



Pierce County  
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**Substantial Amendment to  
2008 One Year Action Plan**

**Community Development Block Grant  
Recovery (CDBG-R) Program**

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**Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program**

**Introduction**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds will be made available through the Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program. Pierce County is eligible to receive \$800,889 of the CDBG-R funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In order to receive CDBG-R funds Pierce County is required to submit a substantial amendment to Pierce County's 2008 Action Plan. HUD has asked grantees to evaluate projects for consistency with the overarching goals of the ARRA; to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation's infrastructure, improve housing, public facilities, economic development, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. This substantial amendment will incorporate the use of CDBG-R funds following the goals of the ARRA and using the funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit.

**Process**

The CDBG-R notice was issued by HUD at the beginning of May 2009 and the substantial amendment is due to HUD by June 5, 2009. Due to the short timeframe to submit this amendment to HUD, which must indicate which activities and programs will receive CDBG-R funds, Pierce County will not use the usual competitive process of distributing funds among Pierce County Consortium members through the Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB). Projects funded with CDBG-R funds are projects currently awarded with CDBG dollars. Further narrative regarding this process is discussed under the public services and public facilities section of this amendment.

**Citizen Participation**

HUD has waived the requirement that the grantee follow its citizen participation plan for this substantial amendment in order to expedite the process and ensure CDBG-R grants are awarded in a timely manner. HUD has shortened the minimum time for public comment to 7 calendar days and requires the amendment material be posted on the grantee's official website as materials are published, and submitted to HUD. The public comment for Pierce County's substantial amendment for CDBG-R funds will run from Wednesday, May 27 – Wednesday, June 3, 2009. Public notice of the public comment period was published in the Puyallup Herald on May 27, 2009 and the Tacoma News Tribune on May 24, 2007. Comments can be submitted to Tom L. Hilyard, Director of Community Services, 3602 Pacific Ave Suite 200, Tacoma, WA 98418.

## Approval of Amendment

Pierce County will submit this amendment to HUD by June 5, 2009. Once the amendment is approved by HUD, and both HUD and the grantee have signed the grant agreement, HUD will establish the Pierce County's line of credit in the amount of the CDBG-R funds included in this amendment.

## Further Information on CDBG-R

Pierce County, Department of Community Services, Community Development Division's CDBG website contains this substantial amendment to the 2008 Action Plan for the use of CDBG-R funds, as well as other information pertaining to the CDBG-R funds:

<http://www.piercecountywa.org/cdbg>.

HUD has created a Recovery Act website for information on all Recovery Act programs, including CDBG-R:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?\\_pageid=153,1&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=153,1&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL).

## CDBG-R Budget for Pierce County

Pierce County has been allocated \$800,899 of CDBG-R funds, upon the approval of this amendment. For the CDBG-R program, HUD has issued a 15% cap on public service activities and 10% cap on administration

<b>CDBG-R Budget Allocations</b>	
*Administration	\$80,089
Public Facilities	\$600,667
*Public Services	\$120,133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$800,889</b>
*HUD has issued a 15% cap on public service activities and 10% cap on administration.	

## Public Service Activities

The following agencies that were selected to receive CDBG-R funds for public service activities are agencies that applied for 2009 CDBG funds through Pierce County. The amount funded with CDBG-R funds allows the agency to receive the total amount requested from their 2009 CDBG application (with the exception of the CAREER program).

These activities were chosen based on the CDBG-R criteria of access to health care, expanding educational opportunities and providing services for job creation, as well as creating and/or sustaining staff to provide services to clients to reach the benefit of the program (health care, job, etc). Due to the nature of the CDBG-R criteria not all of the public service agencies selected for 2009 CDBG funds have been selected to receive CDBG-R funds.

The Public Services CDBG-R table is a short overview of the currently funded 2009 CDBG public service agencies that will receive additional funds with the use of CDBG-R dollars. Following the table is a narrative of each activity addressing the manner in which CDBG-R funds will be used to maximize job creation and economic benefit, citing specific jobs to be created and/or retained, and contact information for each organization.

