

**DuPage County, Illinois**  
**Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Annual Element of**  
**The 2005-2009 DuPage County Consolidated Plan**  
**For Housing and Community Development**

Jurisdiction: DuPage County, Illinois by  
and through its Community Development  
Commission

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DuPage County proposes to amend the above Action Plan and Consolidated Plan for the purpose of fulfilling the application requirements to receive Community Development Block Grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (CDBG-R). Making proper application to HUD by June 5, 2009, will result in DuPage County receiving an allocation of \$1,066,577 to be used for neighborhood infrastructure projects and allowable administration costs.

- i. Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.220 (d)(e) and (l), the activities to be undertaken with the CDBG-R funds are

Activity 1

Description of activity: Public Facilities and Improvements – Infrastructure only

Estimated number and type of families that will benefit: 100% of funds expended will be area wide benefit for low to moderate income areas; approximately 3,500 low income persons will benefit.

Specific local objectives and priority needs addressed by the activity: Specific objective is to improve quality/increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons. The *DuPage County Consortium 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan* places a high priority on water and sewer improvements and a medium priority on street improvements, sidewalks, solid waste disposal improvements and flood drain improvements. Currently, municipalities within the urban county are experiencing budget shortfalls and unable to undertake many planned infrastructure improvements, making infrastructure needs even more critical.

Proposed accomplishments: Proposed improvements to be undertaken include, but may not be limited to, stormwater improvements, storm sewer improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, street resurfacing and improvements, and sidewalks. Accomplishments will be measured in linear feet, as well as persons benefited, when specific projects are chosen.

Target date for completion: DuPage County has received 16 applications for municipalities for CDBG-R funding, totaling approximately \$4.4 million in requested funding. These applications are currently under review and specific projects will be chosen by the beginning of June, 2009. Target date for completion of all projects is before September 30, 2012.

Outcome measures: Sustainability of a suitable living environment.

Other Recovery Act funding to be used in conjunction with the activity: \$0

Total activity budget from all funding sources: \$959,920

### Activity 2

Description of activity: Administration of CDBG-R funds

Estimated number and type of families that will benefit: N/A

Specific local objectives and priority needs addressed by the activity: N/A

Proposed accomplishments: N/A

Target date for completion: September 30, 2012

Outcome measures: N/A

Other Recovery Act funding to be used in conjunction with the activity: N/A

Total activity budget from all funding sources: \$106,657

Further details regarding both activities are contained on the attached spreadsheet.

- ii. Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of the Recovery Act require that, in selecting projects to be funded, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 calendar days from the date the funds are made available to the recipients; and that for CDBG-R funds being used for infrastructure investments, recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 calendar days after February 17, 2009. Description of how grantee will distribute and use CDBG-R funds to meet these requirements is as follows:

DuPage County posted an Application, Selection Criteria, and Instructions on its website and notified all municipalities of the availability of funds. Applications were due on May 1, 2009. Only infrastructure projects in income eligible neighborhoods will be considered. Engineering must be complete and the municipality must certify that the project would not be completed but for the additional CDBG-R funds. Final funding decisions will be made by the CDC Executive

Committee by the beginning of June, 2009 at a meeting open to the public. Final funding decisions will be posted on the CDC website and publicly noticed by publication in a newspaper of general circulation. A public hearing will also be held in early July. Subgrantee agreements will be in place by mid-July. During this interim period, bid specification packages will be prepared by municipalities and DuPage County will complete environmental reviews. Once DuPage County approves bid specifications, projects will go to bid and contracts will be awarded within sixty (60) days. 100% of DuPage County's CDBG-R funds (less administration) will be used for activities that can be initiated as quickly as possible.

DuPage County will ensure effective and timely use of CDBG-R funds, as well as oversight and monitoring of administration of all CDBG-R funds, by following already in place procedures as outlined in its Consolidated Plan:

- a. Subgrantees are carefully chosen for expertise and capacity.
  - b. Scope of work, eligible activities, and timelines are clearly stated in grant agreements.
  - c. Grant agreements provide procedures for discontinuance due to lack of performance in a timely way so that funds can be reprogrammed and reallocated to other subgrantees to meet overall program goals.
  - d. DuPage Community Development Commission staff conducts pre-construction meetings as necessary to explain expectations, procedures, and Federal requirements.
  - e. DuPage Community Development Commission staff conducts desk reviews through monthly progress reports, weekly job site reports, and the back-up documentation required for each pay request.
- iii. A written description of how the use of CDBG-R funds for the activity will maximize job creation and economic benefit in relation to the CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act, is as follows (categories that do not apply to the activity will be marked as N/A):
- (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: DuPage County has chosen to limit CDBG-R funding to public facilities/neighborhood infrastructure because infrastructure projects are eligible under CDBG-R and have the highest probability of preserving and creating jobs. The construction industry in DuPage County and the entire Chicago area has been severely affected by current economic conditions and DuPage County believes it is most consistent with the goals of the Recovery Act to infuse the CDBG-R funds into hard development costs for projects that employ the maximum number of construction workers.
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: N/A
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: N/A
  - (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Investing CDBG-R funds in neighborhood infrastructure not only preserves and creates jobs, it also provides long-term economic benefit to the neighborhoods by improving and sustaining the quality of life for residents of the neighborhoods. Sustaining

- neighborhoods as desirable places to live results in stable environments for local businesses to thrive and upholds property values for the residents.
- (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: N/A
- (F) Fostering energy independence: N/A

iv. For each activity, estimated job creation and retention:

Activity	Full-time Jobs Permanent	Full-Time Jobs Construction	Full-Time Jobs Temporary	Part-Time Jobs Permanent	Part-Time Jobs Construction	Part-Time Jobs Temporary
Public Facilities and Improvements	0	Retention of 20 jobs	Creation of 2 jobs	0	Retention of 4 jobs	Creation of 6 jobs
Administration			1 FTE			

- v. A description of the activities that will be carried out with CDBG-R funds that promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions is as follows: DuPage County has chosen to limit CDBG-R projects to those that modernize the nation’s infrastructure, as that is a priority need in its current Consolidated Plan. Infrastructure projects are also the best projects to stimulate the economy in DuPage County. Therefore, although all projects will incorporate the latest techniques to promote energy conservation, smart growth and/or reduce pollution emissions, none of the projects will specifically be targeted toward those goals.
- vi. Citizens and other interested parties may contact the above contact person for additional information. Public comments should also be directed to the person named above, and will be accepted by telephone, mail, e-mail, fax, or in person.
- vii. Public Notice and Public Comment. The public was originally notified of DuPage County’s intent to use the CDBG-R funds for public facilities/neighborhood infrastructure by notice published in a newspaper of general circulation on April 10, 2009 and posted to the DuPage Community Development Commission website on April 15, 2009. No public comments were received at that time. In addition, a public hearing was held on April 22, 2009. No members of the public attended. This Substantial Amendment was placed on the DuPage Community Development Commission website on May 12, 2009 and was also sent to each municipality in the urban county for local posting. The seven day public comment period will end at 4:30 p.m. on May 19, 2009. Following is a summary of public comments received to this Substantial Amendment and DuPage County’s response to each:

*To be completed at the end of the public comment period*

