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**City of Lafayette Receives \$94,650 Walk and Wheel Grant from Kaiser Permanente Colorado**

**LAFAYETTE, Colo.**—The City of Lafayette now has an opportunity to design safer, healthier and more accessible ways for members of the community to travel around town by bike or on foot. Kaiser Permanente Colorado recently awarded the city a \$94,650 grant as part of the nonprofit health plan's Walk and Wheel grant program. The program was designed to engage Colorado communities in the creation of safe environments that foster access to a variety of healthy ways to commute.

With this grant, the City of Lafayette seeks to engage the community to identify needs, barriers and opportunities to enhance pedestrian and bike routes in the area. The grant will also help establish baseline metrics for bike and pedestrian traffic and support the creation and promotion of an active transportation map and way-finding signage to encourage use of the routes.

"The way we design our cities can have a huge impact on the health of our communities. By improving access to trails and paths through the Walk and Wheel program, we are taking a step in the right direction for making the healthy choice the easy choice," said Jandel Allen-Davis, MD, vice president of government and external relations for Kaiser Permanente Colorado.

"This grant provides the opportunity for Lafayette to set the stage to take a look at our existing infrastructure and make positive, beneficial impacts for residents to better access our community on bike or foot," said Monte Stevenson, Director of Parks, Open Space and Golf.

Activities will begin in late spring with data collection, surveys, and infrastructure audits. Community engagement sessions will be held this summer to assist in the vision process and gather input.

Kaiser Permanente currently serves more than 28,000 members in the Boulder/Lafayette area. The health plan operates primary care focused medical office buildings in Boulder, Longmont and a large-scale specialty center, Rock Creek Medical offices, adjacent to Good Samaritan Hospital in Lafayette.

For more information on Kaiser Permanente's community benefit work, please visit: [kp.org/communitybenefit](http://kp.org/communitybenefit)

### **About Kaiser Permanente Colorado**

Kaiser Permanente Colorado is the state's largest nonprofit health plan, proudly working to improve the lives and health of Colorado residents for 45 years. Kaiser Permanente Colorado provides comprehensive health care services to more than 565,000 members through 28 medical offices and a network of affiliated hospitals and physicians. Kaiser Permanente was recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) [as the top- ranked commercial health plan in Colorado and the fourth ranked Medicare plan in the nation](#). Kaiser Permanente was also recently recognized as a [2012 Hypertension Champion](#) by Million Hearts™. In 2013, Kaiser Permanente proudly directed more than \$96 million to community benefit programs to improve the health of all Coloradans. For more Kaiser Permanente news, visit [kp.org/share](http://kp.org/share) or follow us on Twitter [@kpcolorado](https://twitter.com/kpcolorado) or [facebook.com/kpcolorado](https://facebook.com/kpcolorado).

### **About the City of Lafayette**

Lafayette is a community of 25,000 located northwest of Denver in the southeast corner of Boulder County, 10 miles east of Boulder and 6.5 miles north of Broomfield. Lafayette's panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains inspires our view into the future. We value our heritage, our unique neighborhoods, a vibrant economy and active lifestyles. We envision a future that mixes small town livability with balanced growth and superior City services. Subscribe and stay up to date with news about the City of Lafayette at [www.cityoflafayette.com/Connect](http://www.cityoflafayette.com/Connect)

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