**Public Services CDBG-R Table**

Agency/Program	Year	Amount Funded w/ CDBG	Add CDBG-R Dollars to Fully Fund Program	Total Amount Requested & Funded	Estimated Completion Date	CDBG-R Criteria
1. Community Action Agency/CAREERS		\$41,900	\$55,356			Jobs
2. Eatonville Area Council/Family Agency	2009	\$28,332	\$13,668	\$42,000	June 2010	Health Care
3. Lindquist Dental Clinic/Dental	2009	\$26,641	\$23,359	\$50,000	June 2010	Health Care
4. Mary Bridge Children's Hospital/Children's Advocacy Center	2009	\$17,000	\$8,000	\$25,000	June 2010	Health Care (mental)
5. MultiCare/Adult Day Health	2009	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$20,000	June 2010	Health Care
6. TACID/HELP (Housing & Empl. Link Prgm.)	2009	\$11,250	\$3,750	\$15,000	June 2010	Jobs
7. Washington Women's Empl. & Education/REACH Plus	2009	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$21,000	June 2010	Jobs
<b>TOTAL CDBG-R</b>			<b>\$120,133</b>			

## Public Service Activities Narrative

**1. Organization:** Pierce County Community Action Agency  
**Program:** CAREERS

**Narrative:** The Pierce County CAREER Program is designed to assist in breaking down barriers to self-sufficiency for low-income residents in Pierce County. The aim is to assure that these families obtain the education, training, employment and support services that are necessary to help avoid long-term public assistance dependency. The use of the CDBG-R funds for this program will allow appropriate staff to assist those who are unemployed and trying to gain self-sufficiency.

**Jobs Created:** One job will be created and retained within the Community Action agency to provide services such as job readiness training. In addition, it is estimated that approximately 25 clients will be employed full-time through the use of the CAREER program and will be completely off of public assistance.

**Additional Activity Information:**  
N/A

**Responsible Organization:**  
Tom Hilyard, Director of Community Services  
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Tacoma, WA 98418  
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**2. Organization:** Eatonville Area Council  
**Program:** Eatonville Family Agency

**Narrative:** The agency is currently collaborating with several health care providers to make many health services available (flu shots, children's immunizations, etc.) to citizens in the Eatonville area. This service is a high need for Eatonville that has lack of access to health care.

**Jobs Created:** CDBG-R funds will help retain approximately 4 positions. This is vital for the agency as they are anticipating a decrease in funding (specifically donations) because of the economy.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**  
Gail Elliott, Executive Director  
Eatonville Area Council  
305 W Center  
Eatonville, WA 98328 (site address)  
P.O. Box 1764  
Eatonville, WA 98328-1764 (mailing address)

**3. Organization:** Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children  
**Program:** Dental Clinic for Children

**Narrative:** Providing dental care to low-income youth helps assist families most impacted by the recession whom have lost their employment benefits. Funds for this program go to direct services so youth have access to dental care. Approximately 100,000 children are eligible for Medicaid services, however only 30,000-40,000 children are utilizing it for dental care.

**Jobs Created:** All CDBG-R funds will go to direct service so youth will have access to dental care.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**  
Carolyn McDougal, Executive Director  
Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children  
130 131<sup>st</sup> Street South  
Tacoma, WA 98444

**4. Organization:** Mary Bridge Children's Hospital  
**Program:** Children's Advocacy Center

**Narrative:** The funding for this program will preserve jobs and help the economically disadvantaged have access to health care (medically-related and mental health). The Children's Advocacy Center is the only place in Pierce County where child victims of significant abuse can receive free comprehensive medical, legal, and support services – all essential services for the prosecution of perpetrators and the recovery of victims. Without funding the program might stand in jeopardy due to the fiscal challenges facing the health center around providing non-medical community services.

**Jobs Created:** Retain approximately 8 positions.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**  
Madlyn Murrey, VP and Administrator  
Mary Bridge Children's Hospital  
1112 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98405  
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**5. Organization:** MultiCare  
**Program:** Adult Day Health

**Narrative:** CDBG-R funds will help preserve jobs to carry out the Adult Day Health program to improve or maintain the health status and level of functioning of impaired adults and elderly persons. Without the funds to run the program, the program may be at risk of potential closure.

