We are dedicated to delivering superior services to enhance the lives of everyone in our community.
Housing Choice Voucher Program

WHO WE SERVE

457 HOUSEHOLDS
AHA provided housing to 457 households in 2019-2020

53% PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

40% ELDERLY

8% FAMILIES WERE HOMELESS BEFORE ENTERING THE HCV PROGRAM

32% Hispanic
68% Non Hispanic

77% Female Head of Household
23% Male Head of Household

AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME
The average annual income of a family in the Housing Choice Voucher Program is $15,703

RENTAL ASSISTANCE
AHA paid $4,662,201 in rental assistance payments to landlords.

WAITING LIST
167 families remain on the waiting list. The waiting list first opened in February 2015.
Beyond Home is a non-profit transitional housing program based in Arvada with the mission to provide transitional housing and supportive services to homeless families to help them move toward self-sufficiency. The AHA provides a preference for up to 25 Beyond Home participants to receive a Housing Choice Voucher to assist with their journey to self-sufficiency.

The AHA and the Community Table continued their partnership into 2019–2020. Through the Bridges to Opportunity program, the Community Table offers case management services to a maximum of 25 of AHA’s Housing Choice Voucher program applicants. The target population for this program is individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness and those who are rent burdened. The AHA also pays $32,000 annually to the Community Table to support a part-time case manager’s salary as well as pay for other Bridges to Opportunity administrative costs.
Addressing Homelessness

The Arvada Housing Authority was awarded 39 Mainstream Housing Choice Vouchers to assist non-elderly disabled individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

As part of a regional effort to address homelessness, the City of Arvada hired a Homeless Navigator in January 2020 to connect with and provide resources to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Arvada. Through partnership with the Arvada Housing Authority, the Homeless Navigator has successfully housed 9 chronically homeless individuals and providing supportive services to ensure these individuals receive the needed services to remain housed.

The AHA is a proud member of the Jeffco Connections Heading Home subcommittee working to address homelessness in Jefferson County. The housing authority participates annually in the national Point-in-Time Count to count the number of homeless individuals on one day of the year and to educate citizens about the presence of homelessness within their own communities.

In August 2019, the AHA collaborated with Jefferson County, other municipalities within Jefferson County, law enforcement and service providers to conduct the first Jefferson County Comprehensive Homeless Count. The purpose of the Comprehensive Count was to supplement the annual Point-in-Time Count by expanding HUD’s definition of homeless to include those who are not typically counted.
Affordable Housing Production

The AHA continued ongoing efforts to encourage the development of affordable housing in Arvada.

Legacy Senior Residences at W. 64th Ave and Sheridan
This project developed by Cornerstone and Associates will create 72 units of affordable senior housing in Arvada. Cornerstone and Associates secured a contract for the property and their application for 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) was approved in 2019.

Vance Street Flats at W. 58th Avenue and Vance St
Medici Development is proposing the development Vance Street Flats that would create 50 units of workforce/family housing in Arvada. Medici is considering an application for 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) this fall.

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver at W. 52nd and Carr St
A 1.2 acre parcel owned by the Arvada Housing Authority was conveyed to Habitat for Humanity on August 5, 2019 for the development of affordable for-sale townhomes. Current development plans propose 20 townhomes—8 three bedroom and 12 four bedroom units. The site development plans are currently under City review.
Recommended Activities for 2020-2021

ARVADA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Efficient operation of the Housing Choice Voucher Program to include monitoring and responding to continuing federal budget and appropriations cutbacks or regulatory changes impacting the Housing Choice Voucher Program in 2020–2021 and future years.

Housing team will continue to work with private developers and non-profit organizations to encourage and support the construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing in Arvada.

The Authority will continue to partner with non-profit organizations to support self-sufficiency programs.

The Authority will continue to make advancements in its commitment to addressing homeless in Arvada and throughout Jefferson County through partnerships with others.