



**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL,
#1 CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026
5:30 PM**

Individuals Requiring Special Accommodations Should Notify the City's ADA Coordinator at (719) 553-2295 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.

Executive Committee meetings are special meetings of the City Council and are informal Council meetings for the purpose of receiving information and discussion among Council Members; no official action is taken at such meetings. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATIONS

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| A. CITY UPDATES | 5:30 PM |
| Brian McCain, Chief of Staff | |
| 5 minute presentation | |
| B. LOBBYIST UPDATE | 5:35 PM |
| Gil Romero - Capitol Success | |
| 30 minute presentation | |
| C. HSPPR QUARTERLY UPDATE | 6:05 PM |
| Lisa Johns - Director of Veterinary Services | |
| Erina Van Dusen - Director of Shelter Operations—Pueblo | |
| Lindsey Vigna - Assistant Director of Animal Law Enforcement | |
| 15 minute presentation | |
| D. FRIENDS OF CITY PARK – BATHHOUSE PROJECT & GRANT APPLICATION | 6:30 PM |
| George Koncilja - President | |
| 15 minute presentation | |
| E. CSAC RECOMMENDATIONS | 6:55 PM |
| Melissa Cook, Director Department of Housing & Citizen Services | |
| Gina Lopez-Ferguson - CSAC Chair | |
| 15 minute presentation | |
| F. CITY COUNCIL BOARD & COMMISSION UPDATE | 7:20 PM |
| City Council | |

15 minute presentation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(E)(I) AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: 2027 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.** 7:35 PM

