



# *Department of Local Affairs*

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# SMART Act Hearing

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**COLORADO**  
Department of Local Affairs

## **DOLA Vision:**

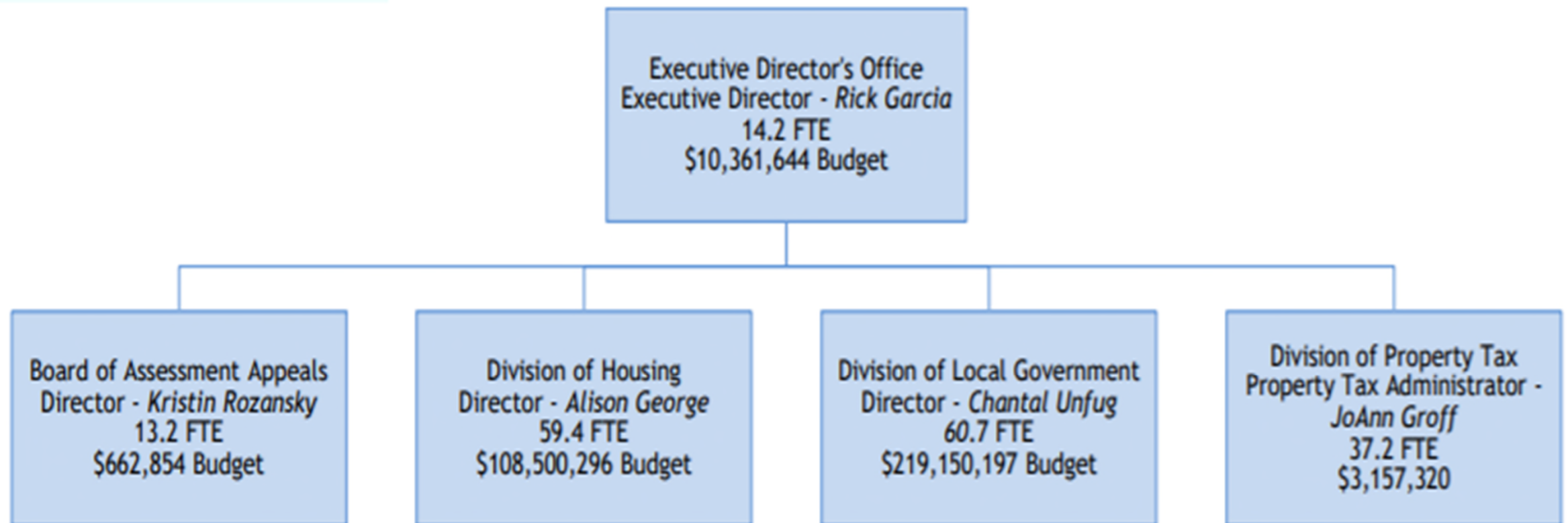
The Department of Local Affairs is responsible for strengthening Colorado's local communities through accessible, affordable, and secure housing; implementing property tax law; and increased capacity in building strategic training, research, technical assistance, and funding to localities.

