



DRAFT 2021 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Decent housing and accessible communities are essential to “promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity” as set forth in the preamble to the U.S. Constitution. To this end, the City of Colorado Springs receives funding on an annual basis allocated by Congress and administered through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.

The Action Plan (AP) is required by statute to ensure accountability and transparency for use of these taxpayer funds, and to facilitate their most effective and efficient use. This Action Plan covers the second year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and results are reported annually in the CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report).

The City's Community Development Division (CDD) is the lead agency responsible for preparing the Action Plan and administering these funds, which come through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The Action Plan details how the City plans to invest its resources to meet its ongoing affordable housing, community development, and public service needs during the City program year, April 1 through March 31.

In 2021, the City plans to continue its work providing decent and affordable housing, suitable living environments, and vital public services to improve the lives of its citizens – especially low- to moderate-income households and special needs communities such as the elderly, people experiencing homelessness, and persons with a disability.

The COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented disruptions and exacerbated housing insecurity for many residents. The Division responded with the help of additional funding through the CARES Act of 2020, and is incorporating the new needs and resources into our 2021 plans.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes

Like many communities across the state of Colorado, affordability is by far the largest housing problem in Colorado Springs, and housing costs are continuing to grow faster than household incomes. A third of residents in El Paso County pay more than 30% of their income on housing, with 13% paying more than half. The Needs Assessment for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, which informs the goals of this Action Plan, examined household incomes, housing costs and availability, and housing conditions such as overcrowding, insecurity and homelessness. It found housing cost burden is a big issue for many families and households in the community, especially for low- and moderate-income households.

The City of Colorado Springs developed a strategic plan based on the analysis of the data presented in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan as well as the community participation and stakeholder consultation process. Through these efforts, the City identified five (5) priority needs and associated goals to address those needs within the funding guidelines. The priority needs are:

1. Improved Public Infrastructure & Facilities
2. Increased supply of Affordable Housing
3. Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
4. Neighborhood Economic Development Opportunities
5. Homeless Housing & Supportive Services

The goals to address those needs are:

- 1A. Expand Public Infrastructure
- 1B. Improve Public Infrastructure Capacity
- 1C. Improve Access to Public Facilities
- 2A. Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
- 2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities
- 2C. Increase Affordable Rental Housing Options
- 3A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs
- 3B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
- 4A. Direct Assistance to For-Profit Businesses
- 5A. Provide Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Assistance
- 5B. Provide Assistance for Street Outreach and Homeless Shelters

To meet these goals, the City will partner with multiple public and private agencies to fund targeted activities described in this plan. Some examples include:

1. Offer competitive grants to eligible agencies to improve or expand essential public infrastructure
2. Provide financial support and development incentives to create and preserve affordable housing
3. Engage local nonprofit rehabilitation experts to make homes accessible for low income disabled and senior residents
4. Work with local nonprofit to provide direct assistance for local small businesses so they can stay competitive and resilient while providing jobs and essential services to low-income communities.
5. Offer competitive grants to fund local eligible nonprofit agencies to keep vulnerable residents housed or place those experiencing homelessness into stable housing.

3. Evaluation of past performance

In 2020 the Division responded to the urgent needs brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic by working with community partners to coordinate resources, maintain needed programs and strategically allocate new CARES Act funding to help our most vulnerable community members. In addition, the

Community Development Division made significant progress toward achieving the outcomes for the first year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. 2020 Public Services funds were awarded in the summer for:

- Housing counseling
- Senior homeshare operations
- Case management for families at risk of homelessness
- Housing stability services for low-income veterans
- Emergency homeless shelter services for unaccompanied adults, families, and youth

Notable activities from the first round of CARES Act CDBG and ESG (CDBG-CV1 and ESG-CV1) include:

- Establishment and operations support of the Homeless Isolation Shelter for shelter guests with a COVID diagnosis or symptoms.
- Programmatic support for:
 - Rental and mortgage assistance
 - Counseling and family resources for Southeast Colorado Springs students and their families
 - Homelessness prevention for families
 - Food pantry support
 - Microenterprise assistance

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Substantive public engagement is essential to effectively meet the needs of our residents and understand what people are experiencing and what our residents care about. To this end, the Division follows the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which provides for and encourages public participation and consultation. It emphasizes involvement by residents and the organizations and agencies that serve low/moderate income (LMI) persons in the planning and implementation of community development and housing programs. In response to the need for social distancing, isolating/quarantines, and other emergency public health measures, we amended our CPP in 2020 to make necessary updates regarding noticing and digital meeting venues.

In order to create this plan, we held one public hearing via digital platform (Microsoft Teams), which was noticed through our paper of record and through several digital outlets including social media, City website, and direct email. In order to seek comment on the plan draft, we noticed the comment period and upcoming public hearings using the same methods above. All site contents on the City's website are available in 104 languages. Email notices were sent in English and Spanish. Our Microsoft Teams Live event in December featured live closed captioning in English for the deaf and hard of hearing, and in Spanish, German, and Korean. The January public hearings will feature Chinese and Vietnamese in addition to the languages above.

To frame the discussion prior to creating the plan, we publicized a poll to Colorado Springs residents asking them what they would do with \$5 million to help their community, along with a series of questions much

like the Census Household Pulse survey. We received over 1,200 responses. The summary is below and the results can be found in the appendix.

In order to hear from peer agencies and organizations, we held a number of small digital meetings to discuss effects of the pandemic on operations, client and organizational needs, outreach efforts, and planned projects. We seek mutually supportive ties with partner organizations when goals and target audiences intersect or complement one another.

Citizen Participation Outreach

See AP-15 Citizen Participation for more details about the citizen participation process and efforts undertaken by the City.

5. Summary of public comments

Our Action Plan survey from Fall 2020 attracted over 1,200 responses. Almost 44% reported losing income from employment due to the pandemic. Over 8% were not at all confident they would be able to make their next housing payment (8.5% slightly confident, 18% moderately confident, and 64% highly confident). Regarding housing tenure, 27% of respondents were renters, 70% homeowners, and 2.5% “other.” Of those who answered how likely is it that they would have to leave their apartment within the next two months because of eviction, 23% responded somewhat or very likely (80 out of 344). Of those who answered how likely is it that they would have to leave their home within the next two months because of foreclosure, 4% responded somewhat or very likely (35 out of 890).

Almost 91% of those responded to the first open-ended question “How would you spend \$5 million to help your community?” The topics of homelessness (23% of answers) and housing (21%) arose as the top issues, followed closely by small business, job creation, or unemployment support (20%). Infrastructure also consistently came up – the response of “fix the roads” earned its own category of response at 14% of answers, with other infrastructure concerns around water, energy, sidewalks, transit, accessibility, and bike/pedestrian concerns falling into a more general category.

Housing stability weighs on residents’ minds, with 13.5% suggesting some kind of direct financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utilities. This was a separate topic from responses around affordable housing (building, preserving, policy). Tied with this was the topic of parks and open space (13.5%), showing the appreciation for the outdoors as an essential factor in Colorado Springs residents’ quality of life.

Spending for police and first responders were nearly tied with spending for children and schools (including teacher training and pay), each approximately 10%. Ideas for spending on issues of health (including, physical and mental health, treatment, policy, and prevention) made up a little over 7% of responses. Food (food pantry, food assistance) made up 6%.

Lastly, three percent of respondents felt strongly that the funds be returned to citizens. This would amount to an approximately \$10.90 refund to each Colorado Springs resident (per capita calculation based on 2018 population estimate).

(Topic categories described above do not add up to 100% as most respondents addressed multiple topics.)

Documentation of citizen participation is attached as an appendix.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments or views were rejected or not accepted.

7. Summary

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The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	COLORADO SPRINGS	Community Development Division (CDD)
HOME Administrator	COLORADO SPRINGS	Community Development Division (CDD)
ESG Administrator	COLORADO SPRINGS	Community Development Division (CDD)

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Colorado Springs, through the Community Development Division (CDD), is the lead agency responsible for preparing the Action Plan and for administration of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Colorado Springs Community Development Division conducted several meetings with peer agencies, service providers, city departments, and neighborhood leaders to maximize input from, and coordination with, a large cross-section of stakeholders. This outreach effort was largely virtual, given the social distancing restrictions in place.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

2020 was an unprecedented year for many reasons, one of which was the increased level of ongoing coordination between the City and the region's public and private health and housing providers to help manage impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Emergency response – the Division participated in meetings with the Pikes Peak Office of Emergency Management and the El Paso County Public Health Department to set up an isolation shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness who tested positive for COVID-19 or presented at a local emergency room or shelter with symptoms. The shelter provides access to limited care, meals, showers and a laundry. This temporary shelter and related services will continue into 2021.
2. Local housing authorities – The Colorado Springs Housing Authority (CSHA) is a member of the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care (PPCoC) governing board. CDD’s HUD program manager meets with CHSA’s Executive Director and key staff regularly to discuss joint priorities and programs. In November 2020, CDD and CSHA consulted on the planned use of HUD funds in the coming program year. Shared priorities and desired outcomes discussed during the consultation are described in AP-60 Public Housing.

The El Paso County Housing Authority (EPCHA) is a 5-member governing body appointed by the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners. EPCHA is best described as a finance agency, not a traditional PHA. CDD’s HUD Program Manager is a member of the EPCHA governing body which meets monthly. EPCHA administers a housing trust fund, oversees issues of private activity bonds (PAB), and provides modest grants for rural human service agencies.

3. Private non-profit housing providers – The City has two ex-officio members of the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care (PPCoC) governing board – the homelessness prevention and response coordinator and the Community Development Division manager. The board includes private, governmental, mental health, and human service agencies, and meets monthly. Thanks to the data gathered and shared by this entity, the City has funded and will continue to fund housing assistance programs that pair direct assistance with wraparound services. We

recognize the value of housing as a health indicator and of health services as a key to maintain housing stability.

4. Mental health service providers – The Division made mental health services and other essential family health services a priority service in its 2020 CDBG-CV1 application. This brought several local service providers to the table.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The City's two staff who are ex officio members of the PPCoC governing board act as liaisons for City interests and Community Development collaborative efforts. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data helps the City and CoC determine effectiveness of initiatives and strategies and identify gaps in service by population. Community Development takes this information into account when deciding priority populations, facility needs, and project management procedures. The PPCoC also acts as a convener of regional service providers to help inform the policies, procedures, and funding priorities of public funders such as Community Development.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

Community Development manages federal ESG funds, while the CoC manages federal CoC and state ESG funds – both entities award these funds competitively to service providers in the region. CDD consults with the CoC to determine its ESG priorities and strategies. The City typically directs its full 60% cap of entitlement ESG funds for shelter operations and street outreach, to help local low-barrier shelters. The remaining 40% is divided between rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, and HMIS. HMIS support remains a regional priority and homelessness prevention is a service not funded by the CoC and is valued in the community.

CDD took part in a successful coordinated investment planning exercise with the PPCoC administrator, informing the direction of ESG-CV funding and creating a model for data informed decisions that will be carried forward into 2021. The exercise showed gaps in housing and services for families with children and households scoring extremely high on the vulnerability index (usually indicating substantial medical, mental health, or other supportive service needs. Family shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing emerged as high-priority projects for 2021.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	El Paso County Economic Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	El Paso County Economic Development manages county CDBG funds. CDD staff met to learn funding priorities, discuss funding to shared subrecipients, COVID impacts and CV funding, data tools, and sharing fair housing resources.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Colorado Springs Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services – Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CSHA is the local public housing authority (PHA). CDD’s HUD Program Manager meets regularly with CSHA’s Executive Director to discuss public housing needs, housing affordability in the region, and alignment of upcoming projects and activities across CDD and CSHA programs. Shared priorities and desired outcomes include housing extremely-low income households, increasing the supply of affordable and accessible rental housing, and effectively leveraging HUD funds with other finance tools such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. CDD will continue to support CSHA in leveraging tax-credit financing as well as HOME and CDBG funds from the City of Colorado Springs, section 504, encouraging CSHA resident participation, COVID-related needs, and CARES Act funds.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Public Works
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-homeless special needs Other – neighborhood needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CDD learned how Public Works prioritizes areas for their Missing Sidewalk program and about their funding sources. We discussed infrastructure needs on the City's east and southeast neighborhoods and reviewed eligible activities under the CDBG Public Facilities and Infrastructure program. CDD will work with PW staff to identify projects for low-income neighborhoods and help with application needs.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Colorado Springs Economic Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Focus: greatest needs of small business and changes resulting from COVID impacts. Funding priorities will be refocused away from façade improvement to support more immediate emerging needs to help small businesses survive.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Colorado Poor People’s Campaign
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Colorado Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival, is an anti-poverty campaign. CDD staff participated in a “Dignity in Housing” conversation hosted by them that highlighted gaps in support and challenges experienced by low income residents when landlords do not make needed repairs.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Colorado Springs Homelessness Prevention and Response
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Reviewed progress of Homelessness Initiative and plans for 2021, which include continuing to mitigate COVID among individuals experiencing homelessness by helping manage the Homeless Isolation Center, funded through CDD, maintain and build on homeless outreach programs, and improve data-driven community education on homelessness between the CDD, homelessness prevention, and the CoC.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Colorado Legal Services, The Justice Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Other: Fair Housing, Housing stability
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Discussed CDBG funding priorities, eviction prevention resources, current eviction trends and projections, and legal agency needs.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Council of Neighbors and Organizations
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Housing Needs Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CONO is interested in helping CDD with education and facilitation services to implement HomeCOS strategies and build capacity for future subrecipients. They are interested in assisting with community dialogues about topics such as affordable housing, renter rights, and homeownership opportunities.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Pikes Peak Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs (All) Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CDD and the PPCoC administrators worked closely on using HMIS data to determine needs for ESG-CV2 and 2021 ESG priority needs.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

CDD staff did not engage with any Community Development Financial Institutions in preparation for the Annual Action Plan. While there are no Colorado Springs-based or El Paso County-based CDFIs, there are CDFIs elsewhere in the state and in other Mountain West states which staff intends to consult on specific programs to be developed under the CDBG Economic Development activity throughout the program year. CDD staff also did not consult with major private employers directly, but CDD listens to and considers their feedback indirectly through close collaborations with the economic development division.

The City’s Office of Emergency Management is not on the consultation list, but this is not due to lack of communication. CDD worked extensively with this office to set up the Homeless Isolation Shelter for people experiencing homelessness with COVID symptoms and/or a COVID diagnosis. The City’s Grants Manager, who works closely with the Community Development Division staff on financial aspects of grant administration, shares OEM priorities when opportunities for collaboration arise.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care Strategic Plan	Community Health Partnership	Outlines regional strategy to prevent and end homelessness.
PlanCOS	City of Colorado Springs	This strategic plan and the City Strategic Plan are designed to complement each other and contain the same goals and strategies, specifically around arresting decline in targeted neighborhoods and supporting affordable housing with access to transit.
HomeCOS: Colorado Springs 2020 Affordable Housing Plan	City of Colorado Springs	Ongoing planning effort targets strategies to ease housing development for the low- and very low-income groups

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Special Evictions Task Force Final Report	Special Evictions Task Force	Prevent eviction, maintain housing stability, improve health outcomes for all who have experienced a loss of income.
2019 Homelessness Initiative	City of Colorado Springs	The Initiative goals were developed by City homelessness prevention and response coordinator and vetted by public. Outreach expansion goal aligns with CDD funding eligibility.
Mill Street Neighborhood Plan	City of Colorado Springs	2019 plan to strengthen historic downtown neighborhood by increasing economic, cultural, and physical resilience. CDBG and HOME-friendly strategies to prevent displacement and improve neighborhood conditions.
2G0: Alliance for Kids	Alliance for Kids	What will empower families to overcome barriers related to family stability? Qualitative data from focus groups and interviews analyzed for common themes. Childcare, parenting skills, financial assistance and building social capital major needs.
2019 CAPER and 2020 Annual Plan	City of Colorado Springs	These federal documents were considered in order to assess progress, long-term strategic planning, and future goals in light of past efforts
Affordable and Accessible Housing Needs & Barriers	Independence Center	Identified seven needs and four barriers that were recurring themes for residents with disabilities. See discussion in NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment for the list of needs and barriers.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional):

During this extraordinary year, all consultations were conducted via virtual meeting and framed in the context of the effects the pandemic will have on organizational budgets and programming for the coming year.

AP-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) provides for and encourages public participation and consultation, emphasizing involvement by residents and the organizations and agencies that serve low/moderate income (LMI) persons in the planning and implementation of community development and housing programs. The CPP establishes the policies and procedures by which citizens of the City of Colorado Springs, public agencies, and other interested parties can actively participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan (AAP), Substantial Amendments, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The City's CPP was updated in 2019 and has been widely distributed throughout the city, particularly in areas where LMI people reside or seek services such as community and senior centers. We amended our CPP in 2020 as a response to the need for social distancing, isolating/quarantines, and other emergency public health measures, as well as to make necessary updates regarding noticing and digital meeting venues. Staff does check non-English language demographic trends annually to ensure accuracy of the CPP. The CPP is available on the CDD website at www.coloradosprings.gov/community-development and at the Community Development Division office located at 30 S. Nevada Avenue, Suite 702, 80903.

Citizen Participation Outreach

The Community Development Division (CDD) conducted three virtual public hearings to obtain feedback and solicit input into the needs of the community and this Action Plan. The meetings provided an introduction and explanation of the 2021 Action Plan purpose and the process and schedule for its completion. The presentations provided an opportunity for questions and comments, and they were recorded and made available on the Division's website. Public notice was published in the paper of record The Gazette on November 17, 2020 for the December 3rd meeting, and again on December 17, 2020, for two January 20th meetings. Meeting notices were sent out in English and Spanish to over 250 community partners and residents through Community Development's email list, and shared on the City's Facebook account. The virtual meeting platform provided the option for participants to view captions in several languages.

The Division produced a survey answerable by a text or online that was shared on our website and Division email list. Citizens were also invited to send in comments by email via the website and by phone. We received significant earned media with stories in print, and on the radio and TV news encouraging residents to attend meetings and provide input.

A draft of the Action Plan has been made available for public review and comment from Jan. 4 through Feb. 3, 2021. Notice of the availability of the draft plan and the opportunity to comment on it was advertised in the *Gazette on December 17, 2020*, by email and website; copies will be made available online and paper copies can be obtained by request.

The following summarizes comments received after public notice of the first public hearing, through a survey, during the 30-day comment period and second public hearing.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	1,277 responses	Respondents shared priorities for neighborhood funding and their own confidence in employment ability to make housing payments.	Personally identifying information was removed	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Community Development Division held a virtual hearing on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM accessible online to inform the public about the community development efforts in the plan and gather input on the plan. The meeting was recorded and the video and slides are posted on the Division's website.	All members of the public were welcome. Questions and answers in the meeting chat box is included in the appendix.	All comments from the public were welcome.	https://coloradosprings.gov/cosaction2021 and http://eepurl.com/hk0RxX

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Community Development Division will hold a virtual hearing on Wednesday January 20, 2021 from 6:00PM to 7:00PM accessible on the internet to inform the public about the community development efforts in the plan and gather feedback on the draft plan.	All members of the public are welcome.	All comments from the public are welcome.	(fill in when available)

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Community Development Division will hold a virtual hearing on Wednesday January 20, 2021 from 1:00PM to 2:00PM accessible on the internet to inform the public about the community development efforts in the plan and gather feedback on the draft plan.	All members of the public are welcome.	All comments from the public are welcome.	(fill in when available)

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Annual Action Plan

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

At the time of publication of this draft 2021 Annual Action Plan, the City of Colorado Springs has not been notified by HUD of the precise amount of funding to be allocated to the City for the 2021 program year. With this in mind, the funding amounts identified throughout this plan are estimates based on the City's 2021 funding allocations for each entitlement program. The Division's contingency plan is to decrease or increase the program budgets on a pro rata basis.

The Division has budgeted for a 10% increase in all three program allocations. We anticipate receiving \$3,387,527 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funding, \$1,685,785 in HOME Partnership Program funding, and \$280,060 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in Program Year 2021. The Division also anticipates similar Program Income (PI) as in previous years: \$100,000 from CDBG projects, \$200,000 from HOME projects, and none from ESG.

Please note: CARES Act (CDBG-CV and ESG-CV) funding is tracked through our 2020 Action Plan and do not appear in this plan. Please contact staff with any questions about the status of projects funded by those emergency funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Rehab Public Improvements Public Services	\$3,387,527	\$100,000	0	\$3,487,527	10,462,581	Remainder of ConPlan is for program years 2022 through 2024.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$1,685,785	\$200,000	0	\$1,885,785	5,657,355	Remainder of ConPlan is for program years 2022 through 2024.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Financial Assistance Homelessness Prevention Overnight shelter Rapid Re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services	\$280,060	0	0	\$280,060	840,180	Remainder of ConPlan is for program years 2022 through 2024.

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City will use federal block grant funding, program income, City General Funds, private activity bonds, and CoC competitive grant funds to address the objectives identified in this Plan. High-impact projects with the potential for public-private partnerships will be prioritized in order to leverage additional resources.

All grant applicants across all programs who use our new platform, Neighborly, must show the full project breakdown, including those costs not included in the grant request. Non-profit housing and service providers rely on many sources of revenue for their operations. Most projects are made possible with some mix of federal grants, other public grants, private donations, and regular operating funds.

The City's Private Activity Bond capacity is set aside for affordable housing development each year – any revenue generated from issuer fees will be cycled back into the community by helping affordable housing developers with pre-development costs.

Colorado Springs complies with federal matching requirements for both HOME and ESG funds. HOME match is satisfied on an annual basis, while ESG match is required at the time of each individual award. Colorado Springs currently carries over a balance of \$1,878,453.03 as HOME match credit from previous years, to apply towards PY2021 HOME match liability. Each HOME dollar we spend is matched 25% for projects within the program year, including new construction of multifamily projects, acquisition and rehab projects, and homeownership programs.

ESG funds are matched by subrecipient funds. The Division monitors match expenditures throughout the life of the project and will withhold final reimbursements until the full match has been spent and documented. The Division will award projects with the assistance of the Pikes Peak CoC administrators to ensure ESG funds are leveraged most effectively with funds the CoC receives from HUD.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) have proven to be a highly effective method of increasing the supply of affordable housing. The City's strategy for coordinating LIHTC development into its affordable housing supply for low and moderate-income families is to provide technical assistance on an as-needed basis through the Community Development Division. The requirements for HOME financing mirror many of the Colorado Housing Finance Authority's requirements, creating a natural additional source of support for successful LIHTC applicants with projects in Colorado Springs.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The majority of publicly owned land within the jurisdiction is dedicated to specific purposes such as parks, stormwater facilities, transportation right-of-ways, and other municipal needs. City departments overseeing those lands are made aware of and invited to apply for these funds to address accessibility and availability for residents of low-income neighborhoods.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	1A. Expand Public Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities	CDBG: \$379,080	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2500 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted
2	1B. Improve Public Infrastructure Capacity	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities	CDBG: \$379,080	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2500 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted
3	1C. Improve Access to Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities	CDBG: \$379,080	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2500 Persons Assisted
4	2A. Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing	CDBG: 882,421	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing	HOME: \$849,314	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Units Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 12 Households Assisted
6	2C. Increase Affordable Rental Housing Options	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$500,000 HOME: \$1,036,471	Rental units constructed: 400 Household Housing Units Rental units rehabilitated: 85 Household Housing Units Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 15 Households Assisted
7	3A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$350,851	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2500 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted
8	3B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$350,851	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2500 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	4A. Direct Assistance to For-Profit Businesses	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development Opportunities	CDBG: \$266,163	Businesses assisted: 10
10	5A. Provide Homeless Rapid Re-Housing Assistance	2020	2024	Homeless		Homeless Housing & Supportive Services	ESG: \$49,011	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 40 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted
11	5B. Provide Assistance to Homeless Shelters	2020	2024	Homeless		Homeless Housing & Supportive Services	ESG: \$231,050	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 3500 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 0 Beds

Table 5 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	1A. Expand Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	The City will expand public infrastructure capacity in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods throughout the City. We will accomplish this by inviting our city departments and local non-profits to bring forward shovel-ready projects with a preference for projects that were part of a neighborhood plan already supported by community members from LMI neighborhoods. We changed our housing-related infrastructure goal to zero households because we do not anticipate receiving any infrastructure requests supporting affordable housing projects.
2	Goal Name	1B. Improve Public Infrastructure Capacity
	Goal Description	The City will allocate funding to improve existing infrastructure capacity by making needed repairs to existing infrastructure. We will accomplish this by inviting our city departments and local non-profits to bring forward shovel-ready projects vetted by community members from LMI neighborhoods. As with our 2020 competitive award process, we will prioritize accessibility improvements in 2021.
3	Goal Name	1C. Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Goal Description	The City will allocate funding to improve access to public facilities including but not limited to community centers, parks, libraries, as well as public facilities owned by partner non-profit organizations, such as shelters.
4	Goal Name	2A. Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Goal Description	The City will allocate funding to provide for much needed repairs to the City's aging housing stock. This shall include but is not limited to owner-occupied housing rehabilitation to address emergency repairs, weatherization, or accessibility improvements.
5	Goal Name	2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities
	Goal Description	The City will allocate funding for down payment assistance via two different housing organizations serving first time homebuyers to increase affordable housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income homebuyers.

6	Goal Name	2C. Increase Affordable Rental Housing Options
	Goal Description	The City will allocate funding to provide for acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of affordable housing units. Additionally, the City will allocate funding for rental assistance for low-income and special needs populations, such as people exiting homeless. The new 400 units will come in four complexes in different parts of the city. Among these include a 40-unit complex of 2 and 3 bedroom units serving families and a 54-unit complex serving seniors. These funds will also rehabilitate an 85-unit apartment building and make essential safety, sustainability and accessibility improvements. These funds will also continue to support the Colorado Springs Housing Authority in rehousing 15 homeless families. For more details on housing activities, see AP-38.
7	Goal Name	3A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs
	Goal Description	The City will allocate funding for supportive services directed towards special needs population, specifically for seniors and persons or families experiencing homelessness, through its annual competitive application process in spring 2021. We anticipate awarding funds to organizations to carry out housing-related services for many special needs households in 2021, such as housing counseling and subsistence payments for rent or mortgage. However, we listed '0' households under the "Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit" indicator because these beneficiaries will qualify under LMC standards.
8	Goal Name	3B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	Goal Description	The City will provide funding through a competitive application process for services and programs that primarily benefit low-income individuals or families. Funding priorities will remain closely tied to housing and family stability, and services that help households affected by the pandemic with essential needs. We estimate a minimum of 2,500 LMI beneficiaries of these 2021 funds. We also anticipate awarding funds to organizations to carry out housing-related services can help many LMI households in 2021 through services such as housing counseling and subsistence payments for rent or mortgage. However, we listed '0' households under the "Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit" indicator because these beneficiaries will qualify under LMC standards.

9	Goal Name	4A. Direct Assistance to For-Profit Businesses
	Goal Description	The City will work with a local partner to provide direct financial assistance for-profit businesses, specifically microenterprises, in efforts to fill gaps in need after 2020 aid programs have expired or never reached certain communities. These efforts will be concentrated in low-income neighborhoods or areas of low economic opportunity and will complement CDBG-CV Economic Development activities. The Commercial Façade and Frontage Improvement Grant (CFFIG) program will be on pause this year as small businesses do not have the capacity or market demand for exterior improvements. Microenterprise support to keep LMI and LMI-serving businesses sustainable will be the focus.
10	Goal Name	5A. Provide Homeless Rapid Re-Housing Assistance
	Goal Description	The City will provide funding for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing programs in an effort to minimize the time individuals or families experience homelessness as well as to reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness in Colorado Springs. We anticipate double the households assisted with the second round of ESG-CV funds focusing on rapid rehousing. Subrecipients of the ESG-CV round 1 homelessness prevention funds will also continue to help many families stay housed in PY 2021.
11	Goal Name	5B. Provide Assistance to Homeless Shelters
	Goal Description	The City will provide funding to support homeless shelter operations and facility improvements as needed. The Division will consider the percentage of ESG funds going to shelter further into 2021 as we assess shelter need and amounts of CARES Act and other emergency funding available. We do not anticipate adding new beds in 2021.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects have been identified for funding during the 2021 program year. However, at the time of publication of this draft Annual Action Plan, the City of Colorado Springs had not been notified by HUD of the precise amount of funding to be allocated to the City for the 2021 program year. With this in mind, the following projects have been allocated a percentage of each funding source (CDBG, HOME or ESG). The actual funding amounts will be updated once the 2021 funding allocations are published by HUD.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG: Administration (20%)
2	CDBG: Housing Programs (35%)
3	CDBG: Public Facilities & Infrastructure (25%)
4	CDBG: Public Services (15%)
5	CDBG: Economic Development (5%)
6	HOME: Administration (10%)
7	HOME: CHDO Reserves (15%)
8	HOME: Non-CHDO Development Activities (46%)
9	HOME: Homebuyer Assistance Program (9%)
10	HOME: TBRA (20%)
11	ESG: Homeless Housing and Services
12	CV-CDBG Admin
13	CV-CDBG Public Services
14	CV-CDBG Economic Development

Table 6 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs:

The division of projects here are largely the result of the data analysis, community participation and stakeholder consultation process of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process. Through these efforts, the City has identified five (5) priority needs and associated goals to address those needs. All projects selected for funding must address the identified goals and priority needs. However, for program year 2021, the CARES Act community outreach done in 2020 and subrecipients' organizational capacity prompted some changes in the allocation among projects.

To paraphrase several stakeholders, the greatest obstacles to addressing the underserved needs of the community fall into the following categories:

- A lack of funding from a variety of sources to address the full spectrum affordable housing and supportive services needs of our residents.
- Finding households at risk of homelessness or displacement *before* they are in crisis
- Full community awareness of where resources exist and how to apply or prove eligibility

The CDD allocation plan works with these obstacles by finding the right partners to leverage funding, enhance public awareness, and build momentum around our priorities.

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AP-38 Project Summary

(See following table)

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1	Project Name	CDBG: Administration (20%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	1A. Expand Public Infrastructure 1B. Improve Public Infrastructure Capacity 1C. Improve Access to Public Facilities 2A. Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab 3A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs 3B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households 4A. Direct Assistance to For-Profit Businesses
	Needs Addressed	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements Economic Development Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$677,505
	Description	Administration of the CDBG Program for the City of Colorado Springs throughout the 2021 program year. This will include staff salaries, consulting and other technical assistance services as well as program planning efforts. These administrative efforts support the successful completion of all other CDBG funded projects and activities. Administrative funding is capped, by HUD regulations, at no more than 20% of the annual CDBG allocation.
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Admin efforts affect all beneficiaries of the program: all will be low-to-moderate income and the majority will fall into special needs category during the 2021 program year.
	Location Description	Citywide administration of the CDBG program.
	Planned Activities	Staff salaries, planning, general admin
2	Project Name	CDBG: Housing Programs (35%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	2A. Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,185,634, Program Income: \$100,000

	Description	The City will utilize 35% of its annual CDBG allocation plus its program income to support a variety of housing rehabilitation programs to support low-income homeowners throughout the City.
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	53 LMI households, the majority of which will be very low income and have special needs, will benefit from these programs during the 2021 program year.
	Location Description	Citywide CDBG housing programs.
	Planned Activities	Owner occupied housing rehab
3	Project Name	CDBG: Public Facilities & Infrastructure (25%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	1A. Expand Public Infrastructure 1B. Improve Public Infrastructure Capacity 1C. Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$846,882
	Description	The City will utilize 25% of its annual CDBG allocation for expansion and improvements to public facilities and infrastructure including neighborhood facilities, accessibility projects, neighborhood safety, sidewalk repairs and road repaving.
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7,500 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Low to moderate income neighborhoods throughout the City.
	Planned Activities	At this time the City has not identified specific activities for this funding. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. Staff will continue to review applications for funding as well as City managed projects to identify eligible and suitable activities for funding.
	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services (15%)

4	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	3A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs 3B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$508,129
	Description	The City of Colorado Springs will continue to provide support for local service providers with a focus on services for special needs populations including homeless services and services for seniors. Public services are typically offered by non-profit partners of the City. The City is limited, by CDBG regulations, to utilizing up to 15% of the annual allocation and program income for Public Services activities.
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2,500 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide public services for those in need of household stabilization services (food insecurity, housing insecurity, health needs, counseling, etc.), experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless, as well as seniors.
	Planned Activities	At this time the city has not identified specific programs to receive funding. The City will publish a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in 2021 to solicit applications for projects that improve housing stability for vulnerable populations.
5	Project Name	CDBG: Economic Development (5%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	4A. Direct Assistance to For-Profit Businesses
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$169,376
	Description	The City will allocate 5% of the annual CDBG allocation to support for-profit businesses throughout the community. Funds will be shifted from initial target of façade improvements to helping small businesses survive challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Target Date	3/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The city estimates assisting 10 local microenterprise businesses with training, coaching and consulting support to improve longevity, through a nonprofit business accelerator partner.
	Location Description	Citywide based on participant eligibility, however, priority will be given to businesses located in SE Colorado Springs.
	Planned Activities	The City will partner with a business accelerator to provide assistance to for-profit businesses to provide training, coaching and consulting for business sustainability.
6	Project Name	HOME: Administration (10%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2C. Increase Affordable Rental Housing Options
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$168,579
	Description	The City will utilize 10% of the annual HOME allocation for administrative expenses including staff salaries, planning efforts as well as consulting and technical assistance efforts.
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide administration of the HOME program.
	Planned Activities	General administrative expenses including staff salaries, planning efforts as well as consulting and technical assistance efforts
7	Project Name	HOME: CHDO Reserves (15%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2C. Increase Affordable Rental Housing Options
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$252,868

	Description	While the 15% set-aside requirement is suspended for PY 2021, at this time, CDD is budgeting 15% of the annual HOME allocation for eligible Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to develop affordable housing throughout the City.
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Single Family Residences Families to benefit include consideration for underserved groups including minority and Female Head of Household populations.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The City intends on partnering with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) to provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers as a 2021 Program Year CHDO project. PPHFH will construct these residences in 2021 and CDD will provide a portion of the down payment assistance. The remainder of the funding in this category will support affordable housing opportunities for low-to-moderate income families throughout the City. This could include homeownership or rental opportunities.
8	Project Name	HOME: Non-CHDO Development Activities (46%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2C. Increase Affordable Rental Housing Options
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$977,182
	Description	The City will allocate 46% of the annual HOME allocation for affordable housing development projects to be completed by non-CHDO developers. This may include the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of affordable housing for homeownership or rental opportunities.
	Target Date	3/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Rental units constructed: 412 Household Housing Units These developments will offer a combination of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units, with a focus on working households and families who earn between 30-70% Area Median Income (AMI).
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	CDD is anticipating four new multifamily properties in different areas of the city to complete construction and lease up by the end of PY 2021, providing safe, stable, and affordable housing to 412 households. There are more projects in various phases of development that will receive support this program year, but will not lease up until the following year.
9	Project Name	HOME: Homebuyer Assistance Program (9%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$150,000
	Description	The City will assign 9% of the annual HOME allocation for direct financial assistance to first-time homebuyers through down payment assistance.
	Target Date	3/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Ten (10) low to-moderate income families will benefit from this program during the 2021 Program Year. Families to benefit include consideration for underserved groups including minority and Female Head of Household populations.
	Location Description	Citywide based on participant eligibility.
	Planned Activities	CDD has partnered with the Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust (RMLCT) to administer this program. The program includes funding for minor rehabilitation of residences in order to meet health and safety property standards, where applicable. RMCLT is the only local HUD-approved Housing Counseling Organization to provide required courses to new homebuyers.