Robert Jagger, Deputy City Attorney

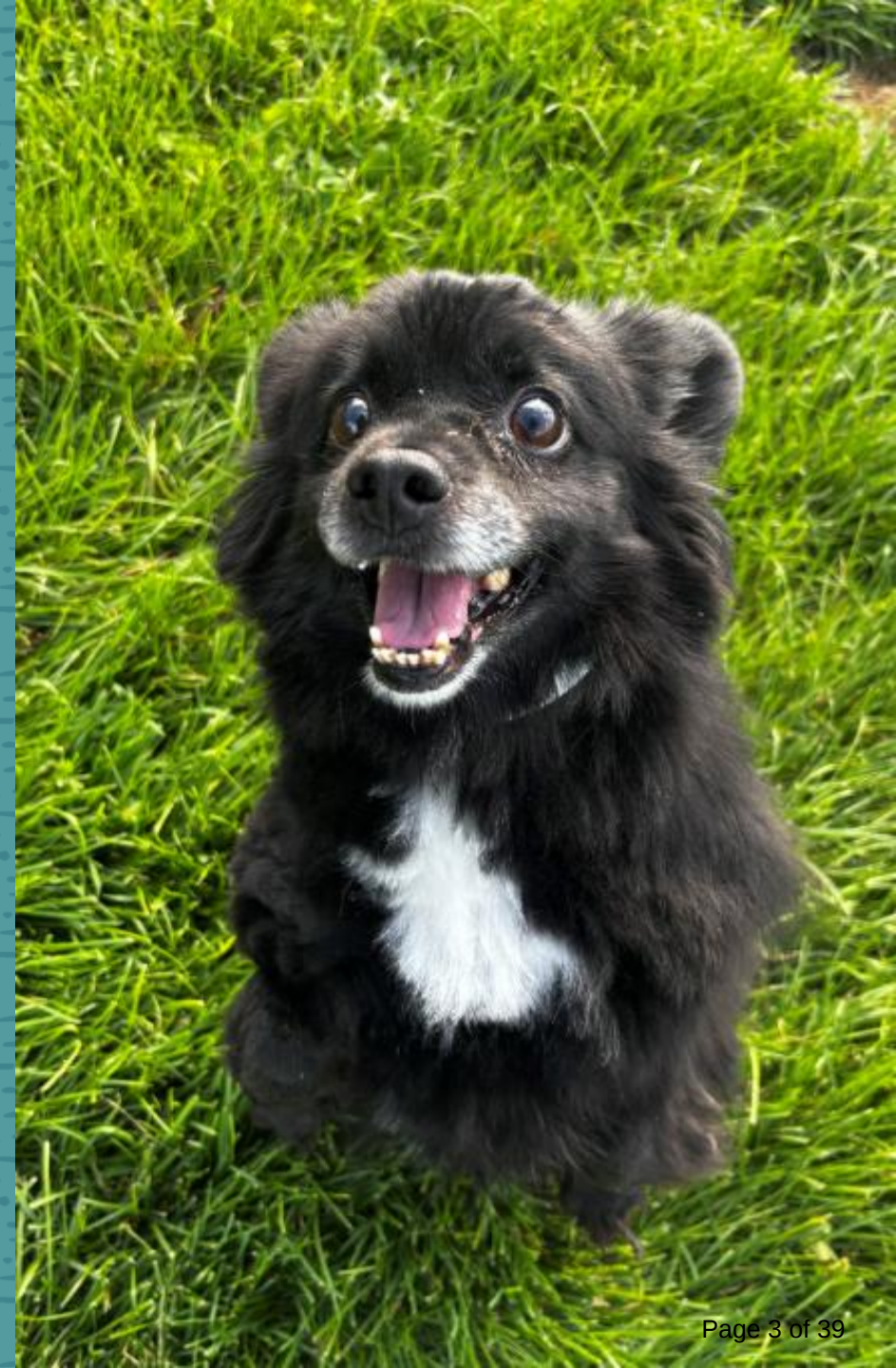
30 minute presentation

ADJOURNMENT



City Council

March 2026





Agenda

Shelter Operations Year in Review



Animal Law Enforcement Year in Review



Forward Look to 2026



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Shelter Operations



Animal Sheltering





Shelter Operations Statistics 2025

Inventory 12/31/24	Total	Dogs	Cats	Others
HSPPR in Pueblo	143	90	51	2

Intakes	Total	Dogs	Cats	Others
Total	8,471	4,104	3,890	477

TNR	Cats
Total	825

Deceased Animal Intake	Total	Dogs	Cats	Others
Total	724	191	500	33

End of Life Services	Total	Dogs	Cats	Others
Total	808	623	169	16

Outcomes	Total	Dogs	Cats	Others
Total	8,524	4,123	3,922	479
Shelter Euthanasia	1,202	612	578	12
Died	45	6	34	5
Missing	2	1	1	0
RTO	1,459	1,267	173	19
SNR	296	0	296	0
Adoption	2,998	1,469	1,185	344
Transfer	2,522	768	1,655	99



2025 Sheltering Highlights



Intakes: up 3%

- Dogs: -121
- Cats +256
- Others +113



Transfers: down 5%

- Dogs: -258
- Cats +48
- Others +11



Adoptions: up 10%

- Dogs: +243
- Cats -37
- Others -25



Reunited with Owner: down 3%

- Dogs: -114
- Cats +48
- Others +11



2025 Volunteer Highlights

- 34% Increase in Foster Hours
- 21% Increase in Shelter Hours:
 - 54% increase in dog walking hours
 - **2,000** more dog walks
 - feline enrichment hours **quadrupled**
 - community cat volunteer hours **doubled**



Yes! Very caring and compassionate person...it was a very hard day! 🥺--81003

The staff in Pueblo is amazing! They were absolutely swamped when I went in and everyone there was efficient kind and so helpful--81007

Thank you so very much! Because you responded timely and effectively, I can now go out to our backyard without being loudly continuously and aggressively barked at by the stupid untrained mutt next door! Thanks again so very much!--81005

My circumstances are fairly irregular, and the staff at the Pueblo shelter are very good at working with me. I wish it was a bit easier to navigate all the rules and procedures to get socializeable kittens out of Pueblo's alleys and semi-managed colonies and into homes, but we've been able to make the system work for at least some of that population. --81001

