



**DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, July 10, 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\***

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| <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Valley Hope Presentation</b>                         |
| <b>10:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Opioid Council Update</b>                            |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>State Transformational Homeless Grant Award</b>      |
| <b>11:15 a.m.</b> | <b>Denver Metro Regional Homeless Navigation Center</b> |

## Agenda Item

**DATE:** JULY 10, 2023  
**TO:** DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
**FROM:** DOUG DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** VALLEY HOPE PRESENTATION

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Representatives from Valley Hope will provide an update on its capital project. Valley Hope has been in business for quite some time but is finding out that their services are not well known in the community so will also provide an overview of those services.


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**TO:** DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
**FROM:** DOUG DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** OPIOID COUNCIL UPDATE

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The consultant working with Douglas County on the Regional Opioid Council will update the Board on the progress of the Council and the remaining process.

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**TO:** DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
**THROUGH:** DOUGLAS J. DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER  
**FROM:** TERENCE T. QUINN, AICP, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT   
**CC:** RAND M. CLARK, CCAP, NCRT, COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER  
JENNIFER L. EBY, AICP, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** STATE TRANSFORMATIONAL HOMELESS GRANT AWARD

### SUMMARY

On May 23, 2023, the State Housing Board, through the Division of Housing (DOH) awarded \$1,600,000 in State Transformational Homeless Grant Program (THGP) funds to Douglas County to support the Homeless Engagement Assistance and Resource Team (HEART). Staff is requesting approval from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of the revised budget for this award.

### BACKGROUND

Funding for THGP was made available through Colorado House Bill 22-1377. Through this Bill, \$105,000,000 in State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was allocated to help local communities ensure everyone has a safe and stable place to live. A total of \$212,000,000 was requested through the first round of applications in February. This is a one-time grant opportunity.

Douglas County submitted an application requesting \$3.4 million in THGP funds to support the operation and expansion of the HEART through 2026. Staff was notified that DOH awarded \$1.6 million in funding. DOH has requested staff provide a revised budget based on the funding awarded to prepare the grant agreement by the end of June.

### DISCUSSION

Douglas County's application for \$3.4 million was to expand the HEART to 5 units over 3 years to allow for increased coverage. Funding can only be used for staff and operational costs. Additionally, funding cannot supplant local funds already allocated to support the HEART. This includes local ARPA Revenue Recovery funds allocated to fund the HEART navigators and general fund dollars allocated to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) to fund the three HEART Deputies. These funds may be used to meet the local match requirement minimum of 25%.

Expanding the HEART to include 5 units, as requested in the grant application, would require authorizing up to 5 new FTEs. It is projected that current County funding, leveraged with the

THGP award, would sustain the program at this level for 18 months through approximately June 2025. Below is the revised budget for consideration by the BCC:

**THGP Budget**

Salary and Benefits	\$1,143,888.00
One-Time HEART Operational Cost	\$ 261,249.00
Ongoing HEART Operational Coasts	<u>\$ 194,863.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,600,000.00</b>

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff requests BCC approval of the revised budget for the \$1.6 million award of THGP funds for submission to DOH. Staff is prepared to discuss this request in further detail.

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**FROM:** DOUG DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** DENVER METRO REGIONAL HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER

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Staff will provide an update on the City of Aurora (Aurora) project to build a Regional Navigation Center (RNC) to support those experiencing homelessness in the Denver Metro region with shelter and homeless prevention services. The proposed 5-acre site is located in northern Aurora. Aurora is preparing an application that is due on July 31st for State ARPA funds for the development of this RNC. As part of this application Aurora is requesting letters in support of this project and a financial contribution to demonstrate leveraging of this capital project from surrounding counties.