

# Homelessness Resolution Fund: 2021 Investment Framework

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Presentation to Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee  
December 2, 2020

# Overview

- Brief overview of the ballot measure 2B
- Time and public process
- Investment areas in draft plan
- Process for allocating resources

## Ballot Measure 2B

- In November, Denver voters passed a 0.25% sales tax to establish the Homelessness Resolution Fund
- Projected to collect \$37M in 2021 and average of \$40M annually in future years based on summer 2020 estimates
  - Actual amount available depends on sales tax collection
  - Projections may be revised to reflect economic conditions
- Funds must be used to support people experiencing or exiting homelessness

# Ballot Measure 2B

- Funds can support capital, operations, maintenance, and services in the following ways:
  - Housing development, rental assistance, supportive services within housing,
  - Expanding shelter beds and supporting 24/7 shelter and day services and other supportive services (e.g., integrated clinical care, employment)
  - Connection to housing resources

## Goals from Yes to 2B Campaign

- Build 1,800 homes with support services over 10 years
- Create 500-600 new units of shelter or housing in catalytic projects
- Regrow lost shelter capacity
- Expand support services (e.g., behavioral and physical health, employment)

# Planning Process for Investment Framework

- Ordinance requires HOST to have a final plan for how funds will be used by January 31, 2021.
- Housing Stability Strategic Advisors is being seated to review and recommend a first year-plan to the Executive Director of HOST
- Uses of the fund in future years will be part of HOST's strategic plans and annual action plans
- Council approves contracts over \$500,000 that receive this funding

## Overview of Process Timeline

### November

- Initial stakeholder engagement
- HOST issued draft addendum to 2021 Action Plan for public comment

### December

- Continued stakeholder engagement on draft addendum
- Kick off meeting for Housing Stability Strategic Advisors
- Public comments received, staff analysis and updates to plan as needed

### January

- Joint meeting with Housing Stability Strategic Advisors and Strategic Plan Executive Committee to review plan, changes, and recommend for implementation

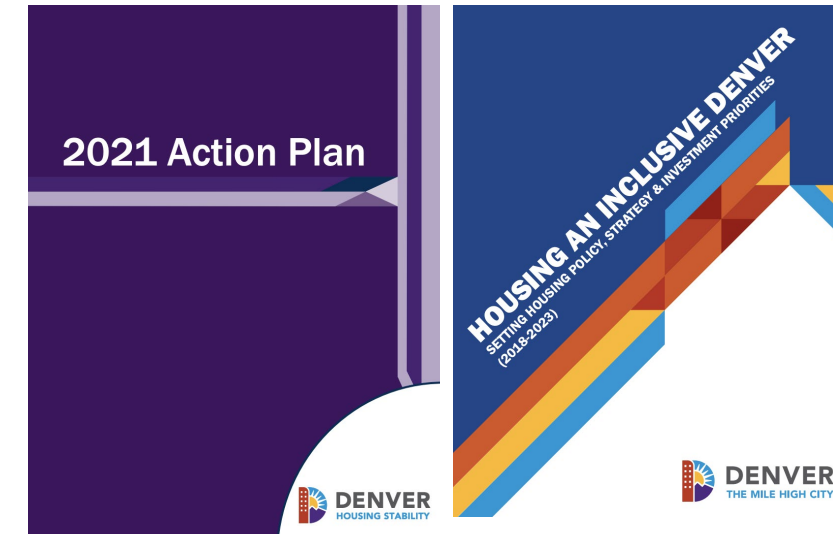
# Stakeholders for Engagement

- City Council Members
- Residents with lived expertise
- Stakeholders with related expertise from Strategic Planning committees
- Providers of services to people experiencing homelessness
- Respondents to the 2021 Action Plan Survey
- Existing tables such as Homeless Leadership Council, Anti Displacement Network and Neighborhood Development Collaborative
- Funders of housing/services
- Community Survey



# Overall Strategy

- Investment Framework for Fund builds on existing work:
  - Housing an Inclusive Denver
  - Three-Year Shelter Expansion Plan
  - 2021 HOST Action Plan
  - Community Survey on the 2021 Action Plan