Customer Service Survey Results

November & December



While being a colony is stressful and sometimes very overwhelming and throw in some fun too, we have met many other colony managers at the facility. We realize now that this is a long-time commitment and it has changed our lives. The support we have received from everyone at the Pueblo site is exceptional.
--81001

Very friendly. Very caring for my dog--81007

Great program for affordable well animal care. Thank you for your service--81004

I appreciate how the ladies made myself and my dog feel at ease and were patient when my dog got scared.--81001

I greatly appreciated the females that worked past their shift to help reunite my and my baby girl.--81004

Customer Service Survey Results

November & December



Veterinary Services



Veterinary Services Statistics 2025 Year End

PUEBLO WELLNESS CLINIC

SERVICE	2024	2025	Percent Change
PUBLIC SPAY/NEUTER	1,024	1,595	55% 
PUBLIC VACCINATION	3,585	2,750	23% 
PUBLIC WELLNESS	1,331	823	6.3% 

PUEBLO SHELTER VETERINARY SERVICES

SERVICE	2024	2025	Percent Change
DVM EXAM	4,710	5,759	22% 
SPAY/NEUTER	2,617	2,838	8% 



Pet Fest 2025!

95 Dog S/N

131 Cat S/N

389 Animals Vaccinated





Access to Veterinary Care

COMMUNITY LEARNING RESULTS

Needs & Priorities Identified by the Community

Vaccines



Emergency Care



Pet Food/Supplies



Grooming



Behavioral Training



Least Affordable & Available Services Based on Surveys

Veterinary Specialists



Prescription Food



Dental Care



Fence Repair



Emergency Shelter
Daycare/Boarding



68%

Feel that email is the best way to learn about services and community events



The ideal location for an event is...

LOCAL CHURCH





Animal Law Enforcement



2025 ALE Overview of the Year

- 14,540 Total Calls for Service
- 1,437 Dangerous Animal Calls
- 534 Injured Animal Calls
- 652 Deceased Animal Pick-Up
- 484 Increased Patrols
- 3,004 Responses to Welfare Concerns
- 327 Court Appearances
- 121 Agency Assists



