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Grants available for housing, services and facilities projects

Community Development Block Grants available for projects serving low-to-moderate income residents

Littleton, Colo. — Arapahoe County is now accepting applications for 2012 Community Development Block Grant funding for projects that benefit low-to-moderate income citizens.

Public, community and non-profit agencies are invited to submit proposals for projects that will enhance the quality of life for county residents in the areas of housing, facilities or services. Projects located in the City of Aurora must apply for CDBG funding through that municipality. Projects located in the City of Centennial may apply through the County, but must assist residents of Centennial.

CDBG funds are provided to Arapahoe County and Centennial by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All projects receiving funds must benefit persons meeting HUD's low-to-moderate income guidelines. Eligible project categories include, but are not limited to: non-profit building improvements, property acquisition, housing, infrastructure improvements, and public services.

Earlier this year, Arapahoe County and Centennial awarded more than \$1 million in 2011 CDBG funds to the following grant recipients: Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network, Arapahoe County TEFAP, Brothers Redevelopment, Catholic Charities, City of Centennial, Colorado Center for the Blind, Doctors Care, Energy Efficient Englewood, Family Tree, Gateway Battered Women's Shelter, Littleton Housing Authority, Project Angel Heart and TLC Meals on Wheels.

Interested organizations are invited to attend an informational meeting at 10 a.m., Nov. 8 or 1 p.m., Nov. 15 at Arapahoe Plaza, 1690 W. Littleton Blvd. Oak Room, 2nd Floor, Littleton. The meeting will provide an overview to the CDBG application process and allow candidates to inquire about project eligibility.

Applications must be received by Dec. 9. Funds will become available to winning submissions in June 2012, subject to federal funding and timelines. Applications and details are available online at www.co.arapahoe.co.us under "What's New." Interested organizations can also pick up an application at the Arapahoe County Community Resources Department, 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., 3rd Floor, Littleton, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the City of Centennial, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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