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Housing Authority of the City of Aurora Awarded 20 Mainstream Vouchers

AURORA, CO – Authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Housing Authority of the City of Aurora, Colorado (AHA) 20 Mainstream Vouchers valued at \$267,533 annually.

HUD's 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, they are at serious risk of institutionalization or homelessness. In response to the pandemic, HUD allocated non-competitive Mainstream vouchers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19's impact on individuals and families.

Mainstream vouchers furthers the goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act by helping families and individuals with disabilities live in integrated housing rather than an institution by providing rental assistance. A distinguished feature of the program is it allows anyone in the household who is non-elderly, disabled to qualify for the voucher as opposed to just the head of household.

"Mainstream vouchers are essential in serving the non-elderly, disabled population," said AHA Executive Director, Craig A. Maraschky. "As winter looms, the additional vouchers will help prevent homelessness during an especially critical time."

AHA now administers 60 Mainstream vouchers. The program provided an opportunity to build relationships with local health and human services agencies – Atlantis, Inc., Aurora Mental Health Center, and Developmental Pathways. The partnerships expanded the number of available resources and voluntarily services in the community for program participants.

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