



## NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PUEBLO CITY COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PUEBLO CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **APRIL 25, 2022** COMMENCING **AT 5:30 P.M.** IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL, ONE CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.

Executive Committee meetings are special meetings of the City Council and are informal Council meetings for the purpose of receiving information and discussion among Council Members; no official action is taken at such meetings. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.

**Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to please notify the ADA Coordinator of their needs at (719) 553-2295 by noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.**

THE AGENDA FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

### ***AGENDA***

I. Call To Order And Welcome - Sarah Martinez, Work Session Chair

II. Topics

1. CITY UPDATE (5:30 PM - 5:40 PM)

**PURPOSE:**

Weekly update from the Mayor's Office.

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Update: Ms. Laura Solano, Chief of Staff

**TIME ALLOTTED:**

10 Minutes

**SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:**

2. BESSEMER COMMUNITY CENTER DEVELOPMENT (5:40 - 6:05 PM)

**PURPOSE:**

Presentation to City Council.

**CALL TO PODIUM**

Jude Solano, Co-Founder/President/CEO - Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association

**TIME ALLOTTED:**

15 Minutes - Presentation

10 Minutes - Questions

**SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:**

Presentation to City Council.

Documents:

[4-25-22 HARM REDUCTION PRESENTATION CITY COUNCIL \(1\).PDF](#)

3. NEIGHBORWORKS UPDATE (6:05 - 6:30 PM)

**PURPOSE:**

Presentation to City Council.

**CALL TO PODIUM**

Ashleigh Winans, Director

Tamara Pleshek, Project Coordinator

**TIME ALLOTTED:**

15 Minutes - Presentation

10 Minutes - Questions

**SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:**

Presentation to City Council.

Documents:

[04-25-22 NEIGHBORWORKS-CITY COUNCIL 5.25.22.PDF](#)

4. COUNCIL BOARD/COMMISSION UPDATE (6:30 - 6:40 PM)

**PURPOSE:**

Update from City Council members.

**CALL TO PODIUM**

City Council members

**TIME ALLOTTED:**

10 Minutes - Presentation

**SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:**

Update from City Council members.

III. Adjournment

Jude Solano, MS, RN, ADS  
Co-Founder/President/CEO

# Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association





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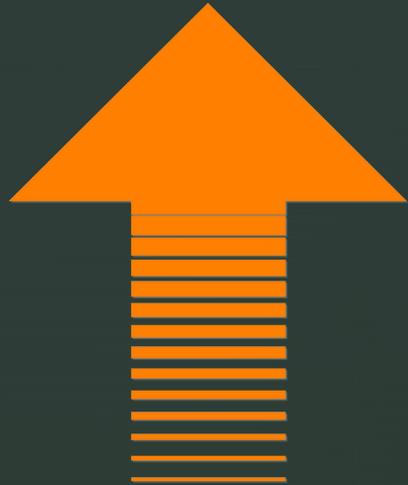
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## ▸ **SCHRA Opened in July 2017**

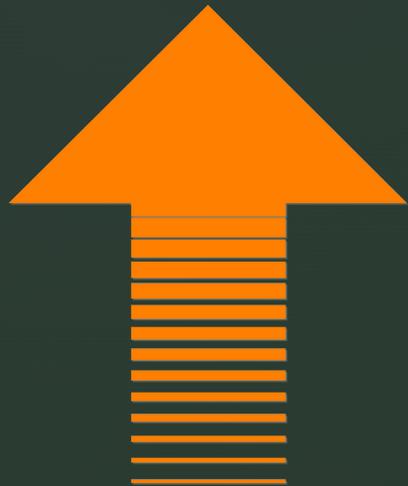
We are a non-profit in Pueblo providing services, support, and advocacy for people experiencing life disruptions due to substance use and mental health disorders. We also provide support for their loved ones and the communities affected by this epidemic.





- The overdose death rate in Colorado spiked to an all-time high in 2020 which is the largest jump in over 20 years. The rate increased by 38% and 1,477 lives were lost due to overdoses in our state.

- Last year, 956 people died of an opioid overdose, according to State data. This represented a 54% increase from 2019 in the number of deaths caused by opioids.



- This category also includes fentanyl, an opioid that can be deadly in small amounts and is increasingly present in street drugs including counterfeit pills and cocaine.

- In Colorado, fentanyl-associated deaths more than doubled — from 222 deaths in 2019 to 540 deaths in 2020 according to CDPHE, the state public health system.





*“Though only five percent of the world's population lives in the United States, it is home to 25 percent of the world's prison population.”*

Washington Post 4/30/2015



# INCARCERATION RATES

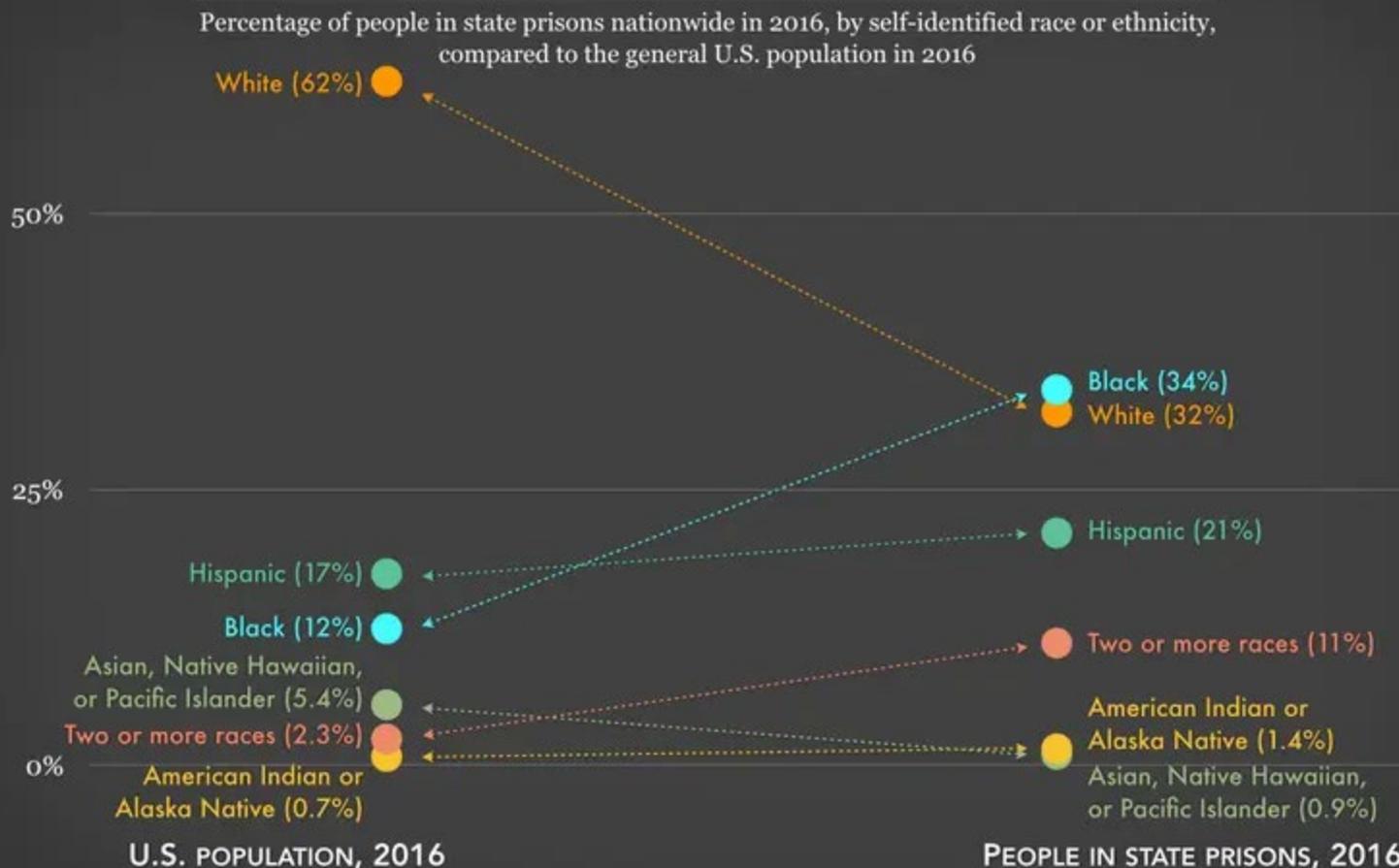
COMPARING COLORADO  
AND FOUNDING NATO COUNTRIES



