

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>.

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

(1) Activity Name: Foreclosure Prevention Services

(2) Activity Narrative:

The City of Madison will conduct a request for proposal process which will seek applications from local non-profit or for-profit agencies who will provide the foreclosure prevention counseling and referral services. We expect to award the contract for these services on or before August 15, 2009. We will assure that at least one new full time equivalent position will be created or retained through the development of this service, thereby promoting economic recovery in our community.

The foreclosure counseling activities will be directed to low or moderate-income households who are in danger of foreclosure due to the loss of a job or due to mortgage difficulties caused by bad lending practices. By assisting those most impacted by the recession, the investment of these CDBG-R funds in this activity will assist in keeping families in their homes, assist in assuring that low or moderate income families can continue to meet their financial obligations and reduce the number of future foreclosures within our community.

(3) Jobs Created: We expect one full time equivalent job to be created or retained through the provision of CDBG-R funds for this activity.

(4) Additional Activity Information: This activity is not expected to address energy efficiency or green building issues.

(5) Responsible Organization: The City of Madison will be the responsible for choosing a non-profit or for-profit agency that will enter into a contract with the City for the provision of these services. In order to maintain transparency required by the ARRA, the selection of the non-profit will be subject to public notification and comment, City of Madison Common Council approval, and HUD will be notified of the agency name and contact information prior to the contract award.

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

(6) Activity Name: Employment Services for Persons Facing Eviction

(7) Activity Narrative:

The City of Madison will conduct a request for proposal process which will seek applications from local non-profit or for-profit agencies who will provide the employment training and job development services to low or moderate income individuals who are facing eviction due to the loss of a job or because their job does not pay enough to afford their current mortgage. Getting and/or keeping people employed and able to live in their own homes will promote economic recovery. By creating or retaining jobs for low or moderate income persons this service will be assisting those most impacted by the recession. We expect to award the contract for these services on or before August 15, 2009. We will assure that at least one new full time equivalent position will be created or retained through the development of this service. We would expect that through the efforts of this service at least 10 individuals would be placed in FTE jobs, and an additional 5 – 10 individuals will be assisted to find additional work, which would enable them to remain in their homes.

(8) Jobs Created: We expect to full time equivalent job to be created or retained through the provision of CDBG-R funds for this activity. 10 individuals will be placed in FTE jobs and an additional 5 – 10 low or moderate-income persons will be assisted to find work that will enable them to stay in their homes.

(9) Additional Activity Information: This activity is not expected to address energy efficiency or green building issues.

(10) Responsible Organization: The City of Madison will be the responsible for choosing a non-profit or for-profit agency that will enter into a contract with the City for the provision of these services. In order to maintain transparency required by the ARRA, the selection of the non- profit will be subject to public notification and comment , City of Madison Common Council approval, and HUD will be notified of the agency name and contact information prior to the contract award.

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

(11) Activity Name: Economic Development

(12) Activity Narrative:

The City of Madison will seek applications from local non-profit agencies or for-profit businesses who will utilize the CDBG-R funds to develop new businesses

or expand existing businesses in such a way as create or retain jobs, following the CDBG Program requirements for new job creation and or job retention. By creating or retaining jobs for low or moderate income persons this service will be assisting those most impacted by the recession. These jobs will be offered to or taken by low or moderate-income persons. We will assure that at least one new full time equivalent positions will be created or retained for each \$35,000 expended through this activity for a total of 4 new full time equivalent positions. We will provide incentives for those applications, which create or retain jobs in green industries or are related to improving energy efficiency. We expect to award the contract for these services

(13) Job Creation

We will assure that at least one new full time equivalent positions will be created or retained for a low or moderate income person for each \$35,000 expended through this activity for a total of 4 new full time equivalent positions.

(14.) Additional Activity Information:

This activity is expected to address energy efficiency or green building issues. We will direct the business loans or grants to be used primarily for improving the energy efficiency of a businesses building or creating jobs in green industries. We will require each business assisted to have a building energy audit completed to ascertain what steps could be taken to improve the energy efficiency of their property. We will utilize a portion of the CDBG-R funds in this category to assist in weatherization of businesses being assisted, provision of alternative energy such as solar or wind, or other green/sustainable building techniques.

