**CV HDC Youth Housing Assistance Program**

The new State Stimulus program has funding to assist youth headed households impacted by COVID.  CV HDC Youth Housing Assistance program is based on the Federal CARES Act HB-1410 Youth Housing Assistance program that ended 11/30/20.  The CV HDC Youth Housing Assistance program provides temporary rental and utility assistance and housing-focused services, including housing navigation, to youth-headed households (18-24 years old) at risk of or experiencing homelessness due to the impacts of COVID-19 within the State of Colorado.  Rental arrears and utilities dating back to March 1, 2020 are eligible for assistance and reimbursement as long as it helps keep the youth housed.  Another eligible activity for use of funding from this program is to quickly re-house youth (security deposit and first month's rent) who have lost housing due to loss of income resulting from the impact of COVID-19.  There is no foster care requirement or any systems involvement requirement.  However, funding is not available to youth who are already receiving federal housing assistance and is only eligible through June 30, 2021.  Four youth service providers across the state will be administering the grant funds: Attention Homes, Karis Inc, Shiloh House, The Place, and VOA.  Referrals would go directly through them.

If there are youth in immediate need of rental assistance who were impacted by COVID-19 they would need some documentation requiring the nexus of COVID-19 impact.  Acceptable documentation can be from an employer for proof of termination/reduced hours, landlord letter/notice, and/or letter of attestation from a professional worker (social worker/counselor/healthcare worker).  Please feel free to contact one of the agencies below.

**Contact information for referrals:**

Attention Homes

Elly Johnson, ejohnson@attentionhomes.org

-Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer, Weld counties

Karis Inc.

Teri Edwards, teriedwards.karis@gmail.com

-Mesa County

Rural Collaborative

Kippi Clausen, kippi@unfoldingdirections.com

-Garfield, Lake, Pitkin, La Plata, Montezuma, Montrose, Delta, Pueblo, Freemont, Chafee, Las Animas, Morgan, Larimer, Logan, Phillips, Sedwick, Washington, Weld, Yuma counties

The Place

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-El Paso County

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