Emergency Rental Assistance Update

August 8th, 2022

Emergency Rental Assistance Allocations

- Arapahoe County Received two different allocations of Emergency Rental Assistance: ERA 1 and ERA 2
 - ► ERA 1- \$9.837 million- currently 99.6% spent
 - ► ERA 2- \$13.77 million- received in 3 "tranches"
 - ▶ 1st tranche of \$5.5 million is 87% spent
 - ▶ 2nd tranche of \$4.137 million requested and received
 - ▶ 3rd tranche will be requested once 2nd tranche is 75% spent

Emergency Rental Assistance Uses to Date

- Rental Assistance for 2,703 households
 - **2021 = 1,574**
 - **2022 = 993**
 - ▶ Utility Assistance 2021 2022 = 136 Households
- Hotel Motel/Voucher programs
 - **>** 2021 = 1,386
 - **2022 = 43**
- Case Management Services for individuals housed in hotels/motels
 - **2021= 217**
- Navigation Services for individuals through 3 temporary grant funded positions
 - **>** 2021 = 198
 - ▶ 2022 = 294 (as of June 30)

Emergency Rental Assistance Benchmarks

- Original terms of ERA 2 stated end of grant period of September 2025
- ► Funding already distributed to a local government is not eligible for reallocation
- Must spend 60% of total ERA 2 allocation by 9/30/22
 - \$4.8 million ERA 2 spent to date (6/30/22)
 - \$7.0 million is the 60% threshold for Q3 (need to spend >\$750k/month)
 - ▶ If not attained, the amount short of the target could be reallocated from remaining \$4.1 million allocated to County
- ► Treasury changed the 80% requirement for Q4 and now says it may deem any undrawn ERA 2 funds as "excess funds" for reallocation
 - ▶ Need to get to \$7.3 million spent to draw down final \$4.1 million before 12/31/22

Emergency Rental Assistance Current State

- ▶ 1,323 households as "Pending" in system and need to be reviewed. This number includes people who have been denied.
 - ▶ June 1 30, 2022 received 286 completed/appropriate applications
 - ▶ July 1 July 25, 2022 received 172 completed/appropriate applications
- Based on 2021 numbers (1,500 households) spent we can estimate approx. \$10M needed to fund all current requests.
- Solutions to ensure Fiscal Sustainability:
 - Continue prioritization of eviction processing first
 - Limit the number of times a household can apply and receive
 - Require cooperation with ADWorks! for Able Bodied Adults
 - ▶ Place a temporary moratorium on new applications