Incarceration rates per 100,000 population

Source: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/global/2021.html>

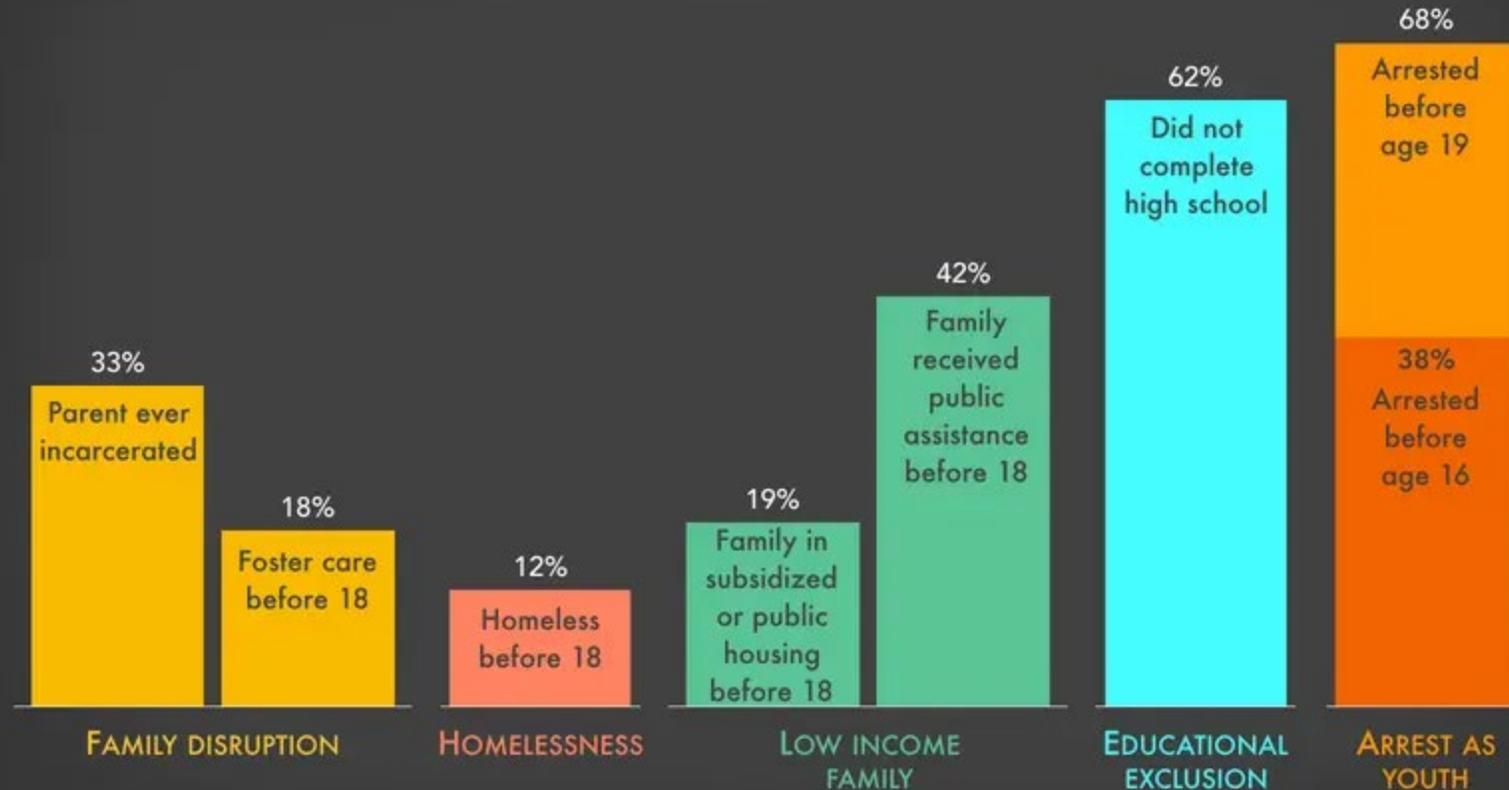
## White people are very underrepresented in state prisons while almost every other racial and ethnic group is overrepresented



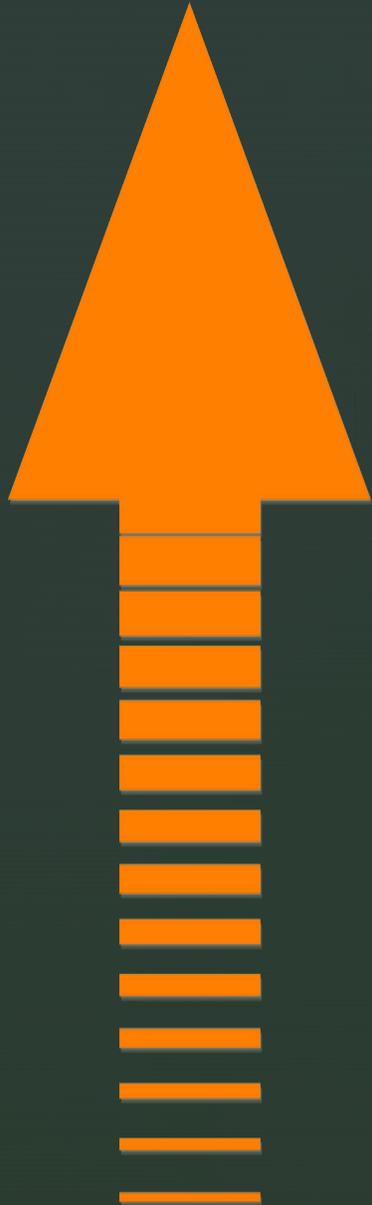
Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics' *Survey of Prison Inmates, 2016* data analyzed by the Prison Policy Initiative, and U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2016, Table DP05. All categories other than Hispanic include only those identifying as non-Hispanic. The Census Bureau collects data on Asian and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander people separately; the U.S. population was 5.2% Asian and 0.2% Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander.

# Many people in state prisons grew up facing serious family, housing, economic, and educational challenges

Instead of receiving support, most were criminalized as kids.



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics' *Survey of Prison Inmates*, 2016 data analyzed by the Prison Policy Initiative



- 123% increase in drug felony filings in Colorado from 2012 to 2018. -Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition CCJRC.
- 75% of the drug felony cases filed in Colorado in 2017 were for possession rather than distribution or more serious crimes.
- "The Colorado prison population is expected to increase by 38.2% between fiscal years 2017 and 2024, This rate of growth is substantially higher than initially estimated. -Colorado Division of Criminal Justice study released in 2018

# ▶ SCHRA Is Unique Benefits of Harm Reduction Programs



- Free Public Health Services, HIV/Hep C Testing, Vaccinations
- Overdose Prevention, Naloxone and Fentanyl Testing Strips
- Syringe Service Programs
- Acudetox (Ear Acupuncture to decrease withdrawal symptoms)
- Peer Support Services to address needed resources.
- Direct pathways to healthcare partners, Telehealth and MAT\*



## WHO WE ARE & WHO WE HELP

Artist: Mattie Refic

**SoCo Harm Reduction Association is a non-profit serving the underserved and those affected by substance use.**

### **Our Mission:**

**To provide the underserved and those suffering from negative impacts of drug use, and their loved ones, an entry point and access to evidence based harm reduction practices. And to offer compassionate support and services with the goal of helping people obtain wellness, restoration and healing.**

**LEAF**  
(LIFE  
EMPOWERMENT  
AND FULFILLMENT  
PROJECT)  
FOR UNDERSERVED  
YOUTH &  
RE-ENTERING  
CITIZENS

**PEER  
RECOVERY  
SPECIALISTS**  
WHO HAVE  
FOUGHT TO  
RECOVER & WANT  
TO HELP OTHERS

**CRAFT**  
(COMMUNITY  
REINFORCEMENT  
AND FAMILY  
TRAINING)  
SUPPORT

**COVID  
VACCINATION  
CLINICS**  
(LOCATIONS  
VARY)

**MOM**  
GRANT FOR  
PREGNANT PEOPLE  
TO OBTAIN NEEDED  
SUPPORTS AND  
SERVICES FOR A  
HEALTHY  
PREGNANCY

**CLOTHING  
BANK**

**REFERRALS &  
EDUCATION**  
FOR TREATMENT,  
HEALTHCARE &  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

**SYRINGE  
SERVICE  
PROGRAM**  
**OVERDOSE  
PREVENTION  
SERVICES**

**ACUDETUX**  
EAR ACUPUNCTURE  
TO DECREASE  
ANXIETY,  
DEPRESSION,  
INSOMNIA,  
WITHDRAWALS,  
CRAVINGS

**HEALTHCARE  
PARTNERS:**  
CARE BY LOCATION  
(URGENT CARE AND  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH),  
FRONT RANGE CLINIC  
(MEDICATION ASSISTED  
TREATMENT),  
VIVENT  
(HIV/HEP C TESTING  
SERVICES)

