

APPENDIX XV:

Public Notice – Reprogramming

American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act (ARRA) / CDBG-R funds



**Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office
Notice of 7-Day Public Comment Period
Reprogramming of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding**

The City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office announces a 7-day public comment period to receive input on the reprogramming of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) funding. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law on February 17, 2009, by President Barack Obama. The funding was intended to jumpstart the economy as the nation tries to recover from a global economic downturn. Funding was allocated from the federal government to states, cities, non-profits and other agencies and organizations. As part of ARRA, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$2,003,003 to the City of Austin for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) program.

The federal CDBG-R program provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs by enabling local governments to undertake activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income.

CDBG-R Projects

The award was based on three major criteria: 1) sustainable, well-financed, established efforts; 2) yield significant results for the community; and 3) tangible results for the residents, especially low- to moderate-income populations and neighborhoods. The funding was allocated to four projects and administration. Brief project descriptions are provided below:

\$500,000 for Lifeworks' East Austin Youth and Family Resource Center

A forgivable loan in the amount of \$500,000 was granted to LifeWorks, a local non-profit, for the purchase of land to construct a 32,000 square foot Resource Center to expand critical workforce and provide mental health services to low-income populations. LifeWorks acquired the land in November 2009. The initial construction was delayed due to financing difficulties and rising construction costs. Construction on the project began in mid-February 2011 with preliminary work consisting of parking lot excavation and initial foundation work. Located at 835 Pleasant Valley Road, Austin, Texas 78702, the center opened in December 2011. Construction of the facility created the proposed 20 construction jobs plus an additional 10 construction jobs to replace the reduced part-time positions from the eliminated proposed retail space. The completed project will also sustain 100 professional jobs. The contract ends June 30, 2012.

\$500,000 for PeopleFund's Center for Economic Opportunity

People Fund, another Austin non-profit, received a forgivable loan in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction of the Center for Economic Opportunity. The facility is located at 2921 E. 17th Street, Austin, Texas 78702 and offers comprehensive services to local small businesses and low- to moderate-income homebuyers. The facility also provides affordable office space to small businesses and serves as an incubator for small businesses. The Center for Economic Opportunity opened for business in October 2010. The project created 23 construction jobs and to date, PeopleFund has hired 10 f (FTE) employees. These positions consist of customer service positions, economic development manager positions and business development positions. The contract ends June 30, 2012.

\$552,703 for African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility

The creation of the African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility (formerly the Dedrick-Hamilton House) was a result of the City's African-American Quality of Life Initiative recommendation. Austin voters confirmed support of the Cultural Facility in the bond election in an amount of \$1.5 million. This Facility is planned as the anchor facility for the newly established African-American Heritage Cultural District and will house a Visitor's Bureau, Pro Arts Collective, Inc. and Capital City African-American Chamber of Commerce. It will be located at 912 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78702. Building design is complete and construction is underway. Project completion is scheduled for August 2012.

\$250,000 for New Sidewalks in Central East Austin (Sidewalks)

CDBG-R funding in the amount of \$250,000 was utilized to support the construction of sidewalks in Central East Austin, Texas. Sidewalks were chosen with community input and are located in disadvantaged neighborhoods. The exact locations of the two miles of sidewalks are: the 1100 to 1200 blocks of Poquito Street, the 100-1000 blocks of Springdale Avenue, and the 100-400 blocks of San Marcos Street. The zip codes for the projects are 78702, 78721, and 78702 respectively. The sidewalk project completed in 2010 and created 17 jobs including Concrete Finishers, Front End Loaders, Tractor Operators, and Flaggers.

Administration

In addition to receiving approval for four projects, the City of Austin also received approval to spend \$203,003 in Administrative Dollars to administer the CDBG-R projects. Project Coordinator administrative work is being conducted at 1000 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78702. Responsibilities include coordination and reviewing construction related projects, assisting in the monitoring of project budgets, ensuring compliance with City and other regulatory requirements, and reviewing performance reports and processing pay requests. Technical assistance is also provided as necessary. To date, 5 FTEs have been created since commencement of the stimulus grant.

Reprogramming of Funds

All projects are complete with the exception of the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility (AACHF). The Sidewalks project completed in 2010; however, the project has a remaining balance of \$8,872.60 in CDBG-R funding. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) will reprogram the \$8,872.60 balance to the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility (AACHF) project for completion.

