

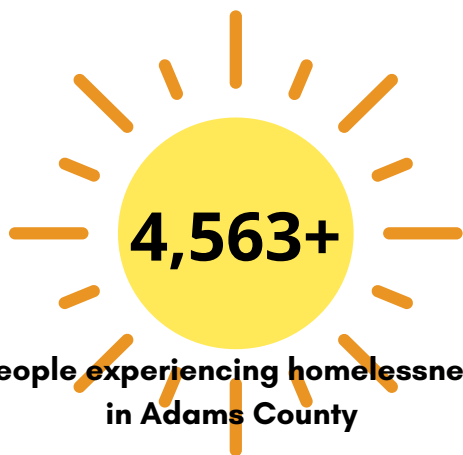
HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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ADAMS COUNTY
COLORADO

For homelessness services, housing providers, and interested residents in Adams County.



***Curious why this number is higher than the Summer 2022 newsletter? We switched data sets to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).**



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HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

MATCHED SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Did you know Brother's Redevelopment, Inc. (BRI) is expanding its Homebuyer Assistance program into Adams County? In 2022 and 2023, BRI piloted matched savings accounts for low- to moderate-income residents in the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods of Denver. In one year, 20 households enrolled, nine completed the program and 11 are on track to complete the program by either purchasing a home or repairing their existing home. By combining matched savings accounts with first-time homebuyer classes and down payment assistance, many families are able to obtain an asset that will benefit them for generations to come.



\$770,000

the value of good communication

TENANT LANDLORD MEDIATION IS A SUCCESS

Between 2022 and 2023, BRI has provided tenant-landlord mediation and negotiation services for residents at risk. Of 243 mediations, 30% have resulted in a resolution—meaning negotiating a payment plan, the tenant agreeing to pay rent or get in lease compliance, or the landlord agreeing to forego the eviction. According to the University of Arizona's Eviction Calculator, the cost of an eviction in Adams County is approximately \$10,400 in downstream public costs. Therefore, this program has saved Adams County a little less than \$770,000 by helping both parties communicate.

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

TEMPORARY RESPITE HOUSING

In August 2023, Adams County used Emergency Solutions Coronavirus funds to shelter 20 households experiencing unsheltered AND situational or temporary homelessness for 21 days in the Hometowne Studios to keep them safe as they take the final steps to end their homelessness. This program was able to shelter family compositions that are generally not accommodated in traditional shelters such as couples without children and people with emotional support animals. Several participants were able to secure employment and housing during their hotel stay.



POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA RELEASED

In 2022, Adams County counted 462 people experiencing homelessness, and in 2023, we counted 948. Homelessness increased throughout the Denver Metro Area, but Adams County saw a larger increase than most. The higher count may be attributed to having more homelessness navigators as well as the fallout of running out of Emergency Rental Assistance funds. Fortunately, we saw the number of unsheltered residents proportionally decrease as we were able to shelter more people through the Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP).

ENCAMPMENTS BY THE NUMBERS

Since January 1, Adams County has recorded 130+ new tents or encampments in parks, trails, and open spaces. On July 20, we set out to survey these residents about shelter and housing preferences. Adams County staff counted 76 unsheltered individuals in unincorporated areas and completed full surveys for 43. We found that 100% of respondents were interested in shelter and affordable housing options. Campers were particularly interested in long-term, non-congregate options like hotel vouchers, tiny home villages, and supportive housing.



STRENGTHEN THE HOUSING CONTINUUM

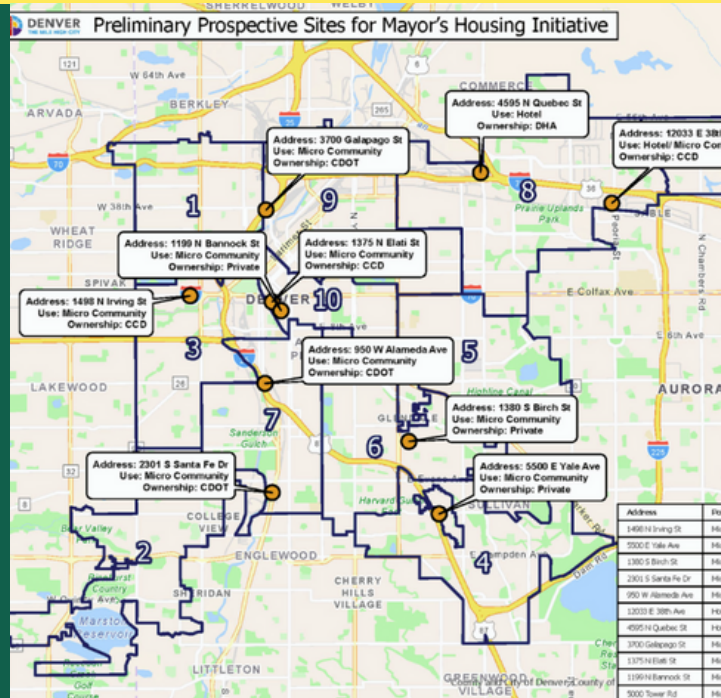


LANDBANKING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In early 2023, Adams County voted to devote \$7 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to a Land Banking Program for the purchase of properties that will ultimately result in the development of 337 affordable housing units. Adams County's Community & Economic Development Department has worked in partnership with Maiker Housing Partners, Commerce City Housing Authority, Brighton Housing Authority, and Habitat for Humanity to develop rental and for sale affordable housing units. Geographically, the funding has been widely distributed across Adams County, as far east as Bennett, and as far north as Brighton.

HOW DENVER'S NEW STRATEGY COULD IMPACT ADAMS COUNTY

Mayor Mike Johnston's new goal is to shelter 1,000 people in the City and County of Denver in 100 days. One of Denver's strategies is to stand up sheltering in hotels and/or micro-communities in every Denver neighborhood to provide non-congregate shelter options. Two proposed locations are just blocks from Adams County—4595 N. Quebec St. (hotel) and 3700 Galapago St. (micro-community). Adams County's elected leaders and decision-makers plan to meet with Mayor Johnston in the coming weeks to see how we can collaborate and work toward shared solutions. Denver's 1,000-person goal, if achieved, will benefit the entire region. By far, Denver has the most people experiencing homelessness of any subregion, and ending homelessness in the Denver Metro Area will not be possible without bold actions from our urban center.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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SIMPLY PIZZA FOOD TRUCK



ALMOST HOME HOSTS CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

The mission of Almost Home is to promote self-sufficiency and provide assistance to those experiencing housing instability. Join Almost Home, Inc. for a night of 90s hits at the Armory Performing Arts Center in Brighton. All proceeds will support Almost Home's homelessness prevention, supportive housing, street outreach, emergency shelter, and hotel voucher programs.



Hover your phone camera over the QR code to subscribe to Almost Home's newsletter to learn about more upcoming events.

GROWING HOME FIESTA

Enjoy this festive evening with a tequila and mezcal tasting, delicious Latin American hors d'oeuvres, music, and a paddle raise for the Growing Home mission. This event will take place Friday, Oct. 20, 5-7 p.m., at The Establishment, 1185 Bradburn Blvd., Westminster.



Hover your phone camera over the QR code to RSVP to Growing Home's Fiesta



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