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Colorado researchers received record-breaking NIH funding for second year in a row

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A modern-day view of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

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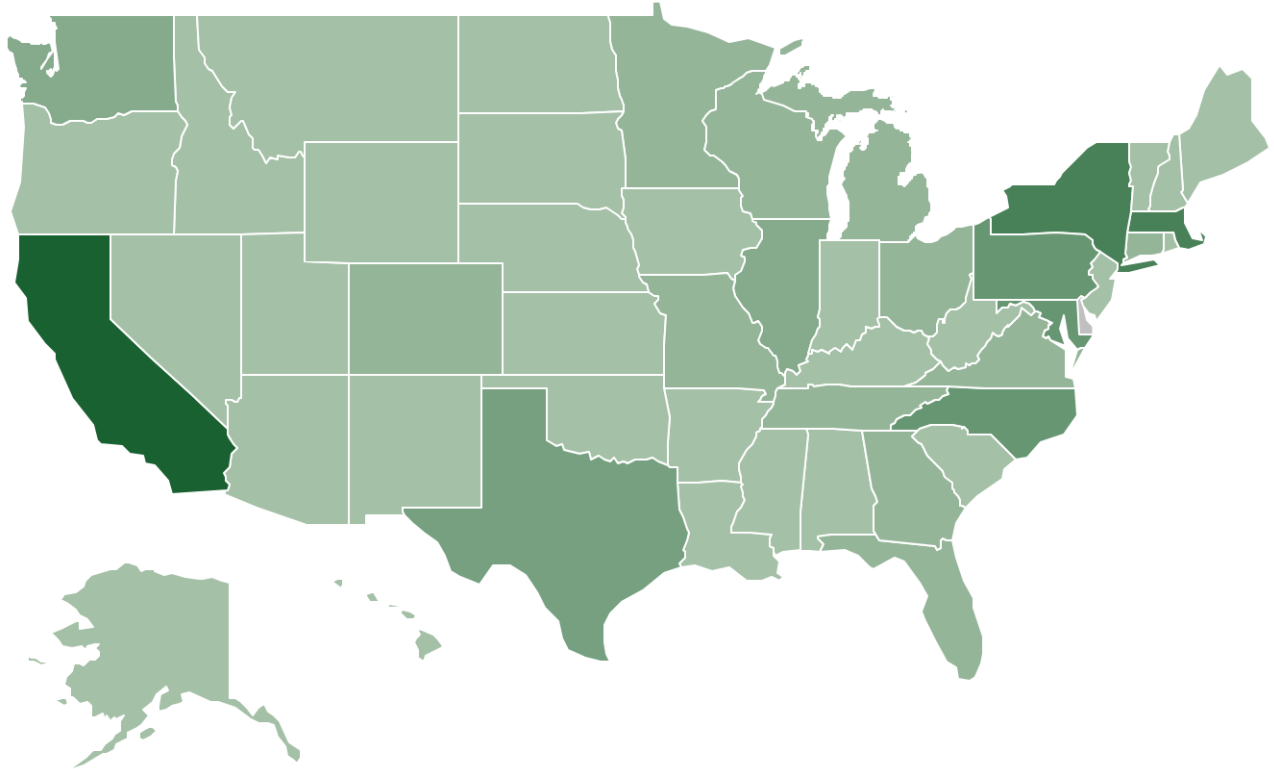
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Colorado-based researchers received more than \$525 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health last year, according to federal data.

That's over \$21 million more than Centennial State researchers received in 2021 from the NIH (the nation's medical research agency), breaking state records for the second year in a row.

Amongst the states, Colorado ranked No. 19 in terms of NIH funding in 2022, the same [placement it held in 2021](#).

Total 2022 NIH funding by state



Source: National Institutes of Health

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As in previous years, the University of Colorado Denver and the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus combined received the most NIH funding of any organization in Colorado – a total of \$324.25 million, nearly 62% of all funds distributed in the state during the NIH's last fiscal year, which ended on Sep. 30, 2022.

Grants awarded by the NIH funded 757 projects for the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus and University of Colorado Denver in 2022, including research on [treatment for opioid addiction](#) and the [potential benefits of cannabis use](#) for older adults.

The founding chair of the recently formed CU Department of Biomedical Informatics at CU Anschutz, Casey Greene, [received a \\$1 million grant](#) from the NIH in order to study ovarian tumors and potentially develop more personalized cancer therapies for patients.

