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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2026 Responsible Gaming Grants Awarded, Totaling \$3.7 million dollars

Lakewood - February 19, 2026 - Today the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission **awarded \$3,783,954.50 in 2026 Responsible Gaming Grants.**

This grant cycle marks the fourth round of Responsible Gaming Grants since the passage of House Bill 22-1402. Since 2023, the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission has awarded more than \$10 million in Responsible Gaming Grants.

“The Division of Gaming thanks the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission for approving these grants and commends the dedication of all the groups who received funding for their work on responsible gaming initiatives,” Division of Gaming Director Christopher Schroder said. **“The efforts of these grantees will help keep the entire industry healthy as it continues to provide Coloradans the option to game responsibly in Colorado.”**

The Responsible Gaming Grant program supports efforts to improve responsible gaming and problem gambling programs in Colorado, including those that address issues arising from increased gaming options. The program provides meaningful funding to encourage prevention, public awareness, treatment, recovery, data, and research on gambling addiction.

The program was established by House Bill 22-1402 to promote responsible gaming and address problem gaming in Colorado. This act enabled the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission to administer the annual grant program and award grants from the Responsible Gaming Grant Program Cash Fund to eligible applicants.

A full breakdown of the grants is available at the end of this news release. The 2026 grants are the fourth set of grants awarded, and a breakdown of previous grant

recipients is available on the Division of Gaming's website at <https://betSMART.colorado.gov/responsible-gaming-grants>

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

The Division of Gaming and the Colorado Lottery are teaming up during Problem Gambling Awareness Month, March 1-31. Throughout the month, these Department of Revenue divisions will highlight responsible gaming practices as well as resources available to help Coloradans Bet Smart and game responsibly.

These include [BetSmart.Colorado.gov](https://betSMART.Colorado.gov), which contains information about self-exclusion, helpful tips, and information. The Division of Gaming also maintains the self-exclusion list that allows players to exclude themselves from gaming, whether sports betting or at a casino.

Gambling problem? Call or text 1-800-GAMBLER.

2026 Grants Awarded

Organization	Project or Purpose	Amount Awarded
FREE Recovery Community	State of Colorado: Problem Gambling Awareness, Storytelling, and Community Engagement Initiative	\$ 437,250.00
Kindbridge Research Institute	Colorado Military Stigma Reduction Program: Stigma Stand Down	\$ 1,082,950.00
Kindbridge Research Institute	CO4 - Healthy Gaming Education Program - Phase 3	\$ 245,520.00
Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado	Problem Gambling Center Programs and Services	\$ 695,200.00
Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado	Connecting Coloradans to Problem Gambling Support Through Awareness and Education Marketing	\$ 495,000.00
Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado	Colorado Collegiate and Support Project- Phase 2	\$ 253,000.00

Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado	Therapist Certification Sustainability Grant- Phase 2	\$ 89,100.00
University of Denver/Butler Institute for Families	Development of a Group-Based Social Intervention to Support Responsible Gaming in Colorado	\$ 173,695.50
UNLV	The Causal Impact of Sports Betting Promotional Offers (phase 1)	\$ 312,239.00
Total awarded:		\$ 3,783,954.50