



Community Foundation Boulder County

Boulder, CO

Navigating Recovery for Boulder County

Challenge

To support residents of Boulder County as they navigate the aftermath of the Marshall Fire, which damaged or destroyed nearly 1,100 homes on December 30, 2021

Project Summary

After a wildfire damaged or destroyed nearly 1,100 homes in Boulder County in December 2021, Community Foundation Boulder County (CFBC) raised over \$43 million to help residents rebuild. CFBC immediately partnered with local agencies to deploy millions of dollars in direct financial aid. The Foundation used a victim's advocate model to support fire survivors through post-disaster recovery by ensuring access to mental health services and insurance navigation assistance was available within weeks after the fire.

The foundation also took a long-term view by working with state agencies to select a grantmaking intermediary that could disburse both public and philanthropic funds, making it easier for residents to access support through a single source.

Housing is already unaffordable in Boulder County. The loss of such a large number of homes would likely worsen the issue if the damaged and destroyed homes were not rebuilt as quickly as possible. With that in mind, CFBC committed to supplying \$20 million in grants to help underinsured residents close the gap between their insurance coverage and their rebuilding costs.



PARTNERS

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