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Seeking & Sharing Wall Read-Out:

Resources and Opportunities for
Continued Conversations

Symposium Unplugged: Sparking Ideas for Healthy Homes in Rural Colorado

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What Attendees Were Looking For: Seeking Wall

Crowdsourcing: We need your help providing answers to these questions

- How do I best create meaningful partnerships to effectively utilize vacant land for affordable housing development? What are other communities doing to ensure they have housing dedicated to folks living on lower income? (Question from Greg Labbe, Mayor of Leadville. E: lvmayor@leadville-co.gov)
- Where do people find financial resources for down payment deposits? (Contact: Colleen Bechtel, Summit Community Care Clinic. E: cbechtel@csummitclinic.org)
- Chaffee County needs rental apartments as well, not just homeownership opportunities. Do you have ideas for creating affordable rental housing solutions? (Contact: Christie Barton, Chaffee County. E: cbarton@chaffeecounty.org)
- We're seeking expanded funding solutions for a winter shelter dedicated to local (Salida) residents experiencing homelessness. (Contact: Mike Orrill, Chaffee County Public Health. E: morrill@chaffeecounty.org P: 719-221-5418)
- Can a land trust model be applicable to Manufactured Home Parks (MHPs)? (Question from Phylis Mattice, Pitkin County. E: phylis.mattice@pitkincounty.com)
- I want to learn more about housing financing and how to address the lack of attainable housing in South Park, Park County. (Contact: Charles Schultz, Park County. E: csquare@q.com)
- What are options for property management in rural southeast Colorado? We are looking into housing options and would like to find property management options. (Question from Laura DiPrince, Southeast Health Group. E: ldiPrince@semhs.org)
- I need convening / strategic gathering tips for funders and grant recipients. (Contact: Elaine Martinez, El Pomar Foundation. E: emartinez@elpomar.org)
- I'm seeking resources for affordable senior housing/assisted living. (Question from Marilyn Bouldin, Ark Valley Helping Hands. E: Marilynbouldin@gmail.com)
- I'm seeking someone to potentially partner with a small senior housing project in Salida. There is land and the option to purchase for-sale lots next door. (Contact: Kim Bouldin, Chaffee County Housing Advocate. E: kbouldin@alliancechaffee.org)
- How does your community envision ending the housing crisis in your region? How can Colorado Division of Housing (DoH) support your efforts? (Contact: Jahlia Daly, DoH, Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). E: Jahlia.daly@state.co.us)

What Attendees Contributed: Sharing Wall

- City of Alamosa recently created a homeless coalition. (Contact: Kathy Woods, City of Alamosa. E: kwoods@ci.alamosa.co.us. P: 719-588-4092)
- The San Luis Valley is also in the process of organizing a coordinated entry housing wait list. This would include all of the local housing authority's private landlords, Volunteers of America, the VA, among other new partners. (Contact: Jamie Snow, La Puente. E: asstdirector.adelante@lapuente.net)
- Has anyone explored the SPARC – Center for Social Innovation 208 Phase 1 Report? Page 9 has great info on the connection between deep poverty and homelessness by race. Link to Report: <https://center4si.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SPARC-Phase-1-Findings-March-2018.pdf> (No name provided)



