THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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Ensuring Responsible Spending of Recovery Act Funds

Funding available under the Recovery Act has clear purposes – to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings. While the full range of CDBG activities is available to grantees, the Department strongly suggests that grantees incorporate consideration of the public perception of the intent of the Recovery Act in identifying and selecting projects for CDBG-R funding.

A. Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities

Grantees must provide information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities in an electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD. The information that must be reported in the spreadsheet includes activity name, activity description, CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted, eligibility category, national objective citation, additional Recovery Act funds for the activity received from other programs, and total activity budget. An electronic copy of the spreadsheet and the format is available on HUD's recovery website at http://www.hud.gov/recovery.

Response: See Attachment A – CDBG-R Activity Data Spreadsheet

- (1) Activity Name: Greening the Community Project
- (2) Activity Narrative:

The Seat Pleasant CDC has proposed a project which will be designed to increase energy efficiency in 10 homes. This project will be an investment in the housing infrasture in the target area of Seat Pleasant, which will create permanent and occasional jobs. The benefits of this project will be as follows:

- Job creation and economic benefit by the expansion of educational opportunities by training the unemployed and underemployed workers to install energy efficient appliances, including solar panels during 2 training semesters.
- This will provide an investment in the effort to increase economic efficiency.
- This project will foster the effort to increase energy independence.
- This target area will provide access and assistance to those most impacted by the recession.
- (3) <u>Jobs Created:</u> The goal of this project is to employ and train 10 persons.
- (4) <u>Additional Activity Information:</u> This project will provide for the installation of energy efficient heating appliances. It will provide for the installation of solar panels in each home.

Responsible Organization: Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743, Koko Barnes, Executive Director, 3/324-3470, E-mail – kokobarnes@seatpleasantcdc.org

- (1) Activity Name: Energy Efficiency Improvements
- (2) <u>Activity Narrative</u>: The Roots of Mankind Corporation will provide energy efficiency improvements in affordable housing.

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: 12 jobs will be created;
- Fostering energy independence: energy efficiency improvements will be provided in affordable housing.
- (3) Jobs Created: 12
- (4) <u>Additional Activity Information:</u> Energy efficiency improvements will be provided in affordable homes.
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Roots of Mankind Corporation; 4273 Branch Avenue, Suite 205, Temple Hills, MD 20748; William Johnson, Executive Director

- (1) Activity Name: Interior Build-out of Clinical Space for Health Center
- (2) <u>Activity Narrative</u>: Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc. has signed a lease/purchase agreement for a medical office build-to-specifications on Rte. 301 South at Clymer Drive. The new building will replace Greater Baden's outdated facility in Brandywine.

Because of cost constraints, Greater Baden planned to build out two floors, leaving one floor to rent. As plans and patient needs were reviewed, it was determined that the first floor of the building is also needed for patient care, and additional funding is required to support this interior build-out.

The project will provide build-out of approximately 3,000 square feet of interior space presently unfinished at 7450 Albert Drive. The Board intended to rent out the space until such time as it could finance build-out of clinical space. Completion of additional clinical space on first floor will allow Greater Baden to increase clinical capacity by adding an additional two full-time-equivalent clinical providers.

Funding will be used to complete interior construction of 3,000 square feet of clinical space, including two provider offices, six exam rooms, a case manager's office, a center manager's office, two bathrooms, and a reception area.

Greater Baden is the only Federally Qualified Health Center in Prince George's County. It provides comprehensive primary care services to individuals from throughout the County. Nearly all or the patients served at Greater Baden have low or extremely low incomes, and most have no health insurance.

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;
- Assisting those most impacted by the recession; and
- Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services.
- (3) Jobs Created: Eight permanent, full-time-equivalent jobs will be created or retained.
- (4) Additional Activity Information: N/A
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc.; 9440 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 160, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Sarah Leonhard, M.D., Executive Director, (301) 599-0460

- (1) <u>Activity Name</u>: Residential Facilities Energy Efficiency Improvements Benefiting Individuals with Special Needs
- (2) <u>Activity Narrative</u>: The Arc of Prince George's County, Inc. owns twenty-four residential homes throughout Prince George's County where they support eighty-four individuals with intellectual disabilities. Due to their disabilities, these individuals are all of low or moderate income. This project will enable The Arc to hire a full-time carpenter to install energy efficient windows in fourteen of the homes and complete additional energy efficient projects in all twenty-four homes.

