

2008 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.

The following is the City of Topeka’s plan to utilize the CDBG-R funds.

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

(1) Activity Name:

Weatherization and Lead- Based Paint Stabilization (WLBPS)

(2) Activity Narrative:

The City of Topeka will have \$533,736 of which a sum not to exceed \$53,373 or 10% will be used for the administration of the funds. The Weatherization and Lead-Based Paint Recovery program will be used to assist LMI qualified homeowner occupants with exterior repairs to their home to prevent moisture from entering, provide improvements that increase energy efficiency, lower maintenance costs and/or stabilize lead-based paint. This city-wide program will enable residents to maintain an energy efficient home that is safe and increases affordability.

The City of Topeka has trained staff that is ready to start bidding out projects as soon as the funding is released. Additionally, the City will provide a press release to all citizens with a sign up date for the program for a single date of entry. Once all applications are received and approved, the projects will begin going out to bid to the lowest and best bidder. With a single

point of entry we will have all the applications reviewed internally and staff can immediately start providing weatherization and lead-based paint stabilization services to LMI homeowners.

Additionally, the benefit to the LMI homeowner is great. Their utility consumption will decrease along with their high utility bills. This will help the homeowners most impacted by the recession and help foster energy independence in the future. The homeowners will have less deferred maintenance that will reduce the need for future repairs.

- (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)).

Multiple contracts will be awarded to contractors who meet the City's qualifications. The demand for quality contractors will increase as well as their workload. The City predicts that many contractors will have to hire additional employees to meet our new demand.

The City predicts that that the funding will assist 22 homeowners with this program. The City estimates that each contractor, due to high demand, will have to hire approximately two people to complete jobs in a timely manner.

- (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.)

All the LMI homeowners could be eligible to receive vinyl siding, windows, insulation and roofs if needed to make the home energy efficient. All services being provided will help the citizen improve energy conservation and provide investment needed to increase economic efficiency. Additionally, it will lower utility costs the owner will have to pay and provide financial resources for other day-to-day expenses.

- (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. 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:

No public comments were received during the 7 day comment period.