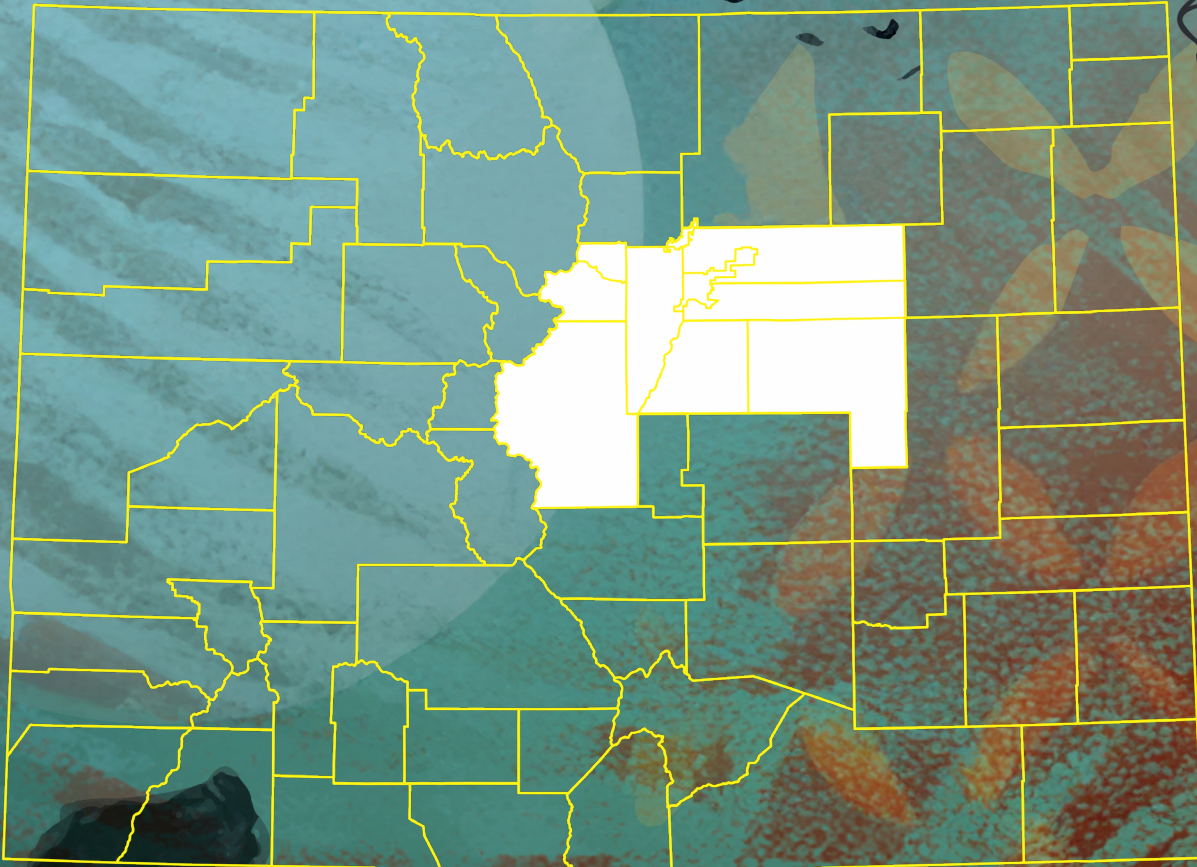


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2026 Denver Metro Area

AANHPI

FUNDING SNAPSHOT

U.S. Institutional Giving for Asian American,
Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities



About AAPIP

Established in 1990, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) is a justice-minded national philanthropic affinity organization that provides unique community spaces for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs), and allies in philanthropy. We are a membership-based organization that centers equity and justice in philanthropy to move money and build power of AANHPI communities for an inclusive democracy.

AAPIP serves as the progressive home to AANHPIs in philanthropy at all leadership levels across the sector. Anchored by national staff, AAPIP works across the country through a chapter network as sites of regional activism serving as a bridge between philanthropy and local non-profit organizations. These chapters are centers for place-based advocacy, information sharing, leadership development and network building around AANHPI issues and philanthropy.

