

ADAMS COUNTY 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COLORADO



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HEAD START



Adams County Head Start (ACHS) provides early childhood education for children in partnership with their families and the community.

- ✓ In the 2018-2019 school year, ACHS enrolled 256 children for full-day sessions at five locations.
- ✓ 241 families had income below 100% of federal poverty line.
- ✓ 43 families received public assistance such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- ✓ Eight children were foster children.
- ✓ 447 children on the waitlist.

ASK: Additional funding to support Early Head Start; assistance to support a fully integrated Head Start program within our public school system.

COLORADO AIR AND SPACE PORT



- ✓ **Aug. 2018:** Colorado Air and Space Port site operator license approved by FAA.
- ✓ **April 2019:** Signed Letter of Intent with Japan-based PD AeroSpace to potentially develop and expand at Colorado Air and Space Port.
- ✓ **Oct. 2019:** Reaction Engines successfully tested its innovative precooler for the development of its SABRE™ engine at Colorado Air and Space Port.
- ✓ **Nov. 2019:** Signed Memorandum of Understanding with United Kingdom-based Spaceport Cornwall to offer globally competitive and affordable spaceport operations.

ASK: Continue bipartisan support. Assistance with PD AeroSpace's licensing process. Expand definition to include Aerospace for grant opportunities.

TRANSPORTATION

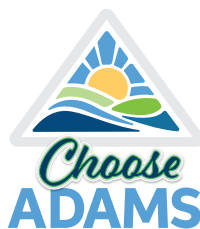
U.S. 85 AND 120TH INTERCHANGE PROJECT

This project will eliminate two at-grade signalized intersections along the U.S. 85 corridor, including eliminating an at-grade rail crossing at 120th Avenue in Adams County.

- ✓ The U.S. 85 corridor is the region's freight transportation backbone, carrying an estimated **30-40 million** tons of freight per year, valued at **\$40-\$50 billion**.
- ✓ 120th Avenue is a major arterial roadway with approximately **21 miles** of continuity, serving as a critical route to nearby schools, Riverdale Regional Park, and Denver International Airport.
- ✓ **\$17 million** in local funds have been contributed by Adams County, City of Commerce City, and City of Brighton as well as allocated 2020-2023 TIP funds for right-of-way acquisition to move the project forward.

ASK: To support our future grant efforts with USDOT for the Hwy. 85 / 120th interchange.

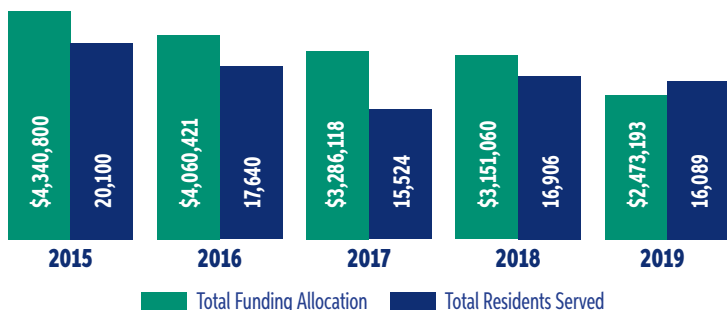
OPPORTUNITY ZONES



- ✓ Adams County has nine census tracts designated as Opportunity Zones.
- ✓ The Adams County Board of Commissioners established the Opportunity Zones Task Force to be overseen by the Adams County Economic Development Manager. The Task Force is composed of local government, county government, housing, economic development, and private industry stakeholders.
- ✓ The goal of the Task Force is to ensure the Opportunity Zones bring economic development and investment into our communities long after the program's expiration.

ASK: Support the creation of additional Opportunity Zones within the county at the conclusion of the 2020 Census.

WORKFORCE & BUSINESS CENTER



ASK: Funding increase to support non-funded mandates. Support fully integrated funding. Explore partnership with Job Corps for additional youth services.

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VISION

Adams County is the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE



ASK: Partnership with the Veterans Services Administration to support the Veterans Memorial, via LWCF and other funding sources.

The Adams County Veterans Service Office assists Adams County residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, widows of veterans, and veterans' dependents to obtain any and all Veterans Administration benefits for which they may be eligible. All services provided by the Adams County Veterans Service Office are free of charge.

28,508

Total veterans in Adams County, of which 5,926 have some form of a service-related disability.

8,076

Total veterans served by Adams County Veterans Service Office in 2019.

\$8.5M

632 new Department of Veteran Affairs claims filed in 2019, amounting to nearly \$8.5 million in newly awarded veterans' benefits.

**FIRST
IN THE STATE**

The Colorado Supreme Court accredited Adams County's 17th Judicial District Veterans Treatment Court — the first in the state.

ADAMS COUNTY'S FUTURE VETERANS MEMORIAL AT RIVERDALE REGIONAL PARK



USS Colorado (BB-45)
Commissioned: August 30, 1923
Decommissioned: January 7, 1947

