# Catholic Charities Women's Shelter

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee September 14, 2016



### **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**

**CDBG dollars** are reserved for community and neighborhood revitalization projects serving low- and moderate-income areas with a demonstrated public benefit.

No new construction of housing can occur with these dollars, although unit rehabilitation is allowed.

OED generally seeks matching dollars up to 25% of a project budget in addition to our catalytic investment strategy in targeted neighborhoods.

Since 2004, Denver's annual allocations from HUD for CDBG have dropped 41%.



#### **Catholic Charities and homeless services**

Serving Denver men, women and families experiencing homelessness with shelter, food, and services since 1986.

Spectrum of housing supports offered through Holy Rosary Center for Women at existing Samaritan House facility.

Services from emergency shelter to fourmonth residential transitional program with wraparound case management.

Currently operating **225** shelter beds for single women at Samaritan House and City's Peoria Street Shelter.





#### The need for women's shelter beds



Before 2013, about 2,000 shelter beds for men were available each night in Denver, but only 40-50 temporary beds were for women.

Demand for women's shelter beds is **year round** – sleeping outside is less safe for women experiencing homelessness.

In 2013, Catholic Charities founded the Holy Rosary Program for Women and through this program, currently operates the vast majority of women's shelter beds in Denver.



### **6240 Smith Road acquisition**

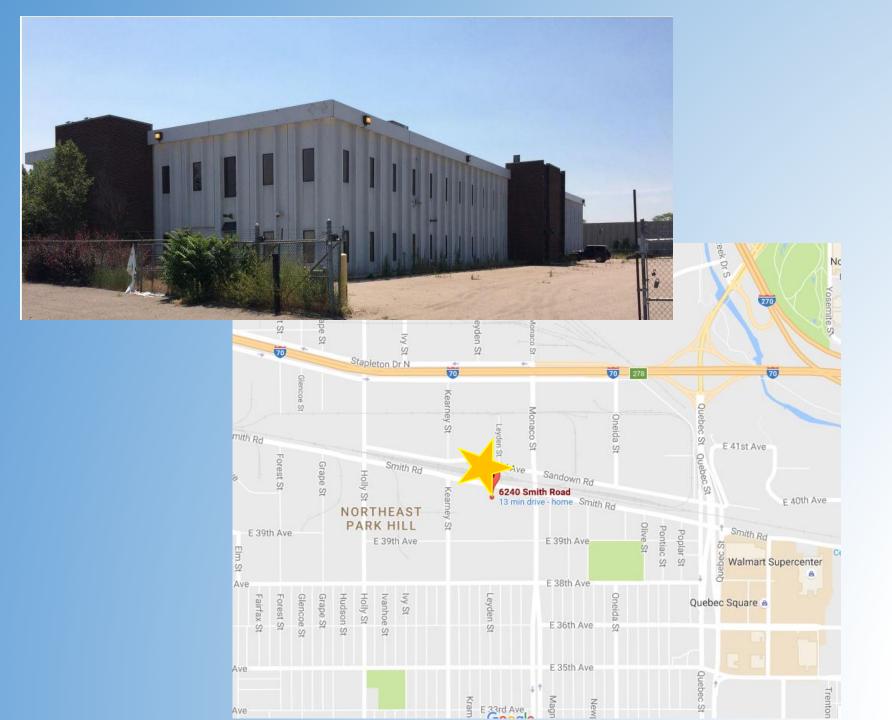
\$2,500,000	Acquisition Cost
\$1,000,000	City of Denver - CDBG
\$1,500,000	Catholic Charities' own funds

"Performance Loan" with repayment deferred and loan forgiven after 35 years, unless property sold or changes use

#### **Building area of 32,890 sq ft on two floors**

- First floor: 100 overnight women's shelter beds + 50 beds for up to 30-day women's transitional housing
- Second floor: offices and meeting space for case management and supportive service delivery







## **Discussion**

