



Green Willow Rapid Re-Housing Project

(Volunteers of America Colorado Branch)

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Executive Summary

The Green Willow Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) project, through the Volunteers of America Colorado Branch (VOACB), focuses on survivors of domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking that are fleeing or attempting to flee these situations. This project utilizes Housing-First and Critical Time Intervention models for this specialized population to access safe housing in 15 scattered sites throughout the Denver area. The aim of the project is to transition participants into safe and secure permanent housing as soon as possible.

The total contract amount of the contract is \$1,100,000 and is funded by 2B Homelessness Resolution Fund from July 1, 201 – December 31, 2021.

Over the duration of this contract, 135 households will receive rapid re-housing services that include: Housing navigation, case management services, referrals to mental health resources, benefit acquisition, connection to education and/or employment opportunities, childcare referrals, short to medium term rental assistance, legal assistance. The VOACB will also coordinate with clinical providers to offer in-home therapeutic services for families as needed.

This contract was selected for Department of Housing Stability (HOST) funding as a result of the department's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) procurement process.

HOST initiated a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) procurement process last August, as a basis for awarding many of the department's housing opportunity, housing stability and homelessness resolution programs/services contracts for 2021. HOST sought proposals for a variety of programs and services utilizing both federal and local funds.

The 2021 Housing Opportunity, Housing Stability, and Homelessness Resolution Programs NOFA specifically solicited proposals for programs or services to fund activities in the following areas:

- Housing programs or services
- Housing stability
- Homelessness resolution
- Innovative programs and services
- Professional facilitation services

Federal funding sources identified under the NOFA include Community Development Block Grant Program, Home Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grants, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, and CARES Act resources to support coronavirus response. Local/other funding sources included General Fund, Affordable Housing Fund, foundations, and individual donors that support housing development, preservation, and programmatic assistance for low- and moderate-income residents.