

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING  
MEETING SUMMARY  
June 16, 2017**

**Members Present**

Anne Gross	Arapahoe County
Barbara Boyer	Arapahoe County
Bob Davis	City and County of Broomfield
Bob Lanky	Jefferson County
Cathy Noon	Arapahoe County
Carolyn Scharf	DRCOG Board
Donna Mullins	Jefferson County
Joyce Gallagher	Guest for Adams County,
Maureen Spiegleman	Denver County on Aging
Randy Wheelock	Clear Creek County

**Guests Present**

Perla Gheiler – Denver Office on Aging, Alicia Haywood – CDPHE/CU Boulder, and Valerie Robson – Douglas County Adult Services

**Others Present**

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, AJ Diamontopoulos, Sharon Day, Kelly Roberts, Amy Pulley, Mindy Patton, Lauren Bell, Brandon Davis, Heather Kamper, Nanae Ito, Cassie Scott and Kiko Ivanov

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, AAA Director called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Approval of the April 21, 2017 Meeting Summary**

- A motion was made by Jayla Sanchez-Warren to accept the summaries, they were seconded by Bob Davis, meeting summary was approved.

**Director's Report – Jayla Sanchez-Warren**

- Jayla presented to the Colorado Fire Chiefs about the challenges and opportunities of an aging population.
  - The presentation ranged in conversation
  - The fire chiefs would like to charge for services to the frequent users they assist with falls to sustain the program.
  - They also would like to provide more community services and find ways to get funding.
  - Jayla had very positive feedback and has had several fire chiefs call her for contacts.

- There is new leadership at Jewish Family Services.
  - Jayla with their board about participating in the new Accountable Health Communities grant.
  - Also, talked about the Meals on Wheels, Kosher food and home food delivered programs.
    - The OC restricted meals were looking like they were going away
    - Dale Elliott of VOA and Chandra Matthews of Jewish Family Services met
    - Figured out new way to do the program
    - GA Food will provide the OC culture foods
    - They worked with Rabi's to make sure everything will be prepared properly.
- SAPGA
  - Jayla is now on the SAPGA committee
- Transportation
  - There have been many transportation meetings.
    - SRC changed what they needed to change
    - They are currently running at full capacity with 30 vehicles in the region
    - Still are unable to make a dent in the waiting list
    - Adams and Arapahoe counties are returning money because rides can't be provided
    - Need to figure out a new approach as the current way is not working
  - CDOT will only buy replacement vehicles not new
  - DRCOG helped purchase new vans for both Gilpin and Clear creek counties
  - SUA is evaluating a way to do voucher programs for transportation
  - DRCOG would like to do a pilot program with Douglas County to do vouchers
    - Jayla will meet with the Lyft director to discuss vouchers
    - Jayla would like to develop a door through door or assisted transportation program with Lyft
    - Lyft does not have a program for this yet, they are thinking about a new program called Silver Lyft
    - Jayla suggested we would pay more per trip to Lyft drivers that provide the door through door service
    - Lyft would train the drivers and provide the necessary background checks
    - DRCOG would like to have a fixed rate.
    - They liked the idea and will bump it up the chain.
    - Jayla is concerned if they are working for both DRCOG, Castle Rock, Douglas County and Healthcare organizations that there is no duplication in trips.
    - There will need to be checks to be sure Lyft is not charging the same trip several times to more than one organization.
  - CDOT has asked us to take over the DRMAC call center, the intent is for DRCOG to take on the calls

- DRCOG is working with DRMAC to make the transition by the first of the year.
- Applied for funding of emergency trips with CDOT
  - They have less stringent guidelines how funds can be spent
  - These funds could be used for people under 60, could serve those with immediate need for next day transportation
  - Only audit every 4 years
- CDOT also asked that DRCOG take over the grant for veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI)
  - They hope to improve service and effectiveness
  - The funding will buy the Network of Care resource directory for veterans
  - Has been approved by CDOT and Feds
- Will be talking to Mayor Noon about a voucher program
- 135 people were turned down for transportation in May for capacity or wrong timing

Question was asked about serving the Swansea area, Jayla said that was her next target area.

