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Boulder County Releases Survey Results for the Healthy and Resilient Mobile Homes Program

- Residents of mobile home communities in Longmont and Lafayette participated in a community survey to ensure county funds are distributed equitably.
- The survey received a total of 252 responses, collected both online and door-to-door.
- Most respondents (59%) said that the state of their house was either in fair (34%) or poor/bad (25%) condition. Nearly all respondents said that their homes needed multiple repairs.
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Boulder County, Colo – Boulder County has released the results of a community survey outlining residents' priorities, needs, and satisfaction regarding life in local manufactured and mobile home parks. The survey was designed to ensure that Healthy and Resilient Mobile Homes Program funds are distributed fairly and effectively, addressing the diverse needs of those living in manufactured and mobile homes.

The surveys – distributed in July, August, and September 2023 to manufactured and mobile home parks in Longmont and Lafayette – received 252 responses from residents representing a diverse cross section of Boulder County. The survey gathered insights on needed home repairs, ownership status, transportation challenges, utility services, and potential interest in purchasing the mobile home park to make it resident owned. Additionally, the survey assessed each park's infrastructure and the accessibility of its community spaces.

To create and distribute the survey, the Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services partnered with the University of Colorado's Department of Geography and Promotoras de Salud from El Centro AMISTAD. Surveyors went door-to-door to gather firsthand feedback; paper-based and on-line surveys were also distributed in both English and Spanish.

Key Findings:

Most respondents (59%) identified their home as in either fair (34%) or poor/bad (25%) condition. Nearly all respondents identified more than one aspect of the home in need of repair.

An overwhelming majority of survey respondents own their homes (90%), which remains relatively consistent when cross-referenced with length of time in home. Regarding opportunities for a community land purchase, more than 80% of respondents expressed interested in their community purchasing the park land if the current owner were to sell.

Nearly 70% of survey respondents identified a yearly household income under \$40K, and only 9% have a yearly household income over \$60,000 (the median household income for Boulder County is \$92,466).

In addition to identifying a need for improved infrastructure and home repairs, respondents noted the difficulty of being able to pay lot rent and utilities, as well as a general inability to meet other basic

needs. This was particularly true for households with retired individuals on fixed incomes and/or households with a yearly household income less than \$20,000.

"We are excited to work with residents to bring more resources into Boulder County's manufactured and mobile home parks," said Francisco Padilla, mobile homes park program manager for the Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services. "Learning what residents need regarding their homes – including what barriers they face – is key to helping us figure out how to make these communities thrive."

In addition to the survey, Boulder County has been gathering insights and feedback through community conversations and resource fairs with residents living in mobile home parks, including those in unincorporated areas like San Lazaro, Table Mesa, and Sans Souci.

The Healthy and Resilient Mobile Homes Program will use the survey findings to inform its strategic planning and decision-making processes, ensuring that resources are directed towards addressing the community's most pressing needs and priorities. Additionally, the organization will work with residents and stakeholders to develop and implement action plans to address the identified issues.

To learn more about the survey results and plans for the future, please visit <https://boco.org/MobileHomesProgram> or contact Francisco Padilla at fpadilla@bouldercounty.gov.

About the Healthy and Resilient Mobile Homes Program:

The Healthy and Resilient Mobile Homes Program focuses on the repair and rehabilitation of mobile and manufactured homes in Boulder County using a combination of \$5M in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding and \$2M in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding. A joint program with the City of Boulder, this includes efforts to improve health and safety measures, energy efficiency, and accessibility. The program is currently conducting a Home Repair Pilot project in the Columbine Mobile Home Park and soon, will be rolling out to the rest of the county. Applications are currently being accepted at www.bouldercolorado.gov/healthy-and-resilient-mobile-homes-program.

About Boulder County Housing and Human Services

The Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services (BCDHHS) is a 525-person integrated services organization that focuses on connecting individuals and multiple generations of families with a full spectrum of supports. On average, BCDHHS connects more than 110,000 people over the course of a year with food, housing, health coverage, childcare, safety, education and skill building, parenting supports, and much more. Visit www.BoulderCountyHHS.org to learn more.

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