

Solid Rock Community Development Corporation seeks to support a revitalized Southeast Colorado Springs to become a destination area for living and business development through innovative community collaboration.

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Grants since 2022

- Program grant to develop a food security plan for southeast Colorado Springs
- Program grant to support CommUNITY food bank and food security work of Solid Rock CDC

"SOUTHEAST" AT A GLANCE

- ✱ 73,000 residents
- ✱ 21% poverty rate (13.4% for Colorado)
- ✱ 45% people of color
- ✱ 84% have low access to fresh food
- ✱ Life expectancy is 16 years lower than the state average

MILESTONES

- ✱ Expanded the food bank from 1,800 to 4,000 square feet
- ✱ Purchased a vehicle to pick up and distribute food
- ✱ Started a local food coalition working toward advocacy and policy changes
- ✱ Host community forums for resident participation
- ✱ Successfully secured a land donation for construction of an Aquapod farming system



IMPACT

- ✦ The number of families served grew from 200 to 1,900 per month between 2020 and 2024.
- ✦ Doubled the size of the food bank and expanded hours of operation to better meet community needs.
- ✦ Hosts mobile markets, senior days, cooking classes and events at local farmers markets.
- ✦ Expanded food service to zip codes outside of southeast Colorado Springs.
- ✦ Partners with local farmers as food suppliers to meet local food needs while supporting local farming.
- ✦ Delivers food to Harrison School District weekly.

SUPPORT FROM CSHF

In just a few years, food security has become a major initiative for us. It was really CSHF that helped us expand into that space, tell our story, and leverage other funding to support our food work. All of our growth came from that.

CSHF is the largest funder of Solid Rock CDC's food security work

CSHF has been really intentional about learning who we are. That does not happen very often with funders. And, especially as one of the only nonprofits of color in the region, it doesn't happen often for us.

