



August 3, 2023

Dear Denver residents and property owners:

The City now faces an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that requires extraordinary action from all of us to support our unhoused neighbors.

We are asking for your help to bring 1,000 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness indoors by the end of the year, and to permanently close their encampments. The City's efforts so far have not reached the scale the crisis demands: the number of people living unsheltered in 2023 is the highest number ever recorded. People living unsheltered in outdoor encampments lack access basic services, and every day they survive amidst significant public health and safety risks. We know that the best way to reduce unsheltered homelessness in Denver is to help get folks living on the street into safe, dignified, and stable indoor locations as quickly as possible.

We are asking you to help us expedite the pipeline of supportive housing and shelter by partnering with the City to lease or sell parcels of land to support the addition of new micro-communities. These micro-communities most commonly take the form of tiny home villages that offer wrap-around support services, like mental health care, substance use treatment, and workforce training. Helping people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to access shelter and services that provide increased opportunity, foster positive relationships, and help individuals transition to permanent housing. By doing so, we can improve the lives of people currently living on the street while also permanently closing encampments and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of everyone in the City.

We are seeking offers to lease or sell sites within the City and County of Denver. If you own a parcel of land that meets the criteria below and might work for micro-housing, please contact the Denver Real Estate Office at realestate@denvergov.org.

What:

- Parcels of land from 0.5 to 1.25 acres within the City and County of Denver
- Land can be vacant or otherwise suitable for conversion to a micro-community
- Located within ½ mile of transit
- Utility access
- Not directly adjacent to residences or schools

When:

- By Aug. 31, 2023

How:

- Please contact the Denver Real Estate Office at realestate@denvergov.org
- If possible, please be able to provide an address, description, and details about property ownership and title.