Reprogramming of CDBG-R Funding			
Amount	Funding Source	From	To
\$8,872.60	CDBG-R	Sidewalks	African American Cultural and Heritage Facility (AACHF)

Public Notice

This public notice will be available to review beginning June 15 through June 22, 2012 on the City's web site at www.austintexas.gov/housing or at the following community locations:

- Austin Central Public Library, 800 Guadalupe (Central)
- Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, 500 East 7th Street (Central)
- East Austin Neighborhood Center, 211 Comal (East)
- Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department, 1000 East 11th Street, Suite 200 (East)
- Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center, 2800 Webberville Road (East)
- St. John's Neighborhood Center, 7500 Blessing (North East)
- AIDS Services of Austin, 7215 Cameron Road (North)
- Housing Authority of the City of Austin, 1124 S IH 35 (South)
- South Austin Neighborhood Center, 2508 Durwood (South)
- Pleasant Hill Library Branch, 211 East William Cannon (South)

Written Comments

Written comments may be submitted until 5 p.m. on June 22, 2012. Please include a name, address, and phone number.

Mail to:

City of Austin - NHCD

Attn: Patricia Bourenane

PO Box 1088

Austin, Texas 78767

Email: NHCD@austintexas.gov

For more information concerning the reprogramming of funds, updated project goal, and 7-day comment period, NHCD staff may be reached at 974-3100 (voice) or 974-3102 (TDD) Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request.

 For assistance please call 974-2210 OR 974-2445 TDD.



**Oficina de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario
Aviso de un Período de 7 días de Comentario Público
Reprogramando los Fondos de la Ley Americana para la Recuperación y Reinversión**

La Oficina de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la ciudad de Austin anuncia la apertura de un periodo de 7 días para comentario público al fin de recibir los comentarios y sugerencias de la comunidad sobre la forma de reprogramar los fondos contenidos en la Ley Americana para la Recuperación y Reinversión (ARRA) – Subsidio Definido de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG-R). La Ley Americana para la Recuperación y Re-inversión (ARRA) fué promulgada por el Presidente Barack Obama el 17 de febrero de 2009. Los intención de fondos contenidos en la Ley anterior es la de estimular la economía tras la crisis económica mundial. El gobierno federal adjudicó estos fondos a los estados, ciudades, organizaciones sin fines de lucro, otras agencias y organizaciones.

Como parte de ARRA, el gobierno federal a través del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) adjudicó \$2,003,003 a la Oficina de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la ciudad de Austin dentro del program de Subsidio Definido de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG-R).

El programa federal CDBG-R otorga a las comunidades los recursos económicos a fin de solucionar una amplia gama de necesidades comunitarias específicas motivando a los gobiernos locales a que realicen aquellas actividades enfocadas a crear un ambiente con mejores condiciones de vida, de proveer vivienda decente y accessible y de crear oportunidades económicas, principalmente para personas de ingresos bajos y moderados.

CDBG-R Proyectos

La adjudicación de recursos para proyectos fué en base a los siguientes tres factores: 1) El proyecto es sustentable, bien financiado, con recursos establecidos; 2) resultados con rendimiento significante para la comunidad; y 3) resultados tangibles para los residentes, especialmente para la población y vecindarios con personas de ingresos bajos y moderados. Los recursos fueron asignados a la realización y administración de cuatro proyectos. A continuación una descripción breve de los proyectos:

\$500,000 para Lifeworks' East Austin Youth and Family Resource Center

Un préstamo perdonable por \$500,000 fué otorgado a LifeWorks, una organización local sin fines de lucro, para la compra del terreno y la construcción de un Centro de Ayuda de 32,000 pies cuadrados a fin de extender la fuerza laboral crítica y proveer servicios de salud mental a las diversas poblaciones con ingresos bajos. LifeWorks adquirió el terreno en noviembre del 2009. El inicio de la construcción fué postergada debido a dificultades financieras y al incremento en los costos de construcción. La construcción del proyecto inició a mediados de febrero del 2011 con trabajo preliminar consistiendo en la excavación para el estacionamiento y el trabajo inicial de la fundación. Localizado en el 835 Pleasant Valley Road, Austin, Texas 78702, el centro abrió en diciembre del 2011. La construcción del centro creó los 20 trabajos de construcción propuestos además de otros 10 trabajos adicionales para remplazar las posiciones de medio tiempo eliminadas por el espacio commercial. El proyecto mantendrá también 100 trabajos profesionales. EL contrato termina el 30 de junio del 2012.

