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28 Homeless and At-Risk Families to Gain Housing and Supportive Services

Boulder, CO--Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) has been awarded 28 new affordable housing choice vouchers for homeless and at-risk families that include a member with a disability.

The vouchers will support people with disabilities and their families, who earn incomes well below the area average, including those who are currently homeless or who are transitioning out of institutions or nursing home care. The vouchers may be used anywhere in Boulder County. Support services will be offered by [Boulder Shelter for the Homeless](#), [Center for People with Disabilities](#) and [Mental Health Partners](#).

These targeted vouchers have not been offered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development since 2009. New department funding may also be available later this year. The program furthers the goals of the Americans With Disabilities Act in providing sustained, community-based integrated housing opportunities to non-elderly people with disabilities.

In a lottery for housing vouchers held by BHP in September, approximately 150 applicants met the criteria for the 28 new vouchers.

“The need for this housing support far exceeds the available vouchers,” said Jeremy Durham, executive director of BHP. “We’ll continue to pursue more in the upcoming round.” In 2017, BHP served 369 households headed by adults with disabilities, with an annual median income of \$10,188.

The vouchers are also one critical link in a Boulder County approach to homelessness based on the Housing First model; an evidence-based approach that prioritizes helping individuals and families experiencing homelessness obtain a stable housing solution as quickly as possible. The goal is to provide adults experiencing homelessness with targeted, responsive services to support quick, stable housing solutions. According to a six-month report by [Homeless Solutions for Boulder County](#), 71 percent of 1,100 clients screened through the new Coordinated Entry process in Boulder reported a disabling condition.

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