

**URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM  
HIDALGO COUNTY  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has operated since 1975 to provide local governments with the resources required to meet the needs of persons of low- and moderate income, and CDBG funds are used by thousands of neighborhood-based, non-profit organizations throughout the nation to address pressing neighborhood and human service needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG program has had a significant impact on our local economy through job creation and retention, physical redevelopment of streets and drainage, water and sewer, infrastructure and housing rehabilitation and improved local tax bases; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County, through its Urban County Program, has clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer and modify the CDBG program, as necessary, to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local and physical redevelopment; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE WE** by virtue of the authority vested in us as the Commissioners of the County of Hidalgo, Texas do hereby proclaim the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, as

**“COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) WEEK”**

throughout the Cities of Hidalgo County, Texas, and encourage all citizens to join us in recognizing the CDBG Program and the important role it plays in our community.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009.

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Juan D. Salinas, III, Hidalgo County Judge

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Sylvia S. Handy, Commissioner, Pct. # 1

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Hector “Tito” Palacios, Commissioner, Pct. # 2

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Joe M. Flores, Commissioner, Pct. # 3

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Oscar L. Garza, Jr. Commissioner, Pct. # 4

## 2009 NATIONAL CD WEEK

The 2009 National Community Development (CD) Week will be celebrated from April 12-18, 2009. The week provides the opportunity for CDBG grantees to meet with their congressional members, showcase CDBG-funded projects and programs, and involve the local community, including local businesses, citizens, and community groups in the week-long celebration.

The National Community Development Association is pleased to provide you with information on how to plan and organize your activities for National Community Development Week 2009. For the 23rd consecutive year, NCDA is spearheading the National Community Development Week campaign. This annual campaign is designed to focus local as well as national attention on the numerous outstanding accomplishments over the past 35 years of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

National Community Development Week provides an ideal opportunity to educate citizens at the local level as well as members of Congress regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program and its critical importance in the lives of low and moderate income citizens. Last year, hundreds of communities across the nation participated in the campaign and we hope your community will be able to join us during this year's national celebration.

### WHY NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK?

- CDBG program funding has been reduced. In FY 2001, the program received \$4.406 billion in formula funding. By FY 2007, formula funding had been reduced to \$3.58 billion and remains at that level today. Congress continues to be faced with soaring budget deficits and funding for federal programs will continue to be scarce in future years.
- We need to celebrate the program's good works and bring more national and local attention to the program. CDBG has assisted millions of persons during its 34 year history, yet it is not widely known to the public at large. Even in many local communities, the program does not get enough recognition; most local citizens do not know of the program or what it provides.

### THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS' 10 POINT PLAN

On January 24, 2007, the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) announced the 2007 *Mayors' 10 Point Plan*. Included in the Plan is the doubling of funding for CDBG, to \$8 billion. NCDA worked closely with USCM to develop this policy position. As stated in the Plan:

*"The nation's mayors recommend that CDBG formula funding be doubled to \$8 billion. This additional funding would address the delayed projects and activities which have come about because of cuts to CDBG, and further build on the proven record of an effective affordable housing and revitalization program."*