

Housing Support for Residents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) – Partnership of Denver Human Services and Department of Housing Stability

*Community Planning & Housing Committee
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Denver Human Services IDDEAS

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Equitable Access to Services

Stewardship of Denver's I/DD mill levy fund dedicated to benefit residents with **intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)**.

Funding secured through voter-approved initiative passed in 2003 by margin of nearly 70%



Guided by advisory council and stakeholder input

Eligibility & Access

I/DD mill levy funds have two primary eligibility requirements:

Person must have
a developmental
delay (age 0-5) or
I/DD*
(age 5+)

*This includes people who are suspected to have an I/DD and have not yet received a determination from a Case Management Agency.

Person must be a
Denver
resident**

**This includes people who are:

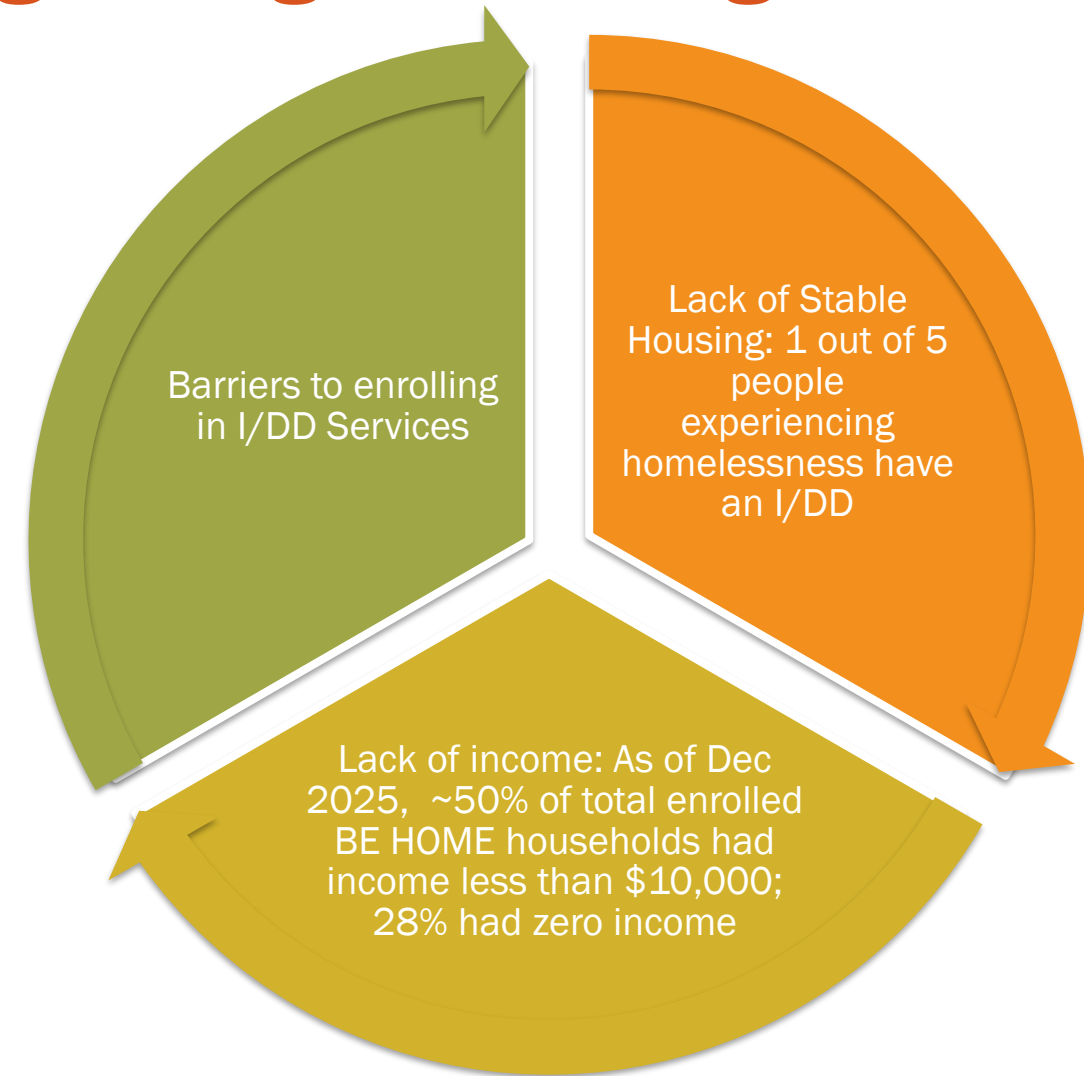
- undocumented;
- experiencing homelessness

