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### **Arapahoe County announces 2004 Community Development Block Grant Awards**

Arapahoe County 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.

CDBG funds 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. The following list highlights some of the projects and organizations that will be funded in 2004:

- Project Angel Heart, a program that delivers 20,000 meals to terminally ill citizens in Arapahoe County.
- House of Hope, a homeless shelter for women and children, will be funded by the City of Englewood.
- Radio Reading Service of the Rockies will provide radio receivers to visually impaired individuals so they may hear voice interpretation of local newspapers and advertisements.
- Village Preschool Early Childhood Center in Littleton, which will add four classrooms for the infant and toddler program. Gateway Battered Women's Shelter will paint the interior of their counseling center.
- Children's Hospital will provide primary and preventive health care at a school clinic in Sheridan, while Doctor's Clinic (funded by the City of Centennial) will provide health care services for clients who do not have health insurance or qualify for Medicaid.
- Sheridan will pave sidewalks on portions of south Irving and Bryant streets. Deer Trail will pave portions of Date Street and Second Avenue.
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation will install a basketball court in Sheridan and renovate Promise Park in Littleton. Presbyterian Church of the Covenant Food Bank Program, funded by the City of Centennial, will provide food assistance to needy families.
- Funded by the City of Centennial and Arapahoe County, the Center for the Blind will convert an old racquetball court into a woodworking shop.
- Arapahoe County Housing Authority also approved a set aside of \$557,250 for housing assistance to low-income families and first time homebuyers from the HOME Partnership Grant.