

Substantial Amendment to the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to 2008 One Year Action Plan

As stated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) notice, a CDBG-R grantee may reprogram CDBG-R funds for another eligible activity if they are unable to carry out an activity identified in its CDBG-R substantial amendment. In addition, this triggers a Substantial Amendment to the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the 2008 One Year Action Plan, as well as a seven day citizen comment period to notify citizens of the reprogramming of CDBG-R funds from one eligible activity to another.

Pierce County Department of Community Services is making a Substantial Amendment to the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the 2008 One Year Acton Plan. A notice was placed in the Puyallup Herald on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 notifying the public of this Substantial Amendment to the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the 2008 One Year Action Plan and the public comment period (September 23, 2009 – October 2, 2009). The CDBG-R funds that were originally designated to public facilities projects for a combined total amount of \$600,667 will be reprogrammed with CDBG-R funds to other eligible public facilities projects for a combined total amount of \$600,667.

The Tacoma Goodwill, G Street Parking Lot project in the amount of \$154,000 and the City of University Place, 70th Ave West Street Improvement project in the amount of \$178,870 were funded in FY 2008 with Community Block Grant (CDBG) dollars. The CDBG-R Substantial Amendment stated that these CDBG dollars would be replaced with CDBG-R dollars. Due to time constraints the Tacoma Goodwill and City of University Place project will not be replaced with CDBG-R dollars and will remain funded with CDBG dollars. Alternatively, the Town of Wilkeson, Albert Street Improvement Project, will receive the CDBG-R dollars in the amount of \$332,870 that were going to be allocated to the Tacoma Goodwill and City of University Place. The Town of Wilkeson will also receive \$73,130 in contingency funds in order to complete the project.

As stated in the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment, the Tacoma Rescue Mission, Adams Square Family Center was expected to receive CDBG-R funds in the amount of \$133,898.50. Due to the stringent guidelines that must be followed with the use of CDBG-R dollars the Tacoma Rescue Mission, Adams Square Family Center will not receive CDBG-R dollars. Alternatively, the YWCA of Pierce County will receive CDBG-R funds in the amount of \$133,898.50 for the Wilsonion Building Security project.

The Pierce County Housing Authority will still receive CDBG-R funds in the amount of \$133,898.50 for the Eagle's Watch Apartment complex. The scope of work has changed from Building Improvements to a Fire Alarm Upgrade.

Citizens have seven days to comment on the Substantial Amendment to the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the 2008 One Year Action Plan. As stated above, the public comment period will start on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 and will end on Friday, October 2, 2009 at 4:00 PM. Comments can be directed to Tom L. Hilyard, Director of Community Services, 3602 Pacific Ave, Suite 200, Tacoma, WA 98418. For questions relating to this amendment, please contact Stephanie Bray at sbray@co.pierce.wa.us or 253.798.6917.

Arrangements for individuals with disabilities or non-English speaking persons can be made by calling (253) 798.7205 or TDD/Voice (800) 833-6388.

The following information provides an overview of the public facilities projects 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. Following the seven day comment period the following public facilities projects are expected to be funded with CDBG-R funds.

Public Facilities Activities

Agency/Project	Amount Funded with CDBG-R Dollars	Contingency Dollars	Estimated Completion Date	CDBG-R Criteria
1) Pierce County Housing Authority/Eagle’s Watch Fire Alarm Upgrade	\$133,898.50		Spring 2010	Jobs
2) The Town of Wilkeson/Albert Street Improvement Project	\$332,870	\$73,130	Summer 2010	Jobs, Infrastructure Improvement
3) YWCA/YWCA New Women’s Shelter Safety & Security project (Wilsonion Security project)	\$133,898.50		Fall 2010	Jobs
TOTAL CDBG-R FUNDS	\$600,667			

1. Organization: Pierce County Housing Authority

Program: Eagle’s Watch Fire Alarm Upgrade

Narrative: The nature of this project will create jobs and improve the safety of housing for low-income households. The current fire alarm system at the Eagle’s Watch Apartment complex is triggered by heat detectors in each unit. When a trouble signal is detected the general alarm sounds and the fire department is notified by the alarm monitoring company. The current system does not allow for quick identification of the specific unit in each building that is generating the alarm. This can create a delay in responding to the alarm. The CDBG-R funds will be used to change all heat detectors (386) in the system to addressable heat detectors for quick identification of alarm and problem. During these economic times it is vital that affordable safe housing is available to families that are struggling during trying economic times. Ninety-one percent of households are of low- and moderate-income.

Jobs Created: The CDBG-R funds will create approximately 18 jobs and help promote economic recovery.

Additional Activity Information: N/A

Responsible Organization:

Karen Hull, Executive Director
Pierce County Housing Authority

Site Address of Eagle’s Watch

2204 South Meridian Street
Puyallup, WA 98371

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 45410
Tacoma, WA 98448

2. Organization: Town of Wilkeson

Program: Albert Street Improvement Project

Narrative: This infrastructure improvement project will create and retain jobs. This project will extend the Town's existing pedestrian system into the adjacent neighborhood, and repair the aging roadway and water main located in and along Albert Street. The percentage of low-mod income persons in the service area of this project is 52%.

Jobs Created: The CDBG-R funds will create 1 job, retain 8 jobs, and help promote economic recovery.

Additional Activity Information: N/A

Responsible Organization:

Meredith Shirey
Town of Wilkeson
540 Church Street
P.O. Box 466
Wilkeson, WA 98385
Email: wilkeson@linxure.net

3. Organization: YWCA

Program: New Women's Shelter Safety and Security project (Wilsonian Security project)

Narrative: This project will retain jobs and will provide a security lighting and security system, fire safety through increased exit ways and/or fire sprinklers. This will ensure the safety of the clients staying at this shelter.

Jobs Created: This project will retain 3 jobs and help promote economic recovery.

Additional Activity Information: N/A

Responsible Organization:

Miriam Barnett, Executive Director
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