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# 2020 Arapahoe County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Projects

## Summary of Recommended Projects for 2020

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This report contains a summary of the recommended projects for use of 2020 Arapahoe County and City of Centennial Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, as well as recommended projects for use of 2020 HOME funds. Each project includes a brief background, project description, funding request, funding recommendation, projected number of persons served, community priority level, project budget, funding sources, national objective, and national outcome.

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**ARAPAHOE COUNTY HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
CDBG & HOME PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

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**Background:** Arapahoe County Housing & Community Development Division is permitted by HUD program regulations to allocate up to 20% of the CDBG award and up to 10% of the HOME award on eligible program administration costs. The current agreement and contract with the City of Centennial to administer the City of Centennial CDBG entitlement funds allows the County to allocate up to 18% of the Centennial CDBG award on eligible program administration costs.

**Project Description:** Arapahoe County Housing & Community Development Services (HCDS) staff will allocate 20% of Arapahoe County CDBG funds, 18% of City of Centennial CDBG funds, and 10% of Arapahoe County HOME funds for eligible program administration costs from the 2020 HUD Entitlement Award. Administration funds include eligible expenses consistent with program regulations. The actual amounts will be determined once the 2020 entitlement awards are announced. In order to provide estimates on the amount of funds allocated to administration costs, level funding from 2019 to 2020 is used as a base projection. Any increase or decrease to the actual CDBG and HOME entitlement award will be reflected accordingly based on the aforementioned percentages.

**Projected Amounts:**

**Arapahoe County CDBG Administration** \$230,220 (20% of County Entitlement)

**Arapahoe County-City of Centennial CDBG Administration:** \$63,462 (18% of City Entitlement)

**Arapahoe County HOME Administration** \$67,441 (10% of Entitlement)

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**ARAPAHOE COUNTY HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**  
**EMERGENCY HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE**

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**Background:** Emergency home repairs can be a stressful situation for any homeowners, but it presents a more daunting scenario for low to moderate-income homeowners without the financial means to adequately address vital repairs and replacements. Based on the age of the housing stock in many Arapahoe County communities, repairing and replacing expensive components of a home are becoming more frequent. Residents owning and occupying older single-family homes in many communities have expressed a need and desire for financial support to assist with the high cost of things like replacing main sewer lines and other vital components and appliances. The immediate and urgent need to replace a home's main sewer line can be upwards of \$8,000 to \$15,000, which can be out of reach, financially, for many homeowners. Providing financial support to assist with these emergency repairs and replacements will ensure residents can remain housed in a safe and healthy environment without taking on, or leveraging debt and other resources needed to age in place in the comfort and familiarity of their own home.

**Project Description:** Arapahoe County Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) Staff is proposing to establish an emergency homeownership assistance program to provide financial assistance to low to moderate-income (LMI) residents (up to 80% Adjusted Median Income (AMI)) to address specific eligible repair and/or replacement projects. The eligible items will address basic adequate housing standards and health and safety issues with a primary focus on sewer line repairs and replacements, but will also include vital home components that meet program eligibility requirements like HVAC systems (boilers and furnaces), water heaters, and plumbing and electrical systems. The primary intent of the proposed project is to provide assistance for sewer line repairs and replacements from single-family homes to city main lines, but additional emergency repairs/replacements will also be eligible on a case-by-case basis. The proposed project is not specifically limited, or named a sewer line repair and replacement project, so additional emergency services may be provided when the need and circumstances align with program eligibility.