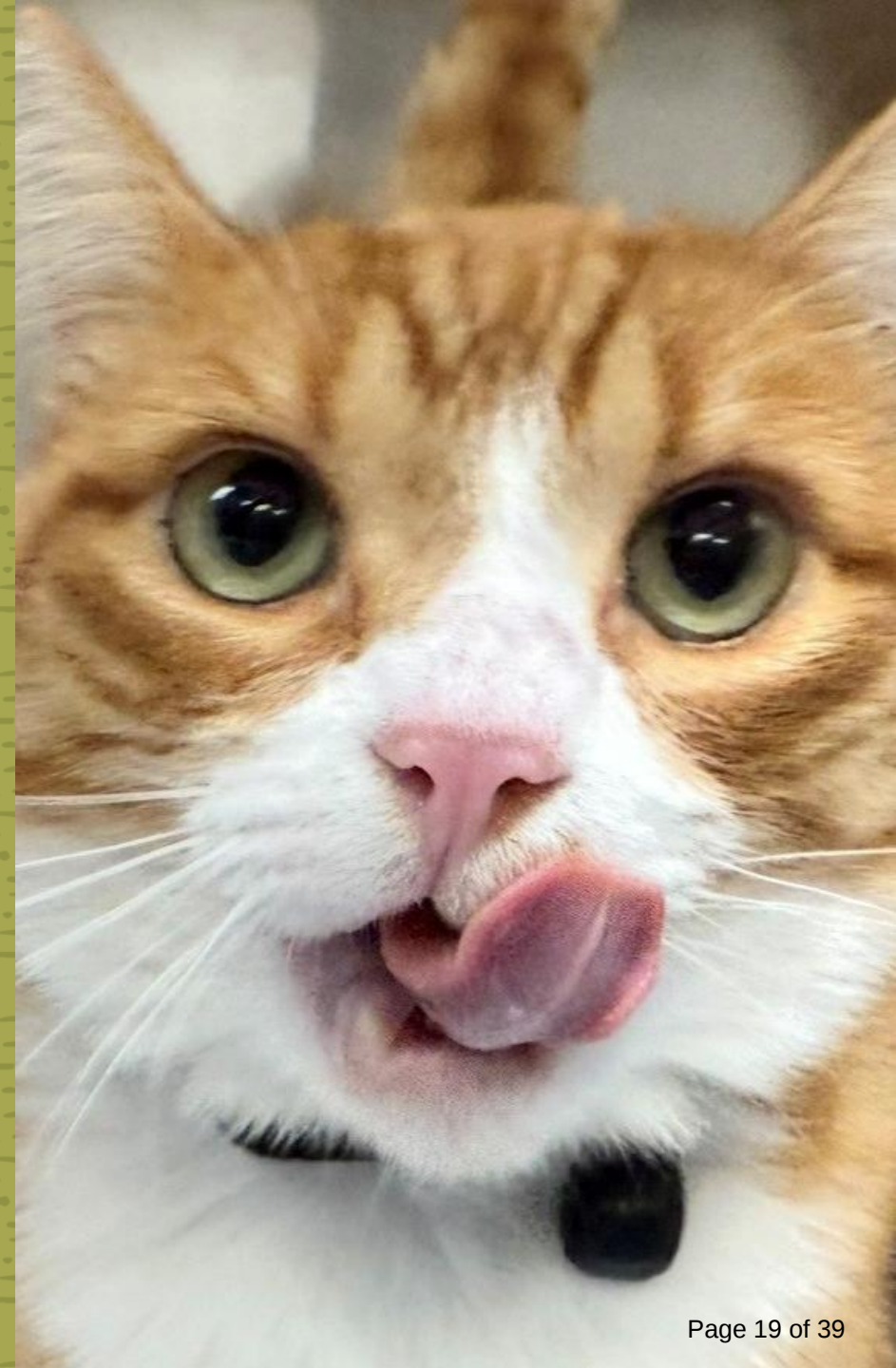


2025 Look Back

- Participated in 18 Public Community Events.
- 32 Large scale impoundments (8 or more).
- This year alone has tripled Pueblo's large scale impoundments from last year.



Forward Look to 2026





Barriers Identified by the Community

Cost of Services



Payment Required Upfront



No Payment Plans



No local vet clinic or pet support services



Pet Owners Would Like to Learn More About...

Behavioral Training



Nail Trimming at Home



Pet Insurance



Pet owners shared what they can afford for annual preventative care:

21%: \$0
18%: <\$25
37%: \$25-50

Low-cost vet care was voted as the **most helpful** resource

36%

Of community members feed or care for stray/community cats in their neighborhood

What are the best ways to improve services?

- Lower costs for veterinary care (including emergency care)
- Accept more new clients/more appointment availability
- More veterinarians and access to veterinary care in East Pueblo
- Payment plans
- Better hours of operation and more flexible walk-in hours
- More compassion for pets and their owners
- Increased community outreach
- Frequent mobile and/or pop-up veterinary clinics

Focus Group participants also wished for pet center located on the **East Side** where they can access low-cost pet food and vet care



55%

Think less than \$99 is an affordable cost to spay/neuter a dog



53%

Think less than \$49 is an affordable cost to spay/neuter a cat



Humane Work: 2026

105 Animals Vaccinated on
January 16th 2026





Questions?



Thank you!



Lindsey Vigna
Assistant Director of Animal Law
Enforcement



Lisa Johns
Director of Veterinary Services



Erina Van Dusen
Director of Shelter Operations
Pueblo

2026 CSAC Funding Recommendations





Introductions

What is CSAC?

The Community Service Advisory Commission (CSAC) is a volunteer board that reviews nonprofit funding applications.

- Makes funding recommendations to Pueblo County and the City of Pueblo.
- Ensures public funds support programs that meet key community needs.

