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## Housing Authority of the City of Aurora Awarded 40 Mainstream Vouchers

**AURORA, CO** – Recently, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Housing Authority of the City of Aurora, Colorado (AHA) with 40 Mainstream Vouchers valued at \$492,106 annually. HUD's Section 811 Mainstream Housing Choice Voucher Program assists low-income, non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional or other separated settings, in addition, are at serious risk of institutionalization, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. AHA was 1 of 7 agencies that were awarded Mainstream Vouchers in Colorado.

The Section 811 Mainstream Housing Choice Voucher Program furthers the goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act by helping families and individuals with disabilities live independently in the community rather than an institution by providing rental assistance. The program promotes collaboration between public housing authorities that administer the voucher and local health and human services agencies that provide voluntary services and resources to those who need it. For the grant application, AHA partnered with Atlantis Community, Inc., Aurora Mental Health Center, and Developmental Pathways.

"We know there is a huge demand for any type of affordable housing in Aurora," said AHA Executive Director Craig A. Maraschky. "Consequently, we are very pleased to offer assistance to these very needy individuals."

Since the vouchers will not be released to AHA until early 2019, applications are not available at this time. Interested parties are encouraged to check AHA's website, www.aurorahousing.org and the Aurora Sentinel for announcements on the application process early 2019.

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