

2016 Eagle Award Nominees

Person

Joseph Espinosa has lead Brighton Housing Authority for the last six years. The number of affordable units available has increased by 20 fold during Joseph's tenure as Executive Director. He has also started two community programs, Career to College Launch and BizLaunch Program. The primary beneficiaries of Joseph's accomplishments are both senior and family households.

Kari Feld is a project manager at Palace Construction where she has worked on new construction and rehabilitation projects for the past 11 years. Two recent projects, Lewis Courts and Village on Plum has demonstrated her passion for getting rid of the stigma that surrounds affordable housing.

Jody Kole is the Executive Director at Grand Junction Housing Authority. She has been nationally recognized for creating models of housing and services together to achieve long term stability. As well as served as board president at CHFA and Housing Colorado and served on countless other boards.

Mark Welch works as a consultant in developing affordable housing to organizations that do not have the capacity and/or knowledge to do so in-house. One item Mark is proud of is moving CHFA's away from the scoring system as the primary determining factor in selecting tax credit projects.

Project Development

The Aerie residents in Denver are a mix of market rate units, workforce and public housing. It is located near a RTD station which helps promote self-sufficiency for its residents. The development of the grounds keeps its residents active with open staircases, park access, and an open courtyard.

CityScape at Belmar provides 130 units of affordable and market-rate senior housing in Lakewood. They are keeping with the desire for Baby Boomers to live in a thriving community where they can stay active surrounded by a downtown atmosphere with their needs and desires close by.

Peak One Neighborhood is located in Frisco and was created by the city for it year-round residents and workforce. The homes are built to create a neighborhood feeling with community events to strengthen the sense of hometown pride.

Tabor Grand Hotel Apartments was built in 1885 and was designated as a National Register of Historic Places in Leadville. It has a long history from being an up-scale hotel, to being abandoned in the 80's to being converted into apartments in the 90's to being rescued from foreclosure in 2010's.

Village at Plum is a 95-unit apartment community located in Fort Collins. Built in 1970 it was in need of refreshing. One of the revitalization goals was to inspire new standards for affordable housing in design and in the kind of community being created. The re-designed grounds provide a sense of pride within the residents.

Program

Douglas County Cares Program was created two years ago from four community partnerships, and now includes thirteen local and regional non-profits partners. The partners provide services to support and stabilize families while motivating and coaching them to become self-sufficient. Through stabilized housing and increased employment by preserving, providing and developing housing choices.

Ready to Work Program provides homeless individuals the opportunity to work, build a resume and save money. As one of the primary agencies serving homeless adults in Boulder's first and only work-first paid transitional employment program that combines housing. They not only build a work history but a rental history for clients to transition to self-sufficiency.

Rise Program (Road to Independence, Security and Empowerment) is an anti-poverty, self-sufficiency, pilot program. It is a collaboration between the City of Longmont and Longmont Housing Authority. The objective of the program is to support families to having little or no need for government benefits and be self-sufficient, by the end of the 5-year period.