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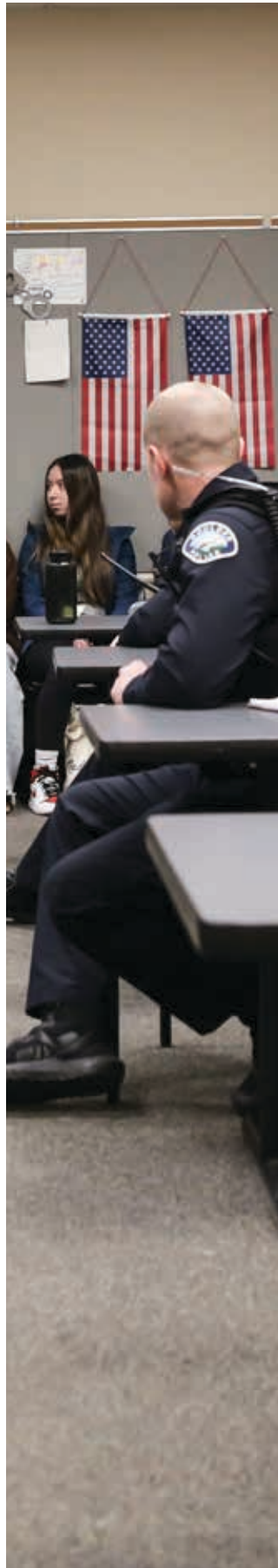
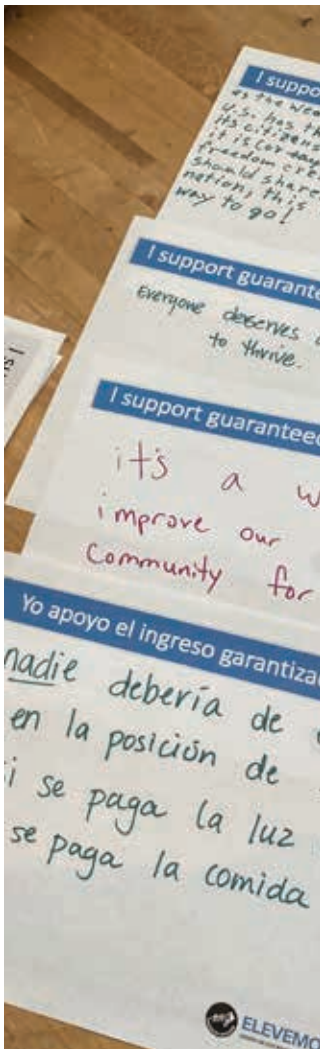
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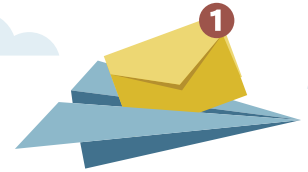
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Message from City Manager Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde



Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde
City Manager

As your city manager, I'm continually amazed by all the critically important and truly transformative work that is occurring across our organization and within our community. Boulder is blessed with a creative, diverse, collaborative, and solutions-oriented population that helps us take on tough issues.

As we approach the second half of 2024, I'll be looking to harness this unique blend of characteristics to think collectively about our financial future.

Later this summer, I will present a recommended 2025 budget to City Council, and while I am certain it will include funding for many great services and initiatives, it will be important for us all to understand that we simply cannot do everything. The word I keep using is "constrained."

There are many reasons for a measured approach. We are required both by charter and by our commitment to good stewardship to have a balanced budget. This means our spending can't be more than the amount of money we think we will collect. Unlike counties and other government entities that can leverage property tax collections and other revenue streams, the city's general budget is based almost entirely on sales and use taxes.

This source of important funding has been flattening. After experiencing double-digit growth in recent years, collections are leveling off. While we are not in fiscal crisis, we will have to make challenging decisions about what to prioritize, and if we want to add new initiatives, we'll have to stop some of the work we're currently doing.

Adding to the strain is the reality that pandemic-related federal funding, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act, will end in December. This revenue has been invaluable as we have worked together to address the stresses that COVID-19 placed on our community, especially for those with lower incomes and less ability to bounce back from disruptions.

While the additional money is running out, the need is still great. There's no shortage of innovative ideas to address the complex issues of our day, but new initiatives have budget implications, and put simply, we want more than we can truly afford.

City staff are aware of this challenge, and departments are working hard to identify efficiencies and cost savings while also consulting with community about the priorities that feel most important in the year ahead.



As with previous budgets, we're leaning into our Sustainability, Equity and Resilience Framework (bldr.fyi/ser-framework), which describes the goal areas and outcomes that drive our local government work. We're listening deeply, for a second year, to the wisdom of our community connectors about the needs in our historically excluded populations and are looking forward to the results of an online questionnaire that received more than 750 responses earlier this spring.

At the same time, your council members, at their recent retreat, identified the creation of a forward-looking long-term financial strategy as one of its 11 priority areas. We're evolving how we make budget decisions – as well as exploring equitable ways to generate new revenue or tap into funding available elsewhere to meet our community's expectations.

With any problem comes opportunity. By taking a cautious approach with our short-term spending and developing a well-thought-out plan for our future, I am confident we will navigate the conversations and decisions ahead. I encourage us to recognize that we are the strongest as a community when we come together, assume the best of intentions, lean into our shared values, understand the impacts of our choices, and unite, rather than divide, to achieve our desired outcomes. We're here to serve, Boulder, and we're listening.





Outdoor summer water safety

As the temperature heats up, what better way to cool down than a swim? If you are looking to take a dip in Boulder Creek or any of Boulder’s many natural water resources, keep in mind that swift water recreation can be a lot different than hanging out in a pool.

- Boulder Creek is not always ideal for swimming, tubing, kayaking or other activities. Check water conditions (including temperature, depth and current) before entering.
- Never swim alone.
- Wear a properly fitted personal floatation device at all times. In fast-moving water, wear a helmet and closed-toed shoes.
- Scout your route and look for potential hazards that may be in your path.
- Communicate. Let someone know you are recreating outdoors and when you’ll return, so they can check in on you.

“Please keep your safety top of mind when recreating in and near moving waters,” says Lt. Jeremy Felix, water rescue team lead with Boulder Fire-Rescue. “Understand the dangers associated with fast-moving water and how to keep yourself safe when recreating near or in swift water environments.”

Stay within your abilities: Recreating in Boulder Creek or any swift-moving water is not the same as swimming in a pool. From a fast water current to submerged logs and



rocks, creek recreation has more risks than pool recreation. We recommend swim lessons through Boulder Parks and Recreation (BPR) before getting into the water.

Boulder Fire-Rescue’s Community Risk Reduction Team has been working with BPR to develop additional creek signage to remind community members of the risks of recreating in the creek. Forthcoming signage will also provide more specific location information to creek users if they need to call 911 for a rescue.

“We have so much beautiful natural recreation in Boulder,” says Regina Elsner, BPR senior manager of natural resources. “The goal is to enjoy the spaces while recreating responsibly. We hope everyone has a great and safe day outside.”

Please call 911 if you need help or you see someone who needs help.

World’s Largest Swimming Lesson



June 20 at 9 a.m.



Spruce Pool

Join this global event that promotes the importance of water safety and get a free swim lesson. For more info, visit bldr.fyi/3TYwHyZ or scan the QR code here.

Maximum of 60 participants.



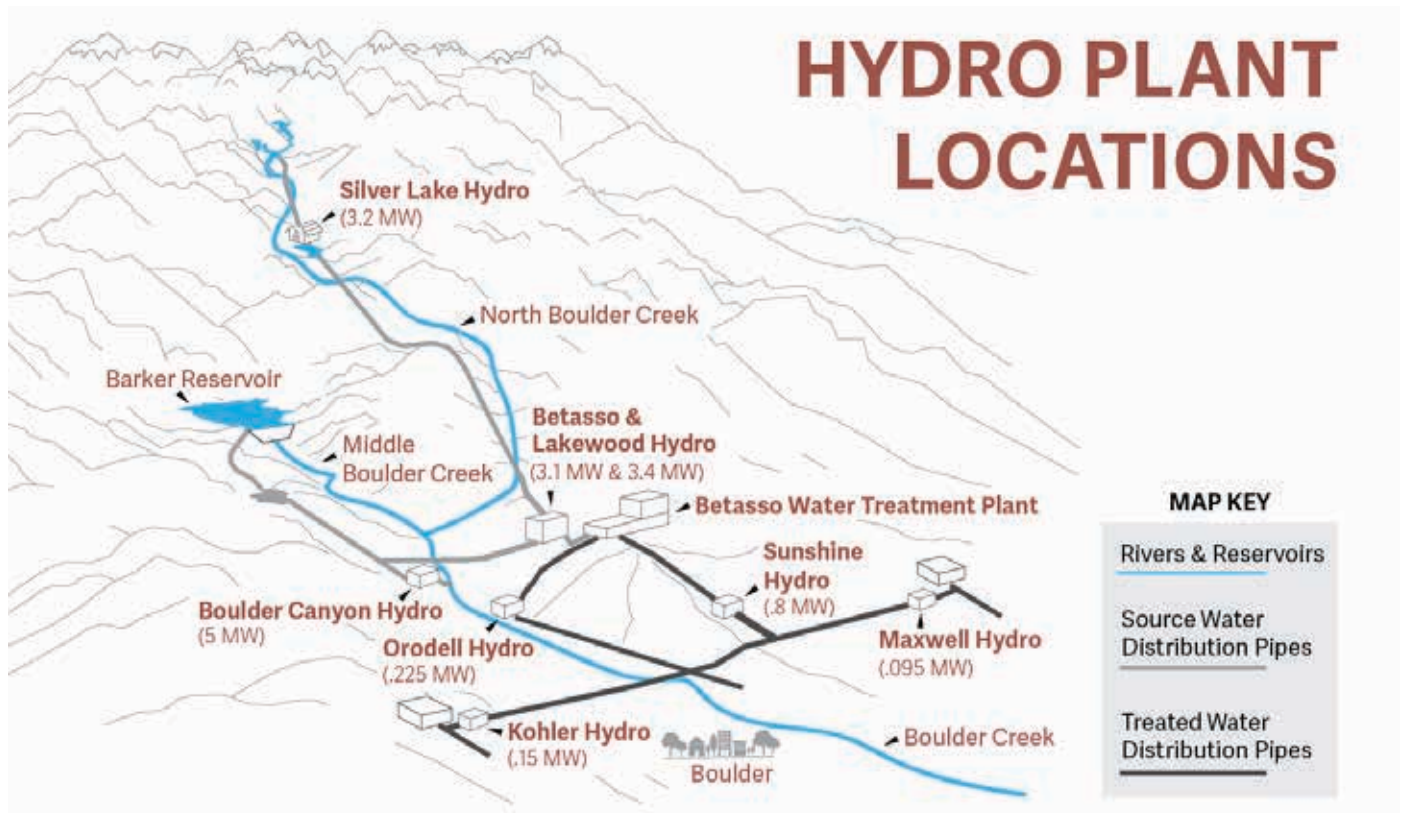
Powering Boulder with water

Saving money and the environment one drop at a time

Water flows all around us. With the power of our natural water system, we can all become less dependent on fossil fuels and help Boulder make strides in green energy production as part of our sustainability goals. Hydropower is efficient and 100% renewable.

Boulder's hydro plants are the legacy of a program that began in 1909, when the Boulder Canyon Hydro Plant opened. We now own and operate eight hydro plants, which are integrated into the municipal water system, typically producing enough energy to power 3,900 households.

Hydropower also saves our community money. In 2023, energy sold helped displace 15,000 tons of coal and bring in \$1,500,000. These funds are reinvested into the water utility, helping reduce rates for city water customers.



For a deep dive into Boulder's hydro plants and how we started powering our city with water, visit bldr.fyi/hydropower.



