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Federal community development funds to support 44 projects supporting low- and moderate-income households

DENVER, CO — Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 — The Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) has issued award letters to 33 organizations slated to collectively receive \$4.9 million in federal grant funding in 2016.

OED reviewed proposals from organizations that responded to a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for housing and neighborhood projects. The organizations awarded funding include the following:

Housing Development & Services

Organization	Award	Program
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	\$35,000	Home ownership/foreclosure counseling
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	\$40,000	Tenant/landlord dispute counseling and rental referral services
Colorado Affordable Legal Services	\$40,000	Tenant/landlord dispute counseling and rental referral services
Collaborative for Home Ownership (Northeast Denver Housing Center, Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corp., and NEWSED Community Development Corp.)	\$169,000	Home ownership/foreclosure counseling
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	\$400,000	Rental vouchers and counseling services to homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless
Colorado Gerontological Society	\$30,000	Tenant/landlord dispute counseling and rental referral services
Colorado Health Network	\$1,335,575	Rental/housing assistance to low-income persons with HIV/AIDS
Colorado Housing Assistance Corp.	\$200,000	Down payment assistance loans to low- and moderate-income households
Colorado Housing Assistance Corp.	\$35,000	Home ownership/foreclosure counseling
Colorado Visiting Nurse Assn.	\$156,815	Counseling/supportive services to low-income persons with HIV/AIDS
Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corp.	\$25,000	Community Housing Development Organization operational support
Denver Housing Authority	\$25,000	Home ownership/foreclosure counseling

Denver Urban Renewal Authority	\$270,000	Single Family Rehabilitation Program
Denver Urban Renewal Authority	\$250,000	Emergency Home Repair Program
Denver Urban Renewal Authority	\$200,000	Rental/Homeownership Access Modification Program
Family Tree, Inc.	\$100,000	Rental vouchers and counseling services to homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless
NEWSED Community Development Corp.	\$25,000	Community Housing Development Organization operational support
Northeast Denver Housing Center	\$25,000	Community Housing Development Organization operational support
Renaissance Housing Development Corp.	\$25,000	Community Housing Development Organization operational support
Southwest Improvement Council	\$25,000	Home ownership/foreclosure counseling

Neighborhood Development & Services

Organization	Award	Program
Bird Seed Collective	\$35,000	Healthy Food Access in the Globeville/Elyria-Swansea Neighborhoods
Colorado Non-Profit Development Center (El Sistema)	\$60,000	Youth Ensemble Music Programs
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	\$60,000	Job Training Services
Denver Asset Building Coalition	\$10,000	Low and Moderate Income Financial Counseling and Assistance
Denver Food Rescue	\$40,000	Healthy Food Access in the Globeville/Elyria-Swansea, Five Points, Northeast Park Hill, Cole, Whittier, Clayton, Baker, Lincoln Park, West Colfax, Montbello, Sun Valley and Villa Park Neighborhoods
Denver Housing Authority- Sun Valley Academy	\$50,000	Job Training and Industry Certification for Sun Valley Residents
Denver Housing Authority- Youth Employment Academy	\$43,000	Youth Occupational Skills Training
Denver Office of Financial Empowerment	\$160,000	Financial Education and Resource Center
Environmental Learning for Kids	\$75,000	Youth Job Training and Summer Employment Program
Focus Points (GES Live Well)	\$50,000	Career and Entrepreneurial Development Programs
Focus Points	\$90,000	Neighborhood Resource Center Services
Girls Inc.	\$50,000	Youth After-School and Summer Programs
Groundwork Denver	\$50,000	Youth Jobs and Neighborhood Improvements
La Raza Services, Inc.	\$25,269	Case Management and Basic Emergency Services
Mental Health Center of Denver	\$75,000	Youth Job Training and Healthy Food Access
Mi Casa Resource Center	\$50,000	Adult Employment and Training Programs
National Society of	\$100,000	Summer Engineering Experience for

Black Engineers		Kids (SEEK) Academies in Montbello and Westwood Neighborhoods
Padres Unidos	\$50,000	After-School Tutoring and College Entrance Exam Preparation
Sun Valley Youth Center	\$70,000	Summer and After-School Math and Literacy Programs
Urban Peak	\$75,000	Job Training Services
Westwood Unidos	\$60,000	Neighborhood Resource Center Services
Year One Inc. (Mile High Youth Corps)	\$75,000	Youth Education, Training and Employment Programs
Mi Casa Resource Center	\$40,000	Business Services to Support Small Business Development
NEWSSED Community Development Corp.	\$100,000	Business Development Office on Santa Fe Dr.

The awarded projects will be funded through a variety of federal community development programs, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs.

NOFA applications were evaluated and scored by OED staff, other city agency staff and community members. Community members were chosen based on their knowledge and experience in the program areas of housing and neighborhood development. Awardees were selected based on their ability to achieve measurable outcomes supporting Mayor Hancock's priorities of economic mobility, children/education, transportation and housing, as well as OED's JumpStart strategy. Evaluation criteria also scored each applicant's project plan, organizational capacity, financial capacity and prior performance when applicable.

The Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) is dedicated to advancing economic prosperity for the City of Denver, its businesses, neighborhoods and residents. Working with a wide variety of community partners, OED operates to create a local environment that stimulates balanced growth through job creation, business assistance, housing options, neighborhood redevelopment and the development of a skilled workforce.

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