

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

PLANO MUNICIPAL CENTER

1520 K AVENUE

May 13, 2009

ITEM NO.	EXPLANATION	ACTION TAKEN
	<p>5:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting - Planning Conference Room 2E</p> <p>1 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>2 Comments of Public Interest: This portion of the meeting is to allow the public to speak on items of interest or concern. It is not for the purpose of speaking on items that are on the current agenda. The Commission may not discuss these items, but factual or policy information may be provided in response to the comments, and the Commission may choose to place the item on a future agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, with a maximum time limit of fifteen (15) minutes for this portion of the meeting. Speakers will be notified when speaking time has expired.</p> <p><u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u></p> <p>3 <u>Public Hearing:</u> Deliberation of funding for Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Funds.</p> <p><u>END OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</u></p> <p>4 Items for Future Discussion</p>	

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CITY OF PLANO

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Public Hearing: Deliberation of Funding for Community Development Block Grant–Recovery Funds

DESCRIPTION:

The Commission will conduct a public hearing for potential projects to make use of \$332,930 of Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R) funds directly allocated to the City of Plano through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Commission will consider projects and make a recommendation to City Council for consideration at the May 26, 2009, Council meeting.

REMARKS:

HUD released its funding notice for CDBG-Recovery funds on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, with a deadline of submitting a budget and project proposal to them on June 5, 2009. The process includes a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2008-09 Action Plan, which requires City Council approval. The Substantial Amendment process provides only one opportunity to have the required public hearing at City Council with a Council packet deadline of Monday, May 18, 2009.

Given the extremely limited turnaround time, a process for receiving applications or requests for proposals from outside agencies was not available. The notice also discourages adding funds to current projects, so City staff met to consider any available projects that might qualify through the City's Consolidated Plan and the CDBG-R requirements. The recommended projects are included in the attached draft of the Substantial Amendment. Both the recommended projects are "shovel ready" and will produce expenditures quickly resulting in a near-immediate economic impact through expenditure of the CDBG-R funds.

The recommended projects will be presented to the Commission during the public hearing as well as any additional projects from agencies who have observed the public notice and wish to be considered for funds. The Commission should consider the capacity and qualification of each project as it relates to HUD and City grant requirements, similar to its annual deliberation of funding through the standard application process.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommended that the Commission consider projects presented and propose a budget for the CDBG-R funding to be considered by the City Council.

**Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Community
Development Block Grant Recovery Program (CDBG-R)**

A. General Information

Grantee Name	City of Plano	
Name of Entity or Department Administering Funds	Planning Department – Neighborhood Services Division	
CDBG-R Contact Person (person to answer questions about this amendment and CDBG-R)	Christina Day	
Title	Neighborhood Services Manager	
Address Line 1	1520 K Avenue	
Address Line 2	Suite 250	
City, State, Zip Code	Plano, TX 75074	
Telephone	972-941-5262	
Fax	972-941-7396	
Email Address	chrisd@plano.gov	
Authorized Official (if different from Contact Person)	Thomas H. Muehlenbeck	
Title	City Manager	
Address Line 1	1520 K Avenue	
Address Line 2	Suite 300	
City, State, Zip Code	Plano, TX 75074	
Telephone	972-941-7121	
Fax	972-423-9587	
Email Address	tomm@plano.gov	
Web Address where this Form is Posted	http://plano.gov/Departments/Planning/Neighborhood%20Services/Pages/grant_allocations.aspx	
Amount Grantee is Eligible to Receive*		\$332,930
Amount Grantee is Requesting		\$332,930

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B. Citizen Participation and Public Comment

Citizen Participation:

The City of Plano initiated a process for the substantial amendment of the 2008-09 Action Plan by publishing a notice in the official newspaper, the Plano Star Courier, on May 15, 2009. The notice described the program and noted that copies were available from May 15, 2009 through May 26, 2009 at both the Plano Municipal Center and online, providing addresses for each. The notice directed public comments appropriately and provide a location, time and date for the public hearing by City Council. The Community Relations Commission held a public hearing on May 13, 2009 and recommended approval. The Plano City Council also held a public hearing and approved the amendment on May 26, 2009. Accessibility information was also provided to the public. **(Projected hearing and approval date to be confirmed before submission to HUD.)**

Public Comment Summary:

Comments will be included at the end of the public comment period, May 27, 2009.

C. Distribution and Administration of Funds

The proposed use of City of Plano CDBG-R funds are as follows:

1. Activity Name: Douglass Community Park Improvements

Description: This is a shovel ready project held up due to lack of available funds. Funds will be used for construction improvements. The project would support the City of Plano Consolidated Plan goal of preserving affordable housing stock. Additionally, Recovery Act goals of (1) investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits and (2) assisting those most impacted by the recession. The park is located in one of the City's low-income neighborhoods. This project improves the quality of life for residents and new construction labor positions.

Estimated CDBG-R Funding Budget: \$275,000

Estimated Additional Recovery Funding Budget: \$0

Estimated part-time/full-time jobs created: 15 part-time construction positions

2. Activity Name: Day Labor Center Technology Improvements

Description: The Day Labor Center (DLC) is one of the City of Plano's public facilities and assists hundreds of unemployed and/or under-employed individuals in obtaining contract labor jobs. Funds will be used for a new surveillance system, driveway bell, and repairs to the intercom system. The project would support the City of Plano Consolidated Plan goal providing services to low-income persons. Additionally, Recovery Act goals of (1) investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits and (2) preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery. This project will improve the efficiency of the DLC while enhancing the safety and security of workers coming for assistance in obtaining work.

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Estimated CDBG-R Funding Budget: \$35,000
Estimated Additional Recovery Funding Budget: \$0
Estimated part-time/full-time jobs created: 2 part-time positions

3. Activity Name: CDBG-R Grant Administration

Description: As designated in the CDBG-R regulations, up to ten percent of the funds may be used for the planning and administrative expenses associated with the management of the aforementioned recovery projects. The budgeted amount represents 6.9% of CDBG-R funds.

Estimated CDBG-R Funding Budget: \$22,930
Estimated Additional Recovery Funding Budget: \$0
Estimated part-time/full-time jobs created: 0

D. Authorized Signature

By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

SIGNED ONLY AFTER COUNCIL APPROVAL

Signature/Authorized Official Date _____

Title