

Housing and Homelessness Working Group
Thursday, October 25 1:30-3PM
City and County Building, Room 391

1. Announcements
 - a. Project Homeless Connect: Thursday, November 15
 - i. One day event open to people of all ages who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
 - ii. Access to many services including ID services, housing services, resume workshops, vision check, health care, veteran's services, childcare, petcare, and more
 - iii. Expect to see at least 1,000 guests and need just as many volunteers. Sign up to volunteer here: <https://volunteer.unitedwaydenver.org/event/78265-Project-Homeless-Connect-2018>
 - b. Eviction Defense
 - i. Share information regarding the services available through Colorado Legal Services
 - ii. Goal to get people in to the clinic as soon as they have papers from their landlords
2. Housing Dashboard:
<https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjoiMjY4Nzc1ZDUtMjU0My00MzZkLTlhZTEtMGQwZmY4MmFhYzZiliwidCI6IjM5Yzg3YWVzLTY2MTItNDJjMC05NjIwLWE2OTZkMTJkZjgwMyJ9>
 - a. The first part focuses on completed units and does not include units that are under constructions or in the contract phase
 - b. The detailed map includes units under constructions
 - c. 2018 Funding Allocation includes programs and productions; you can get the break down by clicking on the individual projects
3. Property Tax Rebate
 - a. Presentation has always been available
 - b. No changes to renters for now, all changes for owners
 - c. The program has always been available on a first come, first served basis, would continue to be (it is not an entitlement), but want to try to go cautiously so enough funds to serve most of anticipated eligible population
 - d. May not want to advertise the current utilization rate because of how many buildings are not eligible; can't just be on income limits
 - e. Best Practice Research:
<https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/695/documents/2018/Tax%20refund%20payments%20for%20the%20elderly%20and%20disabled.pdf>
 - i. Many programs are at the state level
 - ii. Other municipal programs typically cover owners only and have a much higher income threshold with a larger rebate amount
 - f. CW Gilmore is in conversation with Denver Public Schools about participating to support the rebates to families
 - i. These refunds can create stability for families

- g. In future may need to evaluate the renter components, there are some oddities, but best to only change 2 thing at a time
 - h. Would be great to track outcomes if we can find a research partner, i.e. does this keep people in their homes longer
 - i. May make changes to renters; renters in DHA housing vs. non DHA housing
 - ii. Does this keep people in their homes longer
4. Public Comment
- a. \$500 matters to the people receiving this rebate
 - b. Look at other opportunities like anti-displacement vouchers
 - c. Keep the equity between helping renters and owners