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**The City of Shreveport Celebrates National Community Development Week
April 10-14, 2023**

Mayor Tom Arceneaux and the City of Shreveport's 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 10-14, 2023.

National Community Development Week aims to bring education and awareness to the vital work funded by these programs, which is already underway within our City. This week-long celebration brings together citizens, elected officials, media, program staff, subrecipients and beneficiaries through events that recognize and showcase these essential programs which benefit and assist our low- and moderate-income citizens.

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.

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.

Both programs are administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are needed more than ever to help our most vulnerable citizens and improve the overall conditions of our neighborhoods. These funds assist in providing crucial services to our citizens with a goal of fostering strong partnerships and effectively investing and infusing these resources into our community. As a part of this week-long celebration, the City of Shreveport's Department of Community Development will host the following events:

- 1. Community Meet and Greet/Informational – Tuesday, April 11, 2023 -11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., MS-KICK, 1210 Milam Street, Shreveport, La**
 - a. An opportunity to meet the Community Development Team and learn about the impact of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

- 2. “Fun Day in the Park” - Friday, April 14, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – David Raines Community Center, 2920 Round Grove Lane, Shreveport, La**
 - a. This event will feature vendors, music, free food, activities for the family and a community resource fair which will provide education about services and resources within our area as well as education about the programs administered by the Department of Community Development.

For more information, please contact the Department of Community Development at (318) 673-5900.

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