## **DOLA Mission:**

**STRENGTHEN COLORADO COMMUNITIES**



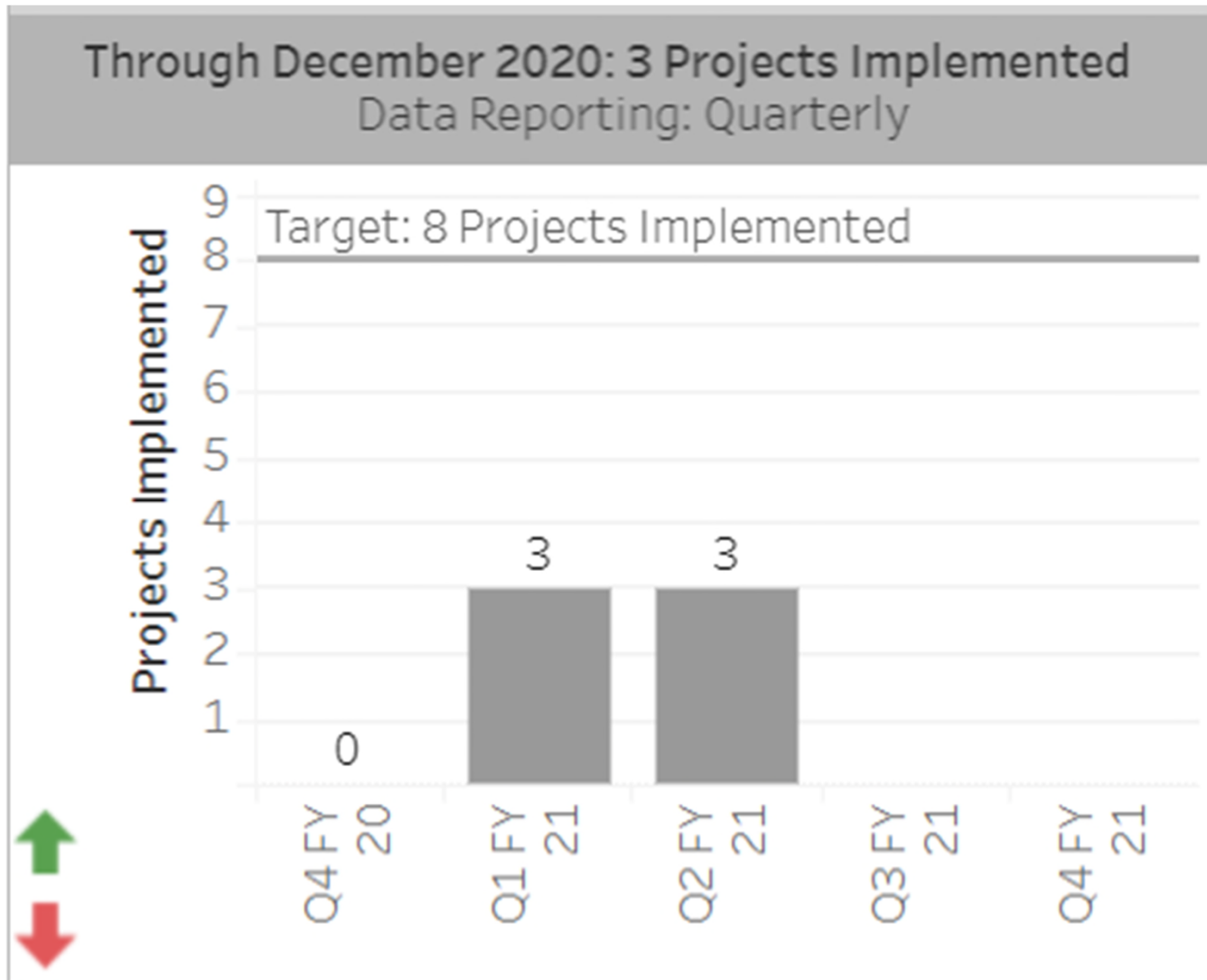
# DOLA Organizational Chart



# Renewable Energy Projects

**WIG #1: Implement eight projects statewide that focus on renewable energy grants that were awarded in fiscal year 2019-20.**

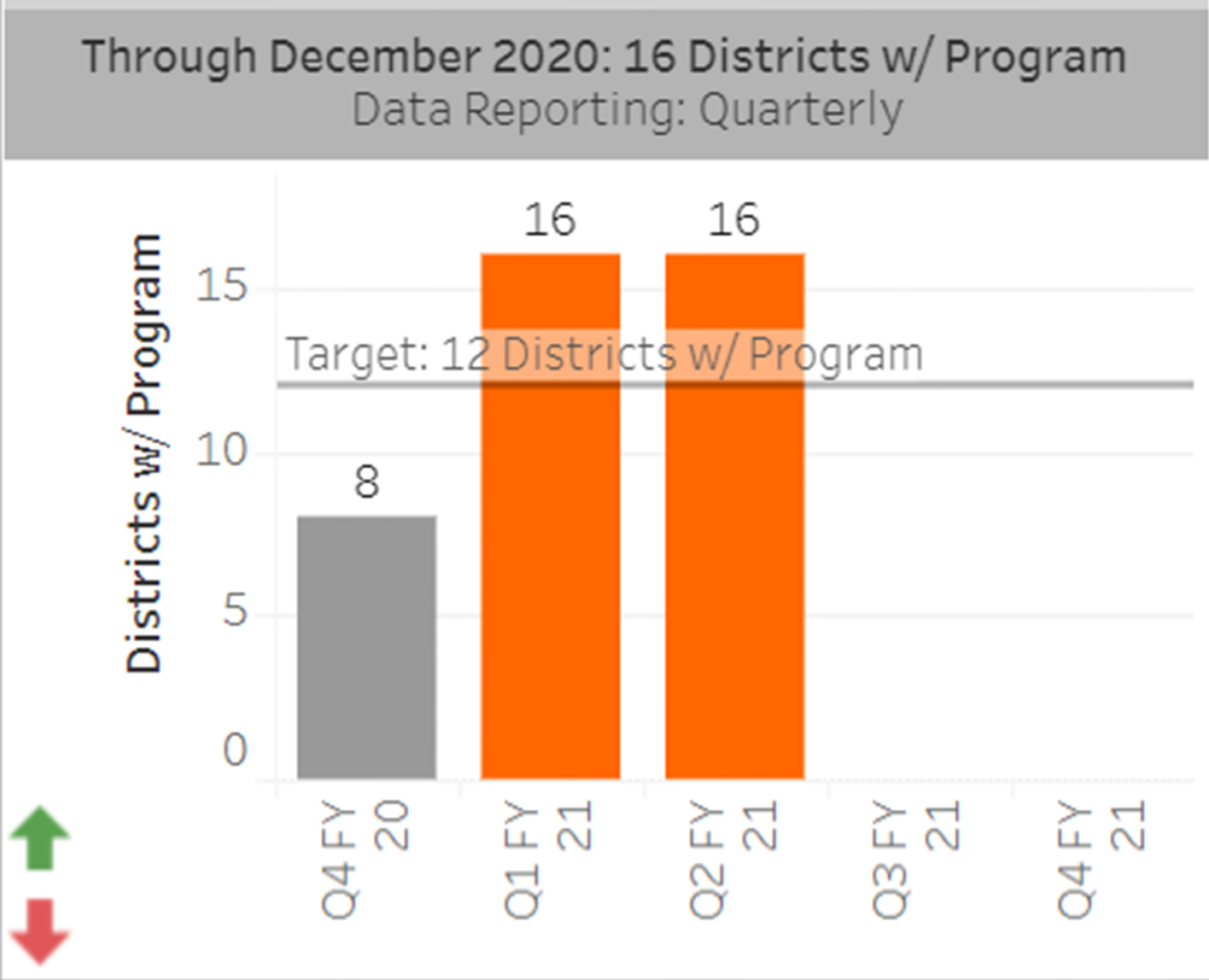
Successful completion of this goal will push those projects forward, which were funded by grants from last year's goal, and will ensure momentum for those projects aligned with the vision of 100% renewable energy for the grid by 2040. The Department will place focus on Rural Colorado in pursuit of this goal by ensuring that six of eight projects are implemented in Rural Colorado.



**Next Step Program**

**WIG #2: Expand the current Next Step Program to provide stable, safe housing for homeless children and their families from eight school districts to 12 school districts where the children attend school.**

Successful completion of this goal would allow for more communities to safely house youth experiencing homelessness.

