

# HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

Denver's action plan to address the causes and effects of homelessness



## **OUTREACH**

### DENVER STREET OUTREACH COLLABORATIVE

18 street outreach workers connect

3 unique individuals/month

140 people living on the streets have been people with resources, referred to services, connected to housing.

### CO-RESPONDERS

Pairing Health Clinicians with Officers. This program expanded in 2018 to cover all areas of the city.

1537 individuals connected to clinicians in the program's first year,

### DPD HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM

4 dedicated officers connect individuals with resources and work to avoid conflicts.

### Over the last 5 years, the City tripled the budaet

of Denver's Road Home, the primary agency for coordination and funding of homeless shelter, housing, case management and outreach.



## DAY TIME RESOURCES \_

Social Workers at the Library launched in 2015

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Mobile Restroom Access launched in 2016 Storage Options for Personal Possessions launched in 2017

#### Lawrence Street Community Center Opened in 2015

Serving 860 people/day on average. Providing access to showers, bathrooms and water fountains, and a dining area and a safe space to congregate downtown during the daytime hours.

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## SHELTER FACILITIES

Denver's network of overnight shelters serves approximately 1 500 people a night.

Funded two additional new shelter options with service provider partners in 2017.

Purchased a City-owned building for relocation of an overflow shelter option in 2017.

Launching a Shelter Design Challenge intended to provide better quality conditions within shelter facilities and mitigate some common barriers to accessing shelter in 2018.

The 2018 Budget increased Denver's investment in emergency homeless services and facilities by

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## **HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING**

## **ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT**

### PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

1000+ individuals connected to services including medical care, employment, food, identification and even haircuts at this annual event.

69 individuals gained a new job through the 2017 event.

456 individuals provided access to key documents like IDs, birth certificates and Social Security cards.

### **DENVER DAY WORKS**

Beginning in late 2016, the City began a coordinated effort to recruit and engage those experiencing homelessness and connect them with employment. Funding for this program has been expanded in 2018.

284

individuals have had work opportunities in the first year 110

people found permanent positions, including 15 at the City. Two New Offices Created:

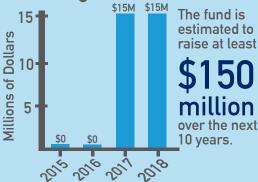
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## **ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

## Dedicated Affordable Housing Fund



The fund will create or preserve

6,000 affordable homes.

with 40-50% of housing resource investments targeted to those experiencing homelessness and those earning below 30% of Area Median Income.

### Social Impact Bonds

Finance evidence-based, data driven programs that connect chronically homeless individuals with supportive housing; providing

250 units of housing and intensive case management services with additional funding in 2018 for 100 additional units.

### **Tiny Homes Pilot**

The city worked with Beloved Community to develop standards to pilot a site of 11 Tiny Homes. The City is working to identify for more permanent code changes that would allow Tiny Homes projects to exist more permanently in Denver.

\$76,000 in eviction assistance for low-income renters, as well as increasing Denver's Senior and Disabled Property Tax Rebate by \$500,000 to serve more eligible residents.

\$500,000 affordability fund to help with home, utility or medical bills through one-time assistance funds to stabilize residents who may be vulnerable to displacement.



