

Substantial Amendment to the 2008-09 Action Plan for CDBG-R Funds

Salt Lake City, Utah

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1. Purpose of the Consolidated Plan

A five year Consolidated Plan is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from all jurisdictions receiving annual HUD assistance grants. The grants Salt Lake City receives are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs. The plan establishes the goals, objectives and strategies Salt Lake City (City) will use to administer the federal grant programs, and commits the City to spend its federal funds to benefit its very low-, low- and moderate-income residents.

2. Substantial Amendment to the 2008-09 Action Plan for CDBG-R Funds

In order to be eligible to receive funds under the CDBG-R the City is required to complete a substantial amendment to the 2008-09 Action Plan. This proposed amendment will establish goals, objective and strategies the City will use to administer and commit the CDBG-R funds.

3. Description of the Activities to be funded with CDBG-R Funds

The City has chosen the following projects for funding with CDBG-R funds appropriated to Salt Lake City:

a. ADA Accessibility Ramps **\$ 252,000**

Construct ADA access ramps in CDBG eligible areas at street corners to eliminate curbs as hazards to facilitate pedestrian access through residential blocks and streets for all residents but especially people using wheelchairs, strollers, walkers and other mobility aids.

In addition to using CDBG-R funds for this activity in eligible areas, Salt Lake City proposes to allocate regular annual CDBG funds of \$32,435 to access ramps in other eligible areas and to maintain separate reporting for both sources of funds. No other Recovery Act funds will be used for this project.

This project meets the National Objective by benefitting low and moderate income persons through the area benefit. This project falls into the Public Facilities and Improvements eligible activity (matrix code 03L – sidewalks).

b. Bell Avenue Street Reconstruction **\$ 269,000**

Reconstruction of Bell Avenue from Glendale Drive to Redwood Drive will include street reconstruction, installation of curb, gutters, sidewalks and park strip landscaping and storm

drain improvements. The reconstruction will improve neighborhood pedestrian and vehicular access and eliminate standing water that occurs on this street. The design for this project was funded in 2008-09 in the amount of \$22,000 by CDBG.

CDBG-R funds will be allocated toward construction costs. There are no other Recovery Act funds allocated toward this project.

This project meets the National Objective by benefitting low and moderate income persons through the area benefit. This project falls into the Public Facilities and Improvements eligible activity (matrix code 03K – street improvements).

c. Burbank Avenue Street Reconstruction \$ 334,000

Reconstruction of Burbank Avenue from Glendale Drive and Redwood Drive will include street reconstruction, installation of curb, gutters, sidewalks and park strip landscaping; and storm drain improvements. The reconstruction will improve neighborhood pedestrian and vehicular access and eliminate standing water that occurs on this street. The design for this project was funded in 2008-09 in the amount of \$27,000 by CDBG.

There are no other Recovery Act funds allocated toward this project.

This project meets the National Objective by benefitting low and moderate income persons through the area benefit. This project falls into the Public Facilities and Improvements eligible activity (matrix code 03K – street improvements).

d. Sidewalk Replacement Program \$ 243,281

Replace deteriorated and defective sidewalks in CDBG eligible areas to improve pedestrian access safety and walkability for residents in eligible census tract areas.

In addition to using CDBG-R funds for this activity in eligible areas, the City proposes to allocate regular annual CDBG funds of \$47,719 to access ramps and to maintain separate reporting for both sources of funds.

There are no other Recovery Act funds allocated towards this project.

This project meets the National Objective by benefitting low and moderate income persons through the area benefit. This project falls into the Public Facilities and Improvements eligible activity (matrix code 03L – sidewalks).

e. No CDBG-R funds will be used for administrative costs or public service programs and all funds will be expended in eligible census tracts as determined by the 2000 Census.

