

**METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-
DAVIDSON COUNTY**

***ACTION PLAN FOR DISASTER
RECOVERY
Amendment Four***

Utilizing Supplemental CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding
Authorized by the
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010
(Public Law 111-212)

Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AGENCY
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INTRODUCTION

In July 2010, Congress passed the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-212), which provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization in areas affected by severe storms and flooding that occurred from March 2010 through May 2010, for which the President declared a Disaster Area. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a Notice of allocations, waivers, and alternative requirements for the CDBG disaster recovery funds in the *Federal Register*, Volume 75, Number 217, Docket Number FR-5452-N-01, effective November 15, 2010.

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County received an initial allocation of \$10,731,831 of CDBG disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. As required by HUD, the City submitted an Action Plan describing the proposed use of funds for the initial allocation. HUD approved the Action Plan for Disaster Recovery in February 2011.

HUD issued Notice of a second allocation for CDBG-DR grant funds of \$22,357,982 for Nashville-Davidson County, as published in the *Federal Register*, Volume 76, Number 72, Docket Number FR-5452-N-02, on April 14, 2011. This Notice required the City to submit an Amendment to Nashville-Davidson County's initial Action Plan for Disaster Recovery to provide details for the distribution of funds and the eligible program activities for the second allocation. Amendment One described the proposed use of funds for addressing unmet housing, infrastructure, recovery, and economic revitalization needs in Metro Nashville as a result of the May flood. HUD approved substantial Amendment One in August 2011.

In November 2011, MDHA submitted Amendment Two to provide further clarification of the proposed activities described in Amendment One, include minor budget revisions for activities, and rename "Code Enforcement" to "Neighborhood Cleanup." Amendment Two, which was not a substantial amendment, was approved by HUD in December 2011.

In July 2013, MDHA prepared Amendment Three, which reallocated funds in the amount of \$8,377,321.73 from certain housing, planning, and recovery activities to new construction (replacement housing) – multi-family homes, riverfront development, and administrative activities. The Amendment also cancelled the following activities: downpayment assistance, rebuild/new construction assistance, lead hazard evaluation and reduction, and emergency rehab. The purpose of the Amendment was to fully utilize CDBG-DR funds to address long-term disaster recovery efforts for viable projects. HUD approved substantial Amendment Three in October 2013.

Many activities undertaken with CDBG-DR funds are completed or are nearing completion, some below budget estimates, while other activities need to be expanded to further Metro Nashville's long-term recovery efforts. Amendment Four proposes to reallocate funds in the amount of \$2,823,696.52 from housing and infrastructure activities that are below budget to other activities within the same project categories that are underway. In addition, the Amendment proposes to expand the geographic scope of

certain planning and housing activities. Because this is considered a substantial amendment, the citizen participation requirements of the Notice apply.

The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) has been designated to act as the lead agency responsible for the development and administration of Metro Nashville’s Consolidated Plan and its related grant programs (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG) and will serve as the lead agency with respect to the Disaster Recovery Action Plan and related Amendments.

PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

Methodology for Allocating Grant Resources and Relative Importance of the Project

Nashville-Davidson County received an initial allocation of \$10,731,831 and a second allocation of \$22,357,982, for a total allocation of \$33,089,813.00. Current allocations for projects, which are designated per Amendment Three, are listed in Table 1. While Amendment Four proposes to relocate funds among activities within projects (i.e., from one housing activity to another), allocations for projects do not change.

Table 1: Current and Proposed Allocations

Projects	Current Allocation	Percent	Proposed Allocation	Percent
Housing	\$ 16,615,750.00	50%	\$ 16,615,750.00	50%
Infrastructure	\$ 12,154,081.73	37%	\$ 12,154,081.73	37%
Recovery	\$ 1,125,000.00	3%	\$ 1,125,000.00	3%
Planning	\$ 1,540,491.27	5%	\$ 1,540,491.27	5%
Administration	\$ 1,654,490.00	5%	\$ 1,654,490.00	5%
Total All Projects	\$ 33,089,813.00	100%	\$ 33,089,813.00	100%

Only those activities affected by this Amendment Four are discussed herein. However, a list of all CDBG-DR activities is provided in Appendix A, along with a summary of proposed changes through this Amendment. For narrative descriptions of activities not discussed in this Amendment, see Amendment Three, which is available at http://www.nashville-mdha.org/pdfs/Amendment%20Three_CDBG-DR%20Action%20Plan.pdf.

