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Arapahoe County announces 2003 Community Development Block Grant Awards

Arapahoe County recently awarded more than \$1.6 million in Community Development Block Grants for public facilities, housing and services that will benefit low to moderate income residents.

CDBG grants are provided to Arapahoe County's Housing and Community Development Division from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants provide funding to non-profits and governmental agencies to promote the health, safety and betterment of low to moderate income persons and neighborhoods. Projects selected passed through a rigorous review and provide a wide range of services to Arapahoe County and its residents.

The following cities and projects will be funded in 2003:

- City of Centennial, Arapahoe County and the City of Littleton will provide funding for a new mental health facility to be located on South Santa Fe Drive. Centennial also will fund the Arapahoe Library's Begin with Books literacy program, as well as fire and safety improvements at the Center for the Blind.
- Englewood will fund the House of Hope, a homeless shelter for women and children. Englewood also will sponsor housing rehabilitation programs to aid qualified homeowners and renters in maintaining their homes.
- Deer Trail will improve a local park for its citizens.
- In addition to funding a new mental health facility, Littleton will improve sidewalks and add handicap ramps in some low to moderate income areas of the city.
- Glendale will provide English as a Second Language and Healthy Eating nutrition classes through the Glendale Family Resource Center.
- Sheridan will improve sidewalks within its city. South Suburban Parks and Recreation will build a new skate park in the city.

Additional agencies and programs receiving CDBG funds include the Arapahoe County Housing Authority's Family Self Sufficiency Program; Catholic Charities Emergency Rental Assistance; Doctors Care Adult and Kids Clinics; Presbyterian Church of the Covenant's Food Bank Program; the Parkinson's Association Information and Referral Service; Center for the Blind facility improvements; and road and drainage improvements along Colorado Avenue.