

Jacksonville

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R)



Submitted to the Citizens of Jacksonville
And the US Department of Housing and Urban Development
June 5, 2009



Executive Summary

The City of Jacksonville's Community Development Division will receive an allocation of \$138,351 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act (CDBG-R) funding as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This funding requires that the City substantially amend the 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan and submit to HUD for approval. The amendment must be submitted to HUD on or before June 5, 2009.

Background

The ARRA was signed into law on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act awards \$1 billion in CDBG-R funds to be distributed to cities, counties, insular areas and states, of which \$10 million has been reserved by HUD for its administrative costs and \$10 million of which will be awarded to Indian tribes. Recipients of the remaining \$980 million of CDBG-R funds will be the approximately 1,200 jurisdictions that received CDBG funding in fiscal year 2008.

Purpose

Funding 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 encourages 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 funding must be used for activities that will maximize job creation and economic benefit and will address the Recovery Act by:

- A. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery
- B. Assisting those most impacted by the recession;
- C. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;
- D. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;
- E. Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or
- F. Fostering energy independence.

The City is required to substantially amend the 2008-2009 Action Plan and proposes to fund the following activities that preserve and create jobs and promote economic opportunity:

1. Jack Amyette Recreation Center Façade - Repair	\$48,000
2. Jack Amyette Activities Building - Repair	\$27,250
3. Kerr Street Recreation Center – Renovate Bathrooms	\$20,000
4. Residential Rehabilitation – 164 Sybil Street	\$30,000
5. Demolition – 1808 Hargett Street	\$10,000
6. Contingency	\$ 3,101

The following proposed activities will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA as follows:

Jack Amyette Recreation Center – Facade Repair (Low and Moderate Area Income)

This activity will consist of material and labor to construct a new front to the Jack Amyette Recreation Center. Due to the condition of the front wall the the front portions of the building to include the multipurpose room, kitchen, computer lab, and homework room, are and have been “off limits” for safety reasons. In order to avoid condemnation and to ensure the safety of the citizens that use the facility and to ensure that we do lose a resource that has been available to low and moderate income citizens, repairs to this facility or needed. This project will result in job creation and promote economic recovery through the hiring of private sector contractors. It will assist business owners and employees of construction companies that have been impacted by the recession. In addition, the renovation of this facility will provide long-term benefit to the community by preventing substandard and blight conditions. Finally, a safe environment will be preserved allowing for new or additional services to be provided for low and moderate income persons living in the New River community. It is estimated that five full-time construction jobs will be retained as a result of this activity and that energy efficiency savings in the building operations will also be achieved.

Jack Amyette Activities Building – Repair (Low and Moderate Area Income)

This activity will consist of installation of two (2) new handicap accessible ramps meeting ADA requirements, three (3) door sets including hardware; lighted exit signs; additional sidewalks; repair to existing stairs; striping and signage for rear parking spaces; permits and engineering drawings. This facility is currently closed and is in need of repair to correct code violations. This project will result in job creation and promote economic recovery through the hiring of private sector contractors and engineers. It will assist business owners and employees of construction companies that have been impacted by the recession. The facility, when operational, provides a safe environment for low and moderate income persons to receive services. The renovation of this facility will provide long-term benefit to the community by preventing substandard and blight conditions and returning a city asset to full use. Energy efficient improvements will be implemented through the installation of the lighted exit signs. It is estimated that five full-time construction jobs will be retained as a result of this activity and that the compliant doors will result in energy efficiency savings in the building operations.

Kerr Street Recreation Center – Renovate Bathrooms (Low and Moderate Household Income)

This activity will consist of material and labor to renovate bathrooms at the Kerr Street Recreation Center. The bathrooms will be renovated to meet ADA requirements. This project will result in job creation and promote economic recovery through the hiring of private sector contractors. It will assist business owners and employees of construction companies that have been impacted by the recession. In addition, the renovation of this facility will provide long-term benefit to the community by preventing substandard conditions. Energy efficient measures will be implemented through use of modern and appropriate plumbing techniques. It is estimated that two full-time construction jobs will be retained as a result of this activity.

Residential Rehabilitation – 164 Sybil Street (Low and Moderate Household Income)

This activity will consist of material and labor to rehabilitate a single-family home at 164 Sybil Street. This project will result in job creation and promote economic recovery through the

hiring of private sector contractors. It will assist business owners and employees of construction companies that have been impacted by the recession. In addition, the renovation of this home will preserve the existing housing stock and ensure that the home continues to contribute to the tax base. It will prevent substandard and blight conditions in the community. Energy efficient measures will be implemented as a part of this project. It is estimated that five full-time construction jobs will be retained as a result of this activity.

Demolition – 1808 Hargett Street (Slum/Blight Elimination Spot)

This activity will consist of demolition of a blighted property in the Weed and Seed target area. This project will result in job creation and promote economic recovery through the hiring of private sector demolition contractors. It will assist business owners and employees of demolition companies that have been impacted by the recession. In addition, the demolition of this structure will provide long-term benefit to the community by eliminating slum and blight conditions. It is estimated that two full-time construction jobs will be retained as a result of this activity.

Administration/Public Service/Low and Moderate Income Benefit

Four of the proposed activities will provide benefit to low and moderate income citizens representing \$125,250 or 90.53% of the budget. One project will result in elimination of slum and blight on a spot basis representing \$10,000 or 7.23%. The remaining \$3,101 or 2.24% will serve as a contingency. No funds are budgeted for administration or public services.

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Public Comment

A Public Notice seeking public comment was placed in the Jacksonville Daily News from May 18, 2009 through May 26, 2009 (see page 5). The notice was also placed on government channel G-10 and the City's website. There were no public comments received.



Public Notice

City Of Jacksonville Community Development Division Notice of Proposed Program Amendment

The City of Jacksonville's Community Development Division will receive an allocation of \$138,351 in funding as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recover Act or "Stimulus Funding.") Activities funded will maximize job creation and economic benefit and will address the Recovery Act by:

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6.	Contingency	\$3,101

Citizens wishing to comment on the proposed amendments may submit written comments from May 18, 2009 through May 26, 2009 during normal business hours, at the Community Development Division, City Hall, 815 New Bridge. All comments will be addressed. For more information, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact Lillie R. Gray, Community Development Administrator, 938-5285, lgray@ci.jacksonville.nc.us, or TDD 455-8852.

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