HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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For Homeless Services & Housing providers in Adams County



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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING DECISIONS

Organization	Program Title	Funding Category	Funding Recommendation	
Adams County School District 14	Homeless Supports Office Expansion	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	275,000
Almost Home, Inc.	Adams County Housing Stability Program	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	1,886,362.67
Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc., DBA Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS)	Community Navigation Services for Adams County Residents Impacted by COVID 19	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	30,163
Brighton Housing Authority	Adams County COVID-19 Recovery Center	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	350,000
Brothers Redevelopment	Brothers Redevelopment Housing Support Services	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	302,348.33
Colorado Poverty Law Project	Adams County Housing Solutions	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	1,040,000
Colorado Safe Parking Initiative	Adams County SafeLots	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	387,889.23
Growing Home	Growing Home Infrastructure Development Project	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	788,740
Jesus on Colfax Ministries	Street Safety Program	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	29,200
Maiker Housing Partners	Building Community Spaces to Improve Maiker Community Member's Social Determinants of	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	552,348.33
Maiker Housing Partners	Enhancing Adams County's Senior Affordable Housing Assets to Improve Community Member's Social Determinants of Health and Well Being	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	202,348.33
Maiker Housing Partners	Claude Court Affordable Housing Development	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	750,000
Mile High United Way	Bridging the Gap	Shelter Support & Community Safety	s	294,153

COVID Grants (ARPA funds) were highly competitive. Congratulations to all funded in the category of shelter support and community safety,

ADAMS COUNTY CONNECTS HOUSING INSECURITY RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, May 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Adams County Fire Station 11

Invite residents to the fair for shelter intakes, employment, identification acquisition, public benefits enrollment, food, no-cost hair cuts, and more! Email RMarkley@adcogov.org for more information.



NEIGHBORHOOD TOOL SHED RENTALS

Many residents can't afford tools to maintain their property. The Tool Shed program provides Adams County residents with complimentary access to yard and gardening tools. We are dedicated to supporting residents in maintaining their properties and helping others do the same. This program offers two opportunities to use tools:

- 1. Yard Cleanup
- 2. Neighborhood Cleanup



Hover your phone camera over the QR code to watch a video about the tool shed.





HOUSING & SHELTER INTERVENTION MAP



- **PSHR:** Permanent Supportive Housing for People in Re-entry
- **PSHV:** Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans
- DV: Domestic Violence Shelter

SWAP (CWS) is not displayed on the map because it covers the entire county.

SF: Shelter for Families

SA: Shelter for Adults

SP: Safe Parking

Maiker Housing Partners' HUD-VASH vouchers (PSH-V) cover the entire county except for Brighton, Aurora, and Commerce City. One of the transitional housing sites for adults in Aurora is a Safe Outdoor Space/Pallet Shelter Village.

LIVED EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS OPEN

Adams County is assembling a lived experience committee to inform our work! To diversify the applicant pool, we are currently seeking a youth, veteran, and Commerce City representative for our Lived Experience Committee, although anyone with lived experience of homelessness can apply. Email LEarl@adcogov.org for the short application.

Celebrate! Due in part to the expansion of the Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP) hotel voucher program, for the first time in Adams County history, there were no deaths caused by cold weather this season.



HOMELESSNESS REDUCTION MOMENTUM

The Regional Alignment on Homelessness is an initiative to promote interest and investment in ending homelessness. Staff at Adams County have met with municipal, elected, and community leaders to discuss the first steps in the process: a data-sharing agreement.



Top Five Factors Contributing to Homelessness						
Abuse or violence in home	Unable to pay rent or mortgage	Relationship problem or family breakup	Asked to leave or evicted	Lost a job and could not find work		
27%	24%	23%	22%	19%		

The above factors are based on a sample size of 145 unique clients entered into the Homeless Management Information System that reported primarily residing in Adams County. Respondents could check multiple boxes.

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

Peer-to-peer news and updates

GROWING HOME HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR



Did you know most down payment assistance programs require you take a homebuyer education course? Join us at our Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA-Approved) Home-Buyer Education Workshop with a licensed housing counselor, lender, and real estate agent!

Saturday, May 28 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ford Warren Library 2825 High St., Denver Community Rooms 1 & 2 Join Growing Home for a mini housing fair! Invite residents to get information on how to get into housing and be successful. Email Whitney Leeds for more information at Whitney@growinghome.org.

Saturday, June 18 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Irving Street Library 7392 Irving St., Westminster Community Room

HOMEBUYER EDUCATION

Register for the Homebuyer Workshop by hovering your phone camera over the QR code.



BLUES, BREWS, & BBQ

Save the date for Friday, June 17 for Almost Home, Inc.'s annual fundraiser. The event will be held at the Todd Creek Gold Course, 8455 Heritage Dr., Thornton.

