



## Coordinated Entry Agency Updates – July 22, 2020

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This week's CE Agency Updates will not be posted online, but all previous updates and lists of resources are posted and available online on CHP's website: <https://www.ppchp.org/homelessness/covid-19/>

**NOTE:** these are not official announcements from agencies, but notes I took during the meeting. If I misrepresented your agency or policies in anyway, please let me know and I will issue a correction.

### *Updates sent to/from the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care:*

- The Homeless Isolation Shelter (HIS) is indeed open and able to provide a safe place for individuals without homes to respite from COVID
- RFPs for 2020 State ESG-CV1
  - The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) through its Division of Housing (DOH) and Office of Homeless Initiatives (OHI) as a part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has awarded Community Health Partnership (CHP) **\$350,000 for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) assistance and \$125,000 Homelessness Prevention (HP).**
  - CHP is pleased to be able to release the attached Request for Proposals to local organizations interested in using these funds.
  - **Please note that the RFP is due no later than 5 PM MST on July 31, 2020.** Please see the attached RFP for more detailed information on eligibility and how to submit the RFP.
  - If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Rebecca Atkinson ([Rebecca.atkinson@ppchp.org](mailto:Rebecca.atkinson@ppchp.org) or 719-632-5094 ext 116).
  - See attached Request for Proposal document in accompanying Agency Update email

### *Homeward Pikes Peak:*

- Street outreach will be going out 5 days a week with the CSPD Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)

### *Colorado Community Health Alliance (regional Health First Colorado Medicaid support):*

- Guidance for Assisting COVID-19 Patients Experiencing Homelessness from the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
- The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) has developed [Guidance for Assisting COVID-19 Patients Experiencing Homelessness](#). This guide is now available under the General Resources section of the [COVID-19 Information for Health First Colorado and CHP+ Providers and Case Managers web page](#).

### *Independence Center:*

- The Independence Center is partnering with Care and Share once again for a Free Mobile Food Pantry this Thursday morning beginning @ 9:00 AM until 1pm
- FREE PRODUCE, BREAD, AND OTHER BONUS TEFAP FOOD!
  - Thursday July 23rd at 9:00 AM @ The Independence Center
  - 729 S. Tejon Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**DOLA-DOH:**

- The Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Division of Housing has launched the Property Owner Preservation program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to allocate up to \$20 million in federal CARES Act funds for rental assistance to landlords on behalf of their tenants.
- Specific to property owners in Colorado with tenants who lost income due to COVID-19.
- To Qualify for the Property Owner Preservation (POP) program:
  - Your tenants' complete applications stating that they were unable to pay rent because they experienced financial need due to COVID-19.
  - The rent for the unit for which assistance is requested is set at or below the POP maximum rent listed here.
  - All reasonable mobile home lot rents qualify.
  - The rental unit or mobile home park meet basic health and safety requirements. Self-certification is required.
  - Your property is not in foreclosure (if it is, a receivership has been established by the courts) and your state and local real estate taxes have been paid.
  - You agree to all program requirements and provide the proper documentation.
- Online: [https://cdola.colorado.gov/rental-assistance?mc\\_cid=3c9a620c6e&mc\\_eid=0c5c9b8a7a](https://cdola.colorado.gov/rental-assistance?mc_cid=3c9a620c6e&mc_eid=0c5c9b8a7a)

**CSFD CARES – update from last week**

- Homeless Outreach team has hired behavioral health and physical health outreach providers
- Text Aja for assistance with physical health street outreach triage
  - Review CE Contact List or reach out to Aja for number, [Aja.King@coloradosprings.gov](mailto:Aja.King@coloradosprings.gov)

**Colorado Springs Housing Authority – update from last week**

- Section 8 list has been created, call to check lottery number: 719-387-6709

**City of Colorado Springs – update from last week**

- The City of Colorado Springs makes available One-Ride bus passes to agencies that serve homeless persons and low income persons receiving case management support.
- To apply, please submit a letter of interest to the City's Homelessness Prevention and Response Coordinator (recommended length not to exceed two pages) including the following:
  - Agency name
  - Program name (if applicable)
  - Agency address
  - Primary contact person name, title, email, and phone
  - Number of passes requested
  - Brief program description
  - Number of unduplicated clients (or expected) served in a year
  - Efforts to ensure bus pass utilization
- Please send completed letters of interest due July 31st via email to [aphelps@springsgov.com](mailto:aphelps@springsgov.com)

Stay safe and stay well everyone!

**N.B. no updates in CE chat to share this week, only introductions and client sensitive information**