



REQUESTED ARRA FUNDS IN THE PIPELINE IN COLORADO
Providing Housing, Healthcare and Supportive Services for the Homeless
\$30,500,000 – Increased Services – 149 New Jobs

HHS – HRSA Facility Investment Program (FIP)

\$9,000,000

The Coalition has today applied for additional ARRA funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Facility Investment Program to double the size of the existing Stout Street Clinic to meet the unmet healthcare needs of homeless families and individuals, to improve the integration of health, mental health and substance treatment services, and to improve health outcomes. The current clinic has consistently operated at capacity for 10 years or more. Each day patients seeking healthcare services line up outside the Clinic's front door, waiting for opening time. The waiting room is always over-crowded and some patients face very long delays before seeing a healthcare provider. Many cannot be seen by the end of the day and are forced to come back the next day. The Coalition continues to struggle with limited Clinic space and insufficient numbers of healthcare providers to meet the growing needs of patients. If funded, this expansion will allow us to serve an additional 1,000 patients through 3,000 visits each year. Contingent upon receipt of funding, the Colorado Health Foundation will provide a \$1 million match. Twenty-six new administrative and patient service jobs will be created; as well as 26 new construction jobs.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund

\$15,500,000

The Coalition has requested the Colorado Department of Human Services to target \$15.5 million of ARRA funded TANF Emergency Contingency Funds to match and expand HUD's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing program (HPRP) for homeless and at-risk families across the state. Homeless service providers in Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Grand Junction, Durango, Alamosa, Fort Collins, and Greeley are reporting significant increases in requests for emergency shelter, housing and healthcare services – increases ranging from 35 percent (Morgan County) to 82 percent (Western Slope). Compounding the various problems faced by all homeless service organizations are necessary staff layoffs – resulting in service cut backs. Working in collaboration with local service agencies and county departments of human services, these additional TANF funds will help families and children at-risk of homelessness due to the recession to preserve their housing, and help those families who have already become homeless due to the economy move quickly into affordable housing. The program would also create 10 new service jobs throughout the state.

Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)

\$ 6,000,000

The Coalition has requested a \$6 million grant from the Colorado Housing Finance Authority's ARRA-funded Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP) to complete the financing of a 98 unit, new construction, mixed use, mixed income affordable housing development in Denver. The Coalition's Renaissance Uptown Lofts is a "shovel ready" construction project, located at Colfax and Pearl Streets in Denver, three blocks from the State Capitol, in the Uptown neighborhood. The supportive housing project will integrate homeless individuals with other low-income residents in the area. The Coalition will provide a variety of supportive services to residents, including healthcare, employment and case management support. Immediate construction can begin upon announcement of the grant. The Coalition projects that this development will create 52 full-time construction jobs, 30 retail jobs, and 5 property management and support service jobs, while generating an additional \$35 million of economic activity in the community.



ARRA FUNDS AT WORK IN COLORADO

*Providing Housing, Healthcare and Supportive Services for the Homeless
\$7,852,200 – Increased Services – 25 New Jobs*

HHS – HRSA Capital Improvement Program

\$ 680,255

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has received \$680,255 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Recovery Act – Capital Improvement Program for its Stout Street Clinic. Funds will be used to resolve pressing health center facility and equipment needs to provide integrated health and mental health services to more than 16,000 homeless men, women and children each year. In particular these funds have allowed the Coalition to purchase an Electronic Health Records System (EHR) to improve patient care and health outcomes. This system will also improve the quality and safety of patient care and achieve efficiencies in the Coalition's multi-site healthcare delivery system to support improved clinical decision-making as well as provide enhanced health information for patients. Implementation of the new EHR will allow visits when patients most need care, thereby promoting efficiency and advancing higher-quality treatment. At least four new full- and part-time jobs will result in Information Technology at the Coalition.

HHS – HRSA Increased Demand for Service Program

\$ 689,820

In recent years, only one-third of those requiring healthcare services have been able to obtain such services. Unfortunately, this problem began to escalate in early 2008. For example, the Coalition's Stout Street Clinic has seen a 20 percent increase in homeless patient visits over the past year. For the first time in almost 25 years, the Coalition's Mental Health Clinic has been forced to create a waiting list for new homeless patients; more than 300 persons are on this list today, seeking treatment for their mental illness. The \$689,820 the Coalition has received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Recovery Act – Increased Demand for Service Program will now enable us to respond to 40 percent of the increased need, providing treatment for 1,000 mental health patients in a two-year period, while creating four new jobs in psychiatry, clinical social work and nursing.

HUD – Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

\$6,482,125

The ARRA Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) was created to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless—many due to the economic crisis—and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house families and individuals who are already homeless. Under this program, the Coalition will receive more than \$6 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, to be targeted and prioritized to serve 1,000 households that are most in need of this assistance to obtain or maintain stable housing. The Coalition will serve as a lead agency, working collaboratively with 39 service agencies across the state to serve homeless and at-risk families and individuals, and to link them to other ARRA funded programs such as weatherization, green job training, supportive employment, unemployment assistance and other needed services. It will also provide temporary rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance. Seventeen new counseling jobs will be created throughout Colorado.