10	Project Name	HOME: TBRA (20%)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	2C. Increase Affordable Rental Housing Options
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$337,157
	Description	The City will allocate 20% of the annual HOME allocation for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). The program will be administered by the Colorado Springs Housing Authority. Much like the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, eligible program participants will receive direct rental assistance which will allow them to identify a home of their choosing anywhere in the City.
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 20 extremely low-income individuals or families will benefit from this program during the 2021 program year.
	Location Description	Citywide based on participant eligibility.
	Planned Activities	Tenant Based Rental Assistance in partnership with the Colorado Springs Housing Authority.
11	Project Name	ESG: Homeless Housing and Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	5A. Provide Homeless Rapid Re-Housing Assistance 5B. Provide Assistance to Homeless Shelters
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Housing & Supportive Services
	Funding	ESG: \$280,060
	Description	The City will allocate the annual ESG allocation as follows: 7.5% for general administrative expenses, 60% for homeless shelter operational support, 15% for supporting the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - a database system required for all ESG funded agencies, and the balance of 17.5% will be utilized for rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention programs.
	Target Date	3/31/2022

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 3,000 extremely low-income individuals or families experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless, shall benefit from the shelter programs during the 2021 program year.
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	General Program Administration = 7.5%; Shelter Operations = 60%; Homeless Management Information System =15%; Rapid Re-housing & Homelessness Prevention Programs =17.5%

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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

According to 2019 ACS data, 118 census tracts (44% of all tracts) in the City are CDBG eligible, meaning over half of the residents in each of those tracts make 80% or below area median income (AMI). These tracts exist in all areas of the city, but dominate the central, eastern, and southern areas. There are 52 tracts in which over 20% of the population lives in poverty. One Census tract is designated a Racial/Ethnic Concentration of Poverty (R/ECAP) by HUD, meaning that its non-white population is over 50% and its poverty rate is either 1) higher than 40% or 2) more than three times the average poverty rate of tracts in the metropolitan area (it meets the 2nd). While there are not many R/ECAPs, the data in our Consolidated Plan shows that minority groups in Colorado Springs do experience disproportionately higher rates of housing instability and poverty.

Because of the geographic spread of eligible neighborhoods and vulnerable populations, the allocation of funds is based on multiple factors, including analysis of neighborhood/populations needs, level of existing coordination and investment, affordable housing needs, and the strengths and merits of applications for competitively awarded funds. The allocation of funds is also considered within the context of the City's overall budget and strategic initiatives. Whenever beneficial, the City seeks to combine block grant funds with City General Funds, capital improvement funds, or other financing of affordable housing projects.

Community Development staff partners with their colleagues in all city departments and with local leaders, such as City Council members, Council boards and commissions, faith leaders, service providers, student groups, and neighborhood advocates to identify areas with urgent needs and to make immediate investments to increase accessibility, improve health and housing outcomes, and, especially urgent in the context of the pandemic, maintain housing stability for those at risk of losing their homes.

For programs that must income-qualify individual clients, geography is also not a primary criterion for funding, but rather one taken in tandem with an ability to demonstrate inclusivity and anti-discriminatory practices in marketing, staffing, programming, and outcomes for Colorado Springs' most vulnerable populations.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

Table 7 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In 2021, the Division will continue to rely on a competitive process for grant funds, prioritizing those that serve the most vulnerable populations, demonstrate project readiness, and promise high-impact

outcomes. Our policies and procedures in receiving applications for funds, such as the underwriting process for housing projects, the external application review committees for CDBG and ESG projects, the citizen participation opportunities, et cetera, all work together to make sure we do not inequitably favor one neighborhood or part of the city over others. We also work extensively – and continue to build more institutional relationships – with Planning, Colorado Springs Utilities, and other entities to ensure that our projects complement other public and private initiatives in high-needs areas, maximizing neighborhood benefits.

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following one-year goals have been established based on the indicators and scope of the City of Colorado Springs' projects this year.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	20
Non-Homeless	475
Special-Needs	3
Total	498

Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	20
The Production of New Units	412
Rehab of Existing Units	53
Acquisition of Existing Units	13
Total	498

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Colorado Springs Housing Authority (CSHA) is funded by HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing. CSHA receives an annual budget from HUD of approximately \$25M. CSHA funds are separate from the grant funds received from HUD each year by the City of Colorado Springs though many of the projects and activities are similar. CSHA funds are used for rental assistance, CSHA operating expenses, and capital improvements to CSHA's portfolio of public housing. CSHA owns 700+ units of public and senior housing and manages an additional 800+ units of affordable rental housing through partnerships with private landlords. CSHA administers an annual allocation of rental assistance vouchers provided through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The vouchers help over 2,000 households keep up with rising rents across the community. Since the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program was founded, CSHA has participated as a special limited partner in the development of approximately 1,500 affordable rental units. CSHA also administers a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program, serving 30-40 households each year with funds from the HOME Investment Partnership Program managed by the City of Colorado Springs' Community Development Division.

CSHA's rental assistance voucher program is consistently over-subscribed, an indication of persistent rental housing un-affordability across the region. Based on the unit size preference culled from its wait list, CSHA has long recognized the need for larger affordable two- and three-bedroom apartments to meet demand. In 2020, CSHA received an allocation of tax-credit financing to redevelop a property in its portfolio located on Fountain Boulevard adjacent to the Shooks Run Creek. The project consists of replacing 26 units of outdated public housing with 40 new units of two-bedroom and three-bedroom rental housing serving individuals below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The project broke ground in summer 2020, and will be leasing up by the end of 2021.

In 2021, CSHA plans to carry out a broad range of affordable housing activities utilizing its annual formula grant from HUD to leverage tax-credit financing as well as HOME and CDBG funds from the City of Colorado Springs. CSHA is unique in its mission to provide housing for extremely-low income households in the region. Approximately 1/3 of public housing residents are extremely-low income seniors, many with disabilities. The needs assessment conducted for the Comprehensive Plan showed working families make up another significant percentage of households served by CSHA. Even with rental assistance, many of these families struggle to secure safe, decent housing in the current market.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs of public housing

Federal funding for much-needed capital improvements to the public housing inventory continues to decline. Year over year, funds for capital improvements represent a diminishing percentage of HUD's budget even as HUD continues to issue directives to improve public housing, most notably by increasing the number of affordable and accessible units in the public housing inventory. In 2019, the Community Development Division entered into a multi-year agreement with CSHA to address the accessibility of its aging housing stock. In 2021, CSHA and CDD will continue working together to modify existing units to

increase accessibility according to the timetable established in CSHA's Section 504 Transition Plan approved by HUD. Community Development will provide \$500,000 CDBG affordable housing funds in 2021 to accomplish this effort.

CDD will provide ongoing funding for a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program administered by CSHA. The program prioritizes housing for extremely-low income individuals exiting homelessness. CSHA is an active participant in the community's Coordinated Entry System, making the TBRA program a vital bridge between homelessness and housing. CDD will renew its grant agreement with CSHA for up to two years of additional HOME funding.

CDD recognizes the unique role CSHA plays in addressing housing affordability in the region. CSHA's long-time presence and standing in the community provide stability in a volatile housing market. CSHA's consistent focus on, and prioritization of, the housing needs of extremely-low income households represents an ongoing commitment to housing the most vulnerable. In 2021, CDD will maintain an active collaboration with CSHA to increase development of affordable rental units serving very-low and extremely-low income households. CDD will continue providing letters of support for CSHA driven low-income housing tax credit projects. CDD will actively facilitate approval of necessary land entitlements by acting as a liaison between CSHA and the Planning Department, and CDD will prioritize use of the City's HUD funds for CSHA projects. All of these actions are consistent with HomeCOS, the City's affordable and attainable housing plan released in Spring 2020.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

In prior years, CSHA administered a home buyer program designed to promote home ownership in low-to moderate-income households. The program provided homebuyer education and counseling with down payment assistance consisting of subsidies from the Colorado Division of Housing and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, an FHA lender. Due to reduced funding for program administration, CSHA decided several years ago to no longer offer a homebuyer program. Currently, CDD partners with the Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust (RMCLT) and Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHH) to administer similar programs. CDD encourages RMCLT and PPHH to include public housing residents in its outreach and marketing efforts.

CSHA encourages its residents to become more involved in management of the public housing portfolio through the Resident Advisory Board (RAB). RAB is open to all CSHA residents. It is currently made up of 6 to 7 residents who set the agenda and convene other tenants to discuss housing and neighborhood issues. CSHA Board meetings are publicly noticed and open to tenants and members of the general public, providing opportunities to raise resident concerns for discussion and to share management decisions with the community at large.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be

provided or other assistance

The CSHA is not designated as troubled.

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AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Division will continue to support the City's Homelessness Prevention and Response Coordinator in maintaining programs established through the City's 2019 Homelessness Initiative.

Though not a direct service provider, the City of Colorado Springs engages with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care (PPCoC), business leaders, policymakers, and other service providers in our shared goal of making homelessness in the Pikes Peak region brief, rare, and non-recurring.

The Community Development Division and the PPCoC Governing Board collaborate on project awards to ensure the highest priorities are funded first and that the projects and programs complement each other, and do not leave out any critical eligible services. The Division will participate in the PPCoC's Systems Design Clinic in January 2021 with the National Alliance to End Homelessness, which will set the stage for creating a new Pikes Peak Continuum of Care Strategic Plan.

Describe the jurisdiction's one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

- Continue COVID mitigation through funding and coordination of the Homeless Isolation Shelter at the City Auditorium, in collaboration with the PPCoC and subrecipients.
- Use ESG-CV round 2 funds to support shelter clients with increased health services and to support front-line shelter staff with hazard pay.
- Build on the successful homeless outreach team pilot project in collaboration with the Colorado Springs Fire Department. The Division will provide staffing support for a medic and social worker. The 2021 plan includes adding a second team utilizing CARES Act funding.
- Improve support for families experience homelessness by working with key organizations in siting and planning for a low-barrier family shelter.
- Create a broader understanding among the public and local officials of the scope and character of the issue, in coordination with the PPCoC and utilizing the HelpCOS web portal.
- Maintain the successful Homeless Outreach court Program established (in 2020?), once the COVID restrictions are lessened enough to continue.
- Ensure continuation of the new WorkCOS homeless work program, which provided paid employment in the City's Public Works department for five individuals experiencing homelessness the first year, with one hired full time.
- Maintain HomeCOS goals to prioritize funds for housing projects serving very low- and extremely low-income households, incentivize more landlords to accept housing vouchers and to reduce unjust evictions.
- Provide support through Veterans Housing Incentive Fund in partnership with Rocky Mountain Health Services' Homes for All Veterans, when changes in COVID restrictions allow.

- Using HOME funds to support the development of a second permanent supportive housing project in the city expected to lease up in 2022.

Reaching out to individuals experiencing homelessness (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City's Homelessness Prevention and Response Coordinator and partners made significant progress in meeting all five goals of the 2019 Colorado Springs Homeless Initiative. One of the goals, increase access to shelter and services, has an outreach-specific objective to 1) pilot a homeless outreach program in downtown Colorado Springs and 2) evaluate results to assess possibility of long-term expansion. This coming year, the City will use ESG-CV funds to build on this successful pilot program and support adult outreach services in 2021.

The City's Homelessness Prevention and Response Coordinator will also continue working with local first responders on street outreach and connecting unsheltered residents to shelter, health services, food, and other critical services.

City staff and PPCoC members also rely on the work of the local Coalition of Homelessness Advocates and Providers (CHAP), made up of service providers and interested community members who meet monthly to discuss homeless issues, and to communicate current needs and conditions of this population. Members of this group work firsthand in reaching out to those experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness in Colorado Springs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of individuals experiencing homelessness

The City and its partners will build on the significant progress made in addressing the shelter needs for Colorado Springs since the last Consolidated Plan.

Springs Rescue Mission, the City's first low-barrier shelter, can now offer up to 300 beds in winter for both men and women. Salvation Army has also undergone facility changes to accept single adults while also accommodating families. While there are day centers and auxiliary services for families experiencing homelessness, there is still a lack of adequate family shelter space for families with children and a lack of transitional housing for placement out of shelter. The City is committed to supporting a new family shelter facility to serve Colorado Springs from the planning period through construction and operation.

In 2021 and through the remainder of this current Consolidated Plan, the City's federal funds will continue to support programs to provide decent and safe living environments for homeless and those at risk of

becoming homeless, through funding such activities as:

- Using ESG funds for emergency shelter operations, shelter expansion and rehabilitation
- Using CDBG funds for transitional housing rehabilitation and supportive services
- Using HOME funds to support
 - development of permanent supportive housing
 - rental assistance and relocation assistance for people exiting homelessness through tenant based rental assistance
- Using ESG funds for rapid re-housing programs, complete with case management, for up to 2 years.

The City will also continue to fund non-profits that provide eligible critical wrap-around services for people in shelters and transitional housing.

Helping individuals experiencing homelessness (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City only supports organizations that offer supportive services such as counseling and case management to help individuals experience homelessness make the transition from shelter to safe and stable housing via ESG and CDBG funds. These are available annually on a competitive basis.

The City provides administrative assistance to the PPCoC via ESG dollars to maintain a reliable data system (HMIS) and robust coordinated entry process. This involves surveying all clients experiencing homelessness on their needs and sharing this information system-wide to provide seamless care and best identify and coordinate housing and supportive services. Competitive CoC and ESG funds will be awarded only to agencies that participate in HMIS and the coordinated entry process. Performance, via various metrics like successful exits to housing and housing stability, will be evaluated annually as part of the application process.

This year, the ESG-CV funds have broader tools to support these efforts, such as the ability to fund landlord incentives to get vulnerable families into housing in a competitive housing market. The City will collaborate with the PPCoC and fund such a program, making these funds available to all PPCoC member organizations' clients.

The City will continue to prioritize the creation of affordable housing for the most vulnerable, including those experiencing homelessness and extremely low-income households. We will accomplish this by:

- Using revenue from private activity bond fees to lower barriers for organizations (such as

homeless service providers) to enter into the affordable housing development field by covering pre-development phase costs.

- Facilitate more collaboration between service providers and developers to apply for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) funding for permanent supportive housing for residents with chronic conditions that would otherwise be homeless.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Eviction and displacement prevention is more urgent than ever now, as stable housing is the key element to curbing the severity of the pandemic. The City has devoted the majority of its first round of CDBG-CV funds to rental and mortgage assistance. We will continue to prioritize housing stability activities with the third round of CDBG-CV funds and 2021 CDBG funds. We will also continue to fund Homelessness Prevention activities with 2021 ESG funds, as we anticipate the expiration of the eviction moratoria to create a wave of displacement for households with no other resources or networks to stay housed. The application for these funds will open in early spring 2021

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The City has seen the growth of affordable housing advocacy groups convening, gathering data, providing research and information, and engaging residents in dialogue and direct action. These groups are targeting the housing issue from a variety of angles, such as local ordinances, board and commission representation, development incentive tools, and anti-NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) sentiment. These groups, while operating outside of local government, generally complement the work Community Development can do with the limited federal funding and create positive momentum for more local tools to make *both* more affordable housing and housing more affordable.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

2020 was the first year of implementation of the affordable housing plan (HomeCOS) and 2021 will see continued movement. In order to facilitate the addition of new affordable housing units, the Division plans to carry out the following actions in 2021:

- Creation of an ADU Assistance Program for homeowners who want to build an ADU to rent to low-income residents. (Program was put on hold in 2020 due to COVID and various operational obstacles.)
- Allocate bond issuing fees to the creation of a fund to help local developers with soft costs, or expenses incurred before any grants or public financing kick in. This will help reduce barriers to developing affordable housing for small-scale, local organizations.
- Use CARES Act ESG funds to enable Community Health Partnership, our Continuum of Care administrator, to create a sustainable landlord incentive fund to help house individuals and families at the most risk of being denied housing from private landlords.
- Advocate for affordable housing-friendly land use policies by participating in the Planning Department's continuation of its code rewrite into 2021.
- Continue collaboration with the Economic Development Division on its Rapid Response review team for affordable housing developments.
- Facilitate development of new tiered fee structure to reduce development fees for affordable housing developers.
- Continued advocacy for affordable housing through public forums.
- Collaborate with state and local nonprofits to create multimedia tenant guides to housing quality standards, Fair Housing, reasonable accommodations, and renter education.
- Continue digital (and, when cleared by the CDC and public health guidelines, in-person)

workshops for renters on their rights and responsibilities.

- Work with our CHDOs and other housing subrecipients on affirmative marketing strategies.
- Prevent unjust evictions by supporting access to free legal counsel for low-income tenants by supporting Colorado Legal Services. Wrongful evictions disproportionately affect minorities, families with children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. By supporting this program for low-income residents with a wrongful eviction, we are affirmatively furthering fair housing goals and protecting vulnerable communities from barriers to fair housing.

Discussion:

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

In accordance with the goals and objectives outlined in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, CDD will undertake the other actions described below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

During this unprecedented year, like every other jurisdiction, the Community Development Division had to pivot to exclusively using digital tools for outreach and engagement. There were notable silver linings, such as increased accessibility and convenience for residents. Several of these tools will remain in use, even when public health guidelines are lifted. In 2021, we plan to continue using virtual meetings, which enabled 1) closed captioning for the hearing impaired, 2) instant translations in multiple languages, and 3) cell phone usability for residents whose primary connection to the internet is their cell phone.

CDD staff will continue to work with our City Communications Department on inclusive participatory practices, as well as will the Office of Accessibility on creating accessible documents.

This year, the Division will develop new relationships with other departments/organizations such as:

- Colorado Springs School District 11, the City's largest district serving majority low-income, minority students and families;
- City's Comprehensive Planning Division, by providing general fund and staff support on its 2021 health equity area plan for multiple low-income neighborhoods in Southeast Colorado Springs.
- Exponential Impact, a local business incubator, to assist microenterprises in underserved communities to create sustainable business practices and receive critical training and professional services.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Developing and maintaining an adequate supply of affordable housing is a high priority need in the community. Addressing substandard conditions in the existing affordable housing stock is critical to achieving this goal. Throughout 2019 and 2020, CDD worked extensively with local partners on an affordable housing plan addressing many of these concerns while mainly focusing on increasing housing stock for lower income households. That plan, HomeCOS, was released in spring 2020 and immediately moved into implementation.

In 2021, CDD plans to take the following actions:

- Administer housing rehabilitation programs for very-low and extremely-low income households that address the service life of key building components such as sewer and water lines, hot water heaters, furnaces, and electrical systems. Failure of these building systems is often costly and can

lead to housing instability.

- Fund emergency housing assistance programs to help households who lost income due to the pandemic stay housed.
- Advocate for flexible land use policies that allow for multiple housing types in as many areas of the city as possible.
- Monitor multifamily buildings whose affordability periods expire soon and pursue strategies to extend affordability and prevent displacement.
- Enter second year of the agreement with the Colorado Springs Housing Authority to further its Section 504 Transition Plan. The plan requires CSHA to carry out ADA modifications to units in its inventory, however, federal funding for this effort has been reduced each year.
- Continue issuance of Private Activity Bonds (PABs) for affordable housing financing.
- Increase collaboration with the City Planning Department to provide private developers with information intended to minimize involuntary displacement of low- to moderate-income households.
- Create program guidelines and implement HOME program for ADU construction assistance to homeowner who wish to rent their ADU to low-income residents.
- Provide funding for acquisition/rehabilitation projects to increase the number of affordable rental units.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The elimination of lead-based paint hazards in existing housing is an important part of CDD's strategy for addressing potential health conditions faced by at-risk low- to moderate-income families, particularly those with young children in target housing. All housing rehabilitation and affordable housing preservation projects include testing for lead-based paint and related hazard elimination activities when needed. In order to ensure compliance with HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule, a senior staff person with extensive construction experience and HUD/EPA training in the identification and elimination of lead-based paint hazards oversees this effort. The Division's goal is to increase the number of hazard-free, affordable housing units available in the community.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Our CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds will continue to target our most vulnerable households – seniors, disabled, and very-low income households – via the following programs in 2021:

- CDBG Public Services – Successful applicants for these funds will prioritize wraparound services and case management to help clients increase income and/or achieve housing stability.
- CDBG Affordable Housing – rehabilitate homes of low-income homeowners to improve health outcomes and prevent displacement; assist in rehabilitating public housing units for accessibility, increasing the number of public housing apartments for people with disabilities.
- CDBG Economic Development – assist very small businesses with training and professional

services to create and retain jobs in low-income neighborhoods.

- ESG – Successful applicants for Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, and Shelter Operations funds will prioritize wraparound services and case management to help clients increase income.
- HOME Affordable Housing – gap financing for development of multi-family rental projects serving very-low and extremely-low income households, and down-payment assistance for low-income households seeking opportunities for homeownership.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

CDD is continually building institutional structure by improving collaboration between City Departments, providing annual training opportunities for staff, building relationships in the community, and developing and offering technical assistance to its partner agencies in the community. In 2021, CDD plans to take the following actions:

- Participate in land use review related to affordable housing projects.
- Continue meeting and collaborating with the state's other ESG grantees to share best practices and problem solve.
- Develop impact studies to relate the economic and social impact of the projects CDD funds.
- Participate in internal City committees charged with budgeting for capital improvements and ADA compliance.
- Offer at least one HUD approved training opportunity for each CDD staff member.
- Offer more application workshops and technical assistance for subrecipient staff on compliance with HUD regulations and reporting requirements.
- Use monitoring as a means to engage subrecipients on improvements to program delivery, policy documents, and best practices.
- Create subrecipients resources on website.
- Continue cooperation between the Economic Development, Public Works, and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Departments.
- Create process for applicant organizations in need of emergency assistance outside of NOFA cycles.
- Participate in fair housing coordination.
- Explore Community Development Financial Institutions in the state and southwest region in preparation for increased economic opportunities for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period. While there are no CDFIs based in Colorado Springs, www.cdfi.org shows several serving the state. Assist Colorado Springs' only community development corporation (CDC), Solid Rock CDC, in building capacity to carry out major projects.
- Create fact sheets on local accomplishments for state and federal representatives

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social

service agencies

Community Development staff is very connected to the community it serves. A CDD staff member continues to serve as an ex officio board member of the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care. This representation ensures efficient use of resources to address high priority needs related to homelessness identified in the Consolidated Plan, while also educating CDD staff on the frontline needs of service providers.

CDD and the El Paso County Community Development Department will continue their quarterly meetings to review and coordinate the use of federal funds in the region.

CDD management continues to be the main contact for private housing developers for guidance on public financing and underwriting assistance.

CDD staff also remains active and participates in forums, panels, committees, and neighborhood meetings throughout the year to discuss grant funding, affordable housing, neighborhood needs, homelessness, infrastructure, etc. Examples of organizations we have collaborated with on such projects or events:

- Affordable Housing Collective
- Council of Neighbors and Organizations
- RISE (Resilient, Inspired, Strong and Engaged) Coalition
- Colorado Springs Pro-Housing Partnership
- Pikes Peak United Way
- Colorado Springs Urbanites
- Age Friendly Colorado Springs
- The Independence Center
- Mill Street Neighborhood Association
- Poor People's Campaign (Colorado Chapter)
- Colorado Housing Finance Authority

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Not applicable.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Introduction

The Colorado Springs single-family home market is experiencing rapid price increases. Between October, 2019 and October, 2020, the median sales price for a Single Family/Patio Home has increased more than 14.46% from \$335,000 to \$383,447 according to Pikes Peak Association of Realtors. In this price environment, the Community Development Division (CDD) is opting to include resale provisions in each homebuyer transaction carried out by its subrecipients. In Program Year 2021, CDD is funding two homebuyer programs, one through the Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust (RMCLT) and one through Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. Per the terms of the funding agreements executed with each subrecipient, resale provisions are included in each transaction to ensure that if the property is sold voluntarily or involuntarily prior to the end of the period of affordability it will remain affordable to a subsequent low- to moderate-income homebuyer. All homebuyer programs that CDD administers are eligible only to single-family residences that are owner-occupied by low- to moderate-income households. All homebuyers attend homebuyer counseling through RMCLT, the only HUD-approved homebuyer counselor in the region.

Resale Provision Summary

The following is a summary of key aspects of the resale provision as it applies to activities carried out in Program Year 2021:

- The owner must notify the subrecipient of their intent to sell the property;
- The owner must allow the subrecipient the choice of exercising a right of first refusal;
- The owner must provide the subrecipient with records substantiating eligible improvements made to the property during the owner's tenure;
- The owner must cooperate with the subrecipient to establish a maximum sales price for the property that is affordable to a prospective homebuyer making no more than 80% of the area median income;
- The owner must agree to sell the property to another low- to moderate-income homebuyer.

Modest Housing

In order to ensure that housing purchased with HOME funds is modest and non-luxury, the Community Development Division (CDD) is electing to use residential real estate data provided by the El Paso County Assessor to determine a maximum purchase price. CDD reviewed 1,691 residential sales transactions for October, 2020, representing all residential single-family sales for the Pikes Peak region. The median sales price recorded for all records = \$355,000 and 95% of the

median sales price = \$337,250. CDD will elect to use \$337,250 as an overall maximum purchase price for new and existing single family residences in PY2021. In general, as local market prices continue to rise on an annual basis, homebuyer programs will be required to dedicate additional subsidy to ensure sustainability and long-term affordability of ownership.

Data substantiating the calculation of the maximum purchase price is available on request.

In order to determine that properties considered for purchase by a HOME assisted buyer do not exceed the maximum purchase price, the Community Development Division directs its subrecipients to use one of two methods:

- Reference the El Paso County Assessor's website where an estimated market value of the home can be found;
- Reference an appraisal required by the primary lender for the transaction.

Fair Return on Investment

In order to ensure that the original HOME-assisted homebuyer receives a fair return on their investment at the time of the sale, subrecipients must follow Community Development Division guidelines for calculating the value of eligible improvements made to the property during the owner's tenure.

Examples of eligible home improvements include additions, new structures such as detached garages or wood decks, remodeled kitchens or bathrooms, flooring upgrades such as the replacement of carpet with wood flooring or tile, replacement of driveways and exterior walkways, installation of energy-efficient windows and doors, installation of wall, floor, or attic insulation, and replacement of permanently installed equipment such as furnaces or electrical panels.

Maintenance items are not considered eligible home improvements. Maintenance items include roof replacement, minor interior or exterior repairs, painting, yard work, or gutter replacement. Items completed as the result of an insurance claim are not considered eligible home improvements.

The Community Development Division provides subrecipients with an index derived from Pikes Peak Area Association of Realtors' data to calculate the value of eligible home improvements based on the percentage increase or decrease in the local housing market over a two-year period. For program year 2021, the index is calculated as follows:

Take the October, 2020 median home sales price of \$383,447 and subtract the October, 2018 median home sales price of \$305,000 for a total appreciation of \$78,447. Divide the total appreciation by the median home sales price in October, 2018, to arrive at a 25.72% appreciation rate from October, 2018 to October, 2020.

A table showing the calculation of the index is included below.

Fair Return Index - Pikes Peak Association of Realtors			
Year	Month	Median Sales Prices	Percent Change
2018	October	\$ 305,000	
2020	October	\$ 383,447	
		% Change 2018-20	25.72%
Source: https://ppar.com/Documents/stats/MarketTrends/Prices.jpg			

An example of the use of the index to calculate the homeowner’s fair return on investment is included in the following table:

Homebuyer's Fair Return on Investment		
Homebuyer's Down Payment	\$ 5,000.00	
Added Value of Work	\$ 10,000.00	Bathroom remodel
Total Homeowner Investment	\$ 15,000.00	
Fair Return on Investment (\$15,000 * 25.72%)	\$ 3,858.00	

Continued Affordability

As stated above in the introduction, per the terms of the funding agreements executed with each subrecipient, resale provisions are included in each transaction to ensure that if the property is sold voluntarily or involuntarily prior to the end of the period of affordability it will remain affordable to a subsequent low- to moderate-income homebuyer. For example, the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) is a restrictive covenant and recorded legal instrument that ensures that the property will be made available to a reasonable range of low- to moderate-income homebuyers. CDD requires that this agreement is included in every homebuyer transaction. Subrecipients explain these conditions to homebuyers prior to executing the LURA.

Currently, the target AMI for homebuyers in the programs range from 50%-70% AMI, where the historical average is 60% AMI. For example, a family of four earning 60% AMI has an annual income that is approximately \$50,000 per year. Using a Mortgage Income Calculator, this income level could result in the purchase of a \$250,000 home with \$50,000 down payment assistance (CDD & partner organization), with standard mortgage terms, current rates, and no more than 30 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes, and insurance.

While the abovementioned income tier and home price has been the average for 2019-2020, home purchase values (existing or newly constructed) for homebuyer programs in PY2021 will most likely range from low \$200,000’s to low \$300,000’s. These price points allow for a reasonable range of homebuyers that could span the 50% - 80% AMI income tiers.

Overall, the flexibility of CDD’s homebuyer programs are based on the ability to:

- Allocate a variable subsidy through underwriting, to be right-sized for an original sale or resale, and to ensure an affordable mortgage payment
- The ability to target various income/AMI tiers within the 50%-80% range

- Utilizing a local market survey to set a maximum HOME purchase value to consider a range of single-family properties

One question HUD asks CDD is, what happens when eligible improvements considerably raise the fair market value and resale price of the home? (For example, if the current owner is in the typical 50%-70% AMI income range.) The response includes the consideration of an applicant in the 70-80% AMI income tier, the ability to provide additional subsidy, and latitude of maximum purchase price provided from the local market survey. Further, as stated in the introduction, under program guidelines the owner must cooperate with the subrecipient to establish a sales price for the property that is affordable to a prospective low- to moderate-income homebuyer making no more than 80% of the area median income.

What does affordability look like at the highest range of the maximum purchase values? For households earning up to 80% AMI, and considering a \$330,000 home?

Based on a Mortgage Income Calculator, a \$330,000 home with \$80,000 down payment assistance (\$30k CDD & \$50k partner organization), with standard terms, current rates, and no more than 30 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes, and insurance; a household would need to earn between \$58,000 and \$65,000 to qualify for a conventional loan. These income ranges are consistent with the local HUD 2020 Income Limit maximums for a household size of 3-4 persons earning up to 80% Area Median Income (AMI) \$58,800 and \$65,300, respectively.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The Community Development Division (CDD) ensures that the partnering homebuyer organization and the individual homebuyers are required to comply with a designated period of affordability. Within the HOME Agreement that CDD executes with the homebuyer organization, an Affordability Requirement stipulation dictates the period of time that the housing units must remain affordable. The table below specifies the number of years based on the assistance received, either five, ten, or fifteen years. In the case of newly constructed housing, the default requirement is twenty years.

The HOME affordability period is similarly enforced through the homebuyer organization by a Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA), a restrictive covenant that is recorded with the Deed of Trust at the County Recorder’s Office. The LURA maintains its position as a restrictive covenant when the partnering homebuyer organization qualifies an eligible homebuyer household for the residence.

Homeownership assistance HOME amount per-unit	Minimum period of affordability in years
Under \$15,000	5
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10
Over \$40,000	15
New construction or acquisition of newly constructed housing	20

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Not applicable.

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**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include Written Standards for providing ESG assistance (see appendix)

If the Continuum of Care has established a centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The CoC established a centralized coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements. Currently, they operate a Coordinated Entry System for clients who meet the definition of literally homeless. The process is as follows:

- Client entry begins with the subrecipient service provider
 - Providers administer the Housing Survey (VI-SPDAT is the common assessment tool)
 - Survey data entered into HMIS and vulnerability score is generated
 - Case conferencing is scheduled weekly (if a housing resource is available)
 - Client lists pulled from HMIS based upon available housing resources (Different vulnerability scores are tied to different levels of housing resources. Housing resources are submitted by providers with the resource along with the eligibility for the specific resource.)
 - Client is matched with appropriate available resource
 - Client is located and further eligibility for available resource is verified by the subrecipient agency
 - If client remains eligible for resource, client referred to housing resource
2. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation is made available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations)

CDD consults with the PPCoC to determine priorities. In 2021, ESG will be allocated as follows:

- Emergency Shelter Operations: No more than 60% of the entitlement award will be allocated for emergency shelter operations. CDD continues to conduct an open and competitive process for funding. Respondents are currently being evaluated based on consistency with the Written Standards for ESG assistance, past performance, and planned outcomes.
- HMIS: HMIS funds will be directly allocated to Community Health Partnership, the HMIS administrator and sole source manager of the PPCoC HMIS, as designated by the PPCoC Governing

Board

- Rapid Rehousing/Homelessness Prevention: The balance of funds will be allocated for Rapid Rehousing and/or Homelessness Prevention activities. CDD will conduct an open and competitive process for funding. Respondents will be evaluated based on consistency with the Written Standards for ESG assistance and past performance. ESG subrecipients are required to coordinate with the Continuum of Care and to participate in HMIS.

3. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with individuals formerly or currently experiencing homelessness in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

CDD consults with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care when considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG. Staff from the PPCoC administrator organization will serve on the ESG application review committee.

4. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The Written Standards were adopted by the City and CoC in early 2017. The PPCoC has adopted their own Written Standards to include elements funded with CoC funds from HUD. The Division's priority has been to work with the CoC to monitor performance metrics and evaluate outcomes across all funding sources/agencies. The performance measures identified for all ESG subrecipients are:

1. Housing stability: How many households obtain and maintain permanent housing?
2. Income, both total and earned: How many households see a rise in income due to access to benefits and employment?
3. Shelter only: Number of clients in case management
4. Outreach only: Number of contacts between staff and unsheltered people
5. Outreach only: Number of shelter referrals



2021 Annual Action Plan

APPENDIX

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION, OR AN ORGANIZATION YOU KNOW OF, SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS?

- 1. Providing supportive services for special needs or low-income households*
- 2. Providing services to prevent homelessness, or providing assistance/street outreach to those who are homeless*
- 3. Assisting small businesses*
- 4. Increasing the supply of affordable housing*
- 5. Improving public facilities/infrastructure*



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Every year the Community Development Division receives \$5 million to partner with organizations to work towards achieving goals related to the list above. Head to [ColoradoSprings.gov/CommunityDevelopment](https://coloradosprings.gov/CommunityDevelopment) to take a quick survey and let us know how to best utilize these funds here in COS.

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My commission expires March 30, 2022.



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STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20184014369
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 30, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ACTION BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS ON THE 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The public is invited to participate in a free public meeting to share their views on affordable housing and community development needs in the City of Colorado Springs. Public input will be used to inform the City's 2021 Annual Action Plan for the use of federal block grant funds received annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding sources include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This is a virtual meeting accessible with any current internet browser, using Microsoft Teams, and will not require downloading an app or software.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Colorado Springs Community Development Division (CDD) will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views:

Wed, Dec 2 @ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
LIVE virtual meeting online.
Enter this URL into your web browser to attend: <https://tinyurl.com/COSAction21>
Captions will be available in English, Spanish and Korean. For more information, go to www.coloradosprings.gov/community-development.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the City of Colorado Springs will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service to participate in this hearing should make the request as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. Citizens who are deaf or hard of hearing may dial 711 or Relay Colorado at 800-659-2656 (voice) or 800-659-2656 (TTY).

Please contact (719) 385-5912 or CommunityDevelopment@colorado-springs.gov for more information.
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS ON THE 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public is invited to provide comment and input on the proposed strategies, projects and activities for the 2021 program year using federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

City of Colorado Springs Community Development Division (CDD) will conduct a virtual public hearing on January 20, 2021 from 6-7:00 p.m. on proposed actions regarding the 2021 Annual Action Plan for the use of federal block grant funds received annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The draft 2021 Action Plan will be available for public review and comment from January 4, 2021 to February 3, 2021 on the City's website at <https://coloradosprings.gov/community-development>.

Wed., Jan. 20 @ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
LIVE virtual meeting online and by telephone.
There are two ways to attend. 1) Enter this URL into your web browser: <https://tinyurl.com/COSAction21-draft> or 2) call this number (720) 617-3426 and use Conference ID: 904 910 936#

The online meeting includes captions available in English, Spanish (Spain), Korean, French, Vietnamese, and Chinese (Traditional) on some devices. For more information, go to www.coloradosprings.gov/community-development.

Due to COVID restrictions, and in order to comply with Amended Public Health Order 20-36, paper copies of the draft 2021 Annual Action Plan will be provided upon request and by appointment only. Email CommunityDevelopment@coloradosprings.gov or call (719) 388-5912 to request a copy.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the draft 2021 Action Plan to the City of Colorado Springs, Community Development Division, or contact (719) 388-5912 or CommunityDevelopment@coloradosprings.gov. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing. All comments received on or before February 3, 2021 will be considered by the City of Colorado Springs Community Development Division.

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Key Dates


 **Dec. 2, 2020 Annual Action Plan LIVE Event**

 **Monday, January 4-Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

30 day public comment period. Watch the Community Development website for a copy of the draft 2021 Annual Action Plan draft.

 **January 20, 2021 – Virtual public meetings to review draft plan**

 **Monday, January 25, 2021 – Introduce resolution to approve draft plan at the City Council work session**

 **Tuesday, February 9, 2021 - Final vote by City Council to approve draft plan**

Residents invited to share views on affordable housing, community development priorities

 In Progress

Annual Action Plan LIVE Event

Dec. 2, 2020 6–7 p.m.

Attendance is free and requires an internet connection with a current web browser. The meeting will include closed captions in English, Spanish and Korean. To request another interpreter for the meeting, please call (719) 385-6876 or email communitydevelopment@coloradosprings.gov at least 48 hours before the start time. Interpreters are provided by request at no cost to the requestor.*

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Survey

You can take the survey online or **text 719-838-5204** with your answer to the question *What would you do with \$5 million to help your community?*

The survey will be open through December 4, 2020.

What would you do with \$5 million to help your community?

The Community Development Division needs to prioritize how to spend approximately \$5 million to support affordable housing, homelessness prevention, economic development, non-profit assistance and neighborhood improvements for low-income populations. The City receives this money through a federal block grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The City receives approximately \$5 million per year to support affordable housing, homelessness prevention, economic development, non-profit assistance and neighborhood improvements for low-income populations. To help ensure the Annual Action Plan is responsive to the needs of our community the public is invited to:

- Learn how this funding impacts our community
- Share views on community needs and priorities
- Share how the pandemic has affected residents

You can help us prioritize how these funds will be used by telling us how you would use \$5 million to help your community. There are two ways to participate. You can give us your feedback by attending our virtual meeting or completing a short survey.

While the 2021 total grant amount has yet to be determined, the City is planning for the strategic investment of these funds for high-poverty neighborhoods and vulnerable populations. These funds come through three programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program.

The City's Community Development Division manages these funds and awards them to local agencies and non-profits. The Community Development staff invites the public to learn about the impact of the funds as well as share their views on affordable housing and community development priorities to help ensure the Annual Action Plan is responsive to the needs of our community. The City also wants to hear how residents' needs and priorities may have changed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Annual Action Plan

The Annual Action Plan identifies the priorities for use of HUD funds. The current Action Plan can be viewed here: <https://coloradosprings.gov/community-development/page/community-development-action-plan>.

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Plan de acción anual 2021

Proceso público

La División de Desarrollo Comunitario está desarrollando el Plan de Acción Anual 2021 (AAP) para orientar las prioridades de desarrollo comunitario y de vivienda asequible para el próximo año del programa.

La ciudad recibe aproximadamente \$ 5 millones en fondos federales por año para apoyar viviendas asequibles, prevención de la falta de vivienda, desarrollo económico, asistencia sin fines de lucro y mejoras en los vecindarios para poblaciones de bajos ingresos.

La División de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad administra la asignación de estos fondos e invita al público a compartir sus puntos de vista sobre viviendas asequibles y desarrollo comunitario para ayudar a garantizar que el Plan de Acción Anual responda a las necesidades de nuestra comunidad.

Para ayudar a garantizar que el Plan de acción anual responda a las necesidades de nuestra comunidad, se invita al público a:

- Conozca cómo esta financiación afecta a nuestra comunidad
- Comparta opiniones sobre las necesidades y prioridades de la comunidad
- Comparta cómo la pandemia ha afectado a los residentes

Si bien el monto total de la subvención para 2021 aún no se ha determinado, la Ciudad está planificando la inversión estratégica de estos fondos para vecindarios de alta pobreza y poblaciones vulnerables. Estos fondos provienen de tres programas: el programa de subvenciones en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario (CDBG), el programa de asociaciones de inversión HOME (HOME) y el programa de subvenciones para soluciones de emergencia (ESG).

Próximo "

Contacto

Departamento: Desarrollo comunitario

Fechas clave

2 de diciembre de 2020 Evento EN VIVO del Plan de Acción Anual

- Ver video de la reunión
- Ver diapositivas de presentación
- Ver transcripción de preguntas y respuestas

Lunes 4 de enero-miércoles 3 de febrero de 2021

Período de 30 días para comentarios públicos. Vea el sitio web de Desarrollo Comunitario para obtener una copia del borrador del Plan de Acción Anual 2021.

20 de enero de 2021: reuniones públicas virtuales para revisar el borrador del plan

Habrán dos reuniones públicas.

- Miércoles, 20 de enero, 1 - 2 pm
- Miércoles, 20 de enero, 6 - 7 pm

Como participar

Lunes 25 de enero de 2021 - Presentar una resolución para aprobar el borrador del plan en la sesión de trabajo del Ayuntamiento

Martes 9 de febrero de 2021 - Votación final del Ayuntamiento para aprobar el borrador del plan

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Opportunity for Public Input

The City of Colorado Springs Community Development Division is seeking public input before drafting our annual plan for allocating funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We want to hear from you!

The 2021 Annual Action Plan describes priorities for allocating federal funds for affordable housing, homelessness prevention, economic development, non-profit assistance and neighborhood improvements for low-income populations. Funding programs include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).



PUBLIC MEETING:

Wednesday, December 2 @ 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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Total Recipients:	253
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Recipients Who Opened:	54 (21.9%)
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http://www.twitter.com	6	2
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http://twitter.com/intent/twee	2	1

Email Campaign Report

Title: Seeking public comment on our 2021 Annual Action Plan Draft #2
Subject Line: This Week: How to spend \$5 million in your community?
Delivery Date/Time: Mon, Nov 30, 2020 6:17 pm

Overall Stats

Total Recipients:	253
Successful Deliveries:	248
Bounces:	5 (2.0%)
Times Forwarded:	0
Forwarded Opens:	0
Recipients Who Opened:	48 (19.4%)
Total Opens:	124
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Total Unsubs:	1
Total Abuse Complaints:	0
Times Liked on Facebook:	0

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Delivery Date/Time: Mon, Dec 7, 2020 1:03 pm

Overall Stats

Total Recipients:	151
Successful Deliveries:	142
Bounces:	9 (6.0%)
Times Forwarded:	0
Forwarded Opens:	0
Recipients Who Opened:	45 (31.7%)
Total Opens:	93
Last Open Date:	12/29/20 9:36AM
Recipients Who Clicked:	4 (2.8%)
Total Clicks:	5
Last Click Date:	12/8/20 9:26AM
Total Unsubs:	1
Total Abuse Complaints:	0
Times Liked on Facebook:	0

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Catholic Charities of Central Colorado is an example of the many Colorado Springs nonprofits that provide valuable services to our community in-part through City-directed federal grants. <https://www.koaa.com/.../over-500-families-kept-from...>
Help us prioritize where we can best spend our federal dollars to support affordable housing, homelessness prevention, economic development, non-profit assistance and neighborhood improvements for low-income populations. We are asking residents to help us prioritize approximately \$5 million in city-directed federal grant monies to help local non-profits better serve our community.

Please join us Weds, Dec. 2 to learn and provide input on our 2021 Action Plan.

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- Share views on community needs and priorities
- Share how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected you

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Miguel Turner
It's a good thing, don't get me wrong. But the fact that the downtrodden have to rely on the generosity of people to not have to sleep out in the cold snow instead of the city doing something about it is a shame. I think if the City Council and Mayor c... See More
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Starla Carey
I recently moved here and am surprised at the poor condition of the roads. There are deep pot holes on major road ways and huge gaps in the roads especially in some of the neighborhoods. It feels like I am driving on a train track. These are the wor... See More
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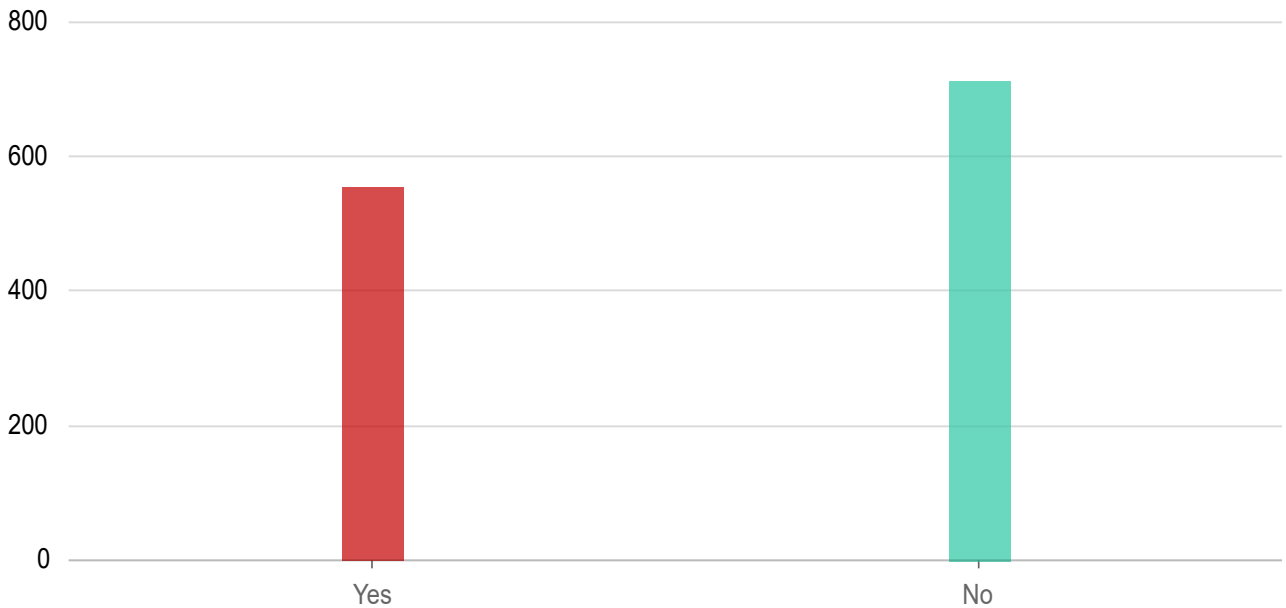
Community Development 2021 Planning Survey

What would you do with \$5,000,000 to improve your community?



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Have you, or has anyone in your household experienced a loss of employment income since March 13,...

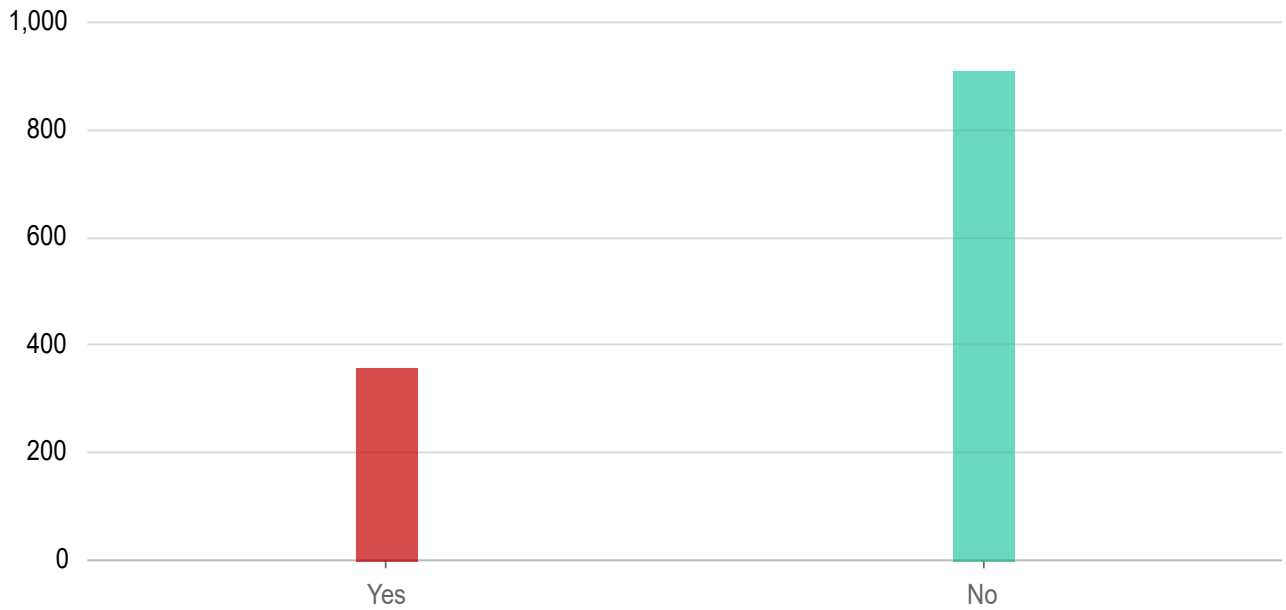


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Yes	556	43.54%
No	714	55.91%

Answered: 1,270 Skipped: 7

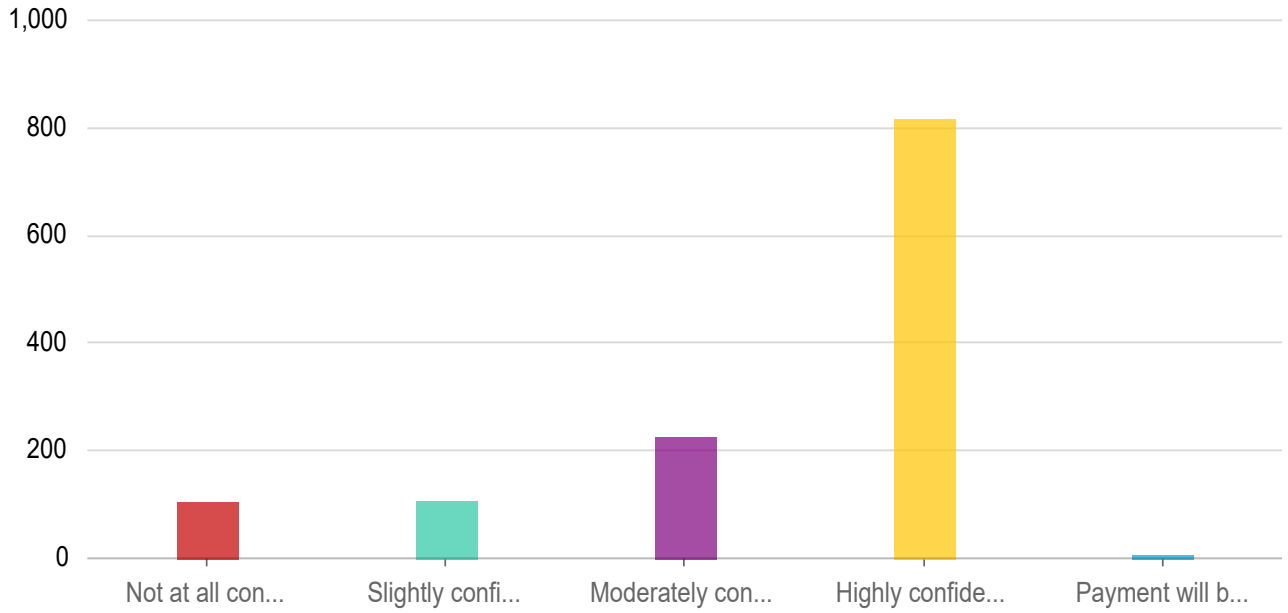
Do you expect that you or anyone in your household will experience a loss of employment income in t...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	359	28.11%
No	911	71.34%

Answered: 1,270 Skipped: 7

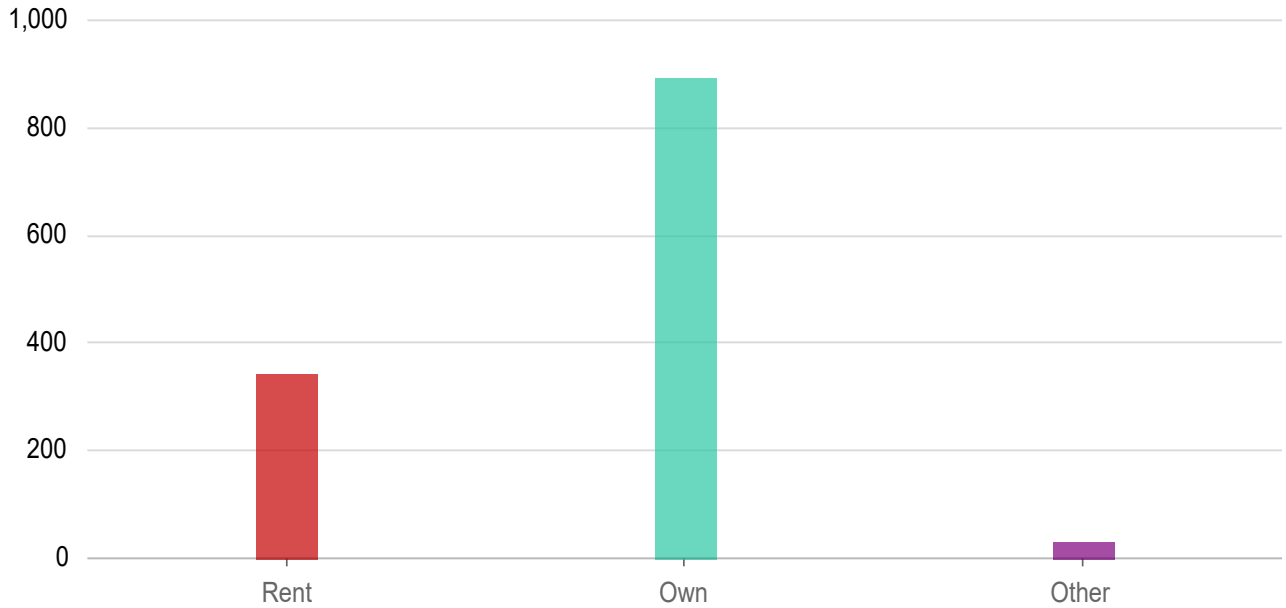
How confident are you that your household will be able to pay your next rent or mortgage payment on ...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not at all confident	106	8.3%
Slightly confident	108	8.46%
Moderately confident	227	17.78%
Highly confident	818	64.06%
Payment will be deferred	8	0.63%

Answered: 1,267 Skipped: 10

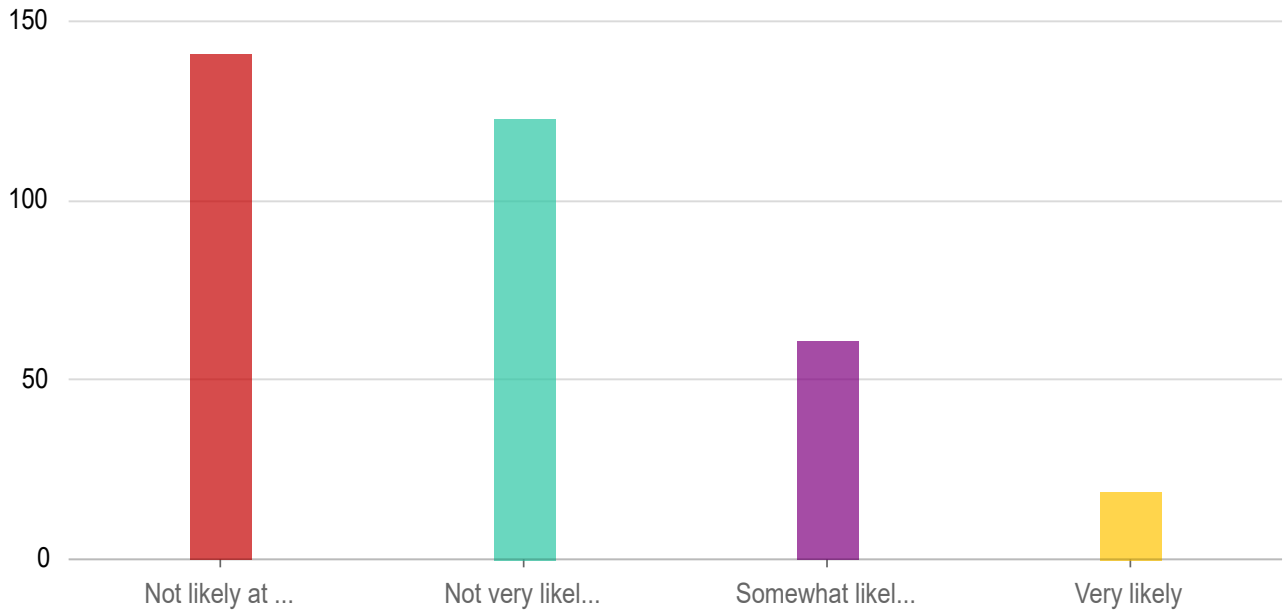
Do you rent or own your home?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rent	344	26.94%
Own	895	70.09%
Other	32	2.51%

Answered: 1,271 Skipped: 6

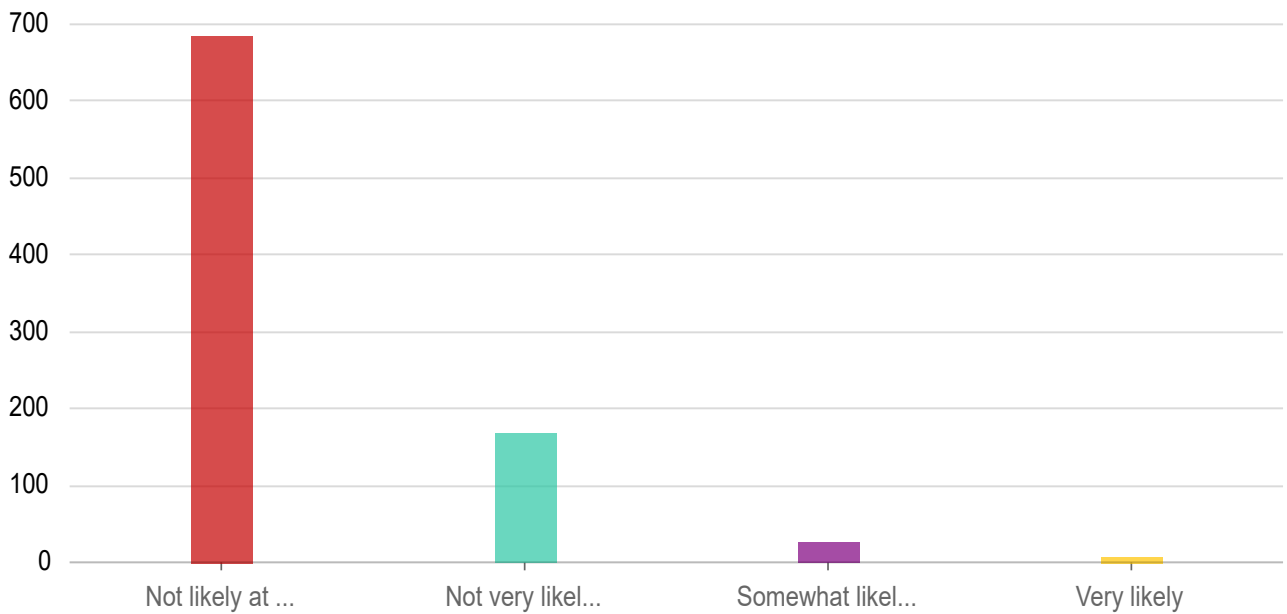
How likely is it that your household will have to leave this home or apartment within the next two mont...



Not likely at all	141	11.04%
Not very likely	123	9.63%
Somewhat likely	61	4.78%
Very likely	19	1.49%

Answered: 344 Skipped: 933

How likely is it that your household will have to leave this home or apartment within the next two mont...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not likely at all	686	53.72%
Not very likely	169	13.23%
Somewhat likely	27	2.11%
Very likely	8	0.63%

Answered: 890 Skipped: 387

Community Development 2021 Planning Survey

Question #1 preliminary analysis

This 5-question survey accepted responses online and via text Nov. 20 – Dec. 11, 2020.

We received 1,277 total survey respondents. 91% of respondents answered Question 1 and “How would you spend \$5 million to help your community?” Below is an analysis of the broad themes in answers.

Other	25.7%
Homeless	22.7%
Housing	21.3%
Jobs/Businesses	19.6%
"Fix the roads!"	13.8%
Subsistence payments	13.5%
Parks/Open space	13.5%
Police/First responders	10.3%
Kids/Schools	9.8%
Health	7.4%
Food	6.0%
"Give it back"	3.1%
Seniors	0.6%

2021 Action Plan Survey Question 1: What would you do with \$5,000,000 to improve your community?

Number	What would you do with \$5,000,000 to improve your community?
1	Affordable housing
2	Invest money in real, long term, quality and affordable mental health care. We need an effective long term residential treatment facility that people can afford to access with Medicaid and other insurance. We also need effective transitional and permanent supportive housing for people with intellectual and physical disabilities, mental health diagnoses, those leaving incarceration, victims of domestic violence, etc. This needs to include all ages, family and marriage statuses, and racial demographics, not just focus on narrow populations.
3	Use \$1,000,000 for housing for the homeless - small motel or apartment type housing, with requirements that the occupants do some sort of work in exchange if physically able. Cooking facilities should either be in each unit or in a community kitchen in the same facility. A food allowance would be included or a pantry of sorts would be available. Drunkenness would not be allowed and would be a cause for expulsion from the program. With enough of these units available, all homeless should be required to use them. Major road work should be completed. There are still a number of streets that have more potholes than smooth areas. That would take a considerable amount of the remainder.
4	Create incentives for affordable housing for landlords and developers; allowing the Creative Class (Richard Florida) and seniors and low-wage workers to live comfortably here. Also, dedicate moneys for eviction prevention - when the moratoria are over, many people will be vulnerable to being evicted and once evicted, people are locked out of the housing market, which could create a surge in homelessness. (Matthew Desmond). Finally, continue the philosophical commitment and begin to invest in the housing-first model to tamp down on unnecessary emergency service/criminal justice expenditures. (Penny foolish, pound wise).
5	I would provide a small amount of this money, say \$2,000, to The Springs Echo, a street paper designed to provide opportunities for street vendors to make a small amount of money to improve their living conditions. contact@thespringsecho.com
6	I would use it to prevent homelessness by funding those organization that provide rent assistance. I would also use it for treatment of addiction.
7	Work towards more affordable housing, help out the schools so that more kids are able to engage in their education.
8	Donate to organizations that help the homeless, donate to the Pikes Peak Humane Society and other animal rescues. Invest in programs to help people out of poverty.
9	Establish a limited bed short-term residential medical facility for the homeless, through a trust fund and grant writing. A care facility that bridges from the onset of homeless to placement in a skilled nursing or Hospice environment. Perhaps a 10 to 15 bed assisted living type facility.

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	<p>I would prioritize pending these funds balancing prevention and support for our most vulnerable populations.</p> <p>1) Developing green space infrastructure and parks in low-income communities (encouraging mental and physical health of children, youth, and families) where development neglected to include inviting, safe, and sufficient outdoor recreation spaces.</p> <p>2) Supporting the Housing First model that's already in place in our community, with an eye toward increasing the available stock of affordable housing (could the City provide incentives or vouchers for landlords or developers?).</p> <p>3) Recognize that the only general fund dollars currently applied toward any homelessness-related effort are going to the shelters. Invest in upstream solutions to provide greater stabilization to people living on the margins.</p> <p>4) Increase mental health services and programs for marginalized communities.</p> <p>10 5) Increase addiction treatment centers and options for drug treatment for marginalized communities.</p>
11	I would invest in groups that provide services to people who are homeless to help them get out of homelessness.
12	return the money to taxpayers - and stop wasting money that families need
13	Park and trail improvement
14	Connect streets, Economic Development, invest in Mission Trace hub for retail and community services and gatherings
15	Housing, housing, housing. Not Affordable, just affordable. To inject some supply in the market and bring prices down.
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17	<p>Given the pandemic and economic fallout, use it for emergency rent/mortgage/utility payments for low and moderate income households in serious need. Since the feds aren't doing much to help, and a lot of our residents are probably really struggling, it would be good for the city (and state) to step in and help. Longer term after the current crisis, it would be good if the city used funds (5 mil a year or whatever we can make available) to help low and moderate income homebuyers get into moderately priced housing they can afford. Plus use funds to improve such neighborhoods with better infrastructure, parks and neighborhood services.</p>
18	Road, highway, and intersection improvements
19	<p>Improve low income housing options, improve senior assisted living facilities.</p> <p>Offer more convenient services with easier access to help people who are in need. Along with making services easier to obtain for everyone who needs it not just certain groups of people. It is hard for some people to ask for help and all the hoops people have to go through makes it even harder for some people to ask let alone obtain the help they need.</p>
20	Make the older areas look like the new ones with the side walks and tree's.