IDDEAS-Funded I/DD Housing Navigation Program

ServiceSource BE HOME – I/DD

(previously known as Bayaud Enterprises)

- Contract term: May 2023 – May 2026 for \$2.9M
- Developed from a 2021 IDDEAS Advisory Council Recommendation
- Program data from pilot revealed urgent and dire need for additional housing resources outside of navigation



DHS/HOST Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

DHS Roles

- Provide up to \$6M to HOST over 3 years to fund I/DD housing programs
- Provide subject matter expertise
- Support, review, and approve solicitations and contract SOWs
- Monitor eligibility

HOST Roles

- Procure, execute, and manage:
 - new contract for I/DD **stability navigation services** upon Service Source expiration;
 - additional contract for **Rapid Rehousing** for eligible households sourced from navigation program
- Lead partner meetings
- Review and pay contractor invoices with DHS IDDEAS Mill Levy funds

DHS and HOST Roles

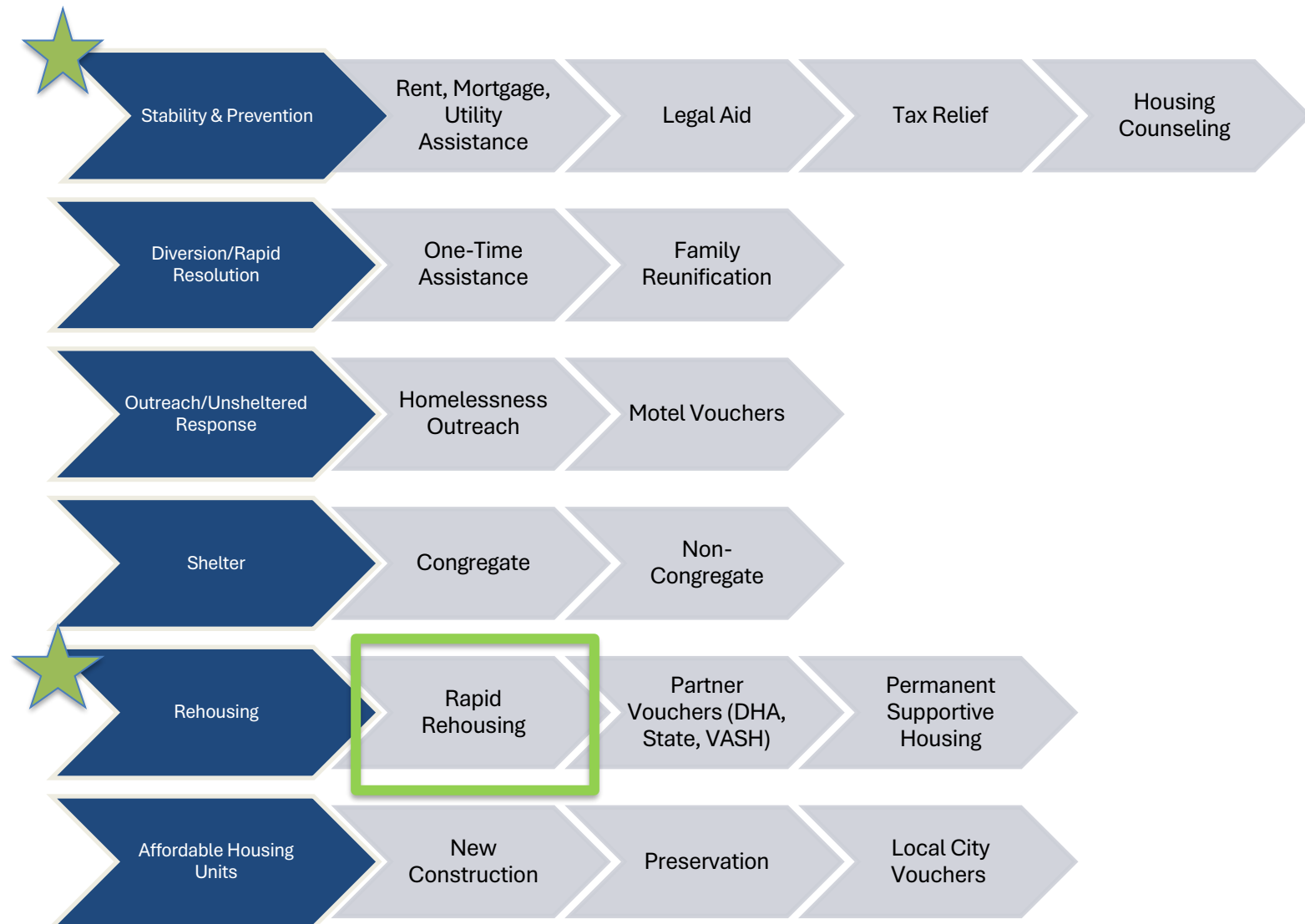
- Maintain communication through recurring meetings
- Attend contractor site visits
- Review contractor reports
- Identify concerns and collaborate on solutions
- Present to IDDEAS Advisory Council annually