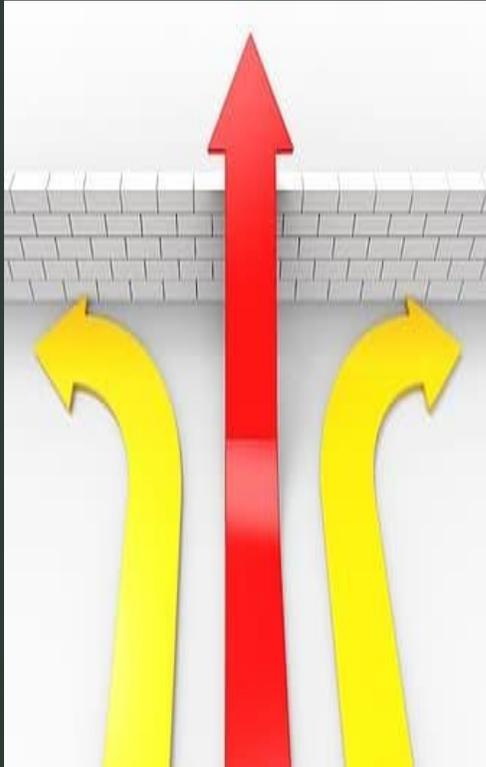
**To learn more, visit our website:  
[www.SoCoHarmReduction.org](http://www.SoCoHarmReduction.org)  
or call us at 719.289.7149**

## ▸ Latest Developments

- Acquisition of 219 W Northern Ave in Bessemer
- New Strategic Partnerships with the 88 Group & William Brummett Architects



## ► Challenges for Harm Reduction Organizations



- Funding & Sustainability
- Full Integration as an accepted public health system
- Recognition and acceptance of our evidence based progressive and innovative strategies
- Support and joint efforts with law enforcement, local government, and the criminal justice system.
- Prison pipeline for drug use.
- Housing, Food and Employment Opportunities.

***FACT:*** People are 5 times more inclined to engage with healthcare when accessing a Harm Reduction Org. People are 10 times more likely to engage in healthcare when accessing a safe consumption site.



**Southern Colorado  
Harm Reduction Association**

*invites you to join*

**CRAFT: Community Reinforcement and Family Training**  
Education and Support for Family and Friends of  
Someone who Struggles with Addiction

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CRAFT is a skills-based program that impacts families in multiple areas of their lives, including self-care, problem solving, and goal setting. CRAFT teaches families behavioral and motivational strategies for interacting with their loved one, including addressing their loved one's resistance to change.

- Understanding a loved one's triggers to use substances
- Positive communication strategies
- Positive reinforcement strategies
- Problem-solving
- Self-care
- Domestic violence precautions
- Encourage a loved one to accept help

To sign up, call: (719) 289-7149

Visit us at: [www.socoharmreduction.org](http://www.socoharmreduction.org)

**MONDAYS - ONLINE - 5:30-7PM**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/2618469738>





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2 HOUR  
NO PARKING

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MY NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE

BESSEMER



MY NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE



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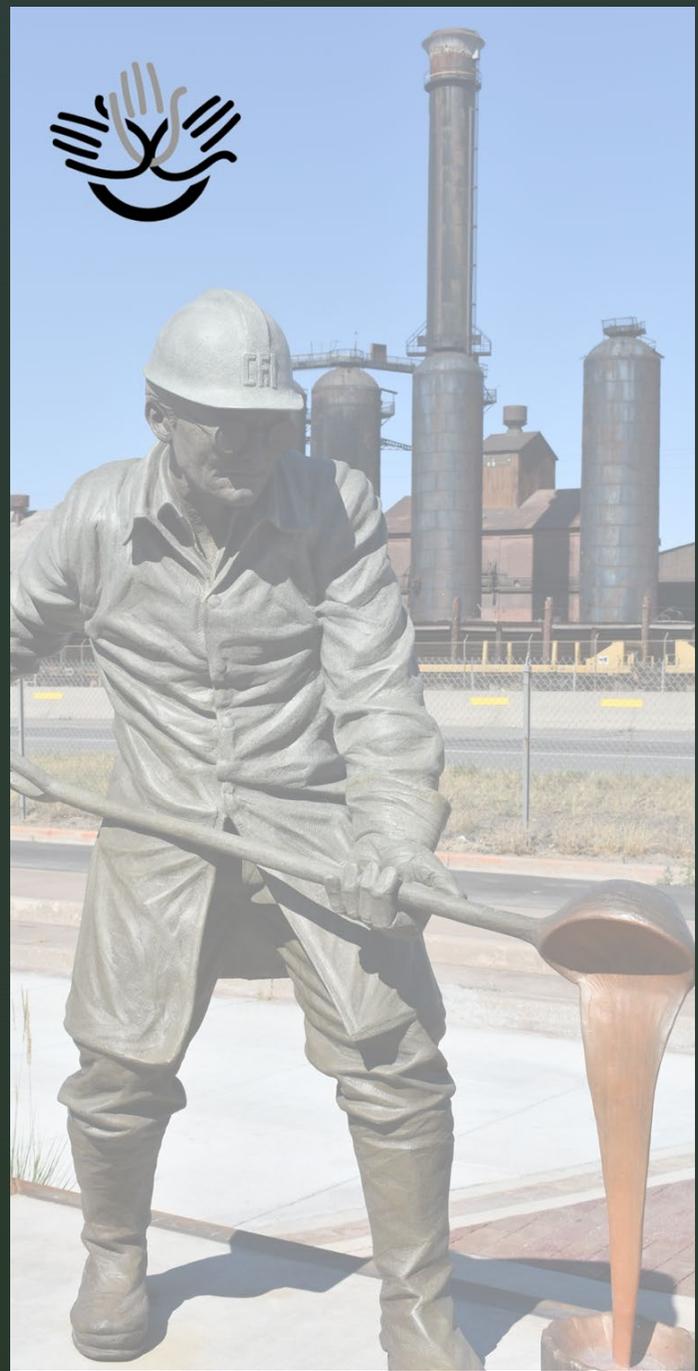
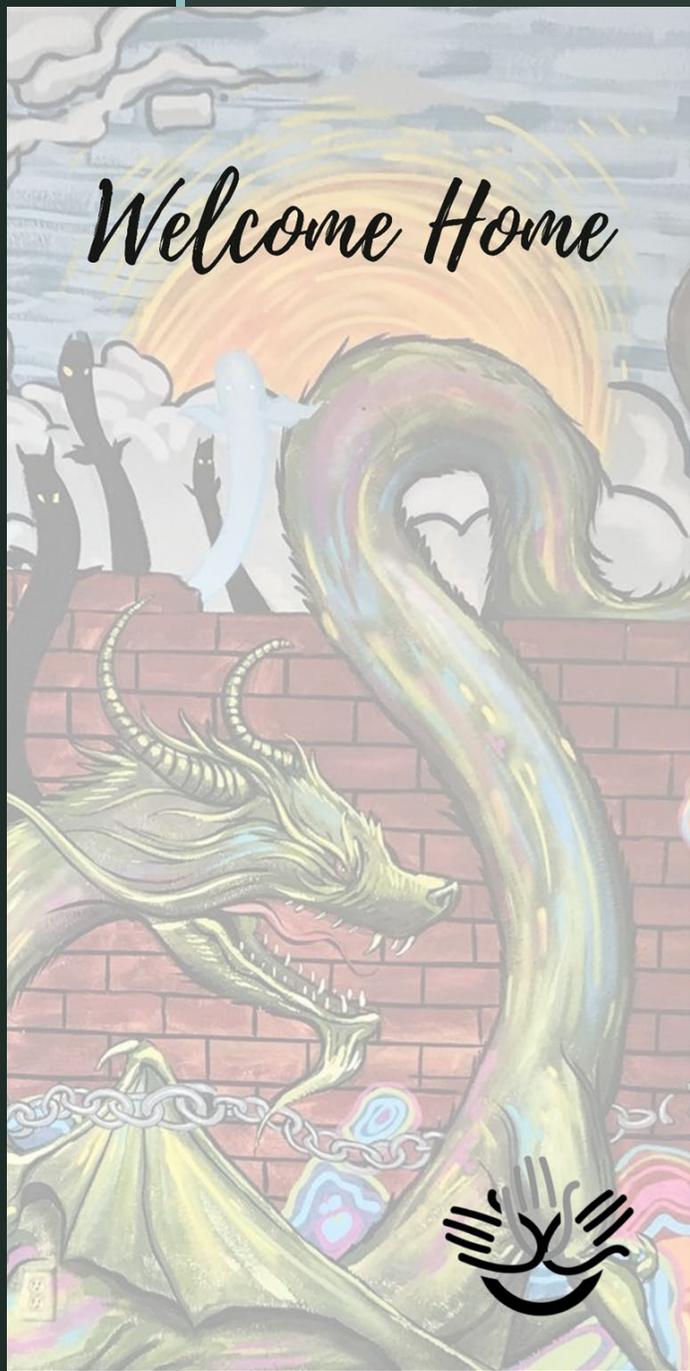


HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS



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## ▸ SCHRA is Building Capacity

Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association (SCHRA) and other advocates and stakeholders are joining forces in support of expanding access to life-saving harm reduction services for the underserved and those affected by substance abuse at the new Bessemer Community Center at the corner of Northern and Abriendo on the Southside of Pueblo.