4. Public Process Used to Select Projects

All projects selected for CDBG-R funding were reviewed as part of the annual process for 2009-10 year CDBG projects. Each project was reviewed by the citizens' review body, the Community Development Capital Improvement Program Advisory Board (CDCIP) and was part of the Open House where the public voted on priorities for the proposed projects. The projects were also reviewed by the Mayor and his recommendations were announced at a public meeting. The City Council also held a public hearing where residents and applicants commented on their priorities and those comments were taken into consideration as the

City Council made final funding decisions. Notice for the public hearing was advertised in the two local newspapers with the highest circulation for the City and notices were also mailed and e-mailed to our mailing list. All projects selected were listed as a priority in the City Consolidated Plan and these funds will assist the City in meeting, and in some cases, exceeding our goals and objections.

5. Distribution and use of CDBG-R fund meet Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of the Recovery Act

In allocating funds for CDBG-R projects the City determined that priority would be given to infrastructure projects that were currently designed or could be designed and construction could start within 120 days of HUD’s approval of the City’s plan to use these funds. All of these projects meet these requirements. The City will begin bidding these projects as soon as possible and will only award contracts for construction when the City has received final approval from HUD approving the use of CDBG-R funds for these projects.

6. Activities Maximize Job Creation and Economic Benefit

Projects approved by the City maximize job creation and economic benefit through the investment in transportation, environmental protections, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term benefit. These projects will spur economic growth by putting people back to work as the employment rate in Utah has grown substantially over the last year. The highest numbers of jobs that have been cut during this time period have been those related to the construction industry. Although the City has four projects using these funds and will not resolve the employment issues, in combination with the total CDBG-R funds awarded to other jurisdictions in the State of Utah these funds will make a significant impact

7. Jobs Estimated or Retained Per Project

The estimated construction jobs that will be created or retained per project are listed below:

ADA Accessibility Ramps	12 construction jobs will be created or retained
Bell Avenue Street Reconstruction	20 construction jobs will be created or retained
Burbank Avenue Street Reconstruction	20 construction jobs will be created or retained
Sidewalk Replacement	10 construction jobs will be created or retained

8. Energy Conservation, Smart Growth, Green Building Techniques or reduced Pollution Emissions

All four projects approved for CDBG-R funds will incorporate the following green building technologies:

- All concrete removed on the projects is crushed and recycled as road base.
- All steel removed from the site is recycled.
- The concrete used has up to 20% of the cement powder replaced with fly ash (recycled material).
- Existing asphalt and road base are reclaimed and used as base course on street reconstruction projects.
- Asphalt removed from the site is recycled.

- Asphalt used on the project will contain 15% recycled asphalt pavement (RAP).

These projects will also improve and increase the walkability of these neighborhoods with new sidewalks and access ramps. Some residents have stated that poor infrastructure in their area has limited their ability to walk or bicycle to work, visit a neighborhood park or shop at the local business in the neighborhood. These improvements will eliminate some of the poor infrastructure and allow more people to park their cars and reduce pollution.

9. Salt Lake City Contacts for Additional Information on CDBG-R Funds

The CDBG-R Amendment was posted on May 7, 2009 on Salt Lake City's website at: www.slcgov.com/ced/hand and available for public review at the HAND offices (City and County Building, 451 South State St. room 406, Salt Lake City), Salt Lake City Community Affairs (City and County Building room 306) and the Salt Lake City Public Library (210 East 400 South, 4th floor, Salt Lake City). A notice was mailed and e-mailed to a list of interested citizens, non-profit agencies and other governmental agencies who have expressed interest in receiving notices of any federal funds received by the City. Questions and comment regarding the Amendment were directed to Greg Johnson by telephone at 801-535-7115, email at greg.johnson@slcgov.com, or by mail at Greg Johnson, Community Development Planner, PO Box 145488, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5488. The following comments were received:

- Salt Lake Community Action Program supports infrastructure projects that benefit low and moderate income neighborhoods.
- A chair of a community council thought the projects were "good plans."

No changes were made to the Amendment due to comments received.

CDBG-R project information and reporting will be posted to the City web site at www.slcgov.com/recovery. For additional information contact LuAnn Clark, Director, Housing and Neighborhood Development Division, LuAnn.Clark@slcgov.com, or 801-535-6136.