- HOPE organization wants to strategize how to serve the 115 seniors in the area of the I-70 redevelopment while construction is going on
  - Jayla would like to look at group trips for these people on a set day for grocery shopping, etc.
- She is also working with Dale Elliot from VOA to expand meal service in this area.
- We received the \$100K grant from the Colorado Health Foundation.
  - Received Board approval to begin the pilot with UC Health.
- Hiring new people in the AAA.
  - The AAA is expecting a lot of future growth, currently have 40 staff.
  - We are running out of space at DRCOG and are trying to figure out what to do.
    - Nothing will happen with our space for at least 6 months, talking about sharing space.
    - Looking at 19 more volunteers and staff by December
    - Jayla commented that the growth is good but has some challenges as we move forward.
- Jayla has been good at funding programs here at DRCOG but not for community based services.
  - She has been able to redirect some of the new funding that is being used internally to the community based services.
    - All hospital partnerships are being designed to assist with community based services.
    - She is trying to make the hospitals aware that they need to contribute to senior transportation needs.

- We can oversee this pot of money, monitor and audit those that receive it and hold them accountable to whatever standards that are required.
- DRCOG is receiving a lot of attention, much more than expected, on the Accountable Health Communities grant.
  - Only 20 received grant, and only 2 of those from community based services; most are hospital or medical oriented.
  - DRCOG is the only one that does community based services, medical and government.
  - Aneesh Chopra an American executive who served as the first Chief Technology Officer of the United States under President Obama was in town and wanted to meet with us.
    - He was very excited about DRCOG and how innovative we were.
    - Jayla and AJ went to the American Medical Futures conference at the ART hotel where Aneesh was presenting,
    - He spoke very highly of DRCOG during his presentation and how this was the future of medicine, he also said to be careful with the execution of the grant.
- No Copay Radio continues, if you get the opportunity to tune in do so Jayla has had some awesome guests recently.

Donna Mullin asked if Jayla could speak about the PACE Ombudsman Program.

- Jayla explained that there are 4 PACE organizations in Colorado
  - Innovage the largest and operate in the Denver metro area.
  - Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) for those 55 and above focused on those that are both Medicare and Medicaid eligible.
    - Originated in San Francisco (see attached History of PACE Program).
    - If you are in the right zip code, you can join PACE.
    - Under the program those eligible are provided with comprehensive medical and social services for community-dwelling elderly individuals
    - An interdisciplinary team of health professionals provides PACE participants with coordinated care.
    - For most participants, the comprehensive service package enables them to remain in the community rather than receive care in a nursing home.
    - Financing for the program is capped, which allows providers to deliver all services participants need rather than only those reimbursable under Medicare and Medicaid fee-for-service plans.
    - The Legislature voted in the program last year and Innovage became a for profit organization that provides the service in the Denver metro area.
    - During their conversion from nonprofit to for profit there is a pot of approximately \$6M dollars that has been spun off into a foundation called Next 50.
    - When the conversion happened, the AAA received a lot of complaints from those who were not getting the appropriate services and found it difficult to get resolution to the issues.
    - DRCOG was afraid some were falling through the cracks.
    - A profit organization may run things differently than a non-profit.
    - We spent a lot of community efforts to get the state legislature to approve a state Ombudsman.

- The language from that Bill stated that there needed to be a community ombudsman.
- Last summer Rich, Shannon and Jayla met with the 4 PACE providers, the State and HCPF to come up with language that would allow for a local PACE Ombudsman.
- This was passed during the last legislative cycle.
- There was no money for the 6 positions this year in the State of Colorado budget but there was for 1.
- The State wanted to give the funds for the position to be housed in Delta, Colorado where there are only 300 PACE participants.
- DRCOG argued the point that it didn't make sense because we have 2/3 of the participants here in the metro area and got the position at DRCOG.
- The funds for the position should be released in August they are currently working on the job description.
- Hope to have the person in our Ombudsman shop in August.
- DRCOG will collect data and hope to expand that service throughout the state.

Cathy asked if all the funding would come out of the "Next 50" funding, Jayla said the "Next 50" had to fund the State Ombudsman. The Local Ombudsman will come out of general fund dollars. Will be \$75K for the partial year. Will need to figure out how to fund the position later.

Cathy asked if all the "Next 50" funding went to the state position. Jayla said no that there are more funds in that pot of money which are designated for seniors only, and that DRCOG will apply for the funds when released.