**Amount Requested:** Balance of Funds from approved projects plus GY2020 Program Income

**Amount Recommended:** Designated to receive the Balance of Funds + Program Income

**Number of Persons Served (County):** TBD based on funding

**Number of Persons Served (Centennial):** TBD based on funding

**Priority Need:** High – Direct Homeownership Assistance – Rehab

**Project Budget:** Estimated at \$8,000 - \$10,000 per household

**Funding Sources:** CDBG – County

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Affordability

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**BROTHERS REDEVELOPMENT, INC. (BRI)**  
**HOME MODIFICATION AND REPAIR PROGRAM (HMR)**

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**Background:** Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. (BRI) was established in 1971 to provide safe, affordable, accessible housing and housing services for Colorado’s low-income, elderly and disabled residents. BRI has worked with countless agency, supporters and volunteers to serve nearly 90,000 households across Colorado. In 1981, BRI was certified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a comprehensive housing counseling agency. Following certification BRI has continued to promote, preserve and protect homeownership. Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. BRI has numerous housing programs, including Home Modification and Repair, Paint-A-Thons, Neighborhood Caretakers program, asset management of 576 affordable housing units, construction and development of affordable housing, and housing counseling for homebuyers, default mortgages (foreclosures), and reverse mortgage counseling. Arapahoe County has funded BRI housing programs in the past, including the Help for Homes and Home Modification and Repair programs, and funding this request will continue the ongoing partnership.

**Project Description:** BRI’s Housing Modification and Repair (HMR) project will make home repairs, free of charge, for low-income residents that cannot afford to pay the cost of market-rate repairs. Since low-income homeowners often delay, or altogether forgo, home repairs in favor of other pressing needs, the services offered by BRI help to address this issue, enabling homeowners to spend money on other important costs beside home repairs. The 2020 HMR application is proposing to serve the following clients/households: 7 LMI households through no-cost home repairs that address and remedy conditions that pose a threat to homeowners’ health and safety; 10 LMI households through no-cost modifications to accommodate mobility and accessibility changes; 5 LMI households through no-cost sewer line repairs.

**Amount Requested:** \$150,000 (75% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$150,000 (Full Funding)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 22 Households

**Number of Persons Served (Centennial):** 0 Households

**Priority Need:** High – Direct Homeownership Assistance - Rehab

**Project Budget:** \$199,500

**Funding Sources:** General Funds, Grants, Fundraising and CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Affordability

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**BROTHERS REDEVELOPMENT, INC. (BRI)**  
**PAINT-A-THON PROGRAM (PAT)**

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**Background:** Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. (BRI) was established in 1971 to provide safe, affordable, accessible housing and housing services for Colorado’s low-income, elderly and disabled residents. BRI has worked with countless agency, supporters and volunteers to serve nearly 90,000 households across Colorado. In 1981, BRI was certified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a comprehensive housing counseling agency. Following certification BRI has continued to promote, preserve and protect homeownership. Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. BRI has numerous housing programs, including Home Modification and Repair, Paint-A-Thons, Neighborhood Caretakers program, asset management of 576 affordable housing units, construction and development of affordable housing, and housing counseling for homebuyers, default mortgages (foreclosures), and reverse mortgage counseling. Arapahoe County has funded BRI housing programs in the past, including the Help for Homes and Home Modification and Repair programs, and funding this request will continue the ongoing partnership.

**Project Description:** BRI’s Paint-A-Thon (PAT) project is a volunteer driven program that will provide no-cost services including lead-based paint remediation (if and when applicable), exterior home painting, minor landscaping, light tree trimming, light exterior home repairs and yard debris removal for low-income seniors and disabled homeowners. The 2020 program year will be the 41<sup>st</sup> year of the PAT program at Brothers, which served 21 households (10 through CDBG) in Arapahoe County last year. The 2020 PAT program is anticipated to serve 7 households, of which typically 4 would involve lead based paint remediation.