By completing these projects, The Arc will be able to maintain the carpenter position beyond the period of this grant. The ability to sustain this position is based on the energy savings during the first year and potential savings in the future.

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: one full-time-equivalent position for a carpenter will be created;
- Assisting those most impacted by the recession: the energy efficiency improvements will
 improve living conditions for eighty-four low/moderate-income persons with intellectual
 disabilites; and
- Fostering energy independence: the energy efficiency improvements will conserve energy and eliminate waste.
- (3) <u>Jobs Created:</u> One full-time-equivalent position will be created.
- (4) <u>Additional Activity Information:</u> Window replacement at the group homes will conserve energy and eliminate waste. Other energy efficiency improvements will be implemented after the windows have been completed.
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: The Arc of Prince George's County, Inc.; 1401 McCormick Drive, Largo, MD 20774; Penny Green, Associate Executive Director of Residential Programs

- (1) Activity Name: **Brentwood Street Improvements**
- (2) Activity Narrative:

The Town of Brentwood is requesting funds to provide for the improvement of several streets within the town. These projects will an investment in the modernization of the infrastructure of the Town. The benefits of this project will be as follows:

- This project will stimulate the economy of the Town thru the creation of at least 5-10 jobs.
- This project will be an investment in the transportation system of the Town, which will provide long-term economic benefits.
- This project will be an activity which can be started and completed expeditiously.
- This project will provide the Town with an important point of assistance in its economic development goals.
- (3) Jobs Created: 5 to 10
- (4) Additional Activity Information: Not Applicable
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Town of Brentwood, 4300 39th Pl., Brentwood, Maryland 20722, Peter Jones, Town Administrator, 3/927-3344, E-Mail town_bwood@hotmail.com

- (1) Activity Name: Knox Road Street Improvements
- (2) Activity Narrative: The City of College Park will undertake construction of new sidewalks, landscaping, and pedestrian streetlights along the north side of Knox Road between Baltimore Avenue and Yale Avenue. The City has \$9,900 allocated in its Capital Improvement Program Pavement Management Plan to install streetscape improvements in a small segment of Knox Road that formerly served as vehicular access to City Hall. The vehicular entrance was closed and the temporary solution included the placement of concrete barriers. The City plans to install curb, gutter, and sidewalk to permanently close this entrance. The improvements will widen the sidewalks, provide curb ramps and detectable warning surfaces to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements; add pedestrian streetlights to improve safety; and provide street trees as a buffer between pedestrians and traffic. The project will serve new and existing businesses in downtown College Park, as well as approximately 700 low- and moderate-income persons living in the surrounding residential areas.

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: seven construction-related jobs will be retained; and
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: sidewalk and handicapped accessibility ramps will be improved and pedestrian lighting and street trees will be installed.
- (3) Jobs Created: Seven construction-related jobs will be retained.
- (4) Additional Activity Information: N/A
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: City of College Park; 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740; Elisa Vitale, Senior Planner, (301) 277-3445

- (1) Activity Name: Upgrade to Energy Efficient Doors
- (2) <u>Activity Narrative</u>: Rehabilitation Opportunities, Inc. (ROI) serves 127 individuals with developmental disabilities in its training program. Some of these individuals require ambulatory assistance and need reliable handicapped-accessible doors to gain entrance into the building. ROI's current doors do not work consistently and need to be replaced.

In addition, ROI's current doors are not energy efficient. Doors do not open and close properly and have openings which allow air to enter and exit the building. ROI would like to replace 8 doors—four bay doors and four exterior doors to improve the energy efficiency of the ROI facility.

