

Archway Communities

Organization Overview

Archway Communities is a nonprofit organization committed to providing affordable housing and supportive services to individuals and families in Colorado. With properties across the Denver metro area and Colorado Springs, Archway integrates housing with services like food security programs and social support to help residents achieve stability and self-sufficiency. Their innovative projects, such as converting former dormitories into affordable apartments, exemplify their dedication to addressing housing needs creatively.

Proposal Description

Archway Communities is requesting \$100,000 from Impact100 to implement a community garden at the Mosaic Community Campus, the site of Archway's newest affordable housing development. This shovel-ready project will transform the shared quad between four apartment buildings into a vibrant, inclusive space featuring 25 garden plots—including one reserved for youth participating in the on-site Kids Club program.

The Mosaic Campus serves 154 units for individuals and families earning 30–60% of the Area Median Income. Many residents face limited access to fresh, nutritious food, as well as social isolation and economic stress that can negatively impact physical and mental health. This community garden addresses

those challenges while fostering connection, resilience, and wellness among residents.

Gardening provides therapeutic, hands-on engagement with nature and promotes emotional well-being. The garden will serve as a welcoming environment for residents to grow food, build relationships, and learn new skills. Archway will partner with Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) to ensure the long-term success of the project. DUG will offer residents education in gardening techniques, sustainability practices, and leadership development.

In addition to growing produce, the garden will host community events such as harvest celebrations, cooking classes featuring garden-grown ingredients, and sustainability workshops. These programs will be coordinated by Archway's on-site Supportive Services Coordinator to ensure they are accessible, inclusive, and responsive to residents' interests.

This grant will enable Archway to create a thriving, resident-led community garden that strengthens social bonds, supports well-being, and enhances quality of life for all Mosaic Campus residents.