

# **Colorado Springs / El Paso County Continuum of Care (CoC)**

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**Shawna Kemppainen, Chair  
Mike DeGrant, Vice Chair**

**Contact Information** - The Colorado Springs / El Paso County Continuum of Care governing board chose to contract with the Pikes Peak United Way as its administrator. The primary contact for the CoC is PPUW Vice President of Income & Housing Stability.

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# Purpose of a CoC

## HUD's Goals:

*Promote a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness*

*Provide funding for efforts to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness*

*Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness*

# Local CoC Vision

**We are dedicated to ensuring our community is healthy and vibrant so that all families and individuals have access to housing and services that allow them to optimize their self-sufficiency.**

**Strengthening our CoC so that we sustain a durable system of care that prevents and ends homelessness and helps individuals achieve long-term stability.**

# Who is our CoC?

**A diverse and broad representation from across all sectors of the City, County, and State including, but not limited to:**

- **Nonprofit and for-profit homeless service providers**
- **health, mental health, and substance abuse providers**
- **City, County, State**
- **Businesses and corporations**
- **philanthropic organizations**
- **individuals, and persons currently or having formerly experienced homelessness**

# **Funds Managed by / Coordinated with CoC**

**HUD Homeless Assistance Program  
2014: \$2,144,573**

**\$4,785,962**

**City Emergency Solutions Grants - State  
Emergency Solutions Grants - City HOME  
Tenant Based Rental Assistance - City CDBG  
- City General Funds - County CDBG - HUD  
Veterans Admin. Supportive Housing -  
Veterans Admin Supportive Services -  
Supportive Services for Veterans Families**

# Accomplishments Year 2014

**4,241**

**People helped in Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing**

**1,785**

**Additional people helped with housing through Emergency Solutions Grants, Rapid Re-Housing Grants and Supportive Services for Veterans**

**1,400**

**People helped November 2014 to April 2015 in winter shelters at Springs Rescue Mission and Salvation Army. Bed space was expanded from 65 the previous year to 210 this past season.**

*Source: Annual Homeless  
Assessment Report 09/30/14*

# Accomplishments Year 2015

## Expanded

- Resource Advocate Program at Springs Rescue Mission now open daytime
- Hanifen Center at Catholic Charities now open daytime for women, children, families
- Youth Drop In weekly at LGBT youth center collaboration with Urban Peak

## Increased CoC award: \$2.23 million

Identified improvements for security and “in-reach” case management during winter shelter months

# Next Up: Building Strategies

- **Pathways Home: Supportive Housing Toolkit**
  - Long-term solutions to homelessness must include permanent supportive housing, and affordable housing.
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Leadership commitment across sectors, geographies
  - Alignment with federal “Opening Doors” strategic plan objectives
- **Homeless Summit: October 26, 2015**
  - Training
  - Strategic Plan input