



2008 CDBG – R Substantial Amendment

2008 Action Plan

City of Jonesboro

Executive Summary

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated \$148,073 in CDBG-R funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Public Law 111-5 (Recovery Act) to the Entitlement City of Jonesboro. The Program Year 2008 Annual Action Plan is hereby amended to add a new project in the amount of \$148,073 in CDBG-R funds to be used for the replacement and repair of sidewalks in a census block group that meets or exceeds a 70% Low to Moderate Income benefit as defined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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).

The funds must be used for projects that are eligible under current HUD regulations and that give preference to projects that meet one or more of the following objectives:

- Preserve or create jobs (permanent, seasonal, or part-time)
- Assist those most impacted by the recession
- Provide investment needed to increase the area's economic recovery
- Provide investment in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure projects that will provide long-term economic benefits
- Minimize or avoid reduction in essential City services
- Foster National energy independence by employing alternative energy sources or making current systems

A. Spreadsheet

**CDBG-R
Activity Data Spreadsheet**

Jurisdiction/Grantee Name: City of Jonesboro		CDBG-R Formula Grant Amount: \$148,073.00					Date: 5/20/08
Activity Name	Activity Description	Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)	National Objective Citation	CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)	Additional Recovery Funds (\$)	Other Leveraged Funding (\$)	Total Activity Budget
CDBG-R North Jonesboro Side-walk Project	Replace impassable deteriorated and defective side-walks for residents in a census block group that meets or exceeds a 70% low to moderate income benefit.	570.201 (C)	LMC	133,273	0	0	133,273
CDBG-R Administration	Planning and Administration of the CDBG-R Side-walk Project	570.206	N/A	14,800	0		14,800
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B. CDBG- Information by Activity

1. Activity Name:

North Jonesboro Sidewalk Project

2. Activity Narrative:

The proposed activity provides needed infrastructure in one of the City's priority need areas. The project will replace/repair/complete sidewalks that have been deemed impassable, deteriorated and defective in one of the City's older residential neighborhoods. It will provide long term benefits by improving pedestrian access, safety, and walk-ability for the residents. The extremely low and low income residents surrounding the project site may safely access nearby transit which provides **affordable transportation options** for those who cannot afford their own vehicle. Public transportation also reduces carbon emissions. The infrastructure investment will eliminate deterioration, and improve the appearance of the area, thereby stabilizing and possibly increasing property values.

The selected activity was given priority for CDBG-R funds because the City is able to expend the funds quickly in accordance with the requirement that the projects be funded within 120 days of grant agreement and in fact is a priority need and goal. The project is located in Tract 6.02, Block Group 5, a neighborhood designated as an extremely low income area in the City of Jonesboro. As with most economically depressed communities, there is a great deal of deteriorating infrastructure in this location.

The project will address the Recovery Act by **assisting those most impacted by the recession**, our extremely low income residents. The investment in sidewalk repair and replacement in this neighborhood will **provide long term benefits** in the terms of healthier residents who are walking more, paying less for health care, decreased transportation costs due to the accessibility of transit and the environmental benefits of transit with less vehicles. In addition it will provide a cleaner more visually pleasing neighborhood that promotes further revitalization and economic development.

The activity will be contracted/subcontracted locally **with a projected fifteen to twenty jobs to be generated in the construction industry, one of the hardest hit by the current recession**, thereby increasing federal and state payroll taxes. Material purchases, employee general merchandise and food purchases will increase sales tax revenues.

In addition **the City will provide the investment needed to increase economic efficiency** by providing several other disciplines to be employed on this project including engineering, inspection, and project oversight. The project **will not reduce essential City services** in any way. The completion of the project will enhance the City's ability to further revitalize this community.

Revitalization is one of the City's goals listed in the Consolidated Plan. The goal of *providing a Suitable Living Environment - Improve Livability; create better functioning, and more attractive neighborhoods with the objective of improving the*

appearance and eliminating blight in low income neighborhoods. Objective 4 under this goal is to improve low-income neighborhood livability. The proposed project will directly address these goals and objectives.

In order to provide economic development through business investment in the neighborhood, it is imperative that the infrastructure be improved, and the current continuing pattern of an ever increasing depressed area is broken. The Department of Community Development is currently considering this area as a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area.

The challenge for the City, during this time of reduced revenues, is in locating the infrastructure dollars to address these issues. Jonesboro has been forced to cut back on capital improvement projects. If not for the investment of the CDBG-R funds, these improvements would not have been made. This funding will be providing a long term benefit to an area of our City that houses some of our most vulnerable populations. The City will continue to move forward with the revitalization of this area as funds permit.