Introduction

This Denver Regional Funding Snapshot builds from AAPIP's 2025 National AANHPI Funding Snapshot, diving deeper into one of the ten metropolitan areas where AAPIP Regional Chapters are situated. In addition to Denver, AAPIP is producing snapshots for Boston, Chicago, District of Columbia, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco/Oakland, Seattle, and the Twin Cities (Minneapolis-Saint Paul).

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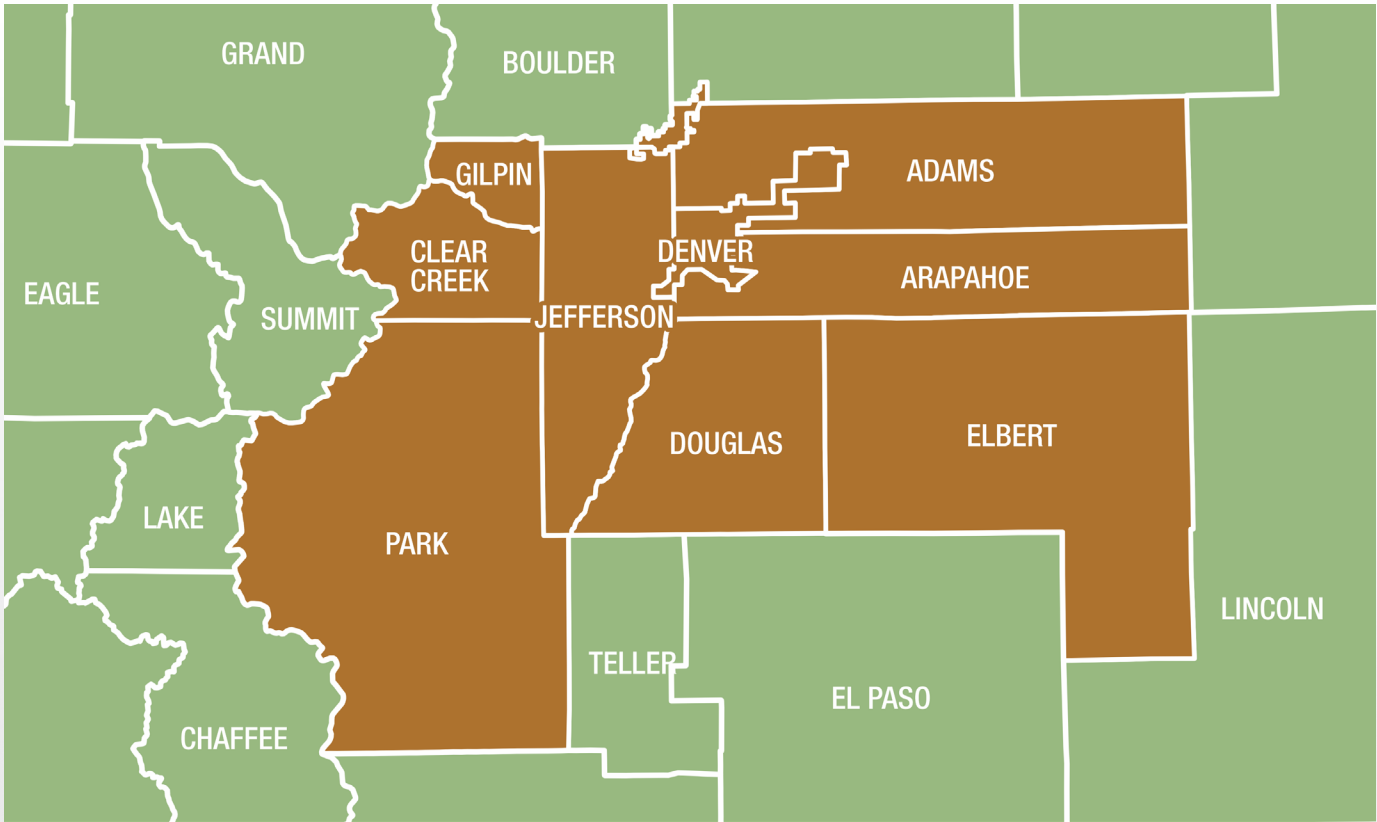
The analyses presented in this Regional Funding Snapshot are drawn from Candid's transactions database, the same dataset as AAPIP's 2025 National Funding Snapshot. This dataset contains grants-level data from foundations and corporations, excluding individual and government giving, pledges, in-kind contributions, and social-impact bonds awarded between 2019 and 2023, using data accessed on August 2, 2024 (for data on grants awarded in calendar years 2019–2022) and May 19, 2025 (for data on grants awarded in calendar year 2023). Discretionary and donor-advised grants from U.S. community foundations are also included. AAPIP also accessed Candid's Foundation Maps database on February 1, 2026 for this region's funding data.

