

**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 4th through April 10th , 2010, 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 30th of March, 2010.

Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge, Hidalgo County

Arturo Cuellar, Jr., Commissioner, Pct. # 1

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

Joe M. Flores, Commissioner, Pct. # 3

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

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION 2010 NATIONAL CD WEEK

The 2010 National Community Development (CD) Week will be celebrated from **April 4-10, 2010**. It 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 National Community Development Week 2010. For the 24th 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 36 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 that your community will be able to join us in the 2010 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, the level had been reduced to \$3.58 billion. Although, Congress provided a \$347 million increase to the program in FY10; the program is still funded (\$3.990 billion for FY10) well below the FY 2001 level. It is imperative that all CDBG grantees celebrate and recognize the good work of the program during the 2010 CD Week campaign to gain support for increased funding for the program in FY 2011.

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

On January 24, 2007, the U.S. 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.”