

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 Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is amending its FFY-2008 Annual Action Plan. The amendment is for the reallocation of \$221,582 of funding being received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the CDBG Recovery Program (CDBG-R).

The City of Columbus was allocated \$484,489 of CDBG-R funding through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). Of the \$484,489, the City allocated \$221,582 for the rehabilitation and/or replacement of the Cusseta Road Pedestrian Walkway. The remaining \$262,907 was allocated to a Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project. Based on the fact that, due to the scope of the work, the Cusseta Road Pedestrian Walkway is not financially feasible, the CDBG-R funds allocated to this project will be reallocated to a second Storm Drain Rehabilitation project. The rehabilitation work will be in the South Lawyers Lane Redevelopment Area.

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.)

Storm Drain Rehabilitation II

- (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.

Storm Drain Rehabilitation II - \$221,58

The Storm Drain Rehabilitation project is located in a predominately low and moderate-income neighborhood. Within the rehabilitation project service area, 64.5% of the residents are low and moderate income. The storm sewer pipes identified in this project have been categorized as Priority 1. The Priority 1 level are those pipes in imminent risk of collapse. This project will reduce the risk of cave-ins and protect the property of the residents in the area.

The storm drain rehabilitation will consist performing cured-in-place storm sewer repairs of 2,290 feet of storm sewer pipe. This will repair the existing storm sewer pipes in place and will reduce the disturbance of the earth and extend the life of the pipes for 50 years.

The project is an eligible activity as prescribed at CFR Part 24 570.201(c). Public Facilities and Improvements.

- (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)).

The storm drain rehabilitation project is anticipated to create approximately 4 to 6 jobs during the time of the project.

- (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.)

N/A

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

The responsible organization for the identified projects will be:

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