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Representative Jason Crow  
2170 S. Parker Road, Suite 280  
Aurora, CO 80231

Dear Representative Crow,

This letter is to document community support for the City of Aurora's Aurora Mental Health and Recovery's proposed FY2025 Community Project Funding request. The City proposes to support our partner, Aurora Mental Health and Recovery's (AMHR), design and construction of a trauma-informed facility that will house their Cultural Development and Wellness Center's continuum of services. The Cultural Development and Wellness Center model provides a coordinated, comprehensive continuum of trauma-informed, culturally relevant care to empower refugee and immigrant communities.

I, Representative Mandy Lindsay, strongly support the proposed project as it will address priorities in access to healthcare services for the refugee community in the Aurora area. AMHR currently provides specialized services for refugee and immigrants through multiple programs at multiple facilities. Developing a new facility will create a single point of access for an array of services, including behavioral health treatment, health navigation and interpretation, adult education and literacy, youth leadership development, and health equity advocacy. Through this project, AMHR will identify and acquire appropriate facility space, and complete design and renovations to create a welcoming, trauma-informed, culturally sensitive facility that celebrates our diverse community. AMHR will identify facility space that will support easy access for community members and foster coordination with other community organizations that are supporting the refugee and immigrant communities. The facility will be designed and updated to ensure sufficient space to expand service delivery onsite, improve facility accessibility, enhance child and family-friendly spaces, and integrate culturally responsive design into all interior components.

I support the proposed model to create a one-stop comprehensive, trauma-informed Cultural Development and Wellness Center facility. We will continue to collaborate with City of Aurora, AMHR and other community partners to identify additional community needs that could be addressed by the project. The

proposal has our full support, and we strongly encourage that this be identified as a priority community project for FFY2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mandy M. Lindsay". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mandy Lindsay  
State Representative  
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