

## **Director of Housing Report**

## for activities in July 2021

- Chaffee Housing Authority
  - o Next Board meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 3:00 − 5:00 pm
  - o Two open Board positions:
    - Buena Vista representative
    - At Large Alternate
  - Williford Consulting will facilitate Board Visioning and Strategic Planning
  - Joined the Salida Chamber of Commerce and Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce both ribbon cuttings have occurred.
  - o Committees:
    - Community Engagement, Development Review, Governance, Executive
  - o Additional Staffing: Drafting a job description for an Chief Operating Officer
  - o Beginning conversations with Board of Directors regarding a sustainable and sufficient funding source to be in place before the end of the Funding IGA.
  - Salida:
    - Open Doors: Pilot program to convert STR's and vacant 2<sup>nd</sup> homes into longer term rentals. Goal is 10 households; employer contribution will be essential.
    - Deed Restrictions are coming on line soon, participating in several discussions with developers; City Attorney is taking the lead in document drafting, and the Housing Authority will administer the deed restrictions.
- Planning Collaborative: Born out of the work of the HDGP, the Planning Collaborative is convening every other month to work toward shared, collaborative use of GIS.
  - o Next meeting: ESRI representative to speak to the group about licensing
- Salida Housing Development Corporation
  - Still working with Cardinal Capital Management to determine an alternative way to fund the project; may reapply for 9% LITC Credits at the beginning of 2022.
- Jane's Place
  - Technical Assistance through CHFA has begun; the subject matter experts reviewed the operating proforma and offered modifications that would be necessary to a loan underwriter; our next step is to review the development costs.
  - Over \$330,000 raised toward project equity
  - o September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021: Community event! More details to come.
  - o Employer contribution menu
- Rental Deposit Guarantee Program:
  - o Program available in both English and Spanish.
  - o Use is decreasing; tenants claim lack of available rental stock.
- Supportive Housing Activities:

- o RV and van living for people employed by a Chaffee County Employer; this would be a short term intervention to mitigate.
- Sober Living environments: The Oxford House model seems to be most appropriate for Chaffee County; to launch, we need a house with 5-7 bedrooms.
- o Balance of State Continuum of Care: I am working to bring community partners together to participate fully with the BoS CoC through our regional CoC. This would involve referring appropriate individuals/households to the regional CoC, use their shared data system, and participate in regional trainings. Doing so would improve Chaffee County's chances of obtaining Permanent Supportive Housing vouchers (in partnership with UAACOG) as well as increase opportunities to access homeless prevention funds. In September, we will learn if this activity will be funded by the next HDGP grant.
- Private Activity Bonds: This year's Private Activity Bond Allocation is at \$1,128,355
  - o Evaluating whether or not this PAB could be used for the Mesa Crossings LITC project.
  - o Will bring a recommendation to the BOCC in August, 2021.

## Community Partnerships

- Community Investment Taskforce:
  - o Chaffee County Community Foundation, Economic Development Corporation, Transportation Advisory Board, Early Childhood Council, Chaffee Housing Authority.
    - Focusing on EDA's American Rescue Plan Programs, in particular the Build Back Better Regional Challenge.
- Colorado Mountain Housing Coalition:
  - o Virtual Conference through the summer including the following topics:
    - July 9<sup>th</sup>: Inclusionary Zoning
    - August 26, 3:00 pm
      - Homeless Services in Rural Colorado Safe Camping
        - o Pitkin County Human Services, Nan Sundeen and Lindsay Maisch
        - West Mountain Regional Health Alliance, Cristina Gair

https://www.housinghealthchaffee.org/cmhc

- KHEN: Chaffee Housing Report
  - o Interview on July 13<sup>th</sup> with Craig Nielson, CHA Board Chairperson
  - o https://www.khen.org/affordable-housing-report
- Salida Sunrise Rotary: Presentation update on July 21, 2021
- Lake County: Offering input on their transition to a MJHA.

## Professional Development

- September 16-17: Colorado Mountain Housing Coalition; Board of Directors Strategic Planning and Annual Meeting, Durango, Colorado
- October 13-15: Housing Colorado; Annual Conference, Breckenridge, Colorado