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**Colorado Springs Health Foundation approves \$1.37 MM in grants  
to improve health in the Pikes Peak region**

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO -- The Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees recently approved \$1.37 million in grants to nine organizations serving El Paso and/or Teller Counties. Eight of these nine organizations were awarded funds to improve the built environment , which is defined as person-made spaces and places where we live, work, and play. Research shows that the built environment influences our opportunities and choices to pursue greater (or lesser) physical activity.

Improving the built environment in areas of high need is one way the Foundation aims to encourage healthy living for all residents in the Pikes Peak region. Year-to-date in 2017, Colorado Springs Health Foundation has awarded \$2.94 million in grants.

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**About Colorado Springs Health Foundation**

The Colorado Springs Health Foundation was established in 2012 through the City of Colorado Springs's lease of Memorial Health System to UHealth. The Foundation's mission is to provide grants that target immediate healthcare needs and encourage healthy living. More than \$2.6 million in grants were awarded in 2016, the first year of grantmaking.

CSHF GRANT AWARDS, October 18, 2017

Organization Name	Project Name	Amount Awarded
American Diabetes Association	Promoting physical activity through community activation at Meadows Park	\$ 35,000
Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services	Memorial Park Trail and Fitness Improvements	\$ 926,944
Council of Neighbors & Organizations (CONO)	Empowering the Panorama Park Neighborhood through Strategic Planning	\$ 20,000
Downtown Ventures	PikeCycle, a bike share program serving the greater Legacy Loop area	\$ 100,000
El Paso County	Widfield Community Park Improvements – Making Healthy Living Happen!	\$ 110,000
Kids on Bikes	Bicycle Placemaking	\$ 25,000
The Trust for Public Land	Colorado Springs Parks for People	\$ 90,000
Trails and Open Space Coalition	Biking Connections: Linking our community through bicycling and wayfinding programs.	\$ 25,000
Tri-Lakes Cares on behalf of Neighborhood Nurse Center Collaborative	Two Grants: Penrose-St. Francis Neighborhood Nurse Center Collaboration Consultation (\$1900) and Neighborhood Nurse Centers Helping Patients Access Care (\$37K)	\$ 38,900
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,370,844</b>