#### National Western Equestrian Center, Hotel, and Workforce Housing Project Support Agreement Mayor's Office of the National Western Center National Western Center Authority

Department of Finance



#### **NWC Roles + Responsibilities**





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# City's Role

- Acquired 250 acres to create National Western Center campus
- Equity partner in the National Western Center Authority alongside Colorado State university and the Western Stock Show Association
- Provides financial support for capital investment on campus using 2C revenues and Facility Development Admissions tax (seat tax)
- Campus facilities (Stockyards/Event Pavilion, Livestock Center, and Equestrian Center) are owned by the city and operated by the Authority
- Leading ongoing planning effort for the Triangle and future campus development



#### Campus Context Phases 1 + 2

The Equestrian Center Project is the final asset necessary to complete the initial phases of campus development.

#### **Future Phases – The Triangle**

The City is leading a community driven planning process for the future phases of the campus known as the Triangle.

#### Triangle development can only proceed with the completion of the Equestrian Center Project.

The Planning effort will begin in 2025 and focus on the following areas:

- Locations of public assets
  - New Arena
  - Expo Hall Space
  - Adaptive Reuse 1909 Stadium Arena
- Horizontal Infrastructure
- Land use and density
- Community Ownership + Community Benefits



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# Project Support Agreement

#### Purpose

#### Amount

To finance the design and construction of the Project Final annual figure subject to construction cost and interest rates. Subject to annual appropriation. Expected construction completion plus 35 years; construction anticipated to be complete in 2028

Duration

Counterparty

National Western Center Authority



## **Project Support Agreement Financial Terms**

	Maximum Payment	Interest Rate	Term	Expected Payment	Funding Source
Pre-Development Costs	Up to \$9.97 million	N/A	One-Time	2025	2C Revenue
Fixed Payment*	Up to \$23.3 million annually	Assumed 4.92%	35 years	2028-2063	2C Revenue
Contingent Payment*	Up to \$3 million annually	Assumed 4.92%	35 years	As needed; to be repaid over time	2C Revenue

\* Annual amounts will be finalized on the day of the rate-lock after Council approval; in no event will the commitment exceed the maximum amounts above.



## **Conditions of Funding**

### Framework Agreement

- Achieve overall benefit to NWC campus
- Mission and Vision
- Competitive procurement
- Prevailing Wage
- Living Wage
- Public Art
- Small business enterprise, equal employment opportunity, and minority and women business enterprise participation
- CIF support any retail component requires opportunity for Roundup

## **Project Commitments**

- Baseline Framework Agreement requirements (wages, public art, SBE, MWBE, Community Investment Fund "Roundup")
- 4,000 sq. ft. dedicated community building for events/gatherings
- Creation of direct bike/ped connection from 51<sup>st</sup> Ave to RTD station
- Publicly accessible open space
- Participation in Denver Construction Careers Program
- 1% Room night fee to the Community Investment Fund
- Fundraising day for Community Investment Fund
- Promotion of local businesses to hotel guests
- Preferential community use of hotel facilities
- Hotel apprenticeships, internships, and jobs





## **★ EQC PROJECT SCOPE**

**Equestrian Center** 

- Show Arena 4,500 seats
- Stables 570+ stalls
- Warm up paddocks

Hotel

- 160 rooms
- Full-service

Workforce Housing

- 30-40 units with parking
- 100% Income Restricted Rental Units Parking Garage
- 580 campus parking spaces
- Additional hotel parking spaces

Armour Administration Building

• Adaptive reuse of Landmarked structure for restaurant, bar, and meeting space

**Community Space** 

• 4,000 square feet of dedicated space for the community

Plaza/Open Space

~5 acres of plaza and open space corridors



### **NWC ECONOMIC IMPACT**

EQC, Hotel, Housing, and Garage Construction

- \$614,000,000 in GDP
- \$446,000,000 in Personal Income
- 4,876 Jobs

#### Total Campus Economic Impact 2022 – 2027:

- \$2.99 Billion in GDP
- \$2.15 Billion in Personal Income
- 15,197 Jobs (Does not include operations or events jobs)

