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### A New Year, a New Look for Connections at 6<sup>th</sup>



**Aurora, CO** – January 25, 2021 - The Housing Authority of the City of Aurora (AHA) has finished a yearlong effort to update [Connections at 6<sup>th</sup>](#), an affordable housing property located at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and I-225. The complex is home to 68 units of housing originally built in 2001. With a \$6.6 million investment, 68 units have been preserved and upgraded for low-income households.

AHA has been building and managing affordable housing in the City for over 45 years. “We are a long-term fixture in the community; we exist to provide stability, hope and opportunity for our low income population. Connections at 6<sup>th</sup> is evidence of our commitment to preserving and expanding housing opportunities,” said AHA Executive Director Craig A. Maraschky.

New roofs were installed and landscaping and play areas were updated. Apartments were modernized with new kitchens, bathrooms, and flooring. Perhaps most importantly, units were retrofitted to improve accessibility for those with disabilities. Since over 40 percent of the residents at Connections at 6<sup>th</sup> are over 55, accessibility is especially important.

This investment responds directly to the five-year goals identified in the City of Aurora’s new [Housing Strategy](#) to increase and preserve the deeply affordable housing inventory. The economic pressures of COVID-19 illustrated just how vital affordable housing and mission-driven landlords are to the safety and stability of the City.

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