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**The City of Shreveport Celebrates National Community Development Week  
April 11-15, 2022**

Shreveport, LA – The City of Shreveport, Department of Community Development will recognize the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program during National Community Development Week, April 11-15, 2022. The week-long celebration brings together citizens, elected officials, media, program staff, subrecipients and beneficiaries through events that recognize and showcase these vital programs. National Community Development Week also serves as a venue for educating the public about the programs.

For more than 40 years, CDBG has provided local communities with an important source of funds to address affordable housing and community and economic development needs. The CDBG program provides grants to over 1,200 local governments to create neighborhood approaches that improve the physical, economic, and social conditions of communities. Every \$1.00 of CDBG leverages another \$3.68 in other funding, bringing additional vital resources to the communities.

For more than 20 years, the HOME program has helped communities provide access to affordable housing for low-income households. The HOME program provides grants to over 600 local participating jurisdictions to create safe, sanitary, and affordable housing in communities nationwide. Every \$1.00 of HOME leverages more than \$4.00 in other funding.

Both programs are administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These programs are needed more than ever to help our most vulnerable citizens and

improve the overall conditions of our neighborhoods. The City of Shreveport will highlight both programs during National Community Development Week by hosting the following activities:

1. **Brunch and Learn - Monday, April 11, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**
  - a. An informative session for first time home buyers on the City of Shreveport's Homebuyer's Assistance Program Participation Initiative (HAPPI). **Deadline for registration – April 8, 2022**
  
2. **CDBG Site Bus Tour - Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
  - a. A tour of some of the many projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Seating is limited. **Deadline for registration April 8, 2022.**
  
3. **“Fun Day in the Park” - Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Airport Park Recreation Center, 6500 Kennedy Drive, Shreveport, La 71109**
  - a. This event will feature vendors, music, free food, activities for the family and a community resource fair.

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