



**Department of Local Affairs
CRS 24-32-721 FY 2018-2019 SMART Government Act Report**

Colorado Revised Statutes title 24, article 32, section 721, subsection 4f reads that the “Department of Local Affairs shall report to the senate committee on health and human services and the house of representatives committees on health and insurance and public health care and human services, or any successor committees, under the “State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act”, part 2 of article 7 of title 2, on:

- I. The number of projects funded under this section
- II. The number of units in each project funded under this section
- III. The number of qualified individuals housed as a result of this subsection (4); and
- IV. To the extent practicable, the number of individuals who, after receiving a voucher under subsection (4)(b) of this section, returned to the facilities from which the individuals were transitioning.

Section 721 concerns 1) construction grants and loans for affordable housing and 2) housing vouchers, rental assistance, and other support services for housing assistance. It includes several programs including:

- Housing Development Grant and Loan (HDG) program: General Fund
- Homeless Solutions Program (HSP): Marijuana Tax Cash Fund
- Homeless Solutions Program - Justice Involved (HSP-JI): Housing Assistance for Persons Transitioning from the Criminal or Juvenile Justice Cash Fund, and
- Recovery-oriented Housing (HB19-1009)

I. The number of projects funded under this section

In FY 2018-2019, the number of affordable housing development projects funded under CRS 24-32-721 was 23. Details about each of these projects was provided in DOLA’s Cost Effectiveness RFI #1, which was provided to the Joint Budget Committee in September 2019 and is available upon request.

II. The number of units in each project under this section

In FY 2018-2019, the total number of units funded under section 721 was 1,144. In addition to these units, DOH funded one project with a total of 100 shelter beds. The tables on the following pages list the projects and the number of affordable units in each, as well as the project funding from DOH and the total project cost.



FY 2018-2019 Housing Development Grant (HDG) Projects (General Fund)				
Project #	County - Project Name	Affordable Units	Amount of State Funds	Total Project Cost
18-052	Arapahoe - Connections at 6th	68	\$800,000	\$19,431,873
18-053	Statewide - Colorado Housing Connects ¹	N/A	\$118,797	\$224,357
18-058	Arapahoe - Residences at Hoffman	85	\$850,000	\$22,132,003
19-004	Larimer - DMA Plaza	124	\$1,000,000	\$31,747,034
19-006	Larimer - Manufactured Home Repair	20	\$177,918	\$356,000
19-018	Larimer - The Meadows Renovation	59	\$400,000	\$12,799,032
19-032	Fremont - Cedar Village and Canyon Country Mobile Home Park Acquisition	51	\$600,000	\$2,640,000
19-035	Larimer - Provincetowne Green Capital Improvement Project	84	\$350,000	\$13,949,718
19-039	Moffat - Sunset Meadows 2	44	\$359,212	\$2,511,487
19-040	Adams - Range View Apartments	223	\$1,000,000	\$59,916,690
19-044	Chaffee - Old Stage Road Rowhomes	8	\$50,000	\$1,564,664
19-055	Boulder - Tungsten Village	26	\$260,000	\$9,702,409
19-056	La Plata - Senior Residences at Three Springs	53	\$500,000	\$13,895,431
19-057	Larimer - Mirasol Phase 3	60	\$600,000	\$19,316,096
19-058	Routt - Alpenglow Village	48	\$650,000	\$23,892,273
19-059	Adams - Libretto Apartments Phase II	42	\$420,000	\$12,542,438
19-067	El Paso - Silvercrest Villas	20	\$600,000	\$1,200,058
19-070	Gunnison - GardenWalk of Gunnison ²	36	\$218,073	\$10,119,238
Total		1,051 ³	\$8,954,000	\$257,940,801

¹18-053 funds a housing counseling program, as such there were no units produced by this award. This award was partially funded with FY 2017-18 funds, which amount was reported last year. Total award was \$146,650.

²19-070 total award amount is \$450,000. The remaining \$231,927 will utilize FY 2019-20 funds and will be reported next year.

³An additional 51 units of market rate units were created between 19-058, 19-035 and 19-018. These units were not supported with state funds.



FY 2018-2019 Homeless Solutions Program (HSP) Projects (Marijuana Tax Cash Fund)					
Project #	County - Project Name	PSH Units ¹	Shelter Beds	Amount of State Funds	Total Project Cost
18-038	El Paso County - Vecino Bond Group Freedom Springs ²	0	0	\$1,000,000	\$14,079,197
19-050	Adams County - CCH Veterans Renaissance Apts	59	0	\$1,800,000	\$19,193,065
19-075	Mesa County - Karis Apts	34	0	\$850,000	\$9,118,316
19-076	Larimer County - Mason Place ³	0	0	\$600,000	\$19,367,676
19-082	Pueblo County - Pueblo Rescue Mission Shelter	0	100	\$1,303,000	\$1,889,879
		93	100	\$5,553,000	\$63,648,133

¹PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing.

²\$500,000 for Freedom Springs was reported in the Department's FY18 RFI. An additional \$1,000,000 was awarded to this project in FY19. The project consists of 50 affordable units, but they are not included in this table to avoid double-counting with FY18 reports.

³\$750,000 for Mason Place (formerly Midtown on the Max) was reported in the Department's FY18 RFI. An additional \$600,000 was awarded to the project in FY19. The project consists of 60 affordable units, but they are not included in this table to avoid double-counting with FY18 reports.

For additional information, the table below includes the number of units and shelter beds funded under this section by state fiscal year.

State Fiscal Year	Number of Units	Number of Shelter Beds
2018-19	1,114	100
2017-18	1,859	113
2016-17	968	0
2015-16	1,015	108
2014-15	914	0



III. The number of qualified individuals housed as a result of this subsection (4)

Subsection 4 includes vouchers, rental assistance and other support services for housing assistance. HSP and HSP-JI funds are used for two models of housing that are proven best practices: Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-housing.

- Supportive Housing, also known as Permanent Supportive Housing, is affordable, community-based housing that provides tenants with the rights of tenancy and access to intensive supportive services. People in need of Supportive Housing are typically living with multiple disabilities, often struggling with substance use, and more than likely have been chronically homeless. Supportive Housing communities are typically served by full-time case management personnel with mental health and/or substance abuse support available from on-site or referral-based providers. HSP funds are utilized for vouchers as well as the construction of Supportive Housing units (construction projects were reported in the answer to questions I and II above)
- Rapid Re-housing focuses on individuals who need extra assistance and time to stabilize their lives through connection to community services and employment. Rapid Re-housing expedites the process of connecting households experiencing homelessness to permanent housing options through a client-centered support system. Rapid Re-housing offers rental assistance for up to two years and targeted supportive services in order to solve the practical and immediate challenges to obtaining permanent housing.

At the end of FY 2018-2019, the number of qualified individuals who were housed as a result of section 721 subsection (4) include the following:

- 331 individuals in 257 households housed in Supportive Housing utilizing a state-funded HSP voucher, and
- 62 individuals in 54 households receiving short to medium term rental assistance and housing-related services through a Rapid Re-housing for Re-entry program funded through the HSP-JI program (the program provides Rapid Re-housing rental assistance and related services to 220 justice involved households annually; FY19 was the initial start-up year).

DOLA's Cost Effectiveness RFI #1, which was provided to the Joint Budget Committee, provides details about DOH's partner agencies across the state that have been awarded vouchers and the populations that they serve.

HB19-1009 added \$1M per year to this subsection for vouchers and support services for populations, including individuals with a mental health disorder, substance use disorder, or co-occurring behavioral health disorder who is transitioning from the Department of Corrections, the Division of Youth Services in the Department of Human Services, a mental health institute, a psychiatric hospital, or a county jail into the community; or individuals who are homeless or in an unstable housing environment and are transitioning from a residential treatment program or are engaged in the community transition specialist program. Because the appropriations for this program were made starting in FY20, we do not have anything to report for FY19 on the vouchers added by HB19-1009.



Update on the Progress of the HB19-1009 Voucher Program

After collecting public comments and feedback from stakeholders across the Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care, affordable housing providers, and homeless service entities, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing (DOH) released the Recovery-Oriented Housing Request for Applications (RFA) on December 6, 2019. Using HB19-1009 funds, the RFA makes up to 71 tenant-based rental assistance vouchers available, as well as funding for supportive services (up to \$3,600 per participant household per year).

The Recovery-Oriented Housing RFA supports various recovery-oriented housing models of recovery compliance and service delivery that address the complex needs of individuals transitioning from a variety of institutional and community-based settings at various stages of recovery. This spectrum of available approaches is intended to meet the aim of HB19-1009 by improving housing stability and reducing returns to homelessness, the justice system, and hospitalization. RFA applicants are required to provide information on prior experience serving the RFA's target population, the supportive services in which participants will have access, other funding sources leveraged, and how the applicant will meet benchmarks related to long-term housing stability. Applicants' letters of intent are due January 10, 2020. Full applications are due February 17, 2020.

All State-Funded and Federally-Funded Rental Assistance Programs

DOH also operates several other state-funded and federally-funded rental assistance programs. The number of individuals housed across all of the Department's rental assistance programs are included in the table below.

Program	Number of Individuals Housed by Program on June 30, 2019*	Funding
HSP	331	State
HSP-JI	62	State
CCT	325	State
SHV	191	State
811	15	Federal
FUP	772	Federal
HCV	8,352	Federal
CoC	795	Federal
VASH	946	Federal
TOTAL	11,789	

*11,789 individuals are part of 7,313 households. At any given time, there are also households with a voucher who are searching for housing.



- IV. To the extent practicable, the number of individuals who, after receiving a voucher under subsection (4)(b) of this section, returned to the facilities from which the individuals were transitioning.**

This will be tracked for the vouchers funded with appropriations from HB19-1009, which was initiated for FY 2019-2020. As of the end of FY 2018-2019, the vouchers for this program had not yet been funded, so no vouchers had been issued.