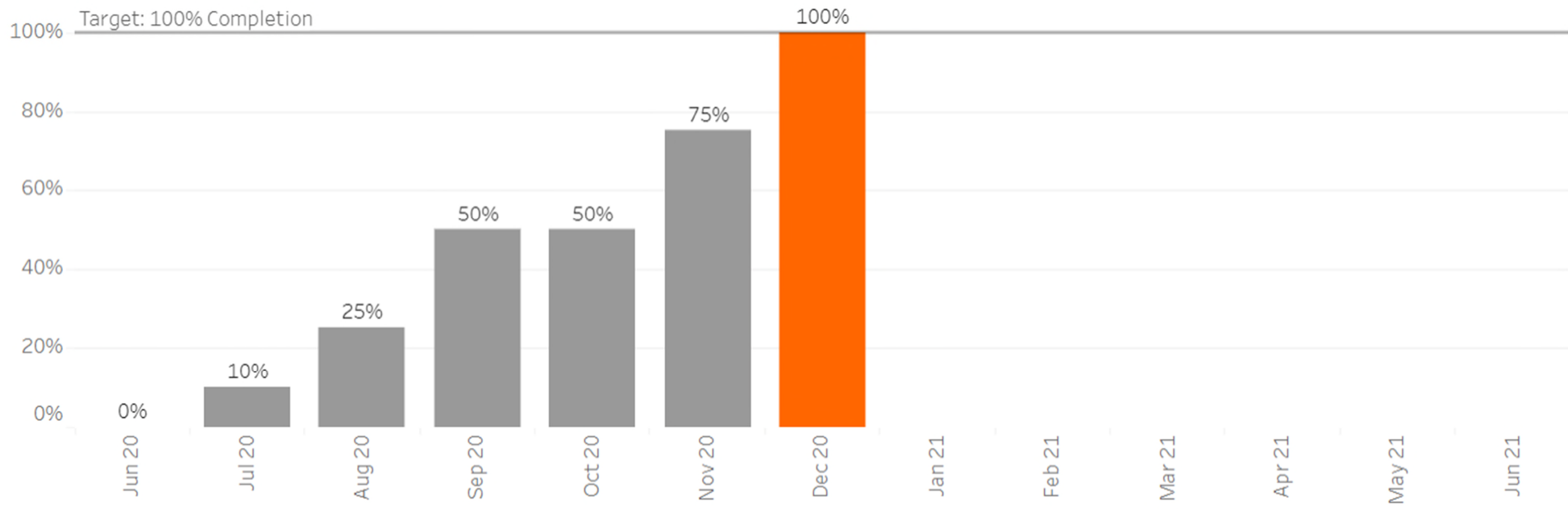


# How the **Department of Local Affairs** will accomplish their Wildly Important Goals: Click on a goal title to view the corresponding lead measures.

## Next Step Program

### Lead Measure

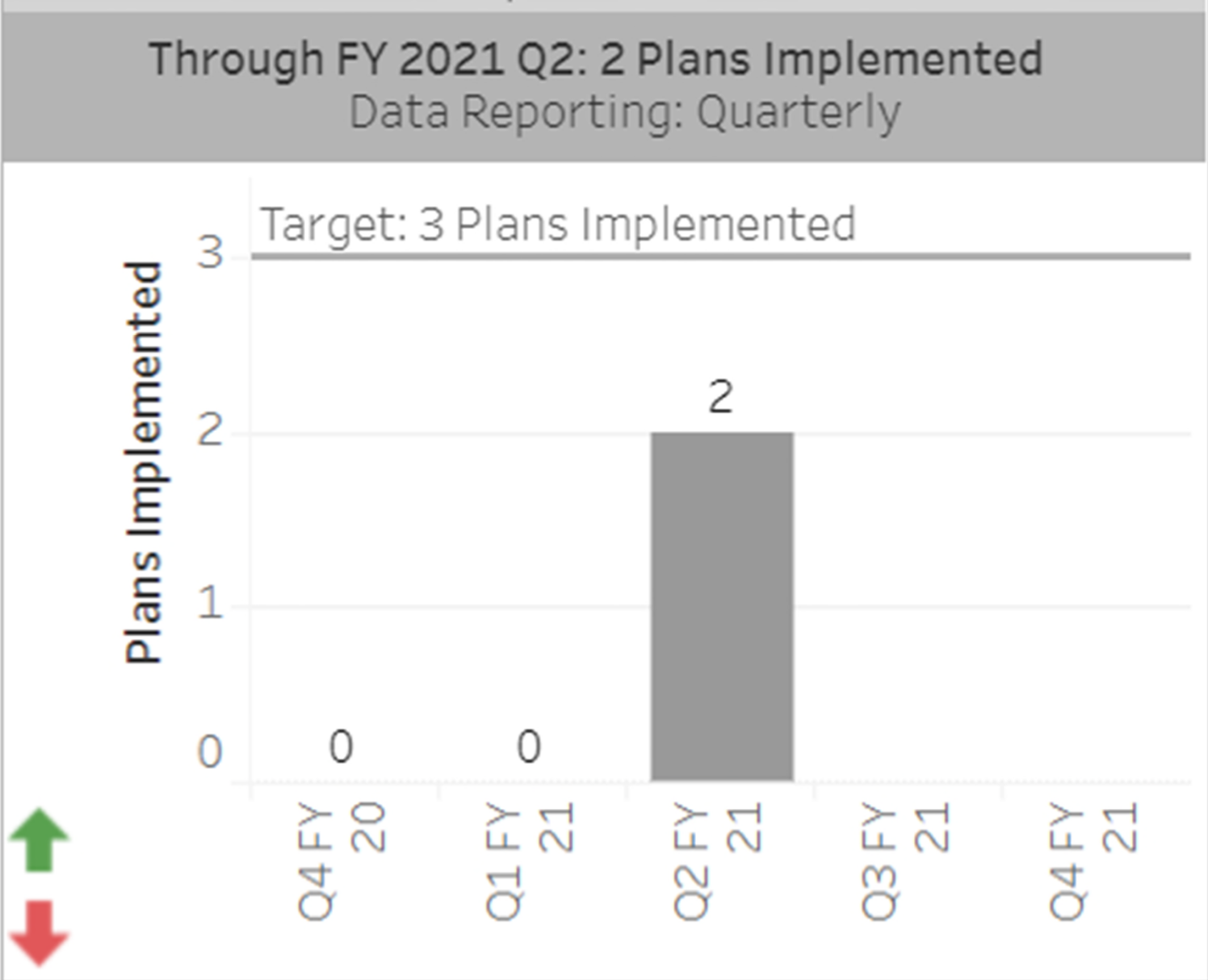
Utilize Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) CARES Act funds or other more appropriate funds to incentivize school districts to participate in the Next Step program with Homeless Prevention funds



