



— DEPARTMENT SNAPSHOT —

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED)



Top Completed Projects 2022

- Launched First Solar Co-op for Adams County residents
- Adams County held eight hard-to-recycle drop-off events.
- Started orphaned-well inspections through our existing oil and gas well inspection program
- Adopted the Advancing Adams Comprehensive Plan in September 2022
- Adams County partnered with the City of Northglenn to bring Prost Brewing Company's corporate headquarters to the Northglenn Marketplace. The 53,000 sq. ft. brewery has already received national recognition as one of the most sustainable and technologically advanced breweries planned in the country and will serve as their regional production and distribution center.
- Assigned \$6.3M in Private Activity Bonds to Commerce City Housing Authority
- Completed the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
- In a regional approach to address homelessness, Adams County provided \$3.8M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Colorado Coalition for the Homeless for the acquisition of the Clarion Inn on 48th Ave. and I-25
- Community Development Block Grant – Minor Home Repair (MHR) Program
- The county funded several public service programs with Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds
- Community Enrichment Grant (CEG) Program

Top New Projects 2023

- Launch second countywide solar co-op for residents and businesses
- Develop waste hauler licensing ordinance for haulers operating in unincorporated Adams County
- Text amendments to the Development Standards and Regulations to address accessory uses at oil and gas facilities such as cryptocurrency mining operations
- Initiate a comprehensive update to the county's Development Standards and Regulations
- Adoption of Short-Term Rental Licensing Program
- \$7M of ARPA funding earmarked for an affordable housing land banking program
- \$643,000 approved in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds for South Platte Crossing. The project will result in 60 units of affordable housing in Commerce City and is expected to be completed in 2024.
- \$1.25M in HOME funds were invested in Crossing Pointe South. Crossing Pointe South will open in 2023 and will offer 142 units of affordable housing.
- Assigned \$6.9M in Private Activity Bonds to Maiker Housing Partners
 - The assignment of Private Activity Bonds will result in the redevelopment of a 160-unit affordable housing development – Overlook at Thornton
- \$800,000 appropriated to the Community Enrichment Grant (CEG) Program
 - Applications for funding were due March 1, 2023. 80 applications were received. Funding recommendations will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in June 2023. These funds help with direct services provided by nonprofits for Adams County residents.

Will Completion of Any of the 2022 Projects Impact Residents?

- Solar Co-op project closed with **202** members and **39** rooftop installations totaling **280 kW** of solar capacity that will offset **5,644** metric tons of greenhouse gas over the next **25** years and created **4** local solar jobs.
- **204,287** pounds of material diverted from landfill for material recycling and reuse purposes.
- **196** orphan wells inspected in addition to **459** routine, annual well inspections.
- The Comprehensive Plan serves as a policy and operations tool that guides the county toward the vision of being the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses. The plan addresses future development and code needs, including technical zoning or development standards requirements, as well as overarching policies/statements about engaging the community, addressing economic development, equity, and sustainability in all its forms.
- **\$25M** investment by Prost, job growth, and the opening of a biergarten in July 2023 (expected to attract over **350,000** patrons annually)
- The Private Activity Bonds assigned to Commerce City Housing Authority will result in the development of a **92-unit** affordable housing development located at 7001 Colorado Blvd. This development will have one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units for individuals or families making less than **60%** of area median income.
- Over the course of 2021 and 2022, ERAP provided **2,466** Adams County residents with emergency rental and utility assistance due to financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, totaling **\$25M** in assistance.
- Clarion Inn, soon to be Renewal Village, will result in 215 units of permanent supportive housing and transitional housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

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- Assisted **44** low-income homeowners in Federal Heights, Northglenn, Brighton, and unincorporated Adams County with essential home repairs through the county's MHR Program, totaling **\$795,000** in assistance.
- CDBG-CV funded Growing Home Food Assistance Program, Almost Home Homeless Prevention Program, Intervention, Colorado Legal Services, Project Angel Heart Medically Tailored Meals, the Well Elder Program with The Senior Hub, and the Brighton Housing Authority Domestic Violence Program. Altogether, these activities assisted **12,097** persons. The total amount expended for these activities was **\$334,332.18**.
- Provided **\$800,000** to **33** local nonprofits that provide direct services, such as health, education, workforce development, basic needs, and disability services, to Adams County residents.

Will CED Have Any Resident Engagement Events or Calls for Comment?

- The CED department will have several engagement/stake holding events for the following:
 - Waste hauler licensing ordinance development
 - Update of the Development Standards and Regulations and Text Amendments
 - Short-Term Rental Licensing
 - Throughout May and June, outreach will be conducted to inform development of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, which outlines how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds are utilized.

2022 Statistics

- Building Permits/Inspections
 - **3,592** building permits issued
 - **11,760** inspections completed
- Business Licenses
 - The county does not issue business licenses but launched a voluntary business registration program in April 2022.
- Active Oil Wells
 - **890** active wells located in unincorporated Adams County (**1,009** active wells throughout Adams County)
 - **342** Producing (**38%**)
 - **400** Shut-In or Temporary Abandoned (**45%**)
 - **133** Waiting on completion/drilling (**15%**)
 - **15** Injecting (**2%**)
- Oil/Gas Permits Awaiting Approval
 - **0**
- Oil Production in 2022: **9.63** million barrels
 - Most in county history
 - **19%** increase from 2021 (state increase of only **4%**)
 - 2nd largest oil producer in the state (behind Weld)
- Produced Water Pipeline
 - Going into service now
 - Connects most multi-well pads west of I-76
 - Reduces on-site storage
 - Truck trips and emissions

Top Trends

- Substantial new development of residential with a growing need for diversity in types and more affordable options