

**Please Vote YES on HB20-1035!**  
**Programs to Develop Housing Support Services**  
**Rep Singer & Sen Fields**

Passed out of the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System  
Year-Round Joint Committee

**Individuals throughout Colorado with mental health and/or substance use disorders, who have encountered the criminal justice system, are frequently at risk of homelessness.**

- Many Colorado communities lack the supportive services necessary to ensure housing stability and end the cycle of homelessness and incarceration. The resources provided by HB20-1035 will help bolster the infrastructure necessary to access housing dollars, establish and train housing navigators, strengthen information systems and data coordination, and increase opportunities for local experts to develop and deploy strategies to address each community's unique circumstances.
- 572 individuals in Colorado with mental health disorders were released into homelessness from the Department of Corrections in FY 2018.
- A Colorado Department of Public Safety study showed at least 40% of individuals from 8 county jails were released into homelessness in 2018, which is indicative of the rest of the state.

**Supportive Housing is by far the cheapest intervention when compared to the expenses associated with incarceration or homelessness. Supportive Housing is more humane and achieves long-term, beneficial outcomes to the community. The funding generated by HB20-1035 will:**

- Increase access to Supportive Housing by strengthening the capacity for programming in rural, frontier, and other underserved and under-resourced communities
- Help improve education and training with local support
- Increase Planning and Bridge grants for local navigator and short-term gap funding for Supportive Housing services until HCPF acquires the authority to reimburse services currently not billable through Medicaid
- Help provide accessible, sustainable programming with increased data sharing, outcomes tracking, and resource availability for Supportive Housing to ensure replicability and improved outcomes over time
- Help promote stronger, healthier families and communities

**Cost Savings:**

<b>Intervention Costs*</b>	
Eligible Members	572
DOC Costs	\$ 21,727,992
Homelessness Costs	\$ 38,324,000
Supportive Housing Costs	\$ 9,438,000

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## **Endorsements**

Enterprise Community Partners

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Volunteers of America

Housing Colorado

Second Chance Center, Inc.

Interfaith Alliance of Colorado

NAMI Colorado

Mental Health Colorado

Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council

South Metro Fire Department

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

Colorado Center on Law & Policy

Colorado Criminal Defense Bar

Colorado Municipal League

Colorado Rural Collaborative on Homeless Youth

Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County

Rising Up – Morgan County

Alternative Solutions Advocacy Project

Colorado Association of Realtors

Colorado Catholic Conference