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**GLENDALE HOSTS STATEWIDE CDBG WEEK
CELEBRATION AND AWARDS PROGRAM APRIL 12**

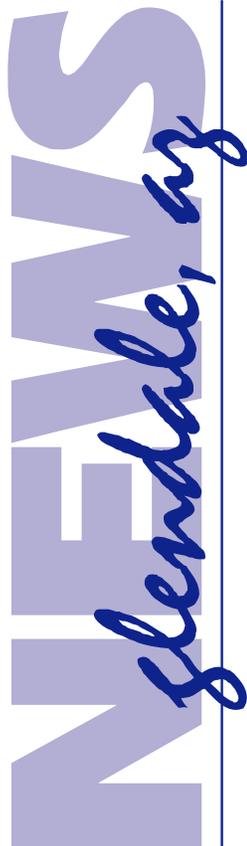
GLENDALE, Ariz. – A statewide celebration to mark the 33rd anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will be held at Glendale’s Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Avenue, on Thursday, April 12.

The event will showcase how federal CDBG money has benefited local communities. The CDBG program has been in operation since 1975, providing local governments with the resources to help address critical community needs. Over its years of existence, the program has emphasized the importance of local needs and the importance of developing strong relationships between local government, citizens, and non-profit agencies.

During National Community Development Week, April 9-15, recognition will be given across the country to the thousands of participants and the many programs that demonstrate the partnerships and the effectiveness of this valuable program. This year’s theme is “Building Strong Communities.”

Locally, Arizona cities will recognize significant projects and programs made possible through CDBG funds. A total of ten awards will be presented representing a wide range of projects from a new senior center, a park expansion to a program offering training in direct care giving. Each community has determined how the money is best spent for their residents.

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Arizona CDBG Celebration

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Attendees at the award luncheon will hear a keynote address from Christine Odom, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity, Valley of the Sun. Welcoming comments will be provided by Glendale Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs.

In addition, attendees will have the chance to see the results of the improvements to Catlin Court during walking tours offered in the morning. In addition, the daylong event will include an award presentation that will recognize the Catlin Court Historic District Association and the city's Community Partnerships Department for their support of the Catlin Court project.

The final changes to Historic Catlin Court were completed in February, but the funding and design process began several years earlier. The neighborhood residents will benefit from new shade trees, brick pavers at crosswalks, driveway approaches and aprons, an irrigation system and benches in the right-of-way area. All the improvements provide continued preservation of the character of the historic area.

The event will offer two educational seminars, as well. Glendale's Economic Development Director Karen Thoreson will present a session entitled "Developing Communities," between 1 and 2 p.m. The second session, between 2 and 3 p.m. will be "Lead-Based Paint Concerns," presented by Steve Travers, Vice-President of Allstate Environmental Services, Inc.

For more information on the program, contact the Community Revitalization Division at 623-930-3670.

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