General Assistance Program
Temporary Supports for Housing

City Council
Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting
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Overview:

- **5 Main Assistance Categories**
  - Motel Vouchers, Eviction Assistance, First Month’s Rent, Mortgage Assistance, Deposit Assistance

- **Criteria qualification highlights:**
  - Rent or mortgage payment must not exceed 60% of the individual/family net income - ~225% federal poverty level
  - Must demonstrate sustainable income for meeting the ongoing payment

- The individual/family must provide:
  - Current Denver County residency for a minimum of 60 days
  - Verification of pending loss of residence, income or pending income

- An individual/family is eligible to receive only one Assistance payment in a 24-month period - exceptions for extenuating circumstances may apply
# First Month’s Rent, Mortgage, Deposit & Eviction Assistance

## 2014 - 2016 YTD Summary

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<th>2014</th>
<th>2015</th>
<th>2016 (Thru 10/21/2016)</th>
<th>2016 (Projected)</th>
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*Increase of 8% 2014-2015

Projected increase of additional 9% 2015-2016

## Rental Assistance Summary

![Graph showing rental assistance summary](image-url)
Challenges and Strategies

Challenges:
- Limited budget serving a wide-range of services through General Assistance
- Limitations with program guidelines (currently under review)
- Balancing the increased demand among other priorities

Exploring Strategies:
- Redevelop General Assistance Policy Guidelines to align with more flexibility and best practice
- Invest more funding into resources that address growing demand and develop improved prevention services
- Strengthen Metro area and State partnerships to leverage resources and continuous improvement efforts across the Metro
- DOLA Homeless Prevention Activities Program Grant Application - assist in analyzing long-term homelessness and case management (~$35K) - 12 mos term