**Amount Requested:** \$15,000 (75% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$15,000 (Full Funding)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 7 Households)

**Number of Persons Served (Centennial):** 0 Households

**Priority Need:** High – Direct Homeownership Assistance - Rehab

**Project Budget:** \$20,000

**Funding Sources:** General Funds, Grants, Fundraising and CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Affordability

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**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENT ENGLEWOOD (E3)**

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**Background:** The City of Englewood receives a \$135,000 set-aside in CDBG funds annually, as established by County Policy, of which \$20,250 can be allocated to a Public Service project; Public Service projects are capped at 15% of the annual grant award. The City of Englewood has requested \$115,000 be awarded to the Energy Efficient Englewood (E3) program and \$20,000 to be allocated towards Family Tree, House of Hope staff costs. The City of Englewood Energy Efficient Englewood (E3) program has been supported with CDBG funds for many years and is currently using a 2019 grant of \$115,000 to provide grants to income-qualified homeowners for energy efficiency improvements.

**Project Description:** Energy Efficient Englewood (E3) is designed to improve energy efficiency by providing grants of up to \$8,000 to low and moderate income homeowners. The grants focus on work items that qualify for federal tax credits or other state and local rebate programs, such as: Energy Star appliances, water heaters, furnaces/boilers, windows, insulation, roofing, siding, and refrigerators. The grant requires a 20% match from the homeowner, or secured with a declining deed of trust on the property that is to be forgiven over a five-year period. The entire city is designated as the target area, and eligible applicants must be at or below 80% of the area median income. The 2020 request/application will utilize CDBG funds in the same manner as previous years, awarding grants to income-qualified homeowners within city limits. The project is anticipated to serve roughly 12 homeowners during the course of the grant year, which will provide needed homeowner improvements and preserve the affordable housing stock in the city of Englewood and Arapahoe County.

**Amount Requested:** \$115,000 (73% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$115,000 (Full Funding) City of Englewood Set-Aside

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 12

**Priority Need:** High – Direct Homeownership Assistance - Rehab

**Project Budget:** \$156,702

**Funding Sources:** CDBG and Organizational Funding

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Affordability

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## **GRID ALTERNATIVES ENERGY FOR ALL PROGRAM**

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**Background:** GRID Alternatives is the nation’s largest non-profit solar installer. Their work brings together community partners, job training groups, local governments and utility partners to make clean energy beneficial for everyone. GRID’s Energy for All program provides free rooftop photovoltaic systems for low-income households. This reduces the financial burden of home energy costs and helps to bring diversity to the movement toward sustainable energy. GRID’s approach to install solar electric systems at no cost for low-income households is a community barn-raising model, which offers a triple positive impact: lower energy costs for low-income families, hands-on learning opportunities for solar trainees, and reduction of local greenhouse gas emissions. The program includes workforce development, with an emphasis on providing opportunities for women, veterans, people of color, tribal members, and those from underrepresented communities. Our training in the growing renewable energy sector can help ensure more workers have the needed skills to secure living-wage employment and combat the job loss that the Arapahoe Consolidated Plan identified as a leading cause of homelessness. GRID also encourages clients to contribute sweat equity to their installation, recognizing that involving homeowners and community partners increases the likelihood that people will feel a sense of ownership, work together to improve the quality of life in their local community, and make choices that will benefit the global environment.

**Project Description:** GRID Alternatives will implement the same strategy and project model used in Thornton since 2015 through their CDBG program. The Energy for All program will help to preserve and modernize the existing affordable housing stock in Arapahoe County by installing free rooftop solar photovoltaic systems on homes owned and occupied by LMI residents. The PV systems have useful lives that exceed 20 years and annual monetary savings will be calculated using industry standard measurements and databases developed and maintained by the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) in Golden, CO. In addition to the financial savings for the homeowners, workforce-training hours will also be tracked, as well as the environmental impacts. In total, this project is estimated to serve 15 households.

