



City Council Communication

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DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

☐ Ordinance	☐ Resolution	☒ Presentation
☐ Admin Business	☐ Public Hearing	☐ Other

REQUEST

To approve City staff to move forward with a resolution to formalize the city's commitment and continue advancing the National League of Cities Community Well-Being Accelerator work plan.

BACKGROUND

Commerce City was selected as one of six cities nationwide to participate in the National League of Cities 2025 Community Health & Well-Being Accelerator, a 12month planning initiative designed to help cities address the root causes of health disparities.

Participating cities included Lawrence (IN), Providence (RI), Las Vegas (NV), Miramar (FL), and Perris (CA).

The program aims to strengthen city capacity by aligning resources, leveraging local assets, and advancing long-term policy and systems change.

Through data collection across four areas—economic opportunity, housing, city planning & design, and health & human services—key challenges identified:

- Un/underemployment
- Limited housing availability and affordability
- Geographic isolation and lack of transportation options
- A North–South divide in access to resources

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After conducting a cross departmental review to examine the city's current capacities. Below are a few key themes:

Assets

- ARPA-funded programs such as ACT
- Strong partnerships and community networks
- Existing collaboration across departments

Challenges

- End of ARPA funding
- Limited internal capacity
- Varying levels of understanding of strategic priorities

Opportunities

- Build a unified framework
- Strengthen data systems and reporting
- Leverage recent community assessments

These combined findings shaped the creation of the Accelerator Workplan, including the five focus areas to improve residents' health and well-being.

1. Access to Quality Housing
2. Access to healthy foods
3. Access to quality healthcare
4. Access to transportation
5. Access to economic opportunities

Five corresponding strategies:

1. Increase and improve housing inventory, and strengthen partnerships with housing partners
2. Increase food access by expanding free meals and grocery programs
3. Provide quality healthcare access and wellness initiatives for residents, including the uninsured and undocumented
4. Improve transportation access and increase connectivity
5. Support workforce development pathways to higher-paying jobs and prioritize career/ economic mobility in workforce development efforts

Next steps:

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If directed, a resolution will be brought forward to formalize the city's commitment and continue advancing the Community WellBeing Accelerator Workplan.

Energy, Equity, and the Environment Division

The Commerce City E3 Division is providing this brief update to inform the council of all the programs we are currently working on.