The Auto Club Group Foundation Final Report- 2026

Demographic Information

Name of Organization: Mile-High Regional Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (Mile-High RETAC)
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Final Project Information

Grant/Project Name: Mile-High RETAC Teen Driver Grant
Priority: Driver Education
Grant Amount: $10,000
Grant Amount Spent $10,000 plus $188.00 from Mile-High RETAC

Grant Recap

-The grant was awarded in January 2026.
-The Mile-High RETAC Save a Life Committee sent out flyers to local schools, churches and communities notifying every one of the scholarships available for teens.
-There were six members of the Save a Life Committee that reviewed the grants and provided scores. Applicants that scored 10 or more out of 15 received the scholarships.
-There were 25 applicants from ages 15 to 18.
- 20 letters of approval for the grant funds were sent to students. Three students did not contact a driving school.
-15 students completed the course or had scheduled classes to complete the course
-One student withdrew their application for various reasons.
-Students came from counties and cities and counties of Arapahoe, Adams, Aurora, Douglas and Denver.

Evaluation and Outcomes

The program and outcomes are evaluated by the number of applicants and the number that received scholarships. This was a highly successful project. 15 students received

driver education as part of the MHRETAC injury prevention program and this grant opportunity. Most of the students are from single parent households, and many were low income. A few were refugees or immigrants. Spanish is the primary language in many of these homes. Some students are experiencing unstable home environments. The students expressed the desire to help their household to make errands and not ask for a parent to take them to work and school. Many of these students have part-time jobs or are looking forward to obtaining one once they have a driver permits.

Testimonials

The following is a sample of the significant work accomplished through this grant.

- Thank you so much for this grant. It will help me get to my part-time job-Jazmiere
-Thank you for this opportunity to learn to drive safely. My mom is single with 4 kids so learning to drive will help our family- Audrey
-Thank you so much for this scholarship. I will be able to help my mother with her errands. It will help me be more independent and responsible-Mileena
-Thank you again for all that you do to make opportunities like this possible. With sincere appreciation- Crystal
-Thank you very much
-We appreciate all you do to help our teens in obtaining quality driver's education
-We are so thankful and grateful for the opportunity and thanks so much for your help-Lisa

Final Report Signature

By signing below, I hereby certify that all the information provided in this grant application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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