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Dear Community Partners:

The following letter serves to explain the funding methodology/rationale behind the first round of Ballot Initiative 1A funding, called the Boulder County Temporary Human Services Safety Net Mill Levy. From the ballot initiative's inception, the main focus has been to mitigate the impact of budget cuts, decreased funding, and increased demand that have resulted from the economic downturn. Unprecedented caseload and service demands, coupled with reduced financial support from the State and other funding entities, have strained our community resources and resulted in cuts and service delays in critical emergency services. As you all know very well, the County's most vulnerable populations need increased assistance without delay.

As a result, the goal of this Request for Funding Application for Emergency Human Services and this first round of funding is to deliver emergency services immediately and efficiently to Boulder County's most vulnerable residents. The community has spoken strongly about their desire to see 1A funds deployed in the community rapidly. As you will see in the attached RFA, Boulder County seeks to deploy these funds to eligible partner agencies who have the applicable infrastructure and programs in place to provide emergency early intervention and stabilizing services. Eligible providers include those safety net services agencies whose primary mission and program delivery is focused on community-based, stabilizing services and supports specifically including emergency shelter, housing and rental assistance, food assistance, Food Stamps outreach and enrollment, and Medicaid/CHP+ outreach and enrollment.

For those community partners who are not the focus of this first round of funding, a second round of funding will be awarded through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process to be released in Spring 2011. Please note that we will be facilitating community conversations with key service providers prior to the development and release of the RFP. The second round of funding will continue our collective efforts on addressing the impacts of the economic downturn, addressing budget reductions, and targeting evidence-based services to improve our community outcomes and key interventions.

Thank you all for the tremendous support you have provided in the community during this challenging time. We are very thankful to the voters for their support and to all the individuals and agencies who assisted with the passage of 1A. We look forward to continuing our collaborative, community-based approach with all of you during the coming year. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Director