

DOLA Smart Act Agenda/Comments (12/18/2018)

FY 17/18 year-end Performance Report Highlights:

Most metrics met or exceeded

Most challenging were housing related—construction and market-driven

- Achieved 3181/3700 goal (86%), total number of housing opportunities created (both construction and through vouchers)
- Achieved 1346/1500 goal (90%), total number of formerly homeless stably housed... The \$15.3M Marijuana Tax Cash Fund was totally executed!
- Reduced from 38 to 36 average days “Veterans awaiting housing with a voucher”—goal: 30 (Market factors)

Other major accomplishments/issues:

- Broadband—17 regional plans, 80+% rural coverage, 1 gig towns
- Rural Response/Recovery/Resilience—major strides with coal/moly mining communities
- \$60M+ in EIAF Grants this year—big impacts
- Severance revenues have not recovered despite record production

FY 18/19 Performance Plan:

First four SPI’s remain the same except for number adjustments

- Housing goals reduced due to factors cited above

Fifth SPI added focused on customer support

- DOLA’s primary customers are local governments
- Process improvements focus on reducing red tape and time
- Grant processing time has already been reduced by a third in EIAF
 - o Now pursuing electronic contract signatures (pilot agency for State)
 - o Portal application now fielded—less burden on applicants and staff
 - o Expect reductions from months to days/days to a few hours

Governor's Dashboard: Veterans Voucher wait times... (covered above)

Regulatory Agenda and Regulatory Agenda Report:

- Attached—no major issues
- DOLA has tiny regulatory footprint... continue to squeeze out redundancy

Budget Items (Decision Items 1-6 – attached for discussion):

- Colorado Choice Transitions Deficit Funding, \$1.69M
 - o Guest Speaker: Randy Killborn, Atlantis
- Colorado Resiliency Funding, \$294K
 - o Guest Speaker: Christy Crosser, Flood Recovery Project Associate, Town of Estes Park
- Transfer of Home Mod Program, \$57.8K (re-appropriated from HCPF)
- Census 2020 Communications/Outreach, \$300K
- Housing Assistance for Reentry Population, \$408K
- Lifelong Colorado Initiative, \$486K

Legislative Agenda (none for this year)

Questions from committee members:

Progress on new statutes passed in 2018:

HB18-1267—Home Modification Tax Credit Program—in progress/on time

- Conducted three stakeholder meetings to work on the program guidelines
- Developing the software needed to operate the program
- We plan to publish the program's website, final program guidelines, and application forms by the end of December.
- Existing Home Modification staff are prepared to work with applicants starting January 1, 2019 when the program formally begins.

SB17-021/ SB18-016—Housing for Persons Transitioning from the Criminal or Juvenile Justice System

- Budget authority to expend funds began July 1st of this year
- Focus is on Development Gap Funding, Rapid Re-housing, and Tenancy Support Services
- Funds can vary significantly year-to-year (for example \$4.7 million in FY19 to \$408,000 in FY20)
- Plan to expend the FY19 funds over the two years allowable by the law

Other Questions:

- Process for determining rent projections (regarding significant increases in voucher costs)—described in attachments
- SB 17-021 efforts (described above and in attachments)

Additional Committee Questions/Comments

Final Comments from Executive Director