

**CDBG-R Substantial Amendment
Grantee Checklist-REVISED JULY 6, 2009**

For the purposes of expediting review, HUD asks that applicants submit the following checklist along with the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment, Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, and SF-424.

Contents of a CDBG-R Action Plan Substantial Amendment

Jurisdiction(s): City of Meriden Lead Agency: City of Meriden Jurisdiction Web Address: <i>http://www.cityofmeriden.org/CMS/default.asp?CMS_AreaID=76</i>	CDBG-R Contact Person: Juliet Burdelski Address: 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450 Telephone: 203 630 4105 Fax: 203 630 4274 Email: jburdelski@ci.meriden.ct.us
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The elements in the substantial amendment required for the CDBG recovery funds are:

A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES

Does the submission contain a paper copy of the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities?

Yes x No Verification found on page **16**

Does the submission include an electronic version of the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities sent to the email box CDBG-R@hud.gov?

Yes x No Date Spreadsheet was emailed: **6/22/2009**

Does the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities include, for each activity:

- amount of funds budgeted for each activity, including CDBG-R funds, any additional Recovery Funds used and total activity budget,
Yes x No Verification found on page(s) **16**
- the Eligibility citation (eligibility regulatory cite or HCDA cite),
Yes x No Verification found on page(s) **16**
- the CDBG national objective citation,
Yes x No Verification found on page(s) **16**

B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY

Does the submission contain information by activity describing how the grantee will use the funds, including:

- a narrative for each activity describing how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit,
Yes x No Verification found on page(s) **4-13**

- projected number of jobs created for each activity,
Yes No Verification found on page(s) **4-13**
- whether an activity will promote energy efficiency and conservation,
Yes No Verification found on page(s) **4-13**
- the name, location, and contact information for the entity that will carry out the activity,
Yes No Verification found on page(s) **4-13**
- evidence that no more than 10% of the grant amount will be spent on administration and planning,
Yes No Verification found on page (s) **4-13**
- evidence that no more than 15% of the grant amount will be spent on public services,
Yes No Verification found on page (s) **p 7**
- evidence that at least 70% of the grant amount will benefit persons of low and moderate income,
Yes No Verification found on page (s) **6**

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Was the proposed action plan amendment published via the jurisdiction’s usual methods and on the Internet for no less than 7 calendar days of public comment?

Yes No . Verification found on page(s) **14**

Is there a summary of citizen comments included in the final amendment?

Yes No Verification found on page(s) **Attachments**

D. CERTIFICATIONS

The following certifications are complete and accurate:

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| (1) Affirmatively furthering fair housing | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Anti-displacement and relocation plan | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Drug-free Workplace | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (4) Anti-lobbying | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (5) Authority of jurisdiction | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (6) Consistency with plan | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (7) Section 3 | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (8) Community development plan | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (9) Following a plan | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (10) Use of Funds | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (11) Excessive Force | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (12) Compliance with anti-discrimination laws | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (13) Lead-based paint procedures | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (14) Compliance with laws | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (15) Compliance with ARRA | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (16) Project selection | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (17) Timeliness of infrastructure investments | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (18) Buy American provision | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (19) Appropriate use of funds for infrastructure investments | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (20) 70% of CDBG-R for LMI | Yesx | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Optional Certification

(21) Urgent Need

Yes

No

D. STATE CERTIFICATIONS

The following certifications are complete and accurate:

(1) Affirmatively furthering fair housing

Yes

No

(2) Anti-displacement and relocation plan

Yes

No

(3) Drug-free Workplace

Yes

No

(4) Anti-lobbying

Yes

No

(5) Authority of State

Yes

No

(6) Consistency with plan

Yes

No

(7) Section 3

Yes

No

(8) Community development plan

Yes

No

(9) Consultation with Local Governments

Yes

No

(10) Use of Funds

Yes

No

(11) Excessive Force

Yes

No

(12) Compliance with anti-discrimination laws

Yes

No

(13) Compliance with laws

Yes

No

(14) Compliance with ARRA

Yes

No

(15) Project selection

Yes

No

(16) Timeliness of infrastructure investments

Yes

No

(17) Buy American provision

Yes

No

(18) Appropriate use of funds for infrastructure investments

Yes

No

(19) 70% of CDBG-R for LMI

Yes

No

Optional Certification

(20) Urgent Need

Yes

No

**City of Meriden CD 34 Annual Plan
Amendment 2: CDBG-R Substantial Amendment-REVISED JULY 6, 2009**

Jurisdiction(s): City of Meriden, CT Jurisdiction Web Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(URL where CDBG-R Substantial Amendment materials are posted)</i> 	CDBG-R Contact Person: Juliet Burdelski Address: 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450 Telephone: 203 630 4105 Fax: 203 630 4274 Email: jburdelski@ci.meriden.ct.us

