



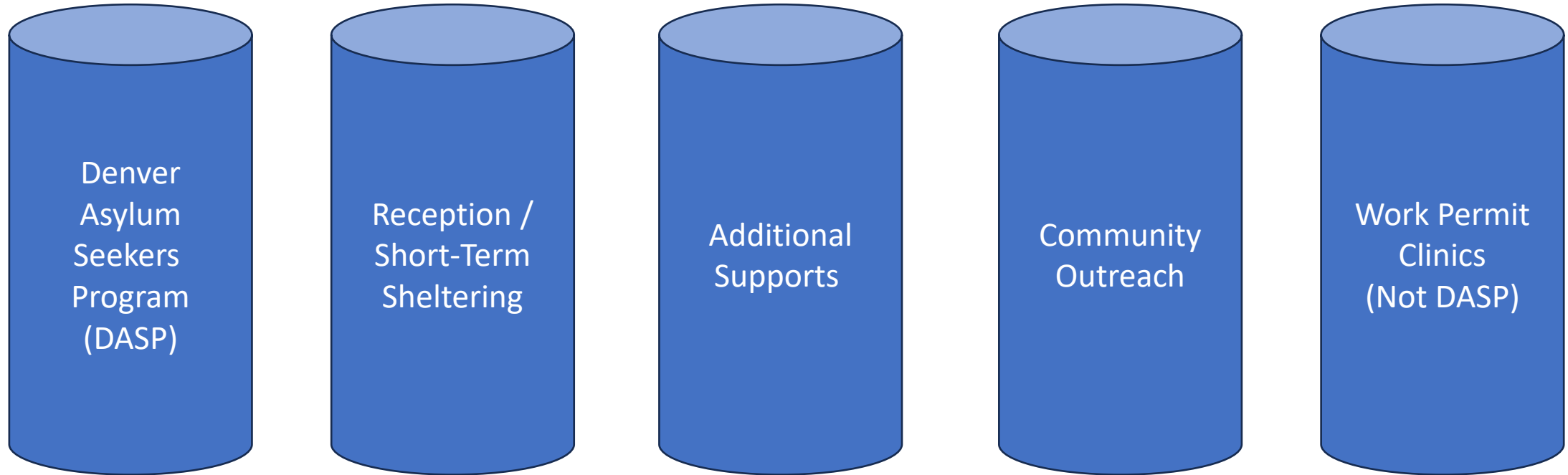
Newcomer Program Overview

Denver City Council
Newcomer Response Working Group
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Sarah Plastino, Newcomer Program Director

Presentation Agenda

1. Structure of the Newcomer Program within the City and County of Denver
2. Pillars of the Newcomer Program
3. Overview of the Denver Asylum Seekers Program (DASP)
4. Overview of Reception & Short-Term Sheltering
5. Overview of Transitional Supports
6. Overview of Community Outreach
7. Overview of Work Permit Clinics

Pillars of the Newcomer Program



Structure of the Newcomer Program within the City and County of Denver

Newcomer Program
Sarah Plastino, Director

Mayor's Office

- Policy
- Finance
- Communications
- Legislative Affairs

Denver Human Services (DHS)

- Budget & Contracts
- Sheltering Operations
- Communications
- Denver Asylum Seeker Program (DASP)

Human Rights & Community Partnerships (HRCP)

- Legal Clinics
- Community Outreach
- Eviction Working Group

Denver Economic Development and Opportunity (DEDO)

- WorkReady (DASP)
- Job Fairs

Housing Stability (HOST)

- Homelessness Outreach

Denver Asylum Seekers Program (DASP)

- **Who:** Newcomers who want to seek asylum and must wait at least 6 months to legally work
- **What:** Resettlement & skills development supports
- **Where:** Throughout Denver for accessibility
- **When:** Launched April 2024
- **Why:** Help newcomers stabilize, resettle in Denver and develop new skills to better thrive in communities.



