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# **ACTIVATION OVERVIEW**

On November 20, 2022, the Colorado Healing Fund (CHF) activated in response to the mass shooting that occurred at the Club Q Nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In accordance with its mission and guiding protocols, CHF determined the Club Q Shooting fit within the criteria for activation and made this decision public following the press conference held by the Colorado Springs Police Department.

Criteria the CHF Board of Trustees takes into consideration when deciding to activate are the

nature and scale of the event, the number of murdered and injured individuals, those directly witnessing or affected by the violent act, the likelihood of adverse community impact, and the potential for exhaustion of currently available resources. Once activated, the CHF officially provides a secure location for the public to donate, while making funds from its general victims fund immediately available to fill gaps in resources. General Protocols are detailed in the *Reports* section of the CHF website: www.coloradohealingfund.org.

#### **ABOUT**

The Colorado Healing Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It was founded in 2018 by a group of victim advocates and community leaders to establish a secure way for the public to contribute to victims of mass casualty crimes due to violence, also known as mass tragedies, in Colorado. Initial funding was provided by the Colorado Attorney General's Office. Donations are tax-deductible.

## MISSION

CHF's mission is to assist local communities with the financial, emotional and physical needs of victims of mass tragedies that occur in the state of Colorado. The Colorado Healing Fund will serve as the single point in Colorado for the collection of public donations in the aftermath of a mass tragedy and in conjunction with community partners the Colorado Healing Fund will coordinate the disbursement of funds to victims.

#### **VALUES**

**COMPASSION** Provide immediate and long-term assistance and support to victims who experience mass tragedy in Colorado.

**SECURITY** The Fund creates a safe and effective way for the public to make monetary donations to help victims of mass tragedy in Colorado.

**TRANSPARENCY** Deliver information about the funds used to assist victims of mass tragedy in Colorado in a timely manner with respect to victim privacy.

**PARTNERSHIP** Collaborate with community stakeholders who are essential in collecting funds for victims in the aftermath of a tragedy.



## **BI-ANNUAL SUMMARY**

This report covers CHF activities from **July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023**. During this time, the response continued to address needs of the families of deceased victims, survivors, and those directly impacted, as determined by the victim advocates working with them. CHF's formal activation ceased six months after the Club Q shooting on May 20, 2023. Donations made that were not designated by the donor for Club Q were directed based on CHF's discretion. The numbers below have not been audited and fluctuations in totals reflect developments or changes around donor intent.

### Victims, Families, and Survivor Support

\$3,228,393 disbursed through our partners, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) and Community Health Partnership (CHP), as both cash disbursements and as support for any immediate needs.

Twenty-two (22) total disbursements from 11/20/22 to 12/31/23. No funding was given to the resiliency center. COVA and CHP did not recieve an administrative fee for their work as distribution partners.

#### DISBURSEMENT PLANS AND POLICY

Throughout the last six months CHF made six (6) separate distributions of funds, in accordance with the general protocols, ensuring there was support for all impacted individuals in the form of both cash and payment of any immediate needs as they arose. CHF worked closely with its partners, including CHP, on each disbursement, including the final disbursement in November 2023.



### **FUND ACTIVITY**

PERIOD SUMMARY	JUL 1 - DEC 31, 2023	TOTAL AS OF THIS REPORT
REVENUE Donations Received	\$ 12,788	\$ 3,228,393*
EXPENSES  Disbursements (total includes all disbursements for immediate needs and cash disbursements to individuals)	\$ 314,293	\$ 3,228,393
Remaining Funds for Disbursement (Donations Received minus EXPENSES)	\$ O	\$ O

<sup>\*</sup>Donations received are reported net of unfulfilled donor pledges.

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## **GOVERNANCE**

The members of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council carry a wealth of experience and expertise in mass tragedy response. Collectively, these individuals have assisted in more than 50 mass tragedies across the country and have over 233 years of combined experience in response and recovery to mass tragedy incidents. Their extensive knowledge and expertise inform CHF's decisions.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CHF IS GOVERNED BY A VOLUNTEER BOARD OF TRUSTEES. IT IS THE GOAL OF CHF TO MAINTAIN A BOARD REFLECTING A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS, CULTURES, AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WITHIN COLORADO.

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CHF IS ALSO SUPPORTED BY AN ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISING OF EXPERTS IN VICTIM ASSISTANCE AS A RESULT OF MASS TRAGEDIES.

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