



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Media Release

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Bidding process begins for agencies seeking funding from the initial \$1.5 M allocation for Denver's Road Home as part of the ten year plan to end homelessness

Mile High United Way and the Denver Commission to End Homelessness have released the first Request for Proposals (RFP) for service providers with the capacity and experience to support programs and activities addressing Goals 1-6 of Denver's Road Home.

The Resource Allocation Committee (RAC), chaired by Barbara Grogan, founder of Western Industrial Contractors, is allocating more than \$1.5 million for services provided in the following areas targeted to help end homelessness in Denver:

- Increased permanent and traditional housing
- Strengthened shelter system
- Prevention of eviction, foreclosure and utility shut-off for at-risk households
- Expanded access to benefits and services (including medical and mental health care)
- Improved public safety and outreach
- Broader employment, education and training programs

Today, service providers throughout the City and County of Denver were notified of RFP availability through a network of e-mail databases and listservs serving area nonprofit organizations. Public Notice advertisements also appear in today's edition of The Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News. [Service providers were directed to a Web site where the RFP is available online.](#) They also received the following timeline for the resource allocation process for 2006:

March 7 All potential bidders must be present at a mandatory bidder's conference, 3 p.m. at the Denver Department of Human Services, 1200 Federal Blvd., Rm. 3110 to be eligible for grants.

March 31 All proposals due to Mile High United Way by 5 p.m.

April 24 - May 12 Agency meetings and site visits as needed, per RAC request.

May 22 - June 8 Follow-up meetings between RAC and agencies as needed

June 23 Agencies notified of funding decisions

July 1 First disbursement of funds

Denver's Road Home marks an unprecedented partnership in our community and a new and efficient way to fund and oversee human services directed to homeless individuals and families. [Download the RFP or get general information on the Ten Year Plan.](#) Fundraising is ongoing. Future allocations will be made as funding becomes available.

Questions about the RFP or the RFP process should be e-mailed to Art Rimando at art.rimando@unitedwaydenver.org and will be collected and addressed at the mandatory bidder's conference on March 7. Media inquiries can be addressed to Caryn Gracey Jones by e-mail at caryn.gracey@unitedwaydenver.org or by phone at 303-301-5479.