\$500,000 para PeopleFund's Center for Economic Opportunity (Centro para Oportunidades Económicas)

People Fund, otra organización local sin fines de lucro, recibió un préstamo perdonable por la cantidad de \$500,000 para la construcción del Centro para Oportunidades Económicas. El edificio se encuentra localizado el 2921 E. 17th Street, Austin, Texas 78702 y ofrece servicios integrales a negocios locales pequeños y a compradores de vivienda con ingresos medios y bajos. El Centro también provee espacios para oficinas accesibles para pequeños negocios y sirve también como incubador de negocios. El Centro para Oportunidades Económicas inició operaciones en octubre del 2010. El proyecto creó 23 trabajos de construcción y a la fecha, PeopleFund ha contratado 10 trabajadores de tiempo completo (FTE). Esas posiciones son posiciones del servicio al cliente, gerente de desarrollo económico y posiciones de desarrollo de negocios. EL contrato finaliza el 30 de junio del 2012.

\$552,703 for African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility (Edificio para la Herencia Cultural Afro-Americana)

La creación del Edificio para la Herencia Cultural Afro-Americana (the African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility) anteriormente conocida como la casa Dedrick-Hamilton, fué el resultado de la recomendación de la Iniciativa de la Ciudad para mejorar la Calidad de Vida de la población Afro-Americana. Los votantes de Austin confirmaron sus suporte en la elección de bonos con una cantidad de \$1.5 millones. Esta construcción fue planeda como el portavoz para el Distrito de Herencia Cultural Afro-Americana recientemente establecido. Aquí también estarán un Centro de Información para visitantes, Pro Arts Collective, Inc. y Capital City African-American Chamber of Commerce. Esta edificio estará localizado en el 912 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78702. El diseño del edificio está completo y la construcción del edificio se encuentra en proceso. Se tiene programada su terminación para agosto del 2012.

\$250,000 para banquetas(aceras) nuevas en el Este-centro de Austin (Sidewalks)

CDBG-R fondos en la cantidad de \$250,000 fueron utilizados para la construcción de banquetas al Este-Centro de Austin, Texas. La ubicación de las nuevas banquetas fué determinada con la participación de la comunidad y se localizaron en vecindarios en desventaja. La localización exacta de dos millas de banquetas es: Del 100 al 1200 de la calle Poquito, del 100-1000 de Springdale Avenue, y del 100-400 de San Marcos Street. Las areas postales del proyecto son: 78702, 78721, y 78702 respectivamente. El proyecto de banquetas fué completado en 2010 y creó 17 posiciones incluyendo pulidores de contrato, operadores de tractores y señaladores con banderas.

Administración

Además de la aprobación de los cuatro proyectos, al Ciudad de Austin recibió la autorización para gastar \$203,003 de fondos administrativos para administrar los CDBG-R proyectos. Coordinador de Proyecto. El trabajo administrativo se realiza en el 1000 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78702. Las responsabilidades incluyen la coordinación y revisión de proyectos relacionados con la construcción, asistir en el monitoreo del presupuesto, verificar el cumplimiento con disposiciones normativas de la la ciudad y otros aspectos regulatorios, revisar los reportes de avance de obra, y procesar las solicitudes de pago. Se proporciona asistencia técnica cuando es necesaria. A la fecha, 5 posiciones de tiempo completo han sido creadas desde que se recibió el subsidio de estímulo.

Reprogramación de Fondos

Todos los proyectos están completos, con excepción del Edificio para la Herencia Cultural Afro-Americana (the African-American Cultural and Heritage Facility- (AACHF). El proyecto de banquetas se completó en 2010; sin embargo, el proyecto tiene un remanente de \$8,872.60 en fondos CDBG-R. La Oficina de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario (Neighborhood Housing and Community Development -NHCD) reprogramará los \$8,872.60 para completar el African American Cultural and Heritage Facility (AACHF).

Reprogramando los fondos CDBG-R			
Cantidad	Fondos de	De	Para
\$8,872.60	CDBG-R	Proyecto de Banquetas	African American Cultural and Heritage Facility (AACHF)

Aviso Público

Este aviso público estará disponible para revisión empezando el 15 de junio hasta el 22 de junio, 2012 en City's web site www.austintexas.gov/housing o en las siguientes locaciones comunitarias:

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- St. John's Neighborhood Center, 7500 Blessing (Noreste)
- AIDS Services of Austin, 7215 Cameron Road (Norte)
- Housing Authority of the City of Austin, 1124 S IH 35 (Sur)
- South Austin Neighborhood Center, 2508 Durwood (Sur)
- Pleasant Hill Library Branch, 211 East William Cannon (Sur)

Comentarios por Escrito

Comentarios por escrito pueden ser sometidos hasta las 5 p.m. el 22 de junio del 2012. Por favor incluya su nombre, domicilio y número de teléfono.

