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LCFC AWARDS $100,000 IN MINI-GRANTS TO 43 COLORADO ORGANIZATIONS IN FIRST ROUND OF “AYUDA COLORADO” GRANTMAKING

Denver, Colorado – May 6, 2020 The Latino Community Foundation of Colorado (LCFC) completed its first round of COVID-19 response funding late in April 2020, distributing $100,000 in technology mini-grants to Latino-led and serving (LLS) and immigrant and refugee serving (IRS) organizations.

This grantmaking falls under LCFC’s newly launched Ayuda (Help) Colorado strategy, a three-pronged effort to support the Latino Coloradoan community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ayuda Colorado provides LLS and IRS with direct funds, capacity building assistance and curated resources.

Averaging $2300 per organization, these technology grants were specifically designed to cover the immediate costs nonprofits are experiencing due to the pivot to remote work and program and service adaptations. Grants are being used to cover costs related to hardware, software, calling cards, monthly fees and other key technology needs.

Child & Migrant Services (CMS), a nonprofit organization in Palisade, CO with a mission to provide and coordinate community services for migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families in Mesa County—so that they may live and work with dignity in our community was one of this cycle’s grantees.

According to CMS Executive Director Karalyn Dorn, “This grant should help us to connect our participants to more health care resources ... I look forward to additional training and support to master some of the new technologies we must incorporate into our service model. Thank you again for your care and concern for this organization and the migrant and settled farm worker community.”

The Latino Community Foundation of Colorado will be executing Round 2 of its Ayuda Colorado funding in the next week. LCFC anticipates the distribution of $300,000 to over 20 LLS and IRS organizations for general operating costs.

To learn more about Ayuda Colorado and to donate, visit latinocfc.org/ayudacolorado.
Ayuda Colorado funders as of May 6 include: Colorado Health Foundation, Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Colorado, Caring for Colorado, Gates Family Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, Energy Outreach Colorado, Xcel Energy, Molson Coors Alpine Bank and individual donors.

Latino Leadership Institute is a fundraising partner of LCFC for Ayuda CO.

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About The Latino Community Foundation of Colorado (LCFC):

LCFC’s mission is to work hand in hand with our diverse communities to create culturally responsive strategies that build influence, equity and opportunity for all Latino Coloradans. Led by Latinos and for Latinos. We pursue civic, economic, and cultural opportunities that drive a more authentic narrative about Latinos in the state and cement a healthy and vibrant future where all Latino Coloradans will prosper. The LCFC also works in partnership with philanthropic entities such as the Colorado Health Foundation to further its mission.