

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF WATERFORD TOWNSHIP
AMENDED FINAL STATEMENT
OF
OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS
FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
2008/2009 PROGRAM YEAR AMENDMENT
AUTHORIZED THROUGH THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

In accordance with the Housing and Community Development Act and related regulatory requirements, the Charter Township of Waterford did conduct a public hearing for all interested residents during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Waterford Township Board of Trustees on Monday, March 23, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Waterford Township Hall Auditorium, 5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss the announced \$97,347 increase in the Township's current 34th Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year allocation to achieve the goals and objectives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Obama. ARRA requires that such funding be dedicated to projects that comply with both existing CDBG regulations and with the requirement that a contract based on bids can be awarded within 120 days that the Township receives such funding. Waterford Township has developed an action plan amendment describing a sidewalk replacement project that will comply with both the CDBG regulations and with the requirement that it is a "shovel-ready" project.

The Holiday Farms No. 4 subdivision is located within the CDBG Target Area located in Census Tract/Block Group 1449-002. Holiday Farms No. 4 subdivision was constructed in the early 1960s and consists of Jeffwood Dr., Mikewood Dr., and Nancywood Dr. Sidewalks within this subdivision were installed at the same time and are now nearly fifty years old. Over forty percent of these existing sidewalks are in a state of failure and an estimated 4,000 lineal ft. of deteriorated sidewalk sections need to be removed and replaced. Waterford will be forwarding to HUD an Amended Final Statement of current and proposed activities in accordance with HUD's ARRA requirements as soon as they are issued.

The following is intended to: (1) Satisfy applicable federal program regulations 24CFR570.301, 24CFR570.302, and 24CFR570.702(a); (2) provide citizens with information on the types of CDBG funded activities that were previously approved and are currently underway as well as proposed through the ARRA amendment; (3) allow citizens an opportunity to examine, understand, and comment on the amended 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant Program; (4) furnish the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development with an amended program plan and expenditure of funds; (5) provide the Township of Waterford with a local amended project planning budget document; (6) provide information on Waterford Township's current and amended use of the 2008/2009 Program Year funds; and, (8) describe local CDBG Program Objectives and how they may pertain.

PROGRAM GOALS

The purpose of the Waterford Township Community Development Block grant is to improve living conditions and economic opportunities for Waterford's citizens, principally for persons of low-and moderate-income. This will be accomplished by funding eligible CDBG Program activities that address one of the following goals:

- (1) Benefit low-and moderate-income persons; or
- (2) Aid in the elimination of slums or blight; or
- (3) Address serious emergency threats to community health or welfare.

ELIGIBLE CDBG PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The following activities are generally eligible for CDBG Program funding in accordance with applicable federal regulations (24CFR 570.200 - Subpart C):

- Acquisition and/or disposition of real property by purchase, lease or donation.
- Acquisition, construction, reconstruction or installation of certain eligible public facilities and improvements.
- Improvements of eligible parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities.
- Certain eligible parking and fire protection facilities and equipment.
- Eligible clearance activities.
- Eligible public service activities.
- Eligible economic development activities.
- Housing rehabilitation activities.

NOTE: The above listing of CDBG activities is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all specific community development projects that are eligible but rather a range of activities to give citizens an understanding of the general types of projects that may be undertaken with CDBG funds.

CDBG OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Waterford Township's CDBG Program have been established to provide decent and safe housing, a suitable environment in which to live and work, and expanding economic opportunities.

These objectives also have been established because they are practical and eligible under CDBG Program regulations. Maximum feasible priority will be given to ensure that low-and moderate-income citizens are the principal beneficiaries of the CDBG Program. The objectives of the previous CDBG Program Years 2005/2006 through 2007/2008, the current amended CDBG Program Year 2008/2009 and the proposed Program Year 2009/2010, to include all amendments, are:

1. The elimination of blight and the prevention of blighting influences within the Township, including elimination and prevention of deteriorated properties and neighborhoods which are important to the welfare of the citizens of Waterford Township, but principally those of low- and moderate-income.
2. The elimination of conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare, through housing rehabilitation assistance and related revitalization of public and private activities.
3. The expansion and improvement of the quality and quantity of community services, principally for persons of low-and moderate-income, to include the senior, handicapped, and youth population.
4. The expansion and preservation of the Township's housing stock, to provide a decent, safe, and suitable living environment for all citizens, but principally for persons of low-and moderate-income.
5. A more rational use of land and the better arrangement of residential, commercial, industrial and recreational activities.
6. The introduction of new and needed businesses and industry within the Township to strengthen the economic base.
7. The provision of expanded employment opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons.
8. The establishment of a working public-private partnership to facilitate the implementation of economic development strategies.
9. The development of park and recreational facilities that service primarily the lower income neighborhoods.
10. The elimination of barriers for the handicapped in public and private facilities.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Waterford Township will certify to HUD that it has developed its amended final statement of projected use of CDBG funds and that it has given maximum feasible priority to activities that benefit low-and moderate-income families, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and/or activities that Waterford Township certifies as 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. The Township also certifies that aggregate use of CDBG funds received under Section 106 of the Act and, if applicable, under Section 108 of the Act, during Program Years 2005/2006 through 2009/2010 (a period specified by Waterford Township as its Five Year Comprehensive Community Development Plan), shall principally benefit persons of low-and moderate-income in a way that ensures that not less than 70 percent of such funds are used for activities that benefit such persons during such period.

