



# City of Boulder

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Dear community member,

As a Boulder voter, you approved two ballot measures to extend the Community, Culture and Safety (CCS) Tax for Capital Improvements in November 2017. This four-year extension of the 0.3 temporary sales tax is funding several important city facilities and infrastructure projects, as well as matching funds for seven community nonprofit facilities. We would like to share the progress made to date on the projects made possible with your support.

Planning and implementation of the city projects are underway. Notable achievements include:

- Land purchased for the future relocation site of **Fire Station #3**. On Jan. 16, 2019, the city closed on the purchase of two parcels of land located at 2875 and 2751 30th St. for the future home of the fire station. The new station will enable Boulder Fire-Rescue to respond to the increased demand for service along the 30th Street corridor near Valmont and Pearl and will help the department improve response time in this area.
- Preliminary planning began for the **North Boulder Library**. Architecture firm WORKac has developed an inspirational and creative design for the new library, focused on incorporating the primary needs and requests identified through conversations with community members, area residents and stakeholders during late 2018. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020, with the new North Boulder Branch Library expected to open in 2021.
- Construction drawings finalized for **Scott Carpenter Pool**. Construction will begin in early February, and the pool will be on track to reopen by the start of the 2020 summer season. When completed, the facility will feature a lap pool with 10 50-meter lanes, leisure amenities to serve all ages and abilities, a renovated bathhouse, and sustainable and energy-efficient design features.

The CCS tax also provides matching funds for a number of community nonprofit facilities. Several nonprofits achieved their match already! By providing matching funds, the city supported:

- The completion of **Growing Gardens' new Pollinator Pavilion**, which opened on Jun. 14, 2018. The new Pollinator Pavilion is more than meeting the goals Growing Gardens had for the project. The new building has helped staff coordinate more effectively under one roof. Participants of their programs, including children, teens and seniors, are also very appreciative of the indoor plumbing and sheltered space. In 2018, Growing Gardens connected 29,000 people (63 percent of whom were low-income) to fresh, local food. They were able to provide two additional weeks of field trips for over 500 elementary



school children, thanks to the new barn space, and the addition of a new commercial kitchen enabled Growing Gardens to hire a farm chef who teaches cooking classes and provides nutrition education to children, teens and low-income families. Growing Gardens was also able to increase plant sale revenue by \$9,000 in 2018 because of freed-up growing space in the greenhouse. Total CCS funding received: \$87,000.

- The purchase of a new office condominium for **Community Cycles** at 2601 Spruce St. This new facility will substantially increase the amount of space available and provide additional space for workshops, clinics, community events, retail sales, programming and other activities related to Community Cycles' mission to promote, educate and advocate for the safe use of bicycles for transportation. Total CCS funding received: \$822,500.
- Ongoing construction of a new **Meals on Wheels of Boulder** facility at 3701 Canfield St., which broke ground on Oct. 17, 2018. The new 10,000-square-foot facility will expand meal delivery services, increase the capacity to offer possible on-site classes, and include a kitchen, small seating/meeting area and a small "take-out market" for use by residents of the development. Meals on Wheels of Boulder will provide tasty, nutritious meals to residents of our community who need and want its service, regardless of age or income. The second floor will include approximately 4,000 square feet of office and meeting space. Total CCS funding received: \$1.6 million.

Significant progress was made by the other nonprofits working on raising matching funds:

- During 2018, **KGNU** reached a major milestone, celebrating their 40th anniversary providing community-based media that matters and music that inspires to City of Boulder residents and beyond. In 2018 KGNU hosted a participatory design workshop that invited volunteers to perform hands-on design activities and explored community perspectives on the expansion and upgrade of the KGNU Community Media Center.
- **Resource Central** diverted close to 4 million pounds of building materials from landfills in 2018. By reusing donated materials, local community members saved millions of dollars, reduced carbon emissions, and contributed to our circular economy. Planning is ramping up for improvements to the facility at 6400 Arapahoe in Boulder to expand capacity and to help the community meet its zero waste goals. By adding a roof to cover more of the outdoor materials yard, Resource can help to ensure comfort and safety for program participants during icy, snowy, and rainy days while keeping reusable materials from getting ruined.
- **Studio Arts Boulder** completed the donation of land for their project and now own 0.7 acres in the Diagonal Crossing neighborhood, where site development work has already begun. Barrett Studio Architects created the concept design for Studio Arts' new building and will begin talking with contractors early this year.

Thank you again for your continued support of these Community, Culture and Safety tax projects, which make an important difference in the lives of many community members. The city will continue to post project updates and news on the CCS website at [www.bouldercolorado.gov/pages/community-culture-safety](http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/pages/community-culture-safety).

Sincerely,

The City of Boulder

Photos (from left to right): Meals on Wheels, KGNU, Resource Central, Construction at Diagonal Crossing, and Studio Arts Concept Design