Action Requested Today

Approval of the following contracts:

- **26-0464:** Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS) for \$2,580,000 to provide stability navigation services to at least 300 people and families with intellectual and developmental disabilities or developmental delays experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity program citywide.
- **26-0463:** Jewish Family Service of Colorado (JFS) for \$3,420,000 to provide Rapid Rehousing, to support at least 55 households (individuals and/or families) experiencing homelessness living with intellectual and developmental disabilities or developmental delays to obtain permanent housing and close affordability gaps citywide.

HOST's Spectrum of Work



Contract Overview

Contract Term: May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2029

Stability Navigation: Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS)

- \$2,580,000
- **Serving 300** Households with I/DD experiencing *homelessness and housing instability*

Stability Navigation Goals

- Reduce homelessness among individuals with I/DD or developmental delays
- Increase housing stability
- Connect households with long-term support services
- Improve access to benefits, income, and housing resources
- Support self-sufficiency and independent living

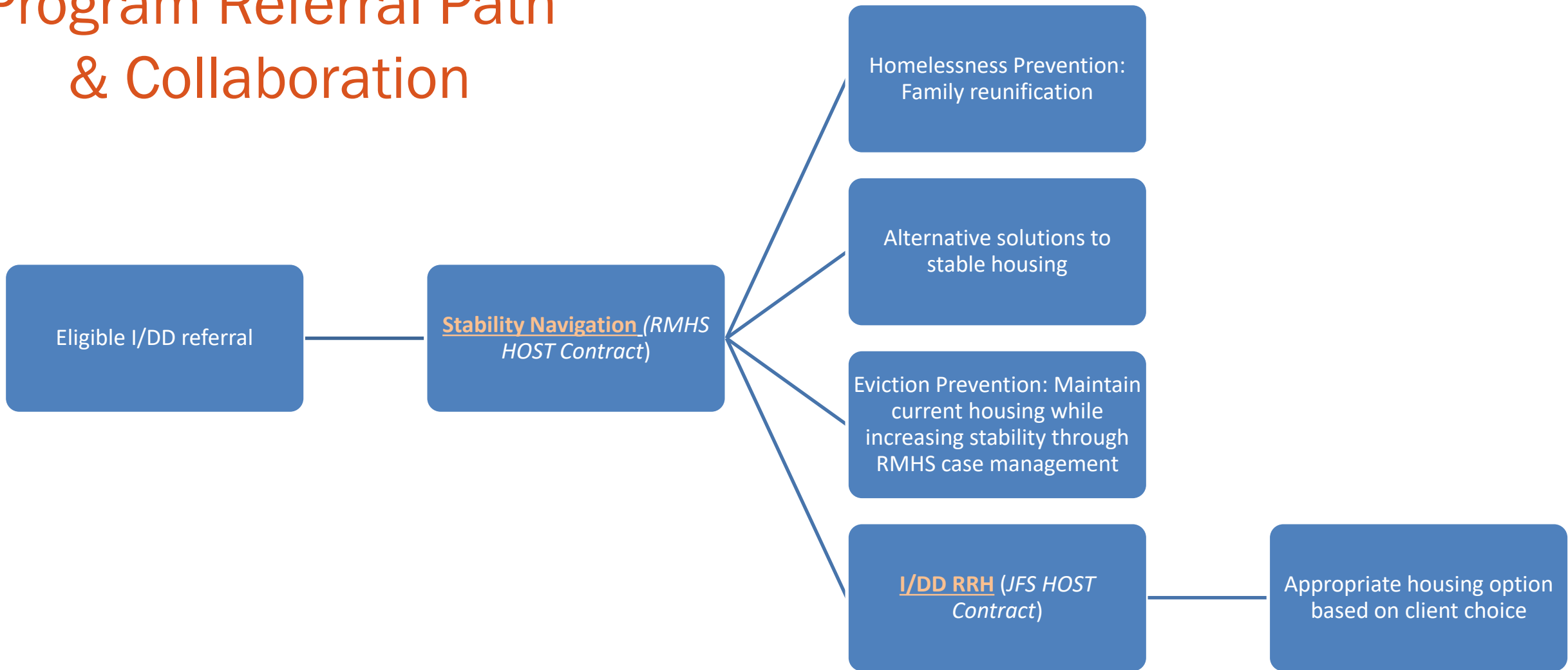
Rapid Rehousing: Jewish Family Services (JFS)

