



Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-R)

Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
(Notice FR-5309-N-01)

The Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment FY 2008-09 Annual Action Plan

City of Miami Gardens
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As Amended – December 8, 2010

THE 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 City of Miami Gardens proposes this substantial amendment to its Program Year 2008 Annual Action plan to carry out activities in accordance with CDBG-R program requirements. CDBG-R funds will be utilized in two activities (housing rehabilitation & infrastructure improvements) that will promote energy efficiency and conservation and job creation. Both activities will expand on existing programs that are already in progress, but has limited fund available to complete the project.

Rehabilitation will be performed to existing single-family housing stock to benefit low income individuals and households. The housing rehab program has policies already in place with guidelines specific to contractor selections. By following the existing housing policies, the City will meet the HUD requirement of awarding contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available.

Infrastructure improvements will be done in an area previously identified as a one of the lowest income census tracts in the City. The City will use at least 50% of the funds for activities within this designated area that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Recovery Act.

100% of funds for the two activities will be utilized for low income population. Also, ten percent (10%) of the CDBG-R funds will be utilized for administration of the program.

A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES

Grantees must provide information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities in an electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD. The information that must be reported in the spreadsheet includes activity name, activity description, CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted, eligibility category, national objective citation, additional Recovery Act funds for the activity received from other programs, and total activity budget. An electronic copy of the spreadsheet and the format is available on HUD's recovery website at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>.

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ACTIVITY DATA SPREADSHEET

Jurisdiction/Grantee Name: City of Miami Gardens		CDBG-R Formula Grant Amount: \$371,207				Date: December 8, 2010	
<i>Activity Name</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>	<i>Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)</i>	<i>National Objective Citation</i>	<i>CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Additional Recovery Funds (\$)</i>	<i>Other Leveraged Funding (\$)</i>	<i>Total Activity Budget</i>
Housing Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation of single family homes with emphasis on energy efficiency including but not limited to structural hardening, electrical upgrades, and plumbing repairs.	570.202	LMH	\$ 150,000	\$0		\$ 150,000
Infrastructure Improvements	Expansion of existing infrastructure activities including street improvements within areas of the City that have already been identified. These improvements will include but are not limited to street drains, sidewalk repair, and streetscape.	570.201(c)	LMA	\$184,086	\$0		184,086
Program Administration	Overall program management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities	570.206	N/A	\$37,121	\$0		37,121
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B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY (COMPLETE FOR EACH ACTIVITY)

(1) Activity Name:

Activity # 01 -Housing Rehabilitation

(2) Activity Narrative:

Rehabilitation of single family homes with emphasis on energy efficiency and conservation including but not limited to structural hardening, electrical upgrades, and plumbing repairs. Where appropriate, construction will be performed with an emphasis on energy efficiency and materials purchased for this activity will be energy rated or recycled. 100% of the grant funds will benefit low income individuals and households.

(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)).

It is estimated that approximately 5 jobs will be created through this activity. These jobs will be primarily in the area of construction.

(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.)

This activity will stimulate the local economy in several ways.

- Providing jobs for general contractors and subcontractors that are in our current pool of over sixty (60) contractors. Most of these entities are small business owners that have been hardest hit by the recession.
- The purchase of materials from local vendors and manufacturers that have a focus on providing energy efficient products to the public.
- Reduction in homeowner's energy usage through the installation of energy efficiency products and materials. Homeowners will also benefit economically through the reduction in energy bills and insurance premiums.

(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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(6) Activity Name:

Activity # 02 –Infrastructure Improvements

(7) Activity Narrative:

The infrastructure improvements proposed in this activity will expand an existing Bunche Park NRSA projects located in census tracts 00403-5, 00402-3 and 00402-4. Improvements will include street improvements within areas of the City that have already been identified. These improvements will include but are not limited to street drains, sidewalk repair, and streetscape. 100% of the grant amount will benefit low income individuals and households.

(8) 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)).

It is estimated that approximately 4 jobs will be created through this activity. These jobs will be primarily in the area of construction.

(9) 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 work performed in this activity will be consistent with smart growth practices of creating walkable neighborhoods.
- Trees will be planted that will require only limited irrigation while providing maximum shading benefit to the public access areas and surrounding buildings.
- Projects will be developed with an emphasis of conservation of natural resources.

(10) 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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(11) Activity Name:

Activity # 03 - Administration and Planning

(12) Activity Narrative:

Overall program management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities in accordance with all statutory and regulatory requirements of the CDBG-R program and funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

(13) 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).

Not applicable

(14) Additional Activity Information: (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.)

Not applicable

(15) 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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C. 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:

On May 3, 2009, the City of Miami Gardens placed a Notice of Substantial Amendment in The Miami Herald, a newspaper of general circulation informing the public of a twelve (12) day comment period for the Substantial Amendment, exceeding the seven day public comment period required in the HUD Notice for the comment period. Subsequently, on May 24, 2009, a notice was placed in The Miami Herald announcing a public hearing scheduled for May 27, 2009, at which time; citizens are given another opportunity to comment on the use of the CDBG-R funds. Additionally, the draft Substantial Amendment was posted on the City's website at www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd.

No public comments were received relative to the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment at the Public Hearing or in writing.

Public Comment on 1st Amendment to the Substantial Amendment:

On May 2, 2010, the City of Miami Gardens placed a Notice of Substantial Amendment and Public Hearing in the Miami Herald, a newspaper of general circulation, informing the public of a seven (7) day comment period for the Substantial Amendment and announcing a public hearing scheduled for May 12, 2010. Additionally, the draft Substantial Amendment was posted on the City's website at www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd/index.html.

No written public comments were received during the 7-day comment period, nor were any comments received during the public hearing on May 12, 2010.

Public Comment on 2nd Amendment to the Substantial Amendment:

On November 7, 2010, the City of Miami Gardens placed a Notice of Substantial Amendment and Public Hearing in the Miami Herald, a newspaper of general circulation, informing the public of a thirty (30) day comment period for the Substantial Amendment and announcing a public hearing scheduled for December 8, 2010 at the regular Council Meeting. Additionally, the draft Substantial Amendment was posted on the City's website at www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd/documents.html.

No written public comments were received during the 30-day comment period, nor were any comments received during the public hearing on December 8, 2010.