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## **Grants available to improve communities**

*Arapahoe County accepting applications for 2010 Community Development Block Grants to benefit projects serving low to moderate-income residents*

**Littleton, Colo.** — Arapahoe County is now accepting applications for 2010 Community Development Block Grant funding for projects that benefit low-to-moderate income citizens.

Public, community and non-profit agencies are invited to submit proposals for a variety of projects that benefit Arapahoe County residents, excluding the City of Aurora which has its own CDBG funding. Applications for City of Centennial CDBG funds must assist residents of Centennial. Eligible project categories include, but are not limited to: non-profit building improvements, property acquisition, housing, and infrastructure improvements, and public services and staffing.

“Arapahoe County is pleased to make these funds available to organizations that enhance the quality of life for residents through affordable housing and accessibility to public services and facilities,” said Jim Dyer, Arapahoe County Commissioner.

CDBG funds are provided to Arapahoe County from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All projects must benefit persons meeting HUD low/moderate income guidelines (currently \$60,800 for a family of four persons).

Earlier this year, Arapahoe County awarded more than \$1 million in 2009 CDBG funds for public facilities, services and housing. Award recipients included the Colorado Center for the Blind, Rebuilding Together Metro Denver, Arapahoe House, Arapahoe Douglas Mental Health Network, House of Hope, Eastern Plains Women’s Resource Center, Wellspring Anglican Church Food Pantry, Senior Hub, Project Angel Heart and Doctors Care.

Applications must be received by Oct. 20. Funds will become available for winning submissions in June 2010. Interested organizations can pick up application forms at the Arapahoe County Department of Community Resources, 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., 3rd floor, Littleton, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the City of Centennial, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Application forms and details are also available at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/CS/HCDs/communitydev.asp](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/CS/HCDs/communitydev.asp).

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