Candid classifies grants using its Philanthropy Classification System, which codes by issue area, population, strategy, and geography; most grants carry multiple codes. AAPIP conducted intensive quality control, specifically focused on population, to offer a more accurate representation of institutional funding designated to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. Due to limitations with the raw data provided, there may be an undercounting of the total grant awards (both in terms of total dollars awarded and total number of grants awarded). For a more detailed description of the methodology, please see the Methodology section of AAPIP's 2025 National Funding Snapshot.

This funding snapshot focuses on the Denver metro area, aligned with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Denver–Aurora–Centennial Metropolitan Statistical Area comprised of ten counties: the City and County of Denver, Arapahoe County, Jefferson County, Adams County, Douglas County, the City and County of Broomfield, Elbert County, Park County, Clear Creek County, and Gilpin County.

Denver AANHPI Population

The Denver metro area is home to more than 185,000 Asian Americans, which make up 6.2% of the metro area’s population and equivalent to 0.78% of all Asian Americans in the US. The area is home to nearly 13,600 Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, which make up 0.5% of the metro area’s population and equivalent to 0.83% of the NHPI population in the US.



Denver Metro Area
(the City and County of Denver, Arapahoe County, Jefferson County, Adams County, Douglas County, the City and County of Broomfield, Elbert County, Park County, Clear Creek County, and Gilpin County)

Denver Metro Area AANHPI Population

	REGIONAL POPULATION (TOTAL)	SHARE OF TOTAL REGIONAL POPULATION	SHARE OF NATIONAL POPULATION OF SPECIFIED RACIAL GROUP
Asian American	185,158	6.20%	0.78%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	13,557	0.50%	0.83%