- Assisting those most impacted by the recession: replacement with ADA-compliant doors will benefit low/moderate-income persons with disabilities;
- Fostering energy independence: replacement with energy-efficient doors will conserve resources.
- (3) Jobs Created: Not indicated.
- (4) <u>Additional Activity Information:</u> Replacement with energy-efficient doors will eliminate air seepage and conserve resources.
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Rehabilitation Opportunities, Inc.; 5100 Philadelphia Way, Lanham, MD 20706; Rory Brett, Executive Director, (301) 731-4242

(1) Activity Name: Completion of Storm Drain/Penwood Rd. Street Overlay

(2) Activity Narrative:

The Town of North Brentwood is proposing a project which will provide for the completion of the Storm Drain system and for the Street Overlay for Penwood Road in the Town of North Brentwood. This project will be an investment t in the modernization of the infrastructure of the Town. The benefit s of this project will be as follows:

- This project will stimulate the economy of the Town thru the creation of at least 5 employment opportunities.
- Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;
- This project will be an investment in the transportation system of the Town, which will provide long-term economic benefits.
- This project will be an activity which can be started and completed expeditiously.
- This project will provide the Town with assistance in achieving its long range economic development t goals.
- (3) Jobs Created: At least 5 temporary jobs.
- (4) Additional Activity Information: N/A
 - (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Town of North Brentwood, 4009 Wallace Road, North Brentwood, Maryland 20722, Petrella A. Robinson, Mayor, 3/699-9699, Email northbrentwood@earthlink.net

- (1) Activity Name: Energy Efficient HVAC Equipment at Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- (2) <u>Activity Narrative</u>: The City of Greenbelt will purchase and install new high-efficiency Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) rooftop units at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The new Ultra-High Efficiency units are Energy Star rated and have an 11.5 Energy Efficiency Rating. This will provide environmental benefits as these units will use less electricity and natural gas.

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: Approximately 50 employees participate from manufacturing to installation of this unit;
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: the Springhill Lake Recreation Center will be improved with new Energy Star-rated HVAC rooftop units; and
- Fostering energy independence: the new HVAC units will conserve electricity and natural gas.
- (3) <u>Jobs Created:</u> Approximately 50 employees participate from manufacturing to installation of this unit.
- (4) <u>Additional Activity Information:</u> Installation of Energy Star-rated HVAC rooftop units will conserve electricity and natural gas.
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: City of Greenbelt; 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager, (301) 474-8000

- (1) Activity Name: Laurel Boys and Girls Club Renovation Project
- (2) <u>Activity Narrative</u>: The Laurel Boys and Girls Club will continue the badly needed renovation of the Laurel Boys and Girls Club facility at 701 Montgomery Street, Laurel. Improvements will include upgrading the electrical system; replacing the boiler system, steam pipes, and windows for energy efficiency; providing handicapped accessibility improvements including a wheelchair lift; various flooring and ceiling replacements throughout the building; and complete renovation of two deteriorated classrooms. The Club will request \$200,000 in CDBG funding from the next standard funding period to complete the final phase of the renovation.

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: 50 jobs will be created or retained;
- Assisting those most impacted by the recession: the LBGC serves low/moderate-income individuals;
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: the project will renovate an historic facility that was built in 1899, to ready it for after-school programs;
- Fostering energy independence: the boiler system, steam pipes, and windows will be replaced for energy efficiency.
- (3) Jobs Created: 50
- (4) <u>Additional Activity Information:</u> The boiler system, steam pipes, and windows will be replaced for energy efficiency.
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Laurel Boys and Girls Club; 701 Montgomery Street, Laurel, MD 20707; Patrick Reed, Executive Director

- (1) Activity Name: Kaywood Infrastructure Improvement Project
- (2) <u>Activity Narrative</u>: The goal of the City of Mount Rainier is to ambitiously initiate a revitalization project to increase property values by rehabilitating dilapidated street, sidewalks, curbing and gutters that are less appealing to the community. In addition, the city seeks to promote Smart Growth and increase community safety for the citizens of Mount Rainier.

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: 10 jobs will be created or retained:
- Assisting those most impacted by the recession: the project will provide areawide benefit to a low/moderate-income area; and
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: the project will improve transportation infrastructure.
- (3) Jobs Created: 10
- (4) <u>Additional Activity Information:</u> The project will reduce pollution emissions by making roadways more easily passable.
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: City of Mount Rainier; One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, MD 20712; Jeanelle Branson Wallace, City Manager, (301) 985-6585

(1) Activity Name: Basic Needs Program

(2) Activity Narrative:

The Basic Needs Program help individuals and families stretch their limited income by providing for their basic needs, i.e., counseling, food/clothing/shelter/furniture and household amenities that are key components of the program. Based on assessments, one-on-one counseling and support groups are provided along with links to community services for needs not covered by the program. Services provided include but are not limited to:

- Canned/dried food/clothing/winter protection/bedding
- Furniture/appliances/dishes/household amenities
- Counseling (compulsive behavior/substance abuse, suicide prevention, conflict resolution, behavior modification, anger management, etc.
- Case management (affordable housing, job readiness and crisis assistance "not using drugs today."

