

## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

- Citizen involvement programs were recognized in the *2010 All America City Award*
- Over 60 Recognized Neighborhood Associations citywide
- Over 200 residents have completed the Neighborhood Leadership Academy and over a dozen have served on City boards or committees, including City Council
- Completed over 40 Neighborhood Improvement Projects, which include historic street signs in Manhattan Heights, a mural in Segundo Barrio and various small-scale park improvements throughout the community
- Designated over \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for social services in neighborhood revitalization areas
- Targeted over \$15 million of additional resources into neighborhood revitalization areas
- Awarded \$474,000 from the Department of Justice for a Weed and Seed Crime Reduction Grant for the Chamizal Neighborhood and Segundo Barrio
- Awarded \$250,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services for an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) - Strengthening Communities fund project



In 2006, the City of El Paso created the Neighborhood Services Program within the Department of Community and Human Development to implement neighborhood-oriented programs that assist residents to actively engage in improving and preserving their neighborhoods.

### Purpose:

To facilitate opportunities for citizens to be involved in local government.

### Goal:

Build strong and effective leadership at the neighborhood level.

### Objectives:

- Provide outreach and assistance for the development of neighborhood associations
- Promote services and opportunities available to residents and neighborhood associations
- Implement revitalization and small-scale improvement projects to improve the quality of life for residents

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# NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES PROGRAMS

## NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

An 18 week educational program designed to provide participants with a basic level of knowledge and understanding of how city government functions and operates.

### Features:

- Receive presentations and insight from key City personnel
- On-site field trips to City facilities
- Participants may be referred to openings on boards and commissions

## NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT

An annual forum held in late summer to highlight citizen involvement.

### Features:

- Provides for networking among neighborhood associations
- Provides workshops and guest speakers on current city topics and capacity building skills for neighborhood associations
- Provides an information fair for City departments and community organizations to promote services



## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

The City of El Paso recognizes neighborhood associations, which are organized groups of residents who work together to improve and maintain their neighborhoods and community.

### Benefits:

- Builds stronger relationships and pride among neighbors
- Empowers residents to have a unified voice on issues affecting their neighborhood
- Receive City notices of special events, public meetings, services and programs
- Receive notices of land use issues (i.e. rezoning) within a neighborhood boundary

### For Recognition:

- Complete registration form
- Contact information of elected officers and two designated members to receive City notices
- Copy of signed bylaws
- List of membership (minimum 15)
- Neighborhood boundary map
- Host at least one neighborhood meeting each year
- Submit an annual report by June 30th

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Competitive funding for recognized neighborhood associations to request small-scale neighborhood improvement projects.

### Program Details:

- Complete application form
- Demonstrate project support
- Small-scale project (under \$50,000)

*(Program is implemented when funds are available. All projects are approved by City Council.)*

## NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Comprehensive and holistic approach to revitalize distressed neighborhoods through community partnerships, by improving the physical, economic and social well-being of the neighborhood.

Strategic plans are based on community input and are approved by City Council to target resources in selected neighborhoods for about five years.

### Revitalization Areas:

- Chamizal
- Lower Dyer