

1997 CDBG COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The CDBG Commission held eleven regular meetings, three public hearings, and one work session with City Council during 1997. The public hearings were held to solicit comments on the community development needs of the city. These comments were used to guide decisions concerning the allocation of CDBG funds during the next program year. The regular meetings were held to review proposal applications and monitor progress of the CDBG and HOME Programs.

The Commission provided recommendations to City Council members concerning the expenditure of \$1.2 million of CDBG funds for FY 1997-1998. The City received 25 applications for funding representing approximately \$1.8 million. The Commission reviewed all applications and recommended funding for 20 proposals. Included in the project and programs to be funded were:

- City of Ft. Collins' CDBG Administration
- CARE Housing's Acquisition of Land for Affordable Housing
- DDA's Acquisition of Addition Parkland at Martinez Park
- Neighbor-to-Neighbor's Acquisition of Land, Rehabilitation and Development Costs
- Hope Counseling's Floor-coverings, Lighting and Partition Wall
- City of Ft. Collins' Homebuyer and Closing Cost Assistance
- Crossroads' Storm Drainage and Chimney Support
- Food Distribution's Installation of Bulk Repack Area
- Healthy Start, Inc.'s Medical and Dental Care
- Disabled Resource's Support Youth Employment Program
- New Bridges' Daytime Shelter and Human Referral Center
- Project Self-Sufficiency's Project Self-Sufficiency
- Neighbor-to-Neighbor's Comprehensive Housing Counseling and Case Management
- Child Care Collaborative's Sliding Scale Tuition Assistance
- Education & Life Training Center's Adult Literacy Services
- CCN's Senior Services to Frail and Elderly and Homebound Elderly
- CCN's Shelter and Supportive Services for the Homeless
- Woman's Center - Health Care Program
- Woman's Center Community Child Care Resource and Referral
- Lutheran Family Services' Prevention of Child Abuse Program

The HOME Program federal allocation for Fiscal Year 1997-98 was \$533,000. The Commission allocated 60% of all HOME funds (\$319,800) to support the Home Buyer Assistance Program which will help a minimum of 128 low- to moderate-income families with down payment and closing costs on the purchase of a home in Fort Collins. \$159,900 is available for acquisition or development costs.