**Amount Requested:** \$150,000 (91% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$150,000 (Full Funding) County

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 12

**Priority Need:** High – Direct Homeownership Assistance - Rehab

**Project Budget:** \$165,000

**Funding Sources:** CDBG and Organizational Funding

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Affordability

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**CITY OF LITTLETON**  
**S. BANNOCK STREET SIDEWALK RECONFIGURATION**

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**Background:** The City of Littleton receives a \$135,000 set-aside in CDBG funds annually, as established by County Policy, of which \$20,250 can be allocated to Public Service projects and the remainder, \$114,750, can be allocated toward a public facility/public infrastructure project. Public Service projects are capped at 15% of the annual grant award. City of Littleton has requested \$114,750 be allocated to S. Bannock Street sidewalk reconstruction project that will improve the overall public infrastructure, installing ADA compliant sidewalks that remove existing barriers that restrict the mobility or and accessibility to elderly and handicapped persons.

**Project Description:** City of Littleton has requested \$114,750 in CDBG funds to reconfigure the sidewalk along S. Bannock Street from W. Littleton Boulevard to W. Powers Circle, which is in Census Tract 66.01. The project would reconfigure the existing street/sidewalk to widen the sidewalk to five feet and install ADA compliant curb ramps. The reconfiguration of the sidewalks would provide the low- to moderate-income neighborhood with a more complete and safe public infrastructure that is usable by all residents, regardless of their mobility and satisfy citizens' requests for improvements in this area.

**Amount Requested:** \$114,750 (100% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$114,750 (Full Funding City of Littleton Set-Aside)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 900

**Priority Need:** High – Public Facilities and Improvements – Streets & Sidewalks

**Project Budget:** \$114,750

**Funding Sources:** CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Create Suitable Living Environments

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility

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**FAMILY TREE  
GOALS CAPITAL PROJECT**

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**Background:** For over three decades, Family Tree has provided innovative, life-changing services designed to end child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness. The mission of Family Tree “is to help people overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness to become safe, strong and self-reliant.” Family Tree’s Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-term Success (GOALS) program is a two-generation (2-Gen) short-term housing program for families experience homelessness, prioritizing services for households from Arapahoe County and Aurora. Each family residing at GOALS has a private room to be used as a temporary home, offering a safe place while they work with Family Tree and community partners to develop long-term goals for stability and economic independence. The targeted length of residency in the program is up to nine months depending upon unique family needs, with follow-up and support being measured for at least one year after leaving the residential portion of the program.

**Project Description:** The requested funding will replace the roofs on each of the three buildings (Shenandoah, Phoenix and Evergreen) which house residential, early childhood education and supportive services programs for GOALS participants. In addition, the requested funds will also replace the existing six furnace units, 40-ton capacity condensing unit and water heater for the Shenandoah building. The completion of these capital projects will enable Family Tree to safely, comfortably house, and serve up to 20 families in the program.

**Amount Requested:** \$199,500 (100% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$199,500 (County)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 20 families

**Priority Need:** High – Public Facilities & Homeless Shelters

**Project Budget:** \$199,500

**Funding Sources:** CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Create Suitable Living Environments

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility

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## TLC MEALS ON WHEELS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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**Background:** TLC Meals on Wheels, formerly called Town of Littleton Cares, is a self-governed, private, non-profit 501(C) (3) dedicated to “driving away hunger in South Metro Denver...one meal at a time since 1965.” TLC Meals on Wheels prepares hot lunches each day and volunteers deliver them to clients in Arapahoe County and southeast Jefferson County. The organization’s mission is “to enrich the lives of seniors and others by providing nutritious meals and services that promote dignity, well-being, and independence.” The core operation is to prepare and deliver meals to seniors and persons with disabilities, but an auxiliary operation is to provide nonperishable groceries on a monthly basis to those clients in greatest need, as well as offer additional products and services when available. TLC Meals on Wheels has a long-standing program in Arapahoe County, which has received CDBG funding the past few years. TLC Meals on Wheels is take ownership of their new facility shortly, after moving from Ames Elementary School.

**Project Description:** TLC Meals on Wheels is currently leasing their new program facility with the planned acquisition (partially supported by County and Centennial CDBG funds) planned for the late spring/early summer. The proposed facility improvement project will replace the HVAC roof units, including the air unit and water heater. The application by TLC Meals on Wheels to replace these items is due to the short anticipated remaining life of these key components, expected to only have a couple years of useful life remaining. Proactively replacing these items will avoid any potential significant repairs or failures that would force the replacement that could significantly jeopardize their daily operations and limit their services.

**Amount Requested:** \$68,580 (75% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$68,580 (County)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 618

**Priority Need:** High – Public Facilities & Senior & Health Services

**Project Budget:** \$91,400

**Funding Sources:** CDBG & Organization Funds (Capital Campaign)

**National Objective Category:** Create Suitable Living Environments

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility

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**ARAPAHOE COUNTY HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
EMERGENCY RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE**

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**Background:** Requests for rental assistance payments have risen over the years and our Housing Specialist position within Arapahoe County HCDS fields more requests for rental assistance than funding is available. Because of the rising housing costs and the associated increase in the number of residents paying more than 30% of their income on housing, HCDS staff is recommending providing additional emergency rent assistance to our Housing Specialist to administer. HCDS will continue to support the Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) homeless prevention services project that also provides rental assistance, which will provide more than one outlet for rental assistance. The proposed in-house project will also provide mortgage assistance if necessary, which is not provided by IFCS. Combined, these two programs will address a growing community problem and need and provide additional supportive services to further address housing related relief.

**Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to provide in-house emergency rent and mortgage assistance to low and moderate income (at, below 80% AMI) Arapahoe County residents who are struggling to pay their rent or mortgage, and especially those facing possible eviction due to their inability to pay rent. This program seeks to assist Arapahoe County residents currently housed in order to prevent homelessness. Studies have shown that it is more cost-effective to assist currently housed persons with rental assistance, with the goal of remaining housed, than the alternative of providing services after becoming homeless. The requested Arapahoe County CDBG funding will be administered by our HCDS staff, particularly our Housing Specialist to provide additional rental assistance beyond the scope and income limits of our current program.

**Amount Requested:** \$56,776 (100% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$56,776 (Partial Funding)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 50 Households

**Number of Persons Served (Centennial):** 5 Households

**Priority Need:** High – Subsistence Payments

**Project Budget:** \$50,776

**Funding Sources:** CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Affordability

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**DOCTORS CARE**  
**CONNECTION TO HEALTH COVERAGE AND HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE**

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**Background:** Doctors Care provides access to affordable healthcare, through a coalition of health care providers, to the medically underserved in South Metro Denver. Doctors Care is a private, nonprofit organization established to provide accessible medical services and improve the health of low-income residents of Arapahoe, Douglas and Elbert counties. The program offers medical care through an extensive network of physicians and hospitals who agree to treat eligible patients at significantly reduced fees. Doctors Care is then able to pass along those savings onto its low-income patients via a sliding-fee scale. Approximately fifty-four percent of Doctors Care patients live in Arapahoe County.

**Project Description:** The City of Littleton has requested \$20,250 of their entitlement funds be awarded to Doctors Care – Connection to Health Coverage and Health Care Initiative. Funding will be used to offer a total of 1,400 hours of services between certified Health Coverage Guides and trained Patient Navigators in providing assistance to a total of roughly 325 Arapahoe County residents. Gaining health coverage, along with navigation support leads to patient self-empowerment and to more preventative care, which results in a healthier individual. Health Coverage Guides provide one-on-one assistance with enrollment in either Medicaid or a subsidized plan on Connect for Health Colorado. Clients are also provided services to assist them in identifying and overcoming barriers to accessing health care, e.g. finding a primary care physician and understanding insurance coverages, terminology and billing. In summary, this project provides health care support and guidance to underserved residents of Arapahoe County with the underlying goal of increasing access to affordable health care.

