

**The FY 2008
Minneapolis**

HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN
for Housing and Community Development

**Amendment #6
October 12, 2011**

**Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG-R)-Reprogramming**

**Funded through the American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act of 2009**



CDBG-R INFORMATION FOR NEW REPROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES

Activity Name: Problem Properties

Activity Narrative: This project will fund staff in the city's Problem Properties Unit. The unit is already funded in part by regular CDBG funds. However, one staff was eliminated this summer due to the recent cut to Problem Properties CDBG. Through this additional CDBG funding, temporary staff will be added to provide the same level of monitoring of vacant and boarded properties as before the summer CDBG cut. Staff will continue to work to ensure properties remain secure. Staff will continue to analyze the potential of condemned properties for rehab and recommend demolition, if necessary. In addition, staff will attempt to identify alternative strategies in order to reduce instances of copper theft and pipe burst that occur before properties are secured. This project addresses the CDBG-R national objective of Slum/Blight Benefit. The project meets the Recovery Act criteria of preserving and creating jobs and Investing in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.

Jobs Created: One temporary staff position will be added/retained for this project.

Additional Activity Information: This project can assist in reducing pollution and resource conservation by preventing water pipes from breaking - leading to water loss and damaged property. The work also assists in attempting to keep residential properties sustainable for future reinvestment.

Responsible Organization: City of Minneapolis, Department of Regulatory Services, 250 South 4th Street, Room 414, Minneapolis, MN 55415, Thomas Deegan, 612-673-3310 or thomas.deegan@ minneapolismn.gov

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Provide a summary of public comments received to the proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.

Note: A Proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment must be published via the usual methods and posted on the jurisdiction's website for no less than 7 calendar days for public comment.

Response:

The public comment period for the 2008 Consolidated Plan Amendment #6 – CDBG-R Reprogramming application to HUD was October 5-11, 2011. The Amendment #6 was made available for review online October 5, 2011 at

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/grants/consolidated-plan.asp>.

Copies of the amendment were also made available for review at the Office of Grants & Special Projects (307M City Hall), at all Minneapolis public libraries and offices of Legal Aid Society. A public notice was published in the October 4, 2011 Finance & Commerce and mailed to the City's Consolidated Plan mailing list.

After October 12, 2011 submission of the Amendment to HUD, the Amendment #6 will remain on the City's website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/grants .

Amendment #5 - 2008 Consolidated Plan/ Reprogramming of CDBG-Recovery Funds

CDBG-R Reprogramming			
		Type/ Eligible Activity/National Objective	CDBG-R CPED Capital Programs
Reprogram from: Regulatory Services CDBG-R project:	<p>Winterization of Condemned and Boarded Properties (CDBG-R) -- Winterize condemned and boarded properties in the City's Vacant Building Registration Program. Winterization will include draining of plumbing pipes, preparation water based heating systems, disconnect of City water service, electric and gas utilities and properly re-securing premises. This work will address immediate safety hazards to these private, disinvested properties and seek to preserve structural integrity for future reinvestment. \$200,000 of CDBG-R funds were budgeted for this project. \$21,026.60 has been spent to date on this project. The unexpended balance for this project will be reprogrammed to Problem Properties work.</p>	570.201 (e); S/B Spot 570.208 (b)(2)	\$ (178,973)
Reprogram to: Regulatory Services CDBG-R project:	<p>Problem Properties- This project will fund staff in the city's Problem Properties Unit. Staff will continue to work to ensure condemned properties remain secure. Staff will continue to analyze the potential of condemned properties for rehab and recommend demolition, if necessary. In addition, staff will attempt to identify alternative strategies in order to reduce instances of copper theft and pipe burst that occur before properties are secured.</p>	570.202 (c); S/B Spot 570.208 (b)(2)	\$ 178,973