This program is especially important to help individuals to pull through these unstable financial times and stabilize their lives by securing jobs. MOLC provides employment training and placement and through its Life Skills Program and seeks to place 10 clients into high-growth sector jobs and help ensure at least 75% remain employed six month later.

Mission of Love Charities, Inc. itself has been struggling as contributions and grants are not as plentiful. Through support of the CDBG-R allocation, will minimize and avoid reduction in the essential services they provide

- (3) Jobs Created: 10
- (4) Additional Activity Information: Not Applicable
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Warren Easley, Mission of Love Charities, Inc., 6180 Old Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743

- (1) <u>Activity Name</u>: Comprehensive Training & Related Services for Low-income and Very Low-income Citizens
- (2) Activity Narrative: The Training Source, Inc.'s activity will stimulate the economy through measures that will provide employment training which will develop individuals with the desire and ability to succeed and become self-sufficient. This program will assist up to 70 low income individuals with job placement assistance; therefore, promoting economic recovery. The program provides for 4-5 fifteen week Comprehensive Office Automation Training sessions and covers topics such as Life Skills, Professional Skills and Computer Skills. CDBG-R funding is critical for the continued success of this program which provides essential services to unemployed individuals as well as provides the opportunity for job creation therefore promoting economic recovery.
- (3) <u>Jobs Created:</u> CDBG-R funding will fully fund 13 adults for employment training and job placement assistance.
- (4) Additional Activity Information: N/A
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: The Training Source, Inc., 59 Yost Place, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743, Evelyn Kim Rhim, Executive Director, 301-499-8872

- (1) Activity Name: District Heights Family and Youth Services Visionary Youth Program
- (2) Activity Narrative: The District Heights Family and Youth Services Visionary Youth Program proposes to increase the number of jobs offered through its Teen Job Bank and develop long term relationships with area businesses, non-profits and schools. This program will employ youth through its Teen Job Bank to provide homework assistance during the tutoring sessions, work during the annual District Heights Day, and work over the summer with District Heights Public Works Department thereby creating jobs and assisting those most impacted by the recession.
- (3) <u>Jobs Created:</u> 40 part time jobs for youth employment
- (4) Additional Activity Information: N/A
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Priscilla Souto, LCPC, Executive Director, District heights Family and Youth Services Center, 2000 Marbury Drive, District Heights, MD 20747; 301-336-7600; 301-336-1402; soutop@districtheights.org

- (1) Activity Name: Family Literacy Program
- (2) Activity Narrative: Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.'s activity will stimulate the economy through measures that expand educational opportunities for low income individuals and families. CDBG-R funding is critical for the continued success of this program which provides essential services to encourage educationally disadvantaged parents and children by helping them succeed in the workforce and at school. Parents learn life and work readiness skills while their children build a solid foundation to foster their advancement in school. This program allows the opportunity for parents and children to interact together as a family unit and promotes the parents' involvement in their children's' education.
- (3) Jobs Created: N/A
- (4) Additional Activity Information: N/A
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc., 6525 Belcrest Rd., Suite 555 Hyattsville, MD 20782, Mosi Harrington, Executive Director, 301-985-1252

(1) Activity Name: Jacob's Ladder Mentoring Program

(2) Activity Narrative:

Jacob's Ladder is a first time offender/at-risk youth mentoring program for juveniles residing in Prince George's County. It is a one-year program for youth ages 10-17 and their families become productive, positive, and contributing residents. It is comprised of four components:

- Increase the number of program participants in the Jacob's Ladder Mentoring Program
- Increase academic performance and reduce the high school drop-out rate among at-risk youth
- Reduce the acts of violence committed by youth
- Create jobs in the community for at-risk youth and adults over the age of 18.

Through this program, first time offenders and at-risks youth will have a second chance and will be able to expand their educational opportunities.

- (3) Jobs Created: 20
- (4) Additional Activity Information: Not Applicable
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Nakia Reams, Executive Director, Jabbok International Ministries, 2912 Ritchie Road, Forestville, Maryland 20747

- (1) Activity Name: One Step Forward
- (2) Activity Narrative: Through its after-school and summer enrichment program One Step Forward, DanceMakers will serve 50 "special needs" youth ages, 5 to 15 assisting a population most impacted by the recession through its expanded after-school enrichment program. These youth reside in the communities of Glenarden, Glenn Dale, Lanham-Seabrook, New Carrollton and Palmer Park. OSF will provide homework assistance; math and reading tutoring, facilitated by certified specialists; growth-oriented activity sessions, integrating Prince George's County Public Schools' curriculum; preparation for the Maryland standardized tests; and behavior modification and physical fitness through dance movement therapy. The Agency's child care program will help youth improve reading and math skills and grade point averages, and increase discipline and self control.
- (3) Jobs Created: N/A
- (4) Additional Activity Information: N/A
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Ron Pitts, Executive Director; 9901 Business Parkway, Suite L, Lanham, MD 20706; (301) 731-0003; dancemakers1@aol.com

- (1) <u>Activity Name</u>: Prince George's Workers' Center Employment Services and Vocational Training Program
- (2) Activity Narrative: CASA de Maryland, Inc.'s activity will stimulate the economy through measures that will provide employment and literacy training services which will develop individuals with the desire and ability to become self-sufficient. This program will serve 700 low-income community members, the majority of whom are Latino immigrants. This program, which provides essential services to unemployed individuals as well as provides the opportunity for job creation therefore promoting economic recovery, will achieve the following:
 - 100 workers will receive vocational training
 - 50 workers will obtain permanent jobs; workers placed in 1,880 day and temporary jobs
 - 30 community members will improve their English literacy
 - 200 community members will open bank accounts

This is a difficult year for the non-profit community and CASA is committed to securing additional private and public dollars to supplement CDBG-R funds which will contribute to the long-term sustainability of the project.

- (3) <u>Jobs Created:</u> CDBG-R funding will retain 1 FT employee at the CASA's Prince George's Workers' Center (PGWC). CASA also anticipates that the PGWC will create 1,504 day and temporary jobs through its supply of labor and easy procedures for hiring workers.
- (4) Additional Activity Information: N/A
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: CASA de Maryland, Inc., 310 Tulip Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912, Gustavo A. Torres, Executive Director, 301-270-7471

(1) Activity Name: Youth and Family Enrichment Program

(2) Activity Narrative:

The Youth and Family Enrichment Program is a no cost after-school program which will serve 50 atrisk children and their families designed to improve their quality of life. Participants will be identified by counselors at local area schools and the following services will be provided:

- An awards-based student achievement program
- An enrichment program helping students develop their strengths and interest in drama, music, sports, foreign languages, math and science
- Mentoring program including a homework lab, reading center and writing lab
- Parent education for families including single mothers
- Life coaching for families

Several pre- and post involvement indicators will be used to assess effectiveness including:

- School attendance
- School discipline referrals
- Performance on Standardized Tests
- Child and Family Routines Inventories

Through this program, at-risk youths will have a chance to expand their educational opportunities.

- (3) Jobs Created: 5
- (4) Additional Activity Information: Not Applicable
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Stacy Burrell, Washington Bible College/Capital Bible Seminary, 6511 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham, Maryland 20706

- (1) Activity Name: CDBG-R General Program Administration
- (2) <u>Activity Narrative</u>: The Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Planning and Development Division is responsible for the overall program management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the CDBG-R Program. Costs will include salaries, wages, and related costs of the Division's staff who are engaged with the program.
- (3) Jobs Created: Not Applicable
- (4) Additional Activity Information: Not Applicable
- (5) <u>Responsible Organization</u>: Shirley E. Grant, Acting Manager, Department of Housing and Community Development/Community Planning and Development Division, 9400 Peppercorn Pl, Suite 200, Largo, Maryland 20774

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Provide a summary of public comments received to the proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.

Note: A Proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment must be published via the usual methods and posted on the jurisdiction's website for no less than 7 calendar days for public comment.

Response:

The Department of Housing and Community Development posted the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment materials on the County's website at www.co.pg.md.us/Government/AgencyIndex/HCD on May 22, 2009 for a period of 7 days. A summary of comments received will be included in the final substantial amendment.