# Climate Action Plans in Rural CO

**WIG #3:** Implement three climate action plans in rural Colorado from the already existing plans, which were awarded funding in the fiscal year 2019-20 grant cycle.

Successful completion of this goal will help move Colorado in the right direction for the vision of 100% renewable energy for the grid by 2040. DOLA wants to ensure that Rural Colorado communities are economically resilient, stable, and adaptive to shocks and strategic actions.



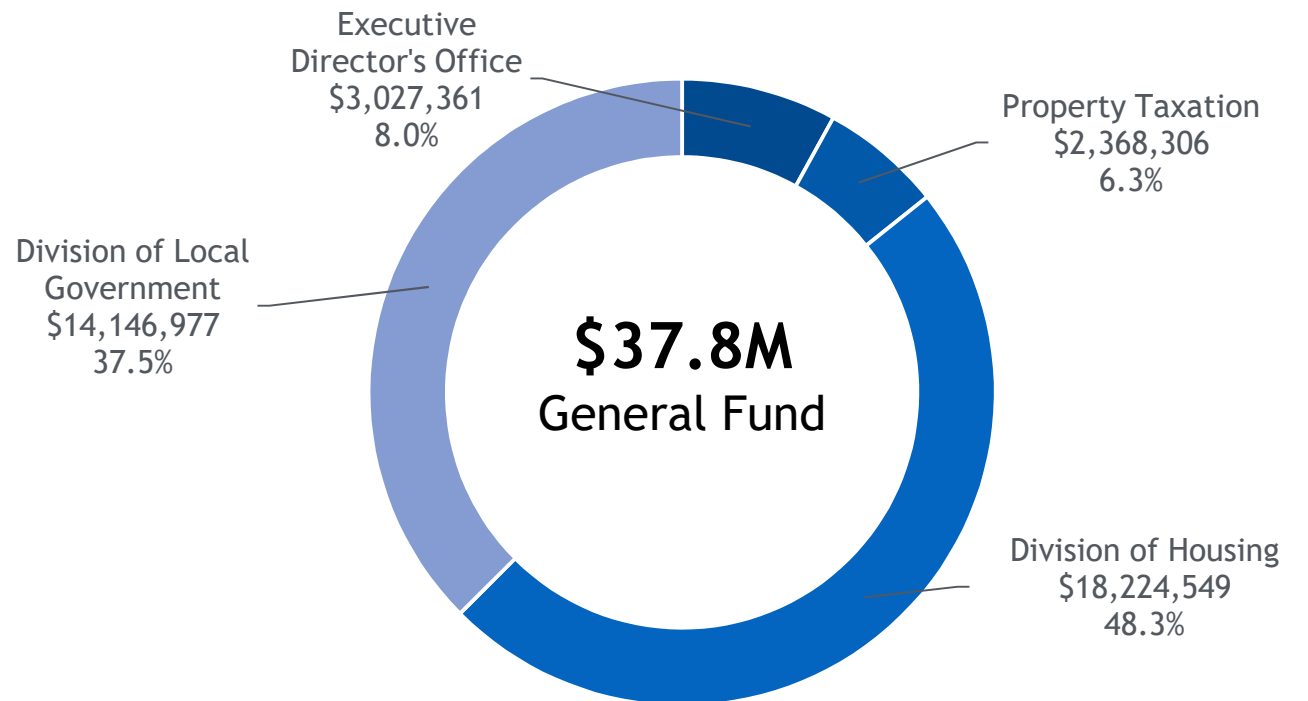
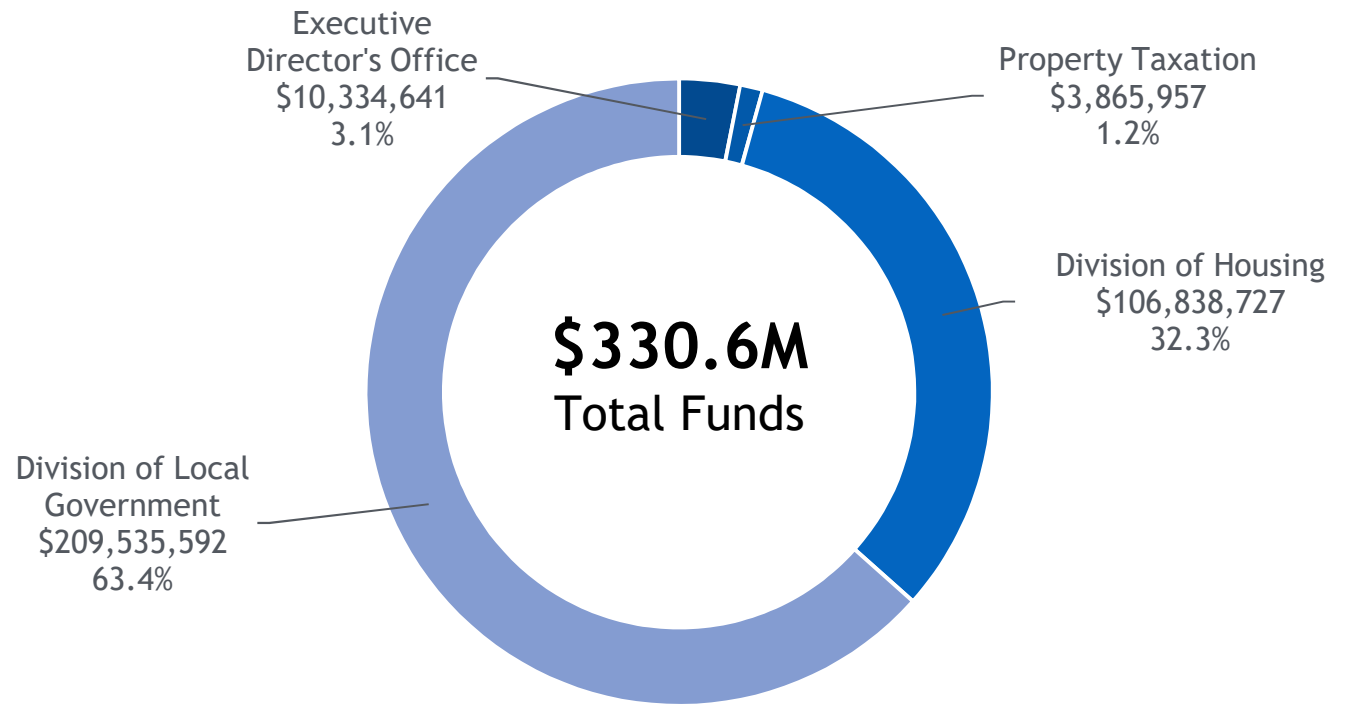
# DOLA FY 2021-22 Budget Request

## FY 2021 - 22 Budget Snapshot

FY 2021 - 22 Total Funds:  
**\$330,574,917**

FY 2021 - 22 General Fund:  
**\$37,767,193**

FY2021 - 22 FTE: **197.4**





# DOLA Select FY 2021 - 22 Budget Decision Items Requests

DOLA's FY 2021-22 Budget Request includes the following:

- R-01 Align Defense Counsel on First Appearance Grant Program
- R-02 Restructure Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement
- R-03 Continue HB17-1326 Crime Prevention Grants Adjustments
- R-04 Adjust Affordable Housing Funds
- R-05 Law Enforcement Community Services Grant Program
- R-06 One-Time Elimination of Geothermal Energy Impact Grants
- R-07 Refinance Firefighter Cardiac Malfunction Benefits
- R-08 DOLA Personal Services Reductions



# DOLA Select FY 2021 - 22 Budget Requests

DOLA's request also includes the following fiscal stimulus items:

- SB 20B-001 COVID-19 Relief Small and Minority Businesses Assistance
- SB 20B-002 Housing and Direct COVID Emergency Assistance
- S-01 Create RENEW Initiative Grants Funding Line Item



# *Legislative Agenda*

- Exemption for Lawful Presence
- Residential Tenancy Issues
- Functions of the Division of Housing
- Factory Built Structures Regulations
- Local Government Public Meeting Posting



# *Regulatory Agenda*

- Search and Rescue;
- Mobile Home Park Resolution Complaint Program and Fees;
- Codes Updates



# Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

*“DOLA welcomes and values the unique contributions of all employees in our diverse workforce and in the communities we serve.”*

## Progress to date:

- Formed an EDI committee in July, 2020.
- Developed DOLA’s EDI Statement of Core Values and Intent
- Developed Vision, Mission and four strategic Goals:
  1. Communicating our values
  2. Recruitment, Hiring, Professional Development and Retention
  3. EDI Training and Personal Growth
  4. Enhancing EDI in our public outreach and program development
- Incorporated DPA required EDI training into DOLA’s Learning Management System (LMS) with plans to enhance required training
- Working groups established to develop action items within each of the four strategic goals.



# *DOLA's Teleworking*

In response to COVID-19, DOLA implemented the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) which has:

- Ensured that all essential functions continued to function during the pandemic.
- Supported flexible work arrangements for staff that are able to work remotely (currently 93% of employees are working remotely).
- Conducting a space study (per the Reimagined State Government initiative) to plan for the 'new normal' which will continue with flexible work arrangements for many staff.
- Have provided resources, toolkits, training and support for supervisors and staff related to flexible work arrangements.