3. Jobs Created:

The proposed activity will be implemented through the procurement of construction contractors and subcontractors. It will be bid and contracted out locally with an estimated fifteen plus construction jobs generated, these are in addition to several other disciplines employed by the City including engineering, inspection, and project oversight.

4. Additional Activity Information:

Transportation via sidewalks and access to public transit rather than individual motor vehicles ***reduces carbon emissions and saves energy.***

5. Responsible Organization:

City of Jonesboro
Department of Community Development
Contact: Gayle Vickers
P.O. Box 1845
519 West Washington Ave.
Jonesboro, AR 72403

C. Public Comment

No public comments received – to date.

North Jonesboro Sidewalk Project

Location Detail:

North Jonesboro Revitalization Sidewalk Projects
Allen- Main to Church N
Allen- Liberty to Labaume-N
Allis- Word to Hoover-W
Allis- Word to Belt- E
Fisher-Johnson to Belt-E
Drake- Johnson to Hoover-EW
Gordon-Church to Labaume-S
Miller- Johnson to Word-EW
Labaume- Word to Gordon-E



CERTIFICATIONS

(1) **Affirmatively furthering fair housing.** The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard.

(2) **Anti-displacement and relocation plan.** The jurisdiction will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under CDBG-R.

(3) **Drug Free Workplace.** The jurisdiction will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;

4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -

(a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(4) **Anti-lobbying.** To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(5) **Authority of Jurisdiction.** The jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and other program requirements.

(6) **Consistency with Plan.** The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG-R funds are consistent with its consolidated plan.

(7) **Section 3.** The jurisdiction will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.

(8) **Community development plan.** The jurisdiction certifies that the consolidated housing and community development plan identifies housing and community development needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the statute authorizing the CDBG program.

(9) **Following a plan.** The jurisdiction is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

(10) **Use of funds.** The jurisdiction has developed activities so as to give the maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention of slums or blight. Additional activities may be included that are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs

It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG-R funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

2. **Special Assessments.** The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG-R funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low- and moderate-income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG-R funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or

assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG-R funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds. The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG-R funds, unless CDBG-R funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds. In addition, with respect to properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (but not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG-R or CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

(11) **Excessive Force.** The jurisdiction certifies that it has adopted and is enforcing: (1) a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and (2) a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

(12) **Compliance with anti-discrimination laws.** The CDBG-R grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

(13) **Compliance with lead-based paint procedures.** The activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R of this title.

(14) **Compliance with laws.** The jurisdiction will comply with applicable laws.

(15) **Compliance with ARRA.** The jurisdiction will comply with Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

(16) **Project selection.** The jurisdiction will select projects to be funded, by giving priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the recipient, and that will ensure maximum job creation and economic benefit.

(17) **Timeliness of infrastructure investments.** When the jurisdiction uses CDBG-R funds for infrastructure investments, the grantee will give preference to quick-start and finish activities, including a goal to use at least 50 percent of the funds for activities within 120 days of enactment of the Recovery Act.

(18) **Buy American provision.** The jurisdiction will ensure that all iron, steel and manufactured goods used in construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of a public building or public work project assisted with CDBG-R funds under the Recovery Act must be produced in the United States unless the Secretary finds that: (1) the requirement is inconsistent with public interest; (2)

those goods are not reasonably available or produced in sufficient quantity in the U.S.; (3) or the use of the goods will increase the project cost by more than 25 percent.

(19) **Appropriate use of funds for infrastructure investments.** The Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate certifies, that any infrastructure investments have received the full review and vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Alternatively, a grantee's chief elected official certifies that infrastructure investments will receive the full review and vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

(20) **70% of CDBG-R for LMI.** The aggregate use of CDBG-R funds shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the grant is expended for activities that benefit such persons over the life of the CDBG-R grant.

Signature/Authorized Official

5/20/09

Date

Mayor

Title

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

Version 02

*1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	*2. Type of Application * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	*Other (Specify) _____
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3. Date Received:	4. Applicant Identifier: DUNS: 073540288
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: 71-6013749	*5b. Federal Award Identifier:
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State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

***a. Legal Name:** City of Jonesboro, Arkansas

*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 71-6013749	*c. Organizational DUNS: 073540288
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d. Address:

***Street 1:** P.O. Box 1845
Street 2: 515 West Washington
***City:** Jonesboro
County: Craighead
***State:** Arkansas
Province: _____
***Country:** United States
***Zip / Postal Code:** 72403

