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Chaffee County Public Health Discontinues Home Share Program

Chaffee County, CO - Chaffee County Public Health (CCPH) announces the sunset of its Home Share Program, which will be phasing out by late summer. The decision comes after careful consideration and evaluation of the program's performance since its inception.

The Home Share Program was initially launched to address both housing and aging challenges in the county by connecting homeowners over 55 with extra space in their homes to individuals seeking affordable housing options. Despite efforts to promote the initiative, the program has not garnered sufficient interest, particularly from potential home seekers.

"We had high hopes for the Home Share Program as an innovative solution to our local housing issues as well as to help our older community age in place," said Andrea Carlstrom, Chaffee County Public Health Director.

"Unfortunately, the lack of engagement, especially from those seeking housing, has made it unsustainable to continue the program."

CCPH expresses gratitude to all homeowners who showed interest in participating and to the staff members who worked diligently to implement and manage the grant-funded pilot program over the past several years. "We still have several home providers who are seeking compatible housemates," said Monica Ranes, CCPH's Home Share Coordinator. "I would love to find matches for those folks before my departure as home share coordinator later this summer." For anyone interested in applying for the remaining home share opportunities, please contact homeshare@chaffeecounty.org. The housing opportunities range from \$200-\$500 a month, including some tasks in exchange.

CCPH remains committed to addressing health disparities including housing challenges and will continue to explore alternative strategies to encourage aging in place and affordable housing initiatives in the region. Any existing Home Share matches will continue to be supported by CCPH's Aging Well Coordinator, Molly Bischoff.

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All people in Chaffee County have opportunities to achieve healthy and connected lives in a community that embraces every aspect of health and well-being.