

CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EMERGENCY ROOM AGREEMENT between City and County of Denver and JBK Hotels, LLC.

The 2019 Point in Time study reports 3,943 individuals counted as experiencing homelessness. Of those 1,235 were in transitional housing and have housing that is time-limited but sufficient for having a place to recover at home or simply follow stay at home orders. 2,119 were staying in emergency shelters and 35 were in safe havens. 554 were unsheltered. That is 2,708 people who would have needed housing in 2019. Based on early release from jails and Dept of Corrections, an escalation in unemployment, and other factors in this health crisis, HOST believes it reasonable to estimate a need for 3,000 rooms in Denver and a greater need in the region. HOST has already started to serve people medically advised to isolate and quarantine but have need for more rooms for protective actions to serve people currently in congregate shelters and unsheltered and in encampments.

The COVID 19 crisis has created the need to immediately find hotel rooms for people experiencing homelessness and in need of isolation and quarantine. Currently, the City is leasing two hotels and CCH is leasing two hotels totaling 690 to address immediate needs.

The Aloft Hotel will provide an additional 140 rooms with hotel staffing at \$95/night/guest. Agreement includes a \$300,000 hold back provision for claims. Meals will be prepared and delivered to the rooms under a separate agreement (will not require CC approval). City will provide security and wrap around staff. Rooms may be used as respite rooms or as protective action rooms. Funding is through the COVID SRF.