

Agenda Item

Date: August 12, 2025

To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners

Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager

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CC: Tim Hallmark, Director of Facilities Fleet & Emergency Support Services
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Subject: **Aging Resources of Douglas County Facility Space**

SUMMARY

Aging Resources of Douglas County (ARDC) requests additional space for the increasing staff needed to meet the needs of the County's growing older adult population. ARDC has worked with Facilities staff to identify space alternatives to present to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for consideration.

BACKGROUND

In 2008 Douglas County began the Neighbor Network program with one part-time employee and a small group of volunteers to provide services that support older residents who desire to age in place. Neighbor Network staff established ARDC as a 501(c)3 non-profit in 2018 to support the growing need and expansion of services. The County continues to provide support the ongoing operation of ARDC including the use of County facilities.

Douglas County has the fastest-growing senior population in the state. It is projected that the number of residents over the age of 65 will increase by 154% by 2050. To address this demand, ARDC has expanded its team to 13 staff members and over 200 volunteers who serve thousands of older adults annually.

DISCUSSION

A larger facility will allow ARDC to enhance existing programs, such as transportation, in-home services, and their information and resource call center. Additional space would also allow ARDC to expand their current programming to include support groups and educational opportunities for older adults.

ARDC staff have worked with Facilities to identify space in the Plum Creek building that can accommodate their expansion needs. ARDC is anticipating that some renovation work will be needed and proposes funding this with their donation from the Brewery Bar owner. In addition, satellite office space and vehicle parking have been identified for ARDC at Lansing Point and the Highlands Ranch Senior Center to better serve the northern portion of the County.

If the BCC supports ARDC moving their administrative office to the Plum Creek building, the Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) would request the opportunity to move into the white house. DCCF staff have toured the white house and feel this would meet their office, storage and meeting space needs. Karie Erickson, ARDC Executive Director, and County staff are prepared to discuss this request with the BCC.