Source: Common Sense Institute/Keystone Policy Center Report: April 2025

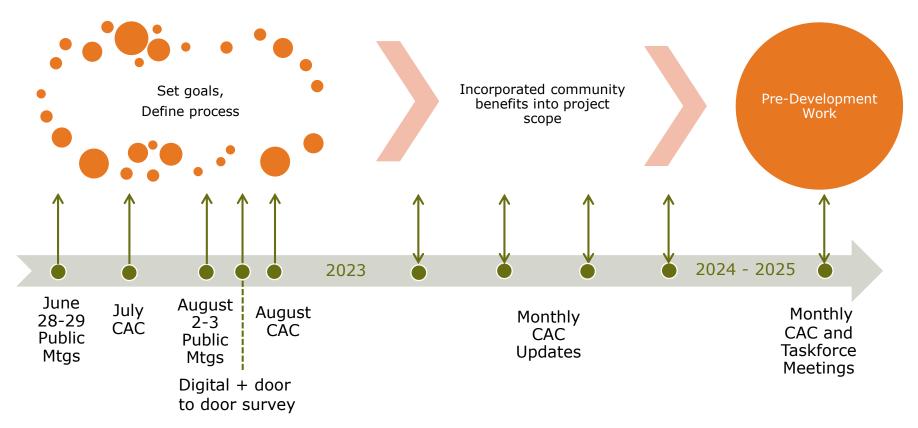
# **BASELINE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL NWC DEVELOPMENT**

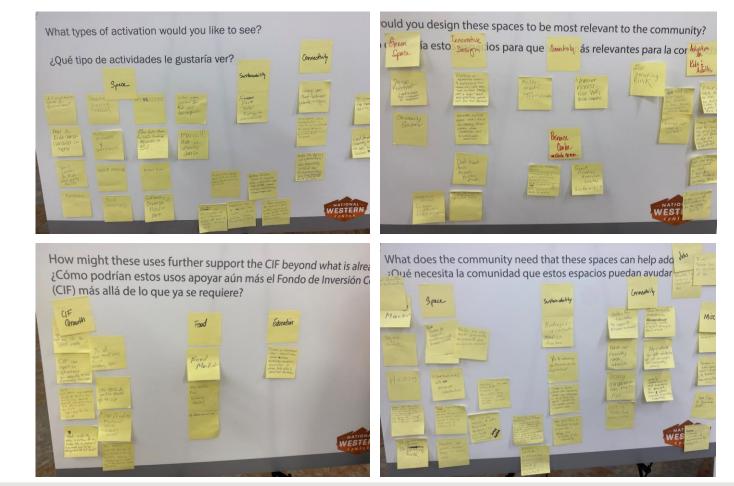
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#### EQUESTRIAN CENTER (EQC)/HOTEL/GARAGE PROCUREMENT SEQUENCE 2023–2025





#### NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER



## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUMMARY**

- Six community-wide meetings (three in Elyria and three in Globeville).
- Five Equestrian Center/Hotel Task Force meetings.
- 18 Community Advisory Committee meetings.
- Six combined Task Force and CAC meetings.
- 15 Community Benefits Committee meetings.
- One-on-one informal meetings with several community leaders,
- Five Community Investment Fund committee meetings
- Distributed flyers at Johnson, Swansea, and 5090 rec centers, Valdez Perry Library, and Prodigy Coffee.
- Tabled at other community events in GES.
- Provided over \$7,000 in stipends to community participants.
- Online survey for those who were unable or uninterested in attending in-person meetings.
- Three direct mailers to roughly 7,000 households in 80216, for six different meetings.



## **REQUIRED COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

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#### **CIF EQC/HOTEL PROJECTIONS**

Source	CIF Projection	Notes				
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### **FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

- Authority revenue comes from event operations at new facilities
- Authority's community obligations:
  - Outreach
  - Form the GES Community Investment Fund
  - At a minimum, require that all vendors, concessionaires, and retail establishments on the Campus provide an opportunity for customers to "round up" for the GES CIF
  - Pursue additional revenue sources for the GES CIF



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Other campus assets						
Stockyards Event Center Roundup	\$2,588,818	Over the term of the PSA				
Livestock Center Roundup	\$10,591,473					
Total	\$13,180,291	1.65% of CapEx				
Phases I/II of VIII						
Total	\$22,278,549	1.39% of CapEx				

# Questions?



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