



## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

Youth and community-based organizations in the Valverde neighborhood have voiced a need to connect young people between the ages of 12 - 24 to a network of services that includes educational and vocational support, entrepreneurial training, recreation activities and mental health support. Establishing youth centers and community engagement programming is a proven youth violence prevention strategy that addresses multiple risk factors. This project will fulfill this need by making improvements to a City-owned building, and repurpose it as a youth center that offers a full spectrum of support services to youth and families.

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: 1240 W. Bayaud Ave., Denver, CO 80223

District: 7

Neighborhood: Valverde

RISE Denver Funded Amount: \$6.99 million

Designer: TBD

Contractor: TBD

### ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Approximately 90 jobs (created and continued)

\$6.4 million in wages to workers

\$14 million in economic output (sales activity to businesses)

### PROJECT BENEFITS

Increased accessibility and safety

Establishment of a Youth Empowerment Center that will provide a safe space for young people, including providing services to address financial literacy, employment and mental health issues

### KEY MILESTONES

**BEGIN FINAL  
DESIGN  
Q2 2023**

**BEGIN  
CONSTRUCTION  
Q2 2024**

**PROJECT  
COMPLETION  
Q1 2026**