Public invited to comment on housing, community development priorities at Feb. 11 hearing

Input will guide funding decisions for affordable housing, public facility projects

LITTLETON, Colo. – Arapahoe County Commissioners invite citizens, public agencies and other interested parties to provide comment on how the County should prioritize federal funding for housing and community development projects in 2010.

The County will host a special public hearing and presentation on its Housing and Community Development program from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., in Littleton.

Attendees will learn how the County proposes to allocate federal Community Development Block Grants and HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds in 2010. These funds are received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and can be allocated to local projects in Centennial, Deer Trail, Englewood, Glendale, Greenwood Village, Littleton, Sheridan and unincorporated Arapahoe County. The City of Aurora receives separate funding.

Public comment will be accepted following the presentation and will be added to the County’s 2010 Action Plan. The public also is invited to attend a public hearing at 9:30 a.m., March 2 at the Arapahoe County Administration Building when the Board of County Commissioners approves the Action Plan.

“Arapahoe County takes its responsibilities for improving housing and public infrastructure seriously, and we encourage citizens’ input for the most effective use of public funds in their communities,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. “If you are unable to attend the public hearing but still want to have a voice, you can also submit comments in writing from Feb. 13 to March 14.”

The proposed 2010 Action Plan will be available online beginning Feb. 13 at www.co.arapahoe.co.us. To request a printed version, please call Signy Mikita, HCD’s Division Manager, at 303-738-8063.

Public comments may be submitted in writing from Feb. 13 to March 14 by mail to Arapahoe County Housing & Community Development Division at 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Suite 300, Littleton, CO 80120, or by email to smikita@co.arapahoe.co.us.

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