

THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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ENSURING RESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS

Funding available under the Recovery Act 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. HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds 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. While the full range of CDBG activities is available to grantees, the Department strongly suggests that grantees incorporate consideration of the public perception of the intent of the Recovery Act in identifying and selecting projects for CDBG-R funding.

A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES

Grantees must provide information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities in an electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD. The information that must be reported in the spreadsheet includes activity name, activity description, CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted, eligibility category, national objective citation, additional Recovery Act funds for the activity received from other programs, and total activity budget. An electronic copy of the spreadsheet and the format is available on HUD’s recovery website at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>.

Jurisdiction/Grantee Name: City of Alhambra		CDBG-R Formula Grant Amount: \$371,243				Date: 05/13/09	
Activity Name	Activity Description	Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)	National Objective Citation	CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)	Additional Recovery Funds (\$)	Other Leveraged Funding (\$)	Total Activity Budget
ADA Improvements to Joslyn Center	Make ADA upgrades to Joslyn Center (senior and disabled center) such as new wheelchair ramp, new automatic front door, replace floor of recreation room, and other ADA issues.	LC	570.201 (c)	190,000			190,000
ADA Curb Ramps	Additional ADA improvements to target areas by providing curb cuts to allow wheelchair accessibility, creating a more walkable community	LMI	570.201 (c)	\$180,000			180,000
Administration	Administrative Costs		570.26	\$1,243			1,243

B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY (COMPLETE FOR EACH ACTIVITY)

(1) Activity Name:

ADA Improvements to Joslyn Center

(2) Activity Narrative:

The City of Alhambra plans to use CDBG-R funds to make ADA upgrades to Joslyn Center, a community center that serves Alhambra's senior population. The upgrades would include a new handicap accessible ramp, safety upgrades to the flooring and handicap access in the recreation room, and replacement of the current doors with accessible automated doors, as well as some additional miscellaneous handicap accessibility features. The ramp would make it possible for wheelchair bound citizens and the elderly to easily walk or wheel from the sidewalk at street elevation, down to the lower elevation of the Joslyn Center. Improving the handicap accessibility of the flooring would allow seniors to more easily access the room, thereby affording the participants the opportunity to enjoy all of the activities and services offered at the Joslyn Center. Replacing the doors with new automated telescoping doors makes the entrance more friendly and inviting. Joslyn Center provides a multitude of recreation options for senior citizens, in particular those that are low-income and/or have been greatly affected by the current recession. This activity will provide approximately five to ten construction jobs for the design and construction of the project. By providing improved mobility and accessibility to Joslyn Center, the City of Alhambra will be investing in infrastructure that will provide long-term benefits to the senior and disabled population, as well as to the sustainability of Joslyn Center. These improvements will also minimize reductions in essential senior services, as it will provide access for a greater number of seniors, who might otherwise be unable to participate in City sponsored programs. These investments are powerful vehicles for economic recovery because they work quickly, are labor-intensive, create jobs where they are needed most, and lead to lasting neighborhood benefits. Many of these projects will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save Americans money by retrofitting buildings to make it more energy efficient. This activity also reduces pollution emissions, as it encourages senior citizens to walk or use their wheelchair to navigate to Joslyn Center, instead of relying on the Senior Ride bus service or their car. The project will reduce emissions and conserve energy with the aid of new doors, which currently are broken and must remain open, allowing air conditioning and heating to escape. These improvements are being proposed in conjunction with energy efficiency improvements to be funded by ARRA Department of Energy.

(3) Jobs Created:

For the work being performed at Joslyn center, there will be several construction jobs created. There will be a crew of approximately 4 to 5 working on the wheelchair ramp. There will probably be 2 jobs working on the installation of the new doors, and approximately 3 to 5 working on replacing the floor of the recreation room, for a total of 9 to 12 construction jobs.

(4) Additional Activity Information:

The Joslyn center project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save Americans money by retrofitting buildings to make it more energy efficient. This activity also reduces pollution emissions, as it encourages senior citizens to walk or use their wheelchair to navigate to Joslyn Center, instead of relying on the Senior Ride bus service or their car. The project will reduce emissions and conserve energy with the aid of new doors, which currently are broken and must remain open, allowing air conditioning and heating to escape. These improvements are being proposed in conjunction with energy efficiency improvements to be funded by ARRA Department of Energy.

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(6) Activity Name:

ADA Curb Ramps

(7) Activity Narrative:

The City of Alhambra plans to use CDBG-R funds to make additional ADA improvements throughout the city, by providing curb cuts to enable wheelchairs and the mobility challenged to more easily cross the street. By installing curb cuts, these funds will put people back to work, by creating new construction jobs, as many as 5 to 6 jobs per crew. It is important to note that these “shovel ready” jobs will support the community, and create jobs that would otherwise have been put on hold due to a lack of funding. The curb cuts will assist those hurt by the recession, such as the elderly, and those in wheelchairs that may be surviving off of limited pensions, as well as the construction workers that have been looking for work. This project will also help to drive the economy of Alhambra to reduce carbon emissions, by creating an atmosphere that encourages a more active environment and promotes an accessible walkable community. This will enable visitors as well as residents to more easily access the services and offerings of local businesses along the main business corridors, thanks to greater mobility. This project will also provide needed investment into the infrastructure of the City of Alhambra.

(8) Jobs Created:

The ADA curb ramps project will likely use a crew of 5 to 6 construction workers, and there can be one or two crews working at any given time, for a possible total of 10 to 12 construction jobs.

(9) Additional Activity Information:

This ADA curb cuts project will also help to drive the economy of Alhambra to reduce carbon emissions, by creating an atmosphere that encourages a more active environment and promotes an accessible walkable community. Communities that encourage walking will reduce the amount of time spend in motor vehicles, which reduces the amount of carbon emissions emitted into the atmosphere.

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(11) Activity Name:

Administration

(12) Activity Narrative:

Administrative Costs for executing the program.

(13) Jobs Created:

N/A – supplement cost to existing City staff.

(14) Additional Activity Information:

N/A

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C. PUBLIC COMMENT

This information was made available to the public on April 10, 2009 in the Pasadena Star-News, advertising the Public Hearing on May 11, 2009. It was published with the same requirements as a Standard Amendment. See attached copy.

A meeting was held with the Housing Community Development Activity Citizen Advisory Committee. No public comments were received.

A City Council Study Session was held on May 5, open to the public, at the Alhambra Civic Center Library, in the Community Room, where the information was also made public. No public comment was received. The Public Hearing was held with the City Council at a City Council meeting on May 11. No comments were received at this meeting either. The City Council meetings, like all public meetings, are ADA accessible, and additional accommodations can always be made per request. No requests were made.

The description of the project and the Statutory worksheet with the Environmental Reviews, as well as copies of the meeting agendas and staff reports were available in the Management Services department. No requests were made.