

City of Miami Gardens-
Department of Community Development

Action Plan Amendments

(AMENDMENT # 2)



FY 2006-2007
(Program Year 1)

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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 Grant 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 those individuals (or households) earning less than 80% of the areas median income (AMI) 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.

Amendments

SAMPLE: Number Key

Program Code	Program Year	Amendment Number
BHSG (CDBG-Housing)	1 st	001
BPS (CDBG-Public Service)	1 st	002

No. BPS-01-002: Public Services (\$195,224)- The 06-07 Action Plan reflected the provision of direct homeownership assistance and training to low-moderate income residents citywide. Amendment #2 will allocate \$60,000 for direct homeownership assistance, and \$49,482.92 to two (2) agencies (Concerned African Women, Inc.- \$25,000 & Alliance for Musical Arts Production, Inc.-\$24,284.92). The remaining balance of \$85,741.08 will be re-allocated to our Housing Rehabilitation Program. The new total amount in this category will be **\$109,482.92**.

No. BED-01-002: Economic Development (\$40,000)-The 06-07 Action Plan reflected the provision of economic development through a façade improvement program for eligible for-profit businesses. Only a portion of these funds (\$3,200) have been expended. Amendment # 2 will change the use of the remaining \$36,800 to façade improvements/commercial rehabilitation for for-profit business.

No. BHSG-01-002: Housing (\$408,000)-The use of these funds will not change. Amendment #2 will increase the allocated amount **\$493,741.08**. The increase in funds is coming from the Public Services Activity.

Summary of Amendments

Activity	Public Services	Housing Rehabilitation	Economic Development (Technical Assistance)	Economic Development (Façade Improvements)
Reduction of	\$ 85,741.08			
Increase of		\$ 85,741.08		
Reduction of			\$36,800.00	
Increase of				\$ 36,800.00
Final Allocated Amount	\$109,482.92	\$493,741.08	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 36,800.00