

These are the questions and answers entered into the text chat function during the two live meetings pm January 21, 2021. In some cases the answers were provided verbally during the meeting. A video of the 2nd meeting can be accessed with closed captions on our website. Please feel free to reach out if you have further questions or thoughts to share: communitydevelopment@coloradosprings.gov.

Translations of these questions and answers, and the video presentation, are available upon request.

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Question Could the percentage of renters who are fearing eviction be actually larger than 24% because of the low number of renters who responded

Response Yes it could be. It's just hard to tell by this particular survey.

Question Document frequently references "infrastructure" . Can you please explain some specificS? Thx!

Question Can you define Affordable Housing? What is the rent range for an affordable housing unit?

Response Hope we answered this adequately. Some previous examples of CDBG-funded infrastructure would be street lights in Mill Street, hearing loops at public buildings, park improvements in Hillside

Question Are there statutory barriers to affordable housing at the State level?

Question Here is a good resource for the person who asked the question about rent ranges... This is a link to the 2020 Colorado Income Limit and rent ranges. https://www.chfainfo.com/arh/asset/Documents/2020_income_limits.pdf

Question Do you have the location or proposed location of the 400 Plus apartments being built?

Question I'd like to see these families who have been hit with low income to give them a better start by having the opportunity for the kids to be sent to a "better school district, higher success rate of entering in to college or university"

Question What school districts are the proposed low income housing in?

Question In AP-75, barriers to affordable housing, the plan offers action items to carry out improvements to the affordable housing stock, including advocating for land use policies more friendly to affordable housing needs, by participating in the revision of the zoning code. How do you intend to do this, and what impact will state legislative proposals advancing inclusionary zoning at the local level help advance this goal?

Question i think its district 12 for the ridge

Question If each of you, who live and breath this professionally in your role with the city, had a magic wand to make something a reality for Colorado Springs to address our housing affordability needs what would it be?

Question Can you send me a copy of the powerpoint presentation ?

- Response The powerpoint will be on our website this week!(Xxxxx (Unverified) asked "Can you send me a copy of the powerpoint presentation ?")
- Question The plan has some discussion about community advocacy. What can the public do to promote acceptance of more affordable housing**
- Question Communities like Colorado Springs really needs to consider possible alternatives to housing and consider moving away from only "Developer-Centric" housing development process and enable private land owners and investor-driven and owned housing developments to be created to help address the massive need for housing. We can't wait for large HUD-driven or LIHTC financed low income apartments to be created that cost millions and take years to realize. We have the opportunity to move away from expensive PUD, (Planned Unit Development) communities and consider developing new forms of Small Home Housing Communities based on a CID planning and zoning model. Could a CID Model be pursued...?**
- Question Follow-up Info to my question above: CID enables the creation of communities of interest of small form-factor housing, (tiny home communities with homes on platforms as well as on wheels) that could be built and developed on private property and NOT Zoned as a PUD, but allowing a private property owner who has ample, (10 acres and up) property to place 10-20 small homes in a CID or Communities of Interest environment that could be built for affordable housing rental, while at the same time realizing a small income flow to help the property owner to maintain not only their primary home on the property but the additional homes for rent. For some property owners this would be a fantastic retirement model to help supply affordable housing as a community-oriented and focused landlord providing housing to low income individuals and families in a small micro community.**
- Question I encourage all to watch for a House bill addressing Inclusionary Zoning, allowing local governments to create local solutions to their own housing needs, such as the possibility of requiring a percentage of new housing units meeting affordability requirements.**
- Question Steve, any chance the appeals process will be changed as part of ReTool COS?**
- Announcement U.S. Census Household Pulse Survey <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/household-pulse-survey.html>
- Announcement HomeCOS: Housing our Future <https://coloradosprings.gov/homecos>
- Announcement Current ESG-CV2 open grant application details: <https://coloradosprings.gov/community-development/article/news/invitation-apply-2021-emergency>
- Question Do agencies handle the vetting of funds for the affordable housing to help people stay in their homes.**
- Response Yes rehab for example older adult who needs to modify to handle illness or disability(xxxxx xxxx (Unverified) asked "Do agencies handle the vetting of funds for the affordable housing to help people stay in their homes.")
- Response Yes, we work with Brothers Redevelopment who work with homeowners for accessibility modifications (xxxxx xxxx (Unverified) asked "Do agencies handle the vetting of funds for the affordable housing to help people stay in their homes.")
- Response Hi, Xxxxx, are you referring to rental assistance payments or rehabilitation? Both of these programs are administered by agencies who do screen applicants(David Lord (Unverified) asked "Do agencies handle the vetting of funds for the affordable housing to help people stay in their homes.")
- Question your goal is to see about 415 housing units built this year. What is the estimated need for affordable housing units this year?**

- Question** **Any consideration or plans for Career development and job trainings?**
- Question** **Affordable rents? Anyone ever consider rent control?**
- Question** **Thoughts on turning empty malls/shopping centers into housing and community spaces?**
- Question** **How is the community being informed of the available resources for assistance with housing?**
- Response Are you referring to homeowner modifications and/or rental assistance?
- Response Additionally, we partner with non profit, faith based agencies, and public agencies to make them aware of the various rental assistance programs within our community.....Many of the grant funds we administer are available for immediate use for clients
- Response immediate*(Xxxxxx (Unverified) asked "How is the community being informed of the available resources for assistance with housing?")
- Question** **Rental assistance**
- Question** **Any programs for Education Services?**
- Announcement Here's the HomeCOS plan: <https://coloradosprings.gov/homecos>
- Question** **www.affordablehousingelpaso.org is a good education web site on affordable housing data locally that does use city information. It is an education and advocacy site.**
- Announcement <https://coloradosprings.gov/renters101>
- Question** **Thanks, I ask as we are a non-profit with an Day Treatment/Education services and we often need of assistance for facilities for the students.**
- Announcement Email sign up: <http://eepurl.com/hcVWgr>
- Announcement for questions about eligibility for our available CDBG/ESG/ Public Facilities programs please feel free to email me directly at naomi.clark@coloradosprings.gov
- Question** **Good presentation and reasonable plan. Do advocate the growing need to find ways to get people to plan renovations to allow them to modify their home sooner rather than later for aging in place. AARP doing a lot of good work on this**