

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
PROVIDED THROUGH THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (“ARRA”)**

The City of St. Louis expects to receive approximately \$5.3 million in additional Community Development Block Grant funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“ARRA”) and is soliciting brief applications for use of this funding. Applications **MUST** be received by CDA no later than **5 p.m. on May 22, 2009, in hard copy form OR via e-mail in order to be considered**—e-mail claybourj@stlouiscity.com and/or submit hard copy to **Community Development Administration, 1015 Locust Street—Suite 1200, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, ATTENTION: Jill Claybour. PLEASE REQUEST A RECEIPT FOR BOTH HARD COPY AND E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS.** The City, through its Community Development Administration (“CDA”), reserves the right to add projects or activities in addition to projects submitted via this application form, to apply criteria to project/activity selection with such criteria to be determined by CDA in cooperation with the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, to accept irregularities and incompleteness in applications submitted, to make adjustments in the amounts of funding requested and the purposes for which such funding is provided, and to add additional requirements for any project/activity funded. It is anticipated that applications will be received for significantly more funding that is available and that most applications submitted will not be selected for funding. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all applications for any reason whatsoever and to request additional information from applicants.

BACKGROUND: On May 4, 2009, the HUD Secretary signed a notice detailing the special ARRA requirements for this funding. We received this notice on Wednesday, May 6. The most important part of the notice is that we must submit documentation to HUD no later than June 5, 2009, detailing how we will spend this money. The documentation must include a spreadsheet detailing specific projects. Before we submit the spreadsheet, we must publish it on the City’s website for a 7-day comment period. **The May 22 application deadline was established in response to this very short time frame.**

HUD “strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R (“ARRA”) funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings”. Further, the Act and HUD require that the grantee (the City) “give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 calendar days from the date funds are made available to the recipients and, for infrastructure projects, give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of at least 50% of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after February 17, 2009 (e.g., not later than June 17, 2009)”. Further, all ARRA funds must be actually spent not later than September 30, 2012. Therefore, priority is expected to be given to infrastructure and energy-related projects and activities that can best address the above time constraints. Given these time constraints, it is likely that projects submitted to HUD in the City’s CDBG-R ARRA budget may include projects where ARRA funds replace local funds previously budgeted or where ARRA funds make it possible to expand the scope of a “ready to go” project. Please note that most regulations applicable to “regular” CDBG funding also apply to this special CDBG ARRA funding. Please see HUD’s notice, available via link on the City’s website, www.stlouiscity.com, for more information. We apologize for the short time frame.

Applications should consist of a narrative that includes the following information:

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS.

CONTACT PERSON, WITH TELEPHONE, CELL PHONE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.

APPLICANT'S RELATIONSHIP TO PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY.

PROJECT/ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION: Provide a short title for the project and describe it.

PROJECT/ACTIVITY LOCATION: Describe boundaries of area where the project/activity will be located.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND BASIS FOR ESTIMATE (e.g., preliminary design, construction documents, bids): The City reserves the right to request documentation to support the response to this item.

ATTACH A BUDGET, AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE, FOR COMPLETE PROJECT/ACTIVITY—INCLUDE ALL FUNDING AND EXPENSES NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT/ACTIVITY, NOT JUST CDBG ARRA FUNDING.

STATE WHETHER BUDGET INCLUDES PAYMENT OF "DAVIS-BACON" WAGES.

NEED FOR PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY: Describe why project/activity is needed.

SPECIFIC QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCEMENTS/ OUTCOMES/BENEFITS: Describe the specific quality of life enhancements/ outcomes/benefits that the project/activity will provide.

ESTIMATED # OF CONSTRUCTION JOBS PROJECT/ACTIVITY WILL PRODUCE.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERMANENT JOBS PROJECT/ACTIVITY WILL CREATE AND/OR PRESERVE.

DESCRIBE HOW PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING CDBG-R ARRA GOALS:

- Preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery;
- Assist those most impacted by the recession;
- Provide investment needed to increase economic efficiency;
- Invest in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;
- Minimize or avoid reductions in essential services; or
- Foster energy independence.

Per a letter issued by President Obama, all projects funded must have a demonstrated or potential ability to: (i) deliver programmatic results; (ii) achieve economic stimulus by optimizing economic activity and the number of jobs created or saved in relation to the Federal dollars obligated; (iii) achieve longterm public benefits by, for example, investing in technological advances in science and health to increase economic efficiency and improve quality of life; investing in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; fostering energy independence; or improving educational quality; and (iv) satisfy the Recovery Act's transparency and accountability objectives.