Department of Housing Stability

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 14, 2020

"No one is meant to be on the street. No one."

-Debra Dyson, a guest at the Coliseum this summer
“At the end of the day, what we are driving toward is the goal of housing stability for all of our residents across the entire income spectrum across this city.”

- Mayor Michael B. Hancock
Housing Need

**AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING**

Current Need
69,800+ renter HH are “cost-burdened”

**HOMELESSNESS**

Current Need
4,186+ individuals identified in 2020 PIT as experiencing homelessness

**ATTAINABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP**

Current Need
36,800+ owner HH are “cost-burdened”

Based on a 3-person household

0% AMI
$0

30% AMI
$27,000

60% AMI
$54,000

80% AMI
$72,000

100% AMI
$90,000
IF ONLY THE HOMELESS PROBLEM WAS ABOUT ONLY BEING HOMELESS.

- Drug Addiction
- Mental Illness
- Assistance Cuts
- Domestic Violence
- Income Inequality
- LGBTQ Family Rejection
- Alcoholism
- Student Debt
- PTSD
- Cities
Homelessness in Denver

- Homelessness is a symptom of larger issues
  - Wages, benefits, housing
  - Behavioral health, trauma, health
- About 51 out of 10,000 Denver residents experience homelessness on a given night
- COVID-19 reduced shelter capacity

Number of People Experiencing Homelessness in Denver

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Vision for HOST:
Healthy, Housed and Connected Denver

- Homelessness Resolution
- Housing Opportunity
- Housing Stability
HOST Programs/Services

**Homelessness Resolution**
- Sheltering
- Street Outreach
- Re-housing Interventions
- Supportive Housing Programs
- Respite
- Transitional Residential Treatment
- Denver Day Works

**Housing Stability**
- Temporary Rental/Utility Assistance
- Mortgage Assistance
- Tenant-Landlord Counseling
- Legal Assistance in Eviction Court
- Home Repair, Access & Modification

**Housing Opportunity**
- Gap Financing
- Development Agreements
- Housing Counseling
- Affordable Home Ownership Program
- MetroDPA
- Down Payment Assistance
- Home Share Program
- Supporting Housing Units, Services
Existing shelters previously had capacity to serve 2,134 guests

Reduced capacity to serve 935 guests

1,199 beds or 56% reduction
Denver’s Current Affordable Housing Inventory

- **Income Restricted Rental Units**: 21,915
- **Income Restricted For-Sale Units**: 1,433
- **Total Income Restricted Units**: 23,348
- **Total Housing Units**: 320,551
Current Housing Activity

1,659 City-funded affordable units currently under construction at 22 sites

Pipeline of 1,054 units anticipated to break ground within next 12 months
HOST Goals:
Continue to lead COVID-19 community response supporting homelessness resolution & housing stability

Serve at least 11,000 households through programmatic assistance
• 2,000 households in housing stability programs
• 5,000 households in homelessness resolution programs
• 4,000 households in housing opportunity programs

Fund affordable housing projects aligned with HOST’s priorities and *Housing an Inclusive Denver*

Create at least 610 affordable units; preserve around 300 units
Create a five-year strategic plan with clear, measurable goals
Support policy and systems change (e.g. Affordable Housing Zoning Incentive Project, eviction prevention policy)
Advance equity and inclusion through utilization of equity lens
Learn more on the plan and provide feedback at:

www.denvergov.org/housing