Miller
Executive Director



Jennifer Eyl
Urban Board Co-Chair



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