## Three-Year Shelter Expansion Plan

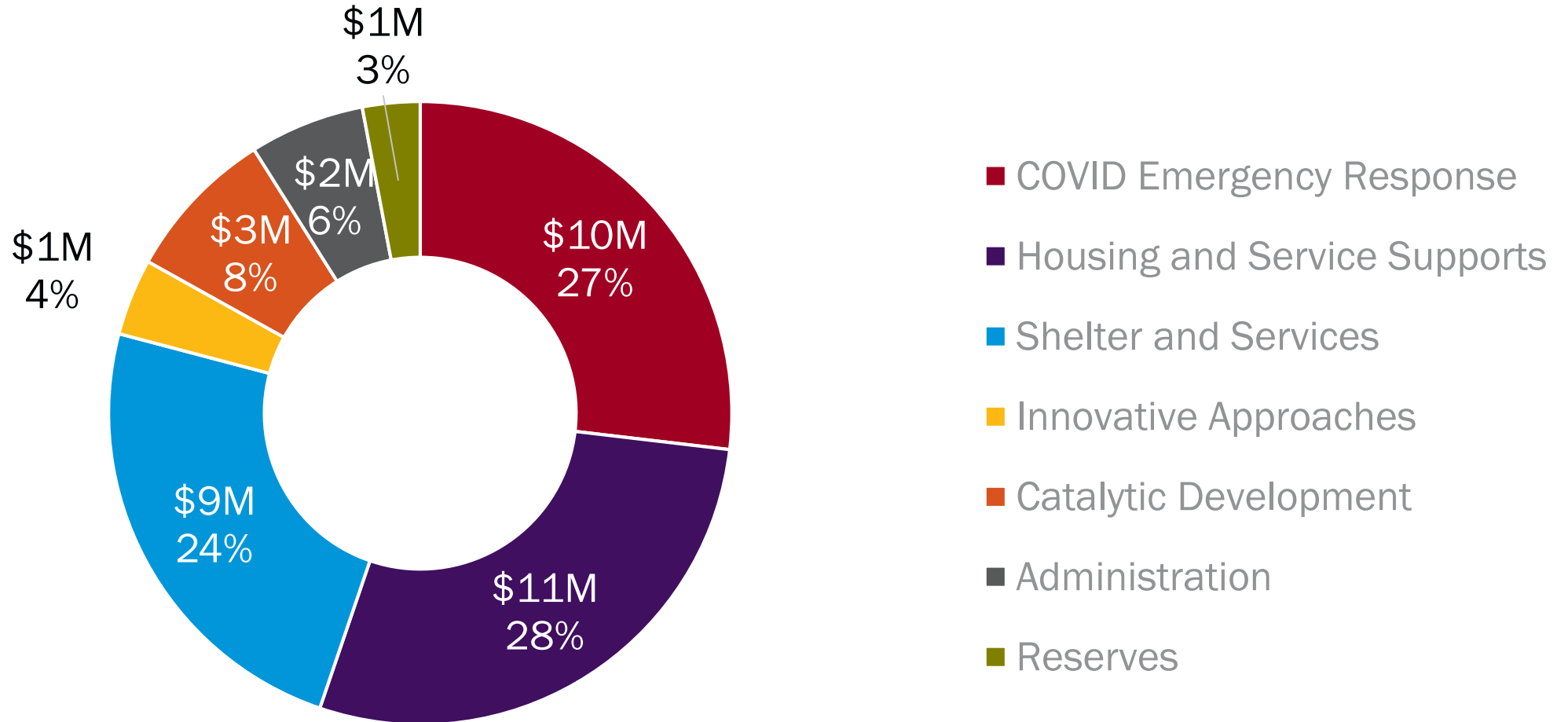
STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY SHELTERING SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY AND CITY OF DENVER

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## 2021 Uses for the Homelessness Resolution Fund

Category	Description
COVID and Emergency Response (27%)	Support for safe transition from emergency congregate and non-congregate supports, including <b>800 rooms of Activated Respite and Protective Action</b> (if a lesser amount is needed funds will be reallocated)
Housing and Service Supports (28%)	Support to expand rehousing opportunities (e.g., supportive housing, rapid rehousing, bridge housing, etc.) for <b>at least 500 households</b>
Shelter and Services (24%)	Support for 24/7 shelter and services while people are unhoused, supporting <b>more than 430 beds</b> under 24/7 model and deepening services at more than <b>700 additional beds</b>
Innovative Approaches (4%)	Investment in new and creative approaches that serve those experiencing homelessness
Catalytic Development (8%)	Investment developments that combine shelter and housing, acquiring or developing at least <b>100 units of shelter and/or housing</b>
Administration (6%)	Support for HOST to successfully administer and report out on funding
Reserves (3%)	Flexible funding to meet unforeseen needs

## Proposed Uses of Homelessness Resolution Fund in 2021



# Resource Allocation Process

Utilize standard City procurement processes to allocate all resources, including:

- Leveraging existing procurement processes where appropriate
- Issue new or amended RFPs for additional uses to allow for new proposals and applicants

## Next Steps and Questions

- Seeking public input through 12/21 on draft plan through a community survey:
  - Plan and survey are available in English and Spanish
  - <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/housing-information/about.html>
- Questions or feedback?