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E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation Awards 2022 Grants *Eleven Nonprofit Organizations Receive Funds to Help People Get Around Safely*

AURORA, CO – Today, the E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation (TSF) Board of Directors is awarding eleven (11) \$2,500 grants to nonprofit organizations along the E-470 corridor for programs focused on teen driver education, seatbelt safety, senior/youth transportation safety, as well as car seat safety and training. Without utilizing E-470 toll revenue, the TSF was able to award more nonprofit organizations this year after its 2021 golf tournament raised record proceeds – around \$73,000 - for grant distributions in 2022 and 2023 as well as support future program expenses.

2022 TSF Grant Recipients

- **Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council (ACECC)** is a collaborative group promoting high quality programs and services to support a safe, smart, and healthy start for young children and their families in Colorado. The grant will purchase 35 car seats to support families in an ACECC program, ensuring their children have a safe ride.
- **Children’s Hospital Colorado Foundation** supports efforts aimed at reducing serious pediatric injuries in traffic crashes and the number of unrestrained child passengers. Through its *Child Passenger Safety Program*, the Foundation will use the grant to purchase 53 car seats.
- **Thriving Families** serves low-income women and families during pregnancy and just after a baby is born. The grant will provide 25 babies with a new car seat and educate parents on safe car seat installation.
- **Tri-County Health Department Nurse Support Program** provides home visitations for families with young children referred by Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas County Human Services Departments. The grant will be used to purchase safety seats for 44 children in the program.
- **WeeCycle** - which matches baby gear with low-income families in the Denver metro area - will use the grant to purchase car seats to fulfill requests from its 50 partner organizations, collect recalled car seats so they’re removed from public use, and host car seat check events.
- **Castle Rock Senior Activity Center** provides programming and services that help adults age 50+ to live independent, fulfilled lives. The grant will provide 100 rides for seniors and disabled adults in Douglas County.
- **Cultivate** will use the grant to support its *VetsGo* program, which provides transportation to veterans and their families age 60+ in Adams, Broomfield, and Weld Counties – many who are seeking medical care.
- **Save Our Youth** works with at risk youth ages 10-17 in Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson Counties through one-on-one mentoring and supplementary educational programs. The grant will go toward transportation safety education for teens and help purchase public transportation vouchers so youth can safely attend summer programs.
- **South Metro Safety Foundation** provides life safety and injury prevention programs in the south Denver metro area. The grant will support their Crash Avoidance driving class targeted to new teen drivers, License to Survive seminars for parents/teens, and The Seat Belts Save Lives Program.
- **Denver Police Museum** creates opportunities to engage and strengthen the community’s relationship with

Denver law enforcement. The grant will support a new program to educate teens about traffic safety and traffic laws to help prevent deaths and serious injuries on Denver's roadways.

- **DRIVE SMART Weld County** assists residents who have been injured, lost a loved one, or suffered property damage due to a crash. The grant will support educating teens in Weld County schools about Colorado's Graduated Driver's License Law and other traffic safety programs.

Additionally, to provide a safe and fun activity for students to attend after prom night each year, the TSF grants \$200 to selected high schools in the area. This year, **23 high schools were awarded** including: Adams City High School in Commerce City, Chaparral High School in the Town of Parker, Weld Central High School in Weld County, and Monarch High School in Louisville where many students were impacted by the Marshall Fire. [To see the full list of 2022 After Prom recipients, visit e-470.com.](#)

In 2020, the TSF began hosting a fundraiser at Top Golf to supplement funds for grants in-between years of the TSF golf tournament. This summer, they will hold a fundraiser at the Top Golf in Thornton and are planning their next golf tournament in summer 2023. Since the TSF was established in 2001, more than \$379,000 has been raised to support grants, after prom, and an *Alive at 25* program at E-470 for young adults.

The TSF's Board who led the distribution of 2022 grants is comprised of E-470 Board of Directors Treasurer Jan Pawlowski (President), Roger Partridge (Vice President), Heidi Williams (Secretary/Treasurer), E-470 Board of Directors Commissioner Chaz Tedesco (Director), Randy Drennen (Director), Josh Martin (Director), and Lynn Myers (Director).

About the E-470 Public Highway Authority

E-470 is the 75-mph toll road running along the eastern perimeter of the Denver metropolitan area. E-470 is funded primarily through toll revenue, receiving no local, state, or federal funds for financing, construction, operations, or maintenance. A political sub-division of the state, the tollway is governed by the E-470 Public Highway Authority Board composed of eight local governments including Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas counties, and the municipalities of Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Parker, and Thornton. Additionally, E-470 operates *ExpressToll*, the all-electronic toll collection system available on E-470, Northwest Parkway, and CDOT's Express Lanes. For more information, please visit [e-470.com](#).

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