



# **General Assistance Program Temporary Supports for Housing**

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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

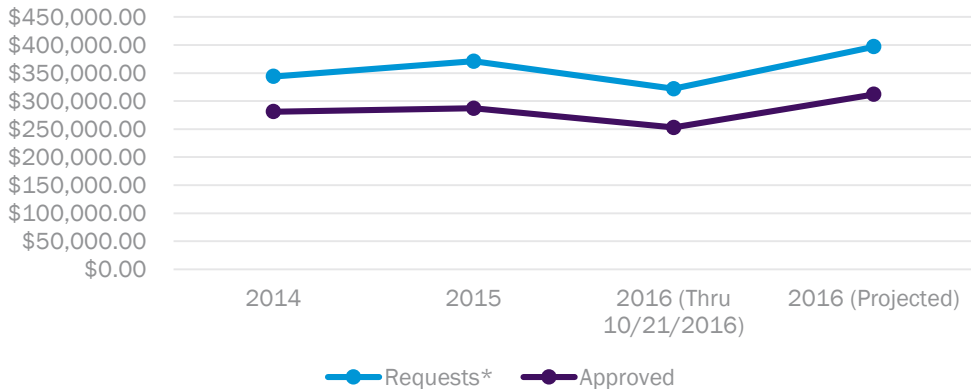


# First Month's Rent, Mortgage, Deposit & Eviction Assistance

2014 - 2016 YTD Summary

	2014	2015	2016 (Thru 10/21/2016)	2016 (Projected)
Requests*	\$343,848.90	\$371,990.06	\$322,011.46	\$397,147.45
Approved	\$281,203.19	\$287,162.44	\$253,009.28	\$312,044.76
Difference	\$62,645.71	\$84,827.62	\$69,002.18	\$85,102.69
Monthly Avg Request	\$28,654.07	\$31,075.00	\$32,201.14	9.6% increase
Monthly Avg Approved	\$23,433.59	\$23,930.00	\$25,300.92	10% increase
Avg per case requested	\$684.96	\$776.60	\$795.09	9.7% increase
Avg per case approved	\$562.41	\$602.02	\$621.64	9.7% increase
Households served	515	480	406	10% increase
EFSP Grant	N/A	\$5,000	\$8,500	
EFSP Households Served	N/A	10	9	
*Increase of 8% 2014-2015				
Projected increase of additional 9% 2015-2016				

Rental Assistance Summary



## 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