



City of Rogers
Community Development Block Grant
301 West Chestnut
Rogers, AR 72756



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

PUBLIC NOTICE Citizen Participation Encouraged

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 2008 Program Year Action Plan

The City of Rogers receives a formula grant annually from the Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Cities Program. Because Rogers is an Entitlement City under HUD's CDBG Program the City received a notice on February 25, 2009 that the City would receive \$112,168 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These funds are separate and in addition to the normal CDBG Formula Allocations.

The primary objective of the CDBG Program is the preservation and development of viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic development opportunities. The City of Rogers uses the grant for program administration, housing services, public service activities, and public facility improvements.

Providing a suitable living environment is a priority of the CDBG Program. The City has been improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods by increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services, and revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods by investing in infrastructure improvements. Once drainage and water issues have been addressed, many of these houses can qualify for rehabilitation assistance.

For more information about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and eligible activities under the program, contact the CDBG Administrator Donna Johnston by email at djohnston@rogersark.org or phone (479) 621-1186.

This Substantial Amendment involves allocating \$112,168 the City will receive from the CDBG Recovery Act (CDBG-R) to the previously approved 2008 Action Plan. All of these funds will be allocated for Public Facilities. The City's designated revitalization area is still in need of infrastructure improvements. The designated revitalization area is over 50% low-income. The City deals with flooding and impassable streets during heavy rains and abnormal amounts of rain over a period of time in some sections of the revitalization area. Some of the yards will retain standing water for several days posing a

health risk because of mosquito breeding during the warmer months. The City will use the money received from CDBG-R to accumulate and transport water in one section of the revitalization area to existing drainage boxes placed in 2007 and 2008, place curb and gutter along the street as well as sidewalks in the area, and provide handicap ramps. A portion of a street will also be completed rebuilt in this area. The project will be designed in-house by City engineers. Project will be packaged and ready for public bid as soon as funding is available. All contract agreements, bid documents, and public bid notices will comply with Federal regulations and labor standards. Proper HUD procurement methods will also be used. These funds will assist the City with infrastructure improvements in the City's designated revitalization area. Although it is unknown at this time the number of full and part time jobs that will be created or retained by this activity, this activity will provide additional work for contractors and subcontractors which in turn will add and/or keep workers on payrolls. The number of jobs estimated to be created or retained will be provided in the Recovery Act reporting process. The funds will also help stimulate the economy with the sale of materials needed to complete this work. None of the CDBG-R grant will be used for general administration and planning activities.

The City encourages all of its citizens, especially minorities, non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities, residents of public and assisted housing developments, extremely-low, very-low, and low-to-moderate-income individuals and families, residents living in slum and blighted areas, residents in predominantly low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods, along with other low-income residents of the City to review and provide comments on Substantial Amendments to the City's Action Plans.

All funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will be disbursed as soon as they come available and for the approved activity. These funds will be tracked separately from the normal CDBG funding allocation.

The normal comment period for a CDBG Substantial Amendment is 30 days. HUD has reduced the comment period for CDBG-R funds to a minimum of seven days. The citizen comment period will be eight (8) days beginning on Friday, May 22, 2009 and ending at 5:00 P.M., May 29, 2009.

This Substantial Amendment will have a cover letter signed by the Mayor of Rogers before being sent to the Department of Housing & Urban Development's Little Rock Field Office on June 3, 2009. Any comments received will be attached to this Substantial Amendment. Also attached will be the CDBG-R Activity Data Spreadsheet, SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance, and CDBG Certifications.

The Substantial Amendment is available to review and download on the City of Rogers' website, www.rogersarkansas.com under City Administration (Community Development Block Grant Administrator). Because all citizens do not have internet access, copies of the Substantial Amendment will also be available at the City of Rogers Office of Planning and Transportation located at 301 West Chestnut, Rogers, Arkansas. A Spanish speaking interpreter will be available at City Hall to answer any questions.

Public comments are encouraged and may be sent to City of Rogers, CDBG Administrator, 301 West Chestnut, Rogers, AR 72756 or email Donna Johnston at djohnston@rogersark.org. Any comments may be faxed to 479-986-6896 or you can call the CDBG Office at 479-621-1186.

Chart 1: 2008 CDBG Program Year Funds Allocation

Organization	Budget	Program
City of Rogers	61,698.00	Administration
Habitat for Humanity	42,000.00	Housing
Rebuilding Together	23,715.48	Housing
Office of Human Concern	12,000.00	Housing
NWA Taxi & Ozark Reg.	11,121.50	Public Service
Rogers School District	15,211.17	Public Service
Boys & Girls Club	7,000.00	Public Service
Community Clinic	10,000.00	Public Service
Decco & Garver Engineers	253,298.16	Public Facilities
Carter-Burgess	26,000.00	Public Facilities
Kinco Contractors	243,000.00	Public Facilities
Gray Rock Engineering	138,256.00	Public Facilities
Adult Development Center	174,000.00	Public Facilities
2008 CDBG Allocation	413,008.00	
Previous Year's Funding	604,292.40	
2008 Total Funds	\$1,017,300.40	

Chart 2: 2008 CDBG Program Year Budget After the Substantial Amendment

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Adult Development Center	174,000.00	Public Facilities
Stimulus Project	112,168.00	Public Facilities
Budget & CDBG-R Funds	\$1,129,468.40	

Chart 3: 2008 CDBG Program Year Funds Allocated by Program

Program	Funded	% of Grant Allocated
Administration (20% Cap)	61,698.00	5%
Housing	77,715.48	7%
Public Services (15% Cap)	43,332.67	4%
Public Facilities	946,722.16	84%
Total Funded	\$1,129,468.40	100%