

Community & Human Development

The Department of Community and Human Development utilizes federal entitlement grant funds to improve the quality of life for low-income residents by addressing the issues of affordable housing, social services, neighborhood revitalization and homelessness in El Paso. Since 1975, over \$313 million has been used to improve and revitalize low-income neighborhoods in El Paso. The Department was honored as one of four cities in the nation to receive the John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award for exemplifying the spirit of the CDBG program through the events held during the Department's CD Week. The CDBG program itself saw 77 projects completed in FY06, improving quality of life for low-income neighborhoods.



Highlights in FY 06

- Neighborhood Services Division launch of Neighborhood Improvement Program, revitalizing low-income neighborhoods through Neighborhood Clean-Ups
- Housing Division served 178 families and placed 136 low-income homebuyers in new homes
- Provided funding to non-profit agencies, enabling them to serve over 13,000 people, including low-and-moderate income residents, disabled seniors/adults,

- children/youth and homeless people
- Over 1,700 seniors volunteered over 382,700 hours through the Retired and Senior Volunteer and Foster Grandparent Programs
- Implemented Project FOCUS, which provided Peer Counseling to older adults who are homebound and in need of counseling

El Paso Public Library

The El Paso Public Library was established in 1894 and is the longest continuously operating public library system in Texas. Today, our library system continues to provide local residents with state-of-the-art facilities and resources for literacy, information technology and lifelong learning. It is recognized nationally as an industry leader and stands as a testament to the progressive spirit of El Paso. The 2000 Quality of Life bond issue, passed overwhelmingly by voters, brought 4 brand new libraries to our city, all of which will continue to inspire future generations of El Pasoans to greatness. The El Paso Public Library is proud to be the First Public Library of Texas.



Highlights in FY 06

- Opened the new Lower Valley Branch Library
- Completed construction on the newly expanded Main Library, as well as the Esperanza Acosta Moreno Regional Branch
- 30,000 people attended the Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros celebration

- 24,000 youths participated in Summer Reading Club programs
- Increased visitation by 10% at the branches
- Provided excellent customer service with limited resources