



# CDBG Project Summary Sheet

2019 Project Reviews for AAP

**Applicant Name:** Victim Services - PD  
**Project:** Domestic Violence Financial Support  
**Activity(ies):** Temporary, limited housing & utility support to victims of domestic violence and their children  
**Funding Requested:** \$42,000 (\$1,750 per household estimate = 24 households)

## General Description:

Returning applicant to CDBG. In 2018, the PD's Victim Service Unit 10-member team responded to 599 domestic violence cases. They respond on scene to provide seamless support for victims and their families. They are on call 24/7/365 and provide immediate crisis intervention at the hospital or the victim's home. They focus on safety, healing, justice and recovery. They provide advocacy to the family through the process and refer them to additional resources.

## Project Description – Please keep this information confidential

To provide temporary, limited housing support payments to escape the abuse and avoid homelessness. Payments are made directly to the billing entity (utility, landlord or mortgage company, hotel, etc). Emergency cell phones may also be provided. Financial assistance typically will run for one month.

## Overall Benefit or Impact to the City

1. Crime prevention
2. Helping 24 C3 victims/families escape their abuser and avoid homelessness
3. Improves City's level of service to crime victims
4. Improves resident's health and safety
5. All money is directly assisting the clients
6. High profile, positive image to City and PD

## Agency Experience and Ability

1. C3 Police Department
2. Kim Messina is Victim Services Coordinator, 5 staff, 7 trained volunteers
3. VS has experience with Federal and State grants

4. Project is ongoing and ready to expand
5. Financial records available on request
6. Funding sources are in place if annual budget is approved
7. VS has been a part of the City PD since 1980s
8. Two years with the City's CDBG program

**LMI Benefit**

1. 24 households = 76 residents
2. LMI is presumed by HUD - 100% LMI

**Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

1. Entire program budget from Victim Services can be leveraged into the project. >100%

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Inter-Governmental Agreement between Brighton and C3.
2. Housing Needs Assessment



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**Applicant Name:** Audio Information Network of Colorado  
**Project:** Information for Blind and Print Disabled Residents  
**Activity(ies):** Provide audio services for residents who cannot see or read – plus bilingual  
**Funding Requested:** \$29,726 (\$20,407 for staff and \$9,319 operating costs)

## General Description

Founded 28 years ago, AINC provides news and information in audio to some of the most vulnerable adults in Colorado--those who cannot read print materials due to blindness, low vision or the inability to read print materials because of a physical or learning disability, neurological disorder or literacy issue. AINC is the only service in Colorado providing audio access to local newspapers, grocery discount ads, transit guides, nutrition tips and a host of disease prevention and health promotion materials for those who cannot read.

Those who cannot read are often unable to meet their basic needs and access news and information that would allow them to be engaged, productive, and responsible citizens. Our mission is to share relevant print in audio format (English and Spanish) so that blind/low vision and print-disabled listeners can make informed civic, economic and health decisions; remain connected to their communities; maintain independence longer; and have a higher quality of life.

Diabetes is the top cause of blindness in the U.S. and Hispanics of Mexican descent are at greater genetic risk for diabetes. Current Hispanic AINC listeners are younger (mean age of 56) compared to Caucasian listeners (mean age of 65).

Over 150 volunteers read and record materials. Bi-lingual recordings are shared as on-demand podcasts and on live regional broadcasts that run 24/7 on the internet, using a toll-free telephone system, or via a digital receiver that does not require internet or TY.

## **Project Description**

To reach blind/low vision and print-disabled listeners in Commerce City. Free services include equipment, in-home setup and training, in-home and remote troubleshooting, equipment maintenance and studio technology upkeep, and ongoing program preference monitoring.

In this pilot project, they collaborate with technology experts to provide discounted small cell broadband building-wide at senior living housing, and at locations with many seniors living nearby (e.g., 55+ manufactured home parks). Placed on a rooftop, such equipment extend internet between 1 to 3 miles. Internet access provided through a "smart-speaker" (e.g., Amazon Echo) provides approximately 50 residents with reliable access to all of the basic local news and information that AINC offers and more. New opportunities for web-based health care (e.g., "virtual" medical checkups), social networking, and other emerging service offerings are available with a simple voice command through smart-speakers.

