

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:
Career Development Services Program

- (2) Activity Narrative:

The Metro Nashville Career Advancement Center (NCAC) will provide a **Career Development Services Program** to low income youth and young adults ages 16-24. These services are designed for the youth population that is in and out of school housed within the J.C. Napier and Tony Sudekum community housing developments, which house an estimated 1400 residents. The NCAC is the administrative agency for both the Workforce Investment Act and the Middle Tennessee Investments Board.

This Program will be located in the Southside Enterprise Center, which is located directly adjacent to the J.C. Napier public housing site. Transitional employment services will be provided including job readiness training, software application training, and career and education planning. These services are intended to give an at risk population an opportunity to develop the skills needed to enter the workforce and take advantage of economic opportunities. The CDBG-R funds will be used in conjunction with NCAC's existing Comprehensive Youth Program. The funds will allow the NCAC to expand their current program to serve more low income youth and young adults housed in the adjacent public housing developments.

- (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)).

The program expects to provide services for up to 40 youth with at minimum 1 full-time and 1 part-time positions retained to administer the program.

- (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.)

N/A

- (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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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.)

Employment and Placement Services Program

- (2) Activity Narrative:

CDBG-R monies will be used to fund a new pilot program of **Employment and Placement Services Program**. The new program will serve low and moderate income individuals ages 18 and over with an emphasis on helping residents of MDHA’s community housing developments. The program is designed to address the unemployment issues facing low income residents by conducting a series of employment seminars and developing relationships with employers for job placement.

The components of the Program include recruitment and enrollment, in depth classroom training, and job search and employment support. Participants will develop skills to enter into a chosen job market, skills and techniques to maintain employment, and skills to achieve promotional opportunities. The participants will be required to attend four weeks of classroom instruction (three days a week), which will include soft skills and job readiness training. After completion of classroom instruction, participants will have access to one-on-one assistance for job search and employment support, such as resume writing, interviewing skills, and job readiness skills for placement.

- (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)).

The activity will create 2 part-time positions and retain 1 part-time position. The program’s goals are to serve 200 participants in the Employment Readiness Seminars; 120 participants with in depth Employment/Placement Training; 90 participants will complete employment/placement; 60 participants will be placed in full or part-time jobs; and 40 will be assisted in retaining employment for a minimum of 6 months.

- (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.)

N/A

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

1. Activity Name:

Southside Enterprise Center Renovations

2. Activity Narrative:

Southside Enterprise Center is a neighborhood center built to provide crucial economic and social services to low income and public housing residents. It is centrally located in a low to moderate income census tract and adjacent to the J.C. Napier and Tony Sudekum community housing developments. The center currently houses the Entrepreneur Guidance & Training (EGT), Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing entrepreneurial skills training for low and moderate income residents of Metro Nashville Davidson County. The Center also contains a community policing station for the Metro Nashville Police Department and commercial and retail services to serve low income households.

In this activity, CDBG-R funds will be used to retrofit the existing neighborhood facility to improve energy efficiency and promote energy conservation. Both youth employment services proposals (detailed previously) will be located in the center.

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)).

There will be at least 10 construction jobs created with this activity temporarily. There will be no jobs retained once construction is complete.

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.)

Energy efficient lighting, mechanical system, and other maintenance upgrades will be installed throughout the building with the goal of reducing overall energy consumption. The improvements will add lasting value to the neighborhood center and serve as a model for incorporating green building techniques, such as recycled building material, to an existing neighborhood facility.

5. Responsible Organization:

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

- (1) Activity Name:

Historic Preservation in the Madison Commercial Strategy Area

- (2) Activity Narrative:

CDBG-R funds will be used in conjunction with a Tennessee Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant for historic preservation improvements to the Amqui Station Train Depot public facility. The site is located in a low to moderate income census tract and will be designed to spur further economic development in the Madison area. The CDBG-R funds will be used for construction and rehabilitation related expenses associated with the historic preservation needs of the site. This public facility will be available to all the residents in this predominately low to moderate income residential census tract.