Be flood aware

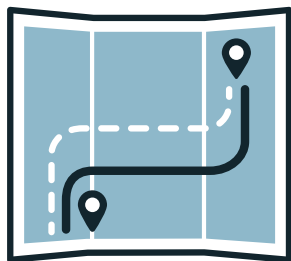


Boulder has a high risk of flash flooding due to its location at the mouth of several canyons and the number of people who live, work and recreate in the floodplain. Many neighborhoods throughout the city experience flooding during storms, and some are at a higher risk to extreme flooding because they are located near a major drainageway. The city encourages all community members to be aware of their flood risk and to take the necessary precautions to help protect life and property.

Tips to prepare and stay safe during a flood:

Sign up for free emergency alerts at [BoCog11Alert.com](https://www.bocog11alert.com). You can get alerts via home, work and cell phones, text messages and email. When a flood watch or warning is issued for your area, find more information by tuning to local news and visiting [boulderodm.gov](https://www.boulderodm.gov).

- Have a plan for what to do if there is a flood in your area.
- Prepare an emergency kit.
- Get flood insurance.



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Prepare an emergency kit.



Get flood insurance.

Learn what you need to know to be safe, resilient and protect your property at bldr.fyi/guide_to_flooding.

The City of Boulder works to keep our community safe from floods in a number of ways, including through flood mitigation. Flood mitigation helps reduce the impact of floods on lives, homes and businesses by enlarging natural channels to reduce flooding and move water away from people and properties. Check out the latest in the city's flood mitigation projects at bldr.fyi/floodmitroundup.

Building a safer tomorrow: Updates on Wonderland Creek Flood mitigation

The City of Boulder recently released a new floodplain map for Wonderland Creek, marking a milestone in its flood mitigation endeavors. The map, covering the stretch from Foothills Parkway to Winding Trail, reflects the city's ongoing efforts to enhance flood resilience and ensure community safety. The new map will be used to regulate the floodplain and determine federal flood insurance rates.

The updated map follows significant channel improvements completed in 2019 along Wonderland Creek. These improvements, part of a \$30 million project, aimed to contain 100-year floods and reduce flood risks to structures within the floodplain. Additionally, three new underpasses were constructed to provide safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists, highlighting the integration of nature-based design solutions.

Flood mitigation remains a crucial aspect of the city's efforts to protect lives, property and ecosystems. Guided by the Comprehensive Flood and Stormwater Master Plan, Boulder prioritizes flood mitigation projects that align with its climate goals and commitment to racial equity. The unveiling of the new floodplain map underscores the city's dedication to enhancing community safety and resilience.

To view the Floodplain information map and learn more about floodplains in the City of Boulder, visit: bouldercolorado.gov/maps-floodplains

View our Wonderland Creek Floodplain and Greenway Improvements video at bldr.fyi/wonderland-creek-video or scan the QR code here.



Fireworks and open burning

The City of Boulder reminds our community that fireworks and open burning are not allowed within city limits at any time, including Fourth of July weekend.

It is illegal in the city of Boulder to use or possess fireworks of any kind. In addition, there is no open burning allowed within the city limits of Boulder at any time. This permanent burn ban includes portable outdoor fire pits and burning piles, or bonfires of any size (or type) of flammable material.

To report a code violation with safety concerns, please call the City of Boulder non-emergency dispatch number at 303-441-3333. For emergencies, please call 911.

More info: bldr.fyi/open-burning



New open space trails to open this summer

City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) welcomes community members to enjoy new open space trails this summer. The new trails are one of many trail construction and maintenance projects OSMP is planning this year. Trail maintenance is another key departmental priority.

Before you head outdoors to enjoy Boulder's trails, and its diverse and sensitive natural areas, read these seven essential responsible recreation tips for visiting Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks at bldr.fyi/safe-hiking.

North Sky Trail

OSMP is nearing completion of the new 3.5-mile North Sky Trail, which will connect OSMP's Foothills Trail in north Boulder to the Joder Ranch Trail near U.S. Highway 36 and Neva Road. View a map of the North Sky Trail at bldr.fyi/north-sky-map. Completion is estimated for mid-July, weather permitting.

The North Sky Trail will be open to hikers, bicyclists and equestrians, and will provide visitors with an opportunity to bike, walk or ride from Boulder to Left Hand Canyon. Once the trail is constructed, visitors must:

- Remain on trail to protect rare plants and habitats in this area
- Leash their dogs when dogs are allowed on the trail from Aug. 1 to April 30. Dogs are not allowed on the trail from May 1 to July 31 to protect nesting bird habitat

Vesper Trail

In late June, OSMP anticipates completing a new 1.5-mile trail section on Gunbarrel



Photo: Paul Demosthenes

Hill near the intersection of 75th Street and Lookout Road. The new trail aims to support a variety of uses; protect bird nesting habitat; provide views of the Front Range and the Continental Divide; and allow the public to observe ground-nesting birds in the area including the vesper sparrow. View a map of the Vesper Trail at bldr.fyi/vesper-trail.

As part of this trail construction project, OSMP will close and restore undesignated trails, and seed grassland areas with native vegetation to improve habitat for ground-nesting birds and other wildlife species. The new Vesper Trail will be surfaced to minimize erosion and reduce muddy trail conditions. OSMP also will conduct major improvements, and repairs will be done on the East Boulder-Gunbarrel Trail and at community access points in the area.

Learn About Trail Closures

OSMP reminds community members to visit osmptrails.org to see current closures across the city's trail system. Visitors can also see closures through the Colorado Trail Explorer app, while more detailed closure information—including seasonal wildlife closures—is available at bldr.fyi/osmp-closures. Visitors can also receive updates on muddy trail closures by texting **OSMP** to **888-777**.



Arts in the Park '24

June 1st & 2nd *Boulder Ballet*

August 3rd *Boulder Opera*

July 4th *Boulder Symphony*

August 24th *Boulder Philharmonic*



Glen Huntington Bandshell, Boulder, CO

Presented by the City of Boulder

Poster by Jerod Barker



The Parks and Recreation department has short-term and long-term plans to serve the community today and in the future. Here are some projects in the works, with QR codes to learn more:

Civic Area Phase 2

At the heart of our downtown, we're rethinking urban park design for a strong connection to nature while cultivating recreation, community gathering, food and more. We launched this project earlier this year and talked with you about your "blue sky" ideas. Along with a site analysis to identify opportunities and challenges, your voice will inform its design.



Scan the QR code or visit:

bouldercolorado.gov/projects/civic-area-phase-2

Future of recreation centers

We're evaluating community needs to determine how our recreation centers can best serve the community today and for years to come. We will be talking with you later this year to learn what you would like to see, what's working well, and to understand any gaps in our recreation centers.



Scan the QR code or visit:

bouldercolorado.gov/projects/future-recreation-centers

Court system plan

Both tennis and pickleball are growing! We're finalizing a plan to help us better invest in existing courts and help us decide where we can build additional courts. We're also exploring our potential role in indoor tennis.

Scan the QR code or visit:

bouldercolorado.gov/projects/court-system-plan



New restaurant and renovated Pro Shop at Flatirons Golf Course

The Ironwood Bar and Grille and outdoor event lawn will open this summer at the golf course. We also have renovated the Pro Shop and parking lot to improve community members' experience at the golf course. We can't wait to see you out there for great food, views and connections.

Scan the QR code or visit:

bouldercolorado.gov/projects/flatirons-golf-course-facility-design



Future park on Violet Avenue

Located in a nine-acre site on Violet Avenue between Broadway and 19th Street, this location will become a unique neighborhood park that reflects neighbors' voices, who have identified the major values for the park's design. We're working with youth who live near the site to finalize a name for the park. We are very excited to co-create this park with our community.

Scan the QR code or visit:

bouldercolorado.gov/projects/new-park-violet



Get Parks and Rec texts

Get text updates when Boulder Parks and Recreation operations change.

Text the keyword or words that interest you most to **888-777** and we'll send you unplanned, operational updates.

BPRswim
BPRnow
BPRValmont
BPRReservoir





On a gray Friday in February, Chloe sat at a large meeting room table at the Penfield Tate II Municipal Building with eight other Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB) members and four Boulder police officers. The group had gathered for a meeting of the still fairly new Boulder Youth and Officers Working Group, which was created last fall to build relationships and improve trust between police and teens.

Chloe folded and unfolded her hands, her brown eyes thoughtful and curious, as she considered the officers sitting around the table with her. Even after six months of getting to know each other, the fluorescent lighting, office chairs and occasional on-duty police officer in a full uniform made Chloe a little uneasy. But she was starting to see the officers—Jill, Ross, Brian and Tyler—as people she could confide in. She took a deep breath and let them in: “I have a problem I want to ask you about.”

Chloe and her co-workers had been having an issue at a downtown Boulder shop with a man coming into the business and acting erratically. He’d yelled at employees, clogged up the sinks in the restroom and refused to leave when asked. Another time, he shouted a racial slur at her co-worker. Chloe’s manager had repeatedly asked this man to leave the business and not to return, but earlier today he came back. Chloe’s co-workers had to confront him again. Now, they were blowing up the group chat on her phone, talking about what happened and what options they had for handling it differently next time.

“When I’m closing up the shop by myself or with my other co-worker (who is a young college student), we don’t feel safe,” she said. “I just want the man to leave. But I can tell he’s probably having mental health issues, and I don’t want him to get arrested for that or go to jail or anything. I just want him to leave, and I want to feel safe closing up and going home ... I feel like calling 911 will just escalate things and get him in trouble, so I never do that.”

Chloe's question not only sparked an honest conversation about a relevant challenge she and other teens who work in retail were struggling to navigate, but it also provided a concrete example of the promise of problem-solving policing, as outlined in Boulder's recently approved [**Reimagine Policing Plan**](#).



Learn more about the Reimagine Policing Plan by visiting: [**bldr.fyi/reimagine-policing-guide**](https://bldr.fyi/reimagine-policing-guide)

The plan, unanimously passed by Boulder City Council in September 2023, commits the department to strengthening relationships and trust with the diverse communities it serves, and to working together to prevent crime and address problems that are impacting specific neighborhoods or populations. Reimagine Policing also envisions more holistic and collaborative consideration of solutions through partnerships with other city departments, community organizations and alternative response programs. The idea is that a more traditional role of enforcement should be a last resort.

The teens and officers who have participated in the working group together this past year, which was formed shortly after the Reimagine Policing Plan was passed, collectively defined their goals and the “norms” they would use during regular meetings. The group decided their purpose statement together: “to authentically show up and better understand one another to create trusting relationships, and to carry forward lessons learned to build trust in our community.”

Topics of discussion have included drug use in schools; what to do if a friend is making bad choices; preparedness for potential school shootings; the ways police and community relationships became increasingly strained after the death of George Floyd; perceptions about youth and police that are widely accepted by society (and sometimes not correct); and the pros and cons of Boulder Valley School District not having student resource officers.

YOAB members also visited the Boulder Police Department and took a tour of the building, including the dispatch center where 911 calls come in. They learned about the department's Special Weapons and Tactics protocols (SWAT) for acute public safety emergencies, and less-lethal uses of force like tasers and bean bag rounds, which can help prevent deadly force. The officers and young people also participated in social and team-building events together, like going to an escape room. (They made it out together and on time!)



These relationships have fostered genuine connections between the police department and Boulder's tYOAB teens.

"The first time we met with the police, we got to know each other by talking about a topic that mattered to us," YOAB member Josephine said. "While at first it was somewhat intimidating, I found my officer, and seemingly everyone else in the room, to be extremely open. As we continued our meetings and our relationship with the officers progressed, we formed a friendship where both parties genuinely care about the other."



While most of the meetings have been held in locations other than the police department, Josephine says the tour helped demystify what happens in an unfamiliar place.

