



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,105,000 FOR THE HEALTHY PLACES COMMERCE CITY PROGRAM AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

Summary and Background Information:

Healthy Places is a four-year, \$5.3 million initiative funding four communities through the Colorado Health Foundation to inspire and support the development of healthy communities in Colorado. Through a community-led approach, 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, towns and neighborhoods safer and more appealing to walking, bicycling and other daily activities that encourage movement, connection and fun. Commerce City is one of four Colorado communities selected and has received a \$20,000 planning grant for the purpose of developing an implementation strategy plan from the information presented in the ULI (Urban Land Institute) panel final report representing their findings from the Commerce City site visit February 11-16, 2018.

The February ULI panel site visit was intensive. Including 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. This is important since the study area includes unincorporated Adams County enclaves, surrounded by Commerce City. 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. 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 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 be presenting the three-year implementation plan at an upcoming City Council meeting in December, 2018.

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Carolyn Keith

Staff Member Presenting: Carolyn Keith

Financial Impact: \$1,105,000

Funding Source: Colorado Health Foundation Grant

Suggested Motion: Move to pass Ord 2192.