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Arapahoe County seeking input on Community Development Grant Plan

Annual Community Development Block Grants plan available for review through March 15

LITTLETON, CO --- The Arapahoe County Community Resources department is asking for citizen and stakeholder feedback on the annual Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program plans.

Arapahoe County receives entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development based on the population and demographics, particularly of low-to-moderate income residents. The Arapahoe County Community Development Block Grants program started in 1992 and now operates as an Urban County Consortium, which includes the cities of Deer Trail, Englewood, Glendale, Greenwood Village, Littleton and Sheridan. Arapahoe County also administers the City of Centennial's funds, which are designated as a separate entitlement community.

The overarching goal of these funds is to develop viable communities by providing decent affordable housing, creating suitable living environments and providing and expanding economic opportunities, particularly for low-to-moderate income residents.

Housing and Community Development staff have received and reviewed applications for funding and made recommendations in the form of a draft plan. Applications are reviewed based on components such as measurable community impact, addressing an unmet need, serving low to moderate income residents, cost effectiveness, past experience, community support and more.

Recommended projects include local infrastructure and sidewalk improvements, public facility projects with South Metro Housing Options, Housing Rehabilitation projects with Brothers Redevelopment, Arapahoe County Weatherization and Energy Efficient Englewood and public service projects including Meals on Wheels, homeless prevention and housing support, youth career development and health care services.

The plan is available for review and input through March 15 at <http://arapahoegov.com/index.aspx?NID=334>. Following review, the plan will be approved by the Board of County Commissioners and sent to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval.

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