

H.A.N.D. / W.R.A.P. HOUSING STREET OUTREACH SURVEY

Date _____ City _____ Surveyor _____

Hello, thank you for taking the time to give your input today!

Housekeys Action Network Denver (HAND), alongside Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP), is doing an outreach survey to hear about housing desires and needs from people without housing, currently and within the last 5 years. This survey is meant to lift up the priorities and experiences of houseless people as, together, we take our fight for housing to the local, regional, and national levels.

Join us in this fight for rights, dignity, and housing!

1. When you talk about wanting housing, what are you thinking of?

2. What does affordable housing mean to you?

3. When you hear the government talk about affordable housing, what do you think they mean?

4. What is the process you need to go through to get into housing?

5. If you have gone through that housing process does that process work? (circle one)

Yes No Somewhat Unsure

6. Are you on a housing waitlist? (circle one)

Yes No Unsure Was in the past

If yes, how many waitlists are you on? _____

If yes, for how long (cumulative weeks/months/years including all waitlists)? _____

7. If you are on waitlist(s), are you expecting to receive housing through that process?

Yes No Unsure

8. If you could find housing you could afford according to your current income, would you move in? (circle one)

Yes No Unsure

What price would it need to be for you to afford it? \$_____ /month

9. Have you lived in a homeless or supportive housing program, other than a shelter? (circle one)

Yes No

If yes, what kind(s) of housing programs? _____

10. If you've lived in a homeless or supportive housing program (non-shelter), how would you describe your experience there?

11. Do you know what a housing voucher is and how vouchers work? (circle one)

Yes No

If no: The Housing Choice Voucher Program was created by the Federal Government to replace their previous role of developing and subsidizing affordable housing units. A person applies for a voucher and, if approved, they have a limited period of time (120 days) to find a private landlord who is willing to enter into an agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive rental subsidies directly from HUD.

12. Have you or someone you know ever had a housing voucher? (circle one)

Yes No

If yes, were you (or they) able to find a unit to rent using the housing voucher? (circle one)

Yes No

If no, why? _____

13. Have you been offered housing/a housing voucher and refused it? (circle one)

Yes No

If yes, why? _____

14. Do you think it's better to offer people a specific unit they can afford or a housing voucher where they have to find a landlord to accept the voucher? (circle one)

Housing Unit Housing Voucher Unsure

Why?

15. Should a person be required to enroll in mandatory services (such as case management, substance misuse/ mental health treatment, etc) to get housing? (circle one)

Yes No

16. What kinds of housing have you lived in? (check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing that myself or my family owned | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing as part of a mandatory service program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing that I rented, on a lease | <input type="checkbox"/> Staying with family or friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing that I rented, not on a lease | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing with rental subsidies | _____ |
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17. Which of these kinds of housing did you like most, and why?

18. Rank your housing or living preference from 1 to 10: (1 is best and 10 is worst)

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> House | <input type="checkbox"/> Collective/ shared living | <input type="checkbox"/> RV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny house | <input type="checkbox"/> Car |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single room occupancy hotel with shared kitchen, bathroom, etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Tent at managed site | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor/ tent/ street |

19. Are there other housing options you want access to? (examples: Assisted Living, Nursing Home, etc. Please list)

20. What house rules would be deal-breakers for you to accept that housing? (check all that apply)

- No animals
- No, or limited, guests
- No roommates or partners
- Gender segregated
- ID checks at front entrance
- Room checks
- Curfew
- No weed
- No alcohol
- No illegal substances
- Mandatory case management
- Required to take prescribed meds
- Religious requirements (e.g. mandatory mass attendance or mission work)
- Distance from places you need to go with no transportation assistance
- Criminal background checks/ criminal record exclusions
- Other _____

21. What barriers have you experienced in getting housing? (check all that apply)

- Racial discrimination
- Having a disability
- Needing an ADA accessible unit
- Not having a phone
- Not having internet
- Difficulty of paperwork
- Not having documents
- Physical health care needs
- Having a felony on record
- Immigration status
- Eviction (owing back rent)
- Credit score
- Not having money
- Being moved/ displaced by police
- Other: _____

22. What support would you need, if any, to stay in the housing? (check all that apply)

- None
- Financial
- Paperwork/ dealing with Bureaucracy
- Legal assistance
- Mental Health professionals
- Health treatment/ assistance
- Conflict resolution/ mediation with neighbors
- Disability accommodations/ in-home care
- Partner/ family/ friends allowed to live/ visit freely
- Substance misuse assistance
- Confidential location
- Other _____

23. Do you think families, disabled people or seniors should get priority access to housing opportunities? (circle one)

Yes No Unsure

24. What do you think the government could do better with housing to address homelessness?

I currently live (in)... (check all the apply)

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside/tent | <input type="checkbox"/> At friend of family's house | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing | <input type="checkbox"/> House/apartment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Outdoor Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel | | |

I identify as... (check all that apply)

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Woman | <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 years old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indiginous | <input type="checkbox"/> Man | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-25 years old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latinx | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender non-conforming/
fluid/ non-binary | <input type="checkbox"/> 26-54 years old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 55 years old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Other LGBTQIA | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other race | <input type="checkbox"/> Questioning | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown race | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with a mental and/or physical disability and/or chronic illness | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English as a second language or non-english speaker | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran | | |