



City of Lima
Notice of Public Comment Period

**Community Development Block Grant - Recovery
Substantial Amendment to Year-4 of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan**

The City of Lima is substantially amending its 2008-09 Action Plan to include the receipt of \$330,805 allocated under Community Development Block Grant Stimulus Funds (CDBG-R) derived from the ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, 2009). Although CDBG-R works like the regular CDBG Program, with its eligible activities and implementing rules and regulations, the US Congress has given preference to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement. The City intends to use the CDBG-R funds (a) for street reconstruction/ resurfacing in CDBG-eligible areas; and (b) to defray the cost of asbestos abatement resulting from demolition activities proposed on Pine Street in the City's plan implementing the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

The draft application is available for public review and comment from May 19 to 28, 2009. Copies are available at the Department of Community Development and the city website (www.cityhall.lima.oh.us/dept/community/CDBG-R.pdf).

On May 18, Lima City Council will approve legislation allowing this amendment and authorizing the submission of the application to HUD.

Persons interested in commenting on the substantial amendment and the use of the CDBG-R funds must provide such comments in writing and signed, to:

CDBG-R Comments
Dept. of Community Development
50 Town Square
Lima, OH 45801

Questions or comments about the Consolidated Plan and related matters may be directed to the Department of Community Development at the Lima Municipal Center or by calling 419-228-5146.



City of Lima

Application for Grant Funds Under the
**Community Development Block Grant – Recovery
(CDBG-R) Program**

A Substantial Amendment to the 2008-09 Action Plan (Year-4)
of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan

City of Lima
Department of Community Development
50 Town Square
Lima, OH 45801

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

A. General Information

Grantee Name	<i>City of Lima</i>
Name of Entity or Department Administering Funds	<i>Department of Community Development</i>
CDBG-R Contact Person (person to answer questions about this amendment and CDBG-R)	<i>Amy Sackman Odum</i>
Title	<i>Director of Community Development</i>
Address Line 1	<i>Lima Municipal Center</i>
Address Line 2	<i>50 Town Square</i>
City, State, Zip Code	<i>Lima, OH 45801</i>
Telephone	<i>419-221-5146</i>
Fax	<i>419-221-5144</i>
Email Address	<i>amy.odum@cityhall.lima.oh.us</i>
Authorized Official (if different from Contact Person)	<i>David J. Berger</i>
Title	<i>Mayor</i>
Address Line 1	<i>Lima Municipal Center</i>
Address Line 2	<i>50 Town Square</i>
City, State, Zip Code	<i>Lima, OH 45801</i>
Telephone	<i>419-228-5462</i>
Fax	<i>419-221-5199</i>
Email Address	<i>david.berger@cityhall.lima.oh.us</i>
Web Address where this Form is Posted	<i>www.cityhall.lima.oh.us/dept/community/CDBG.R.pdf</i>

Amount Grantee is Eligible to Receive *	<i>\$ 330,805</i>
Amount Grantee is Requesting	<i>\$ 330,805</i>

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

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B. Citizen Participation and Public Comment

1. Briefly describe how the grantee followed its citizen participation plan regarding this proposed substantial amendment.

Response: *When U.S. HUD announced the program requirements for CDBG-R on May 5, 2009, the City of Lima -- through its Dept of Community Development -- posted a public notice in the Lima News of its intent to use CDBG-R funds for: (a) street reconstruction/improvement in CDBG-eligible areas; and, (b) environmental compliance activities (asbestos abatement and environmental survey) in support of the city's NSP demolition projects in the Pine Street Corridor area.*

The public notice also informed of the 7-day public review and comment period from May 19, to 28, 2009. The same public notice was posted on the city website, which included a copy of the city's draft CDBG-R application. Copies of the draft application were also made available at the Lima Public Library and DCD offices. On May 18, 2009, Lima City Council passed an ordinance adopting the CDBG-R amendment to the city's 2008-09 Action Plan-- with provision that submission of the application to HUD will be after the comment period and that all comments will be appended to the application.

The process is consistent with the city's Citizen Participation Plan except for the CDBG-R prescribed 7-day public comment period, which is shorter than the 30-day period in the traditional annual updating of the Consolidated Plan.

2. Provide the appropriate response regarding this substantial amendment by checking one of the following options: *(response will be supplied after the 7-day public comment period, which ends on May 28/09)*

- Grantee did not receive public comments.
- Grantee received and accepted all public comments.
- Grantee received public comments and did not accept one or more of the comments.

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

Response: *(response will be supplied after the 7-day public comment period, which ends on May 28/09)*

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C. Distribution and Administration of Funds

1. Check the process(es) that the grantee plans to use to select subgrantees. Note that a subgrantee is defined as the organization to which the grantee provides CDBG-R funds.