- ▶ History (Est. 2003)
- ▶ Commission: 15 members
 - ▶ City and County Representation (14 total)
 - ▶ UWPC represented (1 voting member)
 - ▶ Recruitment responsibility changes annually from City to County



CSAC Members

Current Membership Roster



Dennis Chappell: Retired, Former Fire Captain

Alva Clausen, Co-Chair: Outreach Coordinator, Pueblo Library District

John Colon: Retired, Federal Government Administrator/Contractor

Mary Lee: Retired Corporate Tax Manager

Gina Lopez Ferguson, Chair: Senior Philanthropy Lead, Caring for Colorado Foundation

Tony Montoya: Retired higher education administrator, community/education advocate and volunteer, and veteran

Sandra Sherrer, Secretary (3 years): Retired and community volunteer

Tanya Simental, UWPC Representative: Vice President, UWPC

Ronnie Wiley: Retired Federal Government Administrator, Army Veteran, and a Civil Rights Advocate

2025-2026 Highlights

- ▶ Hosted CSAC Application Information Session, 35+ attendance
- ▶ Minimum of 97 hours per board member for the 2025-2026
- ▶ Ongoing Learnings: Monthly articles, videos, and data dashboards shared with members about the nonprofit landscape and best practices in grantmaking. Assists in building a strong knowledge-base that ensure informed grantmaking.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible nonprofit organizations providing services in:

- Health & Human Services
- Early Childhood & Senior Services
- Youth & Homeless Services
- Education, Disability Services
- Arts, Culture & Music
- Environmental & Conservation
- Recreation & Economic Development

No grants for individuals, political, or religious activities.



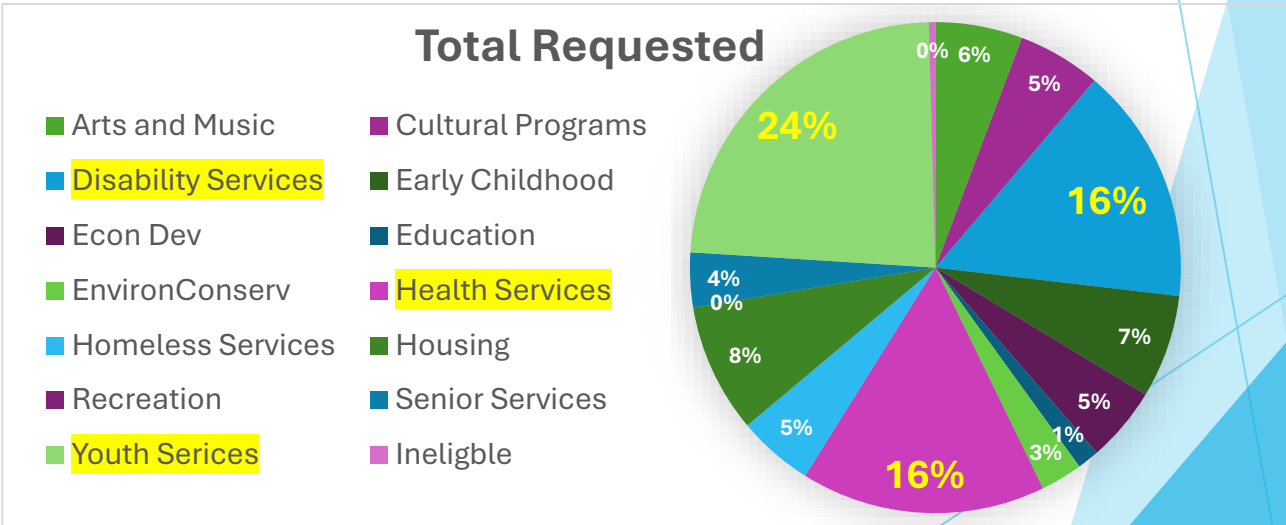
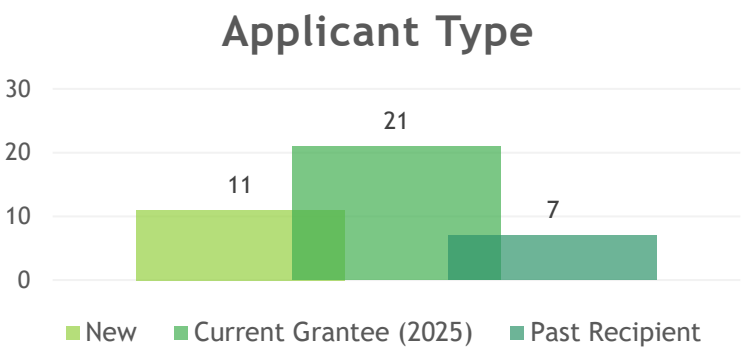
Required Documents

