

# **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>.

**PLEASE FIND ATTACHED SPREADSHEET**

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

- (1) Activity Name: (Grantees should follow the same order that activities are listed in the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities – this will allow HUD to easily match activity narratives with the information provided in the spreadsheet.)

**CDBG-R 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Installation**

- (2) Activity Narrative:

In addition to the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, grantees must provide a narrative for each activity describing how the use of the grantee's CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA. The grantee's narrative must also state how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit in relation to the CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act, by:

**CDBG-R14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Installation –**

Installation of missing sidewalk section along the south side of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Depew and Sheridan Boulevard.

The goal of this project is to construct a missing section of sidewalk, within a transit-oriented development area that will eventually connect to the future Sheridan Boulevard light rail station. At the same time as the CDBG-R section of sidewalk is built, a section of sidewalk along the west side of Sheridan Boulevard between 14<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues will be constructed allowing for continuous off-street pedestrian connection along 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Harlan Street to Sheridan Boulevard continuing south one block directly to the light rail station expected to open in 2013. This will allow the residents in this low- and moderate-income neighborhood to safely access affordable transportation options in the future.

**Addressing CDBG & ARRA Provisions**

This project satisfies the City of Lakewood's priority need of *community development* and furthers the objective to *provide resources to preserve and improve target area neighborhoods and transportation corridors*. The project provides needed infrastructure, will create and/or retain jobs thus promoting economic recovery and promotes energy independence, three of the primary goals of the ARRA. In addition, as outlined in the ARRA, this project can award contracts based on bids within 120 calendar days from the date the funds are made available to the recipients.

The sidewalk installation will maximize job creation and economic benefit in relation to the CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act, by:

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;

The installation of the sidewalk will retain approximately 29 positions. The sidewalk project will employ positions in several disciplines including engineering, surveying, general construction, traffic control, inspection and landscaping. The project utilizes a variety of expertise and skill levels from professional to skilled labor which will ensure a wider population benefit from the work generated.

- Assisting those most impacted by the recession;

The construction of the new sidewalk portion will employ individuals in several positions. The majority of these positions are vital to the construction industry, one of the very hardest-hit industries by the current recession. Additionally, those low - and moderate-income residents that surround the project site may now safely access nearby transit which will provide affordable transportation options for those that cannot afford to own their own vehicle.

- Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;

The construction of the new sidewalk is an investment in the City of Lakewood's street and pedestrian system. City staff will design the project and provide general oversight which will maximize the cost of the project. Additionally, the sidewalk section will be bid along with other missing sidewalk sections which will allow for the City to obtain the best possible price for the project.

- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;

The project is a wise investment in transportation as it will provide pedestrian and transportation options that support the future light rail station. Providing sidewalks allows for residents to walk or bike rather than drive which protects the environment by cutting down on carbon emissions . The construction of the sidewalk is a strong investment in this low - and moderate-income neighborhood. The development of a complete street system that supports walking and transit will provide long-term economic benefits to the entire area as part of implementation of transit-oriented development (TOD). Property values are expected to increase with the implementation of TOD in this area. Long-term economic benefits will apply in the form of healthier residents walking more and paying less for health care and decreased transportation costs due to the availability of the light rail line.

- Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or

This project will not minimize or reduce essential services.

- Fostering energy independence.

The construction of sidewalk near the future light rail station will absolutely foster energy independence by encouraging residents to walk or use transit instead of driving. This reduces the amount of carbon emissions and saves energy.

- (3) Jobs Created: (Report the number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction, and temporary jobs)).

**TOTAL JOBS RETAINED = 29**

Surveyors: 3 part-time positions

Project design: 2 full-time positions (City Staff)

Traffic control: 1 full-time position

City inspector: 1 full-time position (City Staff)

Construction Positions:

15 full-time position

5 full-time subcontractors

2 part-time positions

- (4) Additional Activity Information: (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.)

The sidewalk installation project near the future light rail station supports all of the above criteria as it reduces pollution emissions and conserves energy by providing residents safe pedestrian access to the light rail station. The construction of the light rail station as part of the West Corridor Light Rail Line is a prime example of smart growth as it provides opportunities for all residents of the metro area by connecting downtown Denver to Golden by transit.

- (5) Responsible Organization: (Contact information for the organization that will implement the CDBG-R activity, including its name, location, and administrator contact information)

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