I. Summary

On June 1, 2009, the Meriden City Council voted to approve the allocation of \$244,198 in CDBG-R funds to implement activities that are consistent with requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. \$194,198 will be allocated to the improvement of Inner City Sidewalks by the City of Meriden, \$40,000 will be allocated to the implementation of public service activities, and \$10,000 will be allocated to administration of the program by the City of Meriden. The projects are consistent with the City Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and with the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Public service activities are exempt from the Environmental Review process under 24 CFR 58.34 (a) 4, which states that Public Services that have no physical impact or result in physical change are exempt. Administration and Management Activities are exempt under 24 CFR 58.34 (a) 3. The Inner City Sidewalk program is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35 (a) (1) and is subject to review under authorities listed in 24 CFR 58.5. The projects will be administered by the City of Meriden with oversight provided by the office of Community Development. The City of Meriden shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 calendar days from the date the funds are made available. The City of Meriden shall give preference to infrastructure investment activities that can be started and completed expeditiously. All activities will be completed within the timeframes required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The City will meet all applicable rules and regulations covering all CDBG-R. This Amendment, once approved by HUD, will be included as a permanent attachment for the CDBG 34 Annual Plan, which was approved on August 18, 2008.

II. Description of Activities

A. INNER CITY SIDEWALKS

1. Activity Name: Inner City Sidewalks

2. Activity Narrative

The City of Meriden will utilize \$194,198 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 CDBG funds (“CDBG-R”) for sidewalk improvement projects under the “Public Facilities” category. Funds will be spent on sidewalk construction/reconstruction. Projects will be completed in low/moderate income areas. Qualifying Census tracts include 1702, 1710, 1701, 1703, 1714, 1709, 1708, 1715, 1706, 1713, 1704. Sidewalks targeted for reconstruction under this activity include are located on James Street, Monroe Court, Grove Street, Arch Street, Arch Place, and Hobart Street. The sidewalks identified are all areas considered to be “primarily residential”. Activities will be carried out by the City of Meriden, located at 142 East Main Street, Meriden CT, 06450 and its contractors. The project will comply with Davis Bacon Act federal labor laws.

The Inner City Sidewalk project is consistent with the ARRA objectives as follows:

1. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: The project will preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery by utilizing \$194,198 for the construction of inner city sidewalks in Meriden, CT. The City expects to preserve 8-10 construction jobs through the implementation of this activity. The project will also leverage the assistance of the following City of Meriden permanent staff: City Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Purchasing Director, CDBG Administrator.

2. Assisting those most impacted by the recession: Activities will occur in low and moderate income areas that have been most impacted by the economic recession. Projects will be completed in low/moderate income areas only and at least 70% of the grant amount will benefit persons of low and moderate income. Eligible Census Tracts include 1702, 1710, 1701, 1703, 1714, 1709, 1708, 1715, 1706, 1713, 1704. Sidewalks targeted for reconstruction under this activity include are located on James Street, Monroe Court, Grove Street, Arch Street, Arch Place, and Hobart Street. The sidewalks identified are all areas considered to be “primarily residential”.

3. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Project will leverage engineering expertise from the City of Meriden which will contribute approximately 100 hours in design, engineering, and procurement activities at no cost to the project.

4. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: The project will construct 10,000-15,000 square feet of urban city sidewalks including curbs and ramps that have a useful life of 20 years or more. The construction of the sidewalks helps improve the quality of life in inner city areas while promoting walking and the use of public transportation.

5. Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: The funding allocation will ensure that a minimum of \$194,198 in sidewalk improvements are completed in Meriden’s inner city areas.

6. Fostering energy independence/reduced emissions: The construction of the sidewalks helps promote walking and the use of public transportation in Meriden’s inner city areas. The targeted sidewalks provide pedestrian access to the CT transit service located in the central business district. Therefore, the project will help foster energy independence and reduced emissions from the anticipated reduction in vehicle trips.

3. Jobs Created: 8-10 construction jobs, utilize 4 existing City staff

4. Additional Information (How project promotes energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions): The construction of the sidewalks helps promote walking and the use of public transportation in Meriden’s inner city areas. Therefore, the proposed use of CDBG-R funds for inner city sidewalk construction will help promote energy conservation, and reduced pollution emissions by providing increased opportunities for pedestrian travel. Increased pedestrian travel will likely result in the elimination of vehicle trips and its associated energy use and vehicle pollution.

