The Salvation Army (TSA) – Denver Transformational Rapid Rehousing

Safety, Housing, Education, & Homelessness Committee

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Department of Housing Stability



Action Requested Today

Approval of the following:

• #23-1529 – The Salvation Army: Approves contract between the Department of Housing Stability (HOST) and The Salvation Army TSA (HOST-202369421) for a contract total of \$4,000,000 from the Homelessness Resolution Fund, to provide funding for the provision of the Denver Transformational Rapid-Rehousing program for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the city and county of Denver.



What is Rapid Rehousing?

- Short- to medium-term rental assistance with supportive services typically up to 24 months
- Goal to obtain housing quicky, increase self-sufficiency
- No preconditions
- Resources and services tailored to needs of the person
- Takes advantage of market-rate rental units
- Least expensive permanent housing intervention



Core Components of RRH

Assessment for Level of Support

Housing Identification

Rent and Move-In Assistance

Case Management

TSA will manage and develop landlord relationships to advocate for clients Participants will be provided with case management and financial assistance to support them into locating, obtaining, and maintaining suitable housing.

Ongoing case management will be provided to ensure individuals who have obtained housing can remain housed, including

- Varied rental assistance, including security deposit
- Assessment of housing stability
- Ongoing supportive services

By connecting people with a home and providing them with rental assistance and supportive services to stay in their home, they are better able to deal with challenges that may have led to their homelessness, such as obtaining employment or substance abuse issues.



Purpose

- The purpose of this program is to increase housing outcomes for people who have experienced unsheltered homelessness
- This program is important because it:
 - Establishes a new housing resources for people experiencing homelessness
 - Ensures outflow from shelter programs into permanent and stable housing placements
 - Can support households who have housing vouchers but no supportive services attached
- The program will support HOST's Five-Year Strategic Plan goals by:
 - Providing housing options for people who have experienced unsheltered homelessness thus reducing the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
 - Increase the number of households service in rehousing programs



Program Summary: Denver Transformational Rapid Rehousing

- This is a new Rapid Rehousing program designed to support households residing in Non-Congregate Shelter.
- TSA will provide Supportive Services and Rental Assistance to aid participants in establishing permanent housing
- The program is expected to serve 200 households.

Roles	Amount of FTE
Leadership	1.5
Direct Service	15



The Salvation Army

Scope of Work

Contract Term	Oct 1 2023 – Dec 31 2024
Funding Source	Homelessness Resolution Fund
Contract Amount	\$4,000,000

- Provide Rapid Rehousing intervention to at least 200 households
- Inclusive of Supportive Services to ensure housing stability



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Questions?



Rapid Rehousing (RRH) ensures <u>outflow</u> from shelter programs into permanent and stable housing placements

MOVING FROM AN ENCAMPMENT TO STABLE, INDEPENDENT HOUSING

Decommissioned Encampments Moved to Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) and assessed for needs

Wrap Around Services and Rapid Rehousing Exiting NCS to stable housing (living independently) with some wrap around supports

RRH is the <u>least expensive</u> permanent housing intervention Typical annual cost of non-congregate shelter =\$32K annually. RRH moves people from NCS into self-sufficiency.