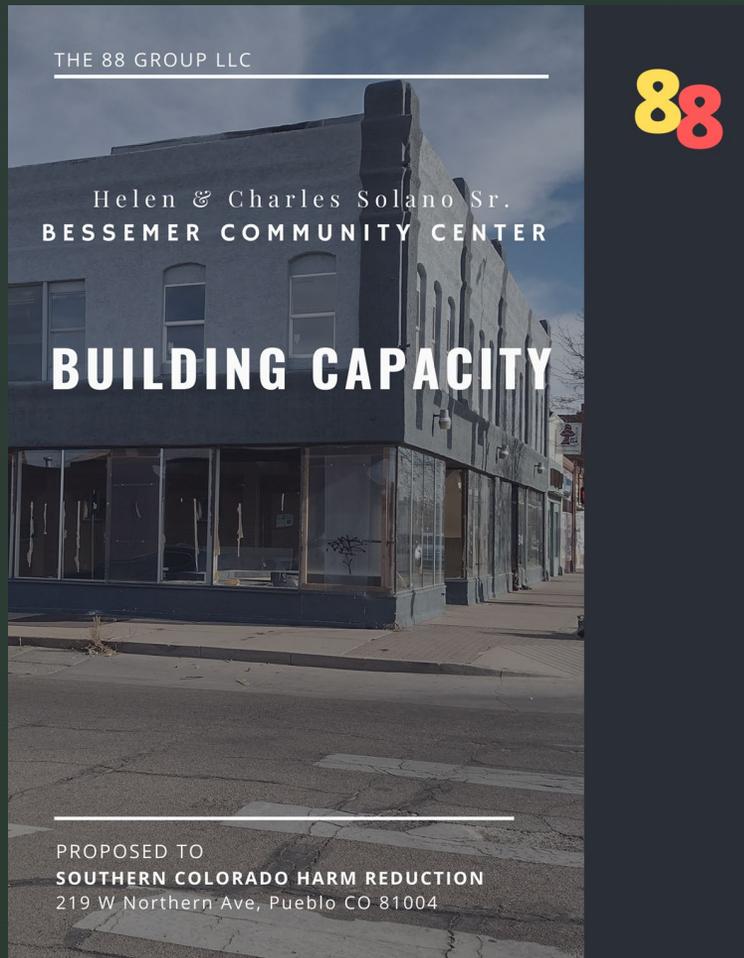


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# Strategic Partnerships



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William Brummett Architects, P.C., is a full-service architectural design, consulting and research firm. Since 1992 WBA has specialized in the creation of innovative housing and care environments for those with special needs. This includes specialized settings for seniors, younger adults, adolescents, and children.

**88 GROUP**

As a mission driven low-profit private developer, one of our key priorities at the 88 Group is the development and preservation of affordable and sustainable housing in Pueblo, Colorado. *We empower community creativity and turn ideas into action.*



# ▸ The Future of the Past

*The forging of steel into the sinews of the American economic juggernaut was and is an act of brilliance and bravery — of service and sacrifice.*

*— from **Forged Together in the Bessemer Neighborhood***

Nestled snugly against the massive stacks and stoves of the old Colorado Fuel & Iron Steel Mill, the neighborhood of Bessemer has always been viewed through a smoky lense. A neighborhood historic context study commissioned by the City of Pueblo's Historic Preservation Commission, funded and supported financially by [Bessemer Historical Society](#) and [Historic Pueblo, Inc.](#) dramatically changes that notion. The history of the Bessemer neighborhood has always been closely tied to the steel mill but it has a depth and diversity that is all its own. Bessemer is easily one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West.



**FIRST FLOOR (West)**



**GROCERY STORE (East)**



**SECOND FLOOR**

# ▶ New Grocery Store for Bessemer



We believe everyone — no matter your circumstances — deserves to experience the joy of picking out fresh, healthy groceries. That's why we are creating a new kind of food pantry and market on the first floor of the Bessemer Community Center to deal with the lack of access to healthy foods. This is just the next chapter as we continue to grow and build capacity to ensure equitable access to health care and nutritional food.



*Empowering community  
creativity and turning ideas  
into action.*

▸ Thank you!

## Questions

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**NeighborWorks  
Southern  
Colorado**



# Our Mission...Our Impact

Our mission is to promote healthy, vibrant neighborhoods and serve as the first choice for homebuyer resources in Southern Colorado.

*NeighborWorks Southern Colorado is #2 in the country for Affordable Home Ownership Education!*  
We counseled 2,156 families in 2021!

## Educate

- **Classes**
  - Homebuyer Education
  - Financial Fitness
- **Counseling**
  - Foreclosure Mitigation
  - Homebuyer Development

## Lend

- **Home Loan**
  - Conventional, FHA, VA, USDA
- **Small Business Loan**
  - \$5k-250k
- **Rehab Loan**
  - \$

## Build

- **Pikes Peak Park**
  - 604 Units
- **Hyde Park**
  - 90 Units
- **Liberty Gardens**
- **IndieDwell**

## Engage

- **Bessemer mobile Food Pantry**
- **La Familia Community Garden**
- **Little Libraries/Blessing Box**

# **American Rescue Plan Act**

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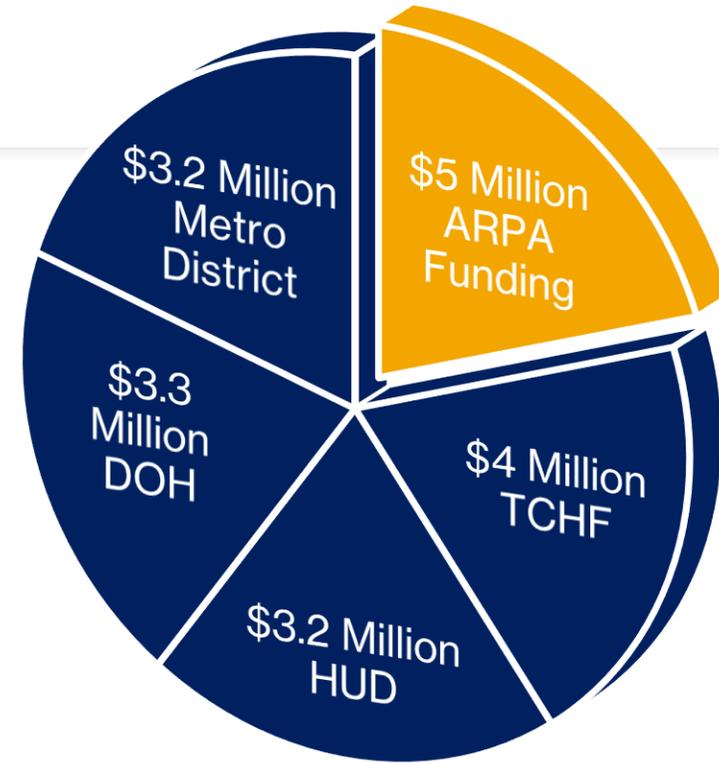
Proposal

