



# Department of Housing & Human Services

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## MEMO

TO: Boulder County Board of County Commissioners  
FROM: Susana Lopez-Baker, HHS Housing Division Deputy Director  
Gwen Mossman, Supportive Housing Unit Manager  
RE: HHS Housing Division Submission to HUD for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care  
Rapid Rehousing Grant Renewal  
DATE: August 3, 2023

The Department of Housing & Human Services Housing Division is requesting approval to submit a grant renewal application to HUD for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Rapid Rehousing Grant (Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6700-N-25 , application link: [View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#)).

The Department of Housing & Human Services Housing Division will be applying for renewal funding for the following program:

- **BCHA/BCDHHS FY 2023 Continuum of Care Rapid Rehousing (CoC RRH)**
- **Grant Request: \$796,922 (amount set by HUD)**
- **Required Match: \$199,231**
- **Program Total: \$996,153**
- **Funding Cycle: 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025**

### Program Overview:

Since October 2016, Boulder County's Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing (CoC - RRH) program has filled a gap in Boulder County's housing continuum by offering a Housing First resource for two targeted vulnerable populations: Homeless Families and Transition-Aged Youth. CoC RRH serves approximately 40 households a year with up to 24 months of rental assistance and supportive case management. These households are primarily referred from Family and Child Services (FCS), local domestic violence agencies, EFAA's 90-day family shelter, and the runaway and homeless youth shelter. Boulder County does not have an emergency family shelter, which means that many of our unhoused families utilize hotel vouchers provided by FCS or one of our local basic needs agencies, all of whom can refer directly to the OneHome CoC coordinated entry system which monitors program referrals and matches systemwide.

Upon selection for the RRH assistance, households are connected to our Housing Navigator whose primary focus is to help the homeless family/youth secure a rental unit. The Housing Navigator does this by maintaining and growing a list of landlords willing to work with the program, advocating on the household's behalf, assisting in completing applications, providing access to rental application fees, and helping to eliminate and/or address barriers to leasing up.

While the Housing Navigator works with the participant households to secure safe, affordable housing, they also begin working with their Housing Support Specialist to help them first stabilize and ultimately work towards an exit plan, including a Housing Choice Voucher, Permanent Supportive Housing, Family Self-Sufficiency Program, or self-sufficiency in a market rate unit. Boulder County's network of care providers and case managers creates a strong safety net that contributes to long-term stability of RRH program participants. Additional supportive services included in this project are immediate, consistent, and comprehensive enrollment in public benefits including Medicaid, SNAP, TANF and childcare



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assistance; providing linkage to financial resources; provide intensive 1:1 financial coaching for budgeting, saving and credit repair; and close collaboration with Workforce Boulder County to ensure improved job skills, training, and placement.

#### Projected Outcomes:

- 1) Maintain Stable Housing: 80% of formerly homeless households maintain stable housing for six months or longer post-program exit.
- 2) Access to Benefits: Of qualifying households, 90% or greater are enrolled in mainstream benefits.
- 4) Education, Skill, and Employment Growth: To provide access to Job Readiness Training and/or Certification programs for 100% of all willing households, and among these households, 50% will increase earned income, and 70% of households will increase their income overall, including access to benefits, SSI/SSDI, etc.

#### Match:

The HUD contract requires each recipient to provide a 25% match; this match can either be cash match or in-kind services. BCDHHS meets this match requirement by identifying cash spending in other areas of the department where households meeting literally homeless requirements are assisted with housing supports utilizing Human Services Safety Net funds rather than HUD CoC RRH funding. It is expected that our contracted relationship with the local domestic violence agencies to provide HSSN funded rental assistance will suffice to meet the required match as it has in years past.