"I learned how a police station functions, and about the different kinds of employees a police station needs," she said. "For youth who have never been inside of a police station, it's easy to make assumptions about what goes on inside, especially from TV or other media descriptions. In my mind, it was going to be a very action-filled place, mainly occupied with officers solving crimes or on active duty. In reality, it was a far more peaceful and safer place. [This] gave me more confidence in the safety and security operations. I also learned that calling the police in a circumstance where someone is overdosing or blacking out is not something to fear."

In response to the situation Chloe was experiencing at work, the officers reinforced that police in Boulder are here to help—and that not every call results in someone getting into trouble or going to jail.

Officer Jill Mahoney looked across the table at Chloe and nodded.

"That's a lot to manage, and I'm really sorry you and your co-workers have been dealing with this," Mahoney said, leaning forward and resting her elbows on the table. "I want to be sure that you and everyone in this room knows that if you call 911 or the non-emergency dispatch number for something like this, we're not going to pull up with police sirens blaring and bust into your shop with our guns out, shouting commands at people. That's what you see on TV, but it's not how real policing works in a situation like this, especially not in Boulder. Our goal is always de-escalation, reducing harm or potential harm, and ensuring everyone's safety."

Officer Brian Rech agreed: "In the case you describe, Chloe, we'd show up to support you and the store manager to resolve the conflict in the way you'd like it to be handled. If your goal is not to press charges against this man, and you just want us to make him leave, we would help make him leave. And honestly, we'd probably also stay with you and accompany you to your car to be sure you're doing OK and able to get home safely."

The conversation led to more information about various response options the city has for 911 calls that involve suspected mental health issues. Officers explained that the city has multiple

teams for different situations, including the Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT), where an officer and a social worker jointly respond to a situation. Another initiative, launched even more recently, is called CARE, where a paramedic and a social worker respond without an officer to address mental health needs. They also explained how the department's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) works. HOT officers establish and cultivate relationships with the unhoused community and serve individuals in need in non-enforcement ways.

While the relationship and trust-building has been positive, there is still significant work ahead for the police department and Boulder youth. The YOAB leaders hope their efforts will continue, with more officers and teens participating.

The Boulder Youth and Officers Working Group wrapped up its 2023-'24 work with a Teen Town Hall at the end of April and an open house at the Boulder Police Department in May. For the upcoming school year, ten Boulder police officers will join the working group—an increase from the four officers who participated in the initial concept. YOAB is also recruiting new youth members to fill vacancies left by its graduating seniors.

"I've realized policing is a complicated topic, but at the same time we can build good relationships with officers and learn about them as people," Chloe said. "And they can get to know us. I've really come to learn that the police department is part of our city government, and they are doing their job to keep the community safe."

The Boulder Youth and Officers Working Group is just one example of how the Boulder Police Department is putting its Reimagine Plan into action.

Here are a few additional examples:

- The department has implemented a community member satisfaction and feedback solution called PowerEngage. The program uses text messaging to offer notifications and a feedback survey option to community members who have interacted with Boulder police after a 911 call.
- Three dedicated LGBTQ+ liaisons have begun collaborating with citywide and Out Boulder staff to stay updated with community members who have concerns that are LGBTQ+ specific. They are also available as a resource for department and community members. They can be reached at: [**BDPDpridegroup@bouldercolorado.gov**](mailto:BDPDpridegroup@bouldercolorado.gov)
- The city has launched its Community Assistance Response and Engagement (CARE) team, which consists of behavioral health clinicians, case managers and paramedics, who respond to 911 and non-emergency line dispatch that do not present safety or serious medical concerns and may be more appropriate for health care and behavioral health professionals.
- Department leadership has been working with community partners to identify and respond innovatively to locations and areas that could benefit from the collaborative solutions-based approach outlined in the Reimagine Policing Plan.



Downtown projects

As downtown Boulder evolves with the city’s changing climate, economy and social infrastructure, the city is committed to investing in public spaces and initiatives to enhance the downtown experience.

Over the next five years, community members will have the opportunity to weigh in on the future of the Civic Area, Pearl Street Mall and other downtown places. There will also be opportunities to provide input on improved connections to and through downtown with projects like the Downtown Mobility Study, Andrews Arboretum and Social Streets. These efforts will preserve and shape downtown with a focus on sustainability, resilience, equitability and inclusivity – now and for future generations.

Learn and stay tuned for updates and engagement opportunities at: bldr.fyi/DowntownProjects




Downtown Project Update: Civic Area Phase 2

The Civic Area Phase 2 project is currently gathering community feedback. We’re in the process of designing this space, the civic heart of Boulder, as a key connection to the outdoors, a venue for community activities, and a safe and welcoming space for all.

Let us know how you feel about the Civic Area and what you envision for this space.

Learn more:
bouldercolorado.gov/projects/civic-area-phase-2

Share your thoughts:
beheardboulder.org/civic-area-phase-2

Beat the heat

Tips to save money and energy this summer

Summer means kids out of school, sunscreen during the day, picnics—and HEAT. 2023 was the hottest year on world record, and our summers are warmer than they used to be.

More heat, naturally, often means using more electricity to cool our homes.

Fortunately, you can stay comfortable in summer while also reducing your energy consumption and environmental impact.



6 tips to beat the heat with energy savings:



1. **Seal your home.** Check for drafts around windows and doors. The average home leaks about three times the amount of air it should, meaning the air that's been cooled or heated is slipping through the cracks—taking money and comfort with it. When your house is better sealed against temperature changes, it prevents cool air from escaping and hot air from seeping in, reducing the workload on your air conditioning system. This, in turn, makes it more comfortable for you and your family, and saves money on energy costs.



2. **Invest in a programmable thermostat.** Set it to higher temperatures when you're away or asleep, and lower it when you're home and need to stay cool. This ensures your home is only cooled when necessary, leading to significant energy savings.



3. **Have a heat pump? Set it and forget it.** Heat pumps work most efficiently if they don't have to make large adjustments. Set it for a comfortable temperature, and leave it at that temperature regardless of whether you are home. If you are going to be gone for a long period, set it warmer, but when you come back and want to start cooling again, just do it 1 to 2 degrees at a time.



4. **Stay current. Regular maintenance of your cooling system** is essential for efficiency. Replace air filters, clean coils and schedule annual maintenance checks. Consider upgrading to an energy-efficient model if your system is outdated.



5. **Minimize heat gain.** Keep blinds and curtains closed during the hottest parts of the day to block sunlight and reduce heat buildup. Choose cooking methods that generate less heat, such as grilling outdoors and using a microwave or induction stove.



6. **Take advantage of natural ventilation.** Open windows and doors during cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening, to let in fresh air and cool your home naturally. Use window or attic fans to help facilitate airflow and remove hot air from your living spaces.

In addition to these tips, take advantage of resources such as energy audits, solar incentives and community events focused on sustainability. By participating in these initiatives and adopting energy-efficient practices, Boulderites can stay cool during summer while minimizing their environmental impact and contributing to a greener future.

Visit these resources for more ways to save:

- The EnergySmart program is a great one-stop shop for energy efficiency improvement help. energysmartyes.com
- Xcel's Home Energy Squad can install weather stripping and sells discounted smart thermostats. bldr.fyi/home-energy-squad

Guide to summer events



► For more information about summer events in Boulder, visit bldr.fyi/summer-guide

June

Boulder County Farmers Market, Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

East Bookend at Boulder's Civic Area, 13th St.
Check out Boulder's premier producer-only farmers market, featuring more than 150 local vendors hosting the longest market season in Colorado.

Walk and Bike Month, June 1 – 30

Various locations
A month-long celebration of events promoting walking and biking in Boulder. Throughout June, Boulder community members of all ages and abilities are encouraged to walk, bike, and ride transit for daily trips. Register for Boulder's Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, June 26.

Summer of Discovery: Our Connected World, June through July

All ages reading programs and activities
A summer reading challenge with experiences for all ages. Get reading, attend a program and win prizes! Sign up online with Beanstack or come to any library location to get a log and track your reading minutes.

Arts in the Park, June through August
Glen Huntington Bandshell

The City of Boulder is proud to present a handful of signature performances each season. Join us this season for performances from the Boulder Ballet, Boulder Opera, Boulder Symphony, and Boulder Philharmonic.

Boulder Jewish Festival, June 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pearl Street Mall
Join the free one-day celebration of Jewish arts and culture at this year's Boulder Jewish Festival. The family-friendly event will feature live entertainment, fine art, food, community organizations and activities for all ages.

Flatiron Sounds Music Festival, Sunday, June 16, 1 to 7 p.m.

Chautauqua Park
Join the first annual Flatiron Sounds Music Festival! Held at scenic and historic Chautauqua Park, the festival will feature live music, food and drink, a homemade goods market and beer garden.

On the Rise: A Celebration of Past, Present and Future Boulder Music, Select Saturdays June through September

Join us on University Hill and in Boulder Junction this summer for a new live music concert series produced by Roots Music Project. Each event is free and aims to support local and regional musicians as well as our business community.

Boulder Pride Festival, Sunday, June 30, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boulder Central Park & Bandshell
Come celebrate Pride with your community! All are welcome at this free event featuring food trucks, 100+ vendors, youth activities, and entertainment throughout the day.

Bands on the Bricks Wednesdays, June 12 – July 31, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Pearl Street Mall
Enjoy performances from the best local musicians along the Front Range while dancing under the stars—a not-to-be-missed summer tradition with eight weeks of free concerts.

Concerts in the Parks, Mondays, June 10 through July 29, 7 p.m.

Various locations
The city's Parks and Recreation Department partners with Boulder Concert Band to provide music in the parks. The Boulder Concert Band is composed of volunteer musicians from Boulder and surrounding communities. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the parks with your family.

North Boulder Library Opening Party, Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate the grand opening of the new North Boulder (NoBo) Library with ice cream, music, and festive activities for all ages on Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit the library's website for additional details and join us in commemorating this historic moment in Boulder's history!

July

Pearl Street Arts Fest, July 19 - 21

1300 block of Pearl

From whimsical and modern sculptures to traditional watercolors, oils & more, Pearl Street Arts Fest is a beautiful outdoor gallery nestled in the heart of downtown Boulder on the renowned Pearl Street Mall.

August

Boulder Taco Fest, Aug. 10 – Aug. 11

Boulder Civic Area and Main Boulder Public Library lawn

The best tacos from top restaurants and food trucks, a curated list of craft breweries, tequila tasting, high-flying Luchadores, awesome live bands, and lots of free fun for the kiddos. Tickets required.

September

PLAY Boulder Foundation's Inaugural Golf Tournament, Friday, Sept. 13, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Flatirons Golf Course

Instead of racing ducks at Scott Carpenter pool, the PLAY Boulder Foundation invites you to play golf and raise funds to support their mission or supporting excellence in parks and recreation in our city. Teams and sponsorship opportunities coming soon.



Hill revitalization and summer event series



Join us on University Hill and in Boulder Junction this summer for a live music concert series, “On the Rise: A Celebration of Past, Present and Future Boulder Music,” produced by Roots Music Project. Each event is free, and aims to support local and regional musicians as well as our business community. The events are:

- Saturday, June 22, 5–10 p.m.**, 1221 Pennsylvania Ave. (the Hill events street)
- Saturday, July 27, 5–10 p.m.**, 1221 Pennsylvania Ave. (the Hill events street)
- Saturday, August 24, 4–10 p.m.**, 1221 Pennsylvania Ave. (the Hill events street)
- Saturday, Sept. 28, 5–9 p.m.**, 3175 Pearl Pkwy. (Depot Square Plaza in Boulder Junction)

In addition to the music series, many exciting revitalization efforts are happening on the Hill:

- The boutique Moxy Boulder Hotel is opening this summer, providing over 180 guest rooms in the heart of our city, along with the Moxy Bar and additional retail and restaurant space.
- Regulations for restaurants, brewpubs and taverns were expanded in November 2023 to allow for more flexible serving hours.
- Signage was installed throughout the district’s sidewalks and paths connecting

the Hill to downtown to better guide pedestrians and cyclists to nearby attractions.