# Pillars of Focus

Community Resilience

Individuals/  
Households

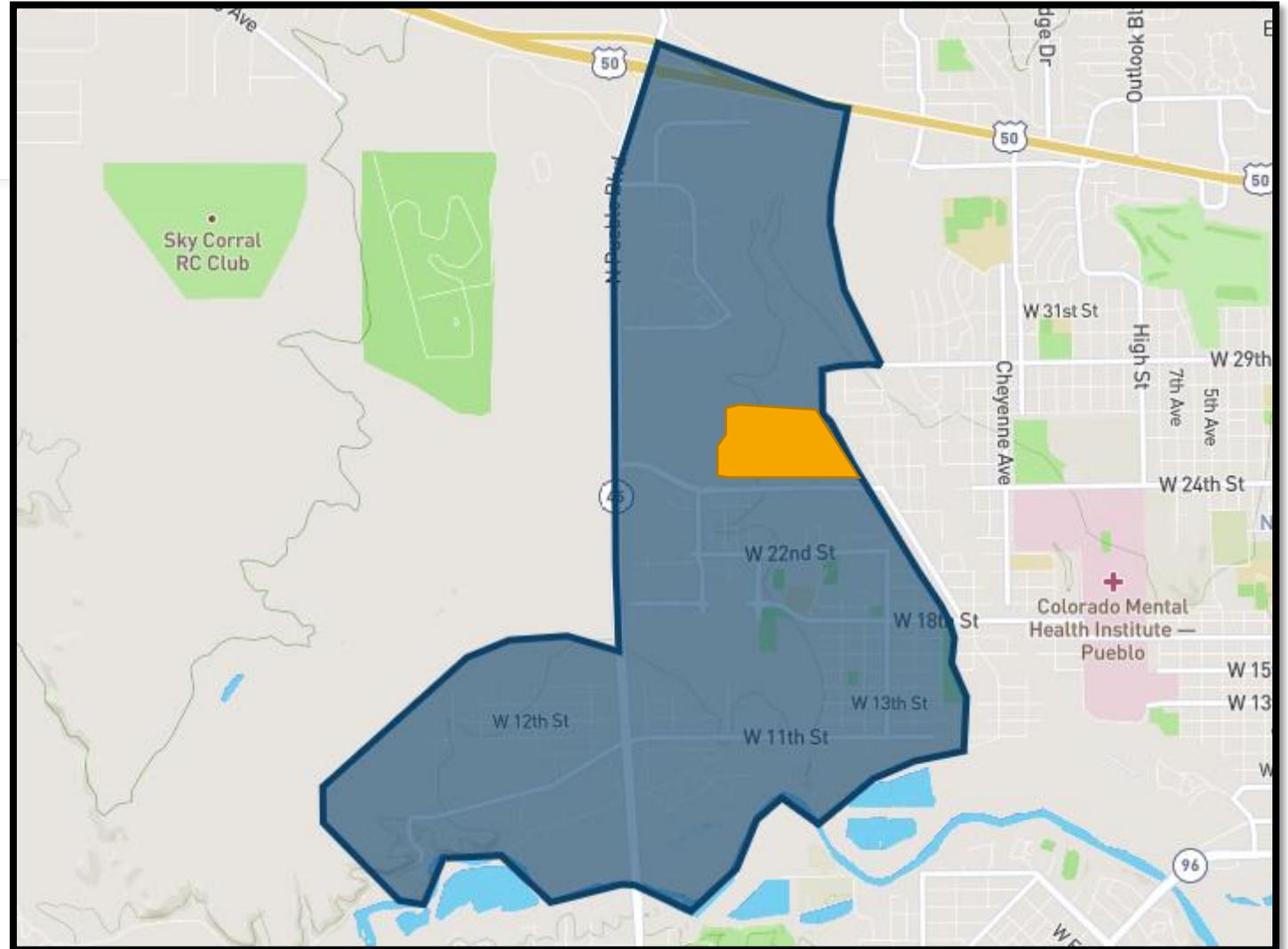
Infrastructure



**\$5 Million** in ARPA funding will leverage over **\$13 Million** of competitive federal grants and other private sources for the project.

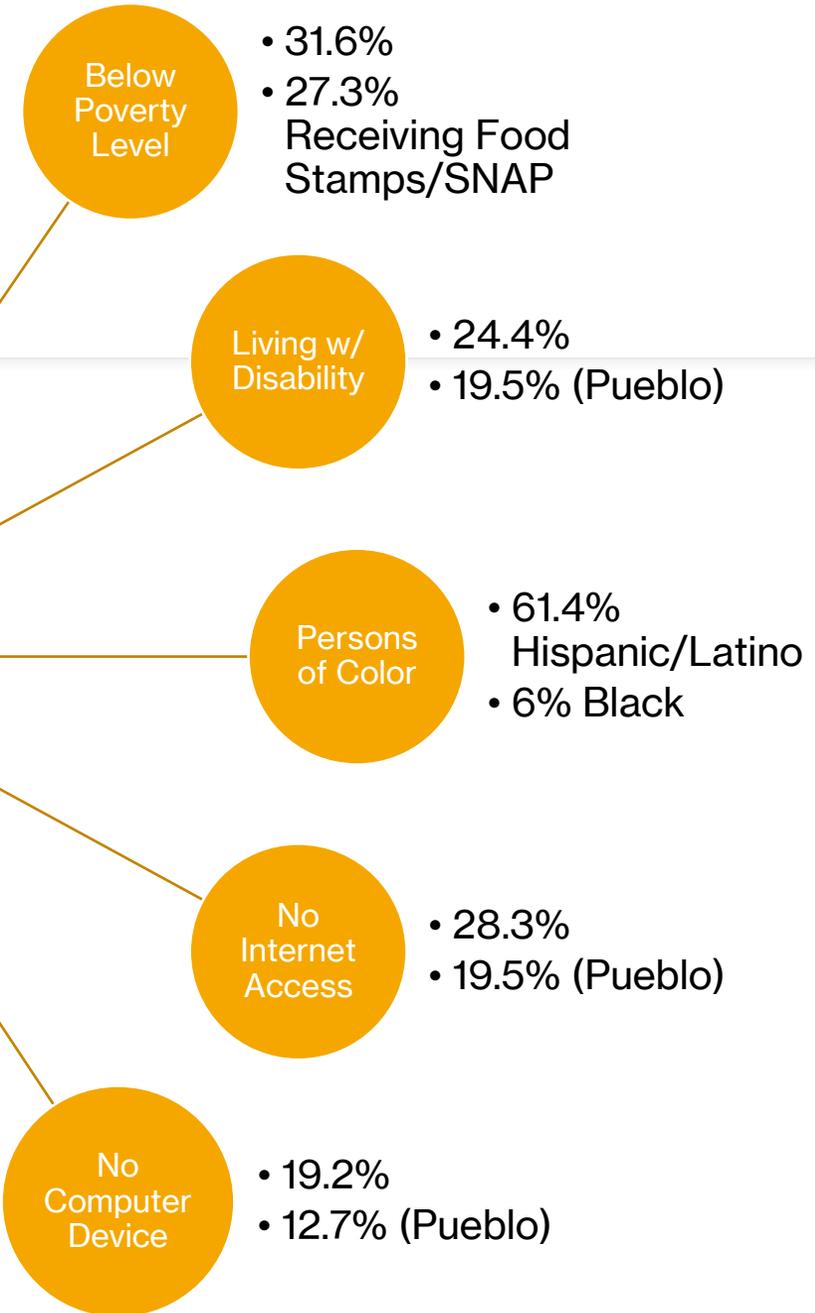
# Area of Focus

- Pueblo's West Side
- Census Tract: 08101002901
- With influence on the connectivity to the greater Pueblo community



# Area Facts

- Total Population: 2,983
- Lies within an Opportunity Zone



# Impacts of COVID-19

The Westside has a disproportional level of poverty, people of color, and people living with disabilities.

- 10.9% of this community are uninsured and public transportation was non-existent
  - Residence were unable to seek medical help which led to further health issues/death
- Widespread school closures resulted in economically vulnerable populations facing greater hurdles
  - 28.3% of households had no access to internet and 19.2% had no computer device

Increasing access to public transportation, walkability, and increasing neighborhood connectivity will help to unburden this area.



# Master Planned Project

# Pikes Peak Park

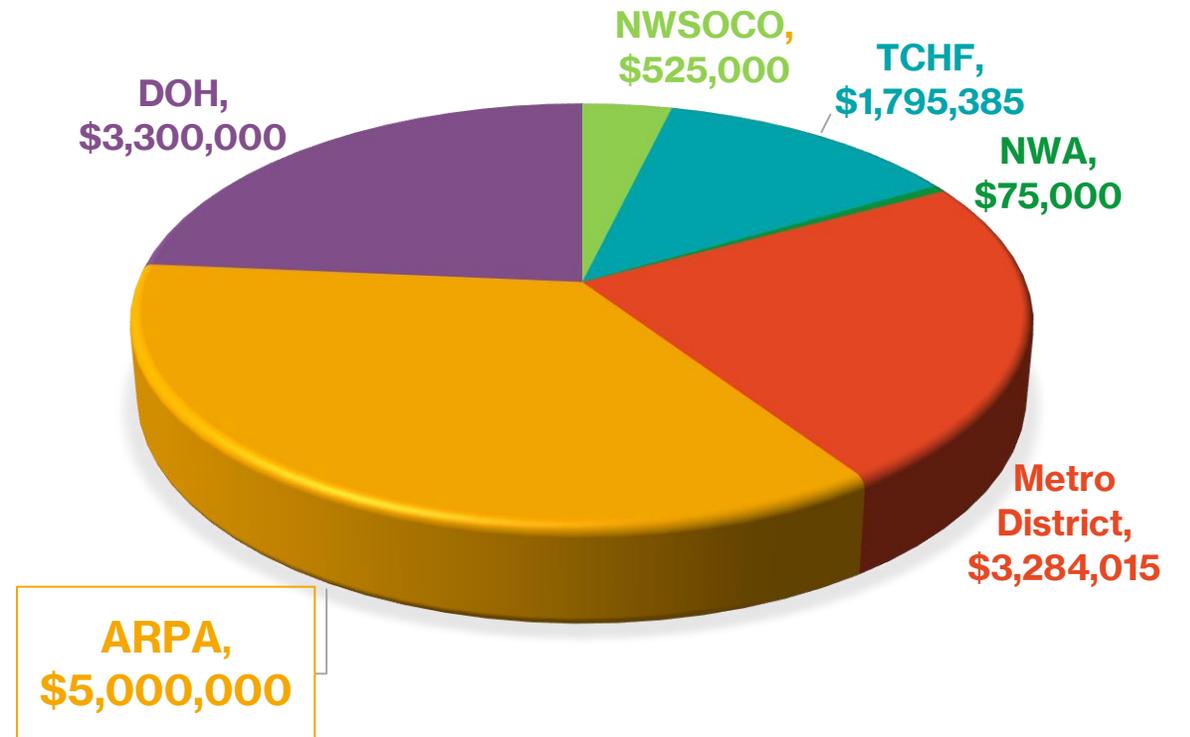
- **604 Planned Housing Units**
  - Multifamily, Condos, Townhomes, Single-Family residences
- **Mixed-use, mixed-income**
  - Commercial, Community Buildings, Urban Gardens, 15 Acres of Public Parks and Greenspace
- **Includes permanently affordable homeownership**
  - 74% of for-sale homes will be made affordable to those with an 80% AMI or less
- **Complete Project Timeline**
  - 3 phases over 10 Year period