APPROVED USE OF PY2008/2009 CDBG FUNDING

The original CDBG entitlement grant for Program Year 2008/2009 for Waterford Township was approved for \$358,413. The Township also projected receipt of approximately \$100,000 in program income from Housing Rehabilitation Loan repayments during the 34th Program Year. This provided Waterford Township with a total of \$458,413 in new funding to achieve its community development goals during PY 2008/2009. In keeping with the national objectives of the CDBG Program for "maximum feasible priority", the Charter Township of Waterford allocated this funding to the following activities:

- (1) HOUSING REHABILITATION - Township Wide - Providing interest-free deferred payment loans, emergency repair service, and the volunteer Christmas in Action assistance, to income-qualified residents for single-family home rehabilitation improvements. For applicants who receive loans, the amount of a loan is contingent upon three factors: the number of necessary improvement items determined by the Township, the amount of home equity available, and the availability of program funds. Applications are accepted first-come, first-served basis on an ongoing basis. The program will be implemented through the Township's Community Planning and Development Department. This program is eligible in accordance with 24CFR570.202(b) and meets the national objective as described in 24CFR570.208(a)(3);
- (2) CODE ENFORCEMENT - Township CDBG Target Areas - Payment of a portion of clerical and administrative costs necessary to maintain and oversee the responsibilities of the Code Enforcement Division as well as for summer code enforcement inspectors to enforce the Township's codes in the CDBG Target Areas during the summer months. This project shall be implemented through the Township's Community Planning and Development Department. This project is eligible in accordance with 24CFR570.202(c) and meets the national objective as describe in 24CFR570.208(a)(1);
- (3) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION - Providing for administrative, management, and fair housing costs necessary for CDBG program operation. These funds will be implemented through the Township's Community Planning & Development Department. These funds are eligible in accordance with 24CFR570.206.

PROPOSED USE OF AMENDED PY2008/2009 CDBG FUNDING THROUGH ARRA

The CDBG Program Year 2008/2009 for Waterford Township was amended through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to include an additional \$97,347. In keeping with the national objectives of the CDBG Program and ARRA, the Charter Township of Waterford shall allocate the amended funding to be received by the Township during PY 2008/2009 to the following activity, which will primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons:

- (4) PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS – Holiday Farms Subdivision Sidewalk Improvement Project - Provision of funds for the costs associated with the removal and replacement of deteriorated existing sidewalk along Jeffwood Dr., Mikewood Dr., and Nancywood Dr. within the Holiday Farms Subdivision located in Census Tract/Block Group 1449-002. This project will be implemented through Waterford's Community Development Department. This project is eligible in accordance with 24CFR570.201(c) and meets the national objective as described in 24CFR570.208(a)(1);

PROJECT	BUDGET	APPLICABLE CDBG OBJECTIVES
<i>PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2008 AS ORIGINAL BUDGET</i>		
1. HOUSING REHABILITATION (Deferred Payment Loans)	\$304,413	1, 2, 3, & 4
2. CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$126,000	1 & 2
3. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$28,000	N/A
<i>PROJECT APPROVED IN 2009 THROUGH AMENDMENT FUNDED THROUGH ARRA</i>		
4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS (Holiday Farms Subdivision Sidewalk Improvement Project)	\$97,347	2, 5, & 9

NOTES:

- a). The original budget for the projects approved in 2008 are being funded through the following sources: \$358,413 in original PY 2008-2009 CDBG grant funds received by the Township and an estimated \$100,000 to be received during the 34th Program Year as income from payoffs of Deferred Payment Loans. The amended budget for the project approved in 2009 will be funded through the \$97,347 in funding proposed to be allocated to Waterford Township through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

DISPLACEMENT PLAN

The Charter Township of Waterford's amended 34th Year CDBG Program does not include any projects that would result in displacement of low-and moderate-income persons. However, if displacement does occur due to a federally-funded Community Development project, eligible displaced individuals (in accordance with 24CFR570.606(b), Section 104(d) of the Community Development Act, the Uniform Relocation Act, and the Township's CDBG Displacement Policy) will be provided with moving expenses and, where required, replacement housing financial and technical assistance. This will be accomplished by working closely with Realtors, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and/or other appropriate agencies available to find suitable housing for those displaced.

Citizen views and opinions on Waterford Township's CDBG Program are welcomed and encouraged. Further information may be obtained at the Community Planning and Development Department offices, Waterford, Michigan 48329 (248) 674-6229.

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Charter Township of Waterford

March 28, 2009