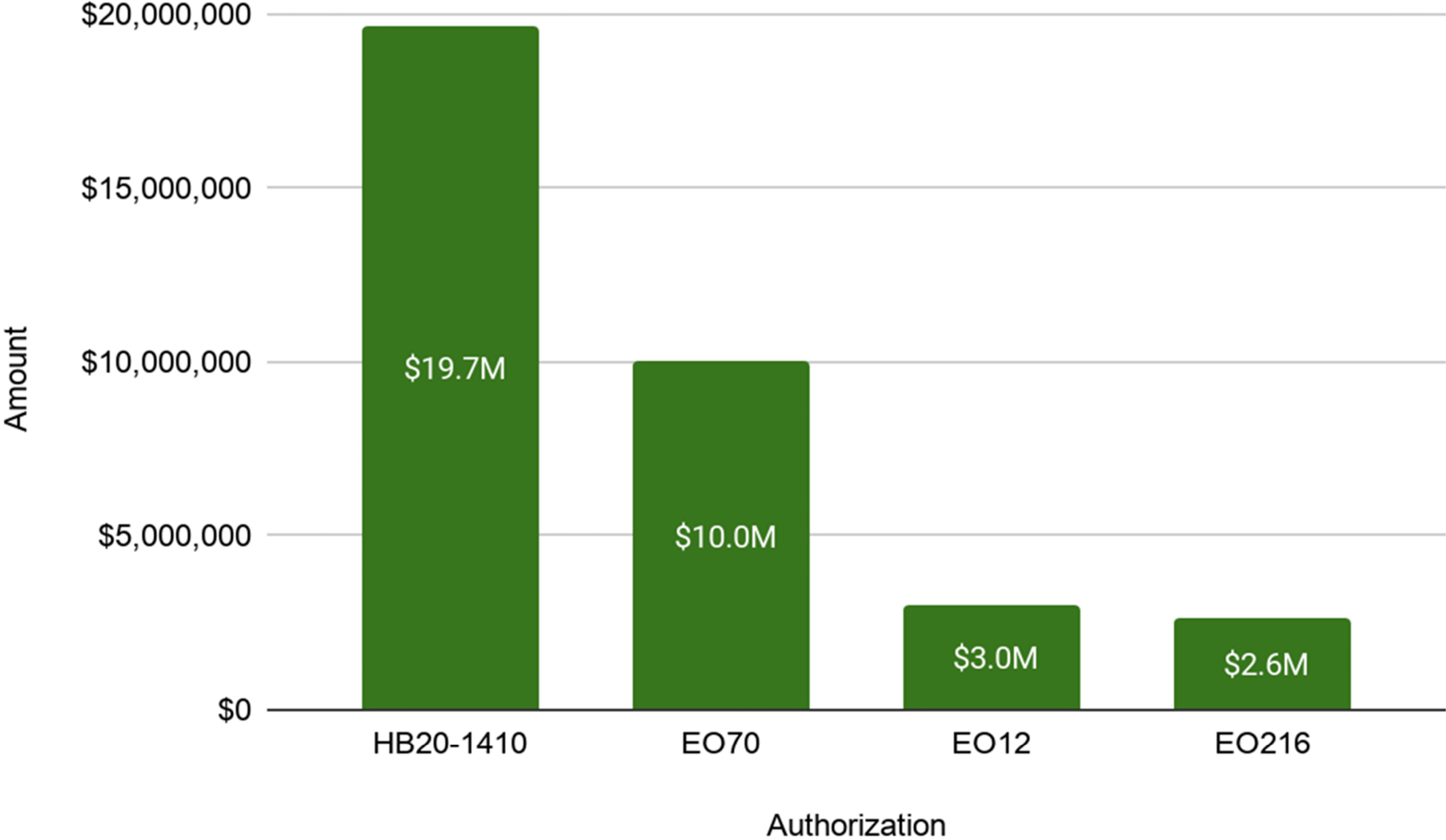


# *Required Reports*

- Mobile Home Park Act Dispute Resolution and Enforcement Report
- Law Enforcement Community Services Grant Report
- Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Report
- Defense Counsel Grant Report
- Census Grant Report