- ▶ Letter of Intent
- ▶ Completed Scope of Services Form (2 pages)
- ▶ Executive Summary Sheet
- ▶ Most recent IRS 990 or Audit
- ▶ Certificate of Good Standing (CO Secretary of State)



2026 Applications Portfolio

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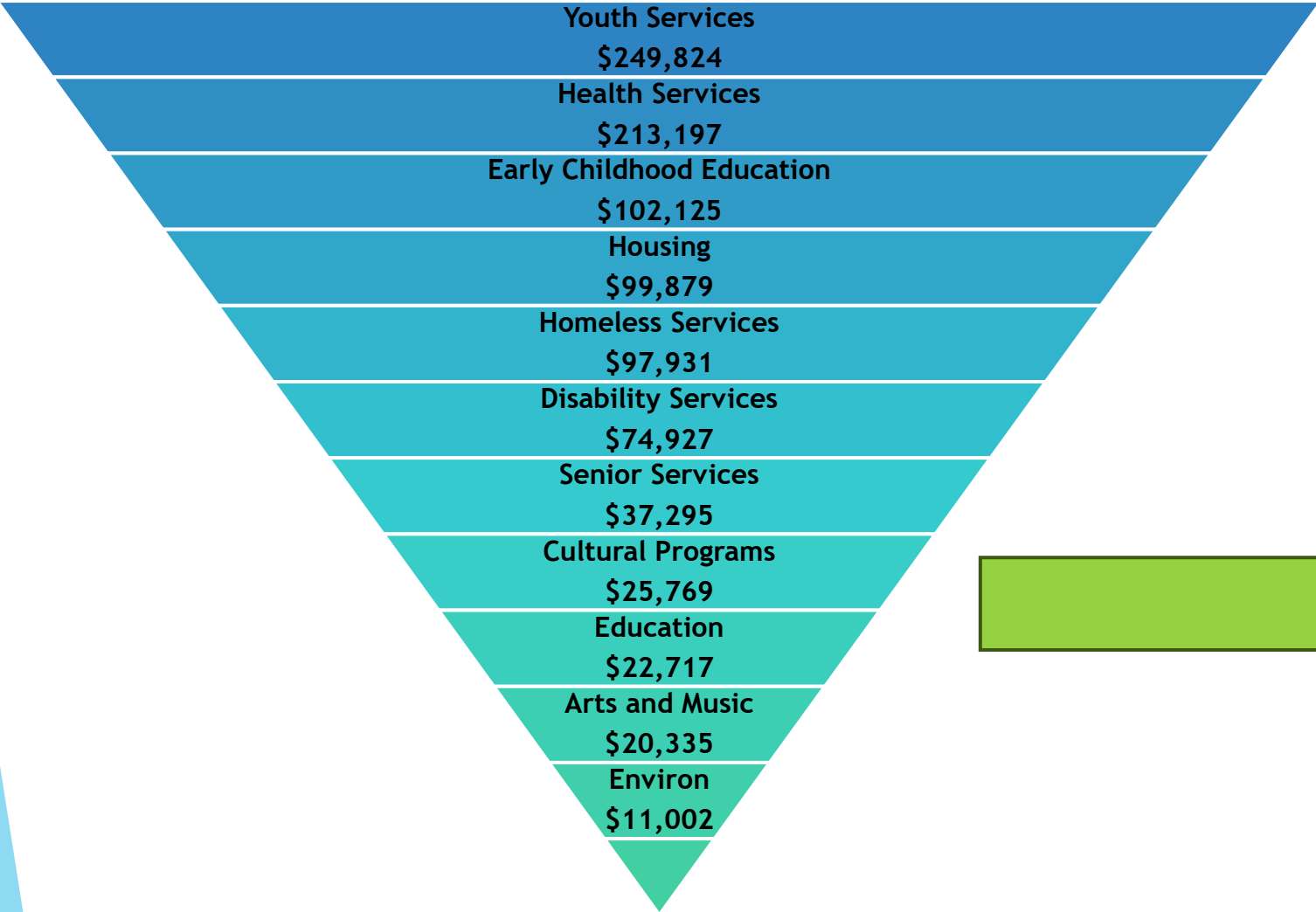
*For categorizing purposes, the World Health Organization's definition of health was used: *a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity* (www.who.int).

