



Ending Homelessness for Individuals with Justice System Involvement (Updated 2/3/2021)

Vision: Everyone in Colorado has a safe, stable, and affordable place to live. Aim: create a future where homelessness is rare and brief when it occurs, and no one gets left behind.

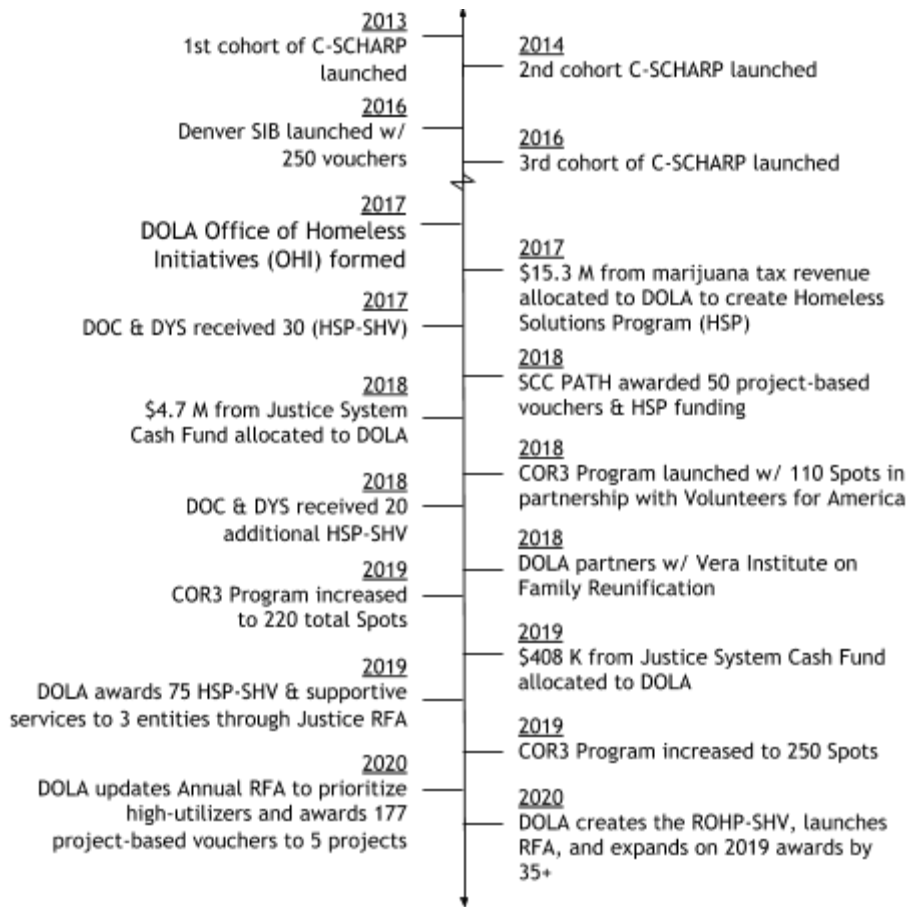
Essential to this effort: Creating partnerships with state, local, and federal partners to meet the needs of individuals with justice system involvement who face multiple barriers to housing stability.

Background: Over the last eight years, Colorado has introduced several collaborative approaches that combine affordable housing with access to supportive services.

Partners include: Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), the Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). Aim: Disrupt cycles of incarceration, hospitalization, and emergency system utilization across the sequential intercept model.

This approach has garnered additional state funding, and recognition from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the Corporation for Supportive Housing, the Council of State Governments.

Housing Solutions: 30 → 735+ in 8 years



Colorado - Second Chance Housing & Reentry Program (C-SCHARP) Individuals with dual-diagnosis received 2-years of rental assistance with access to behavioral health services. Supported by the U.S. Department of Justice's Second Chance Act. [Ended 2017]

Social Impact Bond (SIB) Frequent utilizers of Denver City Jails receive non-time-limited rental assistance with access to supportive services. Financed through pay for success model. Tenant-Based & Project-Based Voucher models. [Ended 2020]

Homeless Solutions Program - State Housing Vouchers (HSP-SHV) Non-time-limited rental assistance with access to supportive services for high utilizers of publicly-funded systems. Referrals through CDHS Division of Youth Services, DOC Division of Adult Parole, and community partners. Tenant-Based & Project-Based Voucher models.

Colorado Rapid Rehousing & Re-Entry (COR3) Temporary housing assistance with supportive services through progressive engagement model. Referrals through DOC Division of Adult Parole & regional Coordinated Entry systems.

Vera Institute Family Reunification Partnership with Public Housing Authorities to amend policies & procedures to allow individuals returning from incarceration to rejoin & reunite with family.

Recovery-Oriented Housing Program - State Housing Vouchers (ROHP-SHV) Funded through HB19-1009, supports a variation of HSP-SHV serving those with a variety of behavioral health needs. ROHP-SHVs were allocated through a competitive Request For Applications (RFA) process and to Supportive Housing programs serving those with Justice-System involvement.

Dynamic Prioritization: To ensure effective allocation of limited housing resources, DOLA has partnered with Justice System staff and Coordinated Entry systems to use consistent housing assessments and administrative data to match individuals with the housing solution that provides the right level of care and affords the greatest potential for long-term success.