

LEXINGTON COUNTY

THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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The County of Lexington was allocated \$385,185 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) program funds under Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The purpose of the CDBG-R program is to carry out eligible activities under the CDBG program, on an expedited basis, that will maximize job creation and economic benefit. The County will utilize the \$385,148 in CDBG-R funds for public infrastructure improvements. The project will consist of paving four (4) unpaved roads in the County. The project is consistent with the Lexington County Five Year Consolidated Plan (2005-2010), which identifies adequate and dependable public facilities as the first priority.

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

Activity: Public Infrastructure and Improvements- Street Improvements

Eligibility Citation: 570.201 (c)

National Objective Citation: 570.208 (a) (1) Low Mod Area

CDBG-R Project Budget: \$385,148

Additional Recovery Funds: \$0

Other Leveraged Funding: \$150,000 (In-kind labor)

Total Activity Budget: \$535,148

Priority Need: Ensure adequate and safe infrastructure to meet basic needs of residents

Outcome Measures: Availability/Accessibility and Sustainability

Activity Narrative:

The County of Lexington proposes to substantially amend its Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan to utilize the \$385,148 in CDBG-R funds to make infrastructure improvement to unpaved roads in low-and moderate- income areas in the County. Improvements will include road paving and drainage improvements. The County will utilize these funds that will both meet the requirement of ARRA and provide infrastructure improvements for communities. The project would provide a safe, dependable road surface in these areas and improve conditions for emergency vehicles and other traffic.

Investing CDBG-R funds in neighborhood infrastructure provides long-term economic benefit to the neighborhoods by improving and sustaining the quality of life for residents of the neighborhoods. Improving a road from dirt to pavement increases economic efficiency and reduces the costly maintenance

of a dirt road. The environment would be greatly improved because as long as it remains a dirt road, whenever it rains, silt and sediment leave the roadway and deposit into ditches, streams, etc., and when it is dry, every passing vehicle creates a flume of dust. Once the road is paved, this silt and sediment process is greatly reduced and the dust is eliminated. A smooth riding surface also reduces wear and tear on vehicles, thereby saving the owners money that could be expended in other ways providing long-term benefits.

Jobs Created:

Jobs created by the proposed activity will be related to construction. It is estimated that crews of 25 consisting of equipment operators, foremen, laborers, pipe layers, truck drivers will be working on this activity. The number of jobs created will depend on the number of workers already employed by the contractor. Contractors would be able to maintain current workers and possibly re-hire workers who were laid off due to the economy. The general contractor will probably hire sub-contractors that will consist of crews of 4-5 workers each for tree removal, pavement marking, trucking and landscaping, and miscellaneous activities. The total number of construction jobs provided by this activity is expected to range from 25 – 50.

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

Street paving promotes energy conservation to a certain degree because of less friction due to the roughness of a dirt road and the smoothness of a paved road. Smart growth would be in place, simply by paving the road. It would reduce pollution emissions, both air and water, by means of reducing dust, silt, and sediment erosion.

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

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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:

The public notice of the substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action and the opportunity for public comment was posted May 26, 2009 on the County's website. The notice was sent to local agencies and to each municipality to display in a visible location for the public.

Copies of the substantial amendment will be available for review at the following locations:

**Lexington County Administration Building, 4th floor;
Lexington County Main Library, 5440 Augusta Road;
and online at:**

<http://www.lexco.com/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/CDBG/PlansAndReports.html>

Written comments will be accepted for the substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan through June 2, 2009. Comments should be emailed to Rhonda Dean at rdean@lex-co.com or mailed to County of Lexington Community Development Block Grant Program, 212 South Lake Drive Suite 401, Lexington, SC 29072.

