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CO4F METRICS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2019

\$8,300,000
Total Capitalization

\$2,991,307
Funds Available

\$5,308,693
Total Funded and Committed

CO4F Recognized in Rural Economic Blueprint

Gov. Jared Polis recently released the [Rural Economic Blueprint](#), which focuses on strengthening economic development, healthcare, education, renewable energy, and infrastructure in rural Colorado communities. As part of these efforts, the blueprint seeks to build on current successful rural economic development programs and expand proven innovative practices, including CO4F.



By providing financing for fresh food retailers, CO4F has improved food access and economic activity in both urban and rural communities throughout Colorado since the program began in 2013. To date, CO4F has made an impact on rural Colorado by investing \$1.47 million to support 15 fresh food retailers based in: Akron, Anton, Haxtun, Ignacio, Kirk, Kit Carson, Limon, Mosca, Nucla, Saguache, Seibert, Stratton, Walden, Walsh, and Wiggins.

Fund (CO4F) improves access to healthy food in underserved Colorado communities by financing grocery stores and other forms of healthy food retail.

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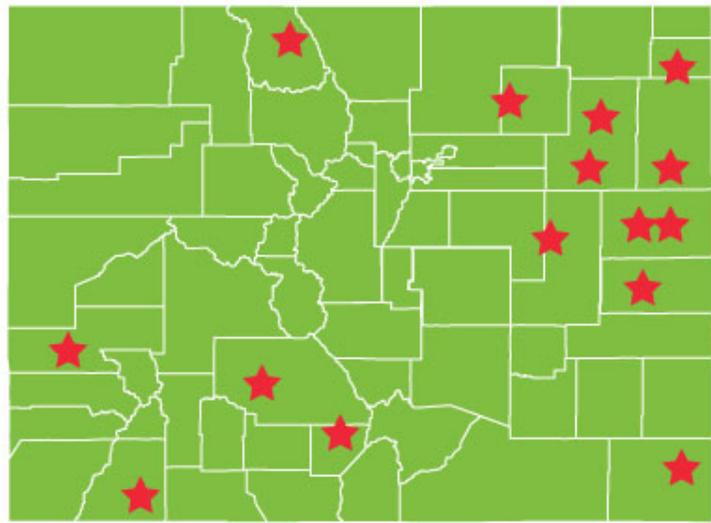
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In addition, when CO4F was evaluated by the Sarah Samuels Center for Public Health Research and Evaluation, shopper survey results revealed that CO4F was making a difference in rural communities. Surveys concluded that:

- 92 percent of shoppers in rural areas reported that their access to fresh food had improved after CO4F invested, and
- 58 percent of shoppers in rural communities did most of their shopping at a CO4F-supported store.

CO4F looks forward to playing a role in the Rural Economic Blueprint by continuing to support economic development in rural Colorado.

Pictured: Walsh Community Grocery Store, supported by CO4F, on N. Colorado Street in Walsh

Partner Spotlight: Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger Hires Staff

The Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger, a five-year initiative to end hunger for all Coloradans, recently announced it has hired a team of staff. Led by Director, Erin Ulrich, the team includes:



- Joël McClurg, Policy and Communications Manager
- Vaishnavi Hariprasad, Community Partnerships Manager
- Leticia Macias, Executive Assistant, and
- Frontline Public Affairs, Contract Lobbyist - 2020 Legislative Session

The team is tasked with implementing the objectives of the Blueprint to End Hunger. An evaluation contractor will also be joining the team.

CO4F partner, the Colorado Health Foundation funded the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger, and representatives of other CO4F partners serve on committees for the initiative.



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