- (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)).

For the interior renovation of the facility, 10-12 construction jobs are expected to be created temporarily. This activity is expected to create at minimum 1 full-time staff person and 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 facility will implement green building techniques with the exterior and interior renovation of the space as permitted with historic preservation development.

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

- (1) Activity Name:

Jefferson Street Infrastructure Improvements

- (2) Activity Narrative:

Jefferson Street is a vital corridor in the city's urban core and links the North Nashville community to downtown. It is considered the historic commercial center for the African American community in Nashville.

CDBG-R funds will be used in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant and Metro Government Capital Improvement funds for infrastructure improvements to include sidewalks installation, increasing the energy efficient of street lighting, intersection improvements, and public space improvements.

- (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)).

There will be 12 construction jobs to be created with this activity.

- (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.)

This activity will promote energy conservation by updating the existing street lighting. Infrastructure improvements will utilize green building techniques as appropriate.

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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:

CDBG-R
Activity Data Spreadsheet

Jurisdiction/Grantee Name: NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON, TN		CDBG-R Formula Grant Amount: \$1,316,347				Date: May 21, 2009	
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
Career Development Services Program	The Metro Nashville Career Advancement Center (NCAC) will provide a Career Development Services Program to low income youth and young adults ages 16-24. These services are designed for low income youth population that is in and out of school. Transitional employment services will be provided including job readiness training, software application training, and career and education planning. These services are intended to give an at risk population a chance to develop the skills needed to enter the workforce and take advantage of economic opportunities.	570.201(e) - Employment Training	570.208(a)(2) - Limited Clientele	100,000	0	0	100,000
Employment and Placement Services Program	CDBG-R monies will be used to fund a new pilot program of Employment and Placement Services Program. The new program will serve low and moderate income individuals ages 18 and over with an emphasis on helping residents of MDHA's community housing developments. The program is designed to address the unemployment issues facing low income residents by conducting a series of employment seminars and developing relationships with employers for job placement.	570.201(e) - Employment Training	570.208(a)(2) - Limited Clientele	\$75,000			75,000
Southside Enterprise Center Renovations	In this activity, CDBG-R funds will be used to retrofit the existing neighborhood facility to improve energy efficiency and promote energy conservation. Both employment services proposals (detailed previously) will be located in the center.	570.201(c) - Neighborhood Facilities	570.208(a)(2) - Limited Clientele	\$300,000			300,000
Historic Preservation in the Madison Commercial Strategy Area	CDBG-R funds will be used in conjunction with a Tennessee Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant for historic preservation improvements to the Amqui Station Train Depot public facility. The site is located in a low to moderate income census tract and will be designed to spur further economic development in the Madison area. The CDBG-R funds will be used for construction and rehabilitation related expenses associated with the historic preservation needs of the site. This public facility will be available to all the residents in this predominately low to moderate income residential census tract.	570.202(d) - Non-Residential Historic Preservation	570.208(a)(1) - Low Mod Area	\$240,000			240,000
Jefferson Street Infrastructure Improvements	Jefferson Street is a vital corridor in the city's urban core and links the North Nashville community to downtown. It is considered the historic commercial center for the African American community in Nashville. CDBG-R funds will be used in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant and Metro Government Capital Improvement funds for infrastructure improvements to include sidewalks installation, increasing the energy efficiency of street lighting, intersection improvements, and public space improvements.	570.201(c) - Street Improvements	570.208(a)(1) - Low Mod Area	\$469,712		\$1,800,000	2,269,712
CDBG-R Administration	Funds will be used to oversee the use of CDBG-R funds and ensure that funded programs comply with all applicable federal rules, regulations, and the intent of the CDBG program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.	570.206 - General Administration	Not Applicable	\$131,635			131,635
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			Unprogrammed	\$0			0