



## City of Boulder Human Services

### Human Services Strategy Survey

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Thank you in advance for completing our survey!

The City of Boulder is developing the new Human Services Strategy. It is a significant update to the [2006-2015 Housing and Human Services Master Plan \(http://www.static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/Housing\\_and\\_Human\\_Services\\_Master\\_Plan-1-201307091501.pdf\)](http://www.static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/Housing_and_Human_Services_Master_Plan-1-201307091501.pdf). The new strategy will provide a blueprint for the city's priorities for investments and programs in the community over the next five years.

Your input as a resident of Boulder is vitally important to the development and implementation of the new strategy. We want to hear from you and what you think is most important for the city to be doing about supporting human services.

Please note this survey is not associated with any political party or elections. There is no taxation or ballot associated with this survey. All survey responses are strictly confidential and will be used in aggregate to help shape the future direction of the city.

We will have several more opportunities for you to stay engaged. If you would like to learn more about the process or be informed of key project milestones, please visit the strategy website <https://bouldercolorado.gov/pages/boulder-human-services-mapping-our-future> and sign up to receive updates. If you have additional questions or comments please feel free to contact our team at [humanservicesoutreach@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:humanservicesoutreach@bouldercolorado.gov)

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1) Do you currently live in the city of Boulder?

- Yes
- No

**2) Are you 18 years old or older?**

- Yes
- No

**3) What should the city’s priorities/focus be in addressing the needs of the community?  
On a scale of 1 to 5 where one is not important and 5 is very important, how important to you is it that the City of Boulder supports the following:**

	1 (very unimportant)	2 (somewhat unimportant)	3 (neither important or unimportant)	4 (somewhat important)	5 (very important)
Adults age 60 and older [Example: providing social and educational opportunities; assistance with basic needs.]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth [Example: positive social activities; substance abuse prevention and after school programs.]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Families with children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>[Example: affordable child care; programs that support success in school.]</p>					
<p>Local human rights protection [Example: protecting people against illegal discriminati on in housing, employment and places such as hotels; protecting workers from non- payment of owed wages.]</p>	○	○	○	○	○
<p>Mental health and well-being [Example: access to counseling services and support]</p>	○	○	○	○	○
<p>Physical health and well-being [Example: access to</p>	○	○	○	○	○

health care and healthy food.]					
Preventing homelessness [Example: helping individuals and families on the brink of homelessness]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing basic services for people who are homeless [Example: access to food, clean water and emergency housing]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People in poverty [Example: access to employment and training; transportation assistance; affordable housing]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children [Example: early literacy programs;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

summer programs]					
Creating a welcoming community: [Example: cultural programs and celebrations and services to support a variety of cultures]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance use : [Example: substance abuse and addiction prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support services]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4) Using the same scale, are there any additional priority areas missing from the list in question 3?

	1 (very unimportant)	2 (somewhat unimportant)	3 (neither important or unimportant)	4 (somewhat important)	5 (very important)
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5) When you moved here what helped you feel welcomed into the community? Please write N/A if this does not apply to you.

The following question more specifically addresses needs for Older Adults.

6) On a scale of 1 to 5 where one is not important and five is very important, how important to you is it that the City of Boulder supports the following programs and services for older adults:

	1 (very unimportant)	2 (somewhat unimportant)	3 (neither important or unimportant)	4 (somewhat important)	5 (very important)
Senior centers for older adults only	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Centers for multiple purposes and generations, including	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

seniors, with other community services					
Assistance with basic needs (example, food, housing and health care)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing and resources to help people age in place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social and educational activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health and wellness classes and programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for caregivers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**The following question addresses the needs of Youth**

**7) What do you think is the most important program or service that could be offered by the City of Boulder for youth (through high school graduation)?**

- Social activities
- After-school programs
- Substance abuse programs/drug or alcohol prevention/safe driving

- Employment opportunities/internships/volunteer opportunities
- Increasing youth civic engagement/getting youth involved
- Safe place for youth to socialize
- Other - Write In (Required): \*

**The following question address the needs of Families**

**8) What do you think is the most important program or service that could be offered by the City of Boulder for low income families?**

- Affordable child care
- Employment and training
- Transportation assistance
- Affordable housing
- Other - Write In (Required): \*

**The following questions address the topic of Homelessness**

**9) Homelessness is an issue that the City of Boulder faces. What do you think are the top three priorities for the city to focus on as it addresses this issue?**

- Families who are homeless
- Individuals who are homeless
- Emergency shelter for the homeless
- Long-term housing for the homeless
- Maintaining safe and accessible public spaces for all Boulder residents and visitors
- Reducing the impact that homeless people have on business and services



- Preventing homelessness
- Other - Write In:
- Other - Write In:
- Other - Write In:

**10) Currently, emergency shelter for individuals is available in the City of Boulder during winter or colder months (October-April). Should overnight shelter be made available all year round?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Other - Write In (Required): \*

**The following questions address the topic of Vulnerability.**

**11) In the past year, have you or members of your household had difficulty making ends meet for any of the following?**

- Rent/mortgage
- Utilities
- Food
- Child care
- Medication
- Mental health care
- Physical health care
- Dental care
- Transportation

- Health insurance
- Other - Write In: \*
- Other - Write In: \*
- Other - Write In: \*

**12) What should the city focus on to help reduce the number of Boulder households who have difficulty making ends meet?**

**13) Now that you have additional background on the planning and the process, what are your top three priorities for social welfare issues that the City of Boulder should focus on over the next five years? Please rate them with 1 being the (first) highest priority and 3 being the (third) lowest priority.**

- Aging well
- Economic mobility and resiliency for lower income residents
- Health and well-being
- Homelessness
- A Good Start - Helping children be prepared and ready for school
- Inclusive and welcoming community

**This last set of questions are for Demographics.**

**14) How long have you lived in the city of Boulder?**

- Less than one year
- 1 to 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- 10 to 20 years
- 20 years or more

**15) What is your native language?**

**16) Do you rent or own your home?**

- Rent
- Own
- Other - Write In (Required): \*

**17) Which of the following age categories are you in?**

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75+

**18) How many people, including yourself, currently live in your household?**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7 or more

**19) Please select the choice that is closest to the makeup of your current household for example, are you living with a spouse and children?**

- Single living alone
- Single living with children
- Single living with caretaker
- Single living with roommates/friends
- Single living with other adult family members
- Single living with children and other adult family members
- Living with spouse/partner
- Living with spouse/partner and roommates/friends
- Living with spouse/partner and other adult family members
- Living with spouse/partner and children
- Living with spouse/partner, children and roommates/friends
- Living with spouse/partner, children and other adult family members
- Other - Write In (Required): \*

**20) Are any of the children living with you currently under 18? (click N/A if it doesn't apply to you)**

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

**21) Are any of the adults living with you 60 or over? (click N/A if this doesn't apply to you)**

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

**22) Which racial, ethnic or cultural group do you consider yourself a member of? Please check all that apply.**

- African American/Black
- American Indian/Native American
- Asian
- Asian Indian
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian/Anglo
- Other - Write In (Required): \*

**23) What is your gender?**

- Female

- Male
- Gender-queer/Androgynous
- Intersex
- Transgender
- Transsexual
- FTM (Female to Male)
- MTF (Male to Female)
- Other - Write In (Required): \*
- Not applicable

**24) Are you a student in college?**

- Yes
- No

**25) What is your total household income from all sources? Is it...**

- under \$25,000
- \$25,000 up to \$50,000
- \$50,000 up to \$75,000
- \$75,000 up to \$100,000
- \$100,000 up to \$150,000
- \$150,000 or more

**Thank You!**