Benefits of the Denver Asylum Seekers Program

- Job Training, Employment Certifications & Job Placement (WorkReady)
- English as a Second Language, GED, financial & digital literacy, and other classes
- Asylum & Work Permit Clinics
- Rental & Utilities Assistance
- Food & Personal Item Assistance
- RTD Passes
- Cell Phone with US SIM and Credit
- Computer
- Case Management



DASP Participant Timeline



Month Timeline

Goals of the DASP Program

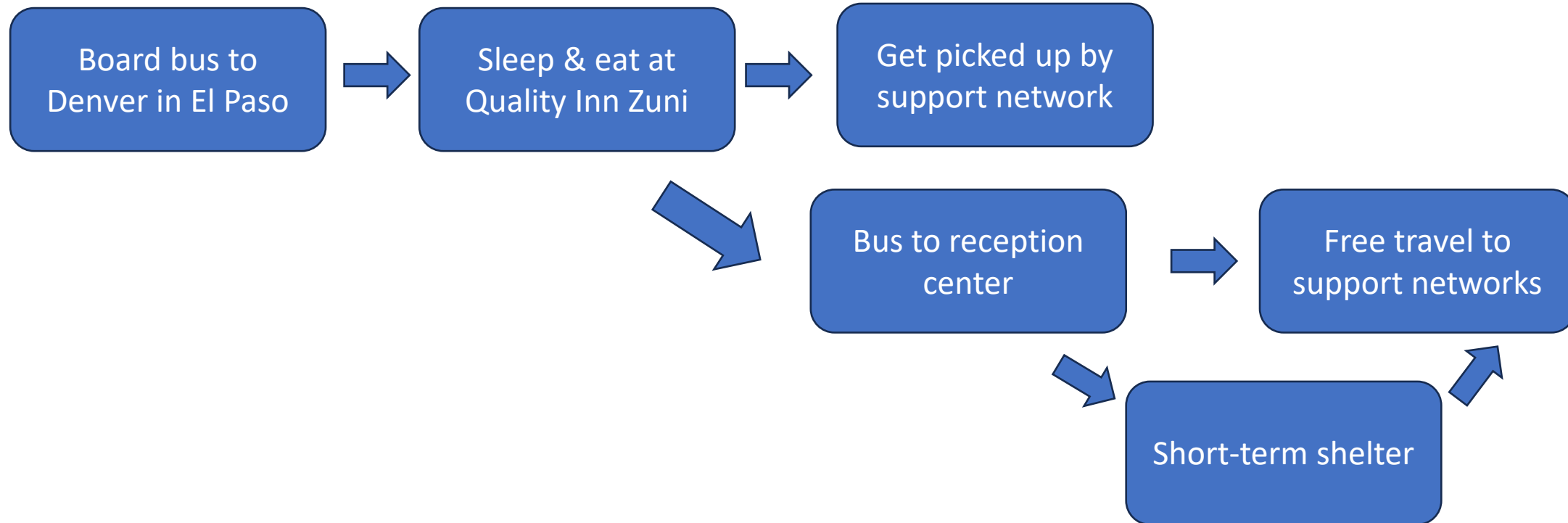
- Successful integration into communities while seeking asylum and beyond
- 100% of participants achieve work authorization, job placement and self-sufficiency
- Build program infrastructure to expand

Reception / Short-Term Sheltering

Snapshot: 4/25 - 5/14

- 313 people arrived via charter bus
 - Of those, 113 (36%) were picked up by family and friends
 - 153 (49%) chose to immediately travel elsewhere
 - 35 (11%) utilized short-term shelter before making decision
 - Remainder did not register

Current Path through Reception & Short-Term Shelter



Additional Supports

- Denver shelters to stabilize families and individuals in need of additional supports
- Populations:
 - Single parents
 - Pregnant and post-partum women and infants
 - Survivors of domestic violence
 - People with disabilities, medical conditions or complex trauma
 - Families and individuals experiencing homelessness



Community Collaboration

- Bi-weekly community-based organization call
- Bi-weekly Newcomer Advisory Council
- Denver staff in El Paso coordinating with community-based organizations & City of El Paso
- Daily communication with many non-profit partners



Work Permit Clinics for Newcomers Eligible to Work

- Ongoing work permit clinics for individuals with parole
- United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) on site to process fee waivers and biometrics
- USCIS expedites issuance of permits
- Employment authorized newcomers invited to Job Fairs (DED0)



Questions?