Competitive Process

Formula Allocation

- Other (Specify: *The City of Lima will not sub-grant CDBG-R funds. The city will implement the proposed CDBG-R projects through its Dept of Public Works, which is responsible for street improvements and demolition of structures via competitively bid contract with private vendors.*)

2. Briefly describe the process(es) indicated in question 1 above.

Response: *The City of Lima will not sub-grant CDBG-R funds. The city will implement the proposed CDBG-R projects through its Dept of Public Works, which will competitively bid for services and monitor the activities.*

3. Briefly describe the process the grantee plans to use, once HUD signs the grant agreement, to allocate funds available to subgrantees within 120 days.

Response: *City of Lima will not sub-grant CDBG-R funds. Utilizing standard CDBG procurement processes, it will allocate the funds toward contracts for street reconstruction/improvement and demolition of residential structures. Both activities are regular recipients of annual CDBG funds. The CDBG-R funds to be allocated to demolition will be used to defray the cost of asbestos removal and other EPA-mandated compliance activities resulting from demolition of residential structures in the Pine Street Corridor Target area per the City of Lima NSP Action Plan. The Department of Pubic Works is currently receiving bids for demolition-related environmental survey and abatement services. The Engineering Division has bid out street reconstruction/improvements. Both these proposed CDBG-R activities are ready to be contracted to qualified private entities within 120 days or sooner.*

4. Describe the grantee's plan for ensuring the effective and timely use of CDBG-R grant funds on eligible activities. Include a description of how the grantee plans to oversee and monitor the administration and use of its own CDBG-R funds, as well as those used by its subgrantees).

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Response: *The City's Dept of Community Development has existing administrative and fiscal systems capacity for CDBG, HOME and NSP projects, which will be adapted for CDBG-R administration, monitoring and reporting purposes. In accordance with CDBG-R requirements, reporting of financial and program status in IDIS will be maintained. Due to existing systems and CDBG/HOME program experience, and the coordination of the city's CDBG-R and NSP activities, project administration and timely phasing of work will be compliant with HUD regulatory requirements.*

D. Collaboration

1. Briefly describe how the grantee plans to collaborate with the local agencies that can serve similar target populations, which received funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 from other Federal agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, and Labor.

Response: *The CDBG-R proposed activities (street reconstruction/improvement and asbestos abatement) are municipal in nature, such that no collaborative efforts are anticipated other than for required environmental reviews with EPA. The other supplemental funding source is the Lima General Fund for staff salaries and operation.*

Through the City's NSP Action Plan, collaboration with a local CHDO (New Lima Housing for the Future), Habitat for Humanity, and a local Community Action Commission (Lima Allen Council for Community Affairs) has been developed to assist targeted populations in reusing land cleared by demolition activity for housing infill. A local CDC (Kibby Corners Development Corporation) is conducting a land reuse and marketing survey within the Pine Street corridor target area to assist with reuse of land cleared by demolition activity. NSP planning targets landbanking of 25 lots cleared by demolition for reuse use to benefit targeted populations.

However, with the HPRP (also an ARRA program), the City of Lima intends to partner with the local public housing authority (which has its own HPRP funds) and local non-profit housing groups to develop and implement the city's HPRP action plan.

2. Briefly describe how CDBG-R grant funds for job creation/retention and other economic stimulus activities will be used in a manner that is consistent with the grantee's Consolidated Plan.

Response: *The projects and activities under CDBG-R meet the policy pronouncements in the city's current 5-Yr Consolidated Plan, specifically in the following priority areas:*

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CD.1 Infrastructure. Repair, replace, upgrade, and modernize the infrastructure in Lima’s neighborhoods and provide infrastructure in other areas as a way to eliminate blight, promote community pride and encourage re-investments in distressed areas

H.1.d Homewnership. Encourage affordable homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income households by continuing and expanding existing homeownership opportunities.

H.1.b New Housing Construction/Scattered Site Development. Encourage city-wide development of new housing opportunities for all income ranges and assisting in the assembling of lots through aggressive implementation of land banking for small subdivision and in-fill development.

H.1.f Demolition. Reduce blighting influences in neighborhoods and business districts with the demolition of dilapidated residential and commercial structures, if found unfeasible to reuse or rehabilitate in a timely manner.

CD.2.b Environmental Services. Provide for a clean and healthy environment for all Lima neighborhoods with efficient removal and disposal of wastes and elimination of blighting influences.

CD.2.c Public Safety. Ensure that Lima’s neighborhoods are safe, decent and viable environments with a pervading sense of security among residents and visitors alike.

E. Estimated Budget Summary

Activity	Accomplishment Units	Amount Budgeted
<i>Street Reconstruction / Improvement</i>	<i>8,700 linear feet</i>	\$ 282,110
<i>Demolition (Asbestos Abatement)</i>	<i>52 residential structures</i>	\$ 36,000
<i>Subtotal (add previous two rows)</i>		\$ 318,110
<i>Administration (up to 10% of allocation)</i>		\$ 12,695
Total CDBG-R Budget		\$ 330,805

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F. 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)

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Mayor
Title