

Resource Central (formerly Center for ReSource Conservation)	Ready to break ground in 2019
Total Cost: \$2,800,000	Funding Amount: \$1,400,000
<p>Description: The ‘Zero Waste Community Center’ is an innovative community facility to help increase local recycling and reuse services. Funding will expand capacity and improve the layout at 6400 Arapahoe to reduce waste in Boulder. The expansion is based on an approved Site Review (“Phase II”) that provides services in collaboration with the three nonprofit partners already at this site: Resource Central (formerly Center for ReSource Conservation), Eco-Cycle, and Blue Star Recyclers. The current site design includes three new structures: a covered retail area, warehouse with offices, a lumber de-nailing area, and improved drop-off areas. This capital tax will help fund these buildings that will provide expanded office, warehouse, and community space for ReSource, Eco-Cycle, and Blue Star Recyclers. It also represents a foundation for future “Phase III” development on the site, that will include a creative reuse center, workshop and gallery space for arts re-use activities, retail space for low-cost upgraded computers, and small business incubator space for reprocessed waste materials. Ultimately, this site will cater to an expanded list of underserved populations including special needs adults, youth, low-income families, the arts and creative communities. Currently, CRC serves roughly 80,000 program participants annually, this funding would help CRC achieve its goal of doubling the number of visitors by 2022.</p> <p>Learn more: https://resourcecentral.org/ Population served: 80,000 program participants per year</p> <p>Planning: With an approved Site Plan already in place, breaking ground would occur in 2019. City staff will facilitate a Letter of Intent between the city, Boulder County, and the existing and future nonprofit tenants to cover joint planning and funding.</p>	

Operating cost impacts: Additional facility space will increase the nonprofits’ operating and staffing costs, which will be offset by additional revenues. City Trash Tax funds will be available to uphold the city’s obligations for long term facility repair and replacement as per the city standard for nonprofit leases on city-owned property.

Opportunities, challenges, and considerations: The current land and facilities are city-owned, and these improvements are aligned with the city’s ultimate vision for the site as described in the [Strategic Development at 6400 Arapahoe Memo to Council on May 31 2016](#). For Phases II and III to be successful, all involved nonprofit organizations will need to raise funds, and City Council will be asked to approve longer term leases to support their investments.

