

CONTINUING OUR MISSION THROUGH THE CHAOS

In less than two weeks, the new Federal administration has released dozens of executive orders impacting policies, organizations, and programs that have been serving our communities for decades. As the largest provider for people experiencing homelessness in the state, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and the people we serve are directly impacted and will continue to be impacted by these far-reaching and drastic measures.

Just yesterday, we found ourselves [locked out of online portals](#) and unable to access critical Federal funds that had already been granted to our organization, due to the [freeze on disbursement of grants and loans to programs that provide direct aid to individuals](#) (OMB Memorandum M-25-13). Specifically, the memo stated "The use of Federal resources to advance Marxist equity, transgenderism, and green new deal social engineering policies is a waste of taxpayer dollars that does not improve the day-to-day lives of those we serve."

While this freeze was halted by a federal judge and the memo has since been rescinded by the administration, uncertainty remains for our organization, the over 22,000 clients we serve each year, and our partners in the sector. Executive orders and policies like these strike at the heart of our work to serve those experiencing or at risk of homelessness through a Housing First model, improving health and mental health for clients, and utilizing compassion when addressing substance use disorders.

We don't know what the coming days, months, and even years will hold, but we do know that we are truly a Coalition — of donors, advocates, staff, supporters, clients, patients, residents, and people who believe housing and healthcare are human rights. That fundamental belief underpins our work every day and we thank you for being a part of it.

Here's how you can help as we face this uncertainty:

- **Contribute:** We know our funding is and will continue to be under threat. Your financial contribution is more important than ever. Please donate now to help provide housing and healthcare to thousands of individuals the Coalition serves every year.
- **Advocate:** Join the Advocacy Network, a group of community members who support CCH in advancing policy solutions to health, housing, homelessness, and economic justice at the local, state, and federal levels. When there is action to be taken, our Advocacy Network is prepared.
- **Learn:** Misinformation about homelessness is rampant and impedes our society's progress towards long-term solutions. Informed citizens can help counter these false narratives through continued learning from the Coalition's online Education Series, reports, issue briefs, and more.
- **Volunteer:** Assist CCH by making hygiene kits, winter survival kits or sack lunches, volunteering as an individual, or inquiring about special group events.