AJ told the group that 80% to 90% of the funds are to stay in Colorado. The question was asked if the information for release was on their website, Jayla suggested that they monitor the site for information on the release of funds. The thing that they don't want to fund are ongoing programs which are a challenge for DRCOG. More and more there is less funding for existing programs they prefer to fund new and innovative programs making it harder for existing programs. Cathy said it was nice to get funding for startup programs and that cities are becoming more aware of this need.

- CU Health Center is doing a study on cannabis and looking for seniors who might want to participate in the pain management study.
- Jayla asked Donna Mullins to talk about the CBDG program. (Community Development Block Grant (CDBG))
  - The Department of Local Affairs administers the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for non-entitlement municipalities and counties to carry out community development activities.
    - The funds must be used for activities that either benefit low and moderate income persons; prevent or eliminate slums or blight, or address community development needs that have a particular urgency.
    - Administered by HUD.
    - Someone in Douglas County is trying to persuade the Jefferson County commissioners against the CDBG funding.
    - They will vote on June 27<sup>th</sup> as to the acceptance of the funds.
    - Could be devastating to Jefferson County cause.

- Val told the group that the Douglas County discussion revolved around conversations last year around the regulations that HUD outlined on the fair housing issue.
- The way the assessment and rules were written affected those counties who had smaller communities and rural areas without much infrastructure by putting them on the hot seat.
- Talked with their representatives, the state and federal level, HUD at local and national level to get them to look at the way they were asking the questions, how questions were evaluated and making it a little more user friendly and attainable for those that don't fit the norms.
- Val gave the example of the limited transportation in Douglas County, RTD stops at Highlands Ranch, goes to Parker and there is one line to Franktown the rest of the county does not have public transportation.
- DC officials found it difficult to agree with the requirements.
- Castle rock pulled out last year for the same issues.
- When commissioners looked at the issue they found that Douglas County gets a smaller pot of money from these funds, approximately \$600K to \$700K and not much went to community based services.
- Douglas County decided it wasn't in their best interest to pursue until they worked with HUD on the changes they were asking.
- Conversation is continuing and hasn't been dropped.
- Val said that they have really seen the county pulling together for other funding sources.
- Douglas County has always worked more conservatively and try not to duplicate services so they work more collaboratively together.

### **Compliance and Finance Report – Sharon Day**

- Sharon met with the Funding subcommittee prior to the ACA meeting.
  - They evaluated the RFP process and to find ways to improve.
  - Issued contracts to 24 contractors.
  - Contracts begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Contractor meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> the group was invited to attend to meet contractors and ask questions.
  - One of the issues with the funding process was not knowing when the federal and state funds would be allocated.
    - Federal funds will be for 2017 calendar year.
  - Subcommittee decided on level funding with new contracts.
  - Now know that the federal funding will be allocated with slightly more funds than previous year.
  - The subcommittee will meet again in August to discuss funds now that they know the amount
  - Jayla mentioned she is more concerned with sequester in January.
  - The current fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup> which is the state fiscal year the OAA operates on.
- Sharon is working to reallocate transportation funds

- All AAAs are having a financial audit this summer from the Department of Health and Human Services
- Sharon did some comparison numbers for Jayla and found that almost double the funds coming into the AAA as compared to 5 years ago.
- Currently serving 55 veterans on the Veteran Program with an increase of serving 85, the program will bring in approximately 3M.
  - Jayla said this is one of the few programs that bring in a profit which is reinvested into other programs.
  - This is another reason the AHC grant is important, the hope is to generate other ways to bring funds into the AAA.

### **Advocacy Report – Kelly Roberts**

- Developing a pipeline between the AAA, the councils on aging and DRCOG board for legislative advocacy.
- Formed an Advocacy committee and have met several times.
- The Advocacy committee decided that there was a need to interact with the county councils on a one to one basis.
- The committee will find out their counties ability to support legislation
- Over the summer will contact the councils and survey them to find a point person for action items and learn what their capabilities and interests would be to support advocacy
- Kelly and Rich devised an advocacy toolbox with tips and techniques that is available to the group
- Kelly will keep the ACA informed on the advocacy survey etc.
- Bob Davis shared his failure of commitment from Broomfield
  - In answer to Bob's comment Kelly is hoping to simplify things by having less meetings
  - Interest will be more on setting up a pipeline for when there is a need to send to a designated person and the specific action required
- Kelly spoke about the forum held in March, she and Valerie Robison are working together on the outcome of the work that was done during the forum
- The forum's focus was to increase the communication with the county councils on Aging and the AAA.
- New onboarding process for new ACA members and AAA staff
  - Jayla will meet with the new members and staff
  - Someone will greet and introduce the new member(s) to key members of the ACA and tell them what to expect when they come to the meetings.
  - Compiling information that will assist new members and current members
    - Bob Davis mentioned receiving a list of acronyms for new members to help them with knowing what is being said
    - Jayla suggested putting the most used on the back of the agenda

