


CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM
#10-2023

DATE: Feb. 13, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager 

FROM: Jessica Hulse, Crisis Response Unit Program Manager

SUBJECT: Bridge Summit Proposal

PURPOSE

To seek Council consensus and input on the City hosting the inaugural Bridge Summit.

BACKGROUND:

The Bridge Summit would bring together city leadership and elected officials from across Adams County with service providers that assist local residents who are facing housing instability.

The service providers (both nonprofit and for-profit organizations) bring needed resources to the residents by focusing on community needs. Currently, a gap exists between service providers and the work of local governments. Adams County has fewer nonprofits per capita compared to its neighbors; this opportunity for connection would enable service providers to make a greater impact in the community and encourage others to work in the area. There has also been a request by Northglenn City Council members to have a space for brainstorming and development of a strategy in response to regional homelessness needs.

The five-hour event would take place in April. Activities would include a presentation, group discussion, and time for government and service providers to meet and discuss regional needs. Below is a high-level outline of the proposed Bridge Summit. Staff will coordinate event details if there is Council consensus to host the Summit.

Summit Goals

- Highlight the service providers of Adams County and their visions
- Learn what service providers need from local governments to grow in the County
- Convene staff, service providers and elected officials to brainstorm and discuss opportunities moving forward
- Identify and bring forward the priorities of Adams County and its municipalities
- Encourage municipalities and Adams County to support service providers
- Invite new service providers to come into the County

Summit Timeline

- Identify facility space (Northglenn Recreation Center or Adams County Human Services Building) and date (second half of April) by Feb. 23
- Send out call for service providers by March 2
- Send out invitations to city leadership, elected officials and service providers by March 10
- April 2023 host the Bridge Summit

Summit Agenda

- Introduction and Summit Intention
- Rotating breakout groups for city leadership and service providers
- Large group discussion

In addition to these next steps outlined above, the City Manager is working on scheduling a meeting with city/county managers to discuss how the Memorandum of Understanding on regional homelessness efforts can be taken to the next level and support this event.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

The cost is estimated at \$5,000 and would come out of the General Fund. Surrounding municipalities would be invited to share in hosting costs, however Northglenn would host the entire event in the case no other hosts come forward.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City host the Bridge Summit in April 2023 and is looking for feedback from City Council on the event proposal.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, please contact Heather Geyer, City Manager, at hgeyer@northglenn.org or 303.450.8706.