

CDBG COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT: 2002

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Commission held ten regular meetings, two public hearings, and one work session with City Council during FY 2001-2002. The public hearings were held to solicit comments on the community development and affordable housing needs of the city. These comments were used to guide decisions concerning the allocation of CDBG, HOME and the City's Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) monies during the next program year. The regular meetings were held to review the Spring and Fall Competitive Process applications for community development and affordable housing proposals, and to monitor progress of the CDBG and HOME Programs, as well as the use of a portion of AHF dollars.

The Commission provided recommendations to City Council members concerning the expenditure of the City's CDBG grant allocation of \$1.209 million for FY 2002-2003. For the Spring Cycle Competitive Process, the City received 30 applications for CDBG funding, representing approximately \$3.4 million in requests. The Commission recommended funding of \$1,909,244 for 18 of those proposals (award totals include CDBG Program Income and re-programmed CDBG funds from previous years). The Commission also recommended funding of \$484, 826 in reprogrammed CDBG dollars for 3 proposals in the Fall cycle Competitive Process. Included in the projects and programs funded were:

- ? City of Fort Collins, CDBG Administration
- ? City of Fort Collins, Home Buyer Assistance (in combination with HOME funds)
- ? Fort Collins Housing Authority, Existing Structure Acquisition
- ? Neighbor to Neighbor, Existing Structure Acquisition
- ? Beaucaire Youth Services, Public Facility Acquisition
- ? Habitat for Humanity, Land Acquisition
- ? Turning Point, Transitional Housing Acquisition
- ? Fort Collins Housing Corporation, Rehabilitation
- ? Neighbor to Neighbor, Rehabilitation
- ? Crossroads Safehouse, Rehabilitation
- ? Disabled Resource Services, Case Management
- ? Child Care Collaborative Project, Sliding Scale Tuition Assistance
- ? Elderhaus, Adult Day Programs
- ? Lutheran Family Services, Child Abuse Prevention Program
- ? Project Self-Sufficiency, Case Management
- ? Ensign Skills Center, Low Vision Client Support
- ? Women's Center, Health and Dental Care Programs
- ? Catholic Charities Northern, Senior Services Program
- ? Catholic Charities Northern, Shelter and Supportive Services
- ? Neighbor to Neighbor, Housing Counseling

The HOME Program federal allocation for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 was \$684,000, augmented by \$200,000 in program income for a total amount available of \$884,000.

The Commission allocated 48% of all HOME funds (\$423,174) to support the Home Buyer Assistance Program, which will help a minimum of 66 low to moderate income families with down payment and closing costs on the purchase of a home in Fort Collins. The remaining funds were allocated to Neighbor to Neighbor (CHDO) for its Clearview Acquisition, \$88,400 to HOME Program Administration, leaving \$269,826 in unprogrammed funds.

The CDBG Commission also recommended funding for two Fall Cycle Competitive Process proposals using City Affordable Housing Fund dollars: \$200,00 to CARE Housing, Inc. for debt reduction on the Fairbrooke Heights project, and \$100,000 to the City's Home Buyer Assistance program for previously rented properties (where federal monies cannot be used).