**Jobs Created:** Funds will help retain approximately 20.25 positions.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**  
Lois Bernstein, Vice President Community Services  
MultiCare  
P.O. Box 5296 Tacoma, WA 98415 (mailing address)  
6442 South Yakima Avenue  
Tacoma, WA 98408 (site address)

**6. Organization:** TACID (Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities)  
**Program:** HELP (Housing & Employment Link Program)

**Narrative:**  
The HELP program helps individuals with disabilities seek employment by providing assistance with resume writing, cover letters, and provides a regular updated file of job postings. In addition, the agency provides career counseling as well.

**Jobs Created:** CDBG-R funds will help retain approximately 3 jobs for the agency to carry out the HELP program. And a potential of 37 unduplicated Pierce County residents will receive employment services from TACID that could secure jobs for these individuals and help promote economic recovery.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**  
Christopher Ensor, Executive Director  
TACID  
6315 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98466  
chrise@tacid.org

**7. Organization:** Washington Women's Employment and Education (WWEE)

**Program:** REACH Plus

**Narrative:** Funding for this program will help individuals attain jobs and assist those impacted by the recession. REACH Plus helps low-income individuals through job training, including office computer skills, appropriate work habits and attitudes, financial literacy training, barrier reduction counseling, and supportive services. Overall, the program reduced poverty among women and families by providing them with tools they need to gain economic independence through a living wage career.

**Jobs Created:** CDBG-R funds will help retain approximately 4 positions within WWEE to carry out the program services. The funds also have the potential of helping 14 clients secure employment and help promote economic recovery.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**

Robin Lester, Executive Director  
WWEE  
3516 South 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 205  
Tacoma, WA 98409  
robinl@wwee.org

## Public Facilities Activities

HUD has urged grantees to choose projects that can be quickly implemented, and give priority to projects that can award contract bids within 120 days from the date funds are made available to recipients. In order to accomplish this, HUD has recommended moving activities that have been funded with prior years' CDBG dollars to the CDBG-R program, and replace that activity with a new program, and/or issue a new contract to use CDBG-R funds to fund an additional increment of work or services beyond that which is already under contract.

The following agencies listed in this section to receive CDBG-R funds for public facilities activities are agencies that are currently receiving CDBG funds from FY 2008, with the exception of one agency which is funded with FY 2009 CDBG dollars. The public facilities activities were chosen based on the CDBG-R criteria of creating jobs, infrastructure improvement, rehabbing buildings, and housing, as well as projects that can be quickly implemented and completed.

In order for public facilities projects to be quickly implemented, two agencies that received FY 2008 CDBG dollars will be replaced with CDBG-R dollars. The Tacoma Goodwill for the G Street Parking Lot was funded with FY 2008 CDBG dollars in the amount of \$154,000, and the City of University Place for the 70<sup>th</sup> Ave West Street Improvement Project was funded with FY 2008 CDBG dollars in the amount of \$178,870. These CDBG dollars, for both Tacoma Goodwill and the City of University Place, will be replaced with CDBG-R dollars. The 2008 CDBG dollars from these two activities will be allocated to a FY 2009 CDBG applicant, Town of Wilkeson. To view this amendment please go to: <http://www.piercecountywa.org/cdbg>.

The remaining CDBG-R dollars will be added to two projects that are currently funded with CDBG dollars. The Tacoma Rescue Mission (TRM), Adams Square Family Center project is currently funded with FY 2008 CDBG dollars in the amount of \$240,000, and the Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA), Eagle's Watch is currently funded with FY 2009 CDBG dollars in the amount of \$212,642. TRM and PCHA will each receive \$133,898.50 in CDBG-R funds. This is in addition to the amounts they were allocated with CDBG dollars.

The next few pages provides an overview of the public facilities programs by way of a table, as well as a narrative of each activity addressing the manner in which CDBG-R funds will be used to maximize job creation and economic benefit, citing specific jobs to be created and/or retained, and contact information for each organization.