## **Resource Development – AJ Diamontopoulos**

- AHC Grant
  - AHC grant will cover these five groups; housing security and quality needs, utility needs, transportation needs, interpersonal violence (child, domestic and elder abuse) and nutrition needs.
  - He will have 2 community based navigators here at DRCOG that will assist in the process and provide navigation services.
  - The process will not be as in-depth as case management but will help connect people to resources
  - After they are connected to the resources they will track what they used, when and how often
  - They will analyze the information to see what effect community based services have on clinical outcomes and the cost
  - The belief is that community based services to help people and lower the cost of health care which we hope to prove by getting this data.
  - Currently in the startup phase the official start date will be May 1, 2018
  - This will be a good opportunity to network within the healthcare arena for future business opportunities
- Will be working on a pilot program with UC Health to provide community based case management work for a select number of their Accountable Care Organization (ACO) patients
  - This is going to work with the Medicare and Medicaid initiative
  - Will start August 1<sup>st</sup> and last for 5 months
  - Hope to see if lower costs

## **Motion to Cancel July Meeting – Jayla Sanchez-Warren**

Cathy Noon motioned for cancellation of July meeting.  
Maureen Spiegelman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
Meeting was cancelled.

## **Vote for New Chair – Jayla Sanchez-Warren**

Due to the small group, the Chair position will be discussed at the August meeting.

## **Chair Report – Phil Cernanec**

There was no Chair report.

## **Information Sharing**

Jayla spoke about more and more seniors with opioid addiction. Cathy Noon said they have been having discussions in Centennial about the problem. She or Mayor Rakowsky from Greenwood Village would have more information.

- Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1:52 p.m.



# AAA Director's Activity Summary May - June 15, 2017

## **Advocacy, Education and Policy:**

- Keynote presentation to Adams County Aging Network annual event
- Presentation to Colorado Fire Chiefs about the Challenges and Opportunities of an Aging Population
- Presentation to Jewish Family Services Board of Directors on the Challenges and Opportunities in Aging
- Presentation to Arapahoe County\_Council on Aging meeting

## **Coordination and Outreach**

- SAPGA monthly meeting
- SAPGA Local and Regional Subcommittee meeting
- Interview with Maryland Council of Governments about how the DRCOG AAA has been diversifying our funding sources and working with hospitals.
- Meeting with Matthew Helfant about a shared application (TPO and AAA) for 5310 money
- Meeting with DRMAC to discuss the transportation call center and the possibility of taking it over.
- State LYFT presentation
- Meeting with Jewish Family Services and VOA to discuss the Kosher meal program.

## **Compliance and Management**

- Attended the Aging Policy Advisory Committee (APAC)
- Attend the final session of the Linkage Lab (we graduated!!!)
- AAA Leadership training with Jerry Stigall
- Attended several meetings regarding the AAA HIPAA audit.
- Meeting with direct reports and other AAA staff one on one and conducted a manager meeting.
- Provided orientation training to two new Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA) members.
- Attended the DRCOG work session, F&B and the Board meetings.
- Site visit from Colorado Health Foundation related to the \$100,000.00 grant we applied for that will support the UC Health pilot project.
- Developing job descriptions for the AHC grant.
- Quarterly AAA managers/supervisors meeting.
- Mandatory State Quarterly AAA training.
- New hire orientation
- New ACA member orientation