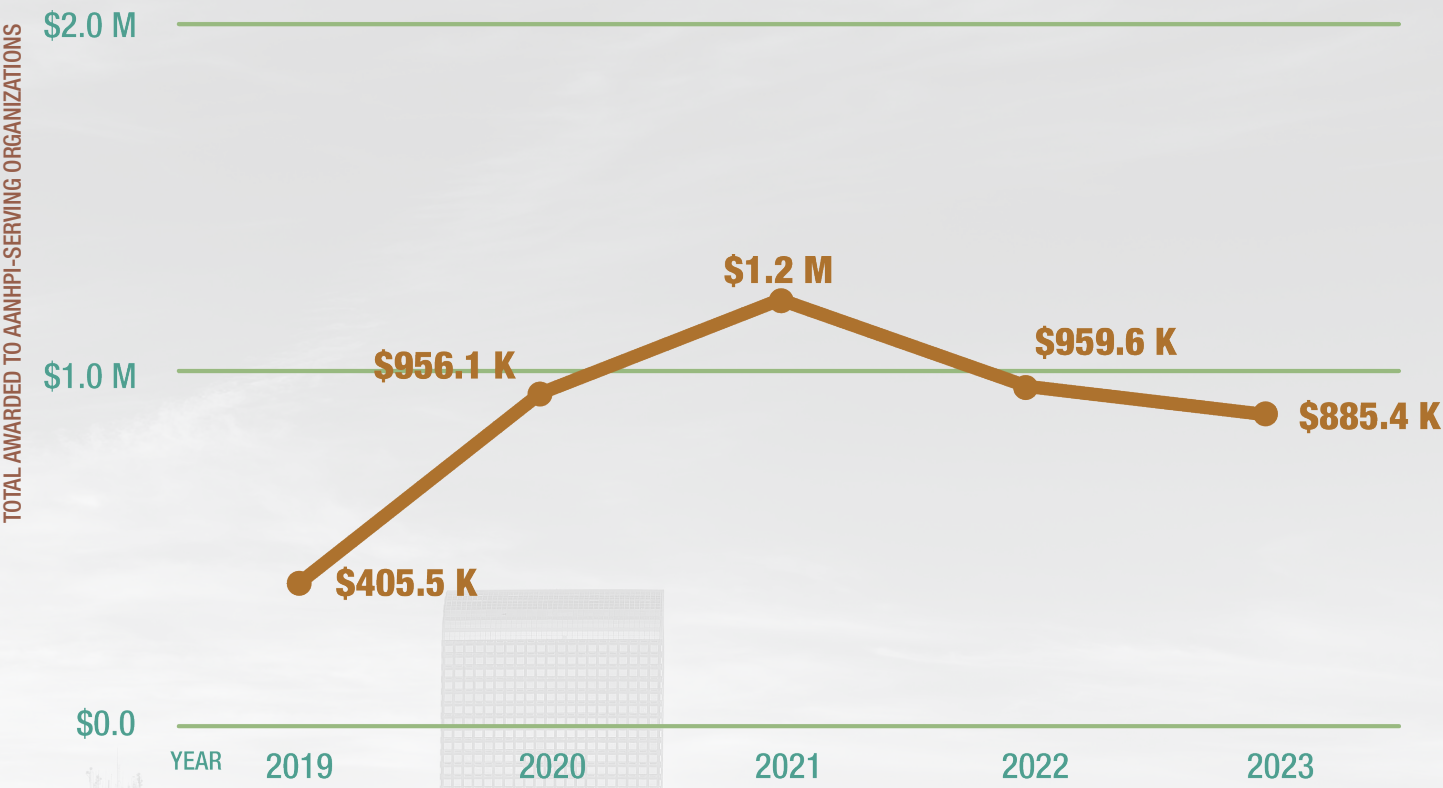
Funding Landscape

Between 2019 and 2023, Denver's Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities received just \$4.4 million of the \$9.2 billion dollars granted to communities across the Denver Metro Area. This equates to just 5 cents for every \$100 awarded by philanthropy, or 0.05% of regional philanthropic funding.