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21	<p>Provide better shelter, sanitary stations for widespread homeless and those living in vehicles.</p> <p>Provide teen outreach on depression and anxiety.</p> <p>Get chamber of commerce to set up a small business sellers platform to sell goods online. Get businesses involved that do not have membership in the chamber to also be able to sell on a single site platform. Set it up as a 'mini amazon' with delivery and pickup availability.</p> <p>Help seniors to stay in their home with rent, food and utility assistance that isn't intimidating or only online to apply for the assistance. Additionally, add a reach out program to help with their mental health, medical appointments and prescription services to insulate against exposure to covid and flu.</p>
22	Update all the roads and bridges. Better maintain parks and city trees.
23	Food for those affected by covid-19.
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25	<p>Use the money to help businesses and families that lost their jobs because of the shutdowns. Help struggling businesses, help reopen businesses that had to close permanently. Help pay legal fees for businesses fighting to stay open.</p> <p>Fix the roads!</p> <p>Fix timing on traffic lights.</p>
26	invest in training and education for unemployed or under employed adults
27	Support affordable housing, economic development for low class income residents, non-profit assistance that helps education for job training or creation and neighborhood improvements for low-income populations.
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29	Give it back to the taxpayers.
30	Bum Removal and expand the Jail and police to remove and house the Bums, Potheads, Dopers and vagrants that are destroying our community.
31	There needs to be a way to find a solution for all the homeless. You can not continue enabling them and get results. They need to be placed where they can be evaluated for possible ways to help them. The ones who can not be helped must be placed in a work camp where they can live an organized life style and help pay their way. This is a public health and safety issue.
32	Small business grants
33	Give it back to the taxpayers
34	I would do a DEEP study of the homeless population and seek real solutions to this issue--not just increasing the number of shelter beds. I would actively seek to build or acquire lower cost housing.
35	Give it back to the people!
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37	I would spend it on helping fixing some of the older neighborhood

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38	I would give every homeless person I could find a deposit on an apartment or a house. If they chose neither, I would give them at least as much (approx \$1500) in funds of their choosing.
39	I'd fund the urban trail system . . . complete Sand Creek, south end of Shook's to the Greenway, Rock Island connector to the Greenway. We could become a cycling destination with major organized events during SpringsSpree. Multiple loops for families and more serious riders--Greenway/Shook's loop for families; Greenway/Cottonwood/Woodmen/Sand Creek for a full "Ring the Springs"; medium loops for seniors, Greenway/Cottonwood/Woodmen/Sand Creek/Rock Island; southern medium loop with Greenway/Rock Island/Sand Creek back to the Greenway. We have the real estate and the basic layout--let's bring it up to Denver standards and become a national recreational cycling destination with multiple urban trail loops for all ages and skill levels.
40	Give it back to the taxpayers in refunds
41	I would take the opportunity for COS to get truly forward thinking and visionary and plan with this question in mind: How can COS be a home to thriving people in a thriving place, while respecting the well being of all people and the health of the whole planet? Let's become a part of the Thriving Cities Initiative and look at systemic improvements. https://www.kateraworth.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20200406-AMS-portrait-EN-Single-page-web-420x210mm.pdf
42	Help the businesses that are about to go under because of this covid problem.
43	Invest into small businesses to keep them running and also look for ways to help with attainable/affordable housing
44	Ventilation and HVAC upgrades for small businesses to allow them to operate instead of shutting down. https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiEjJWf4q3tAhUjEFkFHdyOCQMqwqsBMAB6BAgFEAM&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D-jmzEQtGRXQ&usg=AOvVaw243e7WM1Jb8psIxMIGobM7
45	I would spend the money on trash clean up. Our city is absolutely full of trash everywhere.
46	Apply it to the forestry division, without maintaining the cities trees, we will lose this resource.
47	Fix the roads!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
48	Reducing homelessness
49	Homelessness is a real problem within the city. I hope the money is use for housing the homeless.
50	This money should benefit the community as a whole not individuals.
51	Do whatever needs to be done to ensure schools remain open. It frankly disgusts me the restaurants were kept open while schools shut their doors. I understand that there are no easy choices in a pandemic but I feel the negative impact on children will be damaging to the economy for an entire generation.
52	Put more affordable housing up north!
53	We relocated to Colorado this summer but one thing I truly miss from New York is our public libraries. Check out this one in my hometown. It would be incredible to have here libraries like this one for children of all ages. https://www.mcplibrary.org/children/nature-explorium/
54	Help small businesses stay open while they have take. away for them to survive
55	definitely upgrade parks especially older parks such as old farm no upgrades since built

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56	I would come up with an end to the extreme homelessness in the Springs, so all can enjoy trails,parks and downtown again.
57	Make housing more affordable, more parks and open spaces, reinvest in community
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59	Add a dog park on the northwest side of the city and allocate the rest to help small businesses and non-profits suffering from decreased donations
60	Fix up the parks! Schools Few extra speed bump areas on vindicator
61	Focus on affordable housing communities for families, and seniors. I would also improve the public transportation system. It is ridiculous that a city of our size has a minimal public transportation system that runs few routes, and not 24 hrs a day.
62	Supplement rents for everyday working people because housing is way more costly here.Wages need do be double min.wage to afford an apartment on your own.This brings multiple roommates sharing properties and expenses.Crime could be reduced because people wouldn't be putting up with bad roommates if rent is made to be more affordable for employed people.Our adult children live in the basement due to unaffordable housing options
63	Early intervention and other services for individuals with disabilities.
64	Many of the small neighborhood parks in the city lack any kind of playground etc. for the kids. Franklin park on Dale ST is a good example. The kids from nearby homes and apartments complexes play in the trees and sand in the volleyball court. In this age of video games, we should be doing everything we can to encourage kids to be outside. The city spends a lot of money on parks in those parts of town where people with higher incomes live, it's time to do the same for the neighborhood parks in the economically challenged parts of the city.
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66	Enable better fire hydrant (updated and restore). Add more housing design to help disable people live independently . Provide more centers for youth to play and meet outdoors. Add more street "night lights" in neighborhoods. More "urgent care" center near neighborhoods. A UPDATED NEW SENIOR CENTER, the one on Hancock is very dated ! Let the YMCA take part in design.
67	Definitely more low-cost housing is needed to assist the homeless living on the streets.
68	LAW ENFORCEMENT
69	I believe these funds should be used to help the small businesses here in Old Colorado City, Manitou Springs, and downtown Colorado Springs. This year has negatively impacted their business and many may not be able to reopen after this most recent shutdown. If there is any way to allot funds to help them restock their kitchens or other inventory that would be immensely useful and would lighten the burden.
70	Rental assistance

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71	I would invest in programs to create housing to help people transition out of homelessness, provide job training to them, and mental health assistance. The homeless population in the Springs has exploded, and something needs to be done that creates a real solution, not a band-aid. Housing, jobs, food assistance, and mental health as well as physical health treatment will start to turn this around.
72	Distribute it to your citizens to help with covid effects.
73	More transitional housing like that at Springs rescue. More tax incentives to rebuild rundown areas. Incentives for builders to tear down old buildings in parts of COS that need to be restored and create attractive affordable housing that residents can be proud of. Clean up medians and parkways, to create an attractive atmosphere that is congruent throughout the city. Create a volunteer committee to develop a sustainable, low cost, long term solution to house the permanently homeless within the community. Use the funds to compensate home buyers with a tax incentives in neglected neighborhoods to flip homes. Buyers can choose to keep, rent or sell the rehabbed property and still qualify for the incentive. FIX ACADEMY BLVD. ok, that will take more than 5mil. But one could dream. More neighborhood skate parks for kids in newer areas of town, all the parks are in old areas where kids are grown and gone.
74	Would have kept the Wish House open at ESM. Would definitely figure out a way to help the homeless in our city.
75	Road repairs
76	Fix up Shooks Run Park. Adding a dog park on the Westside of the park makes sense. I know the demand is there.
77	Homelessness and roads
78	I have lived in Colorado Springs my whole life. As I continue to enjoy what the city has to offer, I am more aware than ever to a growing problem. The amount of pollution is appalling. I preposterously a cleaning initiative. With covid around it makes sense to think of how to provide jobs where people can be outside and social distance. A renewed focus on this can help showcase we care about our city to those who come from all over to visit. Let's get this land back to being as beautiful as it should be. Another thing would be improving goose Gossage skate park and dirt jumps. A lot of people enjoy what it has to offer and it could use some modernization/updates.
79	Bike lanes and care for parks and open spaces. Fixing roads. Improving schools.
80	Provide low cost broadband access.
81	Give it to citizens in payment form.
82	Subsidies for landlords to pay for delinquent tenants to reduce evictions.
83	Give the money to our emergency people Police, fire department, Ambulances
84	Incentivized builders to build low cost new homes
85	Fix the roads
86	On giving back to small businesses
87	Hire more cops to help crack down with the transient crime. I'm sick of my property getting stolen / broken into.
88	Urban renewal along streets like Nevada, S. 8th street, Filmore, S. Academy, S. Union, etc.

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89	I would have it put towards parks and recreation. Too many people are not cleaning up trash and dog poop and we have such beautiful trails and an outdoor community. Especially during COVID it's safer to be outside on trails than in restaurants. Also if you put it towards parks and rec you can create more jobs and hire full time maintenance workers to help keep our trails maintained. Bear Creek Regional trail systems need dog poop trash cans because there are none and everyone on the neighborhood app complains-it's pretty gross
90	Focus on mental health issues within community. Support programs focused Youth suicide prevention and bullying.
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92	Allocate a percentage to offer assistance to residents that qualify at or below the poverty income line. Allocate a percentage to improve homelessness, such as additional funding for rehabilitation programs for those currently living on the streets. To be provided temporary housing and counseling til placed in some form of employment. Allocate a percentage to city cleanup for lower income neighborhoods.
93	Get kids back in school
94	Clean up the south end of town because the wild land attracts and encourages the homeless. I would also fix the roads and continue the decorative walls by the freeway in that direction.
95	
96	Help open more small business Help the home less Help our local vets Give small loans to those in need
97	I would use it towards helping local, small businesses and artists stay afloat. These would NOT be franchises but small businesses.
98	Help service and hospitality employees that have been forced to loose work multiple times this year.
99	I would give it to people who who are close to being evicted people making sure families with children and others will have a roof over their head I would give it to people who are hungry I give some money to food pantries when I say food pantries meaning food kitchens for the homeless I would give some to the schools so that children in elementary school at least can have teachers in person I would give man and woman who have had felonies to see. they are able to get a job and would not have to stand on the street to be begging that is what I would do with the 5 million dollars give to homeless opportunity to be put into hotels or motels for the little while but they can take showers and get treated if they have covid
100	Clean trash due to the homeless. Provide more funding to CSPD so more officers can be hired in order to deal with the increasing crime. PLEASE DO NOT SPEND THE MONEY ON THE HOMELESS; PROVIDE MONEY TO INDIVIDUALS OR TO HOUSEHOLDS IF JOB LOSSES DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS CAN BE 100% VERIFIED.
101	Fix the roads
102	Transportation system like a front runner to Denver, increase police force to drive crime down, increase teacher pay, revitalize areas
103	Fix the homeless problem
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105	Help local businesses as well as people
106	Fire mitigation
107	I'm sure we need to replace more curbs that are already just fine in our community
108	I would invest into schools as the kids of Colorado Springs are the future of Colorado .

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109	Give to small businesses and restaurants
110	Affordable housing.
111	Put the money toward affordable housing.
112	A Colorado Springs Botanic Garden would be my dream, with programs to help promote healthy and sustainable gardening practices...maybe at Garden of the Gods, or near downtown
113	Fix the curbs that have deteriorated over the past 40 years, especially those in the Smartt subdivision area north of Palmer Park Blvd.
114	Compensate families that have been impacted by loss of employment due to Covid 19. Housing, food, utilities.
115	Tiny home community for homeless to transition to wellbeing and productive members of society
116	Spend it all on parks and recreation that is free to the public. During covid it has been the only reprieve for families. Spend it on clean up and new ideas that highlight the beauty of Colorado and make it accessible to everyone.
117	1. Transportation infrastructure (e.g., road maintenance)
118	2. Property tax relief for small businesses forced to close due to COVID
119	Repair roads and streets and fund more police.
120	Improve Marksheffel to be at least equivalent to Peterson, if not Barnes between Powers and Marksheffel.
121	Municipal broadband. More open space. Loans/grants for homeowners willing to renovate older homes
122	Potholes and Parks and housing for the homeless
123	I think Restaurants (not chains) should get money. Places like Señor Manuel's Mexican Restaurant. They've been in business here since the early 1970's with fourth generation family members working there now. It would be a big loss if they and other restaurants are forced to close due to Covid shutdowns.
124	It should go to shelters and affordable housing.
125	Support small businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID restrictions.
126	Fix the roads!!!
127	I believe that investments in infrastructure would provide the most substantial benefit. Investments in roads, bridges, airports, etc provide good paying jobs and more long term economic benefit.
128	Homeless shelter expansion
129	I would put it towards affordable housing and the environment
130	Help small businesses, fund programs for domestic violence, fund public health
131	Give back to schools/educators- colorado has some of the lowest paid teachers in the nation Also homeless/drug rehab to work programs that actually teach applicable skills and graduates \$1500 to get a place and get started in life
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133	Street maintenance. Do not use it for homelessness.
134	Help others
135	more low income housing

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136	Affordable housing for families in a decent area. Help those that lost their job during the pandemic as their unemployment is ending at the end of month and job market isn't good making it hard to find a job. Help small businesses
137	I moved to Colorado Springs a few months ago. With it being 3rd best place to live we thought it would be great, that being said city staff should use the money to hire more code enforcement officers , clean up all city owned areas and weeds, sidewalks and show police presence in the South East side(yes I made the mistake to buy a home here, no I didn't know I was buying in the rough neighborhood.) We made an offer the first time we seen our home and never did our due diligence because of the 3rd beat place to live, with Colorado Springs boasting about being great I just wish I expected more. We live on Chickhollow in Spring Creek and we are trying to see if it gets better before listing our house for sale. As a young family, I would not suggest moveing to Colorado Springs, from an outsider looking in, I see a lack of care for this side of the city and that to me has BEWARE all over it. Bottom line, city should use that 5M to maintain what has been neglected for too long.
138	Right now, helping to ensure people can pay their living expenses if they lost their job or cannot operate their business at a profitable rate due to covid restrictions, As well as making sure children that are distance learning have access to the internet and cheap tablets to do their work on.
139	Stimulus package for residents inside city limits
140	Capital improvements for ALL of the citizens.
141	I'd help families with rent or other housing costs. I'd fix public roads to make them better and safer for the CO Springs community. I'd help provide meals for people struggling to put food on their plates. I'd help struggling businesses that are finding it hard to stay open due to Covid-19. I'd help the homeless people in our community find shelter during the cold months. I'd give some money to schools to help them adapt to the learning environment of Covid-19 and help them have the funds to continue to educate the children of CO Springs. I'd also help any struggling businesses and restaurants in any way financially possible.
142	SouthEast Colorado Springs needs some nice landscaping done or trees added to the large patches of grass that there are on this side of town. We also need WORKING STREET LIGHTS. This side of town is very dark at night and while driving around I've noticed that a large option of street lights aren't working or aren't on. A lot of crimes happen under these circumstances so a brighter city at nighttime would be an amazing help for the community. The Southern part of Fountain creek also needs to be DEEP cleaned. It smells like cleaning products and has so much trash from cups to toilets to shopping carts that it looks hideous. There's a huge section of the creek by Ventetucci that has CEMENT CYLINDERS piled up on the creek and it makes the city look ugly when in reality its beautiful.
143	The housing situation is absolutely a big issue for renters, owners (and the homeless) in Colorado Springs. As a homeowner, who is blessed to be an owner, I've watched my taxes go up a minimum of \$600, each year - over the past 10 years. Specifically over the past 5 years. We have a jaw dropping amount of people moving here, and I would personally love to see 1) a reduction of taxes on residential homes, 2) broadening of Platte, to accommodate for all these drivers, and 3) more housing options for those in need. Additionally, I'd love to see more greenways and walking paths in the Cimarron Hills area. Also, I think Colorado Springs could use an aquarium... and the old kmart off Powers (across from Walmart) has been empty for years. Hint, hint 😊

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144	<p>I would like to see the funding go to improvement of the parks on the north west dosed of Colorado Springs. There are several parks that are under funded and under utilized in this historic part of town. One of the parks that needs the most attention is Wilson park on Allegheny Drive. It is neglected all year round and then in the summer for a couple of months the pool opens. I imagine a community center, and additional gym, improved playground, bigger/ better skate park and new features that would allow for kids and teens to have a place to play and the community Would have a desirable and beautiful park to go and relax.</p> <p>I would be happy to help organize and be involved with this project if it was possible. Thank you!</p>
145	<p>Help the Restaurant employees they have been hit harder by the COVID than any group of people when it comes to income and/or help the SMALL one or two owner restaurants, that have been about put out of business.</p>
146	<p>Help those of us residents that normally never had to struggle; specifically I mean people that have been employed and are impacted based off COVID, like parents who can't with children not able to be in school full time. Homeless people are in the same spot they were before and they should definitely not be a top priority as assisting them really won't get them in a better place. I fully support helping the people that continue to try and never intended to be in a struggling financial position.</p>
147	<p>Fix the sidewalks</p>
148	<p>Affordable housing</p>
149	<p>Five million dollars would go a long way to help Small businesses who have been affected by the pandemic to get back on their feet and save their livelihood. It would also be well used to assist families who have to continue home schooling their children until vaccines are in place to slow this down and schools can function properly for extended periods of time. Provision of funds for childcare or nanny's to assist with schooling so parents can work would benefit our community greatly. It should NOT be used to further growth by providing "affordable" housing. Our housing market is out of control and we need people to stop moving here as our infrastructure is already struggling to keep up.</p>
150	<p>Use it for the Colorado Springs Utilities program that pays for utility service to low income households.</p>
151	<p>Non profit sector Youth sports and entertainment Small businesses</p>
152	<p>Convert older vacant buildings into studio , hostel or affordable apartments for low income families or convert the old kmart on Fillmore into a bigger homeless shelter . Give money to the charities that house homeless so they can expand for more space or buy beds, supplies , food pantry etc.</p>
153	<p>1. Improve the median on Barnes Road, between Oro Blanco and Austin Bluffs. The median always looks a mess with long grass and tons of weeds. 2. Add a NICE dog park somewhere in the middle of the city, around the Cottonwood Creek area or the Powers Corridor. (And I am not a dog owner, but perhaps this would get more people to not have their dogs off leash at places like High Chapperal Open Space. I like to hike there but too many people have their dogs off leash at that park and also Old Farm Park and Otero Park. Wish there could be people (officers?) who would go to these parks and tell people dogs need to be on a leash!</p>
154	<p>Help with food, resources for parents with kids home full time.</p>

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156	Put it towards unemployment or some Kind of stimulus. Maybe small businesses and/or food.
157	Help people with their rent please
158	Return it to the community, based on income, as stimulus. Individuals know their needs better than ivory-tower bureaucrats ever will. Failing this, divide it between fire, police, and hospital services.
159	give money to essential workers that have worked tirelessly through this pandemic. we have been constantly exposed & our health is pushed to the back burner behind the needs of the business. not only that but we are dealing with constant abuse from customers while trying to enforce the only rules we have to protect us.
160	Look after the homeless and also local businesses
161	Stock up food pantries... Establish low or zero fee loans for people laid-off to pay mortgages and rent or even medical bills... Partner with local shelters and similar non-profit to increase temporary shelters... Increase support network/resources funding for substance abuse, domestic violence, suicide and others seeking help... Small business loans to keep our local economy afloat... Create a temporary workforce/job creation to help alleviate unemployment but benefits the city's needs (there's always work to be done)
162	Subsidize apartments for low income residents so they can afford to actually live here.
163	Have the city partner to build park model home communities not mobile home parks but organized landscaped nice communities where people will be proud to own homes but can also afford to own them. I don't think big business ought to be allowed to participate in building these, particularly not builders not that they're bad people but that will drive the prices up. manufactured housing is very affordable and well-made in fact probably better made than stick build any more and HUD homes has to approve The building of any manufactured house over 399 ft. ² a park model can be allowed to be up to 500 ft. ² also It would be in the best interest of the community and the homeowners to have these homes and the lots owned by the occupants and not be land lease communities. This would afford a lot of people who would not otherwise be able to stay here to have pride in ownership and stay in their community that they love
164	Actually allocate funds to the Southeast part of the Springs to ease the racial disparities that are highly prevalent. Stop focusing so much on the north part of town. Pick up trash on city property and take reports of disrepair seriously.
165	Economic development
166	Give it to the citizens in their returns to help them financially during this hard time
167	Better and extending bus service More police officer
168	Help the homeless, help the children in foster care, help the underprivileged with things like job assistance and medical bills, help small businesses and help to improve the community and community resources.
169	I think we need to work on revitalizing the older parts of our city and encouraging people and businesses to return to those areas. Circle the wagons and create a better continuity for the city as a whole. There is too much unused and decrepit real-estate in the older parts of the city to justify continuing to expand east. It will only cost us more in the long run, to continue eastward with additional roads, utilities, upkeep, and services. The farther out we go the harder it will be to plan and manage. We need to fix what we have before we add more.

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170	Clean up homeless camps, have more outreach, more laws and enforce them to stop the camps along the creeks and at Fillmore and centennial. Clean up the creek water running through downtown and make the area beautiful like Boulder and Fort Collins. The water reeks and the area is trashy and full of weeds.
171	Support schools with resources they need to get kids in schools, which will allow people to work, thus impacting the economy in a positive manner.
172	Work to help the homeless population in our town and help food banks. Trash pick up in city parks would be third on my list.
173	-Help local small businesses through the COVID crisis - continue to designate and improve land for public spaces - improve Austin bluffs open space, help with waste water improvements in that area - Get a plan for homelessness and how many people we have here in the springs.
174	Help out the people who have lost their jobs and who are struggling.
175	Help Animal Non profits and help family's with child care.
176	Pave deteriorating streets, particularly on the westside.
177	Pot holes, bandaids come off resurface places like S. Circle Bridge, don't patch, Cheyenne Meadows,, Cheyenne Mountain between Venetucci & Lake, so many laced what was coot doing when everyone was home? What an excellent time wasted to get a good start!! Help your residents, & renters & workers so displaced maybe low interest small loans, seniors have pretty much one source of entertainment "TV" yet there's. No control on costs we should have special rates!!
178	Additional traffic control in residential neighborhoods to slow traffic down, such as traffic circles.
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180	I would spend the money on fixing the roads in the Vista Mesa neighborhood. The roads are an absolute disaster.
181	Give a stimulus check to every person who resides in Colorado Springs who makes under 20k a year, must be 18;or older and have a valid Colorado ID . The rest give to small business owners to help them out with your BS Colorado Springs Sakes Tax that you keep collecting even though you don't give them any tax reliefs what so ever furring Covid
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183	Build a permanent library on the east side of the city (east of Powers Blvd).
184	Affordable housing & public transportation
185	Return money to the legal taxpayers.
186	I would invest money in to parks and trails and allow money for a homeless shelter and to help out small restaurants and event venues.
187	Affordable housing
188	Unemployment benefits extension
189	What I would do with \$5,000,000 to improve my community by using the funds towards rent assistance, electricity assistance and food assistance for those in need.
190	Fund a program to end homelessness, such as Haven for Hope in San Antonio. Build affordable housing (\$800 or less monthly for a 2 bedroom). Fund public education, but make sure the funds are spent on the kids directly for classroom supplies, giving teachers more prep time, reducing class sizes, giving tech to all kids, etc. Building free wifi provided by the city to reduce the digital divide. Put a highway loop to connect the east and west side. Fix infrastructure. Shut down coal and natural gas use and use clean energy instead.

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191	It would be beneficial to have some emergency food and supply help for those that are unemployed and no longer eligible for unemployment. We need the state /federal to extend the ynemployment benefit since the addl 13 weeks expire 1226
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193	I would invest in small businesses who have struggled during this time. Specifically restaurants and those who are currently in their second shut down.
194	Create more affordable housing units and distribute the funds for Covid aide for people who have lost their jobs during the pandemic.
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196	I would spend 35% of it on affordable housing, 15% on food assistance, 15% on homeless shelters and mental health advocacy, 15% on public transportation and road repair and 10% on investing in other revenue streams.
197	How about widening mark shuffle. The city is allowing more and more houses to go up along the east side of the road an now the north side of woodmen it shouldn't take half an hour to get from I 24 to woodmen during rush hour
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199	fix quality of roads liven up downtown area give back to the people in this city rent assistance
200	Help the homeless population.
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202	Trail work and support for parks and recreation, combat sex trafficking, affordable housing, art installations and beautification
203	Homelessness programs
204	Provide housing, utilities and food assistance.
205	Give back to the citizens and businesses that are suffering from loss of income due to COVID-19.
206	Work towards roads sidewalks parks and landscaping to make the city look less run down in certain areas.
207	Build more affordable housing that is based off of your income, apprenticeship incentives to help them get jobs, another community resource where they can shower get more help with vouchers and food.
208	Rental assistance
209	House the homeless and provide better support for parents who's kids have to do remote learning.
210	Improve parks (install adequate lighting and track areas (example: Otis park), fix pot holes and side walks. Install phone and WiFi centers in public areas. With the pandemic, connectivity is especially important and many homeless or low income people struggle to find adequate access of these basic items.
211	housing & food grants for service workers/people who have lost jobs this year improved parks and trails in town
212	Invest in public safety, namely fire and police staffing
213	Roads
214	Fund more CRT teams, allocate more to housing relief including first responders who don't get paid for COVID time, but have COVID patients.
215	Loan it to small business startups to boost the economy

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216	Much improved public transportation system. Citywide hi speed internet for all. Pothole and road repairs. Revitalization of neighborhoods and city parks. Dollars for our schools. All schools and charters. Get the homeless off the corners, sleeping in tents in public places. Mental health support programs for our school communities. Please!!!! Positive programs between police and youth.
217	Give it unemployment!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
218	Allocate \$4 million of the funds to small businesses grants to help owners keep their businesses open and help pay at least some income to their employees. Open businesses in 2021 is the only way Colorado Springs will pull out of the pandemic hit. Allocate the remaining \$1 million split equally between care and share to help feed those who need assistance, temporary expansion of the homeless shelter to help through the winter months and utility bill grants through CS Utilities.
219	Invest it in business that can't survive the shut downs. Im personally not affected, but I know there countless people in this city needing support. Any corporate chain does not deserve a dime. Local family business only.
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221	Help the people who lost their jobs due to lockdowns.
222	I would provide a safety net for the homeless. Provide individual rooms with showers and bathrooms. Lockable and available 24/7. Serve breakfast and dinner. Provide help in the same way for the homeless families.
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224	Secure more transitional housing units for people, especially families, seeking to break tithe cycle of homelessness. There are resources for singles or "plus one" situations and fewer helps for larger families.
225	To supply meals and food to those in need during this season.
226	Make public transportation more reliable and better fund education.
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228	Invest in more pothole repairing. More money towards emergency services. Invest in infrastructure to Schriever Air Force Base for U.S. Soace Forces future headquarters.
229	All neighborhood improvements More police Fix roads
230	City water in the Widefield area is terrible. Fill a glass of water, and you see stuff floating in it. Wash dishes with it, and white residue is left on everything when it dries. The calcium buildup killed our toilet, and causes similar issues with other things using city water. We refuse to drink it. I ask that the water system gets improved to a level where we would feel safe drinking it instead of having to go buy water constantly.
231	Homelessness.
232	Help businesses that closed due to the lockdowns money to reopen
233	Low income housing is in dire need now and in the future. Help with basic needs like food, clothing, utilities, transportation. A place for the homeless.
234	Build more affordable housing for people who need it.
235	Community resources in the city's southeast side.

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	- water conservation projects - Improvements to our transportation infrastructure including road maintenance, bike lanes and cross walks
236	- Convenient Recycling
237	Publix Safety and mental health progress.
238	Support small/local businesses and those who are not able to work because of shutdowns and mandates.
	Invest in small businesses that are struggling due to the pandemic. Develop more parks/open spaces.
239	Build/improve homeless shelters.
240	Help people who are at risk of eviction because of Covid. Make sure kids have appropriate weather attire, food and housing. Help small businesses who have been destroyed by Covid.
241	Most of the pushback against the homeless seems to be them hanging about in public spaces, the trash they create where they live and their lack of sanitary facilities and use of parks/libraries/public bathrooms for cleaning/washing/bathing. I would suggest adding dumpsters or other trash facilities. Setting up bathing facilities, porta-pottys, even laundry facilities to help them fight germs. Safe places for homeless to be homeless where their belongings aren't thrown away and they aren't driven out, where they can be found and offered various levels of assistance.
242	Invest in affordable housing. Invest in programs to help get people off the streets and working. I read in an article you need to make \$6000 a month to comfortably live in the Springs. The reality is that most people are going to struggle to make more than a third of that. People have to fight for a position in a semi-good paying job. Most of us are stuck in a restaraunt or grocery store because it's so hard to find a job paying above minimum wage.
243	I would make an extensive ad campaign based on these verses in James chapter 2: If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? In the same way, faith also, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself." The money would be divided between these ads and giving homeless people food while a speaker gives the gospel.
244	1) Help for restaurants that had to close to get back on their feet. Also other small businesses impacted by closure 2). More help for food banks and 3). Help for homeless

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245	<p>To help the mentally ill homeless in pursuing a track of treatment and improve their quality of life.</p> <p>One particular thing I know is a big hurdle is getting a valid ID. Sometimes the mentally ill have no family or friends to assist them because, due to their illness, they burn all their bridges and destroy their relationships. They can miss out on benefits and care simply because they can't get their paperwork together to apply for and pay for an ID, and unfortunately they don't understand why.</p> <p>Another thought is to incentivize and/or assist families to work together with their mentally ill family members, to get education on mental illness and keep the family relationship healthy. This would relieve the burden on the state and really just make their quality of life better, and thus hopefully prevent homelessness and abuse.</p>
246	<p>I always try to keep the youth in mind. I believe there should always be plenty of opportunities for today's youth.</p>
247	<p>Citywide "free" Wi-Fi. Parks and recreational development and revitalization. Homeless intervention and assistance.</p>
248	<p>Improve infrastructure for roads and bridges.</p>
249	<p>Give a stimulus to people struggling</p>
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251	<p>Open spaces and parks around the city that are typically neglected, meaning any place but D12 and D20 areas.</p>
252	<p>Economic development do something with all these empty building. Beautify the city clean up parts of town that are starting to look like a dump (partially related to the first part)</p>
253	<p>I would pay for our dirt roads in all rural areas of Colorado Springs to be permanently chipped and sealed. These subdivisions need their roads done badly. Hanover Area, Midway, PPIR, Indian Village, Frontier Village, El Valle View and there are more roads in this area needing the city's attention. We need your help we do not have the money to do it ourselves which is what we are told constantly that we have to come up with the money to fix these issues that was not our fault.</p>
254	<p>Build sober living/ substance free tiny home village for homes similar to Austin texas, increase funding for proactive patrolling crime prevention, create affordable social sport leagues for k-8 focused on active lifestyle, clean up homeless camp areas,</p>
255	<p>provide to small businesses affected by coronavirus</p>
256	<p>Snow removal on residential streets, keeping historical buildings safe and in use, rewriting laws so homeless people don't have squatters rights, preventing homelessness by providing psychiatric care and all day shelters</p>
257	<p>Mental health services for homeless</p>
258	<p>I would like to see a portion dedicated to the homelessness issues that appear to be increasing. A portion dedicated to grants for organizations dealing with addiction issues related to alcohol and drugs, I believe related to homelessness. Assistance for local businesses struggling with pandemic, specifically childcare, hair and beauty salons, restaurants and bars.</p>
259	<p>Road repair and traffic control.</p>
260	<p>Stimulus check</p>
261	<p>Provide healthcare to all children enrolled in school</p>

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262	Use the funds to help renters and home owners to prevent evictions
263	The state of Colorado, especially in Colorado Springs, are needlessly expensive to live since marijuana became legal. WHY is this?!? Affordable housing is nearly non-existent for retired seniors, disabled adults, low-income workers and their families. Too many have been thrown out onto the streets because their retirement, disability, pension, or welfare income fails to compensate for the obscene cost of housing. Worse still, homeless camps continue to get what little they do have plowed over and destroyed -- during a pandemic! In light of this, use that money to build affordable housing on unused lands the city already own; and use what is left to provide the homeless communities with jobs (like cleaning trash off the side of the roads) and other opportunities and resources that will allow them to help themselves work towards getting out of the situation they're in (or at risk of being in). A community is no good when one side gets catered to and the other is segregated from the rest!
264	Give it to the taxpayers.
265	Save the money, spend it when we are certain where it needs to go.
266	Provide better funding for DHS and foster families.
267	Parks and recreation/roads
268	develop children's programs so that they learn something instead of being bored an getting in trouble. Rent and mortgage breaks
269	Use it on medical care for the poor
270	Pump it into the economy. Give it to the people living in springs
271	All in for reopening schools. Bonuses for teachers doing in-person teaching.
272	Encourage more growth so the cost of living keeps going crazy. Let's become Denver.
273	Shelter and housing for homeless community.
274	Fund more resources to help the large homeless population with access to resources such as therapy, medicine, housing, and making homeless shelters safer.
275	Give it to the small businesses that had to shutdown or highly take a cut in revenue due to the closures.
276	We need AFFORDABLE housing in this city along with entertainment. The continuous building of new 300+ housing developments is making this city highly unaffordable to the average person. This is coming from someone whose household makes over 100k a year. There needs to be incentives for apartments to offer low cost options and affordable housing must be priority.
277	Help restaurants stay in business
278	Use it for infrastructure and police and fire funding
279	I would lease the closed Cheyenne Reentdy Center for a homeless shelter to have a safe place to sleep, shower, eat and obtain medical care. This would provide the homeless with a housing option while they obtain resources for stabilization. Community resources, social services, and counseling services could be delivered on site with a building of that size. This would prove for community safety.
280	Housing for homeless persons, work programs, education programs for the homeless.
281	Offering grants for low income families for personal vehicle repair. This may help increase access to employment since public transit has limited areas served.
282	Local business and restaurants need lots of help and assistance
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284	Help small businesses. Whenever new restrictions in place, small businesses suffer the loss.