They collaborate with, but do not duplicate the services of the Colorado Talking Book Library (mails books on CD/tape) and Learning Ally (records textbooks). Their focus is on providing local news and this is why we have three regional broadcasts-Northern Front Range, Southern, and the Western Slope. They already provide many Adams County specific and Denver-Metro area news publications on our broadcast. For this project, they will add the "Commerce City Connected" publication and other local publications (Senior newsletter, Channel 8, etc).

## **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Quality of life and dramatically improved for 50 of the most vulnerable city residents
2. Health and safety are improved for 50 of the most vulnerable city residents
3. Great outreach format for Spanish speaking seniors/LMI
4. Improved affordable internet connection for hundreds of our LMI residents
5. Increase communication abilities for the City and other service organizations



### **Agency Experience and Ability**

Community Development Block Grants in: Arapahoe County, the City and County of Denver, Douglas County, the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, and the City of Grand Junction. Three consecutive Colorado Compassion Initiative Grants. Currently responsible for reporting for AINC's contract with the Denver Regional Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging and the contract with the Boulder County Area Agency on Aging.

### **LMI Benefit**

1. 50 households
2. 100% LMI - Presumed Status

### **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

1. 100% estimated

### **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

Housing Needs Assessment



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**Applicant Name:** Groundwork Denver  
**Project:** Commerce City Green Team Youth Employment Program  
**Activity(ies):** Employ 15 Commerce City youth to perform City environmental improvements  
**Funding Requested:** \$64,187 requested for youth wages

## **General Description:**

Groundwork Denver (GWD) was founded in 2002, and unlike other environmentally-focused organizations, GWD builds partnerships with residents, businesses, nonprofits, and City agencies to deliver programs and resources that assist lower-income communities in making a wide range of environmental improvements, while also building diverse community involvement and providing leadership and job training opportunities.

GWD's mission is to bring about the sustained improvement of the physical environment and promote health and well-being through community-based partnerships and action. GWD also focuses on job training, leadership, and skill development for the residents of the low-income neighborhoods it serves.

Past projects have included building and maintaining urban gardens and farms, cleaning up parks and waterways, planting trees, measuring water quality, conducting door-to-door outreach to share opportunities for residents, sorting waste at community events, building trails, and adding youth voice to a planning process.

## **Project Description:**

In 2019, GWD completes a three-year grant with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). This grant funded GWD's Commerce City youth employees for the past three years. Without CDBG funds, GWD will have to cease providing this service to Commerce City youth or significantly reduce the number of youth the organization is able to serve (or combine with Denver).

In addition, GWD is seeking to hire a school-year youth team in Commerce City, which would significantly increase the program length and the number of hours youth are able to work. With funding from CDBG, GWD will be able to serve 10 youth through its summer Green Team and 5 youth through its school-year Green Team, a marked increase from the total of 8 served last year.

To implement the proposed work, GWD will provide 8-10 Commerce City youth with 160 hours each of paid employment in the summer of 2020, and an additional 5 youth for 265 hours each of paid employment during the 2020-2021 school year. Youth are recruited through targeted outreach in Commerce City high schools and community-based organizations by working one-on-one with counselors, teachers, community organizers, and other adults to identify candidates for the program and give presentations to various youth groups and classes. In recruiting for these positions, GWD will target LMI youth who live and/or attend school in Commerce City, prioritizing South Commerce City.

GWD's programs include:

1. Leadership Development & Job Skills Training, please see program description.
2. Land Transformations, through which GWD partners with communities to transform underutilized properties for public benefit, increase access to natural areas, and improve the built environment.
3. The Climate and Energy Initiative, through which GWD has engaged more than 20,000 households in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy conservation, recycling, and tree planting. GWD's energy team provides free energy audits and energy efficiency upgrades to low-income families.
4. The Urban Waters Initiative, through which GWD builds partnerships to address watershed issues, developing and continuing to implement a watershed plan for Bear Creek, volunteer activities to improve riparian corridors, and improving access to the South Platte River from low-income neighborhoods.
5. The Securing Healthy Food Program, through which GWD grows vegetables in its greenhouse and distributes them, along with food rescued from backyard gardeners, to the community at pay-what-you-can farm stands, mobile markets, and through donations.



