

# City of Aurora Homelessness Program

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# Legalized Marijuana Provides an Opportunity for a New Source of Funding to Supplement

**Federal funding, although awesome, is inadequate and comes with little flexibility.**

**Private foundations can provide gap funding with more flexibility – that's awesome, but not closing the gap**

**Marijuana tax revenue is simply another source of funding that can be used in flexible ways to meet your community's identified gaps in services and resources.**

# Homeless Services Sources of Funding in Aurora, CO

Additional City of Aurora funds for Homeless Services come from:

CDBG  
General Funds  
Aurora ESG

HOME Funds  
Nexus Funds\*  
Council Special Projects (Cold Weather Supplies)

In 2017 City Council Allocated \$1.5 million x 3 years = \$4.5 million.  
Created a Homelessness Program Director Position  
Set to work on allocating some of the designated funds.  
Then asked, what happens at the end of 2018?

All partner organizations also receive funding from diverse sources such as:

SAMHSA, MDHI/HUD, Private Foundations, Medicaid Reimbursement, etc.

Due to Council advocacy, the marijuana industry agreed to a 2% raise in taxes to support the City's Homelessness Program

The increased 2% was effective 7/1/17

# Homeless Initiatives Marijuana Tax Revenue Commitments

BEGINNING Funds Available	2016 \$ -	2017 \$ 108,680	2018 \$ 1,085,167	2019 \$ 2,401,466	2020 \$ 3,332,348
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Three year allocation	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
2% Special Sales Tax	-	748,696	1,857,113	1,896,696	1,903,304
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,248,696</b>	<b>\$ 3,357,113</b>	<b>\$ 1,896,696</b>	<b>\$ 1,903,304</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Outreach Team	95,000	31,667	95,000	95,000	95,000
Outreach Vans	80,000	-	-	-	-
Landlord Recruiter	45,000	30,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Colfax Community Network	220,000	220,000	-	-	-
Day Resource Center – Capital	951,320	-	-	-	-
Day Resource Center Comitis	-	486,311	729,467	729,467	729,467
Day Resource Center Aurora Mental Health	-	64,231	96,347	96,347	96,347
Cold Weather Activation Supplies	-	10,000	-	-	-
Capacity Building and Training	-	50,000	-	-	-
Flexible Housing Funds (House Aurora Partnership)	-	200,000	500,000	-	-
Metro Community Provider's Network	-	100,000	-	-	-
King's Inn Emergency Fund	-	80,000	-	-	-
Bridge House Ready to Work	-	-	575,000	-	-
<b>Appropriations Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,391,320</b>	<b>\$ 1,272,209</b>	<b>\$ 2,040,814</b>	<b>\$ 965,814</b>	<b>\$ 965,814</b>
<b>ENDING Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 108,680</b>	<b>\$ 1,085,167</b>	<b>\$ 2,401,466</b>	<b>\$ 3,332,348</b>	<b>\$ 4,269,838</b>

# House Aurora Partnership

## **Rapid Re-Housing and Rapid ReHousing “Light”**

- Individual or family is experiencing homelessness by either HUD or HRSA definition (which includes motels and doubled up)
- Household has income to maintain housing
- Support with application fees, deposit and 1<sup>st</sup> month’s rent
- RRH “Light” - short-term support from local service providers
- RRH – HAP – State ESG Funds were awarded with HAP funds as rental assistance

## **Eviction Prevention**

- Documented 3-day notice or formal eviction paperwork
- Support with rent arrears
- Flexible assistance with other barriers to housing stabilization

## **Diversion**

- Support in finding alternative solutions to entering the homeless services system.
- Tickets home to another state or city where an individual or family wishes to go and they have stable housing and work available (when appropriate).
- Family reunification

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Type of Support	Amount	Adults	Children
Miscellaneous	\$ 6,762.56		
Re-Housing Assistance	\$ 209,394.47	190	116
Eviction Prevention	\$ 134,169.10	109	93
Homeward Bound	\$ 8,063.54	67	14
Admin Fee	23,434.30		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 381,823.97</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>223</b>

Type of Support	Households	Average Cost per Household	Average Household Size
Re-Housing Assistance	111	\$ 1,886	2.76
Eviction Prevention	85	\$ 1,578	2.38
Homeward Bound	49	\$ 165	1.65
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