



## **Manufactured Housing Wind Damage Repair and Efficiency Upgrade Grant Program**

### *Additional Background Information*

#### **About the Straight Line Wind Event**

The City of Boulder is offering help to manufactured homeowners whose homes were damaged by the [Marshall Fire and Straight Line Winds Event](#) (DR4634) on December 30, 2021. 450 households reported damage caused by high winds. 294 of these homes were in manufactured home communities (MHCs) in the city, including Boulder Meadows, Mapleton, Orchard Grove, Ponderosa and Vista Village. The rest were reported in nearby MHCs, including Columbine, San Lazaro, Sans Souci and Table Mesa Village.

#### **Boulder's Manufactured Home Strategy**

Boulder's manufactured housing communities provide a lifestyle valued by their residents at a relatively affordable cost. The city is committed to preserving this housing option and has taken many supportive actions, including the development of a [Manufactured Housing Strategy](#). One of the strategy's guiding principles is viability, which prioritizes safe, well-maintained, modernized and energy efficient homes.

Manufactured homeowners are more likely to be older, receive lower incomes and be more diverse than households citywide. A 2019 survey of Boulder's manufactured home communities found that:

- Three-fourths of households surveyed earned less than \$40,000 annually.
- Nearly half of survey respondents included at least one family member over age 60.
- Survey respondents were twice as likely to receive Social Security income.
- Survey respondents were three times as likely to identify as Latino.

#### **Additional Inequities and Concerns**

Community advocates have expressed concerns about low rates of homeowners insurance among manufactured homeowners.

Labor and material shortages, made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic, have increased costs and decreased availability of both resources. It can also be difficult to attract skilled contractors willing to perform manufactured home repairs because they are often less expensive than other work construction work.

**Please note:** the Dec. 30 wind event introduced many more home repair projects than the city's long-standing Mobile Home Repair Program can address in a timely manner. Program



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requirements exclude certain homes and households from eligibility. Federal regulations and program requirements also exclude many households from program eligibility.