I. Housing Activities

Repair/rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes

Financial assistance in the form of a loan or grant was made available to owner/occupants for the repair of flood-damaged homes. Initial demand for this program was high, and over 500 households have been assisted through CDBG-DR as well as reprogrammed CDBG and HOME entitlement funds. No

applications for assistance have been submitted in recent months, and only a few cases remain open. Upon completion of these cases, this activity will be closed.

- *National Objective:* LMI Benefit (LMI); Urgent Need (UN)
- *Current Allocation:* \$8,400,000*
- *Revised Allocation:* \$5,881,297.60*
- *Amount Reallocated:* \$2,331,587.14*
- *Responsible Entity:* The Housing Fund (THF)
- *Program Income:* Program income generated from this activity will be retained by THF and applied to other CDBG-DR activities for which THF is the responsible entity, including Administration (up to the applicable cap), until grant close-out.

* For a specific budget details, see activities labeled “Homeowner Rehab Loan/Grant Program” in Appendix A.

New Construction (Replacement Housing) – Multi-family Homes

A significant portion of Nashville’s housing stock was impacted by the flood, and many homes may not be replaced or residents may choose to relocate outside of areas prone to flooding. To replenish the housing stock, offer more housing choices, and encourage revitalization of a targeted corridor as contemplated in the Long Term Recovery Plan, CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds will provide assistance for the development of rental or for sale multi-family homes.

As stated in Amendment Three, MDHA identified property along Jefferson Street for the development of 35 units. However, the sale did not materialize. MDHA has since identified a development opportunity in the Bordeaux area, which was significantly impacted by the flood. At least 83 homes in the area were on the buyout list. This Amendment expands the geographic scope of this activity beyond a targeted corridor to Bordeaux as well as other study areas in the Long Term Recovery Plan and increases the budget by \$187,115.26.

- *National Objective:* LMI Benefit; Slum & Blight; Urgent Need
- *Current Allocation:* \$3,193,750
- *Revised Allocation:* \$3,380,865.26
- *Eligible Activities:* Acquisition, site development, design and new construction of rental or for sale multi-family homes
- *Responsible Entity:* MDHA
- *Geographic Area:* Countywide

Purchase or Purchase/Repair Assistance for Flood Damaged Properties

To preserve the housing stock, arrest decline, and encourage investment in flood-impacted neighborhoods, assistance will be available to buyers of flood-damaged homes in which repairs are

substantially incomplete. The intent of this program is to address flood damaged homes that the original owner is selling or has sold, and the property remains unrepaired or only partially repaired. Funds may be used to purchase the property and complete repairs. However, in some instances, the new buyer only needs assistance with purchasing the property because other sources of funds are available for repair or only needs assistance with repairs, and funds may be used to assist with either the purchase or the repair. The Housing Fund, a subrecipient, has been working with Habitat for Humanity on this activity, which has been highly successful.

- *National Objective:* LMI Benefit; Urgent Need
- *Current Allocation:* \$3,500,000
- *Proposed Allocation:* \$5,831,590
- *Eligible Applicants:* Investors, developers, and potential owner-occupants
- *Threshold Criteria:* Purchase must be from the owner of record through a voluntary sale; repairs must meet Code standards; properties located in a floodway, included in the “buyout” or qualify for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program are not eligible
- *Grant Size Limit:*
 - For investors: 4% loan up to \$130,000 for a term of 10 or 15 years;
 - For owner-occupants: 2% loan up to \$130,000 for a term of 10 or 15 years
- *Responsible Entity:* The Housing Fund (subrecipient)
- *Geographic Area:* Countywide

