



Community Planning and Environmental Services

Advance Planning Department • Community Development Block Grant Program

1996 CDBG COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The CDBG Commission held nine regular meetings, two public hearings, and two work sessions with City Council during 1996. 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 1996-1997. The City received 19 applications for funding representing approximately \$1.6 million. The Commission reviewed all applications and recommended funding for 17 proposals. Included in the project and programs to be funded were:

- Habitat for Humanity Land for 1 House
- CARE Housing's Acquisition of Land and Development Costs for Affordable Housing
- Fort Collins Housing Authority's Acquisition of Land for Existing Apartment Complex
- DDA's Facade/Sidewalk Improvement Program
- Fort Collins Housing Authority's Development Costs - 600 Block of Tenth Street
- Elderhaus' Barn Raising: Kitchen Renovation
- Respite Care's Facility Restoration
- Education and Life Training Center's Addition to Existing Building
- Crossroads' Security System Upgrade
- Food Distribution's Fire Sprinklers and Lighting Upgrade
- Disabled Resources' Youth Employment Program
- Healthy Start, Inc.'s Medical and Dental Care
- Project Self-Sufficiency's Project Self-Sufficiency
- Catholic Charities Services Northern's Homeless Services
- Child Care Collaborative's Sliding Scale Tuition Assistance
- Neighbor-to-Neighbor's Comprehensive Housing Counseling

The HOME Program federal allocation for Fiscal Year 1996-97 was \$539,000. The Commission allocated 50% of all HOME funds (\$269,500) to support the Home Buyer Assistance Program which will help a minimum of 54 low- to moderate-income families with down payment and closing costs on the purchase of a home in Fort Collins. The Commission also reviewed one application for multi-family rental housing submitted by CARE Housing and approved \$125,000 for construction of the Eagle Tree Project.