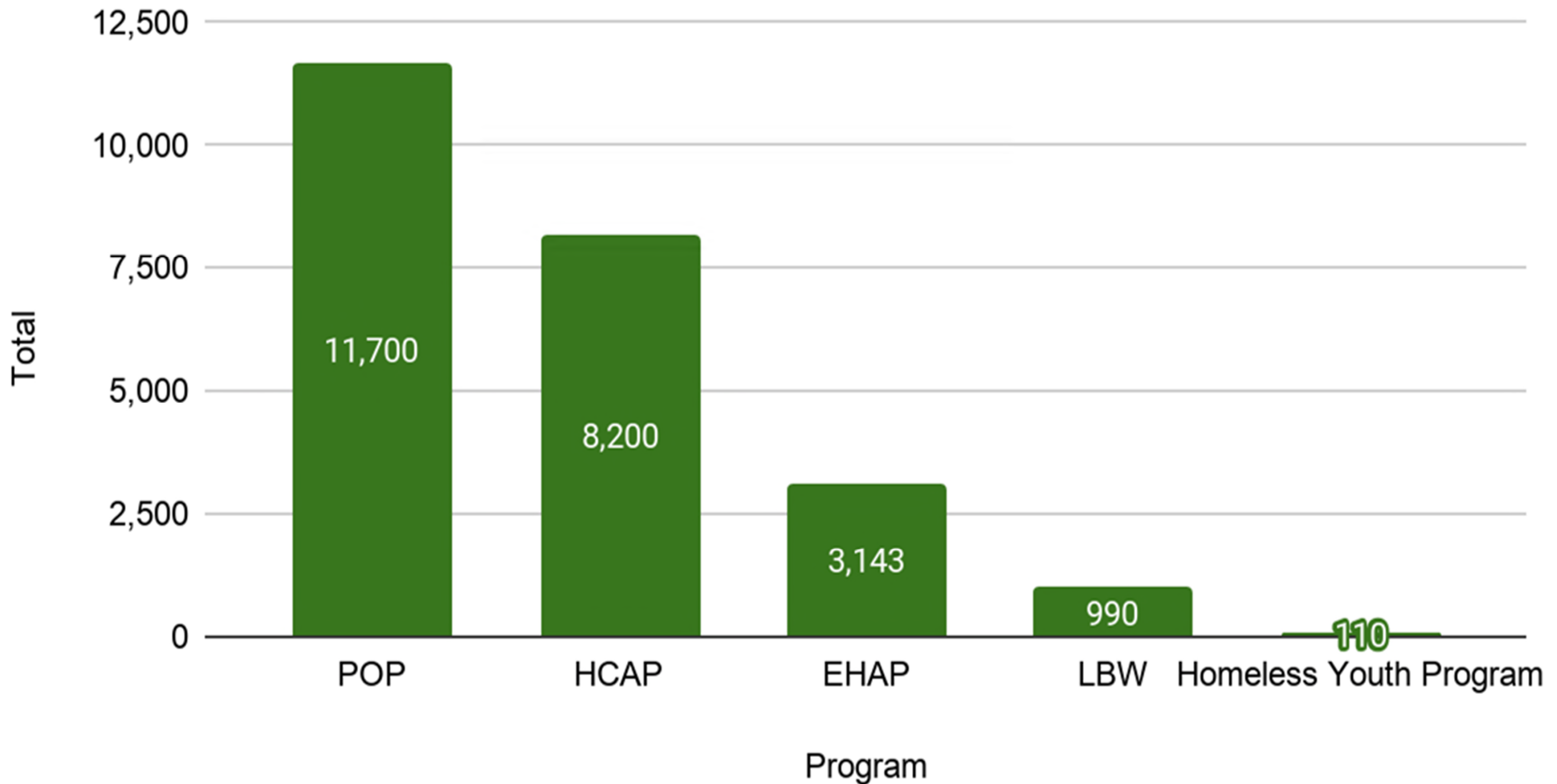


# *Emergency Housing Assistance Funds Provided*

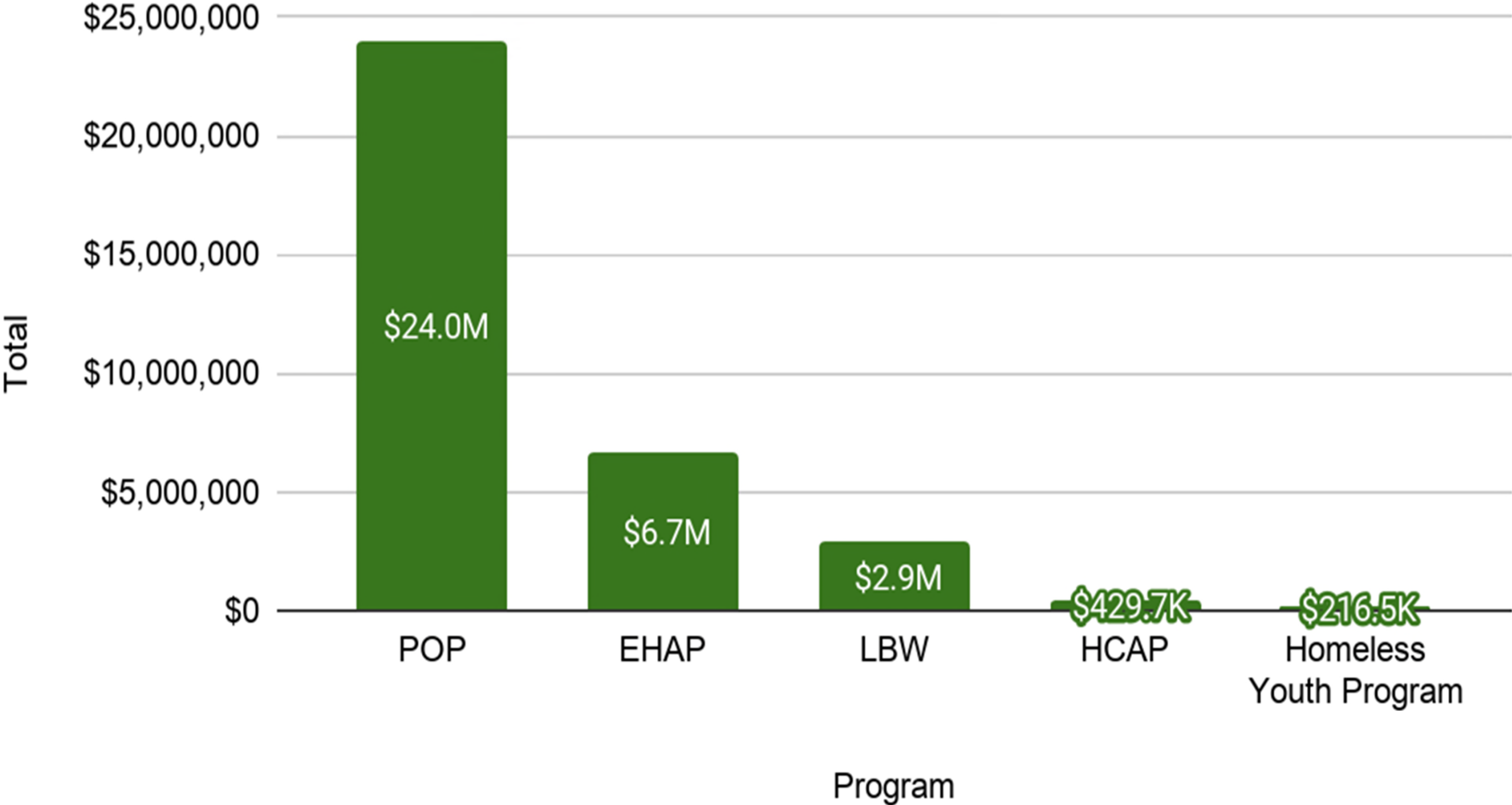




# Emergency Housing Assistance Households Served

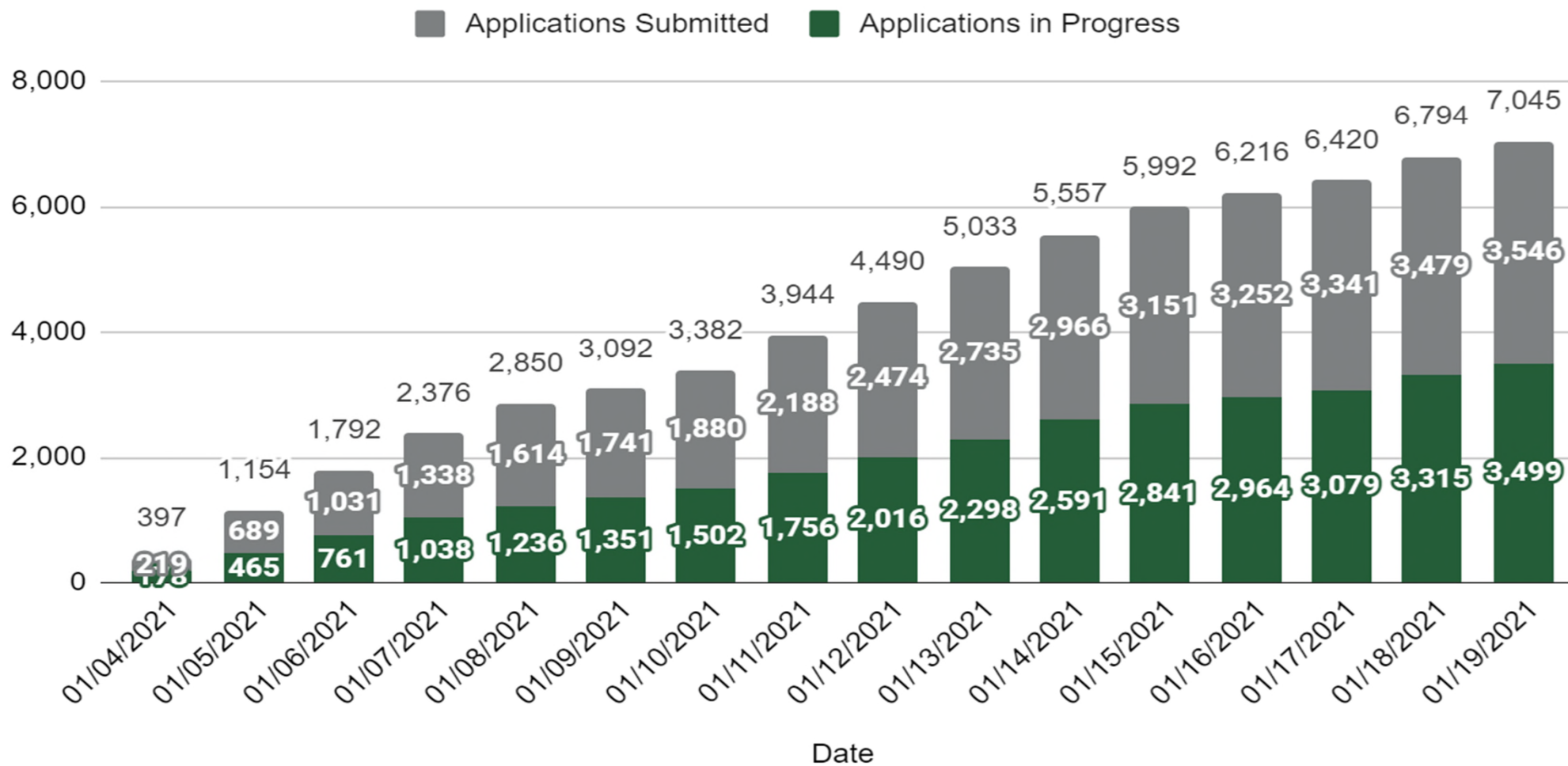


# Emergency Housing Assistance Funds Expended



# EHAP Applications Since January 4

## Cumulative Applications By Submission Status



The total amount requested from 1-4 to 1-19 is \$16 Million.

These are applications received since DOH launched a *centralized* online application and CDLE promoted it to those on UI.

This is more applications than were received in all of 2020 in EHAP.

# SB20B-002

## Housing and Direct Assistance

**\$54 Million Housing Assistance**  
**\$5 Million Direct Assistance**

- Continuing 5 programs initiated with CRF (POP, EHAP, Youth, LBW and Housing Counseling) and reviewing other innovative programs
- SB002 payments began in December 2020
- Demand continues to increase
  - > \$11M requests first week of January
  - DOH hiring 1 or more administrative firms for increased demand
- Legislative differences with federal ERA funds
  - Homeowners eligible
  - Households between 80% and 100% AMI
  - Workers not eligible for federal programs



# Small Business Relief Program

## Local Government Grant Allocations

Local Government	Grant Amount	Local Government	Grant Amount	Local Government	Grant Amount
