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WELD COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners are pleased to announce the Weld County Housing Authority received a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBGDR) from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for \$708,582 to continue flood recovery efforts for residents who were impacted by the 2013 flood. Grant funds will be used to replace three homes destroyed by the flood, continue rent assistance for 16 families for the next 12 months and provide down payment assistance for five families.

The Weld County Housing Authority operates with the Greeley Housing Authority, however, both have separate contracts with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide housing services to Weld County and the City of Greeley. The relationship between the two housing authorities allows for consolidation of planning and reporting documents and the combined budgets totals approximately \$6 million.

"The Board is dedicated to providing residents with safe and affordable housing," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "With home values increasing 13.5% in the past year and rentals well over \$1,000 per month, we understand finding affordable housing can be difficult for some of the families in Weld County."

The Weld County Housing Authority is a five-member board comprised of the Board of County Commissioners in order to meet the need for affordable housing. Under the HUD, the Weld County Housing Authority operates the S-8 Rent Assistance Program for 427 families as well as the following programs under contract with the State Division of Housing:

- Single Family Rehabilitation Program – loans money to moderate income homeowners in Weld County who cannot afford to maintain their home
- Rental Rehabilitation Program – assists landlords to rehabilitate their properties if they agree to rent them to low-income tenants
- Emergency Rehabilitation Program – provides funds to homeowners who cannot afford minor repairs (under \$2,000) such as a furnace or water heater replacement, minor electrical repairs or plumbing repairs

The Board of Commissioners sit as the Weld County Housing Authority on the fourth Monday of each month to receive a report from Thomas Teixeira, Executive Director of the Greeley/Weld County Housing Authorities.

For more information about the Weld County Housing Authority, visit the Commissioners' web page on www.weldgov.com.

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