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## **Improving health, housing, infrastructure and community support** *Arapahoe County awards 2009 Community Development Block Grants*

**Littleton, Colo.** --- The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners recently awarded more than \$1.2 million in Community Development Block Grants for public facilities, housing and services that will benefit low-to-moderate income residents. More than \$300,000 is a City of Centennial allocation that is administered by the County.

“The grants provide funding to nonprofits and governmental agencies to promote the health, safety and betterment of low-to-moderate income citizens and neighborhoods,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer.

CDBG funds are provided to Arapahoe County’s Housing and Community Development division from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The following list highlights some of the projects and organizations that will receive funds in 2009:

- House of Hope, a homeless shelter for women and children, will receive funding for staffing by the City of Englewood and new flooring by the County.
- The Eastern Plains Women’s Resource Center for facility expansion in order to serve mothers with infants.
- Arapahoe House to provide a bathroom and playground equipment for their child care center.
- Project Angel Heart will receive funding to prepare home delivered meals for the chronically ill.
- City of Englewood, to install a sidewalk on the east side of S. Zuni St from Evans Ave S. to W. Caspian Place.
- City of Littleton, to replace sidewalks and streets in the multi-family neighborhood to the north of Littleton High School and to the east of Broadway.
- Town of Deer Trail, to pave streets, including 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- Food pantry support to The Salvation Army and the Wellspring Anglican Church in Englewood to address basic food needs of low-income residents.
- City of Centennial to improve streets, sidewalks and signage in one of their oldest neighborhoods, Vista Verde.

- Doctor's Care through the Integrated Health Care Initiative, to provide mental health care for Littleton residents and pediatric care to Arapahoe County residents.
- Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network will receive funding to double the size of two group homes for housing clients with mental illness.
- Catholic Charities will receive funding for staffing to continue to provide emergency assistance to Arapahoe County residents.
- The Town of Littleton Cares and the Senior Hub's Rural Meals on Wheels to provide meals for seniors and disabled residents.
- Housing rehabilitation and homeowner fix-up for low-to-moderate income homeowners, administered by Rebuilding Together and the City of Englewood, as well as foreclosure prevention and reverse mortgage counseling through Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.

In addition to awarding CDBG grants, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners approved the 2009-2013 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and 2009 One-Year Action Plan, which after an in-depth study and input from residents, created the County's unified vision of community development actions and strategies.

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