II. Infrastructure

Riverfront Development

As explained in Amendment Two, Nashville’s downtown riverfront corridor serves as an epicenter of the region’s internationally renowned tourism, entertainment and hospitality industry, and host to a broad array of historic, cultural and recreational amenities that contribute immensely to the general livability and quality of life of the downtown area. The community-generated Plan of Nashville (2005), the Downtown Community Plan (2007), the Nashville Riverfront Concept Plan (2007) and the Nashville Long Term Recovery Plan (2011) all recognize the downtown riverfront as a unique and precious resource that offers unique opportunities to preserve and reclaim natural eco-systems; provides for a diversity of recreational and open space amenities for downtown visitors, workers and residents; and serves as a catalyst for continued economic development and job creation within the general downtown area.

The May 2010 flood severely impacted both the economic and cultural viability of Nashville’s downtown riverfront area on both sides of the river – a key attraction for the region’s tourism, entertainment and hospitality industries, and the local community as a whole. Numerous cultural, entertainment, retail, business services, as well as residential and business property owners and tenants, incurred significant property damages and/or loss of revenues. The Schermerhorn Symphony Center alone incurred flood related property damage in excess of \$40 million. Government facilities (e.g. Riverfront Park) and major utility providers (e.g. the Nashville Electric Service) were not spared. Timing of the flood could not have

been worse for Nashville’s tourist-based economy, occurring in the critical weeks leading up to the community’s premier international entertainment event, the annual Country Music Awards festival on the downtown riverfront. Throughout the flood recovery period, potential visitors from around the world either postponed or canceled trips to the Music City. As a result of the May 2010 flood, business receipts were down, hospitality and other service-related jobs were lost, local and state tax revenues dropped. Further, the overall downtown community, especially area residents, lost access to and utilization of its most significant recreational and open space asset, the downtown riverfront.

A direct outcome of planning efforts, such as the Downtown Riverfront Coordinated Revitalization Plan (see below), the South of Broadway Strategic Master Plan (funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce and Economic Development), and the West Riverfront Master Plan, is the staged construction of an integrated framework of neighborhood enhancement, economic development and associated infrastructure projects along the downtown riverfront that include stabilization of the East Bank; additional recreational, open space and entertainment amenities; walking, bicycling and parking enhancements; and major utility system upgrades that incorporate sustainable storm water management techniques and flood mitigation features. Assistance will be made available for these activities, and a portion of these funds may be used to reimburse for eligible costs incurred related to this activity since the date of the flood.

- *National Objective:* LMI benefit; Slum & Blight; Urgent Need
- *Current Allocation:* \$10,129,081.73
- *Eligible Activities/Threshold Criteria:* Design and construction of infrastructure improvements in the downtown riverfront area that are suitable to the area; implementation of the Downtown Riverfront Coordinated Revitalization Plan and other plans; specific activities are described below.
- *Grant Size Limit:* See activities described below
- *Responsible Entity:* Metro Government, MDHA
- *Geographic Area:* Downtown riverfront area

Bank Stabilization – East Bank

In the past decade, new development on the eastside of the Cumberland River near downtown has slowly contributed to the erosion of this portion of the river bank; after the May 2010, this process escalated to the point that stabilization is required to halt the erosion. The new Cumberland Park is adjacent to this portion of the river bank and stabilization is required to ensure the long-term viability of the park. This activity has been completed below budget and remaining funds will be allocated to the West Riverfront activity.

- *National Objective:* LMI benefit
- *Current Allocation:* \$3,000,000
- *Revised Allocation:* \$2,695,008.74

- *Eligible Activities/Threshold Criteria:* Installation of rip rap, bulkheads, and other measures necessary to stabilize the river bank.
- *Responsible Entity:* MDHA
- *Geographic Area:* Downtown riverfront – East Bank, adjacent to Cumberland Park

West Riverfront

One of the high-priority recommendations from prior Riverfront plans and the more recent South of Broadway Strategic Master Plan is the development of the downtown West Riverfront and, particularly, the repurposing of the 12 acre former Nashville Thermal Transfer site. City officials reevaluated potential uses following the May 2010 flood’s impact on the west river bank, which was inundated. The West Riverfront Master Plan creates a vision for the development of the West Riverfront in light of these circumstances. The Plan transforms the West Riverfront into a civic open space that includes a promenade that serves as a flood wall, event space, lawns and plazas, piers, a greenway, and related improvements.

