

## Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: HUD Funding Opportunities for City of Austin



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## Why We're Here Tonight?



- A public hearing before City Council is required in order to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for more than \$5 million in stimulus monies
- An opportunity to provide an overview of City's processes to secure HUD stimulus funding
  - Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) (\$3 million)
  - · Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (\$2 million)



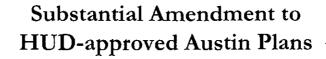


# American Revitalization and Recovery Act (ARRA)

- ARRA became law on Feb. 17, 2009
- Federal Objective jumpstart the U.S. economy in midst of a global economic downturn
- Eligible entities range from Federal government to states, cities, regions, non-profits and others.

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- HUD Consolidated Plan (FY2004-09) and Action Plan (FY2008-09)
  - HUD requires local jurisdictions to develop five-year and annual plans to outline how HUD grant funds are to be allocated
  - Process for plan development and changes are developed locally and approved by HUD (Citizen Participation Plan)
  - · Public input is required.

#### Substantial Amendment

- Receipt of \$5M in ARRA HUD funds requires a "substantial amendment" to both FY 08-09 Action Plan and FY04-09 Consolidated Plan
- Required opportunities for input: written comment period online and in select public sites (April 20 – May 1); Council public hearing (April 23)
- Additional input: Community Development Commission, online suggestions, homeless stakeholders' meeting, Council Public Health & Human Services Subcommittee





## Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

- Austin to receive \$3,062,820
- HUD Guidelines Released March 2009
- Application Due May 18, 2009
- Funds passed through NHCD to be administered by HHSD

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## Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

Three Primary Goals for Austin Funds:

- <u>Prevention</u>: Prevent people from becoming homeless whenever possible
- <u>Diversion</u>: Intervene when people enter shelters and divert them into housing (where possible/appropriate)
- Rapid Re-Housing: Move people who become homeless into permanent housing as quickly as possible





## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Austin to receive \$2,003,003
- HUD Guidelines- not yet released
- Activities to date enable City to act quickly when guidance released
- Funds to be administered by NHCD

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## Community Development Block Grant: City of Austin Evaluation Criteria



• Meets federal requirements (economic development, create jobs, etc.)

#### Sustainable, well-financed, established efforts

- Projects are "shovel-ready" (90 days to start)
- Fast turn-around times—projects should be of relatively short duration (less than 3 years)
- Financially sustainable after the expiration of stimulus funds
- Leverages existing resources and programs
- Provides linkages with other stimulus opportunities



## Community Development Block Grant: City of Austin Evaluation Criteria



#### Significant results for the Community

- Well-defined and measurable benefits
- Creates a lasting impact for Austin
- Contributes to environmental sustainability
- Improves the competitive position of the City and region

#### Tangible results for Residents

- Improves the quality of life for Austin residents
- Create jobs that pay a Council-set living wage (\$11/hour)
- Benefits low to moderate-income persons
- Benefits underserved neighborhoods and populations

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## ARRA Oversight & Monitoring



- Heightened Oversight & Monitoring
  - HUD Program Staff (DC, San Antonio)
  - HUD Office of Inspector General
  - Congress' General Accounting Office
  - Media
- Administrative Considerations
  - Capacity of partner
  - Leveraging funds
  - Minimum award of \$250,000



## **Public Input Process**



**January 1 – March 13:** Public needs assessment related to FY 09-14 Consolidated Plan

April 7: HPRP Stakeholder Meeting

**April 14:** Community Development Commission (CDC) discusses ARRA HPRP funds & CDBG criteria

April 20 – May 1: Public Comments (2 libraries, 4 neighborhood centers, ARCH, HACA, NHCD, AIDS Services Austin)

**April 20:** Council Subcommittee on Public Health & Human Services

April 23: Council Public Hearing April 24 – May 1: CDBG Survey

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### **Next Steps**



- May 1: Public Comment Period ends
- May 2 10: Staff develop recommendations on CDBG awards through evaluation panel process
- May 12: Community Development Commission reviews and takes action on staff recommendations on substantial amendment (HPRP & CDBG funding allocations)
- May 14: City Council reviews & approves substantial amendment
- May 18: HPRP Application due to HUD
- September 1: HUD execution of HPRP Grantee Agreements
- September 30: City obligates HPRP funds

(Note: When HUD releases CDBG application guidelines, staff will update City Council and public on actions required.)





## **Informational Resources**

www.hud.gov/recovery
www.cityofaustin.org/stimulus
www.cityofaustin.org/housing
(see News & Events)