

THE CITY OF CONCORD CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2008-09 ACTION PLAN

May 22, 2009

The City of Concord is inviting public comment on the following proposed projects being recommended for funding by the Community Services Commission (CSC). These recommendations will be considered by Concord City Council at a Public Hearing on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. **Public comment will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2009.** Public comment will be considered and a summary of comments submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with the City’s first Substantial Amendment to the 2008-09 Action Plan, to be submitted on June 5, 2009. Comments can be submitted by email, fax, or telephone to the CDBG-R Contact person below:

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Background

On May 6, 2009 the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued its “Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.” The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) appropriated \$1 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) funds to states and local governments to carry out, on an expedited basis, eligible activities under the CDBG program. The City of Concord received an allocation of \$275,702.

Funding available under ARRA has clear purposes— “to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation’s infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care.” The HUD program notice asks CDBG-R grantees to carefully evaluate proposed projects for consistency with these ARRA goals. While the full range of CDBG activities is available, HUD is strongly urging grantees to “use CDBG-R funding for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings.”

Section 1602 of ARRA requires that grantees shall use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. Section 1602 also states that, when CDBG-R funds are being used for infrastructure investments, “grantees must give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal to obligate at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated within 120 days...”

Projects

In order to meet or exceed the expedited timeframes contemplated by ARRA, the City of Concord proposes to utilize 100 percent of its CDBG-R allocation under the overarching ARRA objectives to modernize the Nation's infrastructure and assisting those most impacted by the recession. Of the two projects selected for recommendation, both will invest in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits while at the same time providing construction jobs, while one provides additional benefits by fostering energy independence and assisting those most impacted by the recession. The two activities being recommended by the Concord Community Services Commission (CSC) for funding with CDBG-R funds are detailed below.



Activity #1: City of Concord, Department of Engineering Services Gateway Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements for Accessible Path of Travel

Activity Narrative: The City received a request from a group of residents with disabilities to improve the accessible paths of travel leading to Independent Living Resource Center, a non-profit agency providing a variety of services to the disabled community, and Park 'n Shop, a large outdoor mall. This project will construct 30 ADA accessible curb ramps and install 12 audible pedestrian signal and ADA push buttons along Gateway Boulevard, Willow Pass Road, Clayton Road, and Fry Way to improve the accessible path of travel at the gateway of Concord's downtown amenities.

Grant recommendation: \$175,000 CDBG-R

This project meets Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA by investing in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits while at the same time providing construction jobs. This project also assists the disabled community which has been impacted by the recession.

Jobs Created: Project will create or retain eleven (11) FTE construction jobs.

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Activity #2: Resources for Community Development Riley Court Apartments Roof Replacement

Activity Narrative: Riley Court Apartments is owned by Resources for Community Development (RDC) and consists of five buildings built in the early 1960's which now have badly deteriorated low, sloping roofs. The complex contains of 48 total units that are 100% income restricted to households who earn between 30% and 50% of the Area Median Income.

These buildings were built in the early 1960's, and have many physical needs with the most pressing being roof replacement.

CDBG-R funds are proposed to replace existing rapidly deteriorating tar and gravel roofs, with a new light-colored Thermo Plastic Olefin (TPO) roofing product. TPO is an industry recognized green building product. According to the EPA Energy Star program, highly reflective white TPO roofs can reduce household energy consumption by 50% and demand for air conditioning at peak times by as much as 10% to 15%. For lower income Riley Court residents, this will translate into a decrease in power consumption and lower utility bills.

This project meets Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA by investing in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits while at the same time providing construction jobs, with additional benefits of fostering energy independence and assisting very low- and low-income renters who are most impacted by the recession.

Grant recommendation: \$73,132 CDBG-R

Jobs Created: Project will create and/or retain thirty-four (34) FTE construction jobs.

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Proposed Budget Summary

Activity Name	CDBG-R Funds Recommended	Eligibility Category	National Objective Citation	Additional Recovery Act Funds
City of Concord, Department of Engineering Services - Gateway Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements for Accessible Path of Travel	\$175,000	03L Sidewalks 24.CFR 570.201(c)	LMA - Low/Mod Area Benefit 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)	- 0 -
Resources for Community Development - Riley Court Apartments Roof Replacement	\$73,132	14B Rehab: Multi-Unit Residential 570.202(a)(4)	LMH - Low/Mod Housing Benefit 570.208(a)(3)	- 0 -
Total Activity Budget	\$248,132			
Administration (up to 10% of allocation)	\$27,570			
Total CDBG-R Grant Amount Budgeted	\$275,702			