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## **Arapahoe County accepting applications for 2008 Community Development Block Grants**

*County will award funds for projects serving low-to-moderate income residents*

**Littleton, Colo.** --- Arapahoe County is accepting applications for its 2008 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, services and housing.

Earlier this year, Arapahoe County awarded more than \$1 million in CDBG funds for public facilities, services and housing. Award recipients included the Colorado Center for the Blind, Rebuilding Together, Gateway Battered Women's Shelter, House of Hope, Third Way Center, Jewish Family Services, Project Angel Heart, North Littleton Promise and Doctors Care. 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 Arapahoe County Commissioner Pat Noonan. "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. 15, 2007. Funds will become available for winning submissions in June 2008.

Applicants can pick up forms at 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Littleton, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Friday or 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the City of Centennial, 12503 E. Euclid Dr., Suite 200, Centennial. For more information or to request an application, contact Signy Mikita at 303-738-8063 or [smikita@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:smikita@co.arapahoe.co.us).

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