- *National Objective:* LMI benefit; Urgent Need
- *Current Allocation:* \$7,129,081.73
- *Revised Allocation:* \$7,434,072.99
- *Eligible Activities/Threshold Criteria:* Design, engineering, and management costs associated with the implementation of projects identified in the West Riverfront Master Plan.
- *Responsible Entity:* Metro Government
- *Geographic Area:* Downtown riverfront – West Bank

III. Planning

Redevelopment Plans (previously Downtown Riverfront Coordinated Revitalization Plan)

As a result of the torrential rains in May 2010, the Cumberland River crested at 51.86 feet – 12 feet above flood stage. Nashville’s downtown riverfront area on both sides of the river, including the East Bank, Riverfront Park, and much of the famous tourist district of lower Broadway, were under water.

In light of the May flood, the City must re-examine proposed development for the East Bank. As envisioned in the Long-Term Recovery Plan, a Downtown Riverfront Coordinated Revitalization Plan will establish the clear and concise framework required to properly guide land uses, staging, budgeting, design and construction of projects in a manner that is efficient, cost-effective, and suitable to the revitalization of the East Bank.

In addition to a Downtown Riverfront Coordinated Revitalization Plan, this Amendment proposes to expand the planning scope to other underutilized/underdeveloped areas, particularly areas along the Cumberland River. As contemplated in the Long-Term Recovery Plan, the purpose of such planning is to

identify areas for potential redevelopment and to develop polices and guidelines for the highest and best sustainable use.

- *National Objective:* N/A
- *Allocation:* \$450,000 (no budget revision)
- *Eligible Activities/Threshold Criteria:* Costs associated with the creation of a Downtown Riverfront Coordinated Revitalization Plan and other redevelopment plans.
- *Responsible Entity:* MDHA
- *Geographic Area:* Underutilized/underdeveloped areas along the Cumberland River.

REQUIREMENTS NOT WAIVED

The Supplemental Appropriations Act authorizes the Secretary of HUD to waive, or specify alternate requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary, or use by the recipient, of the funds and guarantees, except for the requirements discussed below. A complete list of the waivers approved to date can be found in the *Federal Register*, Volume 75, Number 217, Docket Number FR-5452-N-01, November 10, 2010, beginning on page 69103, and are summarized in Appendix B of the Action Plan for Disaster Recovery, updated February 2011, which is available at <http://www.nashville-mdha.org/pdfs/CDBG-DR%20Action%20Plan%20updated%20Feb%202011.pdf>.

Activities funded under the Supplemental Appropriations Act must comply with the requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environment (including requirements concerning lead-based paint) cannot be waived. Further, HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 135, which implement section 3 apply.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The Metropolitan Government and MDHA support and encourage citizen participation in the development of the Disaster Recovery Action Plan and related amendments. Many of the concerns expressed by citizens participating in the long-term recovery planning process have been incorporated into this Plan, as amended. The Citizen Participation Process complies with the requirements published in the Notice of allocations, waivers, and alternative requirements [*Federal Register*, Volume 75, Number 217, Docket Number FR-5452-N-01, effective November 15, 2010].

The Public Notice provided in Appendix B was published in *The Tennessean* and posted on MDHA's and Metro Government's website. The public comment period began on July 16, 2014 and will end on August 1, 2014. A public hearing will be held on July 31, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., at the Randee Rogers Training Center. Comments received and MDHA's responses are included in Appendix C. Following the conclusion of the public comment period, Amendment Four will be submitted to the MDHA Board of Commissioners and the Metropolitan Council for approval. Upon authorization of the Metro Council, the Amendment will be submitted to HUD.