- \$3,420,000
- **Serving 55** Households with I/DD experiencing *literal homelessness* over 3 years

Rapid Rehousing Goals

- Quickly move households from homelessness into permanent housing
- Provide supportive services to maintain housing stability
- Close housing affordability gaps
- Connect participants to long-term community resources
- Up to 24-months of Assistance

Program Referral Path & Collaboration



RMHS Stability Navigation Program

Program Goals:

- Reduce homelessness among individuals with I/DD or developmental delays
- Increase housing stability
- Connect households with long-term support services
- Improve access to benefits, income, and housing resources
- Support self-sufficiency and independent living

Total 3 Year Budget: Serving at least 300 households during contract term	
Personnel	\$1,714,368
Client Costs	\$551,553
Other Direct Costs	\$49,499
Indirect	\$264,580
TOTAL	\$2,580,000

JFS Rapid Rehousing Program

Program Goals:

- Rapidly Move Households Experiencing Homelessness into Permanent Housing
- Reduce Housing Affordability Barriers
- Promote Long-Term Housing Stability
- Connect Participants to Disability and Mainstream Support Services
- Strengthen Landlord Partnerships and Housing Opportunities
- Coordinate Services Across Systems

Total 3 Year Budget:

Serving at least **300 households** during contract term

Personnel	\$1,444,727
Client Costs	\$1,689,009
Other Direct Costs	\$51,300
Indirect	\$234,964
TOTAL	\$3,420,000

Program Outcomes

Stability Navigation (RMHS)

- **80%** Households are prevented from experiencing eviction
- **50 newly enrolled households** not previously engaged with RMHS are connected to agency support
- **8 outreach touchpoints** made monthly to HOST-funded shelters
- **60% of households** report an increase in housing stability, quality of life, and self-determination after one year of receiving services.
- **75% of applicable households** obtained I/DD determinations and enrolled in appropriate service

Rapid Rehousing (JFS)

- **100% of households** engaged in case management and ongoing support
- **85% of households** illustrate a length between enrollment and lease-up of less than or equal to 60 days
- **80% of households** that have an increase or maintaining income through benefit acquisition or employment annually or at exit
- **90% of households** are placed into permanent housing and provided services through the rapid rehousing program
- **85% of household** exits to permanent housing at the end of the program (either in their rapid rehousing or other unit).

Questions?

Appendix

What is I/DD and Developmental Delay?

Intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)

- Appear before the age of 22
- Result from a variety of different conditions* that are severe, chronic, and lifelong
- Significant limitations on intellectual and overall functioning

Developmental Delay

- Children 0-5 who are:
 - at risk of developmental disability due to the presence of certain conditions and/or
 - continually behind in developing certain skills compared to other children their age

*These conditions impact individuals very differently, so their presence in someone's life doesn't always result in an I/DD. Examples of conditions that may result in an I/DD include Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Cerebral Palsy

**In Colorado, organizations called Case Management Agencies (CMA) are responsible for determining if someone has an I/DD that qualifies for certain publicly funded services.