Appendix A

Path of a Newcomer in Shelter Now but Not Enrolled in the DASP



Appendix B

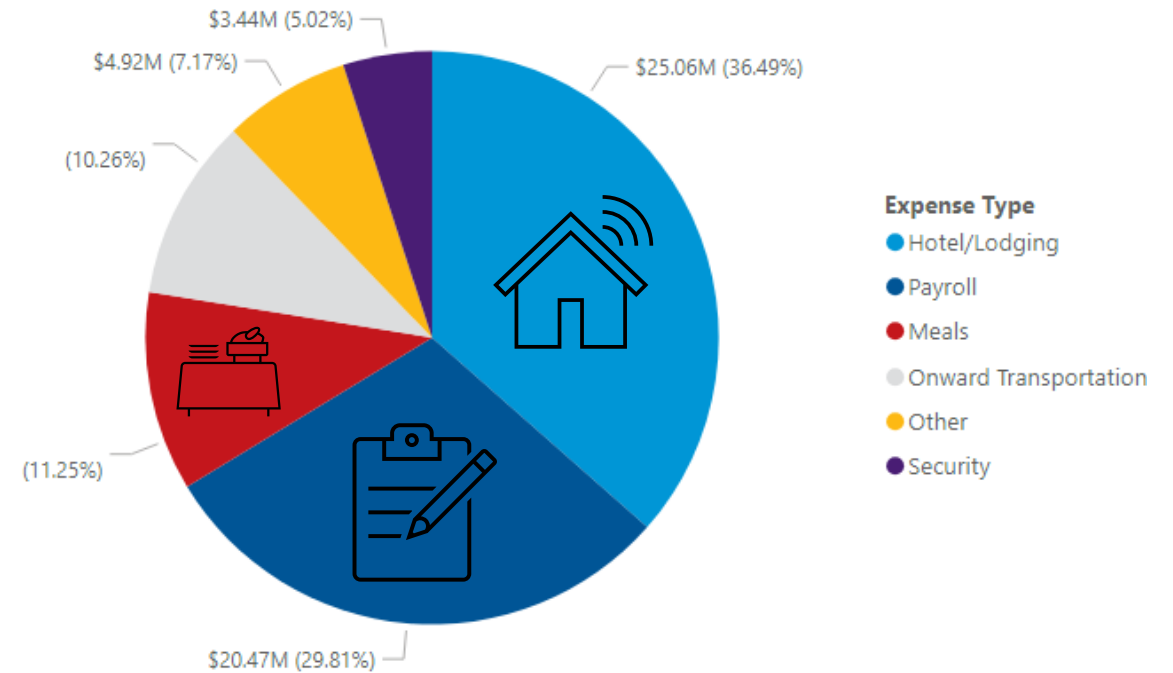
Newcomer Spending

Total Costs since December 2022

(Invoices paid to date)

~\$69M

Expenditures by Category



Appendix C

Newcomer Budget

- This budget is for the full year
- \$25 M / quarter for Q1 2024
- With new program, reduced expenses of \$15 M / quarter
- Unused funds will roll over to 2025

Program Administration	\$3.0 million
Shelter & Housing Mix Includes operations, meals, staffing, security, and supplies for congregate, non-congregate, and temporary options	\$51.7 million
Supportive Services	\$9.7 million
Case Management (includes work authorization and asylum clinics)	\$6.2 million
Workforce Training	\$3.6 million
Transportation	\$6.0 million
Subtotal Program Budget	\$70.4 million
One-time Capital Costs	\$9.5 million
Contingency	\$10.0 million
Total	\$89.9 million