- Work continues on the Limelight Hotel and Conference Center, which is projected to open in spring 2025.

There are many ways to get to the Hill, Boulder Junction and downtown Boulder this summer to enjoy shopping, dining, art and adventures. When you drive and park in our districts, your parking fees are reinvested to keep our community clean, vibrant and safe. The fun you have in our commercial areas helps expand sustainable transportation options; keeps our districts looking great; and invests in arts, special events and the enjoyment of city life, with programs like the above-mentioned collaboration with Roots Music Project.

When parking downtown, remember that City of Boulder garages have gone gateless. Register your vehicle by visiting app. metropolis.io on any web-enabled device. You only have to register your vehicle once. After that, simply drive in and out of any City of Boulder downtown garage, and payment will automatically be charged. Registration is not necessary to park on weekends and holidays, when parking is free.

A community walks

Coming together with the simple act of walking

With a mountain backdrop all around us, finding a way to connect with friends and neighbors across town can be as simple as slipping on a pair of comfy shoes and going for a walk.

The city's Boulder Walks program celebrates walking; highlights historic and cultural resources; and emphasizes the health and community benefits of walking. Through Boulder Walks, neighbors take strolls together all across town, connecting with one another and with where they live.

“As an older adult and relatively new to Boulder, walking and hiking changed my life, offering me so much joy,” says Jane, a community walk leader. “My health and stamina improved. My attitude and outlook received an adjustment in these stressful societal days. I have a network of friends with whom I walk and talk.”

Volunteers are the backbone of Boulder Walks. Jane takes to the street every month to lead group walks for older adults centered around healthy movement and connecting with one another.



“It’s witnessing the camaraderie that happens organically every time we head out that is so fulfilling.”
—Jane, Boulder Walks volunteer

“Being a conduit allowing older adults to walk together and connect with themselves, one another, nature and the community is what I like most about volunteering,” Jane says.

As we step into summer, take a walk with Boulder Walks on their next adventure, or consider starting your own community walking group!

Walk with community

Visit bouldercolorado.gov/boulderwalks for monthly Boulder Walks events, self-guided walking maps for all ages and abilities, and more.

For even more walking, biking and rolling events this summer, visit:

walkandbikemonth.org

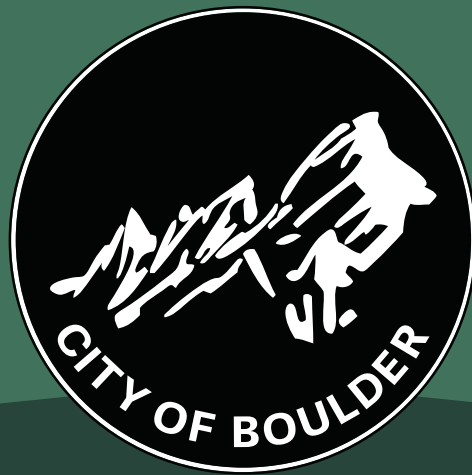
Volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to make friends, explore Boulder, and find meaningful work to make a difference in your community. There’s something for everyone — Boulder volunteers have helped rebuild trails after the 2013 floods, served as victim advocates, and more.

Volunteer at bouldercolorado.gov/volunteer



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View our current openings at:
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**PLAY here
WORK here
GROW here**



City of Boulder
Parks & Recreation

A young woman with brown hair, wearing a dark blue t-shirt and a red lanyard, stands in an indoor swimming pool. She is holding a red life preserver with the word "GUARD" printed on it. The life preserver also features the "AQUA MENTOR" logo. She is also holding a dark blue sign with white text and a QR code. The background shows a swimming pool with lane markers, a yellow slide, and purple and white pennant banners.

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Boulder listens

Young people share their feedback about unmet needs and priorities

The post-pandemic world looks different for all of us, but perhaps even more so for Boulder's young people. They have endured isolation, stress and rapid change during some their most important developmental years.

Since a project kickoff in April 2023, city staff and partner organizations, led by Growing Up Boulder, have received valuable youth perspective about what they need most. We've heard from them about the insecurity that comes from struggling to meet basic needs like housing, food and access to healthcare, as well as their painful experiences around psychological and physical safety.

Results from these conversations will be shared over the next few months. The feedback will then be used to create a Youth Action Plan—and hopefully also lead to Boulder earning the UNICEF designation of a Child Friendly City.

A Youth Action Plan is a fundamental part of the UNICEF-designed framework that seeks to bring local governments together with communities to prioritize the needs of children and elevate their voices in local governance.

In 2023, Boulder was accepted as one of several cities in the U.S. to work within UNICEF's model. In Boulder, this work has been co-designed with young people, including historically underrepresented children and youth. While in many ways we are already doing this important work through the city's Youth Advisory Opportunities Board and Growing Up Boulder programming, this initiative has helped inventory the existing ways the

city supports children and teens, but also identified gaps in their well-being.

Together with partner organizations, including nonprofits Mayamotion Healing, Out Boulder County, Family Learning Center and El Centro Amistad, we have been facilitating community conversations within five priority areas: safety and inclusion; children's participation; equitable social services; safe living environments; and play and leisure. These conversations have come about through art projects; voting; open dialogue; classroom lessons for ages 6-18; parents/caretakers/elders; and service providers.

We are incredibly grateful for the engagement and collaboration so far with our city's departments, the Youth Opportunities Advisory Board, community partners and community members throughout this process. Together, we are building a city that prioritizes the well-being and happiness of our children.

Stay tuned for updates as we work towards our goal of becoming a Child Friendly City!

For more information about this project and what we are learning, visit **bldr.fyi/cfci** or scan the QR code here.



Safe and managed public spaces

Boulder's Safe and Managed Public Spaces (SAMPS) team ensures that public spaces are safe and welcoming for all, including people experiencing homelessness. Anyone who is following the usage rules of public spaces, regardless of housing status, is welcome to use the space. The team mitigates the impact of camping in floodways, drainageways and high-hazard zones, and addresses hazardous materials and conditions in public parks, playgrounds and other publicly owned lands.

Since October 2021, an interdepartmental staff team has safely and compassionately addressed camping in public spaces. The three-step process includes inspection, notification and cleanup. In the first step, the team investigates reports of encampments submitted through Inquire Boulder and prioritizes cleanups using a framework that considers life safety risk; proximity to schools and residences; biohazards; and fire ignition sources, among other criteria. This approach also increases effective and equitable decision-making regarding public spaces, and allows the city to verify and validate its levels of service. Using these investigative steps, the team then notifies and cleans up sites. The team also responds to more immediate hazards, such as obstruction of multiuse paths and underpasses. The goal is that by the end of the abatement process, individuals at the encampments are connected to services, and the space is safe and welcoming.

Safe Zones 4 Kids: School sidewalks and multiuse paths

In fall 2023, Boulder voters approved the Safe Zones for Kids ballot initiative, which prioritizes removal of prohibited items on city property within a radius of 500 feet from a school property line, or within 50 feet on both sides of any multiuse path or sidewalk. The initiative was promoted by community members with concerns about encampments and related unwanted behaviors, such as open fires, occurring near and on the way to schools. The SAMPS team is operating under this new guidance. Additional signage may also be influencing the reduction in camping around schools and paths, particularly in the Boulder High School corridor. The team will continue to monitor this area as well as evaluate other places where schools and multiuse paths are subject to the ordinance.



Data-driven

A SAMPS dashboard has been created to give a holistic view of the SAMPS program and the interconnection among the various efforts related to homelessness and public spaces. The dashboard explains how the city receives encampment reports through Inquire Boulder and how SAMPS subsequently addresses them. This dashboard complements the data tracking dashboard, which provides weekly and historical statistics about in-progress cleanups.



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Our vision for a sustainable future includes more micromobility options like e-scooters and e-bikes.

Learn how to use them, and be good to our planet and good to your neighbors.

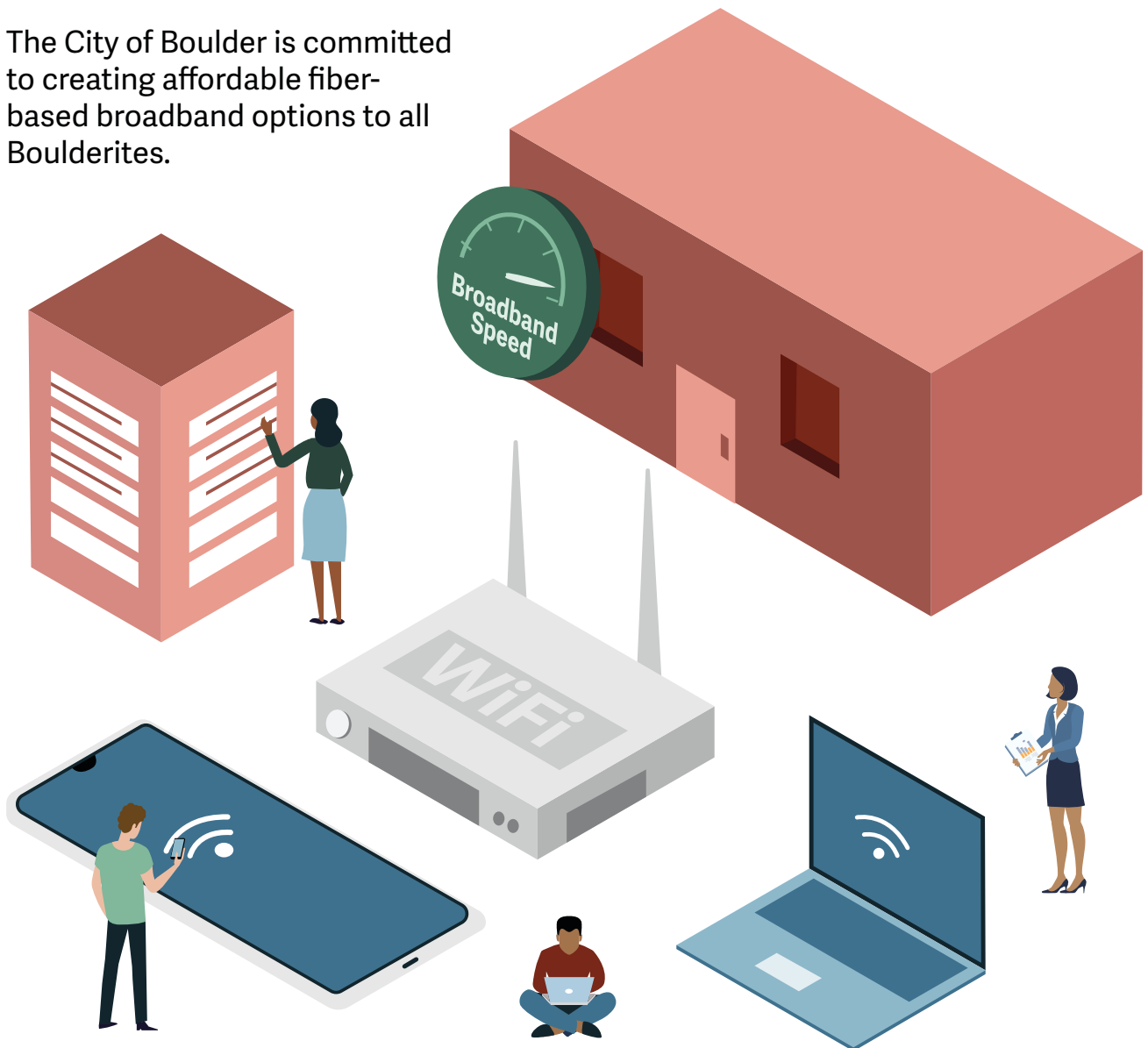
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BoulderColorado.gov/ShareThePath

Community broadband connectivity

The City of Boulder is committed to creating affordable fiber-based broadband options to all Boulderites.



