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Healthy Places Implementation Grant - Colorado Health Foundation

Healthy Places helps Colorado communities become healthier by creating opportunities to increase physical activity. The initiative aims to transform the places where we live, work and play and make our cities and neighborhoods safer and more appealing to walking, bicycling and other daily activities that encourage movement, connection and fun. Commerce City was selected to receive a planning grant for the purpose of developing an implementation strategy plan from the information presented during the ULI (Urban Land Institute) panel's site visit February 11-16, 2018.

The ULI panel site visit included in-depth briefings and tours of the study area which is south of 72nd Avenue, east of Colorado Boulevard, west of Quebec Parkway and north of 56th Avenue. These study area boundaries are approximate and not strictly defined. Over 75 key community representatives participated in interviews with the ULI panel. After gathering all of their information and engaging in two days of discussion the ULI panel presented their key findings and recommendations to the City on February 16, 2018. Once staff received the final ULI report proposed implementation projects and programs were shared with the community at the Pioneer Neighborhood Outreach and through outreach conducted by Cultivando.

City staff and representatives from Cultivando developed the implementation strategy based on the ULI final report and feedback from the community submitting the projects and programs to the Colorado Health Foundation on August 16, 2018. The Colorado Health Foundation reviewed the proposal and approval of the implementation strategy was received in October resulting in the award of \$1,105,000 for projects and programs that will be implemented over the next three years (2019, 2020 and 2021). City staff will present the three-year implementation plan as part of the December 17 City Council presentation. City Council members received a hardcopy of the final ULI Advisory Services Panel Report for Commerce City, Colorado prior to this presentation.

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