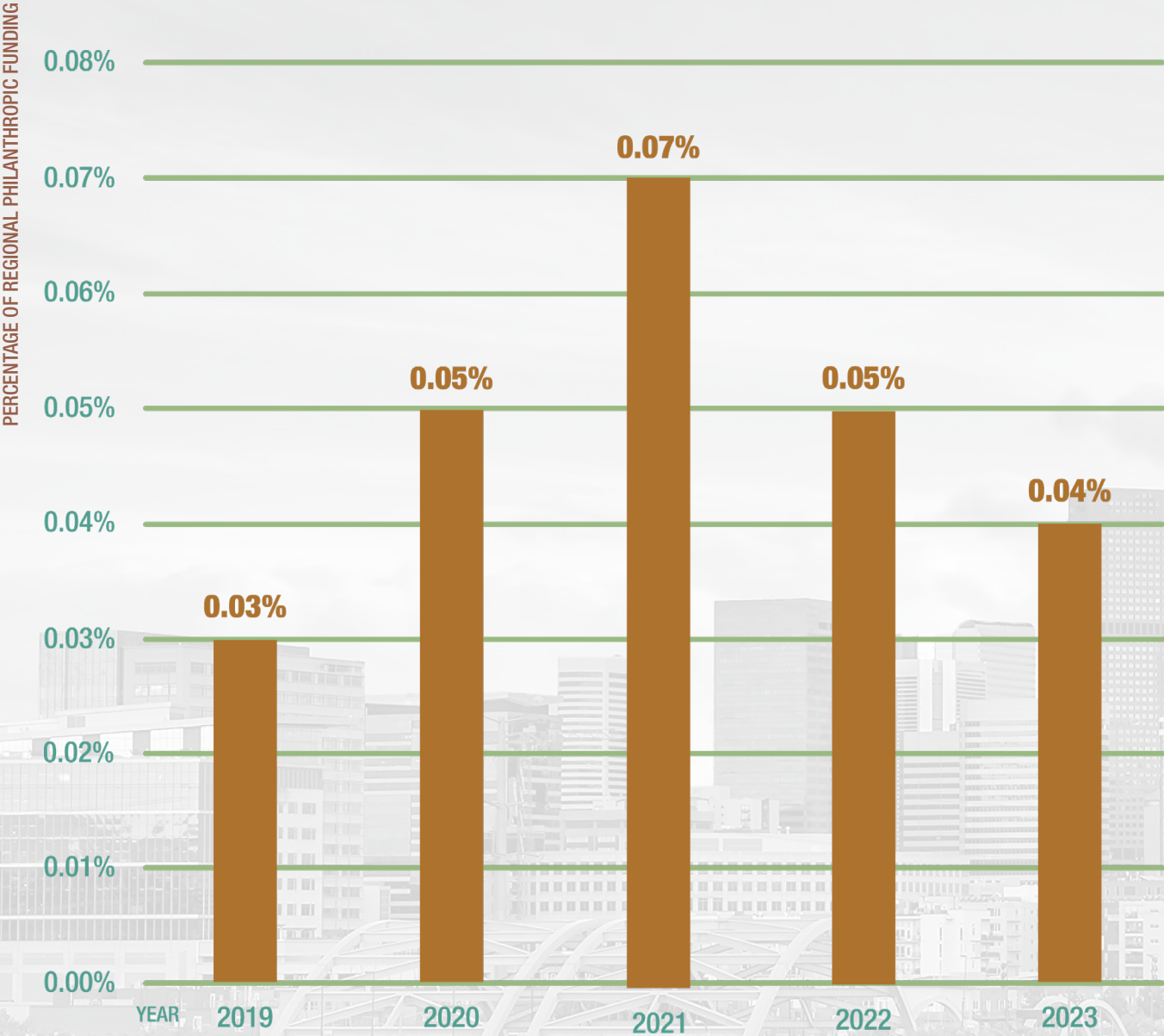


For every \$100 awarded by institutional funders,
AANHPI communities received 5¢

Institutional Grantmaking to AANHPI-Serving Organizations in Denver Metro Area by Year (2019-2023)



Percentage of Regional Grantmaking to AANHPI-Serving Organizations in Denver Metro Area, 2019-2023



Regional Versus National Grantmaking to AANHPI-Serving Organizations by Year (2019-2023)

FUNDING YEAR	FUNDING TO AANHPI-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS IN DENVER	NUMBER OF GRANTS	INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING ACROSS DENVER	PERCENTAGE OF REGIONAL FUNDING GRANTED TO AANHPI-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS	NATIONAL FUNDING GRANTED TO AANHPI-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS	PERCENTAGE OF NATIONAL FUNDING GRANTED TO AANHPI-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS
2019	\$405.5 K	12	\$1.6 B	0.03%	\$195.3 M	0.20%
2020	\$956.1 K	26	\$1.9 B	0.05%	\$288.8 M	0.27%
2021	\$1.2 M	31	\$1.6 B	0.07%	\$494.9 M	0.44%
2022	\$959.6 K	24	\$2.1 B	0.05%	\$393.4 M	0.29%
2023	\$885.4 K	29	\$2.1 B	0.04%	\$481.1 M	0.34%
TOTAL	\$4.4 M	122	\$9.2 B	0.05%	\$1.85 B	0.31%

