

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.)

CDBG-R Activity #1 - Street Resurfacing:

Repair and resurfacing of 6 substandard and/or deteriorated streets (approximately 2965 linear feet in total) in predominantly low and moderate income residential neighborhoods (census tracts 510503, 511000, 511200, 511,500, 511600, and 511701)

<u>Street</u>	<u># Residents/Bus. Units</u>	<u>Census Tract</u>
1.Beaumont Avenue	4 / 1	511200
2.East Market Street	0 / 3	511701
3.Stevens Avenue	7 / 0	511600
4.Nazarene Avenue	1 / 1	510503
5.Curtis Street	9 / 0	511000
6. Parker Street	33 / 0	511500

- (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.

The City of Brockton is amending the FY2008 Annual Plan to include the activity described herein, specifically Street Resurfacing which will be undertaken with the City’s of Brockton’s \$398,596.00 allocation under CDBG-R. In accordance with the provisions of HUD’s Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the City of Brockton will reserve 10% of these funds (\$39,860.00) to support administration, oversight, and HUD required monitoring, regulation

compliance and reporting associated with this activity.

This Activity is consistent with priority needs and objectives as identified in the City's FY2008-FY2012 Strategic Plan. This is an eligible activity under Sec. 570.201 (c) – reconstruction of public facilities. This activity meets National Objective criteria under Sec. 570.208 (a) (1) area benefit in that at least 51% of the residents of these resurfaced streets are low and moderate income persons. An estimated 54 households will benefit from the resurfacing of these six streets and more than 70% of those households are believed to be of low and moderate income.

The activity meets the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of the Recovery Act in that the City of Brockton has given priority to this activity because contracts for repaving can be awarded within 120 calendar days from the date funds are made available to the City. By contract amendment, the City plans to utilize a paving contractor already performing paving work for the City under a master contract awarded subsequent to a duly advertised and undertaken public bid process. In this manner, the City is confident it can utilize at least 50% of its CDBG-R funds for work that can be initiated within 120 days of ARRA enactment - that is June 17, 2009 – pending HUD approval of CDBG-R Substantial Amendment. No other Recovery Act funding will be used in conjunction with this activity. Though not used for the specific activity described herein, state Chapter 90 funds in an amount yet to be determined, will serve to compliment this activity.

- (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 CDBG-R funded Brockton street resurfacing activity will maximize job creation and economic benefit by:

- **Creating/retaining jobs in the hard-hit construction industry; a segment among those most impacted by the recession**
- **Investing in the local infrastructure so as to support long-term economic benefits, particularly for small businesses, even as it serves to stabilize neighborhoods.**

The activity involves grinding of deteriorated street surfaces and the overlaying of new paving material utilizing several pieces of specialized heavy road construction equipment. The contractor engaged by the City to reconstruct streets under the master contract typically employs crews equivalent of 10 full-time construction workers to perform this work in accordance with the specifications and standards established by the Brockton

Department of Public Works; an estimated 1.5 part time equivalent clerical/administrative support jobs can be attributed to this activity.

- (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.)

The activity promotes smart growth by improving and preserving established areas in an older urban community. This CDBG-R funded activity promotes energy conservation by recycling petroleum based asphalt material through the grinding, heating and re-laying methods employed in this road resurfacing technique.

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

The City of Brockton, acting by and through its Mayor, James E. Harrington, has designated Building a Better Brockton, Inc. (BBB) as sub-recipient for its Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) and given BBB responsibility to administer its Fiscal Year 2008 entitlement funds for that program, under HUD grant #MC-25-0003.

It is the BBB's responsibility to, under direction of the Mayor, prepare, submit and administer the City of Brockton's FY2008-FY2012 Consolidated Plan and FY2008 Annual Plan, including this CDBG-R funding allocation. Citizens and other interested parties seeking additional information about this CDBG-R funded activity may visit BBB's offices at 50 School Street, Brockton during normal business or may contact BBB's CEO, Donald Walsh, by telephone at 508-586-0021 or via e-mail; dwalsh@brockton21.com

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.

In accordance with the provisions of the City's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan as modified in accordance with the waiver provided for in HUD's Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, on May 27, 2009 an advertisement was published in the Brockton Enterprise indicating that this

Substantial Amendment for CDBG-R funded activities would as of May 28, 2009 be posted on the city's website and made available for public inspection at various public buildings, and that public comments would be accepted through June 4, 2009.

Response: