

CDBG-R SUBMISSION TEMPLATE

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act") was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act awards \$1 billion in CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) funds to be distributed to cities, counties, insular areas and states, of which \$10 million has been reserved by HUD for its administrative costs and \$10 million of which will be awarded to Indian tribes. Recipients of the remaining \$980 million of CDBG-R funds will be the approximately 1,200 jurisdictions that received CDBG funding in Fiscal Year 2008. This template sets forth the suggested format for grantees receiving funds from CDBG-R. A complete submission contains the information requested below, including:

- (1) The CDBG-R Substantial Amendment (template attached below)
- (2) Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities (see <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>)
- (3) Signed and Dated Certifications (see <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>)
- (4) Signed and Dated [SF-424](#).

Grantees should also attach a completed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment Checklist to ensure completeness and efficiency of review (attached below).

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>.

B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY (COMPLETE FOR EACH ACTIVITY)

- (1) Activity Name: (Grantees should follow the same order that activities are listed in the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities – this will allow HUD to easily match activity narratives with the information provided in the spreadsheet.)

- a. **Commercial Rehabilitation Program**
b. **Alley Reconstruction Program**

- (2) Activity Narrative:

In addition to the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, grantees must provide a narrative for each activity describing how the use of the grantee's CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA. The grantee's narrative must also state how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit in relation to the CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act, by:

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;
- Assisting those most impacted by the recession;
- Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;
- Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or
- Fostering energy independence.

- a. **Commercial Rehabilitation Program**

The funds allocated towards the Commercial Rehabilitation Program will be used to complete façade improvement to two commercial buildings on Hawthorne Boulevard, 12109 Hawthorne Boulevard and 12309-11 Hawthorne Boulevard. The funds will be used to provide a combination of grants and deferred loans for the rehabilitation. These buildings will be the last two completed under the Commercial Rehabilitation Program. The Commercial Rehabilitation Program has been an ongoing CDBG program for over ten years. Over 50 properties have been renovated under the program.

The Commercial Rehabilitation Program will create 6 construction jobs necessary to complete the two façade improvements. The City has taken a comprehensive approach to the revitalization of the Hawthorne Boulevard commercial area. The City has spent local funds on infrastructure improvements, including additional parking facilities, pedestrian crosswalks, landscaping, and street trees. The City is amending its zoning ordinance to provide greater flexibility in the re-use of existing buildings to avoid extended vacancies. The reduction in vacancies and increased retail and service opportunities has lead to increased benefits and amenities for the surrounding residential areas as well as increased job opportunities within the businesses located on Hawthorne Boulevard.

B. Alley Reconstruction Program

The Alley Reconstruction Program will entail the reconstruction of approximately 1,800 lineal feet of alleys within residentially neighborhoods located in Census Tract Block Groups containing a majority of people with low and moderate income (income at or below 80% of the MFI). It is estimated that the reconstruction will cover two block of alleys. The reconstruction will result in the creation of 20 construction jobs.

The alleys provide the sole access to garages serving abutting residential uses. Per the Hawthorne Municipal Code, properties backing onto alleys are not permitted to have driveways from the abutting streets. Deteriorating alleys interfere with the use of the contiguous residential properties and can create a blighting affect on the surrounding neighborhood. Depriving safe and efficient vehicular access to the residential garages requires residents to vie for the limited on-street parking, making the neighborhood less desirable as a place to live and ultimately decreasing property values.

No CDBG –R funds will be used for Program Administration.

No CDBG-R funds will be used for Public Services.

One hundred percent (100%) of the 1 CDBG-R funded activities will benefit low/moderate income people

- (3) Jobs Created: (Report the number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction, and temporary jobs)).

a. Commercial Rehabilitation Program

Permanent Jobs	0
Construction Jobs	6
Temporary Jobs	0

b. Alley Reconstruction Program

Permanent Jobs	0
Construction Jobs	20
Temporary Jobs	0

- (4) Additional Activity Information: (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.)

Not applicable

- (5) Responsible Organization: (Contact information for the organization that will implement the CDBG-R activity, including its name, location, and administrator contact information)

a. Commercial Rehabilitation Program

The Commercial Rehabilitation Program will be administered by a consultant working for the City. The Consultant is LDM Associates 10722 Arrow Route, Suite 822 Rancho Cucamonga CA 91730 (909) 476-6006.

b. Alley Reconstruction Program

The Alley Reconstruction Program will be administered by the City of Hawthorne Public Works Department. The contact for the Program is Akbar Farokhi, (310) 349 2983.

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: