



Sustainability Task Force Memo

Year four marks an important time for Denver's Road Home as the initiative moves into a planning process to ensure that the Ten-Year Plan continues to move forward in its efforts to reduce homelessness while also developing a sustainable and enduring model. Over the course of the next year, Denver's Road Home will focus on the following goals:

1. Continue to meet and/or exceed all goals, objectives and outcomes of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.
2. Work closely with the Homeless Commission to recalibrate the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness to reflect a changing economic environment.
3. Use quarterly data from homeless management information systems to track changes in the homeless population and adjust the plan accordingly.
4. Fully fund the first four years of the initiative at \$46.1 million.
5. Assemble a task force and outline a plan for sustainable revenue that will move Denver's Road Home to be 88% supported through government funding by the end of Year Seven of the initiative.

During the past year our homeless plan has been tested and we expect the coming year will continue to pose new challenges for us. Housing foreclosures, unemployment and funding cutbacks will continue to place new demands on our ten-year plan to end homelessness. As a result, we asked the Homeless Commission to update our plan so we can respond swiftly and efficiently to the changing needs of our homeless community. As we move into Year Five of Denver's Road Home, our community must now, more than ever, work together to ensure that every homeless man, woman and child has an alternative to living life on the streets.

- In the past four years in partnership with this community we have developed over 1,500 new units of housing for the homeless.
- We have prevented over 2,232 families from becoming homeless and 3,278 homeless people have obtained employment.
- The faith community continues to stand by our side, and four years later, we can proudly say that we have mentored 564 families out of homelessness in partnership with one another.
- In partnership with the Mile High United Way we have achieved our aggressive fundraising goal of \$46.1 million dollars in the first four years of the plan.
- And, in the midst of one of our most challenging economic climates, we have 500 new units of affordable housing in the pipeline that will be developed over the next two years.

This sustainability task force will convene at the request of Mr. Steve Farber to begin a discussion and dialogue around next steps in advance our goal of ensuring that Denver's Road Home is sustainable and supported by 88% public funding by the end of Year Seven. The task force will examine all options that might be available to map out a strategic plan to ensure that Denver's Road Home continues to exist regardless of leadership and staffing changes related to the initiative.

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