



Communication Services Department
5334 South Prince Street
Littleton, Colorado 80166-0001
Phone: 303-795-4630
Fax: 303-738-7894
www.co.arapahoe.co.us

For release: May 19, 2010

Contact:

SIGNY MIKITA
Division Manager
Housing & Community Development Services
Direct: 303-738-8063
E-mail: smikita@co.arapahoe.co.us

HALEY MCKEAN
Communication Services Specialist
Direct: 303-636-1945
Mobile: 303-726-6608
E-mail: hmkewan@co.arapahoe.co.us

Projects serving vulnerable populations receive grant funding *Arapahoe County awards 2010 Community Development Block Grants*

Littleton, Colo. --- What do a warm bed, a safe place to interview a child who has been abused, and an innovative therapy device for low-income stroke patients have in common? They are all among the more than 30 projects that were selected by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners to receive grant funding in 2010.

The Board recently awarded more than \$1.22 million in Community Development Block Grants to nonprofits and governmental agencies for public facilities, housing and services that will benefit low-to-moderate income residents. More than \$230,000 is a City of Centennial allocation that is administered by the County.

“Arapahoe County is fortunate to have so many community organizations come forward with grant applications to serve the most vulnerable members of our community,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. “With nearly 40 proposals for a limited funding pool, the Board chose to give priority to those projects that will serve our special needs, senior, disabled and youth populations.”

CDBG funds are provided to Arapahoe County’s Housing and Community Development Services Division from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Eight-five percent of the funding must be used for facilities, infrastructure and housing, with the remaining 15 percent available to fund public service activities.

Following are a few of the projects and organizations that will receive CDBG funds in 2010:

- [Rocky Mountain Stroke Association](#) received special 2009 CDBG funding to purchase the Lite Gait therapy device, a critical piece of physical rehabilitation equipment for adult stroke survivors. The machine is a unique treadmill outfitted with a harness to support partial body weight. It will be one of two in the metro region and the only one to serve low and moderate-income citizens.
- Children’s Advocacy & Family Resources/[SungateKids](#), will complete interior construction and tenant finishes at its new Greenwood Village facility, where law enforcement and human services personnel will interview children who may be victims of abuse or have witnessed violent crimes in a child-friendly environment.
- [Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network](#) will remodel the building at 2200 W. Berry in Littleton, which will be newly-acquired to create a campus setting that meets the growing need for mental health and substance abuse services.

- [Arapahoe House](#) will remodel its Littleton facility to create a nine-bedroom residential living area for female clients recovering from substance abuse.
- [Brothers Redevelopment](#) will bring its “Help for Homes” program to the City of Sheridan, which offers free minor housing rehabilitation to seniors or disabled residents.
- [Doctor’s Care](#) will provide pediatric care to Arapahoe County residents, and, through the Integrated Health Care Initiative, will provide mental health care for Littleton residents
- [Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Denver](#) will purchase 17 beds for a program that offers shelter to homeless families at a network of metro-area churches.
- [The Salvation Army](#)’s Englewood Office will purchase food, hygiene products and infant care supplies to address the basic food needs of low-income residents.
- [Senior Hub](#) will fund a Meals on Wheels program that delivers frozen meals weekly to homebound seniors and disabled residents in the county’s rural areas along the I-70 Corridor.

In addition to these projects, the City of Centennial has chosen to allocate its CDBG funding to seven projects, including the following:

- [Family Tree’s](#) House of Hope, the county’s only transitional homeless shelter for women and children, will receive funding for improvements to a kitchen where staff and volunteers prepare meals for all residents.
- Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, will make upgrades to its HVAC system in the food storage area of its [Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry](#), which provides emergency food to the needy.

In addition to awarding CDBG grants, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners approved the [2010 One-Year Action Plan](#) after a public comment period. For more information on the projects receiving funding, please view the plan at www.co.arapahoe.co.us or call Signy Mikita at 303-738-8063.

* * *