



# 2014–2015 Annual Report

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## Mission

The Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) coordinates and supports the Metro Denver Continuum of Care (CoC), a multi-agency collaboration focused on reducing homelessness in the seven-county Denver metropolitan area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties). The CoC brings together public and private stakeholder organizations to provide a comprehensive array of homelessness prevention activities, housing placement assistance, and related supportive services for persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

## Programs

MDHI carries out its mission through three main activities:

- Regional needs assessment and service planning—Each year, MDHI convenes a series of stakeholder meetings to identify service gaps and priorities related to homelessness. The findings are used to develop a comprehensive CoC grant application for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Since its inception in 1996, MDHI has secured over \$200 million in grants for the Denver metropolitan area.
- Conducting and disseminating research—MDHI oversees the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a repository for data on assistance provided to homeless persons by CoC participants. Each year, MDHI conducts a Point-in-Time survey of area homelessness and issues a report that provides the community with current information on the status of homelessness in the Denver metropolitan area.
- Strategic community organizing—MDHI is working with regional stakeholders to implement a coordinated entry and assessment system for homeless persons who seek assistance or are identified through outreach activities.

## Highlights of Activities from July 2014 through June 2015

- During July–September 2014, MDHI and partnering organizations implemented the CoC’s new Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System (CAHPS). Developed with support from the 25 Cities Initiative ([www.25cities.com](http://www.25cities.com)), the system was used to assess the housing and service needs of more than 400 persons and to match more than 20 high-needs individuals to appropriate housing opportunities.
- Also in September, MDHI recruited an AmeriCorps VISTA leader and five VISTA members to help implement the CAHPS and other CoC initiatives, and moved the MDHI offices to the new Mile High United Way building at 711 Park Avenue West in Denver.
- The MDHI Employment Subcommittee held a community forum in December 2014 to promote the hiring of homeless individuals with offender backgrounds. More than 80 attendees discussed the barriers to employment commonly faced by such persons and the information, strategies, and opportunities that can be utilized to overcome these challenges.
- In January, MDHI coordinated the 2015 Point-in-Time survey of homelessness in the CoC. Planned and conducted with the assistance of homeless-services providers and community volunteers, the 2015 survey incorporated data from census and sampling procedures as well as the HMIS. A total of 6,130 homeless individuals were counted, including approximately 3,300 persons located in transitional housing, 1,800 in emergency shelters, and 800 on the streets. Donated goods helped to encourage more than 250 homeless veterans and chronically homeless persons to complete CAHPS needs assessments along with the PIT survey. MDHI published these and other survey findings in the *2015 Point-In-Time Report* in June.
- IBM awarded a 2015 IBM Smarter Cities Challenge grant to MDHI. Through this award, one of 16 made to communities worldwide in 2015, IBM will provide consulting services to further develop and implement the CAHPS in the Denver metropolitan area. MDHI applied for the grant in cooperation with the City and County of Denver and the Metro Mayors Caucus.
- MDHI teamed with the Metro Mayors Caucus and Brothers Redevelopment to plan a campaign aimed at encouraging area landlords to make more of their rental units available to homeless individuals and families. The new “Landlords Opening Doors” campaign, set to be launched later in the year, will offer tenant placement and case management services, as well as economic incentives, to stimulate participation among landlords.
- Using a grant awarded by the Denver Department of Human Services, MDHI pilot tested new rapid-entry technology at four day shelters serving the homeless in metro Denver. The technology uses personal scan cards, which homeless clients can present when seeking services to retrieve personal- and service-history information from the HMIS. The objective is to reduce duplicative administrative burdens and the time required to access needed services.

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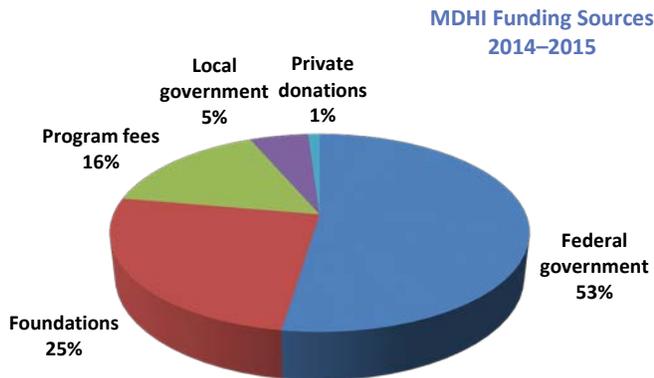
June 30, 2015

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>Liabilities</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$79,052	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Grants receivable	\$76,059	Accounts payable	\$16,153
Prepaid expenses	\$927	Accrued paid leave	\$7,982
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$156,038</b>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$24,135</b>
Property and equipment, net	\$52,328	<b>Net Assets</b>	
		Unrestricted net assets	\$101,831
		Temporarily restricted net assets	\$82,400
		<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$184,231</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$208,366</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$208,366</b>

Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ending June 30, 2015

<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$412,683</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$395,534</u></b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,149</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE/FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$38,808</b>



#### Administrative and Fundraising Principles

MDHI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. MDHI has no guaranteed sources of funding, and is dependent upon the contributions of individuals, companies, foundations, and government agencies for all revenue. MDHI is governed by an independent, volunteer board of directors, which is responsible for all policies and financial activities. Board members are not compensated in any way for their service.

MDHI does not employ any professional fundraisers, does not solicit donations by telephone, and does not sell its donor list. All funding solicitations are made by MDHI's board of directors, volunteers, or paid staff.