

## Parker Police Department

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March 28, 2023

The Honorable Jason Crow 1323 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crow,

The Parker Police Department wishes to express its support for the Douglas County Homeless Engagement Assistance and Resource Team (HEART). Formed in September of 2022 as a pilot program of the Douglas County Homeless Initiative, HEART consists of three civilian navigators working in collaboration with local law enforcement to assist unsheltered residents and those residing in encampments throughout Douglas County. HEART provides safety, resource navigation, and assistance to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness through a variety of means including street outreach and community partner referrals. During the first 4 months of this pilot project, we experienced a 46% decrease in the number people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

The program and its navigators work across jurisdictional boundaries in close collaboration with our agency and local nonprofit providers to serve a target population of individuals and families experiencing homelessness throughout the County, including Littleton, Highlands Ranch, Parker, Lone Tree, and Castle Rock.

Recently the Parker Police Department reached out to Heart Navigator Greg, who is assigned to the Parker/Lone Tree area, for assistance in helping the victim of domestic violence and her child experiencing hardship at a local hotel. Greg got her into another hotel with the help of a Community Partner and is working with other Community Partners to get her into a specialized Domestic Violence shelter.

The requested funding will assist in the transition of the HEART from a pilot program to an ongoing initiative for the benefit of community members experiencing homelessness and provides funding to support operations for one year and increase the number of HEART units by two. The Parker Police Department supports this important funding request for the HEART. Thank you for your consideration of the request.

Sincerely,

Chief Jim Tsurapas Parker Police Department



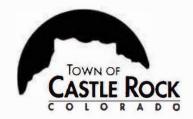








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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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March 29, 2023

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Castle Rock Police deploys a full-time officer assigned to homelessness. During the last four months, this officer has worked closely with a navigator from HEART. Due to our collaboration with HEART, the Castle Rock community has experienced a decrease in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

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Sincerely,

Jack Cauley
Chief of Police

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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Jason Crow 1323 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crow,

The Lone Tree Police Department (LTPD) wishes to express its support for the Douglas County Homeless Engagement Assistance and Resource Team (HEART). Formed in September of 2022 as a pilot program of the Douglas County Homeless Initiative, HEART consists of three civilian navigators working in collaboration with local law enforcement to assist unsheltered residents and those residing in encampments throughout Douglas County. HEART provides safety, resource navigation, and assistance to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness through a variety of means including street outreach and community partner referrals. During the first 4 months of this pilot project, we experienced a 46% decrease in the number people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

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Sincerely,

Chief Kirk Wilson
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