

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY PROGRAM
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) signed by the President of the United States on February 17, 2009 is intended to provide a stimulus to the U.S. economy in the wake of the current economic downturn. A component of the ARRA is the Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program which designated \$1 billion for the economic revitalization and growth of communities. The CDBG-R Program is governed by the regular CDBG Program regulations at 24 CFR Part 570, with some waivers and revisions. Eligible activities include all activities eligible for funding under the regular CDBG Program. The HUD Notice which advised of the availability of CDBG-R funds, the application process, terms and conditions of the award, and program design and implementation, was published on May 5, 2009. Palm Beach County was allocated \$1,846,758 in CDBG-R funding. In order to access these funds Palm Beach County is required to amend its FY 2008-09 Action Plan and submit the amendment to HUD on or before June 5, 2009.

Proposed Eleventh (11th) Amendment to the FY 2008-09 Action Plan

The total amount of CDBG-R funds available to Palm Beach County for FY 2008-09 is \$1,846,758. The proposed Eleventh (11th) Amendment to the FY 2008-09 Action Plan entails the addition of eight (8) CDBG-R funded activities as follows:

Westgate/Belvedere Homes CRA Infrastructure Improvements: Reconstruction of the Cherry Road bridge over the Airport Canal to improve drainage in the CRA district. The activity includes increasing the size of the existing culverts thereby alleviating future flooding in the area. The proposed CDBG-R funding for this activity is \$600,000.

South Bay Community Center: Complete the rehabilitation of a 4,000 square foot building located on US 27, to be used as a community center by the residents of the City of South Bay. The proposed CDBG-R funding for this activity is \$300,000.

City of Greenacres Infrastructure Improvements: Drainage improvements to 2 alleyways between Fleming, Jennings, and Perry Avenues consisting of clearing the alleys, draining, and sodding. The proposed CDBG-R funding for this activity is \$73,000.

Canal Point Water Line: Replacement of an existing water distribution main located on US 441 (Everglades Street) between Main Street to the north in the Canal Point CDBG Target Area and State Market Road to the south in the City of Pahokee with a new 12" water distribution main (approximately 8,000 linear feet). The activity will increase water pressure to residential, commercial and public structures for fire safety and health benefits. The proposed CDBG-R funding for this activity is \$231,000.

Villages of Hope Infrastructure Improvements: Infrastructure improvements consisting of roadway, drainage, and sanitary sewer installation in support of an expansion of a transitional housing facility serving former foster youth. The activity will be located at 3528 Burma Circle, Lake Park, FL 33403. The proposed CDBG-R funding for this activity is \$183,082.

Palm Beach County Economic Development Office: Provision of direct assistance to businesses designed to create new jobs for persons who have recently become unemployed as a result of the economic crisis. This is a countywide activity. The proposed CDBG-R funding for this activity is \$180,000.

Urban League of Palm Beach County: Provision of a Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program to families at-risk of losing their homes by offering counseling services and engaging in negotiations on behalf of clients in loan modification and refinancing proceedings, among other services. The activity will be conducted at the Urban League's administrative offices located at 1700 North Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. The proposed CDBG-R funding for this activity is \$95,000.

Program Administration: The allowable 10% for administration will be used to fund administrative costs which are expected to be incurred by Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Community Development. The CDBG-R funding for this activity is \$184,676.

Written comments on the proposed Amendment will be accepted by HCD at 160 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, until June 1, 2009

Palm Beach County's Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will discuss the CDBG-R Program and consider this Amendment for approval at a regular meeting to be held June 2, 2009. All interested parties are invited to attend. The BCC meeting is to be held as follows:

Location: Palm Beach County Governmental Center
BCC Chambers (6th Floor)
301 North Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Time: No time certain (BCC meetings begin at 9:30a.m.)

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2009

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADA, THIS AD CAN BE REQUESTED IN ALTERNATE FORMAT. AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST WITH AT LEAST THREE DAYS NOTICE (CONTACT HCD AT (561) 233-3616.

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