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285	Since we are encouraged to be outside when the weather allows, due to COVID, I would use the money to improve parks and public spaces. Better lighting, fix side walks, basic park up keep and cleanliness, and upgrading park equipment for kids. I would add more benches and picnic tables so there's more socially distant/outdoor spaces that people can safely meet friends and family at.
286	Allow funding for roadways/improving public safety and schools/education
287	Affordable housing
288	Improve the roads and local infrastructure.
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291	1.) re-do the parking fiasco with meters and no event parking. It's UNFRIENDLY to citizens and visitors alike. Parking NAZIS. reputations CS has around the US. What about wheel-chair-bound people-SHAME SHAME. 2.) stop passing rate hikes without even consulting the citizens. Every month it's a different utility. 3.) stop ALWAYS putting the military first. Give the citizens a few discounts too.us non-military feel like crap because we're not military.
292	Additional support to the food banks (80 %) and CS utilities (20%)
293	Coronavirus vaccines for low income personnel, additional support for homeless and single parent households impacted by coronavirus. Use emptied hotels to help homeless, additional protections for locations impacted by wildfires- add downslope irrigation lines to limit impacts of wildfires, donate to families of medical professionals who lost their lives responding to coronavirus or create a memorial for them.
294	help restaurant and those who work at hotels impacted by COVID, help those who can't pay heat bill due to COVID and who can't pay rent
295	Help restaurants and bars stay in business and pay their workers. Pay them to help feed people in the community who are not working. Pay them to feed kids learning at home.
296	homeless and mental health issues, small business support, parks and open space
297	I would use the \$5,000,000 to create a program that would attract and keep professional private-sector businesses that offer the roles, salaries, and advancement needed to comfortably afford to live in this city. Colorado Springs is too dependent on the military, military contractors, and tourism. Rent and real estate is a bubble that is skyrocketing and completely out of proportion to the income levels here. Meanwhile, with the influx of non-military residents, the private sector jobs (call centers, ministries, food service) barely pay above minimum wage. Single people and many families can not afford rent here on \$15 an hour, much less buy a home. The Amazon fulfillment center, Olympic Training, and Space Command are not long-term solutions to economic affordability. Community Developers need to get their head out of the sand and start attracting real, professional private sector businesses or Colorado Springs is going to wind up with even more homelessness and an economic disaster.
298	CO Spgs sorely needs projects to house the homeless and rehabilitate them to be secure.
299	I would help the small local businesses as well as people who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic.
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301	Classes based on interpersonal communication and de-escalation, for our law enforcement. Small locally owned businesses that have been hit financially due to covid Stimulus checks for all tax paying residents of El Paso County

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302	With the issue of Covid-19 and the shutdown of many businesses and people losing their jobs I would like to see it go towards helping those who have lost their home and for those who do not have enough food to fill the food pantries to help distribute more food because they are running short.
303	Improve parks with usable bathroom facilities and water fountains.
304	Rental assistance for people affected by COVID so there are not mass evictions in January which would lead to a larger homeless problem.
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306	I would build low income Apartments, we are in need of those, since housing is so expensive and climbing in Colorado Springs.
307	Invest it in open space. The Springs needs more open space for recreation
308	Affordable housing Homelessness
309	Spend this on fixing roads, or lowering utility rates.
310	Roads roads roads! Does this city realize how awful the roads are here? Spend the money and get it fixed and stop ruining our tires and vehicles. Spend the money and actually do the thing.
311	Look at homelessness problem in downtown area
312	It should be used to provide affordable housing to everyone in need. Is rent control an option that would help? What would it take for apartments that could be purchased instead of renting, other cities are able to make this available. This would allow people to become property owners, a possible affordable option for lower monthly obligation than rent. There would have a small fee for association dues, could the city subsidize that? If so could it be done by the city, providing employment opportunities? I would think the property taxes could be used for this purpose. This could be a great option for the elderly as well. We all know SS payments are not enough to pay rent, utilities, food etc.. I know some will say this can't be done. I would bet the research could be completed by a project for a college Economics course (CC, UCCS, PPCC) for free? Thank You Cheryl Mathews
313	Provide housing for the homeless
314	1. Help with covid relief for small business. 2. Capital improvements 3. Low income housing/ Rent relief
315	Put it towards this absolute joke of a transportation system,
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317	Get the homeless off the streets, into housing, into jobs, into mental health programs, or into the criminal justice system in the few cases where appropriate.

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	<p>Infrastructure and law enforcement should always take top priority as both significantly benefit the entire community.</p> <p>Per CSPD and FBI statistics, violent crime in Colorado Springs has increased by 37.2% in the last 5 years compared to a small 1.2% change nation-wide in cities with comparable populations. This is a highly alarming and concerning problem that must be addressed immediately. Any benefits given to those most in need will be taken away and abused by wrong-doers if crime rates persist.</p> <p>As for infrastructure, improving street lights, street signs, and fixing damaged roads will reduce the number of accidents which reduces the excess city costs incurred with each traffic accident. In the last 5 years, the traffic accident fatality rate has increased by 54.8%.</p> <p>All statistics provided are based on annual CSPD and FBI reporting from 2013 to 2018.</p>
318	https://coloradosprings.gov/police-department/page/cspd-statistical-and-annual-reports
319	Put bathrooms in all of parks and unlock them!
320	Public Safety.
321	Invest in mental health counseling for public schools.
322	Affordable housing
323	Grants for small businesses who have been forced to accept COVID restrictions on their business
324	Fix roads and eliminate the homeless population. Get them off of the streets and enforce no homelessness.
325	<p>Better street lighting and fix damaged roads please! So many of the neighborhoods are pitch black. Please add better street lighting which will also reduce crime and make our neighborhoods safer. Due to the snow, warm (orange-like) lights are preferred over the annoyingly bright white lights that can be blinding, especially for anyone who can see the street lights from their bedroom windows.</p> <p>QUIET ZONE FOR THE TRAINS PLEASE! They wake me up every single night at 2 AM and on. Please create a quiet zone for the trains going through the Springs! My kids and I are not getting good sleep because of this and I worry about my long term health due to lack of sleep.</p>
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327	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Open the city back to 100% normal and use the money to promote resources for helping the at-risk (health wise) population live their life (like delivery services for groceries) in a secluded or isolated manner if they CHOOSE to do so. 2) Accelerate the city's road repairs plan. 3) Provide loans or subsidies to businesses that are legally not allowed to stay open in a manner that is profitable. This is moot if you just do #1. 4) Improve resources to deal with homeless population in town and clear people out of downtown. This does NOT mean just give it to homeless people, but enhance or add opportunities for people who actually want to be helped to better their situation.
328	Address the high amount of homeless. Clear the camps and clear public walking and cycling trails. Find solutions to get them off the streets so everyone can enjoy public spaces without fear. Pass laws that panhandling is illegal
329	homelessness prevention - shelters/food pantry
330	build affordable/free housing for the homeless

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331	Subsidize certified childcare services and safe, supervised e-learning venues for working parents of children who are in e-learning due to COVID school closures.
332	Make sure the schools have the funding they need for the 2020-2021 school year. With all school districts "losing" students, their funding for next year might be reduced based on the lower enrollment in each school this year.
333	Infrastructure improvements. Roads, sidewalks. Also get the light going east on South Academy and turning left onto 115 fixed (last 3 years it doesn't sense motion well and stuck a red all the time forcing illegal turns). More psych treatment options.
334	<p>My 2 highest community priorities right now: Help businesses in danger of closing and Support education, especially low income areas.</p> <p>Not sure best way to handle either of these though!</p> <p>I think maybe for education, purchasing tech for schools to loan, and finding a way to offer wifi to those in need would make a significant difference. Also maybe making online tutors available?</p> <p>For businesses in danger of collapse, I know the amount available is small! Offering grants would be nice for them, but likely you would have to offer small loans maybe to support businesses' rent or payroll help.</p> <p>Other priorities I know of are hospital and police support.</p> <p>Thank you for carefully considering all options as you seek to bless and support our community.</p>
335	Split between road improvements within the city and curbing the homelessness in the downtown area.
336	I would support affordable housing and eviction prevention initiatives that encourage and educate individuals to find and keep their housing while they work to improve their lives. So also providing funds to substance abuse programs, life skills, financial literacy programs, and job training programs are crucial components toward helping our citizens to become active members of our community who will ultimately be living their best lives.
337	Clean up the homeless camps and all the trash they've left behind.
338	New Softball fields.It would bring tournaments to Colorado-springs and generate more money coming into the local market!
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340	I would like to see more parks like John Venezia for our children. Turf fields with lights will make it year round accessible!
341	Roads & infrastructure
342	<p>I am a caseworker with DHS and housing is crucial right now! Assistance in housing, rent- literally anything along those lines. What am I suppose to tell a young family with a new born baby living in a motel?? Shelter is full, or great for night time but the family has to leave during the day. It's freezing outside.</p> <p>WE NEED HOUSING RESOURCES</p>

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343	Create tiny homes downtown with community resources located in that community, spend money revamping south academy area so it is safe and once again prosperous, provide affordable housing or rent protection for renters who have lived in Colorado a majority of there lives who cannot afford the incredible increase in rent and housing - protect Coloradoans way of life. Continue to expand public transportation so people who live in low income areas can get to areas in the springs that pay better - realize not everyone can pay for an Uber.... no one with a family without a car can get anywhere in this city, cap development in Colorado Springs from expansion for ten years and spend time making the worst parts of the city vital again...like downtown and south Nevada... create incentives for business to take over the abundant abandoned buildings and warehouses on south academy area or turn them into homeless shelters. Protect our water and stop expansion, we cannot continue at this rate.
344	Put it toward the ever increasing homeless population showing signs of mental Heath issues along with the tents scattered throughout parks, creek beds and under viaducts.
345	Build/improve more trails to give people more to do outside.
346	I would establish or engage with a community land trust (such as Elevation Community Land Trust as just one example) to support affordable housing development in the city. Or I would use it to enhance the ability of social service workers to respond to non-violent domestic situations that may be better handled by someone with a different skill set than our police force. Or I would actually pay city council.
347	Homelessness
348	I'd help people with their rent/mortgage, utilities and a stipend for food . I'd also give grants to local small businesses that have been effected.
349	Fix the roads. The road damage is getting worse each year and every time they patch things it breaks. If money is there then main roadways should maybe be upgraded to concrete.
350	Public safety. Partly due to COVID, there has been a spike in violent crime, fatal auto accidents, theft and destruction of property. We need more police presence.
351	Give it to teachers!--- NOT overpaid administrators.
352	Install as many Red Light cameras as possible and use the revenue to enforce not allowing panhandling, cleaning up homeless camps, providing programs to end homelessness, etc.. Then, we will become less attractive for the homeless. Investing in a sustainable revenue source to combat the problem would be a much smarter approach.
353	I think the money should towards improving and replacing and paving the roads. The potholes and cracks in the roads are extremely dangerous to drivers.
354	Add more police officers or fix potholes.
355	I would consider that Colorado Springs is a location with a finite amount of natural resources available to support a continued push for a booming population. Instead of allowing continued, unchecked development by profit driven developers, and decreasing requirements for parks space, I would put a moratorium on new housing and instead focus on supporting the population that lives here already. This would include a jobs creation program for homeless, infrastructure improvement (roads, water supply, energy supply), and a focus on increase recreational opportunities that drive the tourism in the region.
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357	Affordable housing, stipends for rent payments and small business assistance
358	Housing and food assistance

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359	Work towards building a tiny house community for the homeless. Camps keep getting cleared out and rebuilt because they need somewhere to sleep.
360	I would put it towards snow removal. The roads are crap and there are not many more plws than there was in the 70s and 80s. This town has grown exponentially but the services have not kept up. In a town this size the roads should be kept a lot better. Other cities bout size do avmuch better job.
361	How about giving it to those that are about to be evicted or about to lose their homes due to loss of income from the pandemic? You could also include small businesses that are hurting.
362	I would initiate some sort of 'Keep the Springs Clean' project. With the increasing population of the city and homeless there seems to be trash everywhere and it's not easy on the eyes. I can't imagine what it looks like for people visiting. Maybe we could put the homeless to work keeping the city clean...???
363	Supporting small businesses and their employees who have been so heavily impacted by shut downs.
364	<p>Being a brand new citizen here, I've already noticed the homelessness problem is a bit worse than where I came from (which is much warmer). I think that money could go a long way if it was used to repurpose and recycle old vans, buses, shipping containers, RVs and campers into affordable, and sustainable spaces for people who are experiencing homelessness. Having seen several flip/conversions done the process is relatively cheap per person coming out to between \$5,000 and 10,000.</p> <p>I think the money could also be used for forestry management. Obviously the city had some close calls with fires that, thankfully were started in some areas that are well maintained (like the incline). However with the stress on our forests from drought it makes them more susceptible, and with my minimal fire mitigation knowledge, I'm concerned about the southeast part of town near Broadmoore Bluffs, I have concerns about the density in that area.</p>
365	Hold the \$5M until a COVID vaccine is ready. Then, use it to provide transportation, education, and other resources to help homeless people get vaccinated.
366	I'd pour it into local businesses. Imagine a 5 million dollar tab that you could use to feed the homeless, the people who need food this time of year, and use local businesses to do that!
367	Start fixing the cracks and pot holes and start fixing the cracks in the sidewalks of residential streets.
368	Trash cleanup on every thoroughfare in the City. A continuing effort not a onetime deal. Reach a homeless solution that is long term
369	build affordable housing
370	Keep fixing our pot holes and roads.....many of them are terrible!
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372	Use it to build up or improve upon homeless resources and affordable housing complexes. As we all know, there are many people on the street here who have very few options in a pandemic. Rescue mission is great, but giving homeless temporary housing in smaller groups or individually could make a big difference.
373	Our family would provide the money to support local schools. The move in and out of in person school is difficult and expensive, Ensuring that children that may not have access to remote learning should be a priority. Computers, internet, and teacher aids.
374	Create more affordable housing or spend the funds on implementing robust low-income food programs.

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375	Food bank, distribution and hot meals to neediest. Housing assistance for neediest.
376	I would use the \$5 million to help offset the higher development costs associated with building multi-family projects on infill sites.
377	I would like to see the majority of that money go in to a fund to help the homeless and also invest in some drug rehab center here in Elpaso county. I am a native and it is so sad to see our streets covered with homeless ness and drug addiction. Alot of those people need help without judgment but also need help with whatever brought them to the street.
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379	Small business aid targeted at those most impacted by COVID (e.g. local restaurants, bars, shops).
380	I think this money should be allocated to small businesses and restaurants in our community. Our city has made so much growth towards supporting entrepreneurs and it has been wonderful to see our city grow in that direction instead of Big Box stores. It could also be used towards providing lights on streets for pedestrians.
381	Invest in a social campaign that puts social and peer pressure on landlords, apartment management companies, and property managers that says, just because you can charge a certain amount for a property, should you? Too many rent homes and apartments are charging rents above what is affordable for our citizens. I have been here since 2008 and while it has always been a little more expensive to live hear in recent years it feels like the cost of living has skyrocketed. Just because a homeowner or company can charge twice the value of a residence to live there, should they? We should put pressure on these people not to be greedy! The mortgage payment on my home is less than \$700.00 per month, I could not in good conscience charge someone \$1500.00 or more to rent it out.
382	More housing assistance and apartments/homes for low wage earners, more homeless shelter expansion
383	I would give it to small businesses to stay open and become Covid compliant, or just stop with Covid restrictions and open back up completely and use the money to help Covid patients in hospitals.
384	Put it towards more hiking trails.
385	Parks and open spaces
386	use it towards building more apartments for the homeless and other resources to assist the homeless.
387	I'd give it to CSPD. They are understaffed and overworked. Im sure they could use it to keep this city safe.
388	Train and educate homeless, then city should hire them to clean up streets, parks, forest mitigation.
389	Somehow increase low income senior housing
390	Expand and renew bike and walking trails in the city. A healthy lifestyle is a significant reason people move and live here. This helps everybody- even those that don't use them are helped by reduced traffic and pollution.
391	Homeless shelters and neighborhood improvement projects.
392	Improve health care...
393	Keep people on the margins in their homes and help keep small businesses afloat. In the absence of federal assistance and to get more out of state assistance, I think you need allocate more money to mitigate long term impacts.
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395	Help those people most affected by COVID 19. Help them with food, clothing, rent, utilities so they don't get thrown out of their home.
396	Build affordable housing units with wraparound support services.
397	More money to non-profit healthcare systems that are having to dismiss staff due to inability to cover funds. Peak Vista in particular services the entire community but is short on staff in some areas due to funds.
398	Install several new disc golf courses as the sport is rapidly growing in popularity.
399	<p>I would buy tracts of unused or abandoned land (or rotting strip malls) and subdivide it into smaller lots for traditional development. Allow people to buy the lots at cost, with all the lots adding up to the purchase price of the land. To get the most out of the lots, more traditional building should be allowed (think downtown, OCC, Near North End).</p> <p>Massive suburban developments with most the land dedicated to cars (driveways, parking lots, garages) are counterproductive here as requiring vehicle ownership both makes it more expensive to live anywhere and reduces the neighborhood by making it unfriendly for people to walk, bike, or otherwise enjoy their area.</p> <p>This mini neighborhood should be allowed to accommodate different building types, such as brownstone townhouses, du/tri/quadplexes, mixed use living and business, and everything in between. It'll allow for a more organic neighborhood where you can find more of your needs next door without the need of a car.</p> <p>This is affordable</p>
400	<p>Road improvement</p> <p>Food and shelter for homeless families</p> <p>School lunch programs</p> <p>Safety in downtown Colorado Springs</p>
401	I would put the money into CSPD and CSFD.
402	<p>\$1000000 Give it to Planned Parenthood. There are already to many people here.</p> <p>\$1000000 to advertising to cites where we have a direct flights path to visitors. Advertise in Chicago, Phoenix, Las Vegas, etc.</p> <p>\$1000000 Hospitality training for the exploding elderly population.</p> <p>\$2000000 in world class bike parks. Think red bull rampage style. Have people fly in from all over the world to compete, and get in the best shape of our lives.</p>
403	<p>Not pay for more 'assistance' programs that refer to other 'assistance' programs; that then refer to more 'assistance' programs. After a day of calling numbers; the person seeking assistance is referred back to the original program. They then need to ask for gas money after driving around all day from 'assistance' program to 'assistance' program.</p> <p>After a while; all the nicer and newer cars in the 'charities' parking lot start to make it look like the 'charity' is making money from donors; and just using the 'poor' as a commodity to market.</p> <p>Print out thousands of more sales brochures about the 'assistance' programs.</p>
404	Improve the timing of traffic lights. I contantly stop or wait longer at red lights for no cross traffic (faulty sensors?). I will sometimes wait at six or seven red lights in a row before I find a green. Part of our traffic congestion is due to bad light timing.

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405	Help small businesses, particularly stages and other businesses severely affected and unable to operate normally over the past 8+ months
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407	Put the money towards homelessness outreach/services, neighborhood development and assistance for non-profits.
408	Get rid of homeless people.
409	Severe pothole behind valero on n academy and voyager. Please fill.
410	Fix the roads
411	Property tax refund direct to the taxpayers
412	Low income housing or to help the homeless
413	<p>Ideally during this time of financial and employment uncertainty, monies would be equally distributed among households. However, \$5,000,000 to share among households here in the Springs with our large population would attribute to checks that would basically amount to nothing. It could be used for small businesses and/or restaurant and bar workers who are being FORCED out of employment for an indefinite amount of time (perfect timing with the Holidays coming....).</p> <p>And in lieu of anything mentioned above: Roads! Roads! Roads! And not curbs and corners. ROADS! Driving surfaces. I see so much work being done to curbs and corners all while improvement to roads is largely ignored or moves at a snails pace.</p>
414	We think this money would be well spent supporting small businesses that provide food, food deliveries and/or appropriate services through the continued employment of their staffs. Keep the staffs employed at a reduced rate to make the money go farther. Any plan adopted should also make money while being distributed to keep people employed. Then people will spend their money within the community.
415	Their needs to be a more efficient way of handling the homeless a community for them so they can find work etc giving them a drug program as well would help
416	Use the money to build something(s) of permanence that all residents can enjoy. Some money should go towards making Prospect Lake in Memorial Park healthy again, free of toxic algae.
417	I would like to see the money be invested in low-cost housing. Individuals earning minimum wage should still be able to afford to live in our community. If possible, I would like to see the low-cost housing located throughout the community, not just concentrated on the southern end. It is important for families to be able to live near where they work. Shorter commute distances will reduce emissions, reduce traffic, and lessen the impact on transportation infrastructure.
418	Secure housing improves the quality of life for our citizens, and it also lifts the overall quality of our community.
418	Improve infrastructure
419	Use the money to help small businesses such as locally owned restaurants who have been impacted by the shut downs.
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421	provide another stimulus check
422	Provide rent/home payment assistance for those who have been out of work any at all since March 2020, i.e. those who filed for unemployment during this time. This not only helps them to free up money for other expenses, it helps the many landlords who depend on the rent money for their income too.

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423	Towards business and not homeless
424	Improve transit to improve connectivity to businesses from areas which are underserved by way of access to cars or reliable, quick, and accessible transit.
425	Road maintenance and more parks in southern COS
426	I would find the best routes to give the money directly to the people- food, utilities, housing, tax forgiveness
427	We need to fix our infrastructure to aid in traffic road rage issues, we need help from police in protecting us from the increase in crime. Our trails are overrun with off leash dogs & poop, our 3 person family has each been bitten at least 3 times. We are both professionals in this city for the past 20 years, relocated here to start a family, we both are now thinking of where we should relocate to. I'm not sure exactly what to do with the money, but you guys have to start doing better, this "community" is going down the drain. Trash everywhere, fires started by transients etc., you guys need to do more.
428	Extend trail system. Maintain and upgrade existing trails and parks.
429	Building more homeless shelters, more affordable housing and also building a farmers market somewhere in town so people can shop local produce and food. We also need to improve our schools by having better hvac systems put in. We also need more trash cans at local parks so food can be thrown away properly.
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431	Get rid of the homeless. They are a primary cause for most of the crime in the downtown area. They use so much tax dollars already. There are so many calls for service for police, fire and ems wasted on them. It's just like when people feed wild bears they keep coming back. If we keep giving them things we will attract more homeless. I don't want to go downtown with my family even with all the new attractions. I see the homeless and it's absolutely disgusting. The police officers are told not to do anything about them. There are signs up saying don't occupy this median yet they do. The trails are trashed by them. Let's actually stop being so politically correct and take care of the real problem here.
432	Provide assistance to the homeless and workers who have lost income because of the pandemic this year.
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434	With a possible vaccine in the future, offering low interest loans and/or small grants to small businesses (NOT Franchises) to get through the next 6 months of operating costs. My business has been closed since March and I don't know if my savings will cover basic costs for rent through June.
435	Help clean up homeless camps and create temporary housing strategy. Second, fix pot holes!
436	I would allocate the money to go to citizens in need of immediate help with food and rent. Then I would help small businesses and restaurants that have struggled throughout this pandemic to pay bills and keep food on their tables.
437	Disc golf courses
438	Could we use the money to provide free parking downtown? This would likely bring more business downtown as well as shore up small business owners who are hurting at the moment. The expansion that is occurring on the southern end of our city is something to be proud of. While free parking is not a huge economic detriment for most people, it could be just enough to stimulate activity downtown.
439	Roads, School programs
440	Give to the crumbling roads, building and expanding new roads, working to curb the homeless and crime. we need infrastructure and are growing too fast.

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441	<p>Help low income people struggling to pay rent. Provide resources to help homeless people get off the streets, find jobs, find housing, be productive members of the community. Give them a job in the homeless shelter, or at the soup kitchen to provide them a source of income. Help schools ensure kids have resources needed to do school from home (technology, wi -fi, meals)</p>
442	<p>Give a stimulus check to small businesses in the community and provide financial assistance to those making less than \$60,000 per year. Ensure vaccinations are provided to all underprivileged community members at no cost.</p>
443	<p>A tiny home village to get chronically homeless off streets - IE Community First Village in Austin, TX Assistance for our restaurant community Parks in downtown area</p>
444	<p>Housing! Our most desperate need is for low income housing help. Please invest the money in housing. I realize it won't go far, but it can help.</p>
445	<p>I would like funds for more open like park sites refuge (acreage), for ALL the displaced wildlife that were seeing on the eastside of the city due to OVER BUILDING of homes where there was once farmland and grazing land for all the wildlife!! TREES, lots of trees planted throughout the city.</p>
446	<p>I'd put it towards affordable housing and/or homelessness programs.</p>
447	<p>Revive run down areas. (Platte, edges of downtown, etc).</p>
448	<p>I would attempt to build affordable public housing. My slum lord vision: Following 6 CCR 1010-14, every dwelling unit shall contain at least one hundred fifty (150) square feet of floor space for the first occupant and at least one hundred (100) square feet of floor space for each additional occupant. Figure 3 people in the first bedroom, and 2 in each subsequent bedroom. Yes, they're small. As for rent, I see no argument that a value other than 32 hours at minimum wage per month (\$384 as of 2020) is acceptable for a place to be considered "affordable". All units would be rented out at this rate, with more rooms being needs-based using number of occupants.</p>
449	<p>Invest it into first responders</p>
450	<p>Crime prevention trainings and roadwork improvements</p>
451	<p>Help out the youth sports programs that have been effected by the virus due to the numbers the programs are allowed to operate with.</p>
452	<p>The south side of town--- e.g. South Academy/Hancock area needs help.</p>
453	<p>Every one in this city has either had their vehicle broken into or stolen. If not, they know someone who has. I recently witnessed an attempted car theft. When I reported it with the license plate from the vehicle the thieves arrived in, it was a stolen vehicle also. Police take a report and that's it. I'm not knocking the police because I understand they are stretched thin. Take the 5 million and get some detectives on this problem. It is definitely a quality of life issue that affects every neighborhood in this city!</p>

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454	<p>Continue road improvements, focus on rebuilding N Nevada near the half way homes.</p> <p>Quit spending money on homeless and the problem will go away. They are all here because you give them money.</p>
455	<p>P-12 Education, Mental Health, and First Responder support would be the initial three areas to address. To follow are local hospital, low income, and homeless needs. As an educator of low income students who has also had Covid, I professionally and personally believe the first three areas would greatly support Colorado Springs residents. In addition, as a spouse of a Ft Carson mental health technician support of these areas would also support our military. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.</p>
456	<p>I just hope the money goes where it is TRULY needed. Help bar/restaurant employees that are once again without work. Small businesses that are struggling to exists. Front line workers that risk themselves. Research who is truly struggling, don't let people work the system to live better then they did before. Spend the money on things don't just hand it out to people. Pay their Rent/Mortgage if they are getting evicted due to COVID not just because they are crap people.</p> <p>Poor Gov. money spent: People that where unemployed making 100% of their wages plus an added \$600 a week during the first round. Money was spent to clean up ROCKS (in my opinion) near Peyton.</p>
457	<p>Improve housing availability for most vulnerable. Stop large capital projects when we can't handle the homeless populations or keep roads in good shape.</p>
458	<p>Go to small businesses</p>
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460	<p>Homeless prevention, non-profit assistance, affordable housing, road repairs, neighborhood improvements, economic assistance or a rainy day fund.</p>
461	<p>Provide low to no interest loans for true small businesses to stay open, hire and provide more training for police and fire. Rebate to tax payers</p>
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463	<p>Residential road improvement (within neighborhoods, not main streets), homelessness and job placement. Education</p>
464	<p>The roads in the city are continually damaged, filled with pot holes and unsafe. Yet everytime they appear to be repaired they same issue pops back up. Perhaps what we are doing isn't working and we need a much more efficient way to repair and maintain</p>
465	<p>Help small businesses stay in business. Make sure that when the COVID crisis is over, we have more than just big box stores in our community. We can't be the destination (sports, conventions, tourist) that our city council wants us to be with only big box stores left.</p>
466	<p>Pickleball courts and more police to stop property crimes that have skyrocketed in my neighborhood.</p>
467	<p>Give it to the police and fire department or the teachers</p>
468	<p>Feed the hungry. No one should be going hungry in our community or anywhere in this country, for that matter.</p>
469	<p>Help small businesses that are struggling right now due to covid restrictions.</p>
470	<p>More commercial, amenities, and urban improvements.</p>

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471	Offer more training/education/incentives to increase the number of qualified frontline staff (emergency department nurses, doctors, ambulance EMTs, police and fire). This way we have more resources to help the overworked heroes of our community. Also an investment in some type of self care (mental health or resilience training (like Heart Math)) for our frontline heroes. This will not only give these important resources in our community the much needed help they need, but give them breathing room to take a day off (if there are more trained staff to step in to give them a break). This will have a ripple effect that will help keep our entire community strong and safe for future surges/ crises that may come.
472	I have not experienced homelessness but I have family members who have. My brother received a disability income of \$1100 a mo but affordable housing was limited. He was elderly, vulnerable, and disabled. He had to be near a grocery store and pharmacy he could walk to. He struggled to pay rent, food, dr. visits, medications, etc. He never had income to meet his basic needs so I subsidized his income each mo. It was very sad he could barely get by and was always close to being homeless even with his disability income. I know there are many that are homeless in our community. I would like to see more direct assistance through vouchers. My understanding is there is a lottery to get on the list and then there can be a 3 year wait. I believe this is your Target area 10 4A HOME TBRA with a goal of only 35 will benefit. That goal is way too low for a City our size. I think more families should receive vouchers so my vote is to put the maximum allowable toward the voucher program.
473	I would spend it on affordable housing, personally. The number one thing I hear when doing homeless outreach work from our unhoused citizens is that they all are out on the streets partly because there is no transitional housing available, and nearly every apartment or house they look at is simply too expensive for them to afford. Many speak of having to subsist on minimum wage work, which seems to be the predominant form of work that is out there. I would alternately use the money to create a work program that employs them and helps to improve city infrastructure and street cleanup.
474	The city needs to make long term investments in the community including access to mental health programs, life skills education, infrastructure improvements, and invest in retaining and attracting both low cost housing and employers. You need to take a well balanced approach that is part of a long term plan to address inequalities in the community. This money should be spent in support of a long term strategic plan to address our community issues.
475	Work to get King Polis out of office.
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477	FIX THE ROADS!
478	Programs to help poor or homeless people. We need low income housing.
479	Split it between the police department and fire department especially to improve fire hydrants
480	Invest in small businesses and restaurants that are having a tough time in the pandemic. Or improve east west roads. Or improve public safety fleet and fleet maintenance.
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482	Affordable housing for low income persons Help with food for needy families
483	Increase trail system throughout the city.
484	Street lighting in residential areas , south of Pikes Peak and east of Academy. Many street lights have been off for a good while!!

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485	Need to use that money to help people get off the streets and into programs to help with their homelessness or addictions.
486	Build a tiny house community in which veterans, low income people and homeless people could use to get on their feet. When you have somewhere safe to leave your belongings, shower and clean up on a regular basis, have some dignity back, it becomes easier to find a job and get on your feet.
487	Street lighting in residential areas , south of Pikes Peak and east of Academy. Many street lights have been off for a good while!!
488	Increased safety measures so we can open the city back up.
489	Fill the potholes, clean up trash, fund public schools more
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492	Add another park north of woodmen.
493	Help support small businesses
494	Help all of the restaurant workers just laid off once again.
495	Fix roads . Set up more parks, fix things throughout the city to make it look pretty.
496	#NAME?
497	Reopen snell business and keep the from failing. The money should go to those that were working hard not taking advantage of the over paid unemployment
498	Upgrade parks for kids since so many are doing remote learning...
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500	I like most of the ideas presented, but mainly putting towards homelessness and affordable housing. I'm very fortunate, but I know many are not. Housing is ridiculous here and it was by luck (along with lots of planning and saving) that I could afford to buy a home. Luck shouldn't be such a huge part of the equation. From what little I see, I think a lot of homeless struggle with mental issues and many I see are young. That makes a lot of vulnerable people who, with good programs (\$) could improve (in turn helping the city too by becoming contributing members rather than "eyesores" as horrible as it is to call someone that).
501	I would improve south Colorado Springs. You keep making the north nicer and nicer while the south looks ghetto.
502	Help the kids in our community by providing more funds to buy food on the P-EBT Program. Some parents can't make it to the schools for the free lunch. Even then the food they do serve is frozen, old hard bread, or warm milk. That 5 MILLION should help our kiddos. NOT THE ROADS OR HOMLESS
503	COVID relief
504	This survey is obviously skewed toward housing and COVID related issues. How about we focus on how to allow people to move forward in life rather than satiating them with money? Spend this \$5M on economic development and support of local businesses. Open our city back up so that it has a fighting of chance of revival. I do not want to see this money used as a hand-out. The state and federal governments are doing plenty of that already. Fix and widen our roads. Give the city a solid infrastructure to work from. Make Colo Spgs a city that attracts and supports people doing good work.
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506	In this age of fraud make sure the recipients truly needs help. This includes checking their bank accounts and personal information. If they say that's private information reject them instantly!! I am getting so sick of thievery!!!

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507	Improve programs to help homeless get back on their feet, get clean, have job training, and start over again.
508	Support the homeless and fix these roads, they are atrocious!
509	Support small business and restaurants impacted during this ridiculous shutdown. Also allocate money to food banks
510	I would make activities, such as sports, more affordable for families with multiple children.
511	Improve the city's roads and bridges. Some areas are falling apart. N Circle comes to mind. Also help small business. These baseless and bloated shut downs are destroying them.
512	Fix the damn roads.
513	Small Business coronavirus relief
514	Education and parks
515	Improve roads and existing parks in lower income areas (anywhere but district 20).
516	Prevent the economic collapse by distributing it among the small businesses in the city while COVID lockdown is proceeding
517	I think right now it is the basics. Food, shelter, utilities. I have lost my job due to covid but thankfully have a spouse who is still working and should not be impacted. I can not imagine households of single parents or couples who have lost jobs. I think it should go to help those people directly impacted by covid on a way that has been devastating unlike me who still has income from a working spouse. Help them.
518	Invest in expanding and improving public transit
519	Our schools are underfunded in managing the needs for proper PPE, technology and supplies to manage the current remote and hybrid learning needs. We also will need summer and spring educational opportunities in order to help our students be successful.
520	Improve transit and incentivize density
521	The \$5,000,000 should be used to improve the infrastructure, specifically pot-holes, roads, and improving traffic.
522	In the short term, supplementing, supporting, or outright subsidizing small businesses that would outright fail as a result of the ongoing pandemic and the failure of Congress at the federal level to continue enacting meaningful legislation to support those in need during this crisis. In the long term, continued maintenance and support of parks, trails, and open spaces, as nature is one of the best aspects we enjoy living in Colorado.
523	Help individuals who worked in the restaurant industry, gyms and bars and other businesses that were shut down due to COVID. This could be giving them help with paying rent and buying food.
524	help out local small businesses
525	Assistance for those who have lost work this year and general trash and cleanup for public parks, greenway, etc. We have beautiful infrastructure in the city but there's some areas that are getting trashed and overrun by homeless.
526	Expand bus routes in the north and develop an app/tracking system with the bus routes/current locations of buses.
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528	More affordable housing. Housing and rental prices are at ridiculous rates.
529	Fix roads full of cracks that are causing countless thousands of dollars of damage to our car suspensions. Our street was slated to be fixed last year, then it never happened. Our whole neighborhood is terrible in this regard.

