

Rehousing Collaborative

Safety, Housing, Education, & Homelessness Committee
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Denver Rehousing Collaborative

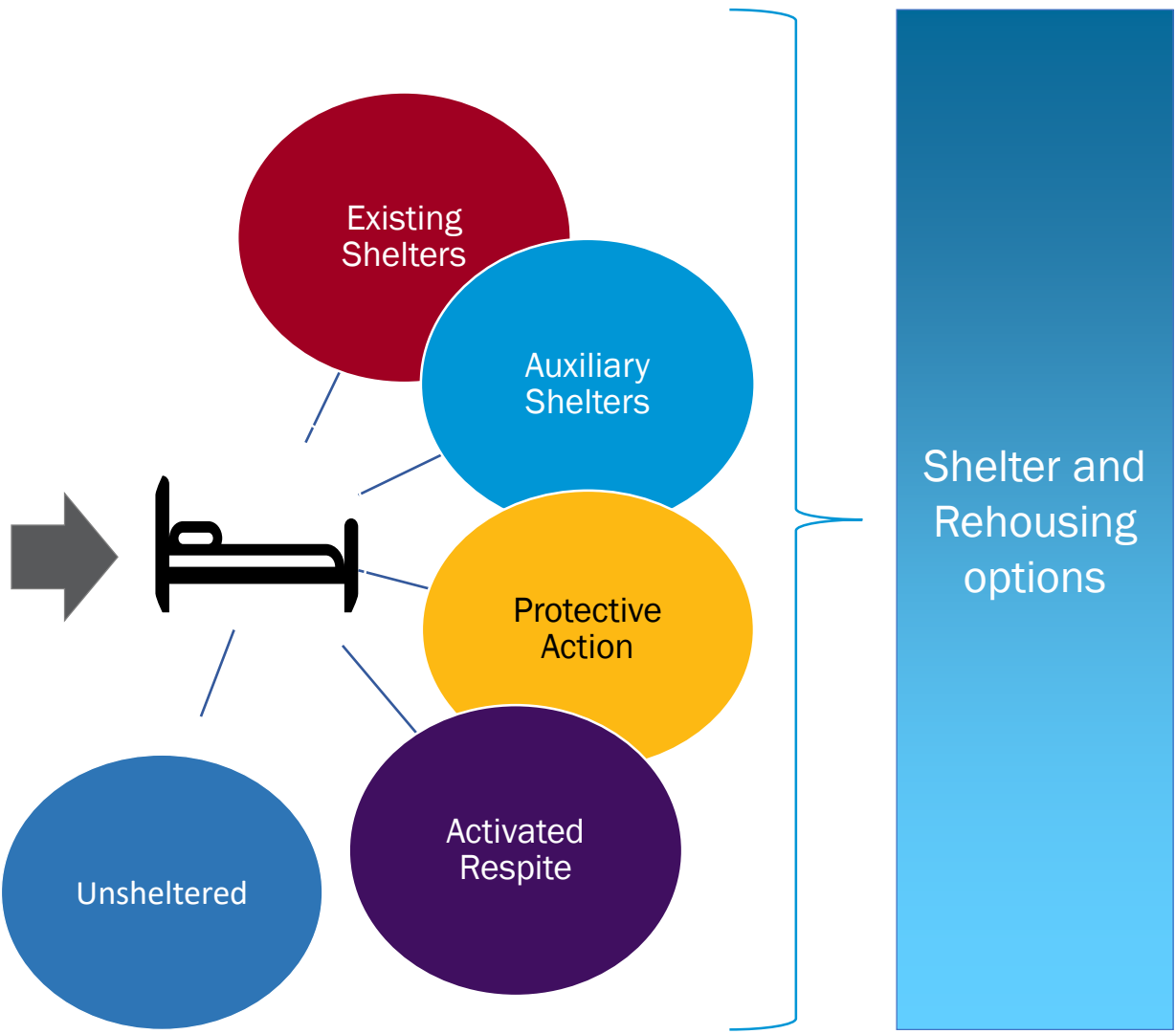
At A Glance:

- Created in response to HOST RFP seeking program utilizing time-limited rental assistance and supportive services
- Continue to reduce sheltered, Protective Action and unsheltered homelessness
- Total funding amount: \$4.5 million



Pre-COVID
Existing Shelters

Capacity:
about 2,100
guests



- Shelter System Transformation**
- Transition to 24/7 through operating and rehab support for existing facilities
 - Shelter acquisition and operating support to address capacity gaps

- Rapid Rehousing**
- Work continues to transform an emergency sheltering system into a rehousing system

Rental assistance as bridge to permanent supportive housing or voucher

Rehousing Priorities

- Providing rehousing operations is a key goal of the Three Year Shelter Plan

Target three unique groups:

- A) Living in temporary Protective Action (PA) motel rooms
- B) Accessing congregate shelters
- C) Living unsheltered and referred by street outreach



- Those in PA motel rooms who can self resolve with limited rental assistance and supportive services
- Those who are 65 and older or disabled living in PA and can transition into subsidized permanent housing when available
- Those who are prioritized in the OneHome coordinated entry system awaiting permanent supportive housing

Funding Breakdown

\$4.5 million total funding

Funding will provide:

- Term-limited Rental Assistance
- Eligibility Screening
- Supportive Services
- Administrative costs



Estimated number of households to be served: 200

Funding Sources: \$1.5 million, Coronavirus Relief Funds (must be spent by end of 2020)
\$3 million, Affordable Housing Fund

Partners and Services

Agency Breakdown

Collaborating organizations:

- **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (lead agency)**
- **The Salvation Army**
- **Volunteers of America**
- **Urban Peak**
- **The Delores Project**
- **The Gathering Place**

*Collectively known for this project as the **Rehousing Collaborative**

Rental Services

- Maximum term for rental assistance to each household is two years
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development Fair Market Rents (FMR) will be used to establish base allowable rents
- Higher rents may be allocated through a comparative rent reasonableness study for an apartment as well as a written narrative explaining why the above-FMR rents support the tenant's ongoing housing stability



- All apartments secured with City and County of Denver funds must comply and retain to housing livability standards
- Properties must meet Housing Quality Standards as a minimum
- Fair Housing requirements must be followed by both program administrators and private market property managers

Supportive Services

- Individualized plans to help participants obtain and maintain housing
- Integrated primary and behavioral healthcare, employment and vocational training
- Peer navigation service providers will provide social supports
- Administrative support for day-to-day operations
- Housing Intake Services will provide screening and intakes
- Housing Navigation services will help participants secure a residence



Action Requested

Resolution 20-1144 – Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

- New contract - \$4,500,000
- To coordinate a rehousing collaborative through 12/31/21
- To provide rehousing services to at least 200 people experiencing homelessness

Questions