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

OUTREACH

DENVER STREET OUTREACH COLLABORATIVE

- 18 street outreach workers connect people with resources, referred to services.
- 713 unique individuals/month
- 140 people living on the streets have been connected to housing.

CO-RESPONDERS

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

DPD HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM

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

DAY TIME RESOURCES

Social Workers at the Library (launched in 2015)
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.

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.

Over the last 5 years, the City tripled the budget of Denver’s Road Home, the primary agency for coordination and funding of homeless shelter, housing, case management and outreach.

The 2018 Budget increased Denver’s investment in emergency homeless services and facilities by $3.7 million.

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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.

ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Dedicated Affordable Housing Fund

- The fund is estimated to raise at least $150 million over the next 10 years.
- 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.