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530	I would use this money to help failing small businesses in Colorado Springs especially family owned restaurants. Money spent in our local economy stays local. With the hardships caused by Covid19 we are at risk of losing many locally owned businesses, these businesses need help to survive. National chains and companies like Amazon are already out performing local businesses and with the added stresses of shut downs and capacity restrictions local businesses are struggling to stay afloat. Small businesses employ local people and use local services, so by helping these businesses the money will also help others in our community.
531	Invest in technology and follow Denver's lead to make Colorado Springs a Smart City.
532	Road refinishing.
533	I would fix the roads that are littered with potholes that are damaging peoples vehicles to no fault of their own. Our road's are so bad, it's always promised that they will be repaired but it never seems to happen.
534	Down payment assistance for home purchases
535	Keep on fixing the roads and have better/cheaper/not comcast internet options.
536	Invest in helping the homeless and Covid stimulus relief.
537	Fund the police and mental health field.
538	Help remove the homeless problem in city. Cs is growing so quickly and as we grow i think we need to take care of the growing homeless population. I suggest using the money to build more shelters and help get the homeless reestablished in the community 2nd option help our small businesses stay afloat.
539	I would use it supplement the income/housing/interest for unemployed of low income individuals, create community resources like housing or food access, or allow small, local businesses to apply for grants to pay laid off employees or employees who's hours are cut. \$5 million is a lot of money but I understand it doesn't go that far when Colorado Springs has almost 7% unemployment.
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541	Give back to the lower class for the holidays
542	Education. Teachers were severely underpaid before the pandemic. Now they have a high risk job with little to no extra compensation. They work two jobs to pay for supplies out of there own pocket. Higher education will improve the future.
543	Land and tiny houses for homeless veterans, singles and couples.
544	Use the money to house the homeless.
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547	put in a dog park on the east side of academy between pikes peak ave and airport rd . the old Audubon bird sanctuary is now owned by the city . so no out of pocket money to buy land . there is plenty of parking in the academy crossing shopping center . it really would greatly benefit the area , as we don't have a dog park in this part of town . it would also take care of some of the homeless situation here .this parcel has camps in it constantly . the city has to spend great deal of money to clean the camp sites . since this park wouldn't cost all to much , I believe the rest of the money should be used to fix crumbling sidewalks in the southeast part of town and should be invested in something like Mary's home or the dream center in partnership with other local non profit agencies that help the homeless .
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549	Affordable housing, and infrastructure

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550	Help people who need help right now. Homelessness is a huge problem in this city. Get people help so they can help themselves. Help people who have lost income due to COVID-19. Just help your people.
551	Affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and services for the homeless.
552	Improve funding for mental health, addiction treatment, and housing for the homeless
553	I would focus the money on supporting our low income and homeless populations secure housing. Housing prices have skyrocketed and even basic apartments are expensive. It would be great to see the city create more housing for our most vulnerable community members. The other key component that needs to be addressed is mental health concerns for the homeless population. Many of the chronically homeless seem to struggle with mental health, and more options for counseling and treatment would be nice to see.
554	I think that within the community, the money should go towards school and bettering the education system.
555	Improve the roads.
556	Repave and add bike lanes and sidewalks to West Rio Grande Ave between South 21st Street and Lower Gold Camp Road. This is a very busy road that connects to Bear Creek Regional Park. People walk and bike on the roadway because there is no sidewalk / bike lane. Also, the road is in very bad condition and cars have to sway out of travel lanes to avoid pot holes, sinkholes, and heaves in the asphalt.
557	Help out the community effected by the coronavirus, especially restaurants and bars.
558	Invest it it affordable housing, resources for the homeless, and education.
559	Jobs programs focusing on critical services and mental health help
560	Build transient bed locations close to soup kitchen and clean up the trails of homeless camping and trash. Provide job skills training opportunities. Increase law enforcement presence in higher crime areas. Fire mitigation of heavily wooded areas around Colorado Springs. More snow removal vehicles and chemicals sprayed on secondary roads the get accumulation of snow and ice. Purchase more ventilators and other ppe to stockpile in preperation for a REAL pandemic. Free concerts during summer months (country and rock) keep the rap music out because it's too vile.
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562	Build a community Rex center with an indoor pool, soccer field, etc.
563	More public transportation. Park and trail development/maintenance.
564	Provide Stimulus for Small Businesses who have complied with COVID Regulations and capacity but have still been shut down and extremely limited by restrictions.
565	I would use to invest in current and start-up local businesses to include coffee shops, breweries, restaurants, shopping, etc. I'd also use it to craft out specific green space or beautifying projects. Small, local businesses and actual green space is what makes us unique from Denver!
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567	I would grant the money to local (not chain) restaurant owners with the restriction that the restaurants provide free meals to those in need (up to the amount of the grant).
568	Provide relief to households who have been severely impacted by the closure, reductions, and liss of income due to the governments handling of Covid-19.
569	Fill in potholes, invest in renovating libraries/building a new one in north CO Springs, and give money to people unemployed from COVID-19.
570	Warm shelter and housing. Shelter that does not require drug testing and does not discriminate against transgender people.

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571	Give back to independently owned businesses who are struggling, support social services, and maintain our parks.
572	Assist small, locally owned businesses who have been impacted by the pandemic.
573	Make housing more affordable
574	Help provide low income families with internet for hybrid/ remote learning so everyone has the same opportunity to learn. Provide needed updated equipment for fire stations and police. Help low income families with utilities
575	More low income housing.
576	Some kind of needs based relief for citizens of Colorado Springs that have been most significantly impacted by COVID. My concern with the federal stimulus is that it went to families that did NOT need it because they were not/would not be impacted by COVID. My family is included in that group. If this money is used for relief for citizens due to COVID, I suggest that the relief is targeted in a way that ensures it gets to people actually impacted.
577	Create a stimulus plan for businesses and newly furloughed workers in case of another shut down. If we shut down again without help, a lot of businesses are going to go under and a lot of people are going to struggle.
578	Affordable Housing
579	I would put the money into building free housing for the homeless and staff it with full time therapists. I understand 5 million is not enough to completely fund this, but it would be a start and the effects would be immediate.
580	Increased public park space and stricter drug enforcement.
581	I would put that money towards helping small, local businesses who have experienced shut downs and have had to limit capacity of in-person dining.
582	Hire more police
583	Have more outdoor socially distanced winter activities to help people get outside and improve their mental health
584	We need a hospital/ER in Security.
585	I would like to see the money used for clean up of homeless camps - I have lived her my whole life (45 years) and it makes me sad to see so much trash, etc. around the city. I would also like to see money used for assistance in mental health programs for the homeless
586	Improve the schools - in particular the lower performing schools. Boost the school system -it's literally the future.
587	Stop giving funds to those who will be enabled to continue poor life choices. Working class families are suffering.
588	Housing tax breaks
589	I would improve neighborhood parks and trails.
590	Encourage jobs. Helps businesses retain their standing and. Not close. Start and find a program to clean streets and homeless areas. Pick up trash, offer trash cans. Weekly clean up. Participants get food.
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593	To help people with utility bills and rent that lost their jobs due to COVID-19.
594	Homelessness prevention/mitigation
595	Build city recreation center with indoor walking track.
596	homelessness prevention/ affordable housing

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597	Affordable housing
598	Give the tax money back, send checks to people. Government is an inefficient arbiter of economic growth.
599	residential street paving on northeast side (Peterson road) as streets breaking apart with large cracks running curb to curb. More updated equipment for streets division.
600	Stimulus for small businesses.
601	Assist teachers with better pay, more subs, and more resources.
602	Use it to help support the homeless.
603	Give back to the homeless in some way.
604	Please create more affordable housing and more homeless shelter beds.
605	<p>C. Springs has always had a need for more parks and recreation for it's community. A city this size, compared to other cities in Colorado even such as Greeley, have many, many more acres of parks for youth and adults to enjoy.</p> <p>The northwest side of Colorado Springs has not had any park or recreation improvements in years. Even before the pandemic the Woodmen Valley Tennis courts always have a waiting line and now with the pandemic, there is not an evening or day that the courts are not being used.</p> <p>2 pickleball courts and possibly one additional tennis court should be added to Woodmen Valley Park to the west of the current tennis courts. There should also be an outdoor workout facility added to this park. There is plenty of room to the east side of the children's play area. With the Garden Ranch YMCA closed, west side citizens no longer have any type of facility to par take in without going downtown or to Briargate. It is about time, our west side tax \$\$ be put to use on the Westside.</p>
606	Help Colorado Springs parks combat crime and vandalism. Pay for police presence at trail heads where break ins occur. Additional support for parks employees - staffing increases to support increased use of our parks.
607	To improve my community I would love to see an adult themed park like "Lawn on the D" in Boston , that would give adults a fun place to hangout outside with live music games swings and drinks!
608	I would build more urban trails or pave the ones that aren't paved now. This would benefit every citizen of the city instead of any particular group or class.
609	Local business development, mental health, and parks.
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612	Definitely the parks. Several parks near downtown and old colorado city would benefit from cleaning up and deterring homeless populations from staying there. I know a lot is already funded for help to the homeless but I'm sure more could always be done.
613	Put the money into economic relief packages for those who are in need
614	A stimulus check would be the most helpful for me household due to covid impacts. Other places it would be helpful is for the homeless community.
615	Free parking downtown. Larger parking garage structure.
616	Distribute to citizens in need.
617	More resources for small business, unemployed, and those efectes by the pandemic.
618	Fix the potholes on the roads that are destroying resident's cars because they are so bad. Marksheffel, and all the crossroads between it and Powers, i.e. Barnes, Stetson Hills, North Carefree are absolutely horrible. Not sure who does the repair work now, but they are some of the worst repairs I have ever seen living all around the United States.

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620	Permanent housing options for the unhoused population. Rent assistance for low income folks. Affordable housing that's actually affordable (\$1200 one-bedroom apartments are NOT affordable). Working public bathrooms restored in parks. Garbage cans and pick up services restored to parks. No more Olympic city marketing crap until we're actually taking care of people who live here.
621	Do something to help the homeless. Get them away from our waterways and open spaces. I hate seeing all of our open areas burn down because of another homeless camp fire. Also, it's nice to have hiking/riding trails throughout town but not nice when you feel like you might get stabbed by a junkie or a loose needle on the path.
622	Invest in homeless prevention.
623	I would see more funds put toward developing more of our open space trails to make them safer, durable, and more accessible
624	Put the money towards trails... Quite a bit of what is happening in COS is benefitting tourists at the detriment of the long-time citizens. Parks are overwhelmed, streets are full, we now have to pay for parking downtown. Housing prices have become out of reach for the majority of residents. Out of state money is coming in and making it extremely hard to buy a house. Affordable housing does not have to equal rental properties... If we look at who actually benefits from many of the actions taken by COS government, it is the wealthy... not the average citizen.
625	Handouts are not it! Anything that's done needs to bring value back to the city. Homeless people should have to work for the support that they receive. Cleaning the city in exchange for places to sleep and eat and then opportunities for education, but people need to work for it.
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627	Put money toward fire and police safety. Pay for mobile hot spots for a year for families that don't have internet so the kids can accomplish school at home. Purchase PPE for hospitals for covid support. Create a training program for homeless and those that lost jobs to get employment Fix up parks
628	Help out local public schools by providing additional technology, especially to those districts that have lower median income households.
629	Build affordable housing outside of town to move homeless population away from city. Create programs that help these people get back on their feet and become productive citizens.
630	Law enforcement. Clean out the homeless along the COS waterways and downtown. Harboring and feeding them only exacerbates the situation. In fact, I'd take half of that money and get the homeless transportation back to their family and home states.
631	I would create a financial incentive program for the teachers and substitute teachers that are willing to come in to school to teach in person. I may even provide incentives to schools to keep in person learning ongoing. Our kids are struggling and falling behind in the current environment. Every child psychologist, pediatrician, etc that I have talked to, agrees. Help our kids get back to school! There is irreparable harm going on.
632	Help people pay utilities.
633	A family oriented bike park on the North side of town similar to the El Pomar park in central C Springs. The goose gossage park is not the most family friendly.

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637	Continue economic development and assist with residence affected by COVID19
638	use it for corona virus releif for citizens since we are shutting down again
639	More money for contact tracing and control of the virus. I'd say financial relief but \$5 million doesn't seem like it would do much for the small businesses and artists feeling the most pain.
640	Rent assistance for people who lost jobs due to COVID 19
641	Expand Marksheffel to 4 lanes between Dublin and N. Carefree or pave additional roads not included in 2C.
642	Give it back to the tax payers as stimulus and open ALL businesses so it can be put back into the economy
643	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decrease crime! Hire many more police force personnel. We may move away from the Springs due to the high rate of crime. 2. Improve road flow to decrease fatal auto accidents. We are alarmed at the numerous serious auto accidents on the roads here. This is another problem that may drive us away from this city.
644	We are currently working hard to revitalize the downtown area with the new Olympic museum, new hotels, and a new stadium. What else is down town in the middle of these sites? A homeless shelter. Some thought should be given to relocate this shelter.
645	<p>Fund trails and open spaces -</p> <p>Clean up parks</p> <p>Fund cultural activities (theaters/philharmonic/museums)</p>
646	I would purchase property close to downtown and design a tiny neighborhood modeled after the Community First! Village in Austin, TX. The purpose of this neighborhood would be to provide immediate free and low-cost housing to homeless people, with all of the resources and support and structure that they need to become stable.
647	More affordable housing
648	School funding
649	job creation. possibly affordable housing development or substance abuse programs.
650	Increase funding for welfare programs like food stamps.
651	I would spend it on a scholarship for Colorado Springs resident Students, adding the condition that they spend at least 2 years after graduation working for the city.
652	Help the homeless get off the streets, hold community events, add bike trails, more cops patrolling as there seems to be a lot of stealing of mail and theft (even in our parks), assist small businesses due to covid, encourage smart urban planning (Suburban sprawl is contributing to disconnect between parts of town)
653	This year? Give grants to truly small businesses who have kept doors open but lost revenue. Not businesses of 100+ as the SBA defines small. But those with 2 to 30 employees. And not just those impacted by Claire's (restaurants). Many small service businesses are falling through the cracks and are open but just barely.
654	Give back to residents who have lost jobs
655	<p>Affordable housing</p> <p>Reducing homelessness</p>

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656	Work on food accessibility
657	Improve roads and ingress/egress routes between Black Forest and Colorado Springs
658	Spend it towards helping the homeless
659	Support small business! Put in more sidewalks!
660	Build a shelter for the homeless to get them off the street.
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663	First of all we could define the police and generate even more disposable capital, but we should invest the money into our lower income communities. COVID has been devastating for a multitude of families, but it is indisputable that the working and lower classes have less resources to recover from the pandemic. Additionally, we should use the money to provide more support to our homeless population. Small, local businesses also need support too!!
664	Fix the roads. They are horrible. I have driven across the country many times and as soon as you cross from Kansas into Colorado the roads become awful
665	Fix roads and improve bike paths and trails.
666	Invest in parks and public spaces
667	Better roads (actually fix the potholes rather than waste money patching), better street lighting (this would help prevent some of the crime),
668	Invest in more affordable housing and more aid for people experiencing food insecurity. Fix roads and create more sidewalks on busy streets. Maintain city parks and open spaces. Designate money for small businesses and students/schools. Create programs and shelters to reduce homelessness.
669	I would find a way to use the money to open youth sports. And to provide mental health support
670	Schools, covid relief, parks, wildlife conservation, emissions (climate change)
671	Help the small businesses, and anyone who is on unemployment due to the Corona virus.
672	As a female who uses our trail system all the time I'd like to see the money used to keep the homeless off the trails and the trails cleaned up from their trash. At 8th street and 25 all over the trails it's disgusting and unsafe. They block the trails so bad I have to ride off and into the bushes to go around them!
673	Install more bike trails through the city.
674	I would put it towards the cities infrastructure. The city is in disrepair for roads and bridges. I would also like to see the people in charge of how money is spent be investigated for how they wasted past money. Plus look at there saleries. There being payed way to much for what they do.
675	improve road conditions and i would love to see some lines repainted
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677	Continue to build dog parks in the community, having more places for outdoor activities. On the North East side of the springs there is a total of 2 dog parks, one of which is very "run-down," we have a need with all the new housing and all the Californians coming here (and most will have pets) to ensure that our parks and outdoor activities have the same great impact on our environment.
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679	Recommend using this as loans to startups for job creation, and a portion to food banks for hungry residents.
680	Fix roads, create a useful public transit system, somehow figure out how to lower housing costs they are insane.

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681	More trails.
682	Give it to the people and businesses you kept from making incomes!
683	Food to the hungry.
684	Please us it to fix the roads in Colorado Springs
685	Invest in small business, especially those owned by folks in marginalized communities (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc), invest in alternative police force programs like social workers
686	Beautify the city and increase broadband. We moved here from Chattanooga, TN, this year. Chattanooga is an outdoorsy town, but it has many options for people who like a variety. Chattanooga focused on its downtown and rebuilt the city around the riverfront. It all started with the Tennessee Aquarium and the revitalization of the Chattanooga Choo Choo. There were not just investments in tourism but investments in infrastructure like broadband. The broadband here is awful. Chattanooga is known as Gig City. The first in the world which has attracted tech and logistic companies.
687	Increase teacher pay and education funding.
688	Help keep independent bars and restaurants from having to close
689	Improve parks and trail system, beautify areas around city streets and over passes, address the homeless crisis
690	5,000,000 towards the community would be clean up the streets and make covid guidelines irrelevant because covid is bullshit and it's all a political stunt to make Americans sheep. The government infringing on our rights is becoming a constant thing so maybe put the 5 million dollars towards fighting for people's right. And maybe realize that the second amendment wasn't made for hunting. It was made to defend yourself from a tyrannical government like the one we have today. Gun laws are infringements.
691	Partner with care and share
692	Fix roads or improve traffic patterns
693	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homeless prevention and help for those that are currently homeless. - Financial assistance for those that have lost their jobs due to COVID19, and who need help with their rent/mortgages. - Financial assistance to food banks. - Parks and trail repairs from excessive use due to COVID19 closures. - Creation of new trails to help with the popularity of current trails and to help spread people out on the trail system. - Mental health assistance/availability for those struggling emotionally due to COVID19.
694	Use the \$5,000,000 to purchase more open space, achieving the goal of surrounding the city with open areas for public use. The federal government should assist in COVID economic issues. The city should focus on city infrastructure improvements.
695	Help with covid relief. Healthcare workers
696	I would allocate money to the school districts of Colorado Springs. Navigating COVID and the new learning challenges, will be hard for teachers (who need raises) and students. As well as, COVID relief for small businesses and rental relief.
697	Better mental health and expounded medicaid insurance assistance. Especially for those with limited income and high medicare expenses
698	low income housing, homeless, restaurants, improve schools in low income neighborhoods, child care

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699	Give it to low income housing/services, rent assistance for those affected by covid and nature preservation.
700	I think that more resources need to get back to education. A society's hopes rest with the next generation, and the U.S. is generally doing a poor job of providing resources and best-in-class education to young people, especially in high schools. Though I am sure there are a million ways to improve a community, and the problems besetting communities are very complex with no easy answers, I think the \$5M should be spent on modernizing and improving tools and resources for HS and JHS students, increase pay to attract top notch, creative, and dynamic teachers and administrators, revolutionize the teaching curriculum, and fund extra-curricular activities for students. Not just sports, but art, music, and technology (e.g., STEM clubs/workshops, and coding workshops). Thank you.
701	Repair the roads on the southeast part of town, instead of building low income housing how about promote modern business growth and ventures in the southeast side of town to help level the playing field. Or use the money for the school district that needs it most.
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703	Open up employment opportunities to tackle items on the city To-Do list
704	1. Provide housing / food / educational assistance to those in need
705	2. Provide financial support for businesses affected most by the pandemic
706	3. Provide financial incentives for non-white entrepreneurs to establish businesses
707	Help struggling small businesses that are part of the cities history.
708	Fix the roads and help solve some of the homelessness issue.
709	Proper street lights in the southern part of Colorado springs. We TOO want safer neighborhoods but with all fundings going toward the northern part of town, there is none left for repairs in the south. There is also land behind king Soopers on academy that is being occupied by homeless people. That land should be turned into a park with well lit walking trails.
710	Create more parks with trails for walkers and bikers. Definitely plant more trees to help clean our atmosphere.
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712	We need to focus on a plan for the homeless it is awful to have to say that they are ruining our downtown/parks and surrounding areas. We need housing and programs that will get these people to work!
713	Take care of our local small family business. Help the residents that have lost jobs/income.
714	I'd like to see something done with the homeless population - additional resources to get them off of the medians, living in their cars at Gossage, Cottonwood, etc. It really seems that this stuff is spiraling out of control.
715	I think the 5 million to improve our community should go to first responders, education and improvement in the housing market. The housing market is extremely high and is making it difficult for people to afford buying a home.
716	We need to address the homeless problem. There are not enough enforcement people to keep up with the many areas that homeless people set up in. They are gone and then return. It has made it unsafe to run, walk, and ride on our trails and in our parks.
717	Social safety nets for the working class.

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715	Improve various transportation methods within the city to lower car emissions and allow for a variety of ways to move about. Invest in green/eco friendly technology as climate change is drastically changing our lives and will continue to change our lives if we don't prepare for it. Investing in parks and interconnected neighborhood trails so that we can spend more time outdoors, the pandemic made it clear that our spaces are not up to par with other cities of a similar size especially given our love of nature. And finally investing in informal spaces so that those experiencing a range of different types of homelessness can have options to help them; i.e base camps, temp homes, semi-permante homes, and co-op spaces.
716	Support local schools in providing higher quality distance learning alternatives and in person alternatives in the context of COVID, difficulty with child care, etc.
717	Invest in a multi-use fieldhouse that would support various sports such as Volleyball, Basketball, and Pickleball. While there are numerous club sports teams in the Springs, there are limited facilities that have forced teams to cancel seasons due to Covid - as most teams used various school and community facilities for practice. Additionally, the availability of space for tournaments is limited - most teams travel 2-3 hours around COS to have the ability to participate in a tournament. \$5M is a start on a great facility.
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719	Ensure grant money to our NON PROFIT museums, art centers, heritage sites, zoos and aquariums. Otherwise there will be no where left to go after this pandemic, short of big box stores.
720	Infrastructure (roads and utilities) improvements, then parks
721	Police Dept. Crime is out of control.
722	I would put it into public transportation, create better relationships with other cities along the front range via multi city transportation, INVEST in cascade and green mountain falls....they will be essential communities to colorado springs in the coming decades in my opinion, they need transportation to colorado springs, better roads, and easily accessible utilities/internet...especially while working from home!
723	Focus on reducing crime, decreasing homeless population, and decreasing marijuana industry. Add more parks that are safe so kids can play. Provide affordable homes for the elderly.
724	Focus and basics - food, shelter, heat, and medical treatment.
725	More low income housing
726	Reimburse small business owners for their losses during the Covid lockdowns. Prevent them from going bankrupt. Replace all government officials who proposed and supported the Covid lockdowns with true blooded American Patriots!
727	Repave roads. Make the government smaller. Beautify playgrounds.
728	Give teachers a bonus.
729	Parts should go to helping roads in outlining communities. Those areas where the roads are dirt roads or not maintained well. The other parts should go to helping with education.
730	Provide funds to small business owners impacted by the pandemic.
731	I would like to see this money be used for primary school education and to support our local businesses
732	I would use it to pay people who are quarantineing from covid. You can't ask someone not to go out into the public without compensation. Bills don't stop because you have a virus,so you force people to keep working even when covid positive especially in essential industries like grocery stores,gas stations,ect that don't pay sick time.
733	Invest in mental health services, affordable housing, and drug rehabilitation services.

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	<p>I would like to see road improvements made at especially busy or dangerous intersections. I think the area near Woodmen and Powers is especially dangerous and congested. I think that this problem will only worsen as more houses are built in the area. There are too many lights between Black Forest Road and Duryea Dr for efficient traffic flow.</p> <p>Alternatively, I would like to see some money given towards education programs that would help students connect their their learning remotely - grants for internet service/upgrades, grants for semi-private supervised learning centers (libraries?) for students without a private workspace, grants for partnerships between local school districts and local universities to streamline education and encourage our best and brightest K-12 students to stay local.</p> <p>A third option, I think, would be to put the money towards expanding services for those facing eviction, or</p>
734	homelessness.
735	help out individuals with payments to get them through covid & insure security.
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737	housing access and stability for people. The cost to live here is pricing me, with an MBA, in the nonprofit sector out of our community. Youth need help. They need stability.
738	Put it towards the Waldo/Williams Canyon trail system development. The local area trails are a big draw to the area but they are becoming very crowded especially during the pandemc. Accelerating the new trail development is a necessity.
739	I would uses the 5 million dollars to build tiny houses to house the homeless people on the streets.
740	Affordable housing and a continued expansion of downtown
741	Give them out to tax paying Colorado Springs residents. Proof of residency.
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743	Distribute it to their employees that are on the front line during this pandemic; i.e. hazard pay or increased benefits. Or here's a brilliant idea, actually investigate all worker's comp claims that are submitted of front line employees who test covid19 positive; rather than the adjuster stating verbatim, "we are denying all claims because you can get covid basically any where in the air. We will not
744	investigate any claims nor approve them."
745	Repair roads, especially smaller side roads
746	Give back to our nurses! We are exhausted and burnt out.
747	fix roads, add police
748	Give it to the people to spend into the businesses.
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750	Help businesses and people who have been effected by Covid. Help with rent or mortgage and utilities. Is also put money towards local improvements like roads and parks. Not only would that help the local economy it would improve our community as well.
751	I would add funding to housing and food assistance specifically aimed at helping those struggling due to the pandemic. As an essential worker who is serially struggling, any easy to abrasion help would make a huge difference. I would also find some way to reward essential and front line workers whose employers either weren't able to or refused to offer some to firm of consistent hazard pay or similar. My company provided 6 weeks of a \$2/hr bump in April, but nothing since.

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752	If Covid weren't an issue, I'd say put it to city parks, making roadways more beautiful and green, and maintaining sidewalks. With Covid, basics like mortgage relief funds, utility payment help, and food bank support is needed.
753	Give it to the the people who lost their jobs during the shutdown down due to no fault of their own.
754	Build tummy homes to house the homeless.
755	I would use the money to improve transportation, specifically by improving sidewalks and making more of Downtown and old Colorado city to make them pedestrian friendly or car free. I would also use the money for more food banks and to support students who don't have access to the internet for remote learning.
756	Pot holes, red light cameras, bike lanes, and COVID-19 relief for small businesses.
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758	Stimulus checks
759	build sidewalks in needed older areas that don't have them
760	Road improvement & help churches or organizations that help the homeless to get off the street.
761	Fix the roads and get the homeless off the street and into some housing. Use any existing vacant business building as temporary housing for those that are not mentally ill, and get the mentally ill off the streets and into a medical facility.
762	Add uniformed/sworn police officers to CSPD.
763	Infrastructure for the amount of people that are moving here
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765	- Education: Help kids that are struggling with online classes. Provide support to the students and parents.
766	- Education: Help kids that are struggling with online classes. Provide support to the students and parents. - Support the utility bills for the people that had lost their jobs. "
767	I would allocate the money to expedited road servicing / repair. This city needs it badly, and not in years of time.
768	I would do more outdoor events to get people out of the house. Bring in some big named Free Concerts and raise the spirits of our citizens. Support ways to help local high schools continue to hold sporting events.
769	I would put more money towards effective code enforcement and a neighborhood watch program in the south downtown/mill street neighborhood. Currently our neighborhood is used as a free dumping ground and car park for vagrants who are literally camping on the street in their cars in front of people's homes. It's disgusting. As there are no facilities nearby I know these people are pooping and peeing into the street which then goes to the storm drain. The city knows this is a constant problem but they don't have enough money or people with authority to make this problem go away.
770	I would put the \$5M towards better public transportation
771	I would like to see more green ways connecting to more neighborhoods. We have great bike paths, but not many neighborhoods connect to the main paths.
772	Affordable housing, homeless prevention
773	Better homeless control
774	More funding to education, police and fire departments, fix roads
775	Fix the roads right outside of Peterson AFB. Build more dog parks. Open more shelters.

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776	Allocate it to affordable funding and creating more equity in El Paso County schools. Also, improving facilities in neighborhoods to create more positive and productive spaces and programs for youth to use.
777	Improving the parks(more Picnicking spots), also better public restrooms at parks. As well as fixing lots of pot holes around town. Also better speed and traffic enforcement.
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779	I would spread it around: 1,000,000 to help put in place low income housing, another 1,000,000 for improvements to low income areas. 1,000,000 for Police community involvement programs, 2,000,000 for job creation/economic development.
780	Our infrastructure is a mess. Put people to work. Fix the roads. Fix the stoplights that have you waiting for 5 minutes late at night when there's no cars coming. Actually plow the residential streets that you're supposed to when it snows. This will help pave the way for people to be more effective at their jobs once things get back to normal, and will create jobs in the short term too. Your existing efforts and funding are not at all up to par. Quit hesitating and get to work on our infrastructure today!
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782	I would use the money to improve the roads as 2C isn't helping with the degradation of our roads and we need additional funding.
783	K-12 Education, Better evaluation testing of students. Provide for all school supplies for K-5/6. Better/more teacher training and pay. Revamp welfare by educating about home management. Employ those receiving benefits in jobs that benefit the public
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785	I think continued trash/waste clean up in and around monument creek and fountain creek should be a high priority.
786	Clean up our parks of needles. Improve homeless shelters. There are way too many homeless that need help. Maybe clean needle sites.
787	Improve parks and build a new homeless shelter
788	Rental assistance payments made on time(not months behind) would help the community not only for business but also for morale during these tough times. The stress of trying to work and keep a roof over your head it's really tough.
789	Would put it toward homeless shelters and helping shelters market to those that are homeless. Would put towards Colorado Springs Utilities to help those who need help with keeping the heat and water on this winter.
790	Eradicate the homeless problem by providing free housing to those in need. Sometimes people need a little help to get back on their feet.
791	i would focus on programs to help the homeless and needy
792	Truthfully, I would use it to update the infrastructure, first off. Our local roads have seen more use than the toilets in a park. Most notably the southern side of Academy Blvd. The road conditions are terrible at best and continue to worsen. Rollercoasters have better ride quality. I would also use the funding to re-develop the south Academy business district to help bring new businesses, new jobs and more money into our local economy.
793	Mental health support in our schools. Children should be taught mindfulness techniques, how to diffuse themselves and situations they could be involved in and meditation to help combat irrational thinking and behaviors.

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794	Pay teachers more and give stimulus checks to families and college students.
795	Give it back to the taxpayers.
796	Create jobs for homeless through roadside/park cleanup, homeless outreach; more police funding, fire mitigation, cleanup old commercial areas
797	We need to refocus on the already established communities are slowly deteriorating as the city only focuses on building and expanding the north and east side of town. The south side of town has a lot of crime and run down communities with empty lots and even empty buildings. The south side of town needs to be revived with newer community-based infrastructure and modern looking affordable housing. The roads must also be fixed and trees should be planted in abundance like the north side of town has.
798	Invest in bike trails, small businesses and our parks
799	Help essential workers they have been forgotten and or over looked by everyone we are putting our lives on the line working paycheck to paycheck while others are just asking for handouts
800	1) The priority should be to invest in social services to support minority and low-income communities hit hardest by the pandemic. 2) Invest in the trails and parks system if there's anything left over The money should not be used to bolster/grow law enforcement.
801	Invest in housing homeless and public education
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803	Give everyone back their own money
804	BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EMPLOYEES AND SENIORS
805	Offer grants to local small businesses.
806	Road/pothole improvements especially in neighborhoods. Aesthetics in strip malls and neighborhoods. Additional streetlights for safety
807	Remove sales tax for local citizens.
808	Help the homeless
809	We need more low income housing or just cheaper housing in general to help negate homelessness and to help single parent families have a chance of having their own home.
810	Mental health
811	Use the funding to support education. Teachers have been forced to completely change everything about their profession. They deserve compensation. Overworked and underpaid no more.
812	Bury power lines; make a shipping crate homeless shelter city for the homeless; build better parks.

