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Improve your community: Arapahoe County accepting applications for 2006 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 2006 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 \$928,000 in CDBG funds for public facilities, housing and services. Award recipients included: The Village for Early Childhood Education, House of Hope, Project Angel Heart, Children's Hospital, and Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network. CDBG funds are provided to Arapahoe County from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"We're thrilled to make these funds available to help recipients improve the quality of life for our local residents," said Jim Taylor, Division Manager of Housing and Community Development. "We're excited to see the quality and ingenuity of proposals from worthwhile projects and organizations this year."

Application criteria:

- Applications must be from non-profit and/or government 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 Oct. 14. Funds will become available for winning submissions in June 2006.

Applicants can pick up forms at 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., 3rd 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 more information or to request an application by e-mail, contact Renee Tullius at 303-738-8066.

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