Learn more at bldr.fyi/broadband or by scanning the QR code here.



Commemorating tragedy with art: Los Seis de Boulder memorial sculptures

Fifty years ago in May 1974, six University of Colorado–Boulder students, alumni and students from other campuses who were active in the Chicano Student Movement were killed in two separate car bombings less than 48 hours apart. The first bomb went off in Chautauqua Park on May 27. On May 29, a second bomb exploded in a parking lot at 28th and Canyon. Una Jaakola, Reyes Martínez, Neva Romero, Francisco Dougherty, Heriberto Terán and Florencio Granado tragically lost their lives. Antonio Alcantar was severely injured in the second bombing. The activists came to be known as Los Seis de Boulder, or The Boulder Six. Their deaths remain unsolved.

At the time of the bombings, students in UMAS (United Mexican American Students) were occupying Temporary Building 1 on CU’s campus to demand continued financial aid and educational opportunity programs for Mexican-American students.

Jasmine Baetz, an artist who received her MFA from CU, learned about Los Seis de Boulder while attending the university in 2017. “After learning about the tragedy, I thought about how histories of racial violence are suppressed in public spaces, and how the absence of historical markers upholds white supremacy,” Baetz said. “I wanted to help mark the sites of activism and struggle with community-created sculptures.”

In 2019, Baetz and hundreds of other participants created a memorial sculpture that was installed at CU in front of Temporary Building 1, depicting the six activists who were killed in the bombings. “There was a lot of organizing and advocacy from student, grassroots and institutional organizations to make the installation permanent,” Baetz said.

A second memorial sculpture, “El Movimiento Sigue” (The Movement Continues), was installed this May at the corner of 17th and Pearl streets. The sculpture has three sides: One side is a raised fist (referencing Black Power, Chicano Power, and as a symbol of solidarity and protest); another side is a detailed inscription honoring Los Seis and the other symbols of

resistance that mimic the call and response that you might hear at a rally; and the third panel is a composition based on photographs by Juan Espinosa of Chicanx and Black students at a protest at CU in 1972. “The memorial speaks to multigenerational and coalitional efforts to fight against oppressive systems,” Baetz added, “and fight for education and transformation.”

It was important to Baetz to involve the community in the construction process of both sculptures. “I worked with a team of students to host community making days, and we invited people to come into the studio to be in community, share stories, and make and lay ceramic tiles,” Baetz said. “Creating a collective work authored by the community was essential to telling this story.”

Art can be used as a method of healing from and acknowledging tragedy in a community. “Memorial spaces can serve as places for contemplation, reflection and recognition,” Baetz said. “They can also be activated as meeting points for rallies and sites of protest. A static object in place without the presence of people doesn’t hold the meaning we desire; it is through the activation of the built environment that sculptures are given meaning and power.”

To learn more about the City of Boulder’s public art program and its collection, please visit bouldercolorado.gov/guide/public-art.

Food Tax Rebate application period closes June 30

Submit your application for the annual Food Tax Rebate Program by Sunday, June 30. Each year, the City of Boulder provides rebates to help lessen the financial burden on lower-income community members for the city sales tax they pay on food. The program aims to expand financial support to help enhance economic stability in our community. This year, rebates will be \$104 for individuals and \$318 for families.



Learn more about eligibility and apply at:
boulderfoodtaxrebate.com.

Helping older adults thrive and stay connected

Throughout the year, the city's Older Adult Services (OAS) team empowers older adults to age well through community connection, learning and play.

OAS is committed to supporting an age-friendly community through their work on anti-ageism, Lifelong Boulder, mitigating social isolation and encouraging community engagement.

Learn more about Older Adult Services at bldr.fyi/OAS.



Program and service topics include:

- **Case management:** Case managers assist City of Boulder residents 60 and over and their caregivers with referrals to community resources; counseling on available services; and short-term case management. Call our helpline at 303-441-4388.
- **Health and wellness:** A variety of classes that offer information about health and well-being.
- **Lifelong Learning:** An offering of various classes focused on technology and creative pursuits.
- **Special interest groups:** Topics include games, writing, books, photography, biking and table tennis.
- **Support groups:** Groups are available for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia.
- **Day Trips and Meet-ups:** See the current Program Guide.

View the Let's Age Well Program Guide at bldr.fyi/age-well-guide to find the latest programs and details on registering. Information is also available by calling 303-441-3148.

Additional Resources:

- **Meals on Wheels Eat Well Café:** Enjoy lunch for only \$7.99 plus tax.
 - Located at 909 Arapahoe Avenue inside the West Age Well Center.
 - Open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Financial assistance:** OAS distributes financial assistance for basic needs; eye exams and glasses; and occasionally provides program scholarships. To learn more, call 303-441-4388.

Thank you volunteers!

Thank you for your service to the City of Boulder! In 2023 we had **4,239 volunteers** who contributed a total of **58,120 hours of service** for a **total value of nearly \$2 million**.

You make the Boulder community a fantastic place to live, work and adventure.

We are currently seeking volunteers for:

- Natural Land Outreach
- Mediators and Restorative Justice Facilitators
- Older Adult Program Leaders
- and so much more!



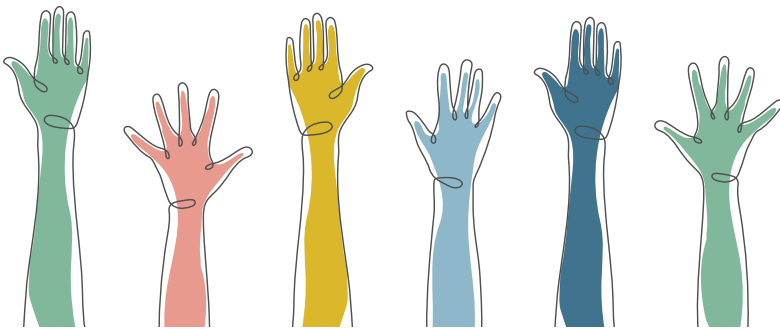
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Learn about ways you can get involved in your city at bouldercolorado.gov/volunteer or scan the QR code here.



Sign up for open space muddy trail closure updates:

Text **"OSMP"** to **888-777** to sign up for text updates about muddy trail closures.



Growing green: Introducing Boulder's Community Forestry Corps

The community is getting to work this summer in our urban forests with the launch of the Community Forestry Corps (CFC). Collaborating with Boulder County and community partners including the Play Boulder Foundation, Tree Trust, Classrooms for Climate Action and Eco-Cycle, the CFC is a collective effort to harness the energy, passion and creativity of young people in the climate crisis.

Urban forests play a critical role in mitigating climate change. A warming world can have serious health effects. One of the ways to manage hot days is through the expansion and protection of trees in our city. However, planting and maintaining thousands of additional trees comes with challenges. Newly planted trees require diligent care, especially during the delicate sapling phase, where regular watering is essential for survival.

Enter the Community Forestry Corps. This innovative program addresses the immediate need for tree care while engaging youth in meaningful work that contributes to our community. Inspired by the ethos of youth paper routes of the past, the CFC creates summer watering routes for newly planted trees. Participants will be planting and caring for trees in Boulder, Louisville and Lafayette with support and funding provided by the City of Boulder and Boulder County.

“By expanding and protecting our urban forests, we can help shelter our community from the intensifying heat extremes we will face as a result of climate change,” said Brett KenCairn, who is on the city’s nature-based climate solutions team. “This effort would not be possible without a broad collaboration across the public sector, community-



based organizations, local businesses and community members.”

As part of the CFC, youth participants will gather heat data using sensors, bicycle-based monitoring tools and other instruments. The data collected by CFC members will inform both community education and ongoing efforts to address climate risks through nature-based solutions.

The program will include a curriculum developed by the Play Boulder Foundation, Tree Trust and Classrooms for Climate Action, encompassing a range of skill-building activities such as public speaking and data management, preparing participants for careers in nature-based climate solutions. CFC will also prioritize equity and justice, targeting historically underserved communities and addressing longstanding inequities.

Looking ahead, the CFC envisions a long-term commitment to community involvement and action in support of nature-based climate solutions. As the program takes root, it promises to enhance the resilience of our urban landscapes and inspire a generation of environmental stewards dedicated to safeguarding our shared future.

Exploring regional minimum wage



The Cities of Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville and the Town of Erie are collectively exploring a potential increase to the local minimum wage in their respective communities, as allowed by state law.

From February through April, a number of virtual and in-person engagement opportunities, with English and Spanish options, took place to learn how much people are paid; how they feel about raising the minimum wage; and any positive and negative impacts that could be felt by individuals, businesses and the community. People were also invited to respond to the online questionnaire.

Later this summer, each council/trustee body will be presented with feedback from



community engagement, as well as the findings of the third-party economic analysis, as they consider if and how to increase the minimum wage.

If municipalities move forward, a new minimum wage will become effective on Jan. 1, 2025.

For more information, visit: bldr.fyi/minimum-wage



What's Up Boulder?

Let's shape our future together!

- Chat with city staff about current and future projects and plans •
- Free entertainment and activities • Free food •



East Boulder Park between the soccer field and East Age Well community center



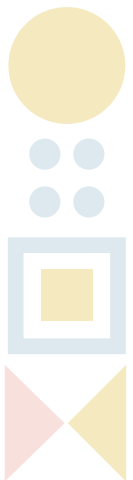
Saturday, Sept. 7



1-4 p.m.

For more information, visit:

bldr.fyi/whats-up-bldr



Meeting community needs through direct cash assistance

The City of Boulder aims to support financial security, economic opportunity and social mobility for all its community members. This goal is particularly important for the estimated one in four Boulder households without enough income to meet the high cost of basic needs like rent, utilities, food and child care.

One of the most effective ways to increase community members' financial stability is to give cash directly to those who need it most. Direct-cash assistance is a growing trend nationally and has already proven transformative.

The city has provided more than \$3.3 million to support three direct-cash assistance programs. Learn more at bldr.fyi/direct-cash.

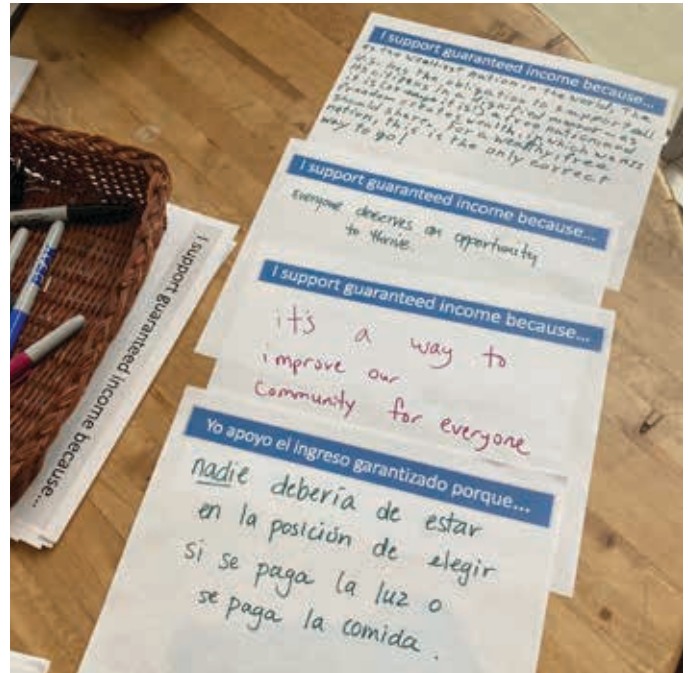
Left Behind Workers Fund

The Left Behind Workers Fund is a collaboration among community-based organizations, philanthropists and the public sector that helps workers without documentation access cash grants and rental assistance as quickly as possible in times of need.

