

City of Miami Gardens 1st Program Year:

Action Plan Amendments



FY 2006-2007

City of Miami Gardens

Department of Community Development:

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Introduction

Summary of Amendments FY 2006-2007

This report consists of modifications (amendments) implemented to activities identified in the 1st Program Year Action Plan (FY 2006-2007), reflective of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. With the approval of the City Manager, the report makes available individual text descriptions of project adjustments executed by the Department of Community Development. The amendments were exercised due to alterations in the nature of identified projects.

As a result of the ensuing revisions funding allocations have been increased or decreased by means of transfer, allocation, or de-obligation of funding, in an effort to better meet the priorities and needs of low and moderate income city residents. All funding determinations are consistent with the Goals and Objectives set-forth in the 2006-2011 Consolidated Plan in conjunction with the Citizen Participation Plan. As it relates to Citizen Participation, these amendments will be publicly posted and available for review by the general public. The report introduces amendments implemented under the CDBG category.

As an Entitlement Jurisdiction, the City of Miami Gardens is dedicated to complying with the goals and regulations mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S HUD), while attempting to provide decent housing, and a suitable living environment and economic opportunity for low and moderate income residents.

The Department of Community Development exercised such amendments with the intent of meeting the CDBG national objectives adhering to the following initiatives: 1) Provide benefits to low-to-moderate income families; 2) Aid in preventing “slums and blight”; 3) To meet other community development needs that have a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

Projects submitted in the 1st Program Year Annual Action Plan were designed to give maximum priority to feasible activities that promote the CDBG national objectives. Furthermore Entitlement Grants monies, such as CDBG will be awarded by the City of Miami Gardens to agencies and projects which further the national federal objectives. As a result, the same decisive factor is put into effect when allocating additional funding to existing programs and/or subsidizing initial funding for new applicants.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The City of Miami Gardens received its first annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2006. The primary objective of the CDBG Program as set forth by Congress is "the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." Federal regulations define persons who are low and moderate-income as households earning less than 80% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, adjusted by household size.

Usage of the CDBG funds is guided by the City's Consolidated Plan for Community Development and Housing Funds. The Consolidated Plan establishes a long-range strategy for investment of its HUD resources and other resources linked to activities directed at the community development, housing and homeless services needs. The Plan covers a five-year period, beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2011. Last, the City must prepare an annual action plan describing actions/strategies designed to implement the Consolidated Plan.

As an entitlement City, Miami Gardens is awarded an annual CDBG grant on a formula basis. The formula takes into account total population, overcrowding and poverty. CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Eligible activities include affordable housing, job creation, business expansion opportunities, and services to the most vulnerable in the community.

The Department of Community Development furthers the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) national objectives by coordinating the priorities collectively established in the annual public hearings with the CDBG national goals and objectives.

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Amendments

No. BPS-01.001: Public Services (\$171,000.00)- The 06-07 Action Plan reflected the provision of direct homeownership assistance and training to low-moderate income residents citywide. The amendment proposes to allocate \$100,000.00 to individual agencies to provide public services to eligible city residents. The services to be provided are to remain consistent with the needs outlined in the City’s Consolidated Plan priorities. The remaining \$71,000.00 will continue to be used for direct homeownership assistance as originally reflected in the Action Plan.

No. BED-01.001: Economic Development (\$57,000.00)- The 06-07 Action Plan reflected the provision of economic development through a Commercial Redevelopment (façade improvement) program for eligible for-profit businesses. The amendment changes the use to allocate \$40,000.00 to an individual agency for the provision of special economic development in accordance with 24 CFR 570.209. Of the remaining balance of \$17,000.00, \$9,000.00 is to be allocated to the public services category for direct homeownership assistance and \$8,000.00 is to be allocated to the housing category for single family housing rehabilitation.

No. BHSG-01.001: Housing (\$400,000.00)- The use of these funds will not change, however, the allocation for 06-07 will increase by \$8,000.00 (to \$408,000.00).