CITY OF BOSSIER CITY

THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

Jurisdiction(s):

City of Bossier City, Louisiana

Jurisdiction Web Address:

• <u>www.BossierCity.org</u> (URL where CDBG-R Substantial Amendment materials are posted)

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A. Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities

The following information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities from the electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD is provided in paper form.

An electronic copy of the revised spreadsheet and in the format provided by HUD has been submitted to CDBG-R@hud.gov on August 6, 2009.

The hard copy of the spread sheet is on the next page.

THE SPREADSHEET IS DISPLAYED AS A SEPARATE PDF ON THIS WEBSITE.

B. CDBG-R Information by Activity

Housing Rehabilitation:

Activity Narrative:

CDBG Funds will be used to rehabilitate the homes of low to moderate income homeowners. Forgivable loans of up to \$24.999 per unit will be made available to bring the home up to International Property Maintenance Code or HUD Housing Quality Standards and will include many energy saving improvements.

The City plans to have more than 50% of the total funds received by the city of Bossier City obligated and under contract within 120 calendar days of receipt of funds.

It is estimated that this proposed project will preserve and possibly create jobs and promote economic recovery by preserving an estimated minimum of 8 to an estimated maximum of 32 construction jobs for the contractors and subcontractors that will be working on these Housing Rehabilitation construction projects.

This project will be assisting those most impacted by the recession by providing necessary housing rehabilitation and energy saving improvements for these low to moderate income families.

As mentioned in the additional information category section, this proposed project will be providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency and environmental protection by saving the area residents valuable fuel energy resources they would have to use or personal funds to they would have to spend without the proposed improvements. This would also cut down on pollution by reducing the fuel energy consumption. The personal health of the residents should improve which will save them and governmental providers with future medical expenses.

Location: Community Wide

Percent of Low to Moderate Income Benefiting: 100%

National Objective: LMH

Objective Category: Decent Housing

Specific Objective: Increase the availability of affordable owner housing and improve the quality

and energy efficiency for owner housing for Low/Moderate Income Persons

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Priority Needs Category: Housing Units Accomplishment Type: 4 Housing Units

Matrix Code: 14A Rehab; Single Unit Residential 570.202

Funding Source: CDBG-R

Proposed Funding Amount: \$106,826

Proposed Amount of Other Recovery Funds: none

Proposed Units: 4 Housing Units

Regulatory Cites: 24CFR 570.208(a)(3) Low/Mod Housing Benefit; 24 CFR 570.202(a)(1)

Jobs Created:

It is estimated that 32 construction jobs will be retained because of this proposed project.

Additional Activity Information:

This activity will promote energy conservation, and reduced pollution emissions indirectly by increase the energy efficiency of the houses rehabilitated. The increased efficiency will help preserve some of the valuable fuel energy resources.

Responsible Organization:

The City of Bossier City will be responsible for this activity.

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Housing Counseling

Activity Narrative:

Funds will be used by the NZBZ Corporation as a Subrecipient to create a housing counseling program that will be available to provide counseling assistance to low to moderate income persons that are in danger of or in foreclosure, first time homebuyers particularly those that are going to apply for down-payment assistance, or are homeowners that are in need of or applying for rehabilitation assistance from the city concerning other home maintenance assistance resources, techniques and responsibilities. In selecting this project to be funded, Bossier City gave it priority because the Housing counseling Project is ready to be committed by Subrecipient Agreement within 10 days or less of final approval from HUD which is well within the 120 calendar days from the date the funds are made available to the City.

These funds will be used to promote economic recovery through providing loss prevention, mitigation, financial life skills classes, workforce training and homebuyer education counseling services to those persons most impacted by the negative economic climate. This activity will help achieve the goal of helping this population group stay in decent and affordable housing. Those most impacted by the recession will be helped to keep their homes. Since individual income providers for low to moderate income families have lost employment or are underemployed the counseling services will also aid in providing counsel to assist in refinance, restructure, and/or preparation of a budget to assist families in maintaining their homes. This will help keep the number of foreclosures from increasing so that there will not be greater decrease home values. This program will also assist in providing investment to increase economic efficiency for these families by assisting them to enroll in the state funded program of Southern University Individual Development Accounts (IDA) that helps low to moderate families save to acquire a home, which will be matched 4 times the amount saved up to \$4,000.

Location: 2335 Barbara St., Bossier City, La, 7112 CT 108.01

Percent of Low to Moderate Income Benefiting: 100% Each beneficiary will be qualified as

low to moderate income.

National Objective: LMC

Matrix Code: 05 Public Services (General) Outcome/Objective Number: 50 persons

Funding Source: CDBG-R

Proposed Amount: \$21,000 This is **14.78** % of the Total CDBG-R funds.

Objective Category: Decent Housing

Specific Objective: Address the need to provide for the Public Service Needs of Bossier

City

Proposed Amount of Other Recovery Funds: none

Regulatory Cites: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(B); 24 CFR 570.201(e)

Jobs Created:

Two full-time permanent jobs are expected to be created by this activity.

Additional Activity Information:

This project will also foster energy independence by encouraging the persons receiving the various counseling assistance packages will be encouraged to "go green" for home improvements and repairs with solar panels, motion sensitive lighting, etc.

Responsible Organization:

The NZBC Urban Corporation will be the Subrecipient organization that will implement

the CDBG-R activity

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Administration:

Activity Narrative:

CDBG-R Funds will be used for the oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of all CDBG-R program activities, provide public information on all CDBG-R activities and sub-recipient activities as required for HUD and ARRA programs and plans.

Location: 620 Benton Rd., Bossier City, Louisiana 71111 Regulatory Cites: 24 CFR 570.206; 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)

Priority Needs Category: Planning/Administration

Matrix Code: 21A General Program Administration 570.206

Funding Source: CDBG-R

Proposed Amount: \$14,200 This is 9.99 % of the total CDBG-R funds.

Proposed Amount of Other Recovery Funds: none

Jobs Created:

This administration activity will not directly create or preserve any jobs; however, it will indirectly help create and preserve the jobs delineated in the two primary proposed CDBG-R Activities which is estimated to be the preservation of 16 construction jobs with the Mitchell Park Improvements and the creation of two new jobs with the Housing Counseling Activity.

Additional Activity Information:

This administration activity will indirectly help preserve energy through the administering and facilitating the two primary proposed CDBG-R activities.

Responsible Organization:

The City of Bossier City will be responsible for this activity through contractors.

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C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments Received On

The proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment

Citizen Comments	Response	Modification
NO COMMENTS WERE	NONE	NONE
RECEIVED REGARDING		
THE PROPOSED CDBG-R		
SUBSTANTIAL		
AMENDMENT.		

The Revised Proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment with a change was published as a display ad in the Bossier Press-Tribune 9 days prior to submission; a public hearing was held on August 4, 2009 at the City Council Meeting and was posted on the Bossier City's website for no less than 20 calendar days for public comment. (See Attachments)