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## CITY PROCLAIMS APRIL 12-18 AS CDBG WEEK

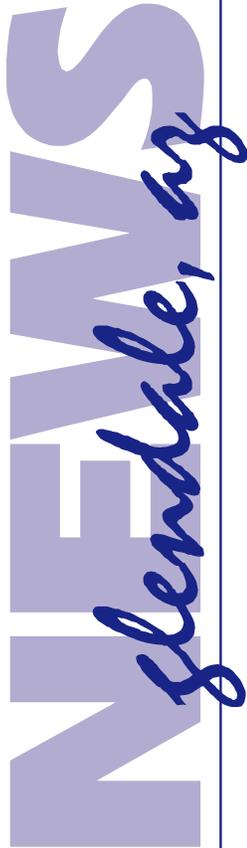
**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** – The Glendale Mayor and City Council proclaim April 12-18 as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) week in recognition of the positive benefits achieved locally by this federally-funded program.

Glendale began receiving CDBG funds in 1977 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Over the last thirty-two years, the city has been allocated more than \$59 million for the purpose of improving the physical and social conditions of Glendale residents. In FY 2008-2009, \$2,510,350 in CDBG funding leveraged more than \$3,761,648 of other state, local and private funds. In addition, the city leveraged \$6,564,879 from agencies providing direct services to our residents. This resulted in a total of \$12,836,877 in benefits to our community relative to CDBG, almost four times the actual CDBG grant award.

Examples of CDBG activities include:

- Housing Rehabilitation Programs – Glendale homeowners are directly assisted through a variety of programs, which include the Residential Rehabilitation, Replacement Housing, Roof Repair/Replacement, and Exterior Improvement programs. Additional programs provide home accessibility modifications and emergency home repairs. Last fiscal year, over 262 Glendale families benefitted from these essential programs.
- Homeownership Opportunities – The city partners with non-profit agencies to enable Glendale residents to become homeowners through infill housing and first-time homebuyer programs.

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## **CDBG Week**

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- Elimination of Blighting Conditions – Through our Voluntary Demolition Program, ten dilapidated, vacant structures were demolished in 2008 and cleared to eliminate blighting/dangerous conditions and encourage redevelopment.
- Public Facilities and Improvements – CDBG funds have been used for the construction or renovation of public facilities, such as youth centers and community centers. The funding also supports neighborhood improvements, such as sidewalks, curb cuts, and street lights. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, YWCA of Maricopa County, and St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance all recently benefitted from this program.
- Human Services – The CDBG program allocates funds to non-profit agencies offering social service programs, such as congregate meals for elderly residents, legal counseling services, and other general assistance for seniors, youth, disabled persons, domestic violence victims, and homeless prevention. In FY 2008-2009, it is estimated that more than 22,000 individuals will benefit from these programs.

To find out more about these programs and if you qualify, please call the Community Revitalization Division office at 623-930-3670 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships](http://www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships).

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