

## **Housing and Community Development Office**

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Standards**

The standards are adopted from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations 94 CFR Part 91 and comprise the standards for the City of Cheyenne's Community Development Block Grant Program.

These standards enhance the development of viable communities through providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, for low to moderate-income individuals.

Partnerships will strengthen community understanding, ownership and implementation of the standards.

#### **Decent Housing**

Decent housing includes:

- assisting homeless persons to obtain appropriate housing and assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless;
- retaining affordable housing opportunities;
- increasing the availability of affordable, acceptable permanent housing for low to moderate-income families, particularly members of disadvantaged minorities, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, or disability;
- increasing the supply of assistive housing for persons with special needs, including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, so that they can live with dignity and independence;
- providing housing affordable to low-income persons; and
- enhancing job opportunities.

#### **Suitable Living Environment**

A suitable living environment includes:

- improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods;
- increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services;
- reducing the isolation of income groups within a community or geographical area through the spatial deconcentration of housing opportunities for persons of lower income;
- revitalizing of deteriorating or deteriorated neighborhoods;
- restoring and preserving properties of special historic, architectural, or aesthetic value; and
- conserving of energy resources.

## **Expanding Economic Opportunities**

Expanded economic opportunities includes:

- job creation and retention;
- public services concerned with employment;
- jobs which provide programs that benefit low-income persons;
- availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices;
- access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and
- self-sufficiency opportunities for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted and public housing.