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Programs connect low- and moderate-income residents with critical support

DENVER, CO — Friday, March 15, 2019 — Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO) today announces the recent completion of 36 contracts, providing a diverse range of public benefit projects throughout 2019, including housing services, workforce development, entrepreneurship, child care and other programs supporting self sufficiency and asset building. The funded projects were selected from 85 proposals received in response to a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that DEDO issued on August 31, 2018.

“These investments play a key role in Denver’s efforts to support affordability, equity and economic mobility for individuals and families, and our neighborhoods,” Mayor Michael B. Hancock said. “We’re especially proud to support innovative new programs this year, designed to help ensure that our economy extends opportunity to everyone.”

[In total, these 2019 contracts are anticipated to benefit nearly 10,000 Denver households and individuals throughout Denver. Households/individuals served are predominantly low- and moderate-income.](#)

A total of \$7.9 million has been awarded among 24 housing programs supporting residents experiencing homelessness, as well as low- and moderate-income renters and current/aspiring homeowners. Programs support activities as outlined in [Housing an Inclusive Denver](#), the city’s five-year housing policy strategy and

[Denver Housing Strategy](#), the city's five-year housing policy, strategy, and investment plan.

New this year in the solicitation for partners was a category for innovative housing programs or services. Examples of new contracts funded under this category include:

Eviction Legal Assistance – Free legal help, including in-court eviction representation, will be provided to an estimated 600 households through Colorado Legal Services. This program builds on the Eviction Legal Defense Pilot that was launched last year by Denver City Council.

Home Sharing – Sunshine Home Share Colorado will leverage its home sharing model, matching home owners with home seekers, as an immediate affordable housing option to serve more than 40 households in need. The nonprofit will promote home sharing options to individuals who are on the waiting lists for income-restricted housing.

Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing – Highly vulnerable individuals and families will be provided with bridge housing, to serve as a transition from homelessness to placement in permanent supportive housing. The program awards support the Colorado Coalition for the Homelessness to lease 20 housing units for bridge housing, with each unit turning over approximately once per month to serve an estimated 200 households this year.

Approximately \$1.1 million has been awarded across 12 neighborhood support contracts, providing adult and youth job training and placement, early childhood care, basic adult education, community-based wellness programs, and microbusiness and entrepreneurial development. Special populations to be served include the formerly homeless, immigrant/refugee women and teenage parents.

Approximately two-thirds of contract funding is federal, coming from Denver's 2019 allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as well as the HUD Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and HOME Investment Partnerships program. The remaining funds for housing programs come from Denver's dedicated Affordable Housing Fund.

"We're fortunate to partner with a talented roster of community organizations to positively impact the lives of nearly 10,000 families and individuals citywide, including Denver's fast-changing neighborhoods," said DEDO Executive Director Eric Hiraga. "Each

and every one of these contracts directly supports our office’s vision of leading an inclusive and innovative economy for all Denver residents and neighborhoods. We look forward to celebrating the successes of our partners throughout the year ahead.”

Organizations awarded funding include the following:

HOUSING

Brother’s Redevelopment, Inc.	Housing Counseling	\$50,000
Colorado Housing Assistance Corp.	Housing Counseling	\$50,000
Colorado Housing Assistance Corp.	Down Payment Assistance	\$350,000
NEWSSED Community Development Corp.	Housing Counseling	\$50,000
Denver Housing Authority	Housing Counseling	\$29,254
Northeast Denver Housing Center	Housing Counseling	\$115,000
Brother’s Redevelopment, Inc.	Tenant/Landlord Rights and Referral Services	\$40,000
Colorado Affordable Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Rights and Referral Services	\$40,000
Denver Urban Renewal Authority	Emergency Home Repair Program	\$250,000
Denver Urban Renewal Authority	Rental Housing Access Modification Program	\$300,000
Denver Urban Renewal Authority	Single Family Rehabilitation Program	\$850,000
Northeast Denver Housing Center	Community Housing Development Organization, Operating Activities	\$25,000
NEWSSED Community Development Corp.	Community Housing Development Organization, Operating Activities	\$25,000
Brother’s Redevelopment, Inc.	Community Housing Development Organization, Operating Activities	\$25,000
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$566,000
Colorado Health Network, Inc.	Housing Services – HOPWA	\$1,414,306
Empowerment Program	Housing Services – HOPWA	\$86,490
Brother’s Redevelopment, Inc.	Temporary Rental & Utility Assistance	\$1,000,000
Northeast Denver Housing	Temporary Rental & Utility	\$1,000,000

Center	Assistance	
Colorado Legal Services	Legal Services in Eviction Court	\$299,990
Sunshine Home Share Colorado	Home Sharing Model	\$60,000
Energy Outreach Colorado	Colorado Affordable Residential Energy	\$450,000
Volunteers of America	Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention	\$375,000
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing	\$485,000

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT

Denver Housing Authority	Academies to Work West	\$94,657
Mi Casa Resource Center	Career Coaching and Employment Opportunities	\$92,000
Mi Casa Resource Center	Bilingual Business Support Services for Startup and Existing Businesses	\$120,000
Year One – Mile High Youth Corps	Youth Workforce Development, Training and Placement	\$110,000
Mile High Ministries	Family Futures: 2-Gen Community Development	\$100,871
Lutheran Social Services of Colorado	Pamoja Women's Pathways to Growth	\$78,641
La Raza Services, Inc.	Basic Emergency Services	\$60,000
Southwest Improvement Council	Neighborhood Outreach and Support Services	\$30,000
Florence Crittenton Services	Neighborhood Public Services for Teen Families	\$130,000
West Community Economic Development Corp.	Morrison Road Economic Development	\$98,000
Rocky Mountain Microfinance Institute	Enhancing Economic and Social Mobility through Entrepreneurship	\$80,000
NEWSSED Community Development Corp.	Microbusiness Programming	\$80,000

Denver Economic Development & Opportunity is leading an inclusive and innovative economy for all Denver residents, businesses, and neighborhoods. By supporting local and global business development, affordable housing programs, and stabilization efforts in Denver's diverse neighborhoods, we are creating opportunity for everyone to make a home, get a job, and build a future.

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