## IDDEAS Housing Navigator Contract

Denver Human Services, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Equitable Access to Services (IDDEAS) Program in collaboration with Bayaud Enterprises.

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## Background

<u>IDDEAS</u> oversees Denver mill levy funds dedicated for the benefit and wellbeing of residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Our funding stream was created in 2003, after Denver voters passed a ballot measure securing these mill levy dollars. Our <u>ordinance</u> and <u>program rules</u> determine how the funds are used.

2023 Projected Revenue: \$24,074,500





In late 2021, the IDDEAS Advisory Council (IAC) made seven (7) formal housing <u>recommendations</u> as priority for uncommitted Mill Levy funds.



Consultation with HOST on recommendations received. Presentation to IAC and DHS leaders on plans for RFP.



In November 2022, DHS published a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a housing navigator program.



In Winter 2022, DHS engaged a competitive solicitation process resulting in an award for Bayaud Enterprises

### Contract Development

Recommendation: Create a housing & lifespan navigator program to help residents with I/DD understand, plan, and pursue housing options in Denver.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) sought responses from qualified community organizations with expertise in homeless services, housing navigation, creating accessible practices, and demonstrating a willingness to commit to equity, diversity, and inclusion in their programming.



# Bayaud I/DD Housing Navigator Program Details



**Employment Matters** 

- Contract with <u>Bayaud Enterprises</u> for \$2,959,649 to develop a program that supports Denver residents with I/DD in achieving their housing stability goals
- Contract term: May 1, 2023 –
   December 31, 2025
- Funds a spectrum of resource navigation and supports responsive to individual housing experiences







#### **Program Capacity**

- ~8 FTE staff: program manager, housing navigators, mental health counselor, and part time MSW interns
- Goal to reach approximately 300 Denver residents with I/DD during contract term
- Improve housing data to inform opportunities for I/DD residents

#### **Partnerships**

- Collaborate with Rocky Mountain Human Services (CCB) and other I/DD service partners
- Develop relationships with housing and homeless services providers
- Participate in HOST partner meetings and share findings to support HOST objectives

#### **Building Blocks**

- Foundational pilot program to help us gather concrete data and explore new solutions
- Inform strategies for other IDDEAS Advisory Council housing recommendations



## Questions? Thank you.

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