

# City of Miami Gardens



Department of  
Community  
Development

Action Plan Amendments  
(Program Years 3, 4 & 6)

FY

2008-09

2009-10

&

2011-12

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report consists of modifications (amendments) implemented to projects identified in the City of Miami Gardens' 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Program Year Action Plans (FY 2008-09 & 2011-12), for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. With the approval of the City Manager, this report delineates adjustments to the projects carried out by the Department of Community Development. These amendments were necessary due to a change in the nature of the projects indicated herein.

In an effort to better meet the priorities and needs of low- and moderate-income city residents, funding allocations have been increased or decreased appropriately by means of transfer, re-allocation, or de-obligation. All funding determinations remain consistent with the goals and objectives set-forth in the 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan and in conjunction with the Citizen Participation Plan. As it relates to citizen participation, a summary of the amendments was made available to the public for review and comment for a period of 30-days beginning on September 30, 2012 through October 31, 2012. The amendment was publicly posted and available on the City's website at <http://www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd/index.html> for review by the general public.

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, a suitable living environment, and increased economic opportunity for low- and moderate income residents.

The Department of Community Development initiated such amendments with the intent of meeting the following CDBG national objectives: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Program Year Action Plans 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.

## 2. BACKGROUND

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The City of Miami Gardens received its first allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. 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 area 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 programs. 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, 2011 and ending September 30, 2016. Lastly, the City must prepare an Annual Action Plan describing actions/strategies designed to fulfill the Consolidated Plan.

As an Entitlement City, Miami Gardens is awarded an annual CDBG allocation 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 HUD national objectives by coordinating the priorities collectively established in annual public hearings, with the CDBG national goals and objectives.

### 3. AMENDMENTS

#### DETAIL OF AMENDMENTS

##### 2008-2009

##### Number Key

Project Code	Amendment Number (project-P.Y.-amendment #)	Program Yr	Amendment Sequence
BCRD (CDBG-Commercial Redevelopment)	BCRD-03-011	03	011
BNFR (CDBG-Infrastructure Improvements)	BNFR-03-012	03	012

**No. BCRD-03-011** (*Commercial Redevelopment*): The 2008-2009 Action Plan reflected the provision of commercial redevelopment in selected low-mod census tracts in the City. This project included façade improvements for eligible for-profit businesses within the City. An amount of \$123,114.33 has been allocated to this project. An activity was identified; however the City was unable to complete it. As a result, \$113,979.53 has been de-obligated. This amendment will reduce the allocated amount by \$113,979.53. The funds will be re-allocated to the Housing Rehabilitation project in program year 2011-2012, and will bring the total allocation for the 2008-2009 Commercial Redevelopment project to **\$9,134.80**.

**No. BNFR-03-012** (*Infrastructure Improvements*): The 2008-2009 Action Plan reflected the provision of infrastructure improvements in selected low-mod census tracts in the City. This activity consisted of improvements to drainage, water/sewer, street lights, and street reconstruction. This amendment will re-allocate the remaining balance of \$32,954.16 to the Housing Rehabilitation project in program year 2011-2012. This will bring the total allocation for 2008-2009 Infrastructure Improvements project to **\$281,669.34**.

**2009-2010**

## Number Key

Project Code	Amendment Number (project-P.Y.-amendment #)	Program Yr	Amendment Sequence
BHSG (CDBG-Housing Rehabilitation)	BHSG-04-007	04	007

**No. BHSG-04-007 (Housing Rehabilitation):** The 2009-2010 Action Plan included an allocation for the Housing Rehabilitation Project. These services are provided to homeowners who are at or below 80% of the area median income and live in the housing unit being rehabilitated. An amount of \$268,483.72 was allocated to this project, however \$17,384.74 remains unobligated. This amendment will move these unobligated funds from the 2009-2010 program year Housing Rehabilitation project to the 2011-2012 program year Housing Rehabilitation project. This will bring the total allocation for 2009-2010 Housing Rehabilitation project to **\$251,098.98**.

**2011-2012**

## Number Key

Project Code	Amendment Number (project-P.Y.-amendment #)	Program Yr	Amendment Sequence
BHSG (CDBG-Housing Rehabilitation)	BHSG-06-001	06	001

**No. BHSG-06-001 (Housing Rehabilitation):** The 2011-2012 Action Plan included an allocation for the Housing Rehabilitation Project. These services are provided to homeowners who are at or below 80% of the area median income and live in the housing unit being rehabilitated. An amount of \$245,000.00 has been allocated to this project. This amendment will increase the Housing Rehabilitation allocation by \$164,318.43. This amount represents unexpended funds from the 2008-2009 program year Commercial Redevelopment and Infrastructure Improvements projects and unobligated funds from the 2009-2010 program year Housing Rehabilitation project. The total allocation for 2011-2012 Housing Rehabilitation project will be **\$409,318.43**.

**Summary of Amendments 2008-09 & 2011-12**

	2008-09	2009-10	2011-12	Totals
Commercial Redevelopment	\$(113,979.53)			\$(113,979.53)
Livable Neighborhoods	\$ (32,954.16)			\$ (32,954.16)
Housing Rehabilitation		\$ (17,384.74)	\$ 164,318.43	\$ 146,933.69
Totals	\$(146,933.69)	\$ (17,384.74)	\$ 164,318.43	\$ ---

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