# Project Budget – Entitlements & Infrastructure

## SOURCES

Uses (Entire Project)	
<b>Entitlements</b>	
Planning	\$386,000
Engineering	\$625,300
Project Management	\$75,000
<b>Infrastructure</b>	
Infrastructure (excluding water/sewer)	\$5,115,495
Infrastructure (water/sewer)	\$3,914,505
Engineering & Design	\$749,100
Parks	\$1,400,000
ADA Play/Parks	\$250,000
Detention	\$1,355,000
Project Management	\$450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,320,400</b>

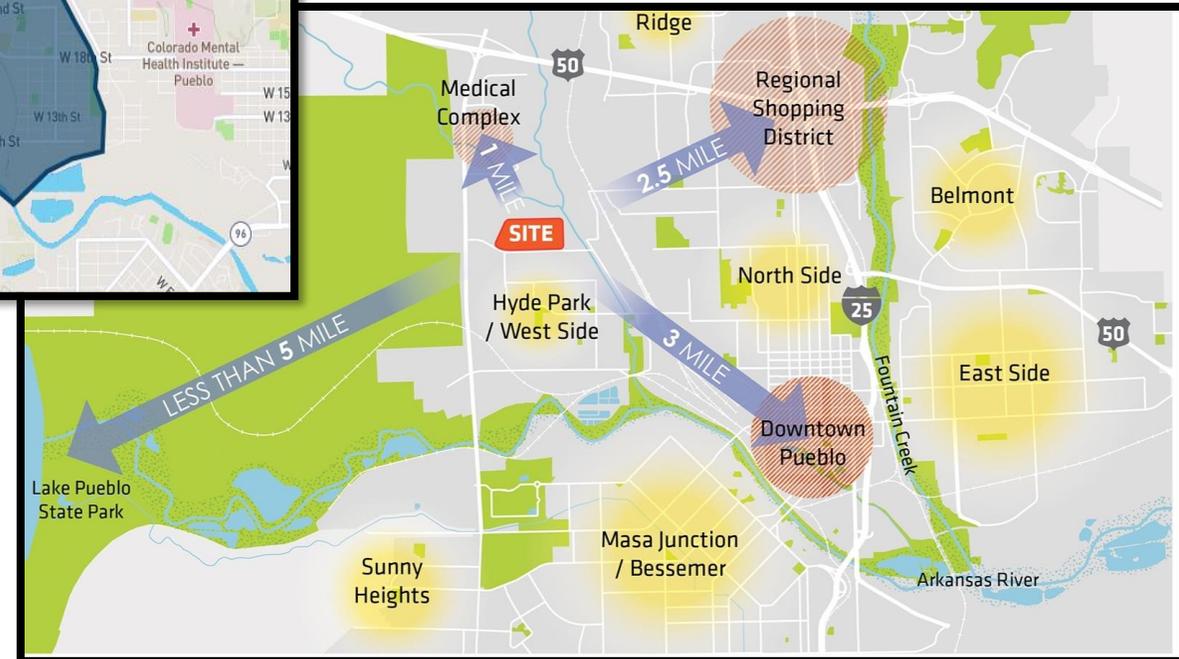
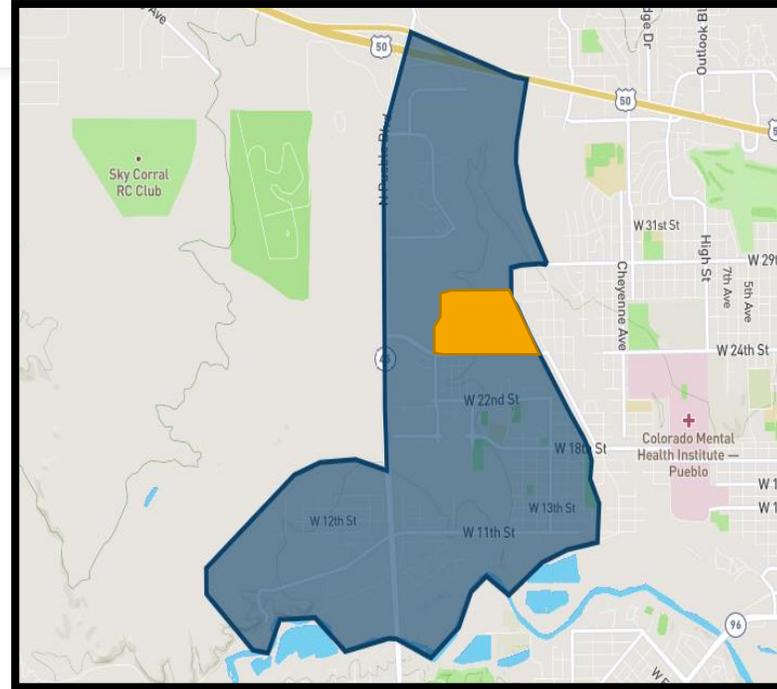


# ARPA Budget - \$5 Million

NeighborWorks Southern Colorado Budget		ARPA Budget	Phase 1A	Phase 1B	Phase 2A
	<b>Timeline:</b>	Expended by 2026	Oct 2022-Mar 2024	Apr 2024-May 2026	Apr 2026-Dec 2026
	<b>Anticipated outcome:</b>	Expend all funds as allocated by end of 2026 to meet compliance	All Detention, 50% Park Install and 40% of allocated water and sewer along roadways	50% park Installation, 40% of allocated water and sewer along roadways	20% of allocated water and sewer along roadways (Multifamily)
<b>Project Expenses</b>					
<b>Design and Engineering</b>					
	Park and Detention Design	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 380,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Water/Sewer/Sanitary/Detention Engineering	\$ 369,100.00	\$ 369,100.00	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 749,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 749,100.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Water Quality Installation</b>					
	Water	\$ 891,713.00	\$ 356,685.20	\$ 356,685.20	\$ 178,342.60
	Sewer	\$ 1,065,540.00	\$ 426,216.00	\$ 426,216.00	\$ 213,108.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,957,253.00</b>	<b>\$ 782,901.20</b>	<b>\$ 782,901.20</b>	<b>\$ 391,450.60</b>
<b>Park Installation</b>					
	Gross Square Footage	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 840,000.00	\$ 560,000.00	\$ -
	ADA Parks	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,650,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 840,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 810,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Detention Pond</b>					
	Trails/Connections/Landscaping	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00		
	Earth moving	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00		
	Drainage	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 155,000.00		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Broadband</b>					
	Installation (*Potentially no cost to NWSOCO)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Project Totals</b>		<b>\$ 5,826,353.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,842,001.20</b>	<b>\$ 1,592,901.20</b>	<b>\$ 391,450.60</b>
<b>ARPA Budget Amount</b>		<b>\$ 5,000,000.00</b>			
<b>Remaining amount to be covered by other Sources</b>		<b>\$ 826,353.00</b>			

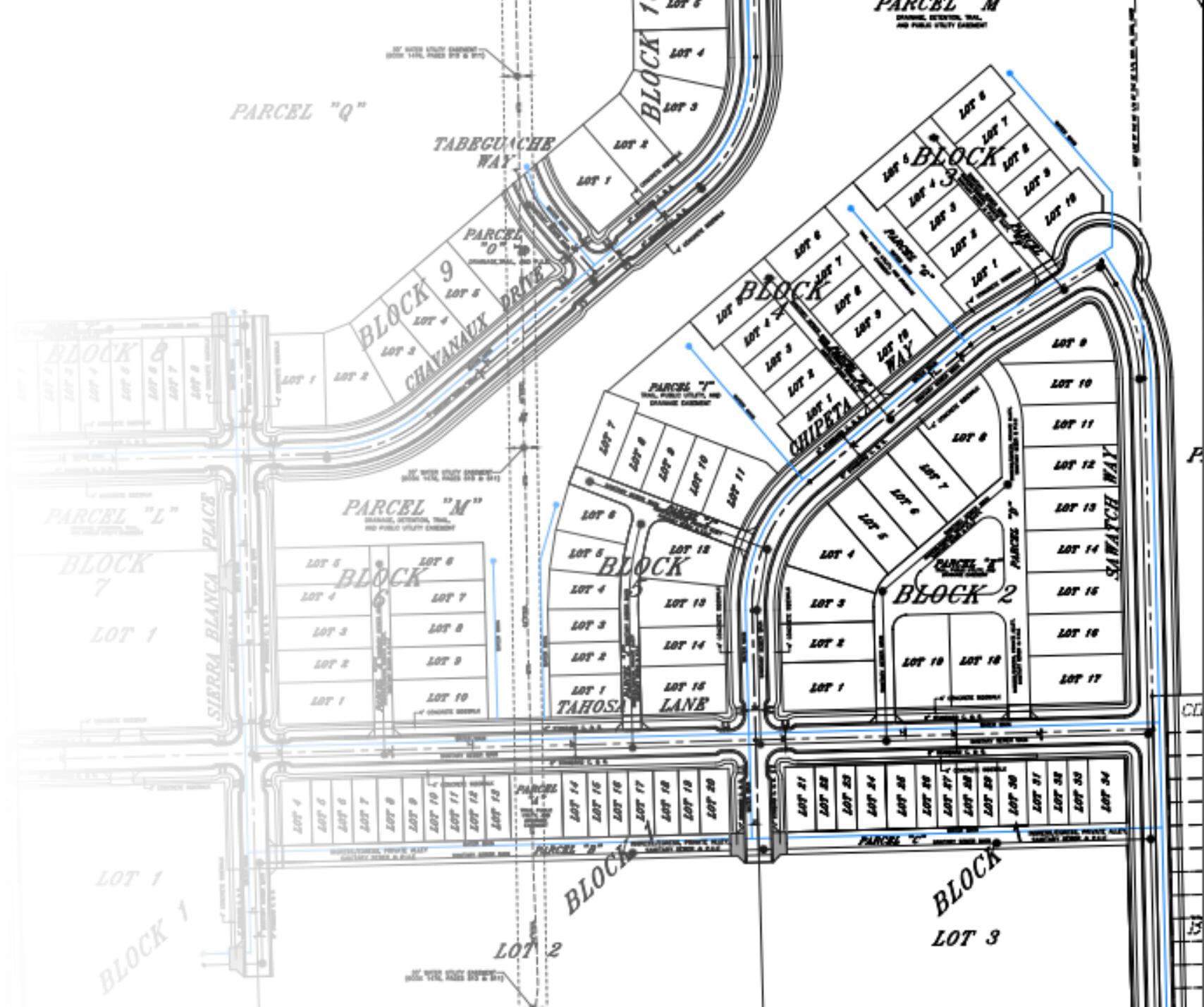
# Communities Impacted

- Westside Census Tract **PLUS**
- Increasing connectivity to the greater Pueblo area by connecting to existing trail systems and bringing in public transportation



# Water Quality

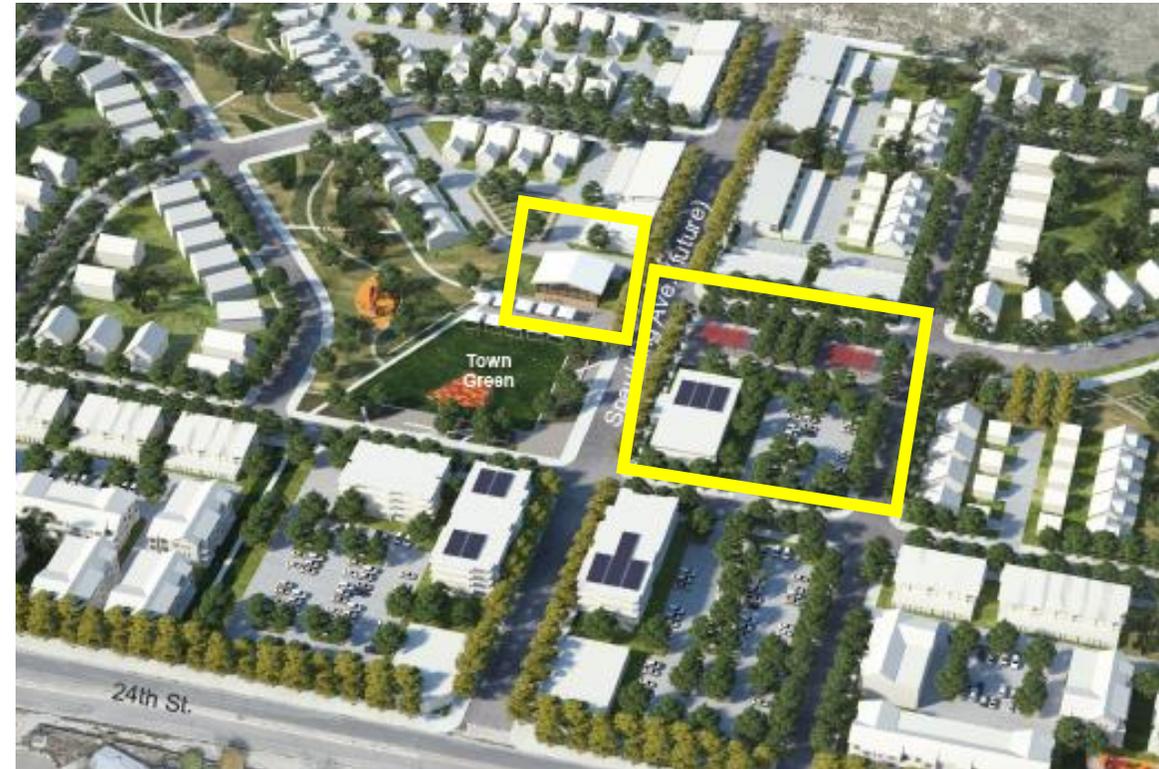
- Funds attributed to Sewer, Water and Water Detention would significantly reduce the amount of funds that would need to be borrowed from the Metro District
  - Reduced borrowed funds from the MD would ensure the homes are more affordable by not needing to be paid back over time.



# Internet/Broadband access

The Pikes Peak Park development will include two community buildings which will have internet access for the community.

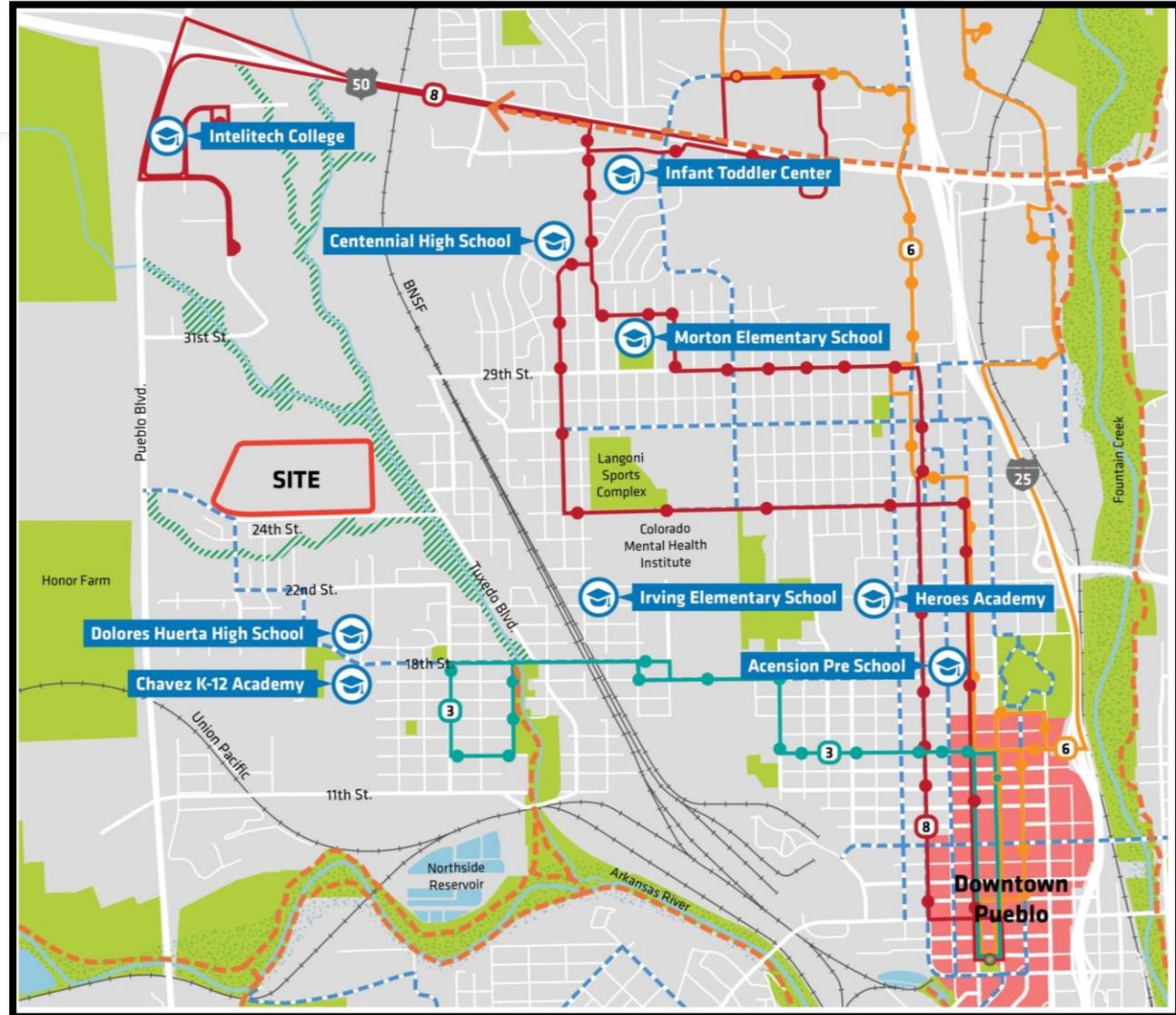
- Internet accessibility is a necessity within this area to help promote equality in the community



# Existing Public Transportation/Planned Trail System

- Currently, no bus lines run between 18th St. and the YMCA

 City's Planned Regional Trail System

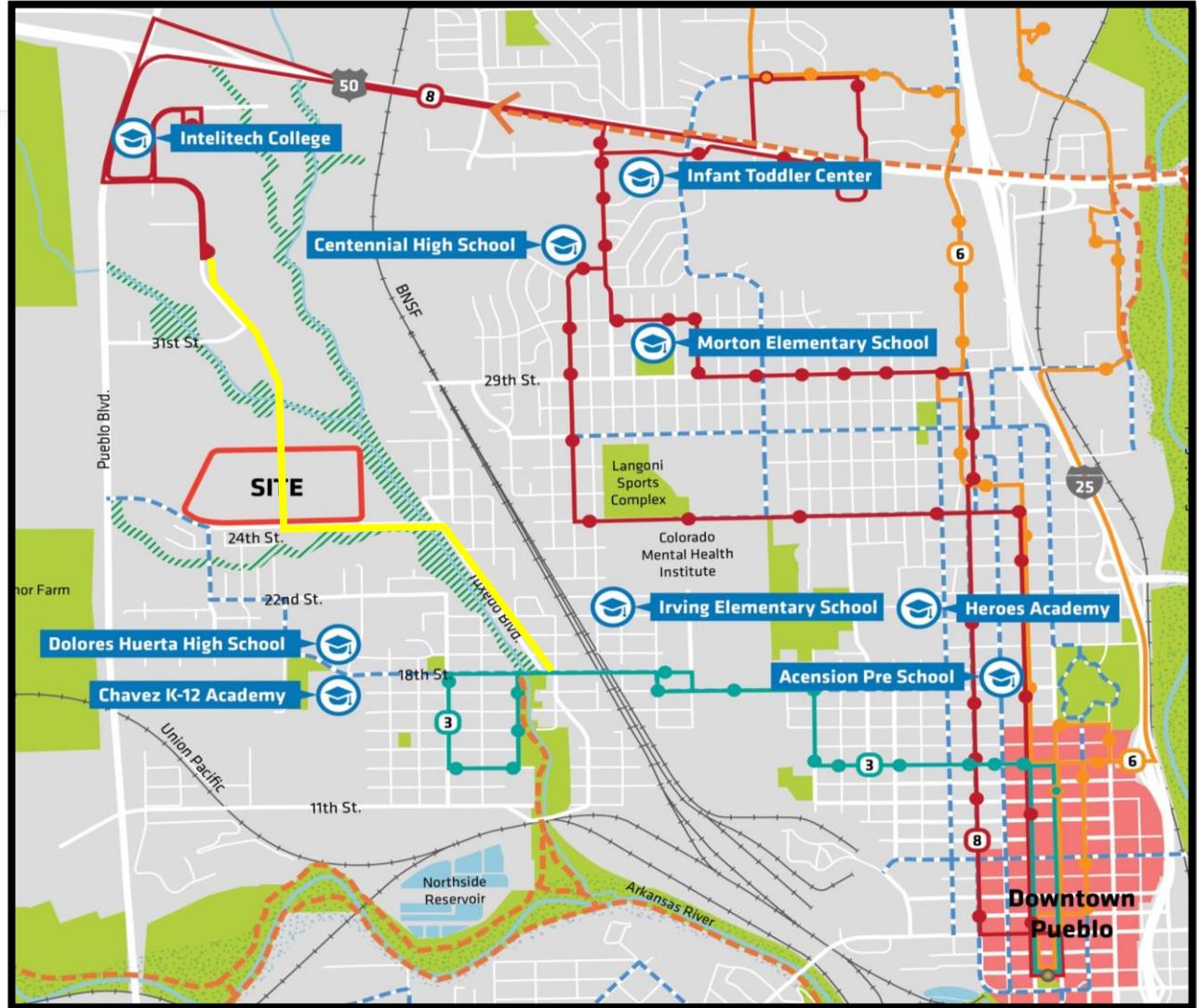


# Increased Connectivity

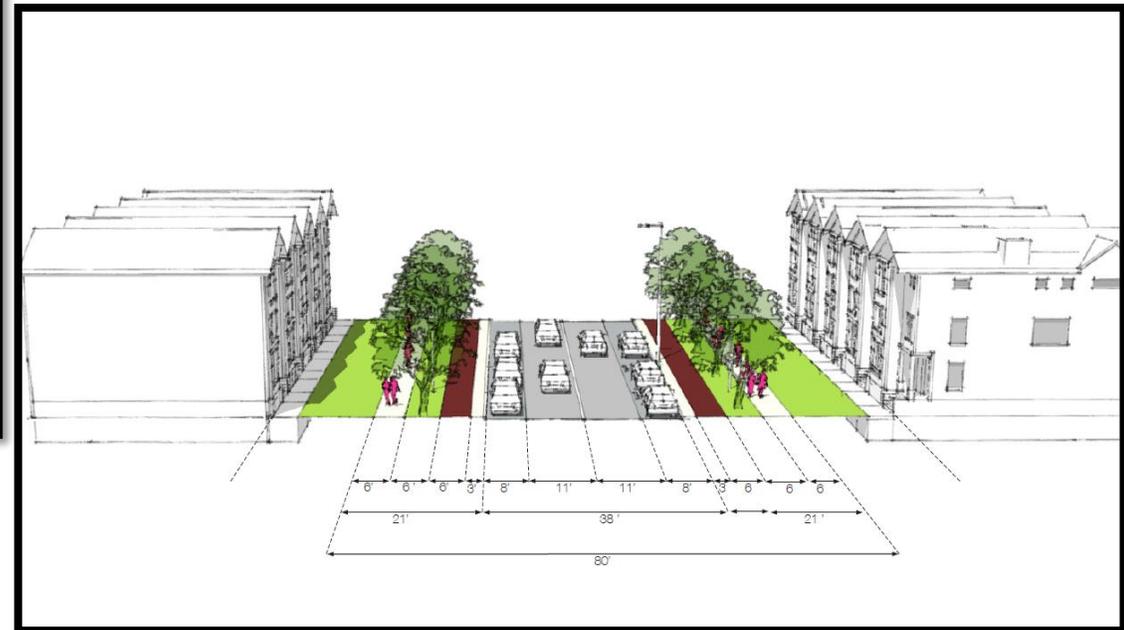
Connected Trails to the Planned Regional Trail System



→  
Addition of running bus lines through the west side running through the center of our planned project



# Multimodal Trails



# Inclusive Parks

Accessible  
Swing sets



Raised  
sand  
boxes



Roll-on  
Carousels  
w/ seats





**Questions?**

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