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“The City of Shreveport Celebrates National Community Development Week”

Shreveport, Louisiana (March 26, 2024) - During the week of April 1st – April 5th, the City of Shreveport and communities across the country will celebrate National Community Development Week. The goal is to bring renewed awareness to the federal investment necessary to sustain the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs.

These federal grant programs help build a stronger and more resilient community. CDBG funds support housing rehabilitation, emergency rental assistance, affordable housing development, public infrastructure projects, small business assistance, and a wide array of public service programming. HOME program funds support affordable rental housing development, direct rental assistance, housing rehabilitation, and home purchase assistance. Both programs target assistance to low-income households.

For nearly 50 years, CDBG has been an important resource for the community to devise programs and activities to address infrastructure, affordable housing, and community and economic development needs. Similarly, for over 30 years, the HOME program has provided vital funding to help improve access to affordable housing.

The City of Shreveport is excited to participate and bring awareness to these two important funding programs and the impact they have made in our community.

As a part of this week-long celebration, the City of Shreveport’s Department of Community Development will host the following events:

- **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK MEETING** - As a part of the Consolidated Plan process, the City is engaging input and feedback from the community to assist in the development of the proposed plan and to ensure the most effective application and impact of its federal funding.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

5:30 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

AIRPORT PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

6500 Kennedy Drive, Shreveport, La 71109

- **A FUN DAY IN THE PARK** - Celebrating 50 years of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Free Food, face painting, bounce houses, Music, Interactive Presentations, Community Resource Fair and much more!

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

BILBERRY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

3:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

1902 Alabama Ave SE, Shreveport, LA 71109

If more information is needed on the National Community Development Week, contact Von Jennings, Public Information Officer, Community Development at 318-540-6368 or von.jennings@shreveportla.gov.

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