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**Report to the Senate
Health and Human
Services Committee
and House Health and
Human Services
Committee**

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Recovery-Oriented Housing

Section 24-32-721(4)(f), C.R.S., 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 (House Bill 19-1009)**

In FY 2023-2024, DOH’s SHV programs served 2,593 households for \$23,121,793. This program includes four (4) variations: Community Access Team (CAT-SHV), Homeless

Solutions Program (HSP-SHV), Mental Health (MH-SHV), and Recovery Oriented Supportive Housing (ROHP-SHV).

As the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing (DOLA/DOH) has already provided an update on other relevant programs within the RFI Report shared on November 1, 2024, this report will focus exclusively on ROHP-SHV (House Bill 19-1009).

Table 1: State Housing Voucher Variations

Population Served	Legislative Authority	Source
An individual 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 an individual who is homeless or in an unstable housing environment and is transitioning from a residential treatment program or is engaged in the community Transition Specialist Program created pursuant to Section 27-66.5-103, C.R.S.	Section 24-32-721 4(b)(II), C.R.S.	MTCF HB19-1009

To the extent practicable, the number of individuals who, after receiving a voucher, returned to the facilities from which the individuals were transitioning.

Of the 72 households housed by this program in FY 2023-2024, seven (7) individuals exited the program. One is deceased. Six (6) individuals exited to an unknown destination because they were either no longer receiving services from their original service provider at the time they exited the program or because they lost contact with the service provider. Therefore, it is unknown whether they returned to the facility from which they transitioned.

Excluding the one (1) individual who passed away, the program currently reports that 92% (66) of households served are still active in the program or did not return to the facility from which they transitioned at the time that they exited the program.