

# Catholic Charities Women's Shelter

**Safety, Housing, Education &  
Homelessness Committee  
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## Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

**CDBG dollars** are reserved for community and neighborhood revitalization projects serving low- and moderate-income areas with a demonstrated public benefit.

No new construction of housing can occur with these dollars, although unit rehabilitation is allowed.

OED generally seeks matching dollars up to 25% of a project budget in addition to our catalytic investment strategy in targeted neighborhoods.

Since 2004, Denver's annual allocations from HUD for CDBG have dropped 41%.

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## Catholic Charities and homeless services

Serving Denver **men, women and families experiencing homelessness** with shelter, food, and services since 1986.

**Spectrum of housing supports** offered through Holy Rosary Center for Women at existing Samaritan House facility.

Services from **emergency shelter** to **four-month residential transitional program** with wraparound case management.

Currently operating **225 shelter beds for single women** at Samaritan House and City's Peoria Street Shelter.



## The need for women's shelter beds

**Before 2013**, about 2,000 shelter beds for men were available each night in Denver, but **only 40-50 temporary beds were for women.**

Demand for women's shelter beds is **year round** – sleeping outside is less safe for women experiencing homelessness.

In 2013, Catholic Charities founded the **Holy Rosary Program for Women** and through this program, currently **operates the vast majority of women's shelter beds in Denver.**



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## 6240 Smith Road acquisition

<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>Acquisition Cost</u>
\$1,000,000	City of Denver - CDBG
\$1,500,000	Catholic Charities' own funds

**“Performance Loan”** with repayment deferred and loan forgiven after **35 years**, unless property sold or changes use

### **Building area of 32,890 sq ft on two floors**

- First floor: **100 overnight women’s shelter beds + 50 beds for up to 30-day women’s transitional housing**
- Second floor: offices and meeting space for **case management and supportive service delivery**



# Discussion