

Community Connectors-in-Residence City of Boulder 2024 Budget Cycle Community Engagement

Community Update

Throughout March and April 2023, Community Connectors-in-Residence (CC-in-Rs), in partnership with city staff, engaged historically excluded communities to hear their priorities for the city's 2024 budget. CC-in-Rs presented these priorities and community input to Department Directors on May 8 and to City Council on September 14.

Based on community input from previous dialogue and from three budget education and engagement sessions in March and April, CC-in-Rs shared that top community priorities included:



Provide a variety of housing types with a full range of affordability



Support economic opportunity regardless of race, gender, ability, or socioeconomic status



Support the City of Boulder advancing racial equity

Budget Education & Engagement Session Participants



50%

households with income under \$50,000/year



91%

community members of color (Latinx, Nepali, Black or African American, Indigenous)

CC-in-Rs shared an update on the budget process and hosted a Public Hearing training for community members on September 28.



City Council approved the city's 2024 budget on October 19 and many of the investments included align with identified community priorities. For example:

- » Affordable Housing Development at Western City Campus at Alpine-Balsam site – \$18.3 million to support the development of the city's largest affordable housing project to-date, with 144 new affordable units at the Western City Campus site at Alpine Balsam in north central Boulder.
- » Community Grants to support Community Members with Health Disparities - Health Equity Fund – \$415,000 increase for Health Equity Fund community grant funding to support Boulder community members experiencing health disparities.

To see a full list of investments that align with identified community priorities, please visit: bit.ly/46RQvZh

Thank you to community members who shared their experiences and priorities for themselves and their families – we appreciate your participation in your city government!