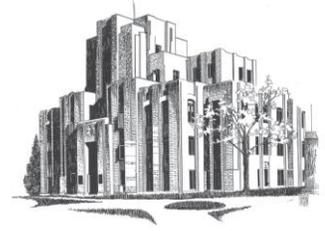

Boulder County 2020

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES AT A GLANCE



LEGISLATIVE

The following are Boulder County's priorities for the 2020 legislative session, including references to legislation that will be introduced in the General Assembly. Additional bills will be introduced in these priority areas throughout the legislative session. Boulder County staff will be active in any legislation introduced in these areas, and we ask for our legislators' support for these bills that are important to us and our constituents.

Climate Action: Enable new and creative legislative, regulatory, and administrative tools that will enable Colorado to achieve its aggressive greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

Anticipated legislation:

- Require the state's largest electric utilities to provide incentives and other tools for reducing the use of fossil fuel appliances in buildings.

Oil and Gas Authority: Build on 2019's landmark legislation requiring health, safety, and environmental considerations be given greater emphasis in regulating the oil and gas industry.

Flood Recovery: Clarify the period following a disaster declaration for counties to transfer funds to the Road and Bridge Fund for disaster response and recovery.

Anticipated legislation:

- Road and Bridge Fund Transfer Clarification

Child Welfare: Continue improvements to the child welfare system to increase positive outcomes for children and families and align with implementation of SB 18-254 and Family First Prevention Services Act and a focus on prevention.

Behavioral and Mental Health: Support and enhance mental and behavioral health.

Affordable Housing: Support efforts to increase and maintain safe, affordable housing statewide, and ensure new state dollars are flexible and meet local/regional needs.

Anticipated legislation:

- Manufactured Housing Communities
- Inclusionary Zoning

Criminal Justice: Support bond reform and a statewide risk-based system to increase court appearances.

Public Lands: Preserve the tools used to conserve and protect Colorado's land and natural resources.

Anticipated legislation:

- HB 19-1264 Working Group recommendations regarding reparations and other issues

Community Health: Support efforts to prevent and reduce the use of tobacco and electronic smoking devices and reduce exposure to secondhand smoke.

Equity and Justice: Support policies that increase and achieve equity for all Coloradans.

Anticipated legislation:

- Resolution and task force in support of Native American recognition and equity

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STATE BUDGET

In the development of the FY 2020-2021 state budget and in analyzing 2020 legislation with fiscal notes, Boulder County asks for the support of the General Assembly in maintaining or increasing appropriation levels for the following important areas. More detail about these positions can be found in the relevant sections of the county's 2020 State Legislative Agenda.

Human Services

Children and Family Services

- **Child Welfare:** Ensure Child Welfare dollars fully fund the system – including sufficient funding for caseworkers per the 2014 caseload study -- and aligns with SB 18-254 Child Welfare Reform Act and federal Family First Prevention Services Act implementation, with robust analysis of post-IV-E Waiver resources.
- **Colorado Works and TANF Reserves:** Support a strategic and sustainable funding plan for use of federal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) reserves and the Colorado Works program, in collaboration with counties.
- **Division of Youth Services IMPACT Partnership Contract and Collaborative Management Programs:** Support ongoing funding for these effective, dollar-saving programs that reduce youth detention, commitment, out-of-home placement, and recidivism.
- **Home Visitation:** Support expansion of home visitation programs for improved maternal-child outcomes.
- **Data Interoperability:** Support investment to link human services and health data systems across programs and departments to enhance services and outcomes, while protecting confidentiality and data security.

Early Childhood: Support multi-year increased investment in the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program to increase access, achieve parity of enrollment with the non-CCCAP population, and support school readiness, including expansion of the quality provider network.

Behavioral Health: Increase funding by Medicaid of proven substance abuse and mental health services; Medicaid currently underfunds these services in Colorado.

Disaster Recovery and Resiliency

Wildfire Mitigation: Increase and sustain funding for wildfire mitigation grants for projects on public and private lands, with a focus on restoration and mitigation.

Oil and Gas

Air Quality and Oil and Gas Enforcement: Increase staffing at CDPHE to provide necessary resources for permitting, inspections, enforcement, and other activities related to air quality, including issues related to oil and gas development.

Community Justice

Community Justice: Support additional funding for pretrial services, including pretrial assessment supervision.

Transportation

Increase Funding from New Revenue: Increase funding for transportation from new revenue sources, including funding for transit, bike and pedestrian infrastructure, and operations.

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