## **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Youth education and training in “hard” skills such as proper tool use, planting techniques, trail maintenance, plant identification, and more
2. Youth education and training on “soft” skills such as communication, attitude, problem solving, teamwork, and timeliness
3. Youth education and training in “professional” skills which includes resume development, interviews, and filling out new hire paperwork
4. Physical improvements to Commerce City neighborhoods, parks, trails, and community projects
5. Increased youth employment

## **Agency Experience and Ability**

Last year, within the Denver area, the Green Team employed 71 youth who worked over 8,700 hours alongside 92 collaborative partners. Further, the Green Team has demonstrated consistent growth since its inception, increasing the number of youth served, the paid job training hours available to those youth, the list of collaborative community partners that work alongside them, and the efficacy of programming.

GWD has successfully managed numerous Federal, State, and City contracts including:

- \$228,500 (EPA Lead Outreach and Training);
- \$330,000 (Colorado Department of Labor);
- \$230,000 (Colorado Department of Transportation CMAQ);
- \$169,100 (Department of Interior/US Fish and Wildlife Service),
- \$70,000 (CDPHE WQCD), and
- \$80,000 (City of Denver CDBG).

## **LMI Benefit**

1. 15 households = 47 residents
2. 80% LMI youth estimate

## **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

\$14,973 in match = 23.3% leverage

## **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Walk, Bike, Fit
2. Youth Master Plan





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**Applicant Name:** Almost Home, Inc.  
**Project:** Homelessness Prevention Program  
**Activity(ies):** Temporary payments of housing and utility expenses plus case management support for residents at risk of being evicted or foreclosed.  
**Funding Requested:** \$27,911.08 requested (\$20,000 assistance, \$7,911.08 for staffing)

## **General Description:**

A current 2-bedroom Fair Market Rent in Adams Co. is \$1,310. To afford this you need an income of \$50,000 or 2.7 full-time minimum wage jobs.

Since 1986 Almost Home has assisted the Adams County area by providing

1. a 30-bed homeless shelter for individuals and families,
2. homelessness prevention with rental/mortgage assistance,
3. utility and water assistance,
4. case management with additional resources, with an educational component (ESL/GED, etc.), and
5. follow-up on the residents to help keep the clients from homelessness for three months after assistance.

Over the past 25 years, Almost Home has assisted over 47,000 individuals, 25,000 of which were children.

## **Project Description –**

The overall goal is to reduce the number of resident becoming homeless by providing gap funding for rent/mortgage, water and utility bills. In 2018, Almost Home received 443 eligible assistance requests from Commerce City residents but were only able to assist 30 households.

This application seeks to fund homelessness prevention for an additional 40 households in Commerce City. Every household provided with rental assistance receives case management to help with resource navigation (food

assistance, job placement assistance, health care, etc.). By providing this case management, they help clients work toward self-sufficiency and avoid the possibility of being in the same financial crisis in the future. Households with minor-aged children in the home may receive up to \$500 in direct assistance, while those without may receive up to \$350.

The assistance includes \$20,000 in homelessness prevention services (#2 - #5 above) and the payment of 4.5% of the staffing costs for a year.

**Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Direct homelessness prevention for an additional 40 households
2. Personal, one-of-one assistance for residents in crisis
3. After assistance, residents are on more stable footing.

**Agency Experience and Ability**

1. Almost Home has run their homelessness prevention program for over 20 years.
2. They have experience with Federal funding sources

**LMI Benefit**

1. 40 households = 126 residents
2. 100% LMI

**Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

$30 \times \$697.77 = \$20,933.10$

75% Leverage

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Assessment Plan
- 2.



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**Applicant Name:** The Senior Hub  
**Project:** Homecare  
**Activity(ies):** Expanding services for seniors personal Home Care, including bilingual services  
**Funding Requested:** \$20,000 requested - \$18,667 caregiver wages, \$1,333 for marketing and outreach.

## **General Description:**

The Senior Hub provides a continuum of services furnished by six ongoing programs, making it easier for older adults to navigate through the many phases of aging. We continue to meet the need for in-home independence through direct services because this is the most efficient way to facilitate aging in place. In 2018, The Senior Hub helped 5,116 people with a continuum of services provided through an array of programs.

The six services provided include Home Care, Meals on Wheels, Rural Meals on Wheels, Senior Solutions, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and Adult Day Services. Homecare services include personal care, with an emphasis on maintenance of clients' Activities of Daily Living, as well as companionship and household assistance, such as meal preparation, light housekeeping, laundry, pet care and services, respite and support for family caregivers, etc..

Homecare Services is certified by the State of Colorado as a Class B Home Care Agency (non-medical) and is also Medicaid-certified. The program serves seniors in Adams County, our primary service area, but we also provide some care in Arapahoe, Broomfield, Jefferson and Denver counties.

