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EXECUTIVE ORDER



Roy Romer
Governor

AMENDING THE COORDINATING COUNCIL ON HOUSING AND THE HOMELESS

WHEREAS, the affordability, availability, and accessibility of decent and safe housing are critical issues affecting a cross section of Colorado's population; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of very low income individuals and families are in need of housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, the housing industry contributes significantly to the state's economy and employment; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, religious organizations, foundations, and private industry have forged effective community-based partnerships to address these housing needs in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the work of these partnerships could be enhanced by the coordination of resources and information provided by state, federal and local governments and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, on any given day between 3,000 and 5,000 people are homeless in the State of Colorado, including 500 children and an estimated 52,000 people in Colorado are at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, the state desires to participate in the creation of a continuum of care for homeless populations by working with state, local and federal public assistance and housing programs and integrating those programs with services provided by private nonprofit organizations and the private business sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under and pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The Coordinating Council on Housing and the Homeless is hereby amended to include the executive director or designee of the following Colorado state departments and divisions:

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Human Services; Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Division of Mental Health, Office of Field Services, Supportive Housing and Homeless Programs, Aging and Adult Services, Veterans Administration; Department of Education, Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing, Department of Labor and Employment; and the Governor's Job Training Office. Sixteen additional representatives from the public and private sectors shall be chosen from among municipalities, public housing authorities, federal agencies, philanthropic organizations, housing finance organizations, housing development or management organizations and providers or consumers of shelter or services to persons who are homeless. At least six of these representatives must come from providers or consumers of shelter or services to persons who are homeless, and two must come from municipalities. At least one representative shall be the executive director of the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority or his/her designee. The chair shall be appointed by the Governor from among the public or private sector members. Members from the public and private sectors shall be appointed at the pleasure of the Governor for terms of 4 years, renewable for additional terms. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable travel costs associated with attending Council meetings provided that funds are available in the budget for such reimbursement.

2. The Council shall be located in the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Supportive Housing and Homeless Programs for administrative, staffing and spending authority purposes.
3. The Council shall have the following duties:
 - a. Work with Council staff to develop and maintain, policy and procedures for the Council's operation, including the selection of officers other than the chair, creating and implementing a work plan and assuring that the Council's financial needs are met.
 - b. Serve as the liaison to federal agencies and departments with jurisdiction over housing and homeless issues.
 - c. Work with the State Board of Housing on the implementation of a statewide housing and homeless agenda.

- d. Facilitate the coordination of the following:
- i. Delivery systems for housing and supportive services within the State of Colorado.
 - ii. Development of a coordinated state government response to homelessness by linking relevant state programs; evaluating the effectiveness of current spending on homelessness; and reviewing regulations governing present programs.
 - iii. Monitor the development of a computerized data base of housing and homeless-related statistics, programs, and resources and a clearinghouse for information on these issues.
 - iv. Development of an effective strategy to maximize the distribution of Homeless Assistance funds through Congressional Block Grants to help providers to be more effective in their delivery of services to the homeless.
 - v. Requests for funding and sponsorship of competitive pilot programs and alternative service models designed to assist the homeless.
 - vi. Development of a coordinated technical assistance program which will help providers to be more effective in their delivery of services to the homeless.
4. The Council shall meet at times and in places designated by the chair, but not less than six times per year. The Council shall submit reports of its activities to the Governor not less than biannually.
5. The Council shall sunset on December 31, 1998, unless, after review, its existence is extended beyond that date by Executive Order of the Governor.
6. This Executive Order shall repeal and supersede Executive Orders B 020 93, B 025 91 and all other Executive Orders related thereto.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this fifteenth
day of May, 1995.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Romer".

Roy Romer
Governor