

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.

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>.

B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY (COMPLETE FOR EACH ACTIVITY)

- (1) **Activity Name**: (Grantees should follow the same order that activities are listed in the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities – this will allow HUD to easily match activity narratives with the information provided in the spreadsheet.)
1. Collier County - Immokalee Apartments Air Conditioning/Energy Efficiency Project
 2. Collier County – Planning and Administration Project
 3. Collier County – Public Services – Home Buyer Education Project
 4. City of Naples- Anthony Park Project
 5. City of Marco Island- Marco Highlands Streetscape Landscaping Project

(2) Activity Narrative:

In addition to the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, grantees must provide a narrative for each activity describing how the use of the grantee's CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA. The grantee's narrative must also state how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit in relation to the CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act, by:

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

Activity Narrative #1 Collier County- Immokalee Apartments Project (Air Conditioning and Energy Efficiency):

This project will serve approximately 400 low and very low income residents who reside at the Immokalee Apartments. In 2008, the Collier County Housing and Human Services Department approved Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) funding to provide hurricane hardening by replacing roofs and installing impact resistant windows in the Immokalee Apartments. This project was recently started and is projected to be completed by June 2009. While this project has helped the residents greatly, the DRI project scope does not include air conditioners for the assisted units. Because of the high temperatures experienced during Florida summers, some of the residents have installed window air conditioners; the use of window air conditioners severely degrades the protection these storm windows provide. To fully hurricane harden these apartments, Collier County wishes to provide air conditioning units which are permanently installed into the walls of the units. To ensure proper installation, protective metal sleeves will be installed in the walls of the units and the electrical wiring will be upgraded to accommodate the air conditioning units. Lastly, the surrounding drywall will be repaired and repainted. This upgrade will ensure the integrity of the storm windows, lower energy costs and protect human life in the event of catastrophic storms.

Activity Narrative #2 Collier County – Home Buyers Education Project:

Collier County's of Housing and Human Services Department will partner with local nonprofit agencies to educate prospective homebuyers about successful homeownership. All homebuyer education and counseling will be performed by HUD certified counselors. Recognizing that Collier County is a diverse community, classes are offered in multiple languages. Examples of topics covered in the homebuyer education classes include, but are not limited to:

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| -Understanding Credit | -Getting a Mortgage Loan |
| -Predatory Lending | -Shopping for a Home |
| -Keeping your Home | -Home Maintenance |
| -Managing your Finances | -The Closing Process |

- Preparing for Homeownership
- Responsibilities of Homeownership

Classes will be held in both Naples and Immokalee, the two largest towns in Collier County, and will be offered on weekday evenings as well as on the weekend. The classes will be advertised through the local media, through referring non-profit agencies and at various public Collier County government facilities.

Activity Narrative #3 Collier County- Planning and Administration Project:

Collier County will use Planning and Administration funds as outlined by HUD in their Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Activity Narrative #4 City of Naples - Anthony Park Project:

Operating under the Collier County – City of Naples CDBG Interlocal Agreement, this is a Public Facilities project to assist in providing a suitable living environment and increase neighborhood facility's quality for low-income families. The application supports the community landscaping improvements to a City owned vacant parcel and right-of-way located adjacent and contiguous to Anthony Community Park and within the River Park community. This park will serve the River Park community as well as the George Washington Carver Section 8 Apartment complex. The parcel is located at 15 5th Avenue, North Naples, FL (Folio# 181635200008), East side of 5th Avenue North, adjacent to Anthony Park, and will expand the use of the existing developed Park. Anthony Park provides passive and active recreational facilities for individuals and families in a single and multi-family housing neighborhood. This project includes neighborhood park enhancements such as additional landscaping elements, minor site irrigation, sod replacement, tree planting, site amenities and a revised lot layout with surfacing improvements. This project does not require local matching funds and is designed to principally benefit the use of neighboring low and moderate income families.

Under ARRA funding, this project is reserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery. The project gives maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low and moderate income families.

This project is not an "infrastructure" project as defined by ARRA Section 1602. The City will follow competitive bidding, buy American and Davis Bacon regulations where applicable, and is giving preference to this quick-start activity.

Activity Narrative #5 City of Marco Island - Marco Highlands Streetscape Project:

The Marco Highlands sidewalk project is an investment in transportation and the City of Marco infrastructure. Federal funding will be used to purchase additional trees for landscaping within the right of way. These trees will provide shading and cool the Marco climate. Pedestrian sidewalks will reduce vehicular traffic and increase pedestrian safety in this low-moderate income area.

- (1) 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)).

Activity #1: Immokalee Apartments Project

Approximately .5 new part time jobs will be created by this activity.

Activity #2: Home Buyers Education Project

No new or part time job will be created by this activity.

Activity #3: Planning and Administration Project

No new or part time jobs will be created by this activity.

Activity #4: Anthony Park Project

0.28 full time employees will be retained because of this activity.

Activity #5: Marco Highlands Streetscape Project

Approximately 7 part time jobs will be created by this activity.

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

Activity #1: Immokalee Apartments Project

Energy conservation as the result of properly installed and insulated air conditioning units.

Health and Safety issues decreased due hurricane hardening of units.

Health and Safety issues decreased due to upgrade of existing electrical wiring in units.

Activity #2: Home Buyers Education Project

Not applicable.

Activity #3: Planning and Administration Project

Not applicable.

Activity #4: Anthony Park Project

Enlargement of Anthony Park will reduce pollution by incorporating more trees and green landscaping in an urban environment.

Activity #5: Marco Highlands Streetscape Project

The addition of trees and landscaping in the Marco Highlands area will aid in cooling and shading this neighborhood area.

- (3) Responsible Organization: (Contact information for the organization that will implement the CDBG-R activity, including its name, location, and administrator contact information)

Activity #1: Immokalee Apartments Project

Collier County, 3301 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples FL 34112

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Activity #2: Home Buyers Education Project

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Activity #3: Planning and Administration Project

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Activity #4: Anthony Park Project

City of Naples, 735 8th Street, Naples FL 34103

Greg Givens (239) 213-1811

Activity #5: Marco Highlands Streetscape Project

City of Marco Island, 50 Bald Eagle Dr., Marco Island FL 34145

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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:

TO BE DETERMINED AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS.