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COMMUNITY & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) works to serve as a catalyst for community partnerships, collaborations and change that will improve the lives for low and moderate income persons in the El Paso Community.

DCHD provides valuable funding that enables the City to revitalize low and moderate income neighborhoods, strengthen social services delivery systems, improve safety and living conditions, increase recreational opportunities and affordable housing

opportunities, address the problems associated with homelessness and generally enhance the quality of life for low and moderate income El Pasoans.

DIVISIONS / CORE SERVICES:

- Grants and Program Administration administers planning, implementation, public services, aging services and monitoring functions of the Department
- Housing Programs
 - First-Time Home Buyers
 - Single-Family Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
 - Investor-Owned Housing Rehabilitation
 - Energy Conservation Grants
 - Accessibility Grants
- Neighborhood Services
 - Neighborhood Outreach
 - Neighborhood Association Registration
 - Trees For Me Initiative
 - Empowerment Zone Capacity Building
 - Livable Communities Project
 - Family Asset Development
- Administration of multiple Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants, which total approximately \$14.4 million
- Administration of various subsidiary grants, in the amount of approximately \$1.7 million

ACHIEVEMENTS FY05

Since 1975, \$295 million in Community Development Block Grant funds have been utilized to address local needs. During 2004-2005, the DCHD achieved the following:

- Expended 100% of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the benefit of low and moderate income persons
- Completed 21 public facility activities, totaling \$5,171,207, which provided essential street and drainage improvements, parks facilities, lighting, accessibility and fire equipment to low and moderate income neighborhoods
- Implemented 46 public service activities that positively impacted the lives of 23,402 persons
- Funded a Homeless Planner position that enabled El Paso to receive \$4,016,556 in HUD Super NOFA Continuum of Care Supportive Housing Program Competition funding
- Utilized \$203,457 of Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program funds to complete the lead removal and renovation of 12 single-family homes in El Paso
- Provided over \$4 million in loans for down payment assistance, closing costs and principal buy-down for 201 income qualified homebuyers through the First Time Homebuyers Program, while leveraging over \$7 million in private mortgage financing under this program