## Need

1. Commerce City has one of the largest percentages of low income seniors on the front range.
2. Because Commerce City has a high percentage of Spanish speaking only households, Bi-lingual home workers are mandatory. Care workers will need to also be culturally sensitive to the aging Hispanic population we will be serving.

3. Recruiting and retaining home workers in our service area continues to be a challenge due in part to lower starting wages. Commerce City is even more difficult due to geographic distance from most of our current care workers.

According to 2017 Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) there are over 3,000 people over 65+ years of age in Commerce City, and this number is growing. At least 18% of this population live below the poverty level. Most of these older adults want to remain in their own homes, and Homecare Services benefits seniors by enabling them to do this. The program also benefits the taxpayers of Commerce City by helping low- income older adults avoid placement in taxpayer supported assisted living facilities.

### **Project Description:**

To meet the Homecare needs in Commerce City we will:

1. We currently pay our care workers \$12.00 per hour. Market rates for bi-lingual and special skilled care workers is \$15-\$17 per hour. A rate we cannot currently meet to be competitive in Commerce City. Grant funds would allow us to meet the wage gap to attract the workers to meet the need to reach more seniors in need of service. We will hire a total of five care workers to serve older adults in Commerce City. Out of those 5, at least 2 will be fluent in Spanish.
2. We will also provide a travel incentive to those who can meet client case need out of their immediate service area.
3. We will expand our existing partnerships in Commerce City ( Fire Dept-current Meals on Wheels delivery site, Commerce City Recreation Center, Mercy Housing, Adalente and Commerce City Council members) to recruit and retain more bi-lingual care workers from the area.
4. We will expand our reach for staff at job fairs, help wanted ads, online job boards and referrals.



5. We are partnering with other local caregiving/homecare agencies which will allow us the ability to meet increasing caseloads. Partnering with Maria Zubia, Director of Community Outreach we expect to expand our search even further into the community.
6. Additional efforts will include advertising in Commerce City's Connected Newsletter, Commerce City Sentinel, Metro West and Colorado Community Media-Adams County. As well as Spanish publications that will include La Prensa de Colorado Spanish Newspaper, Viva Colorado and La Voz Bilingual to market our Homecare services.

#### **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Senior resident's non-medical needs are being met/improved services for our seniors
2. Bilingual/cultural needs are being met for our seniors
3. Senior have more ability to age in place

#### **Agency Experience and Ability**

Ms. Bowman been managing DRCOG, Municipality and State funding grants for 11 years and currently manages Arapahoe County CDBG funding. With the oversight of Ms. Knight, Ms Bowman and Ms. Blake will continue to guarantee the accurate record keeping and reporting needed for CDBG funding.

#### **LMI Benefit**

1. 9 households = 28 residents
2. 100% LMI – presumed status
3. \$2,222 per household

#### **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

100% leveraging

#### **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Needs Assessment





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**Applicant Name:** Commerce City Historical Society  
**Project:** History Coloring Book and Reading Book Distribution  
**Activity(ies):** Historical coloring book plus coloring contest and book distribution for all Adams 14 ~~and 27J~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders respectively.  
**Funding Requested:** Asking \$11,640 (history coloring books/contest, chapter books, supplies) *Only LMI eligible for Adams 14 and one booth event which equates to \$8,320.*

## General Description and Project Description

The Commerce City Historical Society works with area schools to provide local, historical education to children. This investment instills civic pride and a sense of belonging. The outreach methods include providing historical coloring books and crayons to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. This culminates with a city-wide coloring competition with an award ceremony and prizes.

Upon approval of the grant; We will print the coloring books (2000). We will order 2000 boxes of crayons. *(Adjusts to 1,000)* We will organize the delivery dates with the teachers. In April we will deliver the coloring books to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes to the schools in Adams 14 ~~and 27J~~ in the CC boundaries. The pages submitted for the contest will be picked up and judged by the CCHS Board of Directors.

We will display them at the museum and hold a reception on a Saturday in May to hand out certificates and prizes for winners from each school. We get prizes from the city, McDonald's and other local businesses. We will give coloring books and crayons out to children that attend the Commerce City outreach events. We will give approximately 500 books away at these 2 events *(Adjusts to 250 at one event)*. One in June and one in August. We buy the chapter books from the Scholastic Book Fair in December and deliver them in May.