The city's investment of \$200,000 to support the Left Behind Workers Fund provided direct cash payments of \$1,000 to 66 low-income workers in Boulder for whom unemployment benefits or COVID-19 stimulus payments were not available.

Elevate Boulder

Elevate Boulder is the city's guaranteed income pilot project that will provide 200



low-income Boulder households with \$500 per month for two years to spend as they choose.

The city has allocated \$3 million to support Elevate Boulder, and participants began receiving direct cash payments in January. Learn more about Elevate Boulder at bldr.fyi/elevate-boulder.

Thriving Providers Project

In the wake of COVID-19, many Boulder families have struggled to secure affordable child care. The Thriving Providers Project is supporting 20 of Boulder's Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers, at \$500 per month for 18 months through a \$238,000 investment. The program will benefit low-income FFN providers who provide critical child care services in their homes to lower-income households.

Know your utility

WHERE DOES UTILITY BILLING MONEY GO?



**Water
Utility**



**Wastewater
Utility**



**Stormwater & Flood
Management Utility**

We all pay our utility bills, but do you know where that money goes?

Revenue from utility bills funds the operation of a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure system, including projects to preserve and sustain the quality of life in Boulder. Utilities are key to the safety and health of the Boulder community. City Council reviews utility rates annually to ensure the city can support the increasing costs to provide clean drinking water, keep our treatment plants running, maintain and improve aging pipes, reservoirs, and other infrastructure, and establish or improve storm and flood channels.

The three utilities our water customers pay into are the **Water Utility**, **Wastewater Utility** and the **Stormwater and Flood Management Utility**. The Water Utility covers drinking water, water quality and water infrastructure such as the Barker Gravity Pipeline, originally built in 1910, which delivers about one third of the city's source water. The Wastewater Utility manages the city's sanitary sewer lines, many of which date back to the early 1900s. Maintaining and rehabilitating these lines, along with running the wastewater treatment plant and programs like Industrial Pretreatment are key components to keeping the city safe and healthy. Lastly, the Stormwater and Flood Management Utility focuses on keeping people, property and the environment safe during both routine and major storms.

Does the funding for these projects come solely from utility billing?

All three utilities bill for the services provided and are not-for-profit. Although utility rates are the main source of funding, other revenue sources include plant investment fees, bond proceeds, grants and earned interest on reserves. The city utilizes municipal bonds to finance large infrastructure improvement projects to avoid large rate spikes. In December 2023, the city maintained a bond rating from the Standards & Poor's rating agency of AAA. This is the highest rating for municipal bonds and provides a third-party perspective that the city's utilities are managed responsibly. Learn more about how the city responsibly manages utility funding at bldr.fyi/44aiF1H.

Using data and mapping to advance racial equity

“You can’t improve what you don’t measure.”

It’s an old saying, but it still rings true in much of the City of Boulder’s work—especially our efforts to advance racial equity.

The city adopted its first-ever Racial Equity Plan in 2021. The plan emphasizes the importance of collecting and analyzing meaningful data so that we can measure our progress. As a first step, the city has been working to develop sources of data. These data sources help the city bring an equity focus to all our decisions.

Equity Index Map: Where can city investment make the biggest difference?

One of the newest tools is a Racial Equity Index Map. The map helps city staff assess equity from a geographic perspective.

The equity index map captures race, ethnicity and socioeconomic data in a geographic format. Areas with larger Black, Indigenous, and People of Color populations and those with lower median income rank higher on the map.

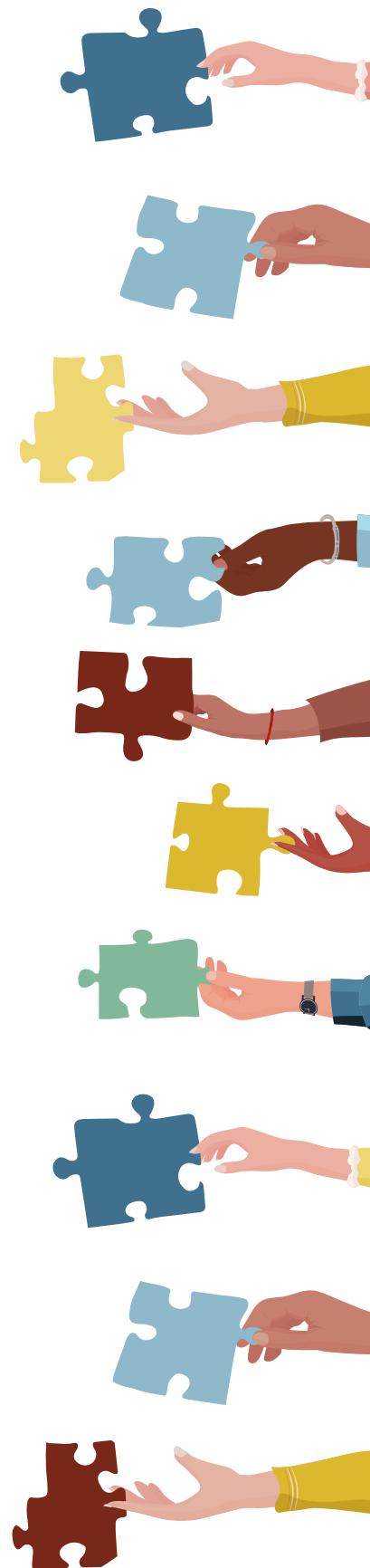
City staff are already finding many applications for the Equity Index Map. Examples include the Transportation Master Plan and community engagement planning.

Disparity study: Painting a picture of business equity

Boulder County and the City of Boulder are working together to identify whether there is a level playing field for small and diverse businesses in public contracts and in the local marketplace.

Right now, the city and the county are performing a disparity study to examine participation of small, minority- and women-owned firms in county and city contracts. The study will serve as the basis for new goals related to minority- and women-owned businesses.

Interested in staying up to date on city racial equity news? Sign up for our Racial Equity Newsletter at: bouldercolorado.gov/city-newsletters.





Boulder's reusable and returnable cup pilot program

A step towards sustainable events

With the recent changes to composting rules, the City of Boulder saw an opportunity to make a meaningful change.

To further align with our community's sustainability values, the city's reusable and returnable cup pilot program in 2023 aimed to curb the use of disposable cups at community events like the Farmers Market and Band on the Bricks.

The results of the pilot program speak volumes: During the Band on the Bricks and Boulder Farmers Market events last summer, thousands of single-use cups were eliminated, diverting significant amounts of waste and reducing carbon emissions, water usage and energy consumption.

Event participants readily embraced the transition, recognizing the benefits of reducing waste and minimizing environmental impact. Market vendors, already inclined towards sustainability, supported the initiative. Despite initial concerns about logistics and costs, the shift was well received, with Farmers Market staff expressing satisfaction with the sustainable option.

"We were so encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive response we received from this program," said Emily Freeman, City of Boulder climate initiatives policy advisor. "Continuing to reduce single-use items at public events in Boulder is not just about sustainability; it's about setting a precedent for environmental stewardship and inspiring others to follow suit."



Initiatives like this serve as a shining example of innovation and collective action towards a greener future. The city is committed to furthering its return/reuse initiatives to transition away from single-use options.

Keep an eye out for reusable and returnable cups at future events in Boulder, including this summer's Taco Fest and "What's Up, Boulder?" in September.



Community Connectors: Advising on equity

Through the lens of historically excluded communities

As the city continues its commitment to racial equity, we are in direct dialogue with historically excluded communities to help us make better decisions about policies, programs and resources. Our partnerships with bilingual and bicultural community members help us create more inclusive and accessible city practices.

The Community Connector program works with natural leaders in the community who play crucial roles in bridging the gap between people who live, work and play in Boulder—and local government staff and decision-makers.

Members of the Community Connector team include immigrant and mixed-status families; Black, Latinx, Nepali, Indigenous and Arapahoe people; low-income individuals; older adults; neurodivergent people; artists; business owners; students; individuals with varying levels of education; and multigenerational families.



City staff collaborate with Connectors in three programs:

- Community Connectors-in-Residence are a team of demographically diverse community members who serve as a conduit between communities and the city organization. They elevate the voices and experiences of historically excluded communities for a better and more responsibly governed community.
- Emergency Response Connectors are leaders living in Boulder's manufactured home communities. This team was started in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Together they help the city engage in direct dialogue with an estimated 1,000 households in Boulder's most diverse neighborhoods to lift issues, concerns and questions from their neighborhoods; help their neighbors find resources; and support disaster preparedness and response.
- Project Connectors are recruited from populations that will be impacted by a specific city project. They have the community knowledge, networks and life experiences that can lead to more inclusive engagement. They collaborate with city staff to co-design inclusive engagement plans; reach historically excluded communities; and provide guidance on project impacts and opportunities for improvement.

Community Connectors have contributed to broader engagement for East Boulder Subcommunity Plan; the Reimagine Policing project; budget development; and more. We are grateful for their knowledge and connections that allow us to equitably serve our community and create a resilient network.

Making council meetings and interactions more meaningful

Over the last few months, the city has been gathering information from the community about how we can make council meetings more engaging and equitable. We've heard the desire for more opportunities to collaborate with elected public officials and for a clearer understanding of how community feedback is incorporated into council decisions.

Our current Chats with Council program will soon be adapted to provide more small-group conversation and deliberation. In early summer, council members will discuss a proposed pilot to change the format of a handful of upcoming study sessions around select topics, to encourage public involvement earlier in council's planning and decision process. This fall, we plan to host an off-site council meeting and assess how it works to host council meetings in different locations.

These ideas stem from the city's partnership with the National Civic League (NCL) Center for Democracy Innovation, which began last

year. Boulder was one of three governments chosen to participate in NCL's Better Public Meetings project. This work, part of NCL's commitment to democracy innovations, has been grant-funded by the AAA-ICDR Foundation. As a result, the City of Boulder is receiving free customized support to better provide a safe, satisfying and inclusive council meeting structure.

"This partnership has given us an independent perspective, both about how city council engages with community here in Boulder and what makes meetings effective and satisfying for all," said Sarah Huntley, the city's director of communication and engagement. "We are eager to roll out some of the recommendations as we continue to improve."

To stay up to date on this project and see the Better Public Meetings assessment, visit: bldr.fyi/better-public-meetings

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Mensaje de la gerente municipal



Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde

En calidad de gestora municipal, estoy admirada de todo el trabajo inmensamente importante y verdaderamente transformativo que está desarrollándose en nuestra organización y comunidad. Boulder cuenta con una población diversa, creativa, de espíritu colaborador y orientada a la búsqueda de soluciones que nos ayuda a abordar asuntos complejos.

A medida que nos acercamos a la segunda mitad de 2024, quiero sacar partido de esta combinación única de características para pensar colectivamente en nuestro futuro económico.

Llegado el verano, presentaré la recomendación presupuestaria para 2025 al Concejo Municipal y, aunque estoy segura de que incluirá fondos para muchos servicios e iniciativas excelentes, es importante que todos entendamos que, sencillamente, no podemos hacerlo todo. La palabra que no he cesado de usar es “restringir”.

Hay muchas razones en favor de un enfoque moderado. Tenemos la obligación, de acuerdo con el acta constitutiva de la ciudad y por nuestro compromiso con una buena gestión, de construir un presupuesto equilibrado. Esto significa que nuestros gastos no pueden exceder el dinero que esperamos recaudar. A diferencia de los condados y de otras entidades gubernamentales que pueden hacer uso de tasas a la propiedad y otras fuentes de ingresos, el presupuesto general del gobierno municipal se basa casi en su totalidad en tasas al uso o al valor añadido.

