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COUNTY PUTS DOLLARS INTO ACTION TO HELP LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS

National Community Development Week Provides the Opportunity to Recognize How CDBG Funding Helps Communities Thrive

Los Angeles, April 1, 2013 - This year's National Community Development (NCD) Week will be celebrated from **April 1-6, 2013**. Marking the 27th anniversary of the NCD Week campaign, the County of Los Angeles is showcasing the continuing need for, and success of, its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Enacted into law in 1974, the CDBG program is the principal Federal program providing grants to States, cities, and counties to devise neighborhood approaches that will improve the physical, economic, and social conditions in communities. It is overseen nationally by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the County of Los Angeles administers the largest Urban County CDBG program in the nation. The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), which administers the County's CDBG dollars, is proud of the important role this program has played in the delivery of services that improves the lives of many low- and moderate-

income residents, such as the great work being done within the County through CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation programs.

“The CDBG program fulfills the most essential needs of our residents including much needed affordable housing, jobs for our youth, meals for seniors, and after-school programs for our children.” said Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director.

2013 marks the 39th anniversary of the CDBG program, despite significant cuts over the past two years; with a 26% cut since Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010. In FFY 2010, CDBG was funded nationally at \$3.9 billion, but today the program is funded at \$2.95 billion nationally. With the economic downturn, this program is needed more than ever to help our most vulnerable citizens and improve the overall condition of our neighborhoods.

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