Distribution of Funding to AANHPI Communities in Denver Metro Area

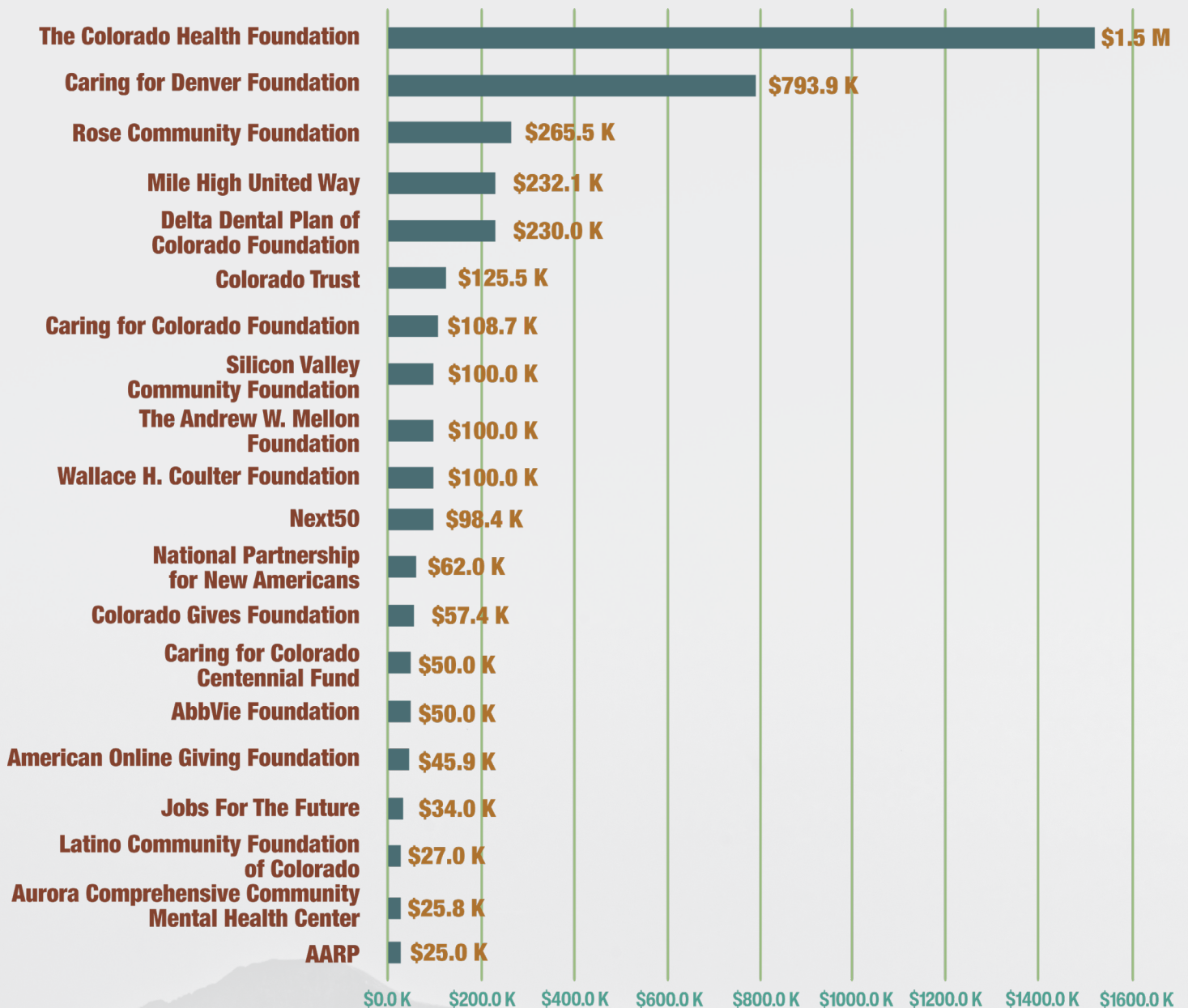


FUNDER	TOTAL GRANTMAKING (DOLLARS)	PERCENTAGE
TOP 5	\$3.0 M	68.4%
TOP 10	\$3.6 M	80.5%
TOP 20	\$4.0 M	91.2%

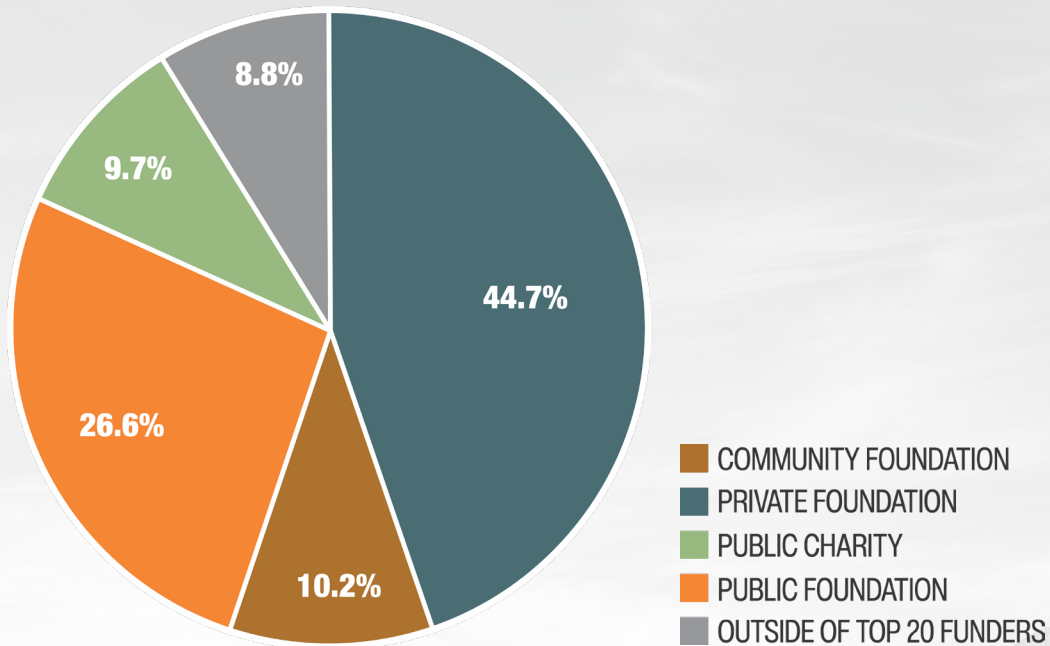
Top Funders of AANHPI-Serving Organizations in Denver Metro Area (2019-2023)

ORGANIZATION	TOTAL FUNDING (DOLLARS)	NUMBER OF GRANTS
The Colorado Health Foundation	\$1.5 M	16
Caring for Denver Foundation	\$793.9 K	3
Rose Community Foundation	\$265.5 K	5
Mile High United Way	\$232.1 K	6
Delta Dental Plan of Colorado Foundation	\$230.0 K	2
Colorado Trust	\$125.5 K	3
Caring for Colorado Foundation	\$108.7 K	3
Silicon Valley Community Foundation	\$100.0 K	1
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	\$100.0 K	1
Wallace H. Coulter Foundation	\$100.0 K	1
Next50	\$98.4 K	1
National Partnership for New Americans	\$62.0 K	1
Colorado Gives Foundation	\$57.4 K	5
Caring for Colorado Centennial Fund	\$50.0 K	2
AbbVie Foundation	\$50.0 K	2
American Online Giving Foundation	\$45.9 K	4
Jobs For The Future	\$34.0 K	1
Latino Community Foundation of Colorado	\$27.0 K	1
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center	\$25.8 K	1
AARP	\$25.0 K	1

