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### **Boulder Housing Partners Wins National Award of Excellence for Innovation in Affordable Housing**

Boulder, CO--The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) honored Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) with a National Award of Excellence at their annual conference last week in Pittsburg, PA. One of 21 recipients, BHP was recognized for its successful Project Renovate initiative.

The NAHRO Awards of Excellence were created to give national recognition to NAHRO member organizations for innovative ways of making a difference in the communities and the lives of the people they serve.

“NAHRO’s Awards of Excellence program honors the exemplary housing and community development work being done by our members,” said NAHRO President Steve Merritt. “They also provide fellow professionals with opportunities to learn from these agencies and the innovative ways they are improving the lives of our nation’s most vulnerable citizens.”

Project Renovate involved the recapitalization of 279 homes in BHP’s original six public housing communities, built in the 1970s and 1980s. The single-family homes, townhomes and apartments were extensively renovated, improving their livability, energy efficiency and value in the surrounding communities. Three new community centers were built and two were renovated, so that educational and training programs can be offered on-site to 620 residents. The \$44 million project was completed, on time and on budget, an exemplary feat in a booming and expensive construction environment.

By gaining local control of the properties, BHP has ensured that they are viable, sustainable and affordable in perpetuity for Boulder’s very low-income residents. This is a critical move, as federal capital investment in public housing has steadily decreased in recent years.

More about Project Renovate is posted [here](#). A complete list of the national award-winning programs is [here](#).

### **About Boulder Housing Partners**

Boulder Housing Partners, the housing authority for the City of Boulder, is known locally and nationally for its innovations in quality, sustainable affordable housing and educational programs. BHP builds, owns, and manages homes for low and moderate-income Boulder residents, and helps them pursue successful and dignified lives. BHP is one of a select group of public housing authorities in the United States participating in the prestigious Moving to Work program, which encourages innovation by providing flexibility in the use of federal funds. For additional information, please visit [www.boulderhousing.org](http://www.boulderhousing.org).

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