AMENDING THE ACTION PLAN

The following events will be considered substantial amendments to the Action Plan for Disaster Recovery:

- The addition or deletion of any activity described in the Plan;
- A change in the planned beneficiaries of an activity;
- The implementation of an additional HUD-authorized “waiver” of any major programmatic rules or regulations; and
- Any action that HUD deems to be a significant amendment that needs public input prior to enacting.

Substantial amendments must be authorized by the Metropolitan Mayor and approved by resolution by the Metropolitan Council. For substantial amendments, MDHA will follow the same procedures for public notice as described herein. Following the public notice period, proposed amendments will then be submitted to the HUD Knoxville Field Office for review. For minor amendments, MDHA will notify the HUD Knoxville Field Office.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Current and Revised Allocations by Activity

Appendix B: Public Notice

Appendix C: Public Comments and Responses

APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

Project Title	Activity Title	Responsible Agency	Current Budget	Proposed Amended Budget	Proposed Changes
Administration	Program Administration-THF	THF	\$ 295,000.00	\$ 295,000.00	No Change
Administration	Program Administration-MDHA	MDHA	<u>\$ 1,359,490.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,359,490.00</u>	No Change
		PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 1,654,490.00	\$ 1,654,490.00	
Planning	Long Term Recovery Plan	Metro	\$ 809,660.00	\$ 809,660.00	No Change
Planning	OEM Strategic Plan	Metro	\$ 30,831.27	\$ 30,831.27	No Change
Planning	Housing Research	THF	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	No Change
Planning	Downtown Riverfront Plan	MDHA	<u>\$ 450,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 450,000.00</u>	Expand planning area & scope
		PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 1,540,491.27	\$ 1,540,491.27	
Housing	Homeowner Rehab Loan & Grant Program	THF	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 5,668,410.00	Decrease budget by \$2,331,590 & reallocate to Purchase/Repair Program
Housing	Homeowner Rehab Loan& Grant Program - Delivery Costs	MDHA	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 212,884.74	Completed; reallocate \$187,115.26 to New Construction - Multi-family
Housing	Rental Rehab Loan/Grant Program-Urgent Need	THF	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	No Change
Housing	Purchase/Repair Program-LMI	THF	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 5,831,590.00	Increase budget by \$2,331,590

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Housing	New Construction-Multi-family	MDHA	\$ 3,193,750.00	\$ 3,380,865.26	Increase budget by \$187,115.26 & expand potential locations
Housing	Buyout Local Match	Metro	<u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u>	No Change
		PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 16,615,750.00	\$ 16,615,750.00	
Infrastructure	Haynes Park (Stormwater Project)	MDHA/Metro	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	No Change
Infrastructure	Manor Place (Stormwater Project)	MDHA/Metro	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 67,500.00	No Change
Infrastructure	Riverfront Development - East Bank	MDHA/Metro	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 2,695,008.74	Completed; move \$304,991.26 to Riverfront Development – West Bank
Infrastructure	Greenways Projects - Program Delivery	Metro	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	No Change
Infrastructure	Riverfront Development - West Bank	Metro	\$ 7,129,081.73	\$ 7,434,072.99	Increase budget by \$304,991.26
Infrastructure	Greenways - Mill Creek	MDHA/Metro	\$ 812,500.00	\$ 812,500.00	No Change
Infrastructure	Greenways - Richland Creek	MDHA/Metro	<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u>	No Change
		PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 12,154,081.73	\$ 12,154,081.73	
Recovery	Voluntary Acquisition	Metro	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	No Change
Recovery	Stream Cleanup	MDHA	<u>\$ 125,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 125,000.00</u>	No Change
		PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 1,125,000.00	\$ 1,125,000.00	
GRANT TOTAL			\$ 33,089,813.00	\$ 33,089,813.00	

APPENDIX B

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment
Amendment Four to the Nashville-Davidson County
Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Action Plan**

Public Hearing: The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) will host a public hearing on draft Amendment Four to the Nashville-Davidson County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan on:

**Thursday, July 31, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Randee Rogers Training Center
1419 Rosa Parks Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37208**