**Amount Requested:** \$25,000 (12.5% of project costs)

**Amount Recommended:** \$20,250 – (Partial Funding - City of Littleton Set-Aside)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 325

**Priority Need:** High – Health Services

**Project Budget:** \$200,000

**Funding Sources:** General and Operating Funds, CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Create Suitable Living Environments

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility

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**FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER DENVER  
HOME PROGRAM MANAGER**

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**Background:** Family Promise of Greater Denver is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, independently affiliated with a national organization founded in 1988 and comprised of 171 affiliates in 41 states ([www.familypromise.org](http://www.familypromise.org)). This model brings diverse communities together to address family homelessness by providing shelter and hospitality in church facilities. Family Promise of Greater Denver began serving homeless families in November of 1997 with ten host congregations and four support congregations. Currently, there are two rotations with 22 host congregations, 42 support congregations and 2 civic groups. The mission of Family Promise of Greater Denver is “to enable an interfaith and community response to homeless families by providing shelter, meals, comprehensive assistance and encouragement toward self-reliance in an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality.” Family Promise utilizes various day sites to provide case management, referrals, counseling, housing and employment assistance at various shelter locations to provide meals, evening and overnight support and transportation to and from their locations.

**Project Description:** Family Promise will be awarded separate Arapahoe County Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds for a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. The CDBG funds requested will partially fund a HOME Program Manager, who will work with landlords to secure housing for families and then provide case management to those families for the duration of time they are eligible for the TBRA program. The end goal is for the family to be self-sufficient at the conclusion of their rental assistance program. The major obstacle Family Promise families now face is affordable housing. By combining TBRA funding and Case Management, this project will help foster a better relationship between clients and Family Promise, beyond the typical sixty day program, providing a better opportunity for families to achieve self-sufficiency.

**Amount Requested:** \$15,000 (59% of Project Budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$15,000 (Full Funding)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 8 Households

**Number of Persons Served (Centennial):** 0

**Priority Need:** High – Homeless Services

**Project Budget:** \$22,500

**Funding Sources:** CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility

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**FAMILY TREE, INC.**  
**HOUSE OF HOPE STAFFING**

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**Background:** For over three decades, Family Tree has provided innovative, life-changing services designed to end child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness. The mission of Family Tree “is to help people overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness to become safe, strong and self-reliant.” House of Hope, a 24-hour residential shelter located in Englewood, opened in 2001 to provide homeless female-headed families of Arapahoe County with safe shelter and a broad range of services. The shelter and case management enables residents to stabilize their housing situation while learning skills that will assist them in becoming self-sufficient. House of Hope accommodates up to 35 women and children at any given time, with a targeted stay of 90 days, providing families with safe and secure shelter as they pursue long-term affordable housing.

**Project Description:** The City of Englewood has requested \$20,000 of their set-aside be allocated to Family Tree - House of Hope Staffing. House of Hope provides client-centered case management to help families meet their self-sufficiency goals and rely heavily on staff to assist clients with meeting those goals. Case managers are responsible for interviews and needs assessments, which help the case managers develop a collaborative plan for self-sufficiency. In addition, the case manager provides on-going support and guidance focused on employment, housing and other pressing needs. The request for 2020 funds will partially support the current staff position of a full-time case manager. By providing a full-time case manager, House of Hope is able to support an average of 35 persons per night with coordinated services that help stabilize families and move them toward self-sufficiency faster. Because case management services are available 24 hours a day, residents have more opportunity to address pressing needs and issues as they arise, and their presence, day and night, provides an added level of supervision and security. Case managers are an integral component of the services offered by Family Tree at House of Hope and funding this request will ensure the case manager position will be staffed in 2020.

