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Aurora Housing Authority's Maintenance Team Wins Award

Aurora, CO – June 30, 2021 – The maintenance team at the Housing Authority of the City of Aurora (AHA) was recently awarded the Pandemic Perseverance Award by the Mountain Plains National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (MPNAHRO), one of eight regional councils of NAHRO, the national advocacy association that represents housing and community development professionals and organizations.

MPNAHRO's Pandemic Perseverance Award recognizes an individual, team, or program that made a positive impact on affordable housing residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the public health crisis unfolded in the spring of 2020, AHA's maintenance team, led by Maintenance Manager Steven Romero, continued to perform essential repairs at AHA's affordable housing portfolio of 809 units at 13 properties while short staffed. Their unwavering perseverance kept hundreds of homes for families, seniors, and Veterans fully operational while prioritizing safety. Maintenance technician positions at AHA remain unfilled, as talent shortages across the region continue to impede recruiting efforts. Hiring technicians has been an ongoing struggle before and during the pandemic.

"We commend the hard work and dedication of our maintenance team," said Craig A. Maraschky, Executive Director. "What they accomplished in the face of uncertainty while being short staffed is very deserving of the accolades and recognition from this award."

MPNAHRO members serve over 200 communities in six states through affordable housing, community development and economic self-sufficiency programs. The Mountain Plains NAHRO Awards give recognition to the outstanding places, people, and programs affiliated with NAHRO agency members in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

AHA is a public housing agency made up of 55 staff that includes but is not limited to property managers, maintenance technicians, housing developers, social workers, and administrative staff. AHA is committed to providing safe, decent, affordable housing to our community and proudly serves many different groups including families, single parents, the disabled, seniors, homeless, and Veterans. AHA administers Housing Choice Vouchers and works closely with landlords in the private market that lease single-family homes, condos, townhouses, and apartments to program participants.

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