Adams County	\$3,196,514	Eaton, Town of	\$35,225	Las Animas County *	\$276,786
Alamosa, City of	\$58,136	El Paso County (COG)	\$4,459,405	Logan County	\$135,259
Arapahoe County	\$4,054,068	Elbert County *	\$509,646	Mesa County	\$956,285
Archuleta County *	\$267,408	Firestone, Town of	\$96,528	Milliken, Town of	\$50,075
Baca County (COG) *	\$67,912	Fort Morgan, City of	\$69,771	Otero County *	\$349,128
Bent County *	\$110,729	Glenwood Springs, City of	\$61,488	Prowers County *	\$231,504
Boulder County	\$2,019,337	Greeley, City of	\$670,510	Pueblo County	\$1,037,616
Broomfield County *	\$1,351,404	Hudson, Town of	\$11,672	San Miguel County *	\$156,106
Brush, City of	\$33,559	Huerfano County *	\$130,897	Sedgwick County *	\$42,569
Costilla County *	\$73,947	Jefferson County	\$3,598,920	Summit County *	\$591,709
Crowley County *	\$115,198	Johnstown, Town of	\$78,653	Washington County	\$90,562
Denver County	\$4,501,043	Kiowa County *	\$26,642	Wiggins, Town of	\$7,222
Dacono, City of	\$36,589	La Plata County *	\$1,074,676	Windsor, Town of	\$142,474
Douglas County	\$2,169,718	Larimer County	\$2,203,110		

\* Counties that applied for and received a portion of the 10% of funds set aside for high needs.

**Total Program Allocation \$35,150,000**





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