**Amount Requested:** \$30,163 (6% of project budget)

**Amount Recommended:** \$20,250 (Partial Funding - City of Englewood Set-Aside)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 41

**Priority Need:** High – Homeless Services

**Project Budget:** \$543,016

**Funding Sources:** Organizational Funding & CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility

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**INTERGRATED FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES  
HOMELESS PREVENTION**

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**Background:** Inter-Faith Community Services (IFCS) provides basic human services and enrichment programs to low- to moderate-income residents using community resources. The organization strives to support its clients in every phase of their climb to self-sufficiency and success. In doing so, IFCS operates under the philosophy of “a hand up, not a hand out,” which is demonstrated by staff respecting the dignity of each client. One of IFCS’s main goals is homeless prevention and the organization utilizes a number of programs to address this issue, including financial assistance and transitional and off-site housing. Although the organization may be best known for food and clothing banks, it offers a wide-range of services and programs that assist with everything from children clothing and school supplies to senior programs that assist with medical expenses and grocery shopping. IFCS has been at the forefront of community based efforts to address unmet basic human needs in the South Metro Denver since 1964, becoming the largest emergency and continual support system in South Metro Denver.

**Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to provide emergency rent assistance to extremely low-income and very low-income Arapahoe County residents who are struggling to pay rent and/or facing eviction. This program seeks to assist Arapahoe County residents currently housed in order to prevent homelessness. Studies have shown that it’s more cost-effective to assist currently housed persons with rental assistance, with the goal of remaining housed, than the alternative of providing services after becoming homeless. With funds from the State of Colorado’s Homeless Prevention Activities Program (HPAP), FEMA’s Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), and the requested Arapahoe County CDBG, Integrated hopes to keep approximately 33 Arapahoe County households housed in 2020.

**Amount Requested:** \$40,000 (42% of Project)

**Amount Recommended:** \$35,000 (Partial Funding)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 100 (33 Households)

**Priority Need:** High – Subsistence Payments

**Project Budget:** \$93,735

**Funding Sources:** Organizational Funding, CDBG, HPAP, EFSP

**National Objective Category:** Provide Decent Affordable Housing

**National Outcome Category:** Affordability

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## PROJECT ANGEL HEART HOME DELIVERED MEALS

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**Background:** For over 20 years, Project Angel Heart (PAH) has been preparing and home-delivering individually modified meals, free of charge, to people living with life-threatening illnesses. While proper nutrition is important to everyone, it is absolutely critical for those living with life threatening illness, because they often have limited ability to absorb nutrients, decreased appetites, nausea, decreased energy and other complications. While poor and improper nutrition can be catastrophic for patients, balanced nutritious meals can provide the energy and response needed to battle illnesses. Because of this dichotomy, PAH is dedicated to promoting the health, dignity and self-sufficiency of people living with life-threatening illnesses with care and compassion. Project Angel Heart provides nutrient-dense, medically appropriate meals, modified as necessary to meet diagnosis-based dietary restrictions. Project Angel Heart's singular goal is to improve their clients' nutritional status, thereby strengthening their ability to fight their disease and improve their quality of life.

**Project Description:** The proposed 2020 project providing home-delivered meals in Arapahoe County is a continuous and ongoing project that has received CDBG funds in previous years. Each week meals are prepared and packaged in-house, and a week's worth of frozen meals are delivered on Saturday to each client's home by volunteers. As previously noted, the meals are provided free of charge. All meals are individually tailored to ensure they meet client's needs and restrictions. No other meal program in Colorado is able to accommodate medically necessitated diet restrictions, making PAH a valuable public service provider. The 2020 project is projected to serve 170 Arapahoe County residents living with life-threatening illness, alleviating barriers to accessing and preparing healthy food that meets their needs and dietary restrictions.

