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Kaiser Permanente Commits \$500,000 for Racial Equity in Colorado
Grant funding to organizations will help dismantle racist structures and practices that prevent communities of color from achieving good health

DENVER – Kaiser Permanente, the state’s largest integrated, nonprofit health system, has awarded \$500,000 to support 5 nonprofit and community-based organizations in Colorado whose programs address systemic racism and its accompanying trauma on individuals and communities of color. These grants are part of a \$25 million commitment Kaiser Permanente announced in June to promote health equity and break the cycle of racism-driven stresses that lead to poor health outcomes for its members and communities.

This set of grants support established community-based organizations led by people of color, addressing racial and social justice.

“As we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we are proud to announce our support for important, ongoing work of organizations in our state dedicated to advancing racial equity,” said Michael Ramseier, Kaiser Permanente regional president in Colorado. “We know there is still much to be done and Kaiser Permanente is committed to creating a better, more equitable future for our members and communities.”

The five Colorado-based organizations receiving an equal portion of the funding over the next two years include:

- [Shorter Community AME Church](#)
- [BIPOC Alliance of Larimer County](#)
- [Pikes Peak United Way](#)
- [Creative Strategies for Change](#)
- [Young Aspiring Americans for Social and Political Activism](#)

"In recent days, weeks, and months, the conversation about race and ending systemic racism has intensified in our state and nation. We are grateful to Kaiser Permanente for engaging not just in conversation but action, enabling us to help support and advance our work in a real and meaningful way," said Dr. Timothy Tyler, coordinator of Race Talk University at Shorter Community AME Church.

As part of this work, Kaiser Permanente will develop a formal evaluation plan for these grants, with input from a panel of national racial and social justice experts, to track and measure the initiative's overall impact.

These new grants are all part of Kaiser Permanente's community commitment to advance racial equality and end systemic racism. In 2020, Kaiser Permanente in Colorado provided \$190,000 to the Center for Community Wealth Building and the Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado to strengthen initiatives that support an inclusive local business ecosystem, increase access to quality jobs, and promote sustainable business practices through leadership development, training, and technical assistance.

To learn more about Kaiser Permanente's commitment to racial equality, please visit about.kp.org.

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