

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-05-055

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF URBANA AND  
URBANA/CHAMPAIGN/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
FY 2008-2009 CDBG-R

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has been designated an entitlement city under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and as such is eligible for Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter "CDBG") and Home Investment Partnership Funds (hereinafter "HOME") funds upon proper submittal being made to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter "HUD"); and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council previously approved an ordinance authorizing submittal to HUD of the Annual Action Plan FY 2008-2009 that included proposed budgets for the CDBG and HOME Programs and HUD subsequently approved the said Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2009, the City of Urbana published on the City website a 7-day notice of a public review period and a notice of a public hearing regarding a proposed substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan for FY 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2009 the City of Urbana published in the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette a 7-day notice of a public review period and a notice of a public hearing regarding said proposed substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan for FY 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2009, the City of Urbana, the Grants Management Division of the Community Development Services Department, held a public hearing on the proposed substantial amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds it necessary and appropriate to substantially amend the City of Urbana and Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan for FY 2008-2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Urbana, as lead entity for the Urbana HOME Consortium, hereby approves the substantial amendment to the City of Urbana and Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan/Annual Annual Action Plan for FY 2008-2009 CDBG-R, in substantially the same form as such amendment is referenced in the attachment hereto.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Urbana to take any action necessary in conjunction with said attached substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan, including submittal of the Annual Action Plan Amendment to the HUD Regional Field Office and provision of such additional information as may be required.

PASSED by the City Council this 26th day of May, 2009.

AYES: Bowersox, Gehrig, Lewis, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 29th day of May, 2009.

  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

[Special Council Meeting]

**DRAFT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO  
CITY OF URBANA and URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2008-2009**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
CDBG-R**

CFDA 14.253

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has allocated funds to states and local governments to carry out, on an expedited basis, eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. As an entitlement city, the City of Urbana has been allocated \$125,097 of CDBG-R funds under the Recovery Act. Entitlement grantees are required to submit a substantial amendment to their FY 2008-2009 action plans in order to receive the allocation of CDBG-R recovery funds.

*This proposed Substantial Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the requirements provided in the publication: "Department of Housing and Urban Development [Docket No. FR-5309-N-01] Notice of Program Requirement for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009."*

**Required elements in the CDBG-R substantial amendment to the annual action plan are:**

**1. A description of the activities the jurisdiction will undertake with these funds to address priority needs and objectives:**

The City of Urbana proposes to utilize its CDBG-R allocation for improvement of infrastructure in Census Tract 55 of the Community Development Target Area, specifically reconstruction of Green Street between Vine Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. This activity meets **Priority Objective # 1 – Provide a Suitable Living Environment** of the City's current Consolidated Plan. Following is a brief description of the project:

**Green Street – Street & Sidewalk Reconstruction**

CDBG-R funds will be contributed toward the reconstruction of Green Street from Vine Street to Cottage Grove, located in Census Tract 55 of the City of Urbana Community Development Target Area. Work will include milling and resurfacing of the street, reconstruction of (remove and replace) curb and gutter, brick and concrete sidewalks, ramps and driveway approaches.

Total CDBG-R Funding: \$125,097

Estimated Project Cost Total: \$845,000 - \$ 1,100,000

**2. Description of how the distribution and uses of the grantee's CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of the Recovery Act:**

The City anticipates placing the project for bids on or around June 30, 2009. Bids are expected to be opened two weeks later (within 45-50 days of June 5, 2009, which is the date of submission of this amendment to HUD). Construction startup is anticipated by July 20, 2009, with substantial completion of the project expected by November 20, 2009.

**3. For each activity, a written description of how the use of CDBG-R funds for the activity will maximize job creation and economic benefit in relation to CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act:**

After several continuous years of a high level of construction activity in the Urbana area, including infrastructure construction, the construction industry has been negatively impacted by the recent economic crisis. As a result, many construction workers in the area have experienced layoffs due to a reduction in available jobs. The City has had to re-evaluate its long range planning for infrastructure reconstruction and improvement. The long-term forecast is that some projects may be delayed due to lack of revenues. Utilizing CDBG-R funding for this project not only will provide immediate assistance for a much-needed improvement in a Target Area and employ construction workers, it is expected to have a positive ripple effect on future City projects in that more funding would be available for one or more future projects, thus continuing the construction employment opportunities.

**4. For each activity, the number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs):**

Jobs created by the proposed activity will be all construction related. The number created will depend on the number of workers already employed by the winning bidder. Contractors can retain current workforce members and re-hire former workers who were laid off due to lack of work. It is estimated that crews of 15-25 consisting of operators, laborers, teamsters, finishers and foremen will be working on this activity. In addition, it is likely that the general contractor will hire sub-contractor 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.

**5. Description of the activities that will be carried out with CDBG-R funding that promote energy conservation, smart growth, and green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions:**

This project will include the use of recycled concrete and recycled asphalt, which are green practices that save fuel and reduce greenhouse emissions when used instead of virgin product. This project is on a busline, promotes walkability, and follows in-town smart growth strategies.

**6. Information on how to contact grantee program administrators, so that citizens and other parties know who to contact for additional information:**

**City of Urbana, IL  
Grants Management Division  
John A. Schneider, Manager  
400 South Vine Street  
Urbana, IL 61801**

*Telephone: 217-384-2447*

*Fax: 217-384-2367*

*Email: [jaschneider@city.urbana.il.us](mailto:jaschneider@city.urbana.il.us)*

*Amount Grantee is Eligible to Receive*      **\$125,097**

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*Amount Grantee is Requesting*              **\$125,097**

*\* Amounts are available at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdbg.xls>*

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1. To expedite the process and to ensure that the CDBG-R grants are awarded in a timely manner, while preserving a reasonable citizen participation process, HUD is waiving the requirement that the grantee follow its citizen participation plan for this substantial amendment. The CDBG-R regulations specify that the grantee will provide no fewer than 7 calendar days for citizen comment (rather than 30 days). Describe the efforts of the jurisdiction to meet the program requirements for CDBG-R funding for public comment:**

A public notice for the Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment relative to the CDBG-R funding allocation to the City of Urbana was posted on the City website on May 13, 2009 and appeared in the local newspaper on May 15, 2009. A public hearing on the proposed substantial

amendment will be held on May 22, 2009. The Urbana City Council is expected to act on the proposed amendments at a Special Council Meeting tentatively scheduled for May 26, 2009.

2. Provide a summary of public comments regarding this substantial amendment. Include a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons for non-acceptance.

*Response: This section will be completed after the May 22, 2009 public hearing.*

## Certifications

(to be added upon Urbana City Council approval of the Substantial Amendment to the FY2008-2009 Annual Action Plan as required by HUD for submittal.