Public Comment Period: Beginning Wednesday, July 16, 2014, the draft Amendment will be available for public examination and comment. Members of the public may download copies from MDHA’s website at <http://www.nashville-mdha.org/reports-recovery.php> or may request copies by contacting the MDHA Community Development Department at 615-252-8505 or TDD at 615-252-8599. Also, copies will be available at MDHA’s Community Development Department, located at 712 South Sixth Street, Nashville, TN 37206, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. MDHA will receive written comments until 3 p.m., central time, on Friday, August 1, 2014. Comments may be submitted by hand delivery to MDHA’s Community Development Department at the address listed above; electronically at consolidatedplan@nashville-mdha.org (Subject: Disaster Recovery Plan); faxed to 615-252-8533 (Attention: Disaster Recovery Plan); or mailed to MDHA Community Development Department, Attention: Disaster Recovery Plan, P.O. Box 846, Nashville, TN 37202.

Purpose and Summary: MDHA has prepared for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Amendment Four to the Nashville-Davidson County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan. The Amendment proposes the reallocation of CDBG-DR funds in the amount of \$2,823,696.52 as specified below. In addition, the Amendment proposes to expand the scope of certain existing planning and housing activities. The purpose of the Amendment is to fully utilize CDBG-DR funds to address long-term disaster recovery efforts.

Project Title	Activity Title	Current Budget	Proposed Amended Budget	Proposed Changes
Planning	Downtown Riverfront Plan	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	Expand planning area & scope
Housing	Homeowner Rehab Loan & Grant Program	\$8,000,000.00	\$5,668,410.00	Decrease budget by \$2,331,590 & reallocate to Purchase/Repair Program
Housing	Homeowner Rehab Loan & Grant Program - Delivery Costs	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 212,884.74	Completed; reallocate \$187,115.26 to New Construction - Multi-family
Housing	Purchase/Repair Program	\$3,500,000.00	\$5,831,590.00	Increase budget by \$2,331,590

Housing	New Construction-Multi-family	\$3,193,750.00	\$3,380,865.26	Increase budget by \$187,115.26 & expand potential locations
Infrastructure	Riverfront Development - East Bank	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,695,008.74	Completed; reallocate \$304,991.26 to West Bank activity
Infrastructure	Riverfront Development - West Bank	\$7,129,081.73	\$7,434,072.99	Increase budget by \$304,991.26

Request for Accommodations: MDHA makes every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to assist persons with disabilities. Any person needing assistance in accessing this information or who has other needs that require special accommodations may contact 615-252-8555 or TDD at 615-252-8599.

Statement of Non-Discrimination: MDHA does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, color, national origin, religion, disability or any other legally protected status in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.



APPENDIX C

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A summary of comments/questions received at the public hearing held on July 31, 2014 and MDHA's responses are provided below. No written comments were received during the public comment period.

Q: The expanded area of the downtown riverfront plan – is that being coordinated with metro planning or who is the responsible entity?

A: MDHA is the responsible entity, and this activity will be similar to redevelopment plans.

Q: *[Follow-up question]* Is there a possibility of a redevelopment plan at some point?

A: Yes.

Q: Has there been a site identified for the new construction *[referring to Replacement Housing: Multi-family]*?

A: No.

Q: *[Follow-up question]* But are you are primarily looking at the Bordeaux area?

A: We are looking into Bordeaux. In the *Long Term Recovery Plan* for Metro, there are several areas identified and that is one of the areas. That is an area that experienced a lot of loss of housing through the buyouts.

Q: Is the Purchase/Repair program solely for The Housing Fund and its partnership with Habitat for Humanity?

A: It is not exclusive to the THF/Habitat partnership. Other developers can apply.

Q: *[Follow-up question]* So they should contact The Housing Fund?

A: Yes.

Q: Is Purchase/Repair program countywide or in certain areas affected by the flood?

A: It is available countywide in areas that were affected by the flood – not just one area that was affected by the flood.

Q: Has the work on the West Bank started?

A: Yes, it is underway. These funds are paying for the design, engineering, construction management, and associated costs of the West bank project.