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City, Habitat for Humanity Recognized

The City of Beaumont and Habitat for Humanity of Jefferson County were honored by the National Community Development Association on Jan. 22 for their collaboration on a project on Jenard Lane.

The NCDCA's Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award recognizes exceptional use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to address the needs of low-income families and neighborhoods. The City developed the infrastructure necessary for Habitat to build 24 homes for low-to-moderate income families on the land.

In addition, as part of the City's longtime partnership with Habitat, the City Council recently approved the use of \$92,398 in HOME funds to provide two new single-family homes to eligible low-to-moderate income families. The homes will be built in partnership with Jehovah Jireh Community Development Corp. within the new Jehovah Jireh Subdivision.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1,209 general units of local government and states.

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