



Community Development

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Organization and Services

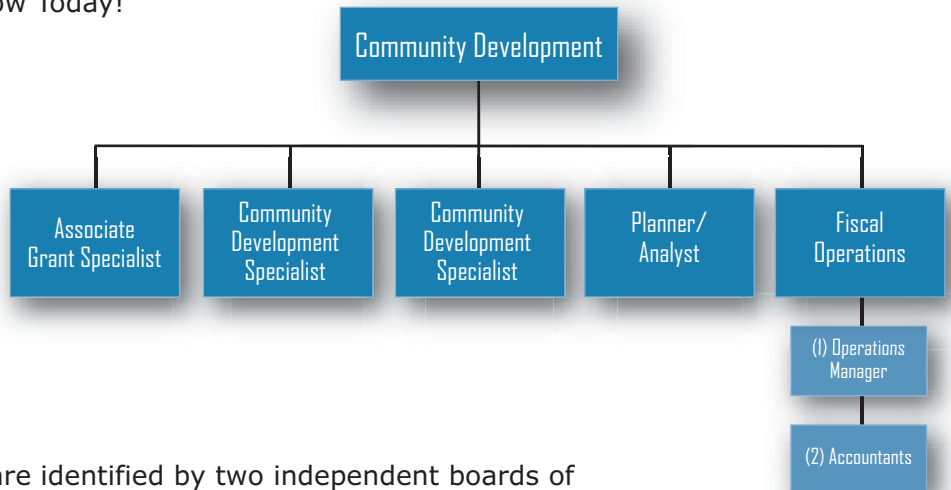
Our Mission: To create a better community through fostering effective partnerships that serve the needs of our low to moderate-income populations and strengthen the economic vitality of Jefferson County.

Our Vision: Build a Better Tomorrow Today!

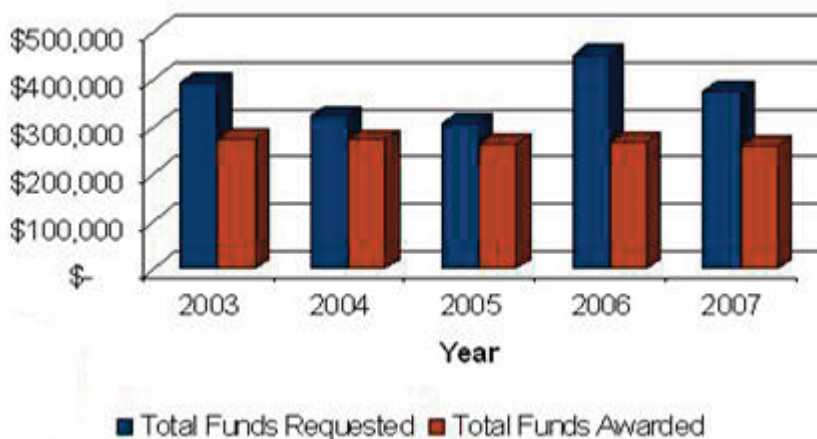
Program Description:

The Division of Community Development receives annual allocations from the federal and state governments to provide services to low to moderate-income residents within Jefferson County. Participating community agencies and organizations may apply for the grants on an annual basis for programs or projects designed to increase the quality of life for Jefferson

County citizens. Award recipients are identified by two independent boards of community advisors and approved by the Jefferson County Commissioners; award selections are based on federal and state guidelines and Community Development's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The graph below shows that year after year funding available for programs remains static, yet the requests for those funds continues to exceed that availability on an annual basis. Projects and programs meet neighborhood needs by providing housing, community development, neighborhood revitalization, economic development and human service activities.



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Grant Programs

The **Home Investment Partnerships Program** (HOME) was signed into law as Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act in 1990. It is a federally funded program designed to expand or improve the supply of decent and affordable housing for low to moderate-income residents through:

- Acquisition
- New housing construction for rent or ownership
- Rehabilitation of rental or owner-occupied housing
- New homebuyer assistance programs
- Tenant-based rental assistance or security deposit assistance

The **Community Services Block Grant** (CSBG) is a federally funded program used to help low-income families and individuals regain or retain self-sufficiency. Funds originate from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service and are passed to the state level (Colorado Department of Local Affairs). They are then allocated by formula to local Boards of County Commissioners.

The **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) is a federally funded grant that was created to improve the physical, economic, and social conditions for low and moderate-income residents or low-income areas in Jefferson County. It can be used for:

- Acquisition
- Disposition
- Rehabilitation
- New construction of property
- Public facilities improvements
- Urban renewal completion
- Relocation
- Home ownership
- Housing services

Jefferson County Demographics 2003-2007

County Residents = 536,000

Residents Eligible for CSBG Services = 154,749

Residents Served with CSBG = 34,947





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2008 & Beyond: Community Development Five-Year Internal Strategic Plan

Goal 1 – Seize metro-wide opportunities on a large scale

- Community Development will participate more actively in the legislative process.
- Initiate and promote metro-wide partnerships to promote community development activities.
- Create and foster relationships with SBA's, banks and related financial institutions.

Goal 2 – Improve internal efficiencies within Community Development

- Assess and identify gaps in services and program to help create a more efficient operation.
- Involve partners, service providers, and the people we serve in an effort to better improve upon operations and to promote strong working relationships with our partners.

Goal 3 – Community Development will strive for recognition among its partners

- Consistent efforts will be made to get out and network, participate in forums and initiate communication with all of our clients.
- We will work to contribute where we can, even if it does not establish new dollars, so that we can promote community development activities.
- We will deliver what we promise as it pertains to community development projects, activities, assistance and aide.

Goal 4 – We set the bar for being the best in our industry

- Evaluate unique needs in our county and find the best projects to serve the citizens.
- Develop a marketing plan that incorporates updates to our web page, image branding, a quarterly newsletter and new brochures.

Historical View of Total Funds CSBG Expended, 2003-2007

Emergency Services
= \$740,678

Nutrition
= \$134,798

Self Sufficiency
= \$360,029

Health
= \$22,077

Employment
= \$73,629

