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## Aurora Housing Authority Awarded Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers

Aurora, CO – August 17, 2023 – The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the Housing Authority of the City of Aurora (AHA) 15 new Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers. In partnership with Arapahoe County Department of Human Services, AHA will provide 36 months of rental assistance and housing stability case management to youth ages 18-24 who left foster care and are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless.

"The youth supported by this program have shown tremendous courage in difficult life circumstances," said Steve Blackstock, Director of Family Services. "FYI is an opportunity for AHA and ACDHS to demonstrate our community's commitment to ensuring they have opportunities to build a firm foundation for the future."

Youth in this program will have access to supportive services and a dedicated social worker to assist them on their path to self-sufficiency. Combined with the expertise and resources of Arapahoe County Department of Human Services, AHA is hopeful that this program will give the young participants a foundation upon which to build skills toward their career goals, community connections, and long-term housing stability.