La curva de esta importante fuente de financiación se ha allanado. Tras experimentar un crecimiento de dos cifras en los últimos años, los números se han estabilizado. Aunque no estamos en una crisis fiscal, tendremos que tomar decisiones complejas sobre qué priorizar, y si queremos añadir iniciativas nuevas, deberemos interrumpir algunas de las labores que estamos haciendo ahora.

Complicando un poco más la situación está el hecho de que los fondos federales relacionados con la pandemia, que recibimos a través del Plan Americano de Rescate, terminarán en diciembre. Estos ingresos han sido cruciales a la hora de abordar las presiones que la COVID-19 ejerció en nuestra comunidad, sobre todo en aquellos con menores ingresos y menos capacidad para recuperarse de trastornos económicos.

Aunque el dinero adicional se está terminando, la necesidad sigue siendo grande. No carecemos de ideas innovadoras sobre cómo afrontar la complejidad de la situación, pero toda iniciativa nueva tiene implicaciones presupuestarias y, en resumidas cuentas, queremos más de lo que de verdad nos podemos permitir.



Los representantes municipales son conscientes de este reto y los departamentos se están esforzando en identificar estrategias de ahorro y productividad, tomando el pulso al mismo tiempo a la comunidad acerca de sus prioridades para el próximo año.

Al igual que en los presupuestos anteriores, vamos a apoyarnos en el Marco de Sostenibilidad, Equidad y Resiliencia (bldr.fyi/ser-framework), que describe las metas y resultados que orientan nuestra labor gubernamental. Estamos escuchando, tal como hicimos el año pasado, las palabras sabias de nuestros Conectores Comunitarios sobre las necesidades de los grupos históricamente marginados y estamos deseosos de conocer los resultados de un cuestionario en línea que recibió más de 750 respuestas esta primavera.

Al mismo tiempo, en este último retiro, los miembros del Concejo identificaron la creación de una estrategia financiera proactiva y a largo plazo como una de las 11 áreas prioritarias. La manera en que tomamos decisiones presupuestarias está evolucionando, y estamos explorando formas de generar ingresos nuevos o hacer uso de fondos disponibles provenientes de otros lugares para satisfacer las expectativas de la comunidad.

Todos los problemas vienen acompañados de oportunidades. Si tomamos un enfoque prudente en cuanto a nuestros gastos a corto plazo y desarrollamos un plan sensato para el futuro, estoy segura de que manejaremos adecuadamente las conversaciones y decisiones que nos esperan. Animo a todos a reconocer que es cuando actuamos como comunidad que ganamos en fortaleza: cuando nos juntamos, asumimos las mejores intenciones, nos apoyamos en los valores compartidos, entendemos los efectos de nuestras decisiones y permanecemos unidos, en vez de divididos, en el logro de los resultados que deseamos.

Estamos al servicio de Boulder y seguimos escuchando.





Fomentamos la confianza

Adolescentes y agentes de policía forjan un entendimiento mutuo durante la implementación en Boulder del plan Reimagine Policing

Un día gris de febrero, Chloe estaba sentada en la mesa grande de la sala de reuniones del edificio municipal Penfield Tate II con otros ocho miembros de YOAB (Consejo Asesor de Oportunidades para Jóvenes) y cuatro agentes de policía. El grupo había acudido a la reunión del recién configurado Grupo de Trabajo de Jóvenes y Agentes de Policía de Boulder, creado el pasado otoño para fomentar la relación y aumentar la confianza entre policías y adolescentes.

Chloe cruzó y descruzó las manos, sus ojos cafés reflexivos y curiosos, mientras estudiaba a los agentes sentados alrededor de la mesa. Incluso después de seis meses de conocerse, la luz fluorescente, las sillas de oficina y el ocasional policía de guardia de uniforme completo hacían que Chloe se sintiera intranquila. Pero empezaba a ver a los policías –Jill, Ross, Brian y Tyler– como personas en las que podía confiar. Chloe respiró hondo y dijo: “Tengo un problema del que me gustaría hablar con ustedes”.

Chloe y sus compañeros de trabajo tienen un problema en la tienda del centro de Boulder donde trabajan con un hombre que entra a la tienda y actúa de manera imprevisible. Grita a los empleados, atasca los lavamanos del baño y no quiere marcharse cuando se lo piden. En una ocasión, farfulló un insulto racista a un compañero de trabajo. El supervisor de Chloe ha pedido repetidamente a esta persona que salga de la tienda y que no vuelva, pero hoy por la mañana ha vuelto a regresar. Los compañeros de Chloe han tenido que hacerle frente de nuevo. Ahora, estaban inundando el chat del grupo con comentarios sobre lo ocurrido y sobre qué opciones tienen para manejar la situación de manera diferente la próxima vez.

“Cuando cierro la tienda, a solas o con mi otro compañero (un estudiante universitario joven), no nos sentimos seguros”, apunta. “Yo solo quiero que se marche. Pero estoy casi segura de que tiene algún problema mental y no quiero que lo arresten o lo metan en la cárcel o nada

parecido. Yo solo quiero que se marche y no tener miedo cuando cierro la tienda y me voy a casa... Tengo la sensación de que si llamo al 911, lo único que voy a conseguir es multiplicar la gravedad de la situación y meterlo en problemas, así que nunca llamo”.



Reimagine Policing:
bldr.fyi/reimagine-policing-guide

La pregunta de Chloe no solo dio lugar a una conversación sincera sobre los importantes retos a los que ella y otros adolescentes que trabajan en comercios locales tienen que enfrentarse, sino que ofreció también un ejemplo concreto de la promesa de acciones policiales que resuelvan problemas, tal como apunta el plan de Boulder recién aprobado, Reimagine Policing.

Este plan, que el Concejo Municipal de Boulder ratificó de manera unánime, se compromete a fortalecer la relación y confianza del Departamento de Policía con las diferentes comunidades a las que sirve, y a trabajar juntos para prevenir la criminalidad y abordar los problemas que están afectando a barrios y grupos de población concretos. Reimagine Policing aspira también a considerar las soluciones potenciales de una manera holística y cooperativa a través de la colaboración con otros departamentos, organizaciones de base y programas alternativos de respuesta. La idea es que el rol más tradicional de las fuerzas del orden se emplee como último recurso.

Durante este último año, los jóvenes y agentes que han participado en el grupo de trabajo, formado poco después de la aprobación del plan, han definido de manera colectiva las metas y “normas” a usar durante las reuniones. El grupo decidió conjuntamente el propósito de estas: “asistir con espíritu de autenticidad e intentar entenderse unos a otros para crear una relación de confianza, y aplicar las lecciones aprendidas para fomentar la confianza de la comunidad”.

Entre los temas que han discutido juntos, destacan el uso de drogas en las escuelas; qué hacer cuando un amigo va por mal camino; cómo prepararse para tiroteos potenciales en la escuela; cómo la relación entre la policía y la comunidad empezó a deteriorarse tras la muerte de George Floyd; la percepción, ampliamente aceptada por la sociedad y a veces incorrecta, de la juventud y la policía, y las ventajas e inconvenientes de carecer de agentes de policía en las escuelas del Distrito Escolar del Valle de Boulder.

Los miembros de YOAB también hicieron una visita guiada del edificio del Departamento de Policía de Boulder, incluida la sala donde reciben las llamadas del 911. Aprendieron sobre los protocolos del Departamento de Armas y Tácticas Especiales (SWAT), que se dedica a emergencias de seguridad pública, y sobre usos menos letales de la fuerza como pistolas paralizantes o con perdigones, que pueden ayudar a prevenir desenlaces fatales. Agentes y jóvenes también participaron en eventos sociales y de fomento del espíritu de equipo, como cuando fueron juntos a una sala de escape (¡consiguieron escapar juntos y a tiempo!).

Estas relaciones han fomentado conexiones genuinas entre el Departamento de Policía y la juventud de Boulder.

“La primera vez que nos reunimos con los agentes, empezamos a conocernos hablando de un tema importante para nosotros”, explica Josephine, uno de los miembros de YOAB. “Aunque al principio fue un poco intimidante, vi que mi agente y, al parecer, todos los demás en la sala

eran personas muy abiertas. A medida que hemos continuado con las reuniones y la relación con los agentes ha progresado, hemos desarrollado una amistad donde nos cuidamos unos a otros”.

Aunque la mayoría de las reuniones se han celebrado fuera del Departamento de Policía, Josephine dice que la visita guiada le ayudó a desmitificar lo que ocurre en ese lugar un tanto extraño.

“Me enteré de cómo opera una comisaría y sobre los distintos trabajadores que requiere para funcionar”, cuenta. “Para los jóvenes que nunca han estado en el recinto policial, es fácil hacer suposiciones sobre lo que ocurre dentro, especialmente por las descripciones de la televisión o de otros medios. Yo esperaba un lugar agitado e intenso, con agentes en activo y resolviendo crímenes. En la realidad, resultó ser un lugar mucho más tranquilo y seguro. Esto me dio más confianza en las operaciones de seguridad. También aprendí que no hay que tener miedo de llamar a la policía cuando alguien está sufriendo una sobredosis o se ha desmayado”.



Respecto a la situación que Chloe está viviendo en el trabajo, los agentes subrayaron que la policía de Boulder está para ayudar y que no todas las llamadas acaban con alguien metiéndose en problemas o en prisión.

La policía Jill Mahoney miró a Chloe desde el otro lado de la mesa y asintió.

“Es una situación muy complicada de manejar y siento mucho que tengan que lidiar con ella”, Mahoney apuntó, adelantando el cuerpo y descansando los codos sobre la mesa. “Quiero, sobre todo, dejar claro que, en un caso como este, si uno llama al 911 o a la línea de no emergencias, nosotros no vamos a aparecer por ahí con las sirenas a todo volumen, ni hacer una redada en la tienda pistolas en mano y lanzando órdenes a la gente que está dentro. Eso es lo que ocurre en la televisión, pero no es como la policía opera en situaciones como esa, especialmente no en Boulder. Nuestra meta es siempre la desescalada, reducir el daño o daño potencial y proteger la seguridad de todos.

El agente Brian convino: “En el caso que describes, Chloe, apareceríamos en la tienda para ayudarte a ti y al supervisor a resolver el conflicto de la manera en que tú prefieras que se maneje. Si tu objetivo no es denunciar a este hombre y tú solo quieres que lo hagamos salir de la tienda, nosotros te ayudaríamos a hacerlo. Y, sinceramente, nos quedaríamos probablemente contigo y te acompañaríamos al coche para asegurarnos de que todo está en orden y de que llegues a casa sin percances”.

La conversación dio lugar a más información sobre las varias opciones de repuesta que la ciudad tiene para las llamadas al 911 donde se sospecha que hay un componente de salud mental. Los policías explicaron que la ciudad tiene equipos diferentes para situaciones diferentes, entre ellos, el CIRT, donde un agente y un trabajador social responden

conjuntamente a una situación. Otra iniciativa, que acaba de ser lanzada, se llama CARE, donde un paramédico y un trabajador social responden, sin ningún agente de policía, a necesidades relacionadas con la salud mental. También explicaron cómo funciona el equipo HOT, dedicado a las personas en situación de calle. Los agentes de este equipo establecen y cultivan relaciones con esta comunidad, y ayudan a individuos en circunstancias de necesidad sin aplicar ningún tipo de sanción.

Aunque la relación y la confianza se han desarrollado de manera positiva, todavía queda mucho por hacer entre el Departamento de Policía y la juventud de Boulder. Los líderes de YOAB tienen la esperanza de que el esfuerzo continúe y que más jóvenes y más agentes participen.

El Grupo de Trabajo de la Juventud y la Policía de Boulder clausuró el ciclo 2023-24 con una asamblea juvenil al final de abril y una sesión de puertas abiertas en el Departamento de Policía en mayo. Para el próximo año académico, diez agentes de policía se unirán al grupo, un aumento respecto a los cuatro que participaron este año. YOAB también está reclutando nuevos jóvenes para suplir los puestos que han dejado los estudiantes de último año.