- Continuum of Care (CoC) permanent supportive housing vouchers in the regional Chaffee County community are available through the Upper Arkansas Council of Government. (Contact: Autumn Dever, UAACOG. E: autumn.dever@uaacog.com)
 - Note: Housing Choice Voucher program (Section 8) wait-list is currently open in Chaffee, Custer, Lake, Fremont, Park, Teller and Huerfano Counties.
 - UAACOG provides assistance with writing grants for DOLA-DOH funding;
 - Loans for families to purchase homes (family income threshold at or below 80% AMI);
 - Credit and budget counseling to prepare families for homeownership;
 - Experience with permanent supportive housing (PSH) and putting together a deal: service plan, identifying developer, etc.;
 - Home repair program for health and safety issues (upper Arkansas region specific).
- “I have access to and ideas for you to participate in committees, groups and meetings to join in an effort to improve housing access and equity.” (Contact: Jahlia Daly, DoH, DOLA. E: Jahlia.daly@state.co.us)
 - Also contact Jahlia for the following: Any ideas on how to support homelessness initiatives, programming or substandard housing in your community. Resources are available through the Colorado DoH that are open for application, included rehabilitating poor quality housing, transitional housing, modular homes and more.
- Talk to Shawn Hayes, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH), to learn about all matters related to the Balance of State (BoS) point-in-time count or the BoS Continuum of Care. (Contact: Shawn Hayes, CCH. E: shayes@coloradocoalition.org)
- Talk to Read McCulloch, Chaffee Housing Trust, to learn about all matters related to the Community Land Trust Model. (Contact: Read McCulloch, Chaffee Housing Trust. E: read@chaffeehousing.org)
- Energy Outreach Colorado: Energy assistance (financial), energy efficiency work, crisis intervention programming, “Healthy Homes” pilot focusing on respiratory issues. (Contact: Ashley Feiertag, Energy Outreach Colorado. E: afiertag@energyoutreach.org)
- Learn about Integrated Mission-Driven Health Care. (Contact: Colleen Bechtel, Summit Community Care Clinic. E: cbechtel@summitclinic.org)
- Key Habitat for Humanity Contacts (Talk to for best practices)
 - Scott Gilbert, Roaring Fork Valley. E: scottg@habitatroaringfork.org
 - April-Dawn Knudsen, Summit County. E: executivedirector@summithabitato.org
 - Jill Smola, Chaffee County. E: jill@chaffeehabitat.org
- Homebuyer Education and Financing, single family loans and down payment assistance, housing opportunity funds/grants: (Contact: Silvina Sansot, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. E: ssansot@chfainfo.com)
- El Pomar Central Peaks Region – Funding Available. (Contact: Elaine Martinez, El Pomar Foundation. E: emartinez@elpomar.org)
- Housing Works Program: A partnership between NPO and real estate/property management company to inspire homeowners to move from short-term rentals to long-term housing solutions for people facing housing cost-burden. Tenants are provided wrap-around services through the Family Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC). (Contact: Brianne Snow, FIRC. E: briannes@summitfirc.org)
- Recreation Information Management System (RIMS): A pilot program in Chaffee County to collect data on dispersed campsites and identify potential residential uses. The latter relates directly to



outreach programming for the point-in-time count. (Contact: Becky Gray, Chaffee County. E: bgray@chaffeecounty.org)

- Veteran Resources: Supportive services for veteran families including rental, deposit costs and application fee assistance for veterans experiencing homelessness and/or at risk of losing housing (new coverage area across the state, including mobile field office serving 16 rural counties). (Contact: Veronica Martin, Volunteers of America. E: vmartin@voacolorado.org)
- Resources for newsletters, substance use disorders in rural counties with limited housing. (Contact: Patrice Fanning, JSI Research and Training. E: Patrice_Fanning@jsi.com)
- Help is available for families that have been involved in the child welfare system and need support. (Contact: Kate Bell, The Adopted Exchange. E: kabell@adoptex.org)

Events and Miscellaneous Resources

- [Colorado Rural Rental Housing Preservation Academy](#) – Deadline to Apply: Nov. 27, 2019 by 5 p.m. CST. (Contact: Susan Anderson, Enterprise Community Partnerships. E: susananderson@enterprisecommunity.org)
- Engaging Aging in Salida (May 19, 2020). Details to come. (Contact: Marilyn Bouldin. E: marilynouldin@gmail.com)
- Interested in sharing about housing innovations, issues and possible solutions? Contact Ken Matthews, KHEN Radio (106.9 FM) regarding the Chaffee Housing Report. The show is featured every other Tuesday between 2-3 p.m. (Contact: Ken Matthews, KHEN Radio. E: kamatthews1952@gmail.com. P: 720-260-3311)
- [Lake County Housing Coalition](#) (attend monthly meetings). Three upcoming trainings regarding building/development, land use review, barriers to renting and new “ownership report.” (Contact: Noah Sosin, Lake County Build a Generation. E: nososin@gmail.com)