The program is: History Coloring Book Distribution and Coloring Contest. The funds that we are requesting will be used to print 1500 coloring books, buy 1500 boxes of crayons. *(Adjusts to 750 each)* We will make nice certificates to

present to each student for the top selections from each school. We will give prizes worth \$50 per person (*Adjusts to 7 schools and approximately 14 awards*). This also includes printing costs. We will buy refreshments for the Museum reception and we will need money to buy some stamps for sending letters to the teachers and for some office products. This project includes Adams 14 School District ~~and 27J School District~~.

We will also buy and distribute 1,500 reading books to deliver to all the third-grade classes in Adams 14 school district ~~and 27J~~. (*Adjusts to 750*)

(\$3.88 per resident = 3,000 residents)

#### **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Teaches young children about their local history in a fun way
2. Assists teachers teach local history
3. To disseminate information to raise interest in the history of our area by historical material
4. Exposes the children and their families to local history and an environment that they would not likely know about or experience
5. Provides a family activity through reading and art
6. Promotes civic pride

#### **Agency Experience and Ability**

No federal grant administration experience.

#### **LMI Benefit (*With adjustments*)**

1. 750 households = 2,363 residents
2. 73% LMI per 2016 census

#### **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging (*With adjustments*)**

\$5,000 = 60% leverage

#### **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Commerce City Historical Preservation Plan – Jan 2015





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**Applicant Name:** CDBG  
**Project:** Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP)  
**Activity(ies):** Rehabilitate LMI owner-occupied homes for accessibility, health & safety, weatherization, energy efficiency, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and structural improvements  
**Funding Requested:** \$178,500 (20 homes)

## **General Description:**

Funded in the 2017 AAP for \$101,121 and 2018 for \$155,655, this is a continuation of the MHRP. It will provide free home rehabilitation services to LMI owner-occupied home owners in Commerce City. Projects can include items related to health, safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility. Over 130 applications were distributed in the first 11 weeks of the program. Fifty-two (52) MHRP applications were received (as of April 15, 2019).

## **Project Description**

The Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP) will provide grants up to \$7,500 (plus taxes, permits & admin) to rehabilitate approximately 20 LMI owner-occupied homes. This program will prioritize the repair work based on improving the safety, health and accessibility of the residents in their homes. The City has engaged the services of a CDBG home repair contractor, Brother's Redevelopment to continue to assist in the launch and daily operations of the 2017 and 2018 Minor Home Repair Programs.

The CDBG Office will coordinate with other area service providers to increase the positive financial and rehabilitation impacts to C3 LMI homeowners.

Educational and referral components of the MHRP may also be offered for homeowners to provide useful tools for the long-term maintenance and repairs of their homes.

\$7,500 + \$450 (permits & fees) + \$750(Contractor and City admin) = \$8,700 per home est.

**Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Improves resident's health, safety, accessibility and energy efficiency
2. Improves overall community/neighborhood
3. Greatly assist the more vulnerable in C3 – seniors, the disabled, the poor, etc.
4. Meets a clearly identified need in the Consolidated Plan
5. Develops a positive relationship between residents and the city
6. Reduces code violations
7. Improves the tax base
8. Meets an identified need by the citizenry

**Agency Experience and Ability**

1. Continuing program for the city
2. Will work with experienced Contractor to accept and screen applications, inspect the properties, produce a prioritized work plan & budget, contract and supervise the work, and perhaps provide additional educational services for the homeowners.
3. Will coordinate with Housing Authority's Home Improvement Loan program

**LMI Benefit**

1. 20 LMI household = 63 LMI residents assisted
2. 100% LMI

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Plan



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**Applicant Name:** Arapahoe County Weatherization (AC WX)  
**Project:** Energy Efficiency Project  
**Activity(ies):** Provide energy conservation services in a safe, cost effective manner.  
**Funding Requested:** \$75,000 (10 households – 32 residents)

## **General Description:**

Arapahoe County Weatherization (AC WX) has been providing energy conservation and health and safety measures to homes since the late 1970's. City funded in 2018 and so far going well.

In 1997, we began providing these services in Adams County. They have weatherized 11,005 homes of low-income homeowners and renters, over the past thirteen years. AC WX employees possess over 190 years of combined experience with the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Management and mid-level supervisors have 76 years of combined WAP experience.

## **Project Description**

AC WX provides weatherization services to income eligible household. Services begin with an energy audit of the home to determine what energy conservation measures the home requires as well as what, if any, health and safety issues need to be addressed.

