

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The City of Golden, CO will not discriminate against an individual with a disability in connection with participation in services and activities provided in the development, implementation, and execution of the City of Golden emergency management plan. The City of Golden will ensure that in every aspect, facet, and feature its emergency management plan will give consideration to any potential barriers that might exclude or limit the opportunity for people with disabilities to participate in and benefit from the City of Golden emergency management plan. This policy extends to any and all public or private entities and organizations in conjunction with the City of Golden managed response to emergent situations.

The City of Golden recognizes that emergency management is wide-ranging. It includes all programs, services, and activities related to emergencies and disasters, including, but not limited to the following:

- Preparation – advance planning for emergencies and disasters;
- Testing of Preparedness – staging emergency simulations and other approaches to testing the effectiveness of emergency preparedness;
- Notification – alerting the public to emergencies and disasters and to available programs, services, and activities;
- Ensuring the functional operation of reverse 9-1-1, including texting capacity, and captioned warning announcements on television and websites;
- Provision for auxiliary aids and services necessary for effective communication at all planned emergency shelters;
- Community Evacuation and Transportation;
- Emergency Shelter Programs;
- Temporary Lodging and Housing;
- Social Services and Emergency- and Disaster-Related Benefit Programs;
- Emergency Medical Care and Services;
- Emergency food, water, and medical supplies;
- Relocation Programs, Activities, and Services;
- Transition and Transportation Back to the Community Following an Emergency or Disaster;
- Emergency and Disaster Recovery Programs, Services, and Activities; and
- Remediation of Damage Caused by Emergencies and Disasters– repairing and rebuilding damaged facilities, removing debris, and relocation and re-introduction of state and local government programs, services, and activities following an emergency or disaster.

The City of Golden will create a voluntary registry for citizens requiring special assistance because of age or disability, during an emergency. The City of Golden will include in its plans to provide the necessary capacity to transport, shelter, and provide any other necessary services for this population.