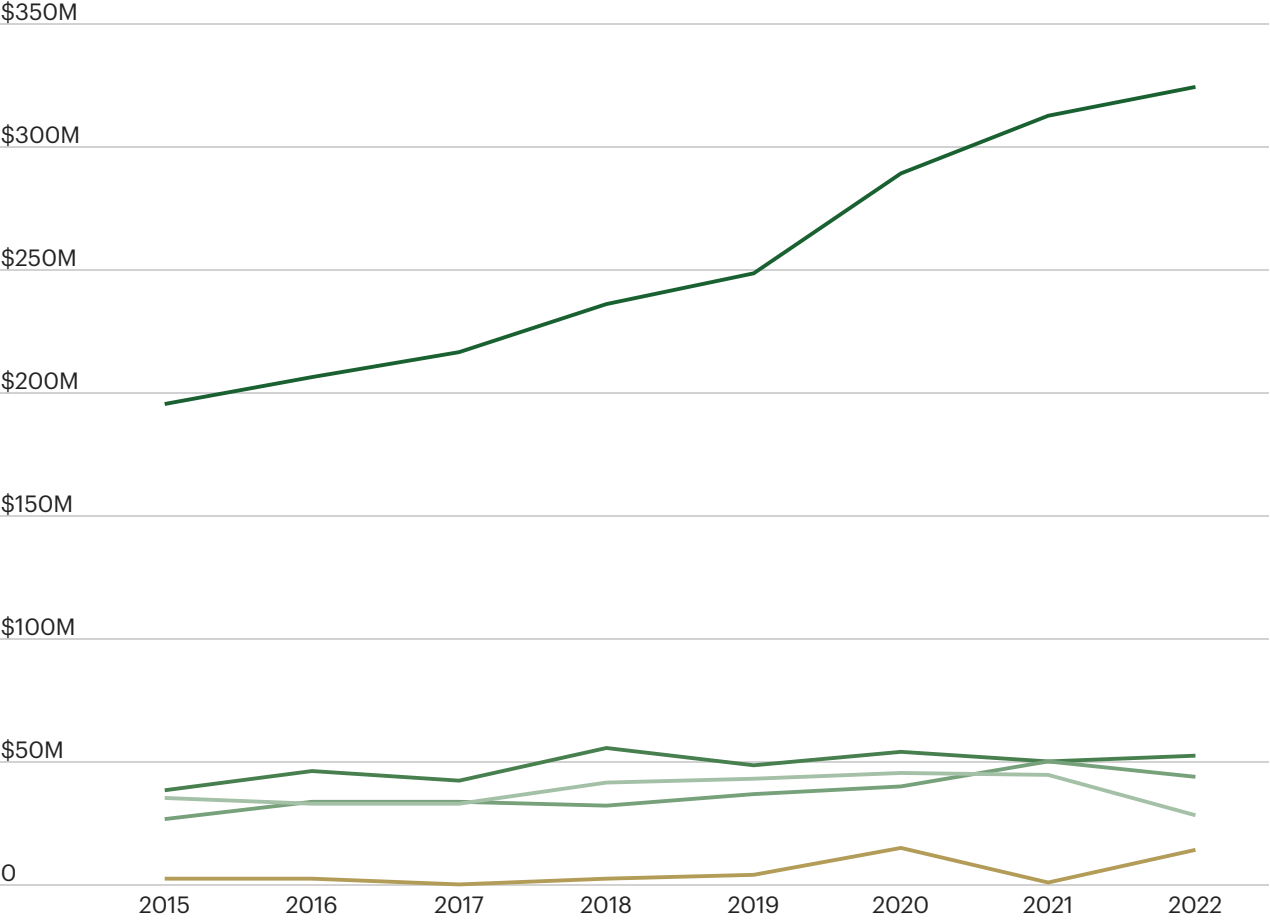
University of Colorado Boulder received \$52.41 million, the second-most NIH funding amongst Colorado organizations in 2022 and a small upgrade from the school's \$49.63 million worth of grants last year.

Colorado State University was No. 3 in the state, picking up a \$43.62 million. That amount represents a nearly \$7 million decline in NIH funds for CSU compared to 2021, when the Fort Collins-based university received \$49.92 million.

National Jewish Health maintained last year's No. 4 ranking amidst Colorado organizations, receiving \$28.15 million from the NIH in 2022.

Boulder-based biopharmaceutical company Crestone Inc., returning to the DBJ's NIH Funding Recipients List for the first time since 2020, was No. 5 in Colorado with \$14.11 million.

Top five Colorado organizations by NIH funds awarded



Source: National Institutes of Health

Another new addition? Palantir Technologies Inc. (NYSE: PLTR), co-founded by Peter Thiel and run by CEO Alex Karp, which received \$8.45 million in NIH funding in 2022.

That money will go toward software Palantir created that is supporting a platform used by The N3C Data Enclave, a partnership between 70-plus institutions to collect and centralize data about Covid-19 that is overseen by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.

More pandemic-related projects in the state came away from 2022 with NIH funding, too. According to DBJ research, the organization allocated over \$21 million to nearly 80 Colorado-based projects on subjects surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic and its longer-term consequences, including a study on long-term complications for those with diabetes post-covid infection being conducted by CU Denver.

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2023 Colorado NIH Funding Recipients

Total NIH funding awarded in FY 2022

Rank	Prior Rank	Business name
1	1	University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus
2	2	University of Colorado Boulder
3	3	Colorado State University

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