Por correo a:

City of Austin - NHCD
Attn: Patricia Bourenane
PO Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767
Email: NHCD@austintexas.gov

Para mayor información sobre la reprogramación de fondos, información actualizada del gol del proyecto, y sobre el período de 7 días para comentario público, el personal de NHCD puede ser localizado en el 974-3100 (voice) ó 974-3102 (TDD) de lunes a viernes de las 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.

La Ciudad de Austin está comprometida a cumplir con el Decreto sobre Americanos con Discapacidades. Se proveerán razonables modificaciones e igual acceso a comunicaciones cuando éstas sean solicitadas. Para obtener asistencia, llame 512-974-2210 ó 512-974-2445 TDD.

APPENDIX XVI:

Texas Department of Housing and

Community Affairs (TDHCA) Rent and

Income Levels



Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Rent and Income Limits¹ (As of 2/10/2012)

Project:

City of Austin, TX

Instructions:

- (1) Choose the county in which your project is located.
- (2) If your project is located within the boundaries of one of the designated places listed in the dropdown menu then make the appropriate selection. If the location is not listed, then choose the "Not Listed" option.
- (3) Please select the financing applicable for your project. Properties financed with HOME, NSP, or tax exempt bonds and 4% tax credits are not eligible to use the National Non-Metro limits.
- (4) Choose the date the first building in the project (as defined on line 8b of the 8609) was placed in service or for Housing Trust Fund, the date of your LURA. For HOME or NSP, select "N/A."
- (5) Select the date based on the execution date of your property's Carryover Agreement, Determination Notice, Subaward Agreement Date. For Housing Trust Fund, select the date of your LURA. For HOME or NSP select "N/A." See footnote 3 for more details.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS.

(1) County:

Travis

INCOME LIMITS

AMFI	Number of Household Members						
	%	1	2	3	4	5	6
30	\$ 15,950	\$ 18,200	\$ 20,500	\$ 22,750	\$ 24,600	\$ 26,400	\$ 28,250
40	\$ 21,280	\$ 24,320	\$ 27,360	\$ 30,360	\$ 32,800	\$ 35,240	\$ 37,680
50	\$ 26,600	\$ 30,400	\$ 34,200	\$ 37,950	\$ 41,000	\$ 44,050	\$ 47,100
60	\$ 31,920	\$ 36,480	\$ 41,040	\$ 45,540	\$ 49,200	\$ 52,860	\$ 56,520
80	\$ 42,500	\$ 48,600	\$ 54,650	\$ 60,700	\$ 65,600	\$ 70,450	\$ 75,300
120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

(5) LURA Date (should be same selection as above):

N/A - (For HOME or NSP only)

RENT LIMITS

AMFI	Number of BedRooms				
	%	0	1	2	3
30	\$398	\$426	\$512	\$591	\$660
40	\$532	\$570	\$684	\$789	\$881
Low	\$665	\$712	\$855	\$986	\$1,101
High	\$713	\$812	\$989	\$1,249	\$1,374
65					\$1,497
80					

1. This information is being provided to assist in the determining the rents and incomes applicable given a set of assumptions you select. You are encouraged to independently verify the results or contact the Department if you have concerns.
2. The "Place" field is used to determine whether the property is eligible to use the National Non-Metropolitan Median Income limits. Not all Places or Cities in Texas are shown. If you are located outside of the boundaries of a designated place then select "Not Listed" even if your mailing address reflects the place name.
3. For Housing Trust Fund, select the date of the Land Use Restriction Agreement. For HOME or NSP, select "N/A".

4. The latest Housing Tax Credit income limits (effective 12/1/2011) were recently released. The 2012 income limits applicable for NSP were released 12/19/2011 and the income and rent limits applicable to HOME Program were released and effective 2/9/2012.

**APPENDIX XVII: Grant Applications and
Certifications**



The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Dolores Gonzalez is the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator. If you have any questions or complaints regarding your ADA/Section 504 rights, please call her at (512) 974-3256 (voice) or (512) 974-2445(TTY).