(15) Responsible Organization:

The City of Madison will be the responsible for choosing a non-profit or for-profit agency that will enter into a contract with the City for the provision of these services. In order to maintain transparency required by the ARRA, the selection of the non- profit will be subject to public notification and comment, City of Madison Common Council approval, and HUD will be notified of the agency name and contact information prior to the contract award.

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

(16) Activity Name: Housing Rehabilitation and Preservation

(17) Activity Narrative:

The City of Madison will seek applications from local non-profit agencies or for-profit businesses who will utilize the CDBG-R funds to provide housing rehabilitation linked to weatherization services. Some of the housing stock,

which the City has assisted in the past, is aging. Both single family and multi family units are in need of rehabilitation. Often the rehabilitation could be linked to weatherization, which would reduce the cost of the energy necessary to maintain the unit, thereby improving not only the energy efficiency of the unit but economic efficiency as well. By reducing the amount of energy used the City will fostering energy independence.

We will work to develop a housing rehabilitation service, which will employ skilled workers who are currently un and/or under employed to rehabilitate existing affordable housing units, which the City has previously assisted. By creating or retaining jobs for low or moderate income persons this service will be assisting those most impacted by the recession. We will assure that 7 FTE positions will be created or retained and that a minimum of 27 housing units will be assisted through this activity. We expect to award the contract for these services on or before August 15, 2009.

(18) Additional Activity Information:

This activity is expected to address energy conservation, efficiency and green building issues. We will have a minimum housing code inspection and a building energy audit completed to ascertain what steps could be taken to improve the energy efficiency of each unit rehabilitated and to conserve the largest amount of energy possible. The housing units will be expected to meet local codes and where possible to meet the energy star standards for rehabilitation.

(19) Job Creation

We will assure that a 7 new FTE jobs will be created for low or moderate income persons through this activity.

(20) Responsible Organization:

The City of Madison will be the responsible for choosing a non-profit or for-profit agency that will enter into a contract with the City for the provision of these services. In order to maintain transparency required by the ARRA, the selection of the non- profit will be subject to public notification and comment, City of Madison Common Council approval, and HUD will be notified of the agency name and contact information prior to the contract award.

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

(21) Activity Name: Program Administration

(22) Activity Narrative:

The City of Madison provide the administrative services necessary to comply with the CDBG-R regulations within the scope of the general CDBG requirements found at 24CFR 570.206. We will assure compliance with all Federal rules and requirements in our management of the CDBG-R funds. By assuring that each activity under the ARRA through the use of CDBG-R funds meets the goals of the program we will be preserving and creating new jobs for those most impacted

by the recession, and promoting economic recovery while fostering both economic efficiency and energy independence.

(23) Job Creation

No new jobs are expected to be created due to this activity. Existing positions will be retained to perform the administrative tasks required to manage this grant.

(24) Additional Activity Information: This activity is not expected to address energy efficiency or green building issues.

(25) The City of Madison – CDBG Office will be the responsible party for this activity.

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C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Provide a summary of public comments received to the proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.

Note: A Proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment must be published via the usual methods and posted on the jurisdiction's website for no less than 7 calendar days for public comment.

Response: The description of the Substantial Amendment was provided to the General Public on the City's Common Council Agenda on May 15, 2009 as a Resolution requiring Common Council Approval. It was referred to the CDBG Commission for comment at their May 28, 2009 meeting. The CDBG Review Commission provided input and comment on the proposed amendment at their meeting on May 28, 2009. Specifically they directed staff to include specific reference to the CDBG requirements related to job creation and retention, and to assure that the standard City of Madison practices with regard to the award of contracts for the provision of all of the described activities would be followed. A public hearing was provided as part of that meeting to receive public comment. No public comments were received to this proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.