## **Partnership Development and Special Projects:**

### **Resource Development:**

- Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Press Conference and kickoff event.
- Meeting with Aneesh Chopra the first Chief Technology Officer of the United States under the Obama Administration. He is very excited that DRCOG received the AHC grant he learned about our approach, gave us some advice and we agreed to help us in the future.
- Attended the Future of Medicine conference, a two-day event, it was announced twice that we had gotten the AHC grant and that partnerships like the ones in the grant were the future of medicine!
- Meeting with Center for Health Equity at Denver Health to discuss the Aging Population.
- Meeting UC Health next steps for the pilot program
- Meeting on the VTCLI grant – this involves veterans' transportation
- Meeting on the PACE ombudsman program

### **Media**

- No Copay radio – weekly programs
- Interview with 5280 on the AHC grant
- 30 minute long radio interview with Boomers in Action to air on KYGO and KOSI and more.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Meeting with the State Ombudsman office to discuss the implementation of the first community based PACE ombudsman
- Senior Resource Center Gala – happy trails to John Zabawa
- SHIP training
- Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging meeting and sub committee
- Preparing for State audit

# Examining Changes in Colorado's PACE Program for the Elderly

Posted by ignacio on January 27, 2017 in Adams County, Arapahoe County, Denver, Jefferson County, Jefferson County Government, Lifestyles, Miscellaneous | 38 Views | Leave a response

Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a program which provides care to seniors above the age of 55 who have chronic illnesses. But, PACE focuses on individuals who, although eligible for nursing home care, wish to live within their own communities. Thus, the program covers all their medical needs such as paying for prescription drugs, doctor's appointments, hospital care, specialist care, and more.



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However, to make this possible, everyone enrolled in PACE is also enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare. And if a participant's condition makes his or her placement in a nursing home necessary, the program also foots the bill. What inspired the formation of the PACE program?

## The History of PACE

The PACE program has its roots in an initiative started by the residents of Chinatown-North Beach, San Francisco in the early 1970s. The initiative was a response to a growing population of elderly immigrants within the community who needed long-term care. Known as On Lok or 'peaceful and happy abode' in Cantonese, it provided home-based care that included meal delivery.

## Federal PACE Legislation

On Lok proved to be so successful that over the next two decades, many pilot plots based on it were started. They culminated in the passing of legislation in 1997 which established PACE under both Medicare and **Medicaid**. By then, 21 PACE programs were already operating in 15 states in the US. The 1997 regulations allowed both nonprofit and for-profit entities to operate under the program. But, the latter were to be for demonstration purposes only.

In 2006, more regulations followed but this time, only non-profit entities were allowed to operate. A 2015 report by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) report was to change all this. It proved that the for-profit model actually worked. As a result, changes to the original PACE legislation were made to allow for-profit entities to operate again.

## Changes to Colorado's PACE Regulations

Just like the federal government laws, Colorado PACE laws only provided for nonprofit PACE providers. But after federal laws were changed in 2015 to make provision for for-profit providers, Colorado followed suit. The state even included its largest PACE provider in the drafting of the Bill. Now, non-profit entities can convert to for-profit ones.

## What These Changes Mean to Colorado Residents

This change from non-profit to a for-profit status raises many questions in the minds of Coloradans. They wonder about its effect on current PACE participants. Will this transition result in the provision of better services or worse? Coloradans are also keen to know about the monetary value of non-profit providers. How can they know the exact value? And, who stands to gain from it?

The value of non-profits comes from tax-exempt funds that the provider dedicates to the good of the public. The source of these funds is charitable grants, money from Medicaid and Medicare, and tax-exempt savings. In short, a provider's funding comes from Coloradans which means that they own it. So, any conversion from nonprofit to for-profit status will ultimately affect them.

In recognition of this fact, the [Colorado Center on Law on Policy](#) has lobbied to amend the state's PACE regulations and succeeded. Thus, before any provider converts to a for-profit entity, it must include the public in the process. This involves surrendering a conversion plan to Colorado's Attorney General two months before the conversion happens.

The plan must detail the provider's market value and how it intends to distribute the proceeds after the conversion. Any non-profit entities that are to benefit from the process must also be on the list as well as their board of directors. Finally, the financial statements of the provider and the bonuses of the directors must be attached.

The public then has 30 days to comment on the conversion plan before it takes effect. If a conversion takes place, the proceeds must go to programs which help the elderly such as human growth hormone (HGH) injections. These hormone therapies combat the changes that come with ageing. More information on HGH is available at [HT Medical's website](#).