**Part A.**  
**Current FY 2008 CDBG Projects that will be replaced with CDBG-R funds**

Agency/Project	Year of Project App.	Amount Funded with CDBG	Give CDBG-R Dollars Instead	Estimated Completion Date	Project Currently Funded w/ us?	CDBG-R Criteria
1) Tacoma Goodwill/G Street Parking Lot	2008	\$154,000	\$154,000	Summer 2009	Yes	Jobs, Infrastructure improvement, parking lot for people trying to secure jobs at Work Oppr. Center
2) City of UP/ 70 <sup>th</sup> Ave W. St. Improv. Project	2008	\$178,870	\$178,870	October 2009	Yes	Jobs, Infrastructure improvement
<b>Total CDBG</b>		<b>\$332,870</b>				
<b>TOTAL CDBG-R</b>			<b>\$332,870</b>			

**1. Organization:** Tacoma Goodwill

**Program:** G Street Parking Lot

**Narrative:** The nature of this construction project not only creates jobs, but will help individuals impacted by the recession and will provide long-term economic benefits. The parking lot allows for individuals either working or trying to secure jobs to have adequate parking to use the Tacoma Goodwill's Work Opportunity Center. The Work Opportunity Center provides classrooms and training spaces for job support, employment and training.

**Jobs Created:** The CDBG-R funds will create approximately 15 jobs and promote economic recovery.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**

Terry Hayes  
 Tacoma Goodwill Industries  
 714 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Tacoma, WA 98409

**2. Organization:** City of University Place

**Program:** 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Street Improvement Project

**Narrative:** This infrastructure improvement project will create jobs and promote economic recovery.

**Jobs Created:** The CDBG-R funds will create approximately 15 jobs and promote economic recovery.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**

Bob Jean, City Manager, City of University Place  
 3715 Bridgeport Way West  
 University Place, WA 98466

**Part B.  
Projects to Receive Additional CDBG-R dollars**

Agency	Year of Project App.	Amount Funded with CDBG	ADD CDBG-R Dollars to Project	Total	Estimated Completion Date	Project Currently Funded w/us?	CDBG-R Criteria
3) TRM/ Adams Square Family Center Project	2008	\$240,000	\$133,898.50	\$373,000	April 2010	Yes	Housing, Jobs
4)PCHA/Eagle Watch Building Improvements	2009	\$212,642	\$133,898.50	\$346,540.50	Summer 2009	Yes	Jobs, Rehab building, Housing,
<b>Total CDBG-R (Part B)</b>			<b>\$267,797</b>				
<b>Total CDBG-R (Part A)</b>			<b>\$332,870</b>				
<b>TOTAL CDBG-R</b>			<b>\$600,667</b>				

**3. Organization:** Tacoma Rescue Mission (TRM)

**Program:** Adams Square Family Center Project

**Narrative:** The construction of this project will provide housing for homeless families with children and unaccompanied adult women.

**Jobs Created:** TRM estimate's that construction will last 9 – 12 months and will provide 32 FTE and 85 PTE jobs for this activity. TRM projects 4 additional employees will be hired permanently by their agency as a result of this construction project.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**

Mar Corpuz  
Tacoma Rescue Mission  
702 Pacific Ave  
Tacoma, WA 98402  
[marc@trm.org](mailto:marc@trm.org)

**4. Organization:** Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA)

**Program:** Eagle's Watch Building Improvements/Rehabilitation

**Narrative:** The nature of this rehab project will create jobs and improve housing for low-income households. If the agency does not receive funds to improve these apartment complex, ground floor units will remain unoccupied, leaving this scarce resource underutilized. A continued deterioration of the structure will result in a loss of the availability of the entire inventory of affordable housing. During these economic times it is vital that affordable housing is available to families that are struggling during trying economic times.

**Jobs Created:** The CDBG-R funds will create 10 jobs and help promote economic recovery.

**Additional Activity Information:** N/A

**Responsible Organization:**

Charlie Gray, Deputy Executive Director  
Pierce County Housing Authority

**Site Address of Eagle's Watch**  
2204 South Meridian Street  
Puyallup, WA 98371

**Mailing Address**  
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Tacoma, WA 98448

**Maximizing Job Creation and Economic Benefit**

All of the agencies listed in this amendment will help maximize job creation and economic benefit through the investment in health care, housing, infrastructure improvements, employment and education training, and creating and retaining jobs. It is Pierce County's intent to fund the agencies with CDBG-R funds to support shovel-ready projects, assist housing improvements, promote stable communities and help families hardest hit by the economic crisis. Overall, the agencies listed in this amendment will spur economic growth by putting people back to work and retain jobs. This is essential to the communities in Pierce County as the unemployment rate has grown substantially over the last year.

**Public Comments Received**  
**(Comments will be inserted after comments are received)**