

Homelessness and ARPA Updates

Presentation to City Council
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Purpose

- Provide Council with Update on Homeless Services and Projects
- Discuss Status of ARPA Navigation Center Project
- Review Collaborative Opportunities with other Local Governments



Homeless Services and Projects

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Updated Numbers

	2021 (Apr-Dec)	2022 (Jan-Aug)
Outreach Contacts	292	601
Identification Assistance (IDs, Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards)	16	17
Public Benefit Assistance (SNAP, Medicaid)	9	36
SWAP Vouchers Administered	34	95
Phone Assistance	0	14
Housing Assessments	13	25
Walk in Assistance at Eagle Pointe	-	~340



2022 Events and Projects

Two Safe Parking Lots:

- **Nativity Lutheran Church-** launched 1st week of August
- **South Platte Crossing-** launch date Sept. 30th

Soles4Souls:

- 200+ brand new shoes received
- Partnered with ACCESS Housing

ShowersForAll:

- Final stages of approval

Pet and Med Clinic:

- Partnered with Street Dog Coalition and YHC Clinic
- Hosted at Central Elementary School

Community Presentations/Focus Groups:

- Park Rangers
- Derby Businesses
- Our Lady Mother & St Vincent De Paul
- Northglenn's Rotary Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- Veterans Commission

Growth in Staff

- Intern (Feb 2022–May 2022)
- Community Navigator Assistant (Hired in June 2022)



ARPA Navigation Center Project

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Overview

- City was allocated ~\$10.5 million in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act
- In Summer 2021, consensus Council direction was to "go big" and use funds to help address root causes of homelessness
- Project involves significant collaboration with Adams County and surrounding municipalities



Navigation Center

Part 1 – Project

- Navigation Center will have rooms for job training, counseling, and other resource navigation
 - Also includes temporary transitional housing aka "Pallet Shelters"
- Construction or Renovation of facility paid for with City ARPA funds
 - No funds have been formally spent/attributed at this point

Part 2 – Program

- Provision of services and programming at Navigation Center
 - Management of temporary transitional housing, connection to "Permanent Supportive Housing" opportunities in Metro Area
- City to incur minimal on-going costs, Adams County to serve as managing entity



Next Steps

- *If Council so chooses, staff to bring executive session for site selection*
- *Council approval of budget ordinance to formally allocate ARPA funds*
- Begin architecture, design, and construction/renovation of facility



Local Government Collaborations

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Collaborative Opportunities

- Adams County Homelessness Municipal Working Group
 - Coordinates projects and services with Adams County, all municipalities
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Working Group involves the following:
 - No commitment of resources/funds
 - Requires staff to attend monthly/quarterly meetings, which is already occurring
 - Working Group to provide policy recommendations to County, applicable municipalities on joint homelessness opportunities
 - MOU in packet for review



Collaborative Opportunities

- Navigation Center Network
 - Success of navigation center programming will rely on collaboration with other Metro homelessness resources
 - Utilization of Working Group to create connections, share data, and provide appropriate resources to clients
- Grant Opportunities
 - State Navigation Center Campus grant just approved by State Legislature
 - Staff in discussion with multiple Metro Denver governments on potential joint application
 - Other Homelessness Grants approved by Legislature forthcoming, no details available right now



Next Steps

- *Council approval of Adams County Municipal Working Group MOU*
- Staff pursuit of grant opportunities
- Formal collaborative agreements with Adams County



**Staff is Available for
Questions**