## Conclusion

Despite its humble beginnings, the PACE program is an important part of care for the elderly in the US. And although recent changes in PACE regulation have allowed non-profit entities to convert to for-profit, the benefits of the program have not diminished. In Colorado, any conversion must include the public. The proceeds must also benefit the elderly.

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## JEFFCO CDBG & HOME FUNDING HEARING - JUNE 27TH AT 8:00AM

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Supporters,

The hearing date for the Commissioner vote on whether to continue the HOME and CDBG Programs in Jefferson County has been scheduled for **Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM**. The hearing will take place in the Courts & Administration Building at 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80419, on the main floor in Hearing Room 1.

We are unable to anticipate the exact number of individuals opposing the programs but expect the opposition to be in full force, with possibly 30-50 people making public comments to vote against the funds. All those who support continuing these programs are requested to be present at the hearing (even those who do not want to speak are necessary to show the volume of people supporting the programs). Those who would like to speak during the public comment period will need to sign up **prior to the start of the hearing before 8:00AM**, so please plan accordingly. This is your opportunity to have a voice in this decision.

Attached you will find a one-page document for use and distribution. The document contains a brief explanation of the programs, the issue at hand and information regarding the hearing. Also attached are the BCC Hearing Policies & Procedures; more information regarding public hearings can be found at: <http://jeffco.us/bcc/meetings/hearings>. Please do not hesitate to send this email or attached information to all those who may be interested in attending or speaking at the hearing in support of the continuance of these programs.

If you have questions or need further information please contact:

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## ATTENTION – JEFFERSON COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSSES

**Issue:** On Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners will vote on whether to continue to accept Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grant funds pay for public infrastructure, safety-net programs, and affordable housing options that benefit Jefferson County seniors, veterans, disabled, workforce, and low-income families and neighborhoods. The County Commissioners have been approached by a Douglas County group that opposes the use of HUD funding. This group was successful last year in convincing the Douglas County Commissioners to reject HUD funding for their community. They strongly believe there are too many regulations attached to HUD funds which limits local control. They have now convinced Jefferson County residents to support their mission and contact Jefferson County Commissioners to request that they vote to reject HUD funding in JeffCo. Unfortunately, this anti-HUD message is resonating with the JeffCo Commissioners who are now **seriously considering the rejection of the grants.**

### How are the grants used and why should I care?

**HOME** is used to increase the amount of affordable housing options within Jefferson County. Past projects include:

- Affordable and mixed-income multi-family apartments for seniors, veterans and families
- Down-payment assistance for first-time homebuyers
- Construction of for-sale homes for Jefferson County families
- Housing rehabilitation

**CDBG** is used to address a wide range of community development needs in Jefferson County. Past projects include:

- Infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk and ADA ramps
- Parks and public facilities
- Housing rehabilitation for elderly, disabled and low-income earning residents
- Social services and health programs for seniors
- Economic development activities

The elimination of these programs affects all Jefferson County residents and business owners who want to live or operate a business here. Housing is a critical need for our friends, families, neighbors, and working class employees in this challenging housing environment. Residents across the county who've never needed help with paying the rent are finding themselves out of options and in need of housing assistance in order to avoid homelessness. Businesses can't remain profitable if consumers pay most or all of their budget on housing costs. **Finally, and perhaps most importantly, these grants are funded with taxes we have already paid! It's important that our taxes remain in our community to help our most vulnerable residents and not be allocated elsewhere.**

**CDBG leverages \$3.65 in investment for every \$1.00 spent, and HOME leverages \$13.00 for every \$1.00 spent. Thus, if JeffCo turns down HUD's \$901,614 in CDBG and \$725,241 in HOME allocations it may be turning down over \$3.2M in CDBG and \$9.4M in HOME for a total loss of over \$12.7M per year.**

### What can I do?

- Submit formal public comment or attend the June 27<sup>th</sup> public hearing at 8 a.m. in Hearing Room One of the Administration and Courts Facility at 100 Jefferson Pkwy in Golden to voice your support for the HUD grants.
- Contact all three Jefferson County Commissioners now to let them know that you want these grants to stay in Jefferson County to help our community (contact info below).

For more information about the Jefferson County CDBG and HOME grant programs, contact Emily Sander, Jefferson County Community Development at [esander@jeffco.us](mailto:esander@jeffco.us).

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