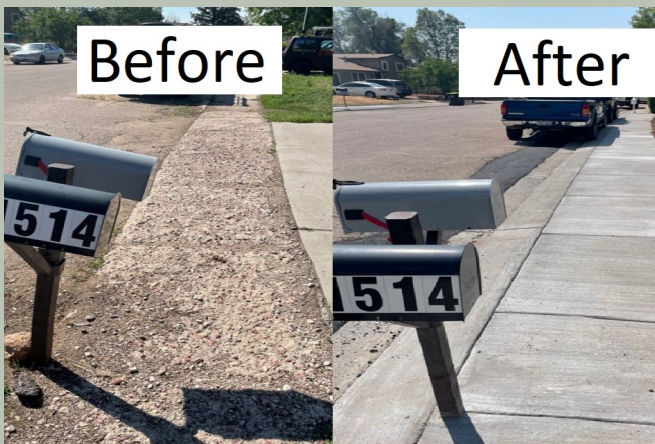


2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Community Development in El Paso County, Colorado

El Paso County received over \$1M in federal funding for the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program** to improve the physical, economic, and social conditions for low-and-moderate income residents. El Paso County also received over \$1M in federal funding for the **Community Development Block Grant-Covid (CDBG-CV) Program** to assist in the prevention, preparation, and response to the spread of COVID-19. The projects funded by **CDBG** and **CDBG-CV** dollars help build neighborhood resiliency through supportive services, infrastructure improvements, advancement of housing safety and accessibility, housing stability, emergency shelter, whole family health and safety services for youth, seniors and people with disabilities, homelessness prevention, rehousing and more.

INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY



In Fountain, the Prado Drive project completed infrastructure improvements that increased accessibility.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

419 eligible seniors were provided nutrition assistance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dave (a Senior served) said, *“I’ve been a widower for the past 15 years and live alone with my dog in Calhan. I gave up on cooking, and have primarily been eating sweets. The Silver Key meals are the most nutritious food I have eaten in quite a while and this has changed my life. I feel better by eating quality food. I will look forward to picking up these meals every Tuesday.”*

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STORIES BEHIND THE PROJECTS



59 homeless youth were provided services such as overnight shelter and service engagement; **13** entered housing programs



7 owner-occupied homes received urgent health and safety-related repairs and improvements to ADA accessibility



332 people received emergency rent, mortgage, or utility assistance and prevented potential homelessness



45 people were taught new skills and received career mentorship to gain new employment opportunities and improve self-sufficiency post-pandemic



2,402 rural seniors were assisted in getting rides to a variety of locations, such as vaccine appointments, medical care, and the grocery store/pharmacy



109 veterans were provided case management and wraparound services to improve self-sufficiency and employment

Accomplishments data based on projects that closed out in the 2021 year, not the HUD-determined program year.