Top 20 Funders in Denver Metro Area



Types of Institutions of Top 20 Funders in Denver Metro Area



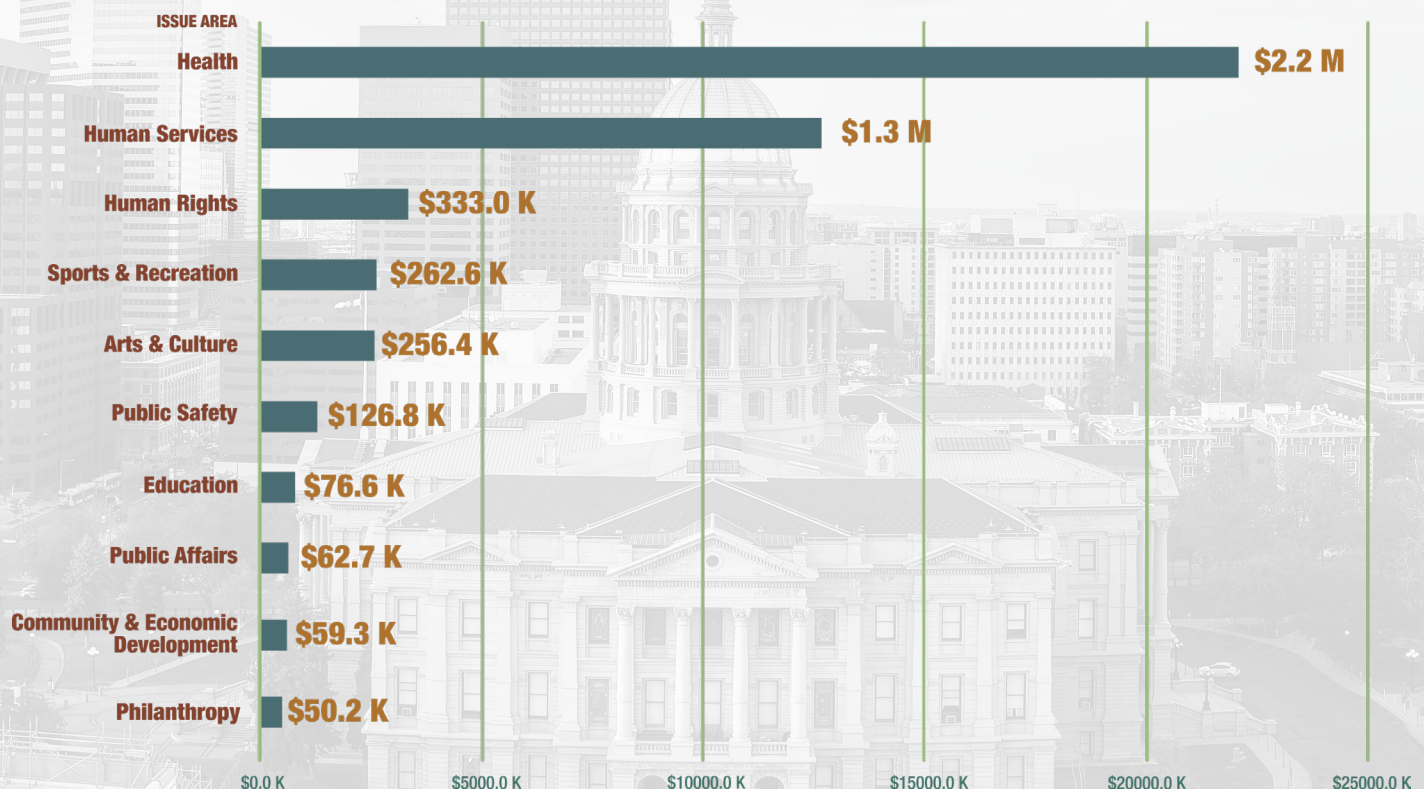
Type of Institution	TOTAL GRANTMAKING	PERCENTAGE OF REGIONAL FUNDING
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$450.0 K	10.2%
PRIVATE FOUNDATION	\$2.0 M	44.7%
PUBLIC CHARITY	\$428.9 K	9.7%
PUBLIC FOUNDATION	\$1.2 M	26.6%
OUTSIDE OF TOP 20 FUNDERS	\$387.5 K	8.8%

Grant dollars awarded by Top 20 Funders to the Denver Metro Area totaled \$4 million, or 91.2% of the region's funding between 2019 and 2023. Of these Top 20 funders, private foundations accounted for 44.7% of the region's funding, public foundations accounted for 26.6%, community foundations accounted for 10.2%, and public charities accounted for 9.7%. Funders outside of the Top 20 accounted for 8.8% of the region's funding, but were not categorized by funder type.

Funding by Issue Area in Denver Metro Area (2019-2023)

Nationally, philanthropic resources granted to AANHPI-serving organizations focused primarily on Human Rights, Human Services, and Community & Economic Development. In the Denver Metro Area, the top three issue areas were Health, Human Services, and Human Rights.

ISSUE AREA	Regional Funding Granted to AANHPI-serving Organizations	Percentage of Regional Funding	National Funding Granted to AANHPI-serving Organizations	Percentage of National Funding Granted to AANHPI-Serving Organizations
Health	\$2.2 M	49.9%	\$272.9 M	14.7%
Human Services	\$1.3 M	28.6%	\$471.1 M	25.4%
Human Rights	\$333.0 K	7.5%	\$544.6 M	29.4%
Sports & Recreation	\$262.6 K	5.9%	\$5.0 M	0.3%
Arts & Culture	\$256.4 K	5.8%	\$279.1 M	15.1%
Public Safety	\$126.8 K	2.9%	\$202.8 M	10.9%
Education	\$76.6 K	1.7%	\$191.7 M	10.3%
Public Affairs	\$62.7 K	1.4%	\$225.8 M	12.2%
Community & Economic Development	\$59.3 K	1.3%	\$363.6 M	19.6%
Philanthropy	\$50.2 K	1.1%	\$42.5 M	2.3%



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