“Me he dado cuenta de que la vigilancia policial es un tema complicado, pero que al mismo tiempo es posible establecer una relación con los policías y aprender a conocerlos como personas”, señala Chloe. “Y ellos pueden llegar a conocernos a nosotros. También me he dado cuenta de que el Departamento de Policía es parte del gobierno de la ciudad y que contribuyen mediante su trabajo a la seguridad de la comunidad”.

El Grupo de Trabajo de la Juventud y la Policía de Boulder es solo un ejemplo de cómo la Policía de Boulder está poniendo en marcha el plan Reimagine Policing.

Aquí hay otros ejemplos:

- El Departamento ha implementado una estrategia para valorar la satisfacción y sugerencias de los miembros de la comunidad llamada PowerEngage. El programa usa mensajes de texto para ofrecer notificaciones y un cuestionario optativo dirigido a los ciudadanos que han tenido contacto con la policía de Boulder tras una llamada al 911.
- Tres agentes dedicados a asuntos específicos de la comunidad LGBTQ+ han empezado a colaborar con representantes municipales y de Out Boulder para estar al día de las inquietudes específicas de este grupo. Son también una fuente de ayuda para el Departamento y para todos los miembros de la comunidad. Puede ponerse en contacto con ellos en esta dirección: BPDPrizeGroup@bouldercolorado.gov
- El gobierno municipal ha creado también el equipo CARE, que consiste en una combinación de profesionales de la salud comportamental y paramédicos, los cuales responden a llamadas al 911 y a la línea telefónica ordinaria en casos donde no hay riesgos médicos o de seguridad graves, pero para los que se entiende que son los especialistas más adecuados.
- El Departamento ha estado trabajando con actores sociales de la comunidad para identificar y responder de manera innovadora a zonas problemáticas de la ciudad que podrían beneficiarse del enfoque colaborador esbozado en el plan Reimagine Policing.



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Conmemoramos la tragedia con arte: las esculturas en recuerdo de Los Seis de Boulder

Hace cincuenta años, en mayo de 1974, seis jóvenes, estudiantes y antiguos alumnos de la Universidad de Colorado-Boulder y de otros campus, activos en el movimiento estudiantil chicano, fueron asesinados mediante dos atentados con coche bomba acontecidos en menos de 48 horas. La primera bomba detonó en el parque de Chautauqua el 27 de mayo. El 29 de mayo, una segunda bomba explotó en el estacionamiento del cruce de las calles 28 y Canyon. Una Jaakola, Reyes Martínez, Neva Romero, Francisco Dougherty, Heriberto Terán y Florencio Granado perdieron trágicamente la vida. Antonio Alcantar fue gravemente herido en la segunda explosión. Los activistas pasaron a ser conocidos como Los Seis de Boulder. Sus muertes se han quedado por resolver.

En el momento de las explosiones, los estudiantes de UMAS (United Mexican American Students) habían ocupado el Edificio Temporal 1 del campus de la universidad con el fin de reclamar ayuda financiera y oportunidades educativas continuas para los estudiantes mexicoamericanos.

La artista Jasmine Baetz, graduada con una Maestría en Bellas Artes por la Universidad de Colorado, supo de Los Seis de Boulder en 2017, cuando asistía a la universidad. “Cuando aprendí sobre la tragedia, pensé en cómo las historias de violencia racial son excluidas de los espacios públicos y cómo la ausencia de demarcadores históricos ratifica la supremacía blanca”, señala Baetz. “Quería marcar los lugares de activismo y lucha con esculturas creadas por la comunidad”.

En 2019, Baetz y cientos de participantes crearon una escultura conmemorativa que se instaló en la Universidad de Colorado en frente del Edificio Temporal 1 y que representa a los seis activistas asesinados. “Estudiantes, organizaciones de base e instituciones se afanaron en coordinarse y reclamar que la instalación se convirtiera en permanente”, apunta Baetz.

Una segunda escultura conmemorativa, “El Movimiento Sigue”, fue instalada este mayo en la esquina de las calles 17 y Pearl. La escultura tiene tres lados, apunta Baetz: en un lado, hay

un puño en alto (que alude al poder negro, el poder chicano, y que es símbolo de solidaridad y protesta); en otro lado, hay una inscripción detallada que honra a Los Seis, junto con otros símbolos de resistencia que imitan las consignas que pueden escucharse en una manifestación, y el tercer panel es una composición basada en fotografías de Juan Espinosa de estudiantes chicanos y negros en una protesta en la Universidad de Colorado en 1972. “La escultura homenajea los esfuerzos multigeneracionales y de coalición en la lucha contra los sistemas opresivos”, añade Baetz, “y en la lucha por la educación y la transformación”.

Fue importante para Baetz involucrar a la comunidad en el proceso de creación de ambas esculturas. “Colaboré con un equipo de estudiantes con los que organicé días de trabajo de la comunidad, e invitamos a la gente a que viniera al estudio, compartiera historias y colocara losetas”, apunta Baetz. “Que la comunidad creara una obra colectiva era esencial para contar esta historia”.

En una comunidad, el arte puede utilizarse como método de sanación y reconocimiento de una tragedia. “Los espacios conmemorativos pueden servir como lugares de contemplación, reflexión y reconocimiento”, apunta Baetz. “También pueden activarse como puntos de encuentro para manifestaciones y actos de protesta. Un objeto estático sin la presencia de la gente no transmite el significado que deseamos; es cuando activamos el entorno construido que dotamos a las esculturas de significado y poder”.

Para más información sobre el programa de arte público de la ciudad de Boulder y su colección, diríjase, por favor, a bouldercolorado.gov/guide/public-art.

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Conectores Comunitarios: asesoramiento en equidad

A través del prisma de comunidades históricamente marginadas



A medida que la ciudad continúa su compromiso de equidad racial, estamos en comunicación directa con comunidades históricamente marginadas que nos ayudan a tomar mejores decisiones en cuanto a políticas, programas y recursos. Nuestra colaboración con miembros bilingües y biculturales de la comunidad nos ayuda a crear prácticas urbanas más integradoras y accesibles.

El programa de Conectores Comunitarios trabaja con líderes naturales comunitarios que desempeñan un papel crucial al tender puentes entre las personas que viven, trabajan y gozan en Boulder y los representantes y tomadores de decisiones del gobierno local.

Entre los miembros del equipo de Conectores Comunitarios, hay familias de inmigrantes y estatus mixto; familias negras, latinas, nepalíes e indígenas; personas de bajos ingresos; personas mayores; individuos neurodivergentes; artistas; empresarios; estudiantes; personas con diferentes niveles de estudios, y familias multigeneracionales.

Los representantes municipales colaboran con los Conectores en tres programas:

- **Conectores en residencia de la comunidad:** Son un equipo de miembros demográficamente diversos de la comunidad que sirven de vínculo entre la comunidad y la administración municipal. Elevan las voces y experiencias de grupos históricamente marginados para lograr una comunidad gobernada de manera mejor y más responsable.

- **Conectores de emergencias:** Son líderes que viven en comunidades de casas prefabricadas en Boulder. Este equipo fue establecido en respuesta a la pandemia de la COVID-19. Juntos ayudan al gobierno municipal a entablar un diálogo directo con alrededor de 1,000 hogares de las zonas más diversas de Boulder con el fin de abordar cuestiones, preocupaciones y preguntas de sus barrios; ayudar a sus vecinos a encontrar recursos, y colaborar en la preparación y respuesta a desastres potenciales.
- **Conectores de proyectos:** Proviene de sectores de población que van a ser afectados por un proyecto urbano específico. Tienen los conocimientos, contactos y experiencias comunitarias necesarias para lograr una participación más inclusiva. Colaboran con los representantes municipales para codiseñar planes de participación; contactar con comunidades excluidas históricamente, y proporcionar orientación sobre el impacto de los proyectos y oportunidades de mejora.

Los Conectores Comunitarios han contribuido a expandir la participación en el plan de East Boulder; el proyecto Reimagine Policing; la elaboración de presupuestos, y mucho más. Estamos muy agradecidos por los conocimientos y conexiones que nos ofrecen, ya que nos permiten servir de manera equitativa a nuestra comunidad y crear un entramado social robusto.

Satisfacemos las necesidades de la comunidad a través de ayudas directas en metálico

Uno de los objetivos del gobierno municipal de Boulder es fomentar la seguridad financiera, las oportunidades económicas y la movilidad social de todos los miembros de la comunidad. Este objetivo es especialmente importante para aquellos hogares de Boulder (uno de cada cuatro) que no cuentan con los ingresos suficientes para cubrir los elevados gastos en necesidades básicas como alquiler, agua, electricidad, comida y cuidados infantiles.

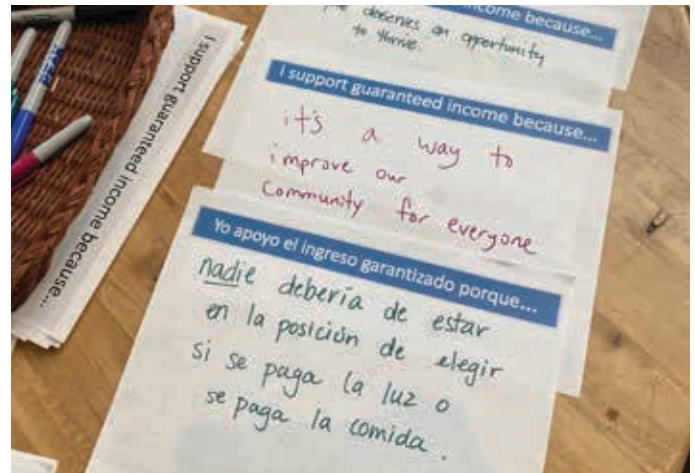
Una de las maneras más eficaces de aumentar la estabilidad económica de la comunidad es ofrecer dinero en metálico a aquellos que más lo necesitan. Las ayudas en metálico constituyen una estrategia cada vez más usada a escala nacional y cuyo impacto está demostrando ser transformativo.

El gobierno municipal ha proporcionado más de \$3.3 millones en el fomento de tres programas de ayudas en metálico. Visite bldr.fyi/direct-cash para más información.

Left Behind Workers Fund

El fondo Left Behind Workers Fund es una colaboración entre organizaciones comunitarias de base, filántropos y el sector público que ayuda a trabajadores sin documentación a acceder lo más rápidamente posible a subvenciones en metálico y ayudas para el pago de la renta en momentos de necesidad.

La inversión de \$200,000 del gobierno local en este fondo se tradujo en pagos en metálico de \$1,000 a 66 trabajadores de bajos ingresos de Boulder que no podían acceder a subsidios de desempleo ni estímulos económicos a raíz de la COVID-19.



Elevate Boulder

Elevate Boulder es el proyecto piloto de ingresos garantizados de Boulder, que ofrece \$500 al mes durante dos años a 200 hogares de bajos ingresos de la ciudad para que los gasten como consideren conveniente.

El gobierno municipal ha asignado \$3 millones a Elevate Boulder y los participantes empezaron a recibir pagos directos en metálico en enero. Para más información, diríjase a bldr.fyi/elevate-boulder.

Thriving Providers

A raíz de la COVID-19, muchas familias de Boulder han tenido dificultades para obtener cuidados infantiles a un precio asequible. El proyecto Thriving Providers está apoyando a 20 cuidadores de la red FFN (Family, Friend and Neighbor) de Boulder, proporcionando \$500 al mes durante 18 meses gracias a una inversión de \$238,000. El programa beneficiará a proveedores FFN de bajos ingresos que ofrecen servicios cruciales de guardería en casa a hogares de bajos ingresos.



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