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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 2011 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 a variety of projects that benefit Arapahoe County residents, excluding those located in the City of Aurora, which has its own CDBG funding. Applications for City of Centennial CDBG funds must assist residents of Centennial. Eligible project categories include, but are not limited to: non-profit building improvements, property acquisition, housing, infrastructure improvements, and public services and staffing.

"If your organization has a proposal for housing, facilities or services that will enhance the quality of life for county residents, we invite you to apply for CDBG funding to possibly support those project costs," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer.

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 (currently \$60,700 for a family of four persons).

Earlier this year, Arapahoe County awarded more than \$1 million in 2010 CDBG funds for public facilities, services and housing. Grant recipients included: Rebuilding Together Metro Denver, Arapahoe House, Arapahoe Douglas Mental Health Network, House of Hope, Brothers Redevelopment, Families First, Senior Hub, Project Angel Heart and Doctors Care.

Applications must be received by Oct. 19. Funds will become available for winning submissions in June 2011. Interested organizations can pick up application forms 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. Applications forms and details also are available online at www.co.arapahoe.co.us under "What's New."

For more information about CDBG funds, please contact Signy Mikita, Division Manager of Housing and Community Development Services at 303-738-8063 or smikita@co.arapahoe.co.us.

In addition, Arapahoe County anticipates receiving approximately \$4.9 million in Private Activity Bond cap, which can be used for affordable rental housing, industrial development and exempt facilities. Interested parties may contact Karinne Wiebold at 303-738-8066 or kwiebold@co.arapahoe.co.us.

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ThirdWayCenter.jpg: 2009 CDBG funding allowed Third Way Center, a treatment facility for teen mothers in Englewood, to remove a tree that was threatening the building's foundation and install a new patio.