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## **Energy efficiency, infrastructure projects receive stimulus funding** *Arapahoe County awards supplemental Community Development Block Grants*

**Littleton, Colo.** --- The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners recently awarded more than \$350,000 in supplemental Community Development Block Grants to projects that will stimulate the local economy and benefit low-to-moderate-income residents. More than \$80,000 is a City of Centennial allocation that is administered by the County.

The funding is made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which provided an additional one-time allocation of CDBG funding to stimulate local economies. CDBG funds are provided to Arapahoe County's Housing and Community Development division from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Following HUD's guidance, the Board gave priority to projects that modernize our infrastructure and that improve energy efficiency in existing residential and public buildings," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer. "We also focused on funding projects that would quickly create jobs and maximize economic benefit, primarily those prepared to get underway in 120 days."

The County solicited project proposals through a competitive application period and the Board of County Commissioners awarded grants to the following five projects:

- [Colorado Center for the Blind](#) in Littleton, a special needs training facility for disabled persons, for insulation and electrical modifications for energy efficiency and safety.
- [Developmental Pathways](#) in Englewood, a group home for developmentally-disabled individuals, to install energy-efficient windows, a new water heater, insulation and an energy-use monitor.
- [Family Tree House of Hope](#) in Englewood, the County's only shelter for homeless women and children, to upgrade evaporative coolers, install energy-efficient bathroom fixtures, and improve lighting.
- [Gateway Battered Women's Services](#) in Englewood, an extended-stay shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, to install two new energy-efficient furnaces, water heaters and air-conditioning units, and improve duct work.

- [Town of Deer Trail](#) for paving of residential streets, including Third Avenue and Date Street.

The City of Centennial has designated its allocation to fund widening of sidewalks in one of its oldest neighborhoods, Vista Verde.

For more information on the projects receiving funding, please visit [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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