**Amount Requested:** \$62,700 (10% of Project)

**Amount Recommended:** \$40,000 (Partial Funding – County & Centennial Split)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 170

**Number of Persons Served (Centennial):** 42

**Priority Need:** High – Health Services

**Project Budget:** \$608,676

**Funding Sources:** Organizational Funding & CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Create Suitable Living Environments

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility

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**SENIOR HUB  
RURAL MEALS ON WHEELS**

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**Background:** The Senior Hub, Inc. is a senior services agency offering support and referrals to older adults primarily in the North Denver Metro area, but also serving seniors in Aurora and the rural eastern I-70 corridor. The mission of The Senior Hub “is to advance the quality of life for older adults through advocacy, community partnerships and a variety of direct services planned to sustain an independent, healthy aging experience.” Senior Hub has a long-standing program in rural Arapahoe County, which has received CDBG funding the past few years. The funding request will enable the organization to continue serving rural Arapahoe County residents.

**Project Description:** The Senior Hub’s Rural Meals on Wheels program provides nutritious meals to, and regular monitoring of, homebound older adults in rural Arapahoe County. The program helps maintain and improve the nutritional levels of rural older adults in Bennett, Strasburg, Watkins, Byers and Deer Trail. Meals are subsidized for low-income persons when grant funding permits. The Rural Meals on Wheels program is the only such program meeting the needs of older adults in these communities. Volunteers deliver frozen meals once a week and an alternative “Market Basket” is an available option, which provides 10 frozen meals plus fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, bread, cereals, dried fruits, crackers, peanut butter and canned goods. In addition to providing meals and food, the organization responds to other client needs as they are identified. One of the additional benefits of the program is the human interaction and relationships that build between clients and volunteers delivering meals. The 2020 request for funding is anticipated to serve 60 rural Arapahoe County clients.

**Amount Requested:** \$16,500 (47% of Project)

**Amount Recommended:** \$16,500 (Full Funding)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 45

**Number of Persons Served (Centennial):** 0

**Priority Need:** High – Senior Services

**Project Budget:** \$35,182

**Funding Sources:** Grants & CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Create Suitable Living Environments

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility

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**TLC MEALS ON WHEELS**  
**MEALS ON WHEELS**

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**Background:** TLC Meals on Wheels, formerly called Town of Littleton Cares, is a self-governed, private, non-profit 501(C) (3) dedicated to “driving away hunger in South Metro Denver...one meal at a time since 1965.” TLC Meals on Wheels prepares hot lunches each day and volunteers deliver them to clients in Arapahoe County and southeast Jefferson County. No one is restricted from receiving meals due to financial status, but the recommended fee is \$4 per meal, or \$20 per week. The organization’s mission is “to enrich the lives of seniors and others by providing nutritious meals and services that promote dignity, well-being, and independence.” As mentioned, the core operation is to prepare and deliver meals to seniors and persons with disabilities, but an auxiliary operation is to provide nonperishable groceries on a monthly basis to those clients in greatest need, as well as offer additional products and services when available. TLC Meals on Wheels has a long-standing program in Arapahoe County, which has received CDBG funding the past few years. The funding request will ensure this program continues in 2020.

**Project Description:** CDBG funds reimburse TLC Meals on Wheels for groceries purchased to prepare lunches for low- and moderate-income clients living in Centennial, Englewood, Greenwood Village, Littleton, Sheridan, and surrounding areas within western Arapahoe County (west of I-25). TLC Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals to homebound elderly and disabled individuals. This service helps people remain living independently in the security and familiarity of their own home. With pro bono guidance from a registered dietician, TLC’s kitchen staff prepares meals that are nutritious and appropriate to the health needs of seniors. Roughly, 102,000 meals will be provided to seniors and homebound residents in western Arapahoe County during the grant year with the goal of a decreased incidence of food insecurity and a decreased incidence of loneliness and depression in the senior homebound population.

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000 (5% of Project)

**Amount Recommended:** \$40,000 (Partial Funding - City of Centennial Funds)

**Number of Persons Served (County):** 650

**Number of Persons Served (Centennial):** 100

**Priority Need:** High – Senior Services

**Project Budget:** \$992,000

**Funding Sources:** General Funds, Grants and CDBG

**National Objective Category:** Create Suitable Living Environments

**National Outcome Category:** Availability/Accessibility