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Aurora Housing Authority Awarded \$122,000 for Veteran Housing Case Management Services

AURORA, CO – Aurora Housing Authority received \$122,000 in special fees from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund its Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Navigator.

The VASH Navigator provides comprehensive wrap around services and housing case management for the health, safety, and well-being of veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program. Housing stability and program success is achieved by planning efforts led by the Navigator and through partnerships with case managers from the VA and participating landlords. The Navigator acts as a liaison between owners/property managers and the veterans to address barriers during the housing search and lease up process, and to resolve matters that may arise during their tenancy.

“AHA is committed to serving homeless veterans and their families,” said Craig A. Maraschky, Executive Director. “We are thankful for the additional funding from HUD to sustain the VASH Navigator role.”

Since its inception in 2016, the VASH Navigator has improved housing search outcomes and housing stability for participating veterans. Leasing rates greatly improved; veterans lease up quickly based on the VASH Navigator’s own developed bank of owners/property managers who are willing to work with the program and the Navigator’s ability to work with the Aurora@Home Landlord Recruiter. When veterans have the support they need to remain stably housed, it directly decreases voucher turnover, which increases program utilization rates. AHA currently administers 137 VASH Vouchers today.

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