

## VOTE Yes on HOUSE BILL 1035

### Programs to Develop Housing Support Services

**Sponsors:** Representative Jonathan Singer and Senator Rhonda Fields with approval from the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System Joint Year-Round Legislative Committee

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## Problems and barriers for rural, frontier and other underserved communities

572 with  
mental illness  
exiting DOC  
homeless in  
FY2018

Sample year  
data from  
Department  
of Corrections

- Lack of infrastructure, expertise, and capacity to implement appropriate housing programs unique to their community and access available housing dollars
- Lack of access to information systems and data coordination vital to accessing and sustaining effective services.
- lack of supportive services funding necessary to end the cycle of homelessness and incarceration.



**Population:** Individuals with mental health and or substance use disorders currently or at risk of becoming homeless, who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system.

## Solution House Bill 1035



**Education & training with local hands on support:** Increased access to Supportive Housing by strengthening the capacity for programming within rural and frontier communities and other underserved and under-resourced communities across Colorado.

**Planning and Bridge grants:** Local navigator and short term gap funding for Supportive Housing services until HCPF acquires the authority to reimburse services currently not billable through Medicaid.

**Accessible, sustainable programming:** Increased data sharing, outcomes tracking and resource availability for Supportive Housing to ensure replicability and outcomes over time.

- Per million dollars funded, 135 households served per year
- Statewide solutions prioritizing rural and frontier communities
- Increased access to housing resources and service
- Sustainable community-specific resources
- Reduced homelessness and incarceration
- Stronger relationships, families, and communities

### Impact



For the 572 individuals experiencing homelessness **\$ Saved** with behavioral health issues released from DOC in FY 2018, Supportive Housing services would save the state:

- DOC cost savings: \$12,289,992
- Homeless cost savings: \$28,886,000

\*Relative to Supportive Housing Costs

\*Potential jail cost savings not reflected above

\*Anticipated annualized savings estimate based on FY 2018 data