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813	<p>I would love to see Colorado Springs be more intentional about creating community. Love the downtown murals and sculptures, love better roads and infrastructure, really value lower housing costs.</p> <p>I see a lot of development downtown, but it seems almost exclusively geared toward higher income housing. You're pricing out people who have lived here their whole lives, or middle class people who move here, etc.</p> <p>This is a great moment to be more intentional about what kind of city Colorado Springs really wants to be. If the top issue is consistently more affordable housing, why aren't we seeing more affordable housing in desirable places to live? Why are you allowing big developers to price locals or middle class folks out of where they've always been? We need places to gather, places where everyone feels welcome.</p> <p>If I had \$5,000,000 to give back to my city, I'd allocate it to affordable housing, local non-profits, better public transportation, better roads, and the arts.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
814	<p>Low-income housing, using principles like those of Habitat for Humanity in which prospective residents take part in the construction of their homes</p> <p>Comprehensive, efficient, frequent, subsidized public transit including light rail</p> <p>Job creation programs along the lines of New Deal programs in Great Depression</p> <p>Contracts with local companies and local nonprofits, not outside companies, to keep the funds in the community</p> <p>Arts, music, skills programs to engage youth in low-income areas, provide skills and manpower and build community</p>
815	<p>Road improvements. Expand sections of I-25, resurface where needed.</p>
816	<p>Provide shelter and services to homeless. Invest in public schools</p>
817	<p>Facilities for homeless, affordable housing, better public transportation, invest in existing neighborhood parks and open spaces</p>
818	<p>Invest in public schools. Hire more police.</p>
819	<p>Give it to the small businesses that our government is killing with their lockdowns and absurd restrictions</p>
820	<p>Bail out small businesses in the community, specifically restaurants and others that were largely impacted by the pandemic.</p>
821	<p>Parks and trails cleanup</p>
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824	<p>Repair neglected roads, increase snowplow coverage around the city</p>
825	<p>Fix more of the potholes on the roads throughout the city. Some of the roads are in terrible disrepair and it's causing costly damage to vehicles.</p>
826	<p>Help small businesses and low income with rent and utilities</p>
827	<p>Hire and train more police officers!</p>
828	<p>Remove the homeless, remove the stop lights from the i25 on ramps, or give increase the city forestry/utility tree programs and get the city cleaned up.</p>
829	<p>Better roads. Resource homeless centers and charities. Better roads. Did I mention better roads?</p>

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830	I would support programs that work to get homeless Veterans and their families off the street. Job programs also help to keep Veterans off the streets.
831	Improvements to hospitals overburdened by covid
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833	Open more homeless shelters to get them off the streets. Give to the essential workers who didn't get laid off during Covid and risked their lives every day.
834	We need a stimulus available to those that lost income and funding available to renters and homeowners (landlords) impacted by rent deferrals.
835	Support small businesses and restaurants to help them either be able to have people eat (outdoor dining) and if there's no possible way for them to have business, help support them financially
836	Roads
837	Stimulus to help locals
838	Keep businesses from going bankrupt and make sure no one loses their home.
839	Expand parks and trail system
840	I would allocate funds to pay SPECIFIC needs for living expenses for people / families that have given proof that they otherwise could not pay these necessary bills; including, but not limited to, housing upkeep and expenses, utilities, vehicle upkeep and expenses, etc. I would not just hand over cash not knowing where the money truly is going.
841	Because of the impacts of Covid-19 in colorado springs causing massive unemployment and loss of income, the distribution of food and meals to those in need is ever present. Using the \$5m to develop grocery and food distribution centers for anyone experiencing unemployment would be extremely helpful. Another idea would be the construction of tiny homes for the purpose of providing free or reduced rent for homeless. Homelessness is an ever apparent issue in the springs and studies have shown that by simply having a place to call home it drastically increases the ability of an individual to hold down a job, get off drugs, and be a successful member of the community.
842	Fix roads, add roundabouts
843	Helping the homeless population with some of it and helping those who hav lost jobs due to COVID.
844	Use it to help families afford down payments, or use it to provide relief for folks struggling right now.
845	I would dedicate a portion to homeless outreach and drug and alcohol awareness/resources for those in need. For example, quality counseling and rehab services. The rest I I would distribute to further police training in responding to high risk calls and intra-personal communication.
846	I would spend it on improving the roads where they ACTUALLY need improvement, not spending 5 months on one road for one pot hole. I believe these funds would also be well spent on rental assistance given the pandemic. We could also use this to give assistance to small businesses. Although, I think the best use would be to put more programs and help into decreasing the homeless population.
847	Public safety
848	help people who have been un/underemployed during the pandemic.

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849	<p>I would assist restaurants and the employees of the restaurants as they are being hit hard by the closures and limitations set by the pandemic.</p> <p>I would assist employees of restaurants with rent or mortgage payments.</p> <p>I would freeze all evictions until restaurants are able to operate normally again.</p>
850	<p>Make the city safer. I feel like safety is a big issue. Crime has gone up significantly. Invest in better lighting, neighborhood restoration, neighborhood watch campaigns, public education, police support.</p>
851	<p>Invest in affordable housing and public transit.</p>
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853	<p>Give it to those who need it. Give it to people who filed for unemployment since March.</p>
854	<p>The public school system</p>
855	<p>I would help out the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region. They are a non-profit and do so much for the City and Residents of Colorado Springs and cover most of the expense with money donated so they can use the financial help to continue to help out the people and pets of Colorado Springs.</p>
856	<p>I will be honest, I am a board member of the Pikes Peak Children's Museum. I would like to first and foremost see that the children's museum become a priority next year as we begin to open our doors. We don't need \$5M or even \$1M. However, honestly, just some support from the city would be great. At this point, \$25k \$50k \$100k \$500K would be amazing for us! We want to be a community resource and proud institution here for years to come! And calling the Southeast COS area home is important to us because they deserve a space like this. We are so happy to bring a resource like this to Southeast COS. How much are our children worth investing in? I will let the city leaders decide.</p> <p>Help our small businesses & restaurants & bars. They are the cornerstone of our great city. To see all these businesses closing their doors breaks my heart.</p> <p>I know housing is an issue for many. Instead of giving it to individuals, I would rather proper organizations be entrusted to make the right decision.</p>
857	<p>It would be wonderful if some of those funds could be allocated to fixing the side walks in old Colorado city... Colorado Ave is fine, but pikes peak Ave and streets to the north need some love.</p>
858	<p>The children most at risk are the children who are suffering the most from not having the free breakfast/lunches, proper education, socialization, etc. Additionally, teachers are typically the most likely to report the abuse or neglect of children and with kids out of school those kids still need to be seen and heard.</p> <p>5M should be allocated to ensure children continue to receive the resources they need to break the cycle and stay safe.</p>
859	<p>House the homeless and add trailheads to open space</p>
860	<p>Provide affordable housing to those who are living on the streets</p>
861	<p>Affordable housing.</p>
862	<p>Student loan relief</p>
863	<p>Small business restaurant, bars & distilleries</p>

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864	I live on Southeast side of Colorado Springs. I would love to see new small businesses on the southeast side. we have several empty buildings that could help new small business developers in helping make their dreams comes true. as Amazon distribution center will become a main fixture in our community, these small businesses will serve our well knitted community in pursuing a more friendlier neighborly businesses in our area. the \$5,000,000 monies could be used to help this lower income area revitalize itself as it will struggle to withstanding the more monetary dominating large companies coming in the near future.
865	Create/help fund low income housing. Improve public transportation options.
866	Repair roads and sidewalks throughout the city. Build more trails and open spaces.
867	Buy land on the west side and build a bike park.
868	Help fix the roads and provide support to individuals who lost hours at work due to covid.
869	Build a children's museum and provide relief to other non-profits who are suffering. Improve mental health care options for residents.
870	Repair the roads, affordable housing, school supplies for schools, teenage community center and animal shelters
871	First time home buyer grants/housing - almost impossible to upgrade living situations thanks to skyrocketing prices Public childcare options. Parents shouldn't be made to choose between working or affording childcare
872	Help frontline workers who have been fighting this pandemic for 9 months now with no breaks at all. Help hospital staffs who have been drowning with patients and non stop work. Help schools have better e learning programs. And help small businesses.
873	This money should go first to those who need it most, particularly after the challenges of 2020 with regard to economic issues and loss of jobs. This money should go to subsidize housing for low-income individuals, provide meals and healthcare for children in need, and assist the homeless. This money can go a long way toward helping our neighbors who have been affected by unemployment and Covid-related hardships to find a bit of security and stability. Taking care of those people should be our top priority.
874	A city as big as ours needs a children's museum! It's a place where families can come together and enjoy learning with their children. It is a valuable asset in attracting and retaining residents. Of the 50 largest cities in our country, Colorado Springs is the only one without a children's museum!
875	I would like to see funds granted to nonprofits as fundraising efforts for many organizations were greatly impacted by covid restrictions.
876	Better roads and affordable housing
877	Grants for affordable housing for first time and low income home buyers. \$5,000-\$10,000 could make a big difference when it comes to down payment and closing costs to help beyond what CHFA does considering not many homes are CHFA eligible in my experience. We've given up trying to buy here and are looking to relocate in the next year.
878	Neighborhood improvements for low-income populations
879	I would focus on Pikes's Peak Children's Museum.
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881	Give the money to the people who became unemployed due to COVID-19.
882	More low income apts for those who earn less than \$40000 per yr

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883	Help our school districts who need any type of help
884	Develop a delivery system for all small businesses to be able to use for free to get their goods to our community
885	Fix potholes that damage tires.
886	Give us back our money.
887	Give it back to the taxpayers it was stolen from.
	Assign a homeless task force that just deals with getting rid of the homeless issue and the trash they leave behind. Or
888	Use the money to help the community with recycling efforts and make this more of a green city.
889	Economy needs some love, especially small business and the homeless
890	Create affordable housing rather than allowing prices to sky rocket out of control. Another idea is to give it to poorer school districts in the area based on need rather than test scores to provide every student with a decent education.
891	Ensure small businesses have the ability to pay their staff through additional closures. I would use funds to be paid directly to businesses with policies in place to keep staff on even when shut down. I would use funds to create an accountability committee to maintain appropriate use of the funds for the purpose of keeping small/family owned businesses in business.
892	I would ask the citizens to invest in my concepts that I'm gifting to the people of Colorado. I've got too many to explain (20+) . I feel the people would have to vote and control all aspects of these new companies, including all profits. Please don't pass me up for serious consideration. Happy 150th birthday Colorado springs. Please call or text freely ***.***.*** Thanks, sincerely *****
893	I feel that the money should be used to help the homeless in providing adequate housing, help with transition in the workforce as well with helping those who suffer from mental illness and drug addiction. Let it be said that they are being helped but only to the extent of showing they are willing and able to further their ability to reestablish their quality of life. There are plenty of empty structures around town especially the Union Printers Home would be a good start for housing. We need to focus on this to better our community and to make it so our tourism will flourish in the future. Seeing homeless on our streets would give a bad taste to those whom visit here. I had visited San Francisco in the past and was very disappointed in seeing all the young homeless on the streets.
894	Reparations for black residents and small business loans and grants for black business owners.
895	Clean up the homeless camps
896	Help struggling businesses & employees suffering from COVID restrictions
897	Buy one-way bus tickets for the homeless standing on street corners.
898	Build low income housing in multiple areas, in all zip codes, to modulate the real estate bubble. It would help get homeless off the streets, stabilize insane market prices, and prevent there from being, "a bad part of town."
899	More resources/ housing for the homeless.
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902	Police funding

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903	Clean up the trash! Remove homeless camps. Clean up the parks. South Nevada Avenue is disgusting.
904	Fix infrastructure and help businesses impacted by the pandemic
905	Please fix the older roads. And the older sidewalks. As a home physical therapist this poses as a high fall risk.. Pleasant valley is desperately needed repair
906	Invest in our children. Establish Colorado Springs first public/private school of innovation. Invite Tesla, Google, REI, Oracle and other businesses to establish a magnet program to enable the next generation of inventors and entrepreneurs. It can be decentralized to establish certain areas or specific to the institution. Things like music and technology in the hands of our young people will provide them a launch pad for global success. We should tech well rounded youth the ways to navigate the future better than we had it ourselves. Investment in our youth will pay the dividends of the future. Their ingenuity will create untold millions as they create and build the future. Let's get out ahead of the world and provide the youth an opportunity to succeed without limitations.
907	Clean up the TRASH
908	Parks and public spaces need to be made SAFE, clean and accessible to the community. (More park staff/security perhaps?) Specifically America the Beautiful and Memorial Parks. Establish paid work programs for the jobless/homeless to help them get back on track and at the same time pick up litter and control curbside weeds and city trees.
909	build a tiny home community - small houses with small yards - and give them to homeless people
910	K12 Educational investments
911	Senior programs. Parks too.
912	One time grants to support household rent payments to prevent a wave of evictions. Option to make this available for small businesses as well.
913	Create safe and low cost housing for the thousands of unhoused people al over town. Put the rest towards school district 2
914	I would Open up some youth centers. I only see the skate park at memorial. Kids are bored. Then I would turn some of these empty buildings into a whole community like area to help the homeless. Like the old k mart on airport and circle, put in a medical facility for basics, a centralized place to get clothing and food and a shelter from the elements with a addressed Postal pickup office/mail room, just for that facility and the people being helped. Then repaint the lines on the roads and make that old dog track area look better on the east side of Nevada, the west side of it looks great. Also I would start a city wide, free, recycling program. Make Tejon a one way street again. And finally I would employ Litter police to actually fine people for littering, like the signs say. I'm available for that. Have a great day. Thanks for allowing my input. ***** *****
915	Close all of these enabling services, such as Springs Rescue, Soup Kitchens. Stop enabling these Ferrel people
916	Help the first responders, we need more officers, fireman....etc.

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917	Our tax dollars should be used to help those in need with affordable housing and low barrier long-term shelter/housing. What SRM and SA currently do is not sufficient but compassionate.
918	Help the first responders, more staff
919	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add two more lanes on Marksheffel between Carefree and Dublin - Add a merge lane on south Marksheffel turning right from Constitution (I have had my car totaled and several near misses because people seem to think Marksheffel has a merge lane here) - Add traffic light at Carefree and Dublin - Add traffic light at Peterson and Dublin
920	20% for emergency rental assistance majority (~\$50%) to incentivize creative solutions to spur small business support and their staff member employed 20% to retain and engage students at high risk to disengage or drop out of school 10% to opportunities for Family Preservation and abuse prevention
921	Improve roadways and support law enforcement efforts.
922	Revitalize the Southeast region of Colorado Springs, including investing in the new children's museum and other amenities that would draw tourism to the area, and keep families here.
923	Improve older neighborhoods
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925	Give it back to all of the small businesses whose lives have been ruined by the draconian rules of Governor Polis and our state health officials in locking us down and keeping our businesses in ruins.
926	Improve cell phone service and provide Internet as a public utility within city limits. Provide better services to the southeast neighborhoods. Put up billboards to encourage people to wear masks and take care of each other. Make food, heat, and rent cheaper since so many have lost their jobs recently.
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928	Invest in low income housing for the working poor through projects/programs like habitat for humanity
929	Build affordable housing, establish a One Stop Career Center for people to apply for jobs, pay for the homeless to go to a Job Corps training center, and provide some funds to start a substance abuse treatment program
930	During this time of COVID-19, I would use the \$5,000,000 to provide partial rent payments (or full) for families facing eviction from their apartments/homes because of job losses. I would also help hospitals hire additional staff to alleviate burn-out due to exhaustion and stress if other funds for this have been exhausted. Medical assistance for prescriptions for those who have lost jobs and health-care coverage needs to be addressed in some way.
931	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$3,000,000: help low-income families with meals/housing/medical/school help. 2. \$1,000,000: improve the mental health opportunities for low-income families/persons. 3. \$1,000,000: improve internet access for low-income families/persons.
932	provide more shelter and resources for the homeless, improve public transportation

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933	<p>1) Mini homes for the homeless. Use it to purchase supplies for the homes and then get local companies to provide volunteer labor for the building.</p> <p>2) pay down half the rent for underemployed in the community with the property owner “forgiving” the other half.</p> <p>3) give property tax breaks to businesses and homeowners to install solar panels on the roofs of their properties.</p>
934	Affordable housing and support/solutions for the homeless
935	Tax reduction so you don’t have 5 million.
936	Build affordable housing. I have a decent full time job AND and a part time job and I can’t afford a 1 bedroom apartment in this city.
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938	Trash removal, weed/ over growth control
939	Incentivize companies and builders to infill vacant store fronts that exist in south Colorado Springs over building new buildings in the north and east sides of town. Create more housing for the homeless modeled on the program that worked in Salt Lake City. Build a community center in the Widefield/south Colorado Springs area.
940	<p>My recommendation would be affordable housing and community training. Housing will allow underprivileged individuals stability. Training will give them skills that they can use to contribute to our community. We need to provide stability and jobs to ensure underprivileged individuals have opportunity to escape poverty. \$5 million will not go far, however if you can find local businesses to collaborate with, you can subsidize the training and offer skilled workers to local companies that would use it. We need to create jobs that are more than the minimum wage. Colorado Springs has one of the highest costs of living in the U.S. and working with manufacturing companies to create high paying (\$15 per hour or more) jobs that will give underprivileged individuals and opportunity. Housing is also a critical part of this operation. Housing is critical for stability. Not everyone would succeed under such a plan, but the savings of one less person are worth it.</p>
941	Assistance with affordable housing
942	Build more affordable apartments so people of every income range can have a place to live.
943	Affordable housing, improve public transit
944	An Arts/athletic center for youth and under privileged . A place where people can get together and participate in different activities to keep them off the streets.
945	Parking for Residents near the new CC stadium!!! Make sure downtown businesses won't get drowned with stadium parking that doesn't bring them customers. TYVM
946	More section 8 housing, more places that accept vouchers. I am a social worker and we have families who are failing because the housing here is so exceptionally terrible. Gentrification and cost of living is out of control. These people have nowhere else to go. Please, figure out how to get more low income housing.
947	<p>I would contract with the restaurants and service industry to provide food and services to people in need. This keeps people employed (reducing the amount of help they need) while helping those who need it. With the virus short term help will be much more beneficial than long term projects.</p>
948	I would invest money directly into building city-owned public housing and a unconditional re-housing program for the homeless (tiny unite) for rehabilitation.
949	Fix the ***** roads.

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950	Fix the ***** roads
951	FIX THE ***** ROADS AND SIDEWALKS! The bad ones, not the semi good ones. For Example, sidewalks in my neighborhood that are in GOOD and less than 10 years old are currently being torn up and replaced While the ones on my street are over 30 years old are being ignored. Maybe We should Vote out the Mayor and City Council next election..
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953	Boost the economy with stimulus, not just for unemployed. Boost the future with covid protection. Drive in laundromats and restaurants designed for drive in and delivery. More drive in movies. Education pods for kids. Make hotels that are for covid quarantine that you can rent cheap if diagnosed. Parks with pods with VR education for cheap for public and students. Turn dead homes into clean areas enclosed that UV light after each set of people. And fire mitigation. We need to be setting fires to prevent fires if we cant get the area cleared. And bigger street signs in the middle medians on major streets announcing the street before you get to it. And unify the trash system to one company that offers the best benefits most proof of actually recycling. Our trash is filthy and noisy and redundant and environmentally unfriendly! One Waste Management! Our children are suffering the most. We have to fix the education system. Feel free to contact me ***_***_**** text or leave message.***
954	Build tiny home communities for affordable housing or better than that... build WAY more community gardens in the Springs.
955	I think the 5,000,000 could be really beneficial to aiding the revitalization effort in the Southeast. I think that investing in nonprofits that promote quality of life, such a Children's Museum, would be the best use of the money. A children's museum is an organization that supports education for all children. It is also an advocate for children in the community. They can also be a community collaborator, by bringing other community organizations together to help solve social and economic issues facing the community. In this way we can improve the quality of living circumstances for the younger generations.
956	housing, homeless prevention, minority-owned small business, shelter for homeless, food for homeless, basic needs for homeless community
957	Permanent supportive housing Establish a 24-hour shelter system with supportive services (medical/mental health care, food, benefit acquisition, housing & employment support) Start/increase a co-responder program for CSPD Economic assistance to small businesses
958	covid rent caps, covid rent pause, more social services & low cost clinics, covid "stay home" packs (like in Korea!)
959	Invest in more open space. And military development.
960	Tiny homes to build a community that supports each other. Look up mobile loafs and fishes in Austin.
961	Increase number of social workers to help those experiencing homelessness to get the resources they need Invest in programs to keep those on the verge of homelessness from falling into that category
962	Increased funding for local parks and better traffic administration (ie improved light synchronization, better street organization).
963	Complete the legacy loop around downtown. Improve anything related to education.
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965	Anything to help reduce the homeless epidemic. Social programs, detox and drug programs, etc
966	Provide affordable housing, improve public transit options and transitional housing for homeless. Fix the roads, do not just slap band-aids on the potholes!
967	Better drainage to avoid flooding basements on the hill on Woodburn. Sidewalks and better policing for speeding on Woodburn and Old Broadmoor.
968	More affordable apartments for people with lower income. A tiny house community for homeless. A community for those living in vehicles/RVs to stay in while they get back on their feet.
969	City clean up. Trash pick up etc.
970	Affordable housing.
971	Food Pantrys. Children are going hungry nationwide. Families are struggling to make ends meet. Homeless individuals are fully relying on mutual aid groups for support. 5 million invested into food programs could feed 1000s of families.
972	Give it to the Bars and Event Centers that have been restricted or closed down due to covid 19
973	Help the homeless population with drug rehab and getting them into housing and back towards being self sufficient.
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975	I would use it to create a better care system for our Transient (homeless) community. Transition apartments, counselors, childcare, rehab access, etc.
976	Road repairs and homeless prevention and services
977	Provide unconditional housing to the homeless, increase access to food and healthcare.
978	Build shelters and mental health clinics that focus on homeless populations further focusing on drug and alcohol abuse / addiction and other mental health issues like depression, undiagnosed illnesses, and so on. The shelters can act as a residence for job applications and should also have internet access to help apply for benefits, jobs, and so on.
979	I would love to be able to use that money to support parents, children and families. We can do this by putting more funds into mental health programs in schools, expanding community parenting resources, training first responders in Trauma-informed practice, and more.
980	Give the money back to residents, and don't tax as much in the future
981	80910 Needs attention
982	allocate the money to utilities and food banks
983	Use the funds to encourage small business start-ups or to help already established small businesses to retain employees.
984	Infrastructure needs improved, low income housing options need expanded upon and increased internet availability to accommodate work from home/homeschool load. Additionally, we have several amazing nonprofits working to combat some of our communities greatest needs. I'd like to see additional support for those best suited to improve quality life.
985	Invest in public spaces, such as parks and playgrounds. I'd also allocate a good portion for local-based charitable organizations.
986	House the homeless

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987	The infrastructure in the northeast part of the city cannot keep up with the demands of the residents moving here, especially regarding Powers/21 road. Something needs to be done about the consistent traffic due to the increasing volume of residents. Additionally, the outreach for the homeless and addicted is subpar. For a city consistently ranked high on the top places to live and move to, there are glaring issues that need to be addressed. Additionally, because of the influx of people and the covid pandemic, the housing costs have become so high that many are unable to afford a place to stay. Our affordable housing for low-income individuals and family needs to be addressed or the issue of the growing homeless population will only continue to get worse.
988	Landlords should not be able to increase rent each time a lease is renewed. This is also another reason why rents have ballooned and people can't afford renting. Trying to purchase a house is even more difficult. Society should not have to worry if they'll have a roof over their heads and children going hungry or disabled persons homeless. Take care of your community first.
989	There are so many options. I think one of the most effective would be providing resources to unhoused people, whether through mental health services or affordable housing. Speaking of affordable housing, there is a severe lack of it (something which Mayor Suthers is out of touch and ignorant of) and something needs to be changed there, whether through rent control or new buildings. I'll also point out that a huge segment of the population, particularly restaurant workers have lost the ability to work in the last year, which needs to be addressed some how.
990	Improve the public transportation system. Build a free housing apartment center for the homeless. Use smart designs with immovable furniture (built in). Focus on housing homeless youth first (city will see largest return).
991	Rezone portions of town to provide more living space for families. Find space to add an urban grocery store near downtown to encourage denser living in downtown and more walking.
992	help homeowners who are behind so all the houses dont get foreclosed on.
993	Build affordable housing and stock food pantries. Offer free adult education classes in budgeting, resume preparation, and job training.
994	The first thing we must do is give a good chunk to small businesses. These are the backbone of Colorado and they have been hit the hardest in the pandemic. A subsidy would greatly help them get back on their feet. In addition, we could address the homeless population and use money for more food banks. Finally, we must address the education of the poor. They suffer from lack of means to get school and technology, which we can help with.
995	Improve access to low oncome housing/mental health resources
996	Subsidized low-income housing and additional bus/public transportation options.
997	Build a dog park in Monument Valley Park where the old pond now sits barren near the pickle ball courts.
998	To help the homeless population and families of poverty in the community.
999	Allot it to pay for mental and physical health needs of COS's most vulnerable populations (i.e. homeless, impoverished, etc.).

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	<p>Improvements on the Rock Island Trail between Templeton Gap Road and Monument Valley Park.</p> <p>This popular hiking and biking trail is frequently used to access Monument Valley Park, but the segment just west of Templeton Gap Road, especially by the train tracks, frequently has homeless camps and campfires. The area is littered with broken glass and trash.</p> <p>Additionally, although unrelated to the homeless problem, the intersection of the trail and T. Gap Road is a very dangerous intersection for cyclists and pedestrians because it is NOT MARKED. There is NOTHING to tell traffic to slow down for a pedestrian intersection. This is made worse by the fact that this intersection is right by Mann Middle School! How many kids have to cross to the trail without a crosswalk?</p>
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1001	keep people at home, save small businesses and help those who are homeless
1002	Housing First operation to help the homeless
1003	Create affordable housing apartments
1004	Give the money directly to the households to help pay for their bills.
1005	Public internet. Internet access is a utility, and a necessity, not a luxury. Municipal fiber - breaking up Comcast's monopoly on internet fast enough to allow video conferencing so more people can work and learn/train from home. Programs for public access to internet-enabled computers. More people can learn job skills, get education, network (a necessary skill for getting a job), and/or work remotely.
1006	Fix infrastructure, or better yet use it for recreational marijuana. We'd probably make more than 5 million in taxes that we are currently GIVING to Manitou Springs and Pueblo for some reason. It's not stopping anyone here from smoking weed, just losing us tax revenue.
1007	Mental health and drug assistance facility to our homeless population. From there it can function from continued donation and nonprofit motivated outreach. Schools.
1008	<p>Build small affordable housing (think Tiny Homes) for houseless/impooverished populations. Similar to a trailer park (but with smaller permanent structures). Each structure could be made with less than 50k of materials. With furnishing for a bed, kitchen, and storage for items.</p> <p>You could build a hundreds of tiny homes on a piece of property for less than a 5 million. This will enable applicable houseless people to have a home, dignity, and community to get back on their feet. This community could be expanded to provide counseling for mental health, drug usage, and job finding.</p> <p>Similar programs have worked in similar sized cities. I'm tired of seeing houseless people everywhere in town.</p> <p>It sounds like communism, but these tiny homes are NOT for someone to stay permanently but provides support for the less fortunate that are houseless and don't have families.</p>
1009	Relief to local small businesses, especially in the food/drink service categories.

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1010	Get small businesses back to where they were prior to the C19 pandemic. Homelessness and substance abuse amongst them. Public schools
1011	Set up a permanent facility to care for the mentally ill and addicted within the homeless community. Our communities largest problem, that nobody can ignore, has no real solutions. We currently just deal with the homeless on a day to day or ignore them. Many of them need help. I understand you cannot make someone get help, but we need to start finding solutions as a community. Many of our parks and trails people are afraid to use or go to. There has to be a solution somewhere for these people. This is where I would allocate the \$5 million.
1012	Trail upkeep. Add more, via land purchase, as existing ones are very crowded. Fund mental health initiatives.
1013	Invest in clean and affordable housing. Any "low income" housing in Colorado Springs is run down, old and filthy. Use funds to cover rent/mortgage and utility payments for people struggling due to covid-19.
1014	Roads. Create places the homeless can go to, other than the streets.
1015	Send a check to everyone in the community. We need money in order to survive the coming wave of evictions/unemployment.
1016	clean the city. there is trash everywhere. colorado springs looks terrible right now
1017	Relocate Homeless services such as Springs Rescue away from south Nevada area and fountain creek watershed. Establish a homeless service center in a non-watershed area.
1018	Just house people don't make them get clean or go to church or have a job just house them. Build more actually adorable housing don't wait 10 freeking years so you can do studies don't let a few rich people complaining derail you people are dying in your freeking streets.
1019	I would invest it into park clean up projects. I love all of our neighborhood parks but they all have trash and dog poop everywhere in them. Investing in more trash cans and dog poop stations with poop bags and receptacles would improve the parks dramatically.
1020	Invest in ACTUAL low-income housing across the city and not congregated in one location - people need to be able to easily get to work. Not apartment complexes with slightly lower than average rent - housing that is income-based or affordable for minimum wage workers.
1021	A tiny housing community not dependent on being in treatment or working.
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1024	I would say let's give it to small business and to help with impacts from COVID.
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1026	Invest heavily in renewable energy platforms to assist our city in become fully energy independent.
1027	I would add affordable housing to my community. Colorado Springs has a bad habit of building apartments in the same area and charging more than it's worth; I even had a friend of mine pay \$1500 in rent for a two bedroom apartment for his wife and 3 children. How ridiculous is that? The walls were stained with cigarettes smoke by the previous renters yet the unit is priced higher than it's worth. Our homeless problem would decrease if were able to give those people low cost homes.
1028	I think the money should go towards affordable house and shelters for the homeless.
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1030	Use it to permanently house homeless people who will accept housing, and to help pay bills for those who have lost jobs due to the pandemic.

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1031	Put more towards helping the homeless population. Make efforts to allow rent and mortgages to actually be affordable.
1032	Provide a stimulus to those who request financial information assistance and are middle class to low income.
1033	Invest it in social programs to provide stability
1034	I would improve road conditions by expanding winter plows and by fixing pot holes.
1035	Invest in the parks. Re-open the bathroom facilities in Monument Valley Park, Goose Gossage Park, etc. Repair damage due to storm water drainage in/around parks, as well as the entire Santa- Fe trail system.
1036	<p>0% loans or handouts for low income families that meet some strict requirements (in the form of personal hygiene, the quality and care for what they currently own). Relocation programs that will help move people into more affordable homes. Start the process dedicated to de-criminalizing all drugs to regulate and tax them. Build no-income/low-income housing for people that can meet similar requirements to the families above. Mental treatment and care for people that can't meet the requirements above, probably an asylum or eight. City-approved and backed no-commitment jobs for things such as cleaning up trash in an area, cleaning graffiti/gum/stains/etc off sidewalks and public structures, stuff like that.</p> <p>\$5m is unfortunately not a lot to work with for any of those, but I think it could be a start; the first one doesn't really solve any issues but is the most feasible.</p>
1037	increasing salaries for teachers and healthcare professionals and creating a mental health outreach program for the pandemic
1038	Development of mental health and drug treatment programs, plus some large high-density transitional housing, both for individuals and families
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1040	<p>Affordable housing starts with the ability to grow and build new homes. I believe resources should be set aside to restructure our zoning laws and areas. Having the ability to make a 5 story apartment complex compared to a 3 story will make a large difference. Below is a reference from Toyko where zoning laws were completely restructured. If funding went towards this I believe we could greatly reduce the hundreds of homeless that sleep outside every night and make all residence happier with decreased rental prices. I do not think this should go towards a "study" but actual city workers planning and taking action on zoning laws.</p> <p>https://www.forbes.com/sites/scottbeyer/2016/08/12/tokyos-affordable-housing-strategy-build-build-build/?sh=6c90d0bb48d5</p>
1041	I would spend the money to research a new power plant location. As soon as Drake and Ray Nixon power plants close electric rates will sky rocket. I don't want my CSU bill to look like an Excel energy bill in a few years. I agree the power plants are ugly but they really help with keeping our power cost low.

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1042	<p>Create a recreation center or system that is not tied to the YMCA. Something akin to Aurora's recreation centers and programs, Golden, etc. The YMCA is much more costly for this like youth swimming lessons and offers less services, like preschool programs, cooking lessons, etc. Or grant the YMCA money to make these improvements.</p> <p>Additionally, the part of town East of Powers needs a library to support Springs Ranch, Stetson Hills, and the various new communities.</p> <p>Expand Section 8, assuming they're still using the lottery system that means many people don't have access to affordable housing.</p>
1043	<p>Provide technology and resources that students need in order to successfully learn in a virtual learning environment. And this means not just devices and internet. This could include mental health, outreach programs, or groups that help students. As a teacher there is a mental health crisis with students because they are not connecting with anyone their age. They feel isolated, depressed, and pessimistic.</p>
1044	<p>The roads across the city are in I'll repair. Many streets downtown do not even have dividing lines but they have bike lanes such as Corona Ave. We need a solution to the rampant vagrancy plaguing the community. The homeless population is literally destroying and polluting the community in parks, greenways, underpasses, and intersections across the city. These two issue must be solved.</p>
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1047	<p>Improve public parks and create affordable housing to reduce the homeless population along with resources to get those that are housing insecure training and job opportunities</p>
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1049	<p>Increase low-barrier housing, further focus on housing-first model. Additional mental health/substance abuse resources. Subsidized housing for persons who have lost income/employment due to COVID-19.</p>
1050	<p>Housing, social services and community aid services. People are hurting and housing is extremely expensive here. Public transportation needs to be better too. Our population keeps growing.</p>
1051	<p>I would invest in homelessness prevention, additional homeless shelters and soup kitchens, and I would support low income housing.</p>
1052	<p>We need better city transportation. A light rail to Denver would be amazing.</p>
1053	<p>Help people who could be getting evicted because of loss of job (s), help the care of share and other organizations who are trying to feed people, help the homeless (that's always important). It's just crazy now trying to pay for everything (which keeps going up) and have money left over to buy food for your kids.</p>
1054	<p>Light rail to Denver</p>
1055	<p>Affordable housing.</p>
1056	<p>Nonprofit assistance for prevention and intervention of youth/addiction/hunger insecurities/housing insecurities/etc.</p>
1057	<p>Urban Renewal of Platte Ave. east of Union!</p>
1058	<p>Public transportation. Especially connecting Colorado Springs to Denver.</p>
1059	<p>Neighborhood improvements</p>
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1062	Give it back to the tax payers.
1063	I would use it to do trash pickup around Monument/Fountain Creek. I would also use it for street repairs and improved signage at the city parks, such as North Cheyenne Canon Park.
1064	Affordable housing
1065	We should follow in the footsteps of Utah where we develop housing for the homeless and get them the medical and psychological counseling they need. It Saved Utah a ton of money and headaches from the non effective "move them from where they are" method without giving them a place to go.
1066	A project the combines the housing, education, and child care concepts of the St Louise House in Austin, Texas (https://saintlouiseshouse.org/) with the entrepreneurial sustainability of something like Streets Restaurant Cafe in Hoi An, Vietnam (https://www.streetsinternational.org/) teaching participants a marketable skill if they didn't already have one would be amazing. Volunteers could help make it more sustainable. Some sort of money making attraction, whether that be food, or a Science Museum, etc. could be the platform. Professionals from the community could volunteer their expertise to teach classes or hone skills like interviewing or resume writing. There could be a Medicare/Medicaid specialist to get participants the healthcare they desperately need. The houseless of our community could be treated with dignity and "rehabbed" to society. Get their lives back. It's a win for everyone.
1067	Build new playgrounds, improve parks, advertise for tourism.
1068	Mental Health Services
1069	We need to implement housing first solution to our housing crisis. The homeless population is not the problem. How are people meant to get their lives together and get the help they need if they don't have a reliable place to sleep and bathe? Build an unrestricted, free housing complex for all who need it.
1070	Improve transportation, especially for bikes, pedestrians, and THOSE WITH DISABILITIES!!!
1071	Drug Addiction/mental health center for the homeless
1072	More law enforcement officers please.
1073	Add affordable housing. Please. Please.
1074	Invest in parks and recreation, more parks in southern Colorado/security/widefield. Community center in fountain/security Widefield
1075	I would bolster our police force, with how much violence has happened this year, and an ever increasing population without much growth in the public safety sector.
1076	Hire more Police Officers
1077	I believe the money should be spent to increase the amount of officers on the police department so they can be more available to respond to emergencies. The current wait time for police response is dismal and should be improved.
1078	More funding to the police. Give them better training, better recruitment, better gear, and bolster their ways to engage the community
1079	More money for schools and law enforcement
1080	Additional law enforcement officers
1081	More funding for first responders. More parks / more upkeep for current parks.
1082	Affordable housing or affordable child care. So many are struggling right now regarding those 2 things.
1083	Attract and retain college educated police officers.
1084	Help local restaurants who have had to shutdown because of covid.

