

CDBG-R Substantial Amendment 2008

City of Southfield

The City of Southfield proposes a total of four activities with the use of CDBG-R funds. The City of Southfield chose these projects to improve infrastructure, improve energy efficiency of our existing buildings while meeting the needs of those most affected by the present economy. Each of these projects has been evaluated for their merits as well as how quickly they could be implemented and completed. Both of the public improvement projects will be ready to award contract within 120 days of receipt of funds.

Activity 1) Phase II Simmons House Renovation houses the City of Southfield Human Services Department. The majority of the programs governed by Human Services are targeted to low and moderate income persons. Clientele are seen on a daily basis to address basic needs like food, gas, clothing and shelter as well as counseling emotional counseling. According to 24 CFR 570.201(c) Rehabilitation of Public facilities are eligible. \$80,000 of CDBG-R funds are proposed for the second phase of repairs needed at the Simmons House. These repairs include installation of new electrical wiring, complete weatherization of the structure including installation of the energy efficient windows, installation of new energy efficient HVAC system and the construction of a new American Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible bathroom. The 1st phase of repairs is underway using CDBG funds, \$100,000 has been approved to reinforce the first and second floor foundation and other structural repairs.

This project meets the criteria of CDBG-R funds by creating jobs and promoting economic recovery; investing in infrastructure that will provide long term economic benefits and fostering energy independence. This project will result in at least 9 construction type temporary jobs. By completing a full weatherization of the structure including installation of energy efficient windows the building will be more energy efficient.

City of Southfield is the responsible Organization
26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI
Mark Brandt- Facilities Maintenance
248-796-4839

Activity 2) Bedford Woods Park Renovation will provide necessary repairs to a residential park located in a targeted area of Southfield. \$40,399 is proposed to make needed repairs to the basketball and tennis courts, complete minor playground equipment repairs and upgrades, install pedestrian walks which will connect to adjacent subdivision and landscape improvements. Because of the parks location in a low/moderate income target area the park is eligible under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(ii). By leveraging CDBG-R funds with funding from local cell towers this project will create more construction jobs this summer. In addition it is providing a service to those that were most impacted by the recession and it is investing in infrastructure that will provide long term economic benefits. A project of this size is estimated to create 20 full time construction jobs on a

temporary basis. This project enhances smart growth by choosing to maintain an existing park in a well established community.

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Activity 3) CDBG-R Administration – The City of Southfield is eligible to receive 10% of CDBG-R funds for the program administration of the grant as outlined in 24CFR 570.206(a)(1). These funds will be used to pay staff costs for the program and in that sense it avoids the reduction of essential services which is part of the Recovery Act's focus. \$13,700 will assist in retaining 2 and ½ staff positions at the City of Southfield that administer the CDBG programs.

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Erica Williams – Housing
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Activity 4) Help Against Violent Encounters Now (HAVEN) is a public service organization that has helped Southfield residents for many years. As an agency that assists battered women and children with shelter, counseling, court protection orders and the whole legal process they meet the criteria of limited clientele under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A). 2% of CDBG-R funds will go towards public services which is well below the 15% cap. Additional funding in the amount of \$3,000 is proposed for HAVEN due to the increase in the incidences of domestic violence in the last 2 years which studies show has a direct correlation to the present economic crisis. \$6,529 in CDBG funding is allotted to HAVEN for 2009 program year. The additional funding to this organization will assist those most impacted by the recession and avoid reductions in essential services. This activity will help retain 3 full time positions for the counseling staff at HAVEN.

Responsible Organization
HAVEN
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Linda Fountain – Executive Director
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Public Comments

The City of Southfield published a legal notice on May 21, 2009 for public comments of CDBG-R Substantial Amendment in addition to putting the amendment on the City's website at www.cityofsouthfield.com/departments/housing/CDBG/. Public comments were taken through May 29, 2009.

Comment 1:

I saw the information about the program on the website and am interested in more information about Homebuyer programs.

Response: Gave information regarding our Neighborhood Stabilization funds Homebuyer program and application.

Comment 2:

I think what the city is doing is important for the community and I hope there is additional money given each year for more programs like this.

Comment 3:

I am glad the City is investing in the Human Services Building. It is a local historic property and should be preserved.