

Strategies for Closing Sector Gaps

CoC Outcome	Food Sector Strategy	Action Steps	Timeframe* (1, short, mid, long)	Evaluation Indicators	Level of Resources (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$)
#1: Coordinated resources and formalized networks among homeless provider agencies.	1.1 Empower and assist Homeward Pikes Peak in its mission to coordinate and optimize efforts of homeless service providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies join to seek sustained, alternative funding sources for Homeward Pikes Peak and other collaborative programs and projects 	1	<u>Outputs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds/resources to develop, maintain, and enhance formalized, coordinated networks are in place <u>Outcomes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic, effective resource coordination among agencies without diverting direct services funds 	\$
	1.2 Comprehensive Homeless Assistance Providers (CHAP) group continues to enable top-level information exchange and helps determinate potential collaborations among group participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued monthly meetings 	Ongoing	<u>Outputs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings with consistent membership <u>Outcomes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Types of CoC collaborations developed 	\$

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#2: Outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals and families occurs on a regular basis.	Increase outreach connections through Urban Peak (homeless youth) and Catholic Charities of Colorado Springs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue daily connectivity to homeless serving organizations • Meet with key agency staff to ensure smooth referral processes 	Ongoing	<u>Outputs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of outreach • Types of referrals <u>Outcomes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % increase/ decrease in number of individuals and families served 	\$

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#3: A continuum of services is available to all homeless across the continuum of care and needs are met in an optimized, cost effective manner.	3.1 Annually, ensure the distribution of 85 pounds of food per homeless/low income person in El Paso County through bulk food and meals (to ensure 3 meals per day/person).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow food distribution base to 1 quality site per every 440 people in poverty. • Coordinate meal service between agencies to ensure homeless or those in crisis have access to 3 meals per day 	Mid	<u>Outputs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pounds of food/ meals distributed • # of people served 	\$\$
			Short, Mid	<u>Outcomes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease gap in access to 3 meals/day by 25% <u>Cost/Benefit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of pounds/meals distributed per budget 	\$\$
	3.2 EPCDHS will process Food Assistance applications within federal timeliness rules to assure access to food benefits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assure a sufficient number of appointments are available to meet the homeless applying for benefits. • Train staff to obtain all required information at the initial intake • Implement Training to Unit to ensure qualified staff can move into vacant positions 	1	<u>Outputs:</u> # of available appoints that increase in response to # of applicants <u>Outcomes:</u> At least 80% of applications will be processed in a timely manner <u>Cost/Benefit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased need to seek food banks • Increased federal food funds for EPCounty 	\$
			Ongoing		\$
			1		\$

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#4: Clients' lives are measurably improved.	Provide access to bulk food and meals that enables individuals and families to move past their current crisis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support interagency coordination • Support planning for self-sufficiency post-crisis 	Ongoing	<u>Outputs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pounds of food/meals distributed • # of people served <u>Outcomes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease gap in access to 3 meals/day by 25% 	\$\$

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