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	Build more multi use paths. Increase enforcement of traffic laws we have the worst drivers on earth living in our town. Reduce the number of lawns in town, slow growth and increase paths and parks by taxing the developers who are screwing up the city
	Can we Ban anyone from Texas or California from moving into the state?
1085	If you meant how would I increase opportunities for lower income people to access homes. I would subsidize loans for people who are employed, committed to the community, drug and felony free, and willing to do community work in exchange for a home they can afford.
1086	I would put more funding towards increasing the law enforcement in the community.
1087	Increase public safety such as police
1088	Increase funding for public safety/law enforcement
1089	Give more funding to CSPD to hire more officers to an understaffed department.
1090	How about we set up a non-profit org to coordinate with local hotels to house homeless overnight in their empty rooms in exchange for tax deductions? I mean in a big way, let's put an end to homelessness full stop.
1091	An actual direct route from west side to east side of colorado springs. No more dog legs.
1092	Open more soup kitchens. Build housing for the people living in tents & pay them to help with construction. Increase drug & alcohol rehab outreach programs. Provide programs for homeless people to learn a trade. Provide bicycles with panniers or baskets on them to homeless people needing transportation.
1093	Low income housing and prevent homelessness.
1094	More law enforcement, we should be going to the major cities where cops are leaving and hiring them on as long as they're qualified
1095	More law enforcement and improvements to existing law enforcement. Training,recruitment, salaries, retention.
1096	I would support affordable housing and help members of the homeless community get back into safe and stable living conditions.
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1098	I would suggest to give it to public safety to better outfit this needed service.
1099	Public safety
1100	Create adorable housing, truly affordable. Institute rent control.
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1102	I would build more low income or income based housing. The city is quickly outgrowing the available housing and the amount of homeless people on our streets proves that there is not enough affordable housing in this city. Not all of us are military with housing allowances. Rent is too high for regular citizens and the homeless problem will not get better until people can find housing that only costs 30% of their monthly income. We've all got other bills to pay, no one should have to pay 50% of their income on rent and then choose which bill they are going to ignore this time because they don't have enough money to cover them all. Also lots of people in this city can't even rent an apartment despite having a job because they have to make 3x rent in order to qualify to live there. Wages are not keeping up with the cost of living. Either the city needs to raise the minimum wage above the state's or it needs to build affordable housing that people can afford at the current minimum wage.
1103	Help small businesses and all the ones that had to close due to the shut down
1104	I would give it to the people who have been directly affected by COVID-19
1105	Hazard pay for essential personnel who've been working through covid

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1106	Hazard pay for frontline workers
1107	Hire more police officers and equip them.
1108	<p>\$5,000,000 could spread out to all the communities in the city to build on "community". Times are tough for everyone, social distancing has done its job distancing is from our neighbors. With the abundance of local parks within most neighborhoods, the city could use the money to promote monthly events to bring a sense of community. A food truck and some live outside music could really be appreciated by all willing to participate in a chance of property community improvements.</p> <p>Many more event ideas in mind as well.</p>
1109	help for drug users. Safe usage sights, clean needles, free counseling.
1110	Provide actual housing for the homeless neighbors in our community. It costs far less to house them than the ridiculous and cruel methods currently in use.
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1112	I would invest in restorative practice/restorative justice work to develop communities of practice in neighborhoods across the city. This would empower local decision making that supports positive connecting of neighbors, issue management at the neighborhood level, and solutions for restitution when neighbors have been wronged with local engagement. This type of work can have many proactive, money saving, longer term benefits for the larger Colorado Springs metro area.
1113	Create temporary employment improving the city (park clean up, improve public areas) for those impacted by unemployment during the pandemic. Make parking free downtown to encourage small business traffic. Sponsor a local business auction to encourage people to frequent businesses impacted by the pandemic (Salida did a similar thing in March).
1114	Build more hiking trails
1115	Improve the police budget and equipment
1116	Give it to the unemployed affected by Covid.
1117	More law enforcement officers
1118	<p>Landscaping at Sybilla and Rogue Way.</p> <p>Children's Playground Equipment</p> <p>Grraffiti removal.</p> <p>More sidewalks and trails.</p>
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1120	I'd help all that are hurting
1121	Add additional homeless shelters or generally do something to tackle the homelessness issue.
1122	Provide tiny houses for the homeless. Assist low income families to remain in housing.
1123	Affordable housing.
1124	I would use it for the homeless, unemployment, or aid to VERIFIED small businesses that can show proof of need/loss/impact. Not just any random guy that sells junk out of his garage. Way too many crooks got assistance for no reason and way too many people went on unemployment willingly because of the bonus.
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1126	Invest in getting businesses back hiring and fixing roads and communities
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1128	We need more police officers. We also need road and sidewalk replacements and repairs in residential areas.
1129	I think more of the community service officers would be helpful since they have responded on calls that don't necessarily require a police officer. They are very helpful.
1130	Build free housing
1131	Parks, roads, sidewalks.
1132	How about reimbursing the taxpayers who have been pouring taxes into the local governments left and right.
1133	Fix marksheffel and widen it between carefree and Dublin.
1134	Invest the money in housing for and rehabilitation programs for the homeless.
1135	Return/refund to taxpayers. This would offset income losses from virus
1136	Without a doubt, it should be used to help families that are about to get evicted, these people need some kind of help.
1137	Focus on road repair without adding bike lanes.
1138	More law enforcement. Also, bus tickets to ship transients to Oregon... Just a thought.
1139	Hire more police officers
1140	Since it was decided to keep my money instead of returning it to the taxpayer, the monies should be used to help update neighborhoods with forgotten infrastructure. I live in Northwest springs and we have fences falling down, poor roads and is starting to look run down. The city is just chasing growth North and East and does not want to maintain.
1141	Use tho help people struggling from becoming homeless due to losing job due to COVID restrictions
1142	1. Pave the roads and up grade infrastructure. 2.Help small businesses that are struggling because of COVID.
1143	Community work programs in addition to building up public services in general would be helpful to those without jobs, searching, and affected by the pandemic. Investing in public services, green city initiatives, and infrastructure will do more long term.
1144	I would love it if the city could help with quiet zones for the trains that pass through. I live in the flying horse area and I can hear the trains passing every hour in the middle of the night and they are all the way by the air force station! Trains are required to sound their horns at crossing however, localities desiring to establish a quiet zone are first required to mitigate the increased risk caused by the absence of a horn. For example signs, lights, and other safety measures then we can achieve quiet zones! here is a link that I hope helps, I hope this is something that can definitely be implemented in the near future and is a win for the city to being more desirable! https://railroads.dot.gov/elibrary/how-create-quiet-zone
1145	I would like the money to be used to help the homeless here in colorado springs. Maybe fund building project to let the homeless place to restart and give them a start. I
1146	I think it would be nice to set up an initiative for those that have lost work because of COVID-19. On the grounds that they can prove it of course. It would also be nice to see a portion go to the Painted Mines, to help preserve the area. I would also like the efforts to upgrade the communities around the downtown area to continue, possibly a large effort to help the homeless community the resides in that area, to help keep the area clean and give them a helping hand to get out of the area and position they are in.

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1147	Improve the downtown Colorado Springs area to make it safe to walk and shop.
1148	Improve housing availability and affordability.
1149	Give it back to the taxpayers!!!
1150	Allocate it to low income housing and homeless setvicrs
1151	More public safety
1152	Give it back to the taxpayers
1153	Create job assistance opportunities, fund housing to reduce the strain of rent on individuals
1154	Since this money is not your money, but the taxpayers' money ... give it back! How is this such a difficult concept?
1155	<p>Spend the money on the police force. We see a significant increase in break-ins and car stealing in the NE quadrant of Colorado Springs. Never seen that before in the 25 year I have been here.</p> <p>Enough is enough. Action needs to be taken by reinforcing the police.</p>
1156	I would take that \$5,000,000 and disperse it amongst our local business that have been shut down because of COVID.
1157	<p>Vastly improve public transportation and its accessibility. This may include protected bike lanes (there are currently very few genuinely protected bike lanes in the Springs; Pikes Peak Ave and Prospect Lake Dr the only ones that come to mind), expanded bus routes including more stops from downtown to the suburbs and back, as well working with the city government in Denver to implement real public transit between the two cities, as there currently is none.</p> <p>Outside of public transit: further investments into all small businesses as they suffer the most from pandemic, public restrooms for the homeless at a minimum, genuine public housing for the homeless would be ideal as well. Getting rid of anti-homeless measures as well in favor of real impactful infrastructure is important to having a healthy community.</p> <p>As an aside, please create more public sessions and town halls about infrastructure and transit in the Springs. Many of us are very passionate about this and would like a voice.</p>
1158	<p>We need more police force. Burglaries, thefts have skyrocketed in the last 5 years in the north part of town that used to be quiet immune from that sort of things: no more.</p> <p>We have transient people on the Santa Fe trail that can be menacing. Any car left outside is broken into, some of them repeatedly. People don't respect red lights, right of way etc.</p> <p>We feel the police is overwhelmed by the crime surge and we need to give them the personnel to respond appropriately and timely.</p>
1159	Reinforce the police fleet, please!

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1160	<p>I would invest that money into the southeastern part of Colorado Springs. We need to improve the communities health equity and most importantly, economic disparity.</p> <p>List of examples: City Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fixing public sidewalks and roads - Picking up trash - Aid programs for families - Youth programs - After school programs <p>I believe that southeastern part out has been neglected for to long. This is the heart of COS and we need to revive it. Over the past few years, we have noticed that most of the investment money has gone in the northern part of the city. That part of the city has plenty of oppournities to grow -- now it is our turn to grow and thrive.</p>
1161	<p>Return it to the taxpayers, as TABOR requires! It is not the city's money, it belongs to the taxpayers.</p>
1162	<p>Better internet access for everyone. It's obviated this point that having internet access is a basic amenity, especially for kids in school. Also those now working from home. For local businesses who keep a website for locals to access for food, any other needs. Colorado Springs needs reliable internet accessibility if we want to move forward with our current lifestyle. Help the homeless issue as well.</p>
1163	<p>First, it should be returned to taxpayers. We have too many liberal voters now in Colorado Springs who vote the same as they did in CA! And look at the state of CA!</p> <p>Otherwise, the \$5 million should definitely be put towards PAVING ROADS! As the C2 increase seems to all be going for wheelchair ramps where they'll likely never be utilized and new curbing and sidewalks. How about JUST PAVING SOME ROADS! Check out Circle Drive between Fountain and Constitution, as an example - what a nightmare to drive!</p>
1164	<p>I would use 20% to establish a food bank for those hurting the most in the community.</p>
1165	<p>Maybe subsidize those who are in a bad situation on a case by case basis.</p>
1166	<p>Tiny house village.</p>
1167	<p>Straight to publics schools.</p>
1168	<p>The \$5,000,000 should go toward increasing mental health professionals in our public schools. It should also go toward filling in the per pupil spending gap between students in our districts.</p>
1169	<p>fix the roads</p>
1170	<p>I would allocate the money to outreach programs within the fire and police departments that are already in place, to include HOT, HOP, CRT, and CARES. I would also focus on tiered response for EMS within the city.</p>
1170	<p>I work for Harrison School District 2. Thought my family has been secure since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, many of my students' families are not fairing as well. Many parents have lost their jobs or have had to stop childcare because of costs. As schools continue to move back and forth from in-person to remote learning, the work parents are able to do to provide for their children is unstable. If the \$5,000,000 was awarded to the communities and schools of Harrison School District 2, we could help our families know their bills will be paid and food will be in the home for their children without worry.</p>

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1171	I would give it to schools, so that they can give teachers raises, and give students extra support.
1172	I would do something to help with students who need to e-learn like making internet grants for students, providing technology assistance to schools, and hiring additional teachers to help with tutoring students who fall behind.
1173	Improve the resources, up keep and development of the Southeast Colorado Springs Community. There are several abounded shopping centers that could be renovated to provide additional food and educational sources and job opportunities.
1174	We could use it to help out school. Areas that need to be improved on school programing that links to the community. These would be better food resources, internet access for student (at both home and school). Classes that help prepare students for life after school such as Life Skills, industry technology classes, and social awareness classes with the community.
1175	5,000,000 dollars would go to the stars and beyond in our HSD2 community. We could use this money to improve infastructure, help after school programs, and encourage new businesses to move into the area. Colorado Springs is growing tremendously up north, but has been stale down south. This money would show people in this area truly carely about them in their time of need.
1176	Public services such as housing, medical, social services, utilities to help those who are suffering under the pandemic.
1177	Build low-income housing for those who have jobs but no permanent housing. These would act as a quasi-halfway house, in that those with jobs can stay there until they find their own place. I think having something like this could give those experiencing homelessness a fairly easily-reachable goal to strive for, applying for jobs, to build a stable living that turns into getting their own place, more stability, and eventually back into society. Colorado Springs is lacking in low income housing and homelessness solutions, and needs to do better instead of just relying on non-profits to do it all. A city has a responsibility to its citizens, to help them and provide a bigger safety net that helps more in the long term than relying on soup kitchens to do it all.
1178	Give it back to the people in the community.
1179	Give money to: homeless shelters, nonprofits & food banks. We must end homelessness, support families, children & veterans in need. Give the rest of the money back to taxpayers by check. It's OUR money and we are hurting right now !!
1180	-Support small local business -Feed families -Donate to families who are struggling paying bills -
1181	I would improve our educational system and schools, especially Harrison School District 2.
1182	Build a
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1184	<p>I live in the hillside neighborhood with many low income households including public housing and a new affordable apartment development planned for south of Wahsatch Ave and Fountain Blvd. The public space specifically South Shooks Run receives poor planning and maintenance. Examples are building a playground and benches/seating on opposite sides of a busy road, Fountain Blvd. Also long distances between trash cans. Here is a list of suggested improvements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bench seating at the playground and more along Shooks Run. 2. Add trash cans at the bus stop on E. Costilla St. next to the charter school, the picnic tables behind the charter school on Shooks Run, and intersection of S. Corona and E. Las Animas St. 3. Buy private property to expand Shooks Run in compliance with the Envision Shooks Run plan. 4. Expand lighting along Shooks Run especially between Moreno Ave and E. Costilla St. Also the intersection of Rio Grande and S. Corona St. There is a T intersection that had a few crashes.
1185	<p>FUND CSPD please. Crime is on the rise and the silent majority wants protection. Thank you</p>
1186	<p>I'd like to see more emphasis on neighborhood parks, open spaces, and the legacy loops around town. Red Rocks is always packed now and more options would be appreciated.</p>
1187	<p>Invest more into poor neighborhood parks and sidewalks. With everything going on with the shut downs there are not many places to take my children. Also with money so tight to handle debts and what not it is about the only thing I can promise them every weekend. I see all the millions to build more housing that takes years and my wife working downtown has to plan her route home to make sure to stay away from the parks and railroad underpass without lighting. She almost got robbed by a homeless man walking through one of the areas. She used to walk the 2 miles but now drives it for fear of being robbed and raped. That is more money wasted on gas and fixing up an old car that breaks down so often. Put most of that money aside for each poor neighborhood and call a neighborhood meeting to ask what we need most to feel safe and a place to take out kids too.</p>
1188	<p>It needs to be invested in our social infrastructure programs. We need to prioritize helping folks facing housing instability, invest in affordable housing, and public health and wellness programs</p>
1189	<p>Give it back to tax payers!</p>
1190	<p>In my eyes I think the 5 million dollars should be spent as another payment for people who got unemployment from March till July. But realistically in my heart the money should be distributed to help fight hunger. Give it to food banks to help low income people or even add it to the food stamps that people receive every month.</p>

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1191	<p>Grants to non-profit agencies to provide rental assistance to families at risk of being homeless for up to 6 months - more than a one-time payment due to covid and long term unemployment.</p> <p>Grants to nonprofits to provide rental assistance for seniors who live on a fixed income so that they can maintain independence. 12-month contracts with seniors with opportunities to renew - help them live in one-bedroom apartments so that they do not exceed the definition for "housing cost-burdened"</p> <p>Grants direct to small businesses so that they can maintain their rentals for retail or business space to ensure community businesses have sustainability past the recovery from the pandemic.</p> <p>grants to nonprofits to hire staff to manage special projects that will bolster sustainability to ensure delivery of key programs - volunteer management, coordination of in-kind donations, fundraising for housing projects.</p>
1192	<p>Invest in:</p> <p>Free Charging stations/ Wifi/ Information posts throughout the city. See LinkNYC as a model.</p> <p>A fleet of free cell phones packages/ mobile devices to equip police officers and those who respond to calls related to unhoused individuals to provide to unhoused people who need them to aide in a successful/ efficable recovery plan. This would help with job hiring rates (a number to be reached at), child care contingency plans, drug treatment program attendance, etc.</p>
1193	<p>Support local non-profits, speacifically the ones providing additional educational and vocational opportunities to children from low socio-economic backgrounds.</p>
1194	<p>Build nice housing, mult-family housing, to accommodate people and families experiencing homelessness. To house the families while they receive services to find and obtain employment, and find and obtain affordable, more permanent housing. Or else pay hotels for so many rooms and suites to accommodate people/families of the same, again as a temporary accommodation until they can afford rent/housing otherwise.</p>
1195	<p>Invest in public housing</p>
1196	<p>Buy a one way ticket for all of these homeless vagrants to Oregon</p>
1197	<p>I would like to see more affordable housing options and increase access to healthy food in lower income neighborhoods.</p>
1198	<p>The city of Colorado Springs should consider ways to lower rents and increase affordable housing in the community; as we know, other big cities have decided that the solution to the housing crisis--in a pandemic, no less--is Tent Cities. But if that's the direction Colorado Springs wants to go then we need to fix up some campgrounds. The City should also notice the ever increasing traffic on the roads and consider hyperloops, people movers, and other ways to avoid an L.A.-style gridlock at all times of the day.</p> <p>These are a few issues that I think the city can address. Thanks for listening.</p>
1199	<p>Rent-controlled housing projects for those in the lower income brackets is a worthwhile project to use these funds.</p>
1200	<p>Support the small business entrepreneur who cannot survive the draconian mandates from our Governor. Particularly small independent restaurant owners.</p>
1201	<p>Give it to the small businesses and restaurants.</p>

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1202	I would invest this money into the community where I teach. Harrison School District Two is full of bright, compassionate, intelligent students who have so much potential. I would use this money to improve the internet so all students have equal access while remote learning. I would invest in tools to help them succeed while remote learning and in person. I believe that when we level the playing field, our students can accomplish as many great things as any other students. They just need a little more resources. I would also use the money to invest in experiences for our students. Hopefully once we can travel again, I would love for my students to get out of their community and see more of the city, state, country. There are lessons that they can learn from these experiences that are different than what we can offer in the classroom. I would also use the money to ensure no students go hungry, cold, or without medical care. Please consider our very deserving students at HSD2.
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1204	Public housing and incentives for low cost housing.
1205	I would give it to ALL the local small businesses & local restaurants that are going to have to shut down because they can not make it. Most of these businesses have spent their life savings on their dream of serving the community by bringing a product to us so we are a better city.
1206	I would fund mental health projects in the area. Expand access for those seeking care by opening a new mental health clinic, that provides immediate care and referrals to rehabilitation to at-risk and homeless individuals. I would do a survey of Colorado Springs, locate blighted areas, and expand TIF districts. I would invest in infrastructure projects focusing on public transportation.
1207	Mental health programs. Training programs for the homeless. Supporting small business through Covid19
1208	Assist families with mortgages who lost their jobs during the pandemic to keep their houses and hopefully regain employment for long-term stability in home ownership.
1209	I would increase the compensation of your DHS workers. My sister works for the Department of Human Services and is totally underpaid for the work she does. Recently, there was a position open for a videographer for the fire department that paid between 70-80k. I work as a videographer for a marketing firm and while I appreciate the thoughtful compensation, it is nothing compared to what my sister does and she gets paid under 50k. My sister worked in child protective services for several years and was responsible for helping abused children. That takes a mental toll beyond anything I can comprehend. Please consider raising the pay of those who protect the most vulnerable in our society.
1210	law enforcement
1211	More police funds!
1212	We need more police officers.
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1214	I would use the money to try and reduce crime. Whether that means more officers, more community response to free up officers, anti gang and anti crime initiatives, or similar. This city is outgrowing the resources available and with the space force and amazon business bringing more jobs its going to grow more. The city needs more resources to keep the growing population safe.
1215	Hire more police officers
1216	Bring our police department up to staff. Pay for more training in martial arts for the police department so they have a non lethal way to deal with unarmed people who resist arrest.
1217	Get rid of the homeless / panhandling problem. Reduce crime.

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1218	More law enforcement and better medical care for them
1219	Spend some on our first responders, spend some on clean up, picking up trash, etc. and fixing up our parks and playgrounds.
1220	Put the money towards homeless services. I fear there will be even more homeless in the next year, due to job loss and can't pay back rent and you need to prepare.
1221	Hand it out in cash \$1,000 increments in the poorest areas of town
1222	" Colorado Springs maintained \$22,202,353 in excess HOME matching funds from prior years and uses those funds on new construction of multifamily projects, acquisition and rehab projects, and homeownership programs. ESG funds are matched by subrecipient funds." I would not be hoarding so much money. Spend it.
1223	Public safety. Crime has been increasing steadily and isn't going to go away.
1224	The city should sell people on minimalism. A 3000 dollar van. Stay clean and highly organized. 7 changes of clothes. A phone for tv, a gas heater, a -40 degree sleeping bag. When they save enough money sell them a plot of land for 10-15 grand. After that teach them to save or build a tiny house for 50 grand. I'd build a race track with 5 million dollars. I don't know what to do with homeless people that have no interest out side of using drugs. Van life is a healthy lifestyle and we are the healthiest state. The Tiny house goal I described above should be achievable even on minimum wage with enough want and will power. I live in my van in summit county and aspire to buy a boat in California.
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1226	Affordable housing, homeless management, trash on trail by the river downtown, clear homeless camps.
1227	I would give money to homeless organizations to help give people housing and also to schools in underprivileged areas.
1228	Pay teachers more money.
1229	Housing for the homeless. I think a tiered system which starts at secure and sanitation supported camping with social services available and moving to tiny homes and apartments for those willing to accept basic community standards and social service supports. This will help everyone in our city by making it feel safer and showing that we are a community that cares deeply for its most vulnerable. A strong community is a compassionate community. Sometimes there is no bootstrap until kindness offers a pair of boots. Trauma often leads to drug abuse to dull its pain and homelessness multiplies trauma. We can stop that cycle with compassion not with judgment.
1230	Help for the homeless, small businesses, low income housing.
1231	This city is getting to be a disgrace! Every trail, park, creek, path, you name it--has been over-ran by our homeless population. I feel like if we don't gain some traction and control over that, any thing "new" we do--or spend money on-- is a complete waste! Colorado Springs has more potential than any town I know, and we continue to overlook the real problem, which is getting the homeless out of here! We have so many lovely spaces (new and old alike) that are the shittiest parts of this town--places I would never take a child or out of town guest to. I would love to see a river-walk, creek access, shopping, dining, breweries and concerts under the bridge down by Aniter's park (another gross and unusable space with so much potential), alleyway shops, markets etc.,----can we please make this town beautiful again?
1232	Invest in public housing. Everyone deserves the right to a safe home. Food, water, and shelter should be basic rights, not a competition for survival.

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1233	city parks and wildlife fire mitigation or infrastructure for electric scooter program downtown, colleges and old Colorado city.
1234	Hire more police, give some tax breaks to developers that wish to build AFFORDABLE housing- not \$1800 a month renters!
1235	Help small businesses, improve roadways, definitely improve internet for rural areas. It would especially help those elearning and teleworking
1236	Save restaurants!!
1237	Give money to the citizens since everyone is dying and losing jobs?
1238	I would creat a program for the homeless or less fortunate that provides jobs and a place to stay for the night of work. The work would to be cleaning up the city and surrounding areas including road ways
1239	More bike lanes and parks please.
1240	Direct support should be prioritized. The best cure for homelessness is to provide housing! This even saves the city and state money in the long term. Please provide subsidized housing programs to get our unhoused neighbors taken care of.
1241	Improve police training and add officers.
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1243	Increase the amount of traffic police officers and resources. Too many people speed, run red lights and stop signs. Or use the money to expand the current red light cameras.
1244	Give back to the essential workers who have been at the front of the line and have worked non stop since the beginning of the pandemic.
1245	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create more vibrant lighting throughout downtown which will make it more attractive and safer at night. 2. Bring outdoor art pieces/designs, a water fountain and new clean seating areas to the park/playground/downtown. 3. Turn snow piles into sidewalk ice bars 4. Make more parking available downtown. 5. Improve local (already established) homeless shelters.
1246	Investing in public services like low income housing, public transportation, and increasing resources for homeless individuals.
1247	A facility like castle rock with a mini manitou incline and field with trails and an indoor pool.
1248	Mental health and drug assistance facility to our homeless population. It would also be nice to have transitional housing and free education for our homeless population.
1249	Built community centers for youth and staff with counselors.
1250	road maintenance!!
1251	Fix the potholes.
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1253	Park maintenance
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1256	I'd improve access to necessities, (housing & food), healthcare, and mental health treatment. Nobody can thrive, or even climb out of a dark place, without enough to eat, without an cessation of pain or discomfort (physically or mentally). Health is a prerequisite to education, to accomplishment, to fulfillment, to mending emotionally, to overcoming addiction and trauma. Health and healthcare are basic human rights.

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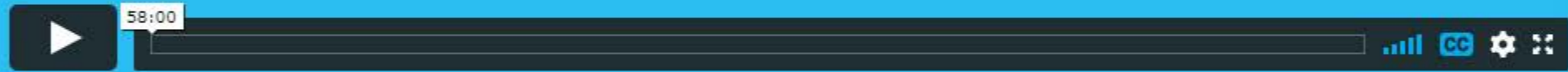
1257	I would love to see that kind of money go towards the Pikes Peak Children’s Museum. As a parent of two young children, it would be great to have more educational facilities for children in the Colorado Springs area. This money could help fund a location, exhibits, and so much more!
1258	Hire more Police Officers
1259	Improve roads and increase police officers on the street. Stetson hills has grown to the point that another substation is probably needed out East
1260	I would like to see the funds allocated to help relieve student debt for all medical workers that have bravely volunteered to help take care of our community during this pandemic. Society is indebted to these amazing people who have sacrificed so much. I would like to see their student debt expunged as much as possible, and those still in college who have been simultaneously working to have the remainder of their education paid for. It's the least we can do. I would also like to see the funds allocated to helping the homeless, the addicted, and the mentally ill find rehabilitation programs, proper housing, and mental healthcare. Helping the ones suffering the most in our community is paramount, especially our horribly neglected veterans.
1261	Additional funding to CSPD
1262	Better roads and structure as well going west to east. Too many traffic lights. Also scarlet oak road needs to be replaced!
1263	House the homeless
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1265	I recommend that the funds be assigned to programs that would help people avoid or leave homelessness. These funds should NOT be used to provide handouts that tend to support vagrancy. We are already known as a “good place to be homeless” because of our many handouts. Our homeless industry does two major tasks. One, they offer a lot of support to escape the streets. Two, unfortunately, the same members of the industry also offer a lot of support for vagrancy. It is OK to ask questions!
1266	Provide affordable senior housing.
1267	I would invest the money into helping family's that are involved in remote learning , possibly toward school supplies or for activities that help with learning even for the siblings , and most definitely toward better lunches that is provided to the children through the free lunch program . The lunches that are provided now are insufficient.
1268	I'm fortunate. I have a steady job that I've been able to maintain throughout the pandemic. Not everyone has been this fortunate. Food bank requests are up, calls to the domestic violence hotlines are up, and I drove past the homeless camp alongside Fountain Creek yesterday. I've never seen it so robust. I would use that money to further assistance to the homeless or hurting.
1269	I would invest this money in the Southeast sector of Colorado Springs. The parks in SE Springs are in need of significant clean up and continued maintenance that are routinely given to other areas of the city. I would also give a huge portion of these funds to the Children's Museum. As a large and growing city, I believe we need to invest in our future generations. The Children's Museum would fall under economic development, nonprofit assistance and neighborhood improvement categories and need to be considered.

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1270	Put more barrier walls between I-25 and housing located near it (like the Fillmore exits -- why do the barriers stop just south of Fillmore?). I also would dismantle the new Pikes Peak Summit House which was supposed to be low-profile and environmentally friendly but actually changes the way the mountain and summit look from our city. Grotesque way to alter nature's beauty and a national inspiration.
1271	How about they return it to those who earned it? ESPECIALLY after the massive COVID restrictions, we are BLEEDING restaurants, Fargo's, in business over 40 years, is now closing! NOT TO MENTION THE SUICIDES due to loss of jobs, inability to pay rent/mortgage/ FOOD, etc!!! SERIOUSLY YOU ASK WHAT TO DO WITH "OUR" MONEY???. TIME TO WAKE THE HELL UP!
1272	Good afternoon, i am part of a group who have been doing outreach to the young homeless adults. I hv a MSW but still volunteer & contribute my time, resources & love towards the needs of our city. In putting boots to the ground, parks, bridges, churches etc. The 2 most top needs for this beautiful city is the need for funds to be allocated to accesable recovery programs. Agencys like springs recovery connections & so forth. Also mobile showers & restrooms for the homeless, like at least 6 locations in the city. The facility's that do already exist are not the same. To find & pay a young adult to maintain portables would be a win, win. These are the most voiced. I would love to be part of a solution based group or board to help improve our citizens lifes. Sincerely L***** p***** 719-***-**** Thank you
1273	Fix the roads! They are full of potholes. PAVE roads that aren't. If you put affordable housing by more expensive homes, you will decrease everyone's home value.
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1275	Invest in solutions for homelessness.
1276	Help with affordable housing , electricy bill, and good food.
1277	Build green, non-toxic, community-oriented public housing.
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Question **When will Colorado Springs provide reasonable priced housing for seniors**

Response Thank you for this question! Catherine will cover the Division's role in affordable housing in slides coming up.

Question **Lack of affordable housing is the largest single problem in our community. Even when people do finally get a housing voucher often they are still unable to find a house due to the limited number of landlords who accept vouchers or the additional cost of deposits not covered by the voucher. Is there any interest in using these funds to incentivise landlords to accept housing vouchers or to provide additional funds to cover deposit or application costs?**

Response Pastor FedEx, we'll look at this question at the end of the presentation during the Q&A session

Question **How can we apply to receive funds**

Response On our website we will make announcements for application openings. In January, the ESG-CV2 application period will open. In March, the CDBG Public Services and ESG application will open

Response <https://coloradosprings.gov/community-development>

Question **Do nonprofits need to apply each year for an ongoing project or can funding be for multi year projects?**

Response We ask non profits to apply each program year for funding in order to re-evaluate their previous grant progress, and account for any updates or changes in the upcoming year. Applicants are welcome to apply for the same or similar projects each grant award cycle.

Question **Can you discuss the varying differences meant by affordable housing?**

Response when we talk about affordable housing, we are referring to keeping housing related costs for households below 30% of household incomes

Response Does this answer your question?

Question **These developers that come in to our city construct expensive apartments that are out of reach for most seniors**

Response [verbal response in video recording]

Question **If I want to help provide affordable housing but am not in any of the categories shown on the slides, what options are there?**

Response <https://affordablehousingelpasoco.org/>

Question **Are you connected to the Housing authority?**

Response No, but we work closely with both the El Paso County Housing Authority and the Colorado Springs Housing Authority. We partner with them to make more units accessible, provide tenant assistance funding for people exiting homeless, and on a number of other programs.

Question **What are the greatest obstacles you face as a unit to doing your work?**

Response [verbal response in video recording]

Question **Concerning the upcoming funding associated with the CARES act, like ESG-CV2 and others, what COVID-related housing issues are presenting and most prevalent that this type of funding is ideally geared toward.. what did we learn in the first round?**

Response We learned that COVID has had a widespread and varied impact upon on local community. Much of the covid related funds were geared towards rental/mortgage assistance, childcare, senior services, food pantries, mental health services, domestic violence, etc. (Concerning the upcoming funding associated with the CARES act, like ESG-CV2 and others, what COVID-related housing issues are presenting and most prevalent that this type of funding is ideally geared toward.. what did we learn in the first round?)

Response Information on first round CARES act funding: <https://coloradosprings.gov/community-development/article/news/citys-community-development-division>

Question **thank you for working hard to hear concerns, ideas**

Response [verbal response in video recording]

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