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## **Cash for grabs: Arapahoe County accepting applications for 2005 Community Development Block Grants**

*County will award HUD funds to benefit projects serving low to moderate income residents*

**Littleton, Colo.** Arapahoe County is accepting applications for funds from its 2005 Community Development Block Grant program. Arapahoe County, and the City of Centennial, will review applications and award CDBG funds to organizations with proposals that benefit low to moderate-income citizens. Funding possibilities include, but are not limited to, property acquisition, building improvements, parks and infrastructure, staffing and services, and housing.

Earlier this year, Arapahoe County awarded more than \$1.2 million in CDBG funds for public facilities, housing and services. Award recipients included Center for the Blind, Covenant Cupboard Food Bank, Radio Reading Services, Children’s Hospital, and Gateway Battered Women’s Shelter. CDBG funds are provided to Arapahoe County from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“We’re excited to see the quality and ingenuity of proposals from worthwhile projects and organizations this year,” said Jim Taylor, Director of Housing and Community Development. “We’ve witnessed how these funds help recipients improve the quality of life for our local residents, and we’re thrilled to offer this opportunity again in 2005.”

### **Application criteria:**

- Applications must be from non-profit, government and/or community organizations.
- All applications for Arapahoe County CDBG funds must assist low or moderate-income residents of Arapahoe County, excluding the City of Aurora; applications for City of Centennial CDBG funds must assist low or moderate-income residents of Centennial.
- Applications must be submitted on or before Nov. 5.

Applicants can pick up forms at 1690 W. Littleton Blvd, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Littleton, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or from 12503 E. Euclid Dr., Suite 200, Centennial, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For further information, please contact Renee Tullius at 303-738-8066.

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