



**DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
(In Office and Remote)**

**A G E N D A**

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(Times listed are estimates and may fluctuate depending on length of discussion.)

**Time\***

**9:30 a.m.**

**Colorado Division of Housing Transformational  
Homeless Response Grant Application to Fund the  
Homeless Engagement Assistance and Resource Team**

**Colorado Division of Housing Transformational  
Homeless Response Grant for Eviction and Homeless  
Prevention**

## AGENDA ITEM

**DATE:** February 15, 2023

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** DOUGLAS J. DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER

**FROM:** TERENCE T. QUINN, AICP, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT *JE for T Q*

**CC:** RAND CLARK, CCAP, NCRT COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER  
JENNIFER L. EBY, AICP, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** **COLORADO DIVISION OF HOUSING TRANSFORMATIONAL HOMELESS RESPONSE GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND THE HOMELESS ENGAGEMENT ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCE TEAM**

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### SUMMARY

Staff is requesting authorization from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to apply to the Colorado State Division of Housing (DOH) for the Transformational Homeless Response Grant Program to support the Homeless Engagement Assistance and Resource Team (HEART) through September 2026.

### BACKGROUND

Colorado House Bill 22-1377 authorized the State to appropriate \$105 million dollars in State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to connect residents experiencing homelessness with services, recovery care, and housing supports. Street outreach and provision of temporary emergency shelter through hotel vouchers are eligible for this funding opportunity.

### DISCUSSION

During the most recent Point In Time survey of homelessness in Douglas County, preliminary findings suggest that unsheltered homelessness is down 46%. This decrease can be contributed to the efforts of the HEART. Staff is proposing two options for consideration by the BCC to fund the activities of the HEART through September of 2026 using this grant opportunity. This grant requires a 25% minimum match.

**3 HEART Units** – This option would fund the existing three HEART units. The total grant funding request would be for \$958,954 and includes an in-kind match of \$316,455. This match would be met using County ARPA funds currently obligated for the HEART. In addition, \$175,000 over three years would be requested to support limited hotel vouchers to bridge the shelter gap while identifying and securing appropriate resources for those experiencing homelessness.

**10 HEART Units** – This option would expand coverage of the HEART to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Ten HEART units are required to mirror existing law enforcement coverage and would include 10 navigators paired with 10 law enforcement personnel and 3 supervisor positions. The total grant funding request for this expanded option would be \$8,921,793 and requires a match of \$2,230,450. The match requirement may be partially met in-kind using County funds currently obligated to support the three HEART units including the navigators and three identified deputy positions. A remaining match of \$747,193 would be required from the general fund to meet the minimum match requirements. Funding for limited hotel vouchers would also be requested under this option to support HEART efforts.

The following demonstrate the costs associated with each option over the 3-year period:

	<b>New Positions</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>In-Kind Match</b>	<b>Additional Match</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
<b>3 HEART Units</b>	0	\$958,954	\$316,455	\$ 0	\$1,275,409
<b>10 HEART Units</b>	17	\$8,921,793	\$1,483,257	\$747,193	\$11,152,243

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff is requesting authorization from the BCC to submit an application to DOH for the Transformational Homeless Response Grant Program to support the HEART through September 2026.

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### SUMMARY

Staff is requesting authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to submit an application to the Colorado State Division of Housing (DOH) for the Transformational Homeless Response Grant Program in the amount of \$1,500,000 with a required match of \$375,000 to fund the Pathways Eviction Prevention (Pathways) program through September 2026.

### BACKGROUND

Colorado House Bill 22-1377 authorized the State to appropriate \$105 million dollars in State American Rescue Plan Act funds to connect residents experiencing homelessness with services, recovery care, and housing supports. Eviction and homeless prevention programs that provide rent assistance and case management are eligible.

### DISCUSSION

In January of 2023, the County, through four local non-profit partners provided \$429,141 in emergency rent assistance to keep 71 Douglas County families housed and avoid eviction through Pathways. The County is currently using Emergency Rent Assistance 2 (ERA2) funds to support this program. This grant requires a 25% minimum match. The proposed application to the DOH would allow the County to leverage remaining ERA2 funds to meet the match requirement of \$375,000 and secure \$1,500,000 in additional funding to support Pathways through September of 2026.

### NEXT STEPS

Staff is requesting authorization to submit an application to DOH for the Transformational Homeless Response Grant Program in the amount of \$1,500,000 with a required match of \$375,000 to support the Pathways program through September 2026.