As needed they replace combustion appliances (mainly furnace and water heaters) and insulate the home. All work is inspected to ensure quality as well as that work specifications have been met; inspections are conducted by AC WX inspectors, who are BPI certified Quality Control Inspectors (QCI). The CEO conducts quarterly inspections of a percentage of the homes we serve, and these inspectors are also BPI certified Quality Control Inspectors.

**New this year...** Rooftop solar PV suitability assessment to evaluate the existing electrical services panel, roof age, condition, pitch, structural support, and sun exposure to determine the home's potential for rooftop solar. Based on the results, ACW will provide 3-5 homes with rooftop solar working with GRID Alternatives.

The average cost per household is \$7,456.45 (increase due to solar)

**Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. LMI households will see a 10-30% reduction in their utility costs, lowering their financial burden. The energy savings for households served by the Colorado WAP has increased to an average \$330.00 per year per home.
2. The homes will be safer by reduce the carbon monoxide related deaths and hospitalizations
3. Energy efficiency conserves our resources.
4. Increase home values
5. Increases the LMI household's ability to stay in the home.

**Agency Experience and Ability**

Extensive CDBG experience.

Since the late 1970s they have weatherized 18,175 LMI homeowners and renters. Their employees possess over 210 years of combined experience with the program.

**LMI Benefit**

1. 10 households x 3.15 = 32 residents
2. 100% LMI

**Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Assessment Plan





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**Applicant Name:** Brothers Redevelopment Inc.  
**Project:** Paint-a-Thon Program  
**Activity(ies):** Exterior paint, accessibility improvements, and yards  
cleans ups for senior and disabled residents.  
**Funding Requested:** \$25,000 in staff time, materials and overhead

## **General Description:**

Established in 1971, they serve the regions LMI, elderly and disabled residents. Since inception they have assisted over 90,000 households in Colorado. The Home Modification and Repair and Paint-A-Thon program are the oldest programs in the organization, both formed in the 1970's.

There is a great need to serve seniors (8.4% of the Commerce City population is over age 65) and cost-burdened households. Thirty-eight percent (38%) of Commerce City residents are spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs.

## **Project Description**

Goals:

1. Exterior home painting
2. Improving resident accessibility
3. Exterior home cleanliness and beatification by removing yard debris,
4. Light tree trimming
5. Minor landscaping modifications.

Activities: (1) PAT staff will recruit elderly and disabled Commerce City residents and send an program application including a pre-project evaluation; (2) BRI staff will screen applications and determines eligibility; (3) if eligible, a home assessment is conducted and cost estimate is prepared; (4) BRI selects homeowners based upon the work needed; (5) BRI staff will recruit local volunteer teams from Corporate, Civic, Religious, and School communities; (6) work is scheduled, volunteer teams are assigned and supplies are furnished; (7) a post-project evaluation is presented to the client upon completion or work; and (8) if any unsatisfied work is addressed, immediate corrective action is taken.

If 2019 Commerce City CDBG funding in the amount of \$25,000 is received, BRI's objective is to assist approximately 10 (ten) or more residents (at a per-job average cost of \$2,000 [projects without lead], \$2,500 [projects that test positive for lead-based paint]). This cost covers lead testing, trash removal, materials and staff.

Estimated cost for rehab - \$2,500 per household

### **Overall Benefit or Impact to the City**

1. Stabilize and sustain neighborhoods and communities
2. Preserving property values
3. Revitalizing neighborhoods
4. Eliminating risk of lead-based paint exposure
5. Saving low-income seniors and disabled residents thousands of dollars
6. Providing opportunities for community members to connect with each other and low-income, elderly neighbors

### **Agency Experience and Ability**

Since the 1990's BRI has been strengthened by CDBG funding by partnering with local city and county governments such as Arvada, Colorado Spring, Commerce City, Lakewood, Sheridan, Thornton, Arapahoe, Denver, El Paso and Jefferson. Most often, federal grants received by BRI are considered pass-through dollars from local jurisdictions receiving HUD allocation. BRI is familiar with and adheres to applicable local, county, state and federal regulations.

2018 PAT program with the City. So far doing very well.

### **LMI Benefit**

1. 100% LMI
2. 10 families assisted = 32 people MHRP

### **Committed Supplemental Funding and Leveraging**

1. 100%

### **Is the Project in an Adopted Commerce City Plan or Agreement?**

1. Housing Needs Assessment

