# 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<br>Recommendation |              |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Adams County School District<br>14  | Homeless Supports Office<br>Expansion  | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 275,000      |
| Almost Home, Inc.   | Adams County Housing Stability<br>Program  | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 1,886,362.67 |
| Aurora Interchurch Task Force<br>Inc., DBA Aurora Interfaith<br>Community Services (AICS) | Community Navigation Services<br>for Adams County Residents<br>Impacted by COVID 19  | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 30,163       |
| Brighton Housing Authority  | Adams County COVID-19<br>Recovery Center   | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 350,000      |
| Brothers Redevelopment  | Brothers Redevelopment<br>Housing Support Services   | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 302,348.33   |
| Colorado Poverty Law Project  | Adams County Housing Solutions   | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 1,040,000    |
| Colorado Safe Parking Initiative  | Adams County SafeLots  | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 387,889.23   |
| Growing Home  | Growing Home Infrastructure<br>Development Project   | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 788,740      |
| Jesus on Colfax Ministries  | Street Safety Program  | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 29,200       |
| Maiker Housing Partners   | Building Community Spaces to<br>Improve Maiker Community<br>Member's Social Determinants of  | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 552,348.33   |
| Maiker Housing Partners   | Enhancing Adams County's<br>Senior Affordable Housing Assets<br>to Improve Community<br>Member's Social Determinants of<br>Health and Well Being | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 202,348.33   |
| Maiker Housing Partners   | Claude Court Affordable Housing<br>Development   | Shelter Support & Community<br>Safety | s                         | 750,000      |
| Mile High United Way  | Bridging the Gap   | Shelter Support & Community<br>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<br>violence in<br>home               | Unable to pay<br>rent or<br>mortgage | Relationship<br>problem or<br>family breakup | Asked to leave<br>or evicted | Lost a job and<br>could not find<br>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.

