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County seeks comment on housing and community development plan *Action plan will guide federal grants for public facilities, services and housing*

Littleton, Colo. – The Arapahoe County Division of Housing and Community Development invites public feedback on how it should prioritize federal funding for housing and community development projects in 2012. The funding can improve local communities by providing affordable housing, improving or creating public facilities or infrastructure, and supporting public agencies that serve low to moderate-income residents.

The County will host a special public hearing and presentation on its 2012 Action Plan, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Arapahoe County Administration Building (5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.)

Attendees will learn how the County proposes to allocate federal Community Development Block Grants and HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds in 2012. These funds are distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and can be allocated to local projects and agencies serving Centennial, Deer Trail, Englewood, Glendale, Greenwood Village, Littleton, Sheridan and unincorporated Arapahoe County. The City of Aurora receives separate funding.

Arapahoe County encourages citizen input, especially from low and moderate-income residents in the areas where housing and community development funds may be used.

Public comment will be accepted following the presentation and will be added to the County's 2012 Action Plan. For those unable to attend, comments also may be submitted in writing from Feb. 18 through Mar. 19 to Arapahoe County Housing and Community Development, 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Suite 300, Littleton, CO 80120 or by email to lhaley@co.arapahoe.co.us.

The public also is invited to attend a public hearing at 9:30 a.m., Mar. 20 at the Administration Building when the Board of County Commissioners will vote on whether to approve the Action Plan.

The proposed 2012 Action Plan will be available online beginning Feb. 17 at www.co.arapahoe.co.us under "What's New." To request a printed version, please call Linda Haley at 303-738-8089.

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