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THE COVID RELIEF PACKAGE

House Democrats hosted over 100 town halls in April and May to hear from Coloradans directly about how we could help our state get through the COVID-19 pandemic and recover. We passed a relief package to help Coloradans get back to work safely and make ends meet, enacting legislation to offer **direct assistance to Coloradans**, **guarantee paid sick leave**, and **protect workers from retaliation** when they report health concerns.

We provided \$20 million to create a **small businesses grant program** and established a \$250 million small business loan fund; channeled \$20 million in federal funds for **direct housing assistance**; and provided \$4.8 million for **utility assistance**. We allocated \$500,000 to food pantries to help them meet the increased needs of their communities.

Demand for critical health and safety services has grown, so House Democrats put \$15.2 million towards mental health and substance abuse programs, \$500,000 towards programs that serve survivors of domestic violence, and \$500,000 toward the 2-1-1 hotline that has been expanded as an information hub for Coloradans during the pandemic.

HOW YOU CAN GET ASSISTANCE

Whether you're a small business owner navigating financial hardship; a family struggling to stay in your home, keep the lights on and keep food on the table; an individual dealing with the mental health impacts of this pandemic; or an employee concerned about your workplace's health and safety measures, **help is available**. Visit our website for more information on how to access these resources.