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Community Development	Division Name: Community Development Services
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms. ***First Name:** Gayle
Middle Name: _____
***Last Name:** Vickers
Suffix: _____
Title: Grants Coordinator
Organizational Affiliation:
City Government-Municipality Staff Member
***Telephone Number:** 870-933-4635 **Fax Number:** 870-933-4626
***Email:** gvickers@jonesboro.org

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***9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C. City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

*Other (Specify)

***10 Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-253 _____

CFDA Title:

CDBG-R _____

***12 Funding Opportunity Number:**

N/A _____

*Title:

N/A _____

13. Competition Identification Number:

N/A _____

Title:

N/A _____

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

City of Jonesboro, Craighead County, AR

CDBG Designated Low Income Areas of Jonesboro

***15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

2009 CDBG-R North Jonesboro Sidewalk Project: Replace impassable deteriorated and defective sidewalks for residents in a census block group that is designated extreme low income: Tract 6.02, Block Group 5. Map and street locations are attached.

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***Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent of any Federal Debt.

N/A



City of Jonesboro

515 West Washington
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Signature Copy

Resolution: R-EN-052-2009

File Number: RES-09:088

Enactment Number: R-EN-052-2009

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PROGRAM YEAR 2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND TO APPROVE A SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - RECOVERY FUNDS (CDBG-R) AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated \$148,073 in CDBG-R funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Public Law 111-5 (Recovery Act) signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires grantees to identify the specific activities and projects that they intend to fund with CDBG-R funds to provide complete transparency and encourage greater scrutiny; and;

WHEREAS, the selected activity and project must meet at least a 70% Low to Moderate Income benefit at the project closing

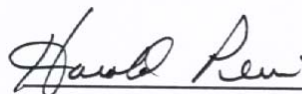
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The Program Year 2008 Annual Action Plan is hereby amended to add a new project in the amount of \$148,073 in CDBG-R funds to be used for the replacement of sidewalks in a census block group that meets or exceeds a 70% Low to Moderate Income benefit as defined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SECTION 2: The Program Year 2008 Annual Action Plan is amended to allow no more than \$14,800 for the planning and administration of the project from the CDBG-R funds.

SECTION 3: The Department of Community Development Grants Coordinator is authorized to prepare and submit the amendment to the 2008 Action Plan to carry out the project to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. The amendment will be available, in full, for public review and comment on or before May 29, 2009 for 7 days prior to deadline for the amendment submission of June 5, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2009.




Harold Perrin, Mayor

Date 5-26-09

File Number: RES-09:088

Enactment Number: R-EN-052-2009


Donna Jackson, City Clerk

Date 5/26/07



Public Review Availability

Published on City website 05/20/09 www.jonesboro.org/grants

The City of Jonesboro is an Entitlement City in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Department of Community Development has received notification from the HUD that it is eligible to receive \$148,073 in Community Development Block Grant-Recovery funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In order to receive this funding the City must prepare a substantial change amendment that is to be submitted to HUD on June 5, 2009.

CDBG-R funds are separate to the annual CDBG program, with priority given to "shovel ready" projects that promote infrastructure activities providing economic benefit, and basic services to residents. On May 19, 2009, the City Council approved the Substantial Amendment of the 2008 Action Plan, required by the Recovery Act. This notice is intended to provide general information to the public on the intended use of the CDBG-R funds.

To expedite the prompt use of funds, HUD has condensed citizen participation requirements from a 30-day comment period to 7 days. The public is invited and encouraged to participate and provide comment.

On or before May 29, 2009, the full CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the FY 2008 Action Plan will be available for public review during regular business hours at the Department of Community Development, City Hall, and the Public Library.

The following are Sections 1 and 2 as approved by the City Council regarding the North Jonesboro Sidewalk Project:

SECTION 1: *The Program Year 2008 Annual Action Plan is hereby amended to add a new project in the amount of \$148,073 in CDBG-R funds to be used for the replacement of sidewalks in a census block group that meets or exceeds a 70% Low to Moderate Income benefit as defined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.*

SECTION 2: *The Program Year 2008 Annual Action Plan is amended to allow no more than \$14,800 for the planning and administration of the project from the CDBG-R funds.*

Opportunity To Be Heard:

Written comments regarding the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to FY 2008 Action Plan may be submitted to the Department of Community Development at 519 West Washington, P.O. Box 1845, Jonesboro, AR 72403 no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 3, 2009. Please direct any questions to Dept. of Community Development at 870-933-4635 or comdev@jonesboro.org.

Provisions For Non-English Speaking and Disabled Residents:

The City of Jonesboro can have interpreters available for residents seeking information on all programs. The information can also be made available in enlarged print, upon request. Please contact the Department of Community Development at the above location if you require special assistance.

