

Albuquerque Affordable Housing and Homeless Initiatives Updates April, 2024

Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative (MRGHC) Update:

The first meeting was held on Thursday, March 28. The meeting was organizational in nature and Co-Chaired by Bernalillo County Commissioner Barbara Baca and City Councilor Tammy Fiebelkorn. The Staff / Working Group for the Collaborative has 5 reps from City Staff and 7 reps from the County. Members at the meeting were provided an overview of the Joint Powers Agreement and briefed on open meeting rules, notices and procedures by Ken Martinez, Bernalillo County Attorney. The County and the City have each contributed \$500,000 to establish the Collaborative's budget.

The second meeting of the MRGHC took place on April 11 at 3:00 pm at the Middle Region Council of Governments. Members discussed the elements of a job description for the future Executive Director and received nominations for a 5th member of the Commission, but no official action was taken on either matter.

The MRGHC's next meeting is scheduled to be held at Middle Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) **3:00 pm, Thursday, May 9**. The MRGHC will be meeting every other Thursday.

Albuquerque Mayor's 2024-25 Proposed Budget

Re: Health, Housing and Homelessness (HHH) Services Section [HHH Budget section pgs. 120-127]

The housing and homelessness related services offered through the HHH Department (directly or by contract with multiple community providers) include: behavioral health services, which encompass mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention; emergency shelter; homeless support services; rental assistance; and affordable housing and community development initiatives.

Below is Mayor Tim Keller's proposed budget for Affordable Housing, Health and Homelessness services for the Budget Year Effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025:

Overview: 'The FY/25 HHH budget includes \$13.3 million of FY/24 one-time funding transferred from Family and Community Services, including \$265 thousand for strategic support, \$110 thousand for health and human services, \$8.5 million for affordable housing, \$1.5 million for mental health services, \$1.2 million for emergency shelter, \$200 thousand for substance use services, \$1 million for homeless support services and \$500 thousand for Gateway Ph 1 and Engagement Center at Gibson Health Hub. The FY/25 proposed budget increases recurring funding of \$250 thousand for Family Housing Navigation Center/Shelter (Wellness-2), and recurring funding of \$250 thousand for Gibson Health HUB maintenance.'

Affordable Housing Goal: 5,000 additional housing units over what the private market would normally produce by 2025

Proposed Health, Housing and Homelessness (HHH) Totals by Funding Expenditure Category

Affordable Housing	\$15,014,701 (22% of Total)
Intergovernmental	752,245
Public Facilities	14,820,906
Professional Technical	1,015,666
Public Service	599,060
Social Service	35,928,181

HHH Department Total \$68,130,759

Updates will be provided as City budget negotiations progress this spring.