Funding Recommendations

39 Applications
\$2,353,697



33
Funded
\$955,000



Category	%
Youth Services	26%
Health Services	22%
Early Childhood Education	11%
Housing	11%
Homeless Service	10%
Disability Services	8%
Senior Services	4%
Cultural Program	3%
Arts and Music	2%
Education	2%
Environmental Conservation	1%
Economic Development	0%
Recreation	0%

Funding Recommendations

Arts and Music	
Pueblo Arts Alliance	\$12,500.00
Pueblo Municipal Band	\$7,835.00
Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$20,335.00

Cultural Programs	
Pueblo County Historical Society	\$9,112.00
Pueblo Railway Foundation	\$7,544.00
★ Steelworks Center of the West	\$9,112.00
TOTAL	\$25,768.00

Funding Recommendations

Disability Services	
★ Center for Self Reliance	\$5,877.00
Colorado Bluesky Enterprises	\$40,000.00
Pueblo Diversified Industries	\$21,080.00
★ The Arc	\$7,970.00
TOTAL	\$74,927.00

Early Childhood Education	
★ East Side Child Care	\$45,969.00
★ Southside Childrens Center	\$56,156.00
TOTAL	\$102,125.00

Funding Recommendations

Economic Development	
Pueblo Food Project	\$0.00
Latino Chamber of Commerce	\$0.00
Pueblo Downtown Association	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00

Education	
Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation	\$8,978.00
★ SEL Tutoring	\$13,739.00
TOTAL	\$22,717.00

Funding Recommendations



Environmental and Conservation	
Nature & Wildlife Discovery Center	\$0.00
Pueblo Zoo	\$11,002.00
Humane Society of the Pikes Peak	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$11,002.00

Health Services	
★ A Caring Pregnancy Center	\$25,964.00
Bits of Freedom	\$5,335.00
★ Catholic Charities	\$54,625.00
★ Crossroads Turning Points	\$16,680.00
★ Juniper Southern Colorado	\$31,000.00
★ Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center	\$13,714.00
★ Ronald McDonald House Pueblo	\$11,938.00
★ Servicios de La Raza	\$45,315.00
★ Spark the Change	\$8,626.00
TOTAL	\$213,197.00

Funding Recommendations

Homeless Services	
★ Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen	\$47,367.00
★ Pueblo Cooperative Care Center	\$40,564.00
Sangre de Cristo Volunteers for Community	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$97,931.00
Housing	
★ Posada	\$99,879.00
TOTAL	\$99,879.00
Recreation	
NO REQUESTS	
Senior Services	
SRDA	\$37,295.00
TOTAL	\$37,295.00

Funding Recommendations

Youth Services	
★ Boys & Girl Club	\$80,357.00
★ CASA of Pueblo	\$28,438.00
First Tee-Southern Colorado	\$3,935.00
★ Mariposa Center for Safety	\$94,750.00
★ Pueblo Child Advocay Center	\$42,344.00
TOTAL	\$249,824.00



Questions?