5. Responsible Organization: City of Meriden, 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450, Contact: Juliet Burdelski, CDBG/Grants Administrator, phone 203 630 4105, jburdelski@ci.meriden.ct.us

B. Public Services

The City of Meriden will utilize \$40,000 in CDBG-R funds under the “Public Services” category. Funds will be used for public service programs that meet the ARRA objectives. Qualifying projects include eligible public service activities that preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery, projects that assist those most impacted by the recession, projects that minimize or avoiding reductions in essential services, and projects that foster energy independence/reduced emissions. Projects will be completed in low/moderate income areas only and at least 70% of the grant amount will benefit persons of low and moderate income. Qualifying Census tracts include 1702, 1710, 1701, 1703, 1714, 1709, 1708, 1715, 1706, 1713, 1704. All activities will be completed will be carried out by the City of Meriden, located at 142 East Main Street, Meriden CT, 06450 and its subrecipients. The allocated amount for public services is 16% of available funds¹. Table 1 lists the public services activities have been identified as eligible for ARRA funding. The projects have been selected to ensure that the plan for the use of ARRA funds is in compliance with Docket No. FR-5309-N-01 Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The following awards are subject to review and approval by the Meriden City Council.

Table 1

Objective	Program Title	Other Program Description	HUD Outcome	Units/Persons per year	AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE	HUD Matrix Code/NOC
Suitable Living Environment	Women and Family Center-Open DOHR Employment and Training	Project provides employment and training services for 10 low income men and women in the Allied Health field including CAN training, Medical Receptionist training, job placement assistance, computer instruction and employment readiness workshops. Women and Families Center will be the project administrator.	Enhance Suitable Living Environment through Sustainability	10	\$10,000	5/LMC
Suitable Living Environment	Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc. Domestic Violence Services-Shelter	Project will provide emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy services, and a 24 hour emergency hot line to women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. A minimum of 110	Enhance Suitable Living Environment through Improved/New Accessibility	110	\$10,000	05G/LMC

¹ Meriden is allowed up to 22% for public service activities under 24 CFR 570.201 (e)(2)(ii)(A)

	Operations	persons will be served. The Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc. will be the project administrator.				
Suitable Living Environment	Franciscan Home Care & Hospice Care	Project will provide home health care services to low/moderate income families in Meriden. Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care will be the project administrator.	Enhance Suitable Living Environment through Sustainability	15	\$5000	5A/LMC
Suitable Living Environment	Children's First Parent Leadership Training, Inc.	Project will support implementation of the Children's First Early Childhood Blueprint program focused on targeted inner city areas. Meriden Children's First will be the project administrator.	Enhance Suitable Living Environment through Sustainability	50	\$5000	05D/LMC
Suitable Living Environment	Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc. Mobile Work Crew	Project will provide handicapped persons work activities for job training and therapy. A minimum of 12 handicapped persons will participate in the project. The Meriden Park and Recreation and the Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc. will jointly administer this project.	Enhance Suitable Living Environment through Improved/New Accessibility	12	\$10,000	05B/LMC
				197	\$40,000.00	

1A. Activity Name: Public Services-Women and Family Center-Open DOHR Employment and Training

2A. Activity Narrative

Project provides employment and training services for 10 low income men and women in the Allied Health field including CAN training, Medical Receptionist training, job placement assistance, computer instruction and employment readiness workshops. Women and Families Center will be the project administrator.

1. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: The project will utilize \$10,000 for public service activities that preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery by providing employment training services for low income men and women. The project will provide training to 10 low income Meriden residents.

2. Assisting those most impacted by the recession: The project will utilize up to \$10,000 for public service activities that assist those most impacted by the recession by assisting low income jobless Meriden residents find jobs in the Allied Health field.

3. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Not applicable.

4. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Not applicable.

5. Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: The project will utilize up to \$10,000 for public service activities that minimize or avoid reduction in essential services. Federal funds will be used to help offset projected cuts in state funding.

6. Fostering energy independence/reduced emissions: The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

3A. Jobs Created: 10 positions

4A. Additional Information: (How project promotes energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions): The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

5A. Responsible Organization: Women & Families Center, 169 Colony St. Meriden, CT 06450

1B. Activity Name: Public Services-Meriden Wallingford Chrysalis Shelter Operations

2B. Activity Narrative

The project will utilize \$10,000 in CDBG-R funds under the “Public Services” category. Project will provide women and their children who are victims of domestic violence, temporary, transitional residence and on-going counseling services. Estimate 110 low income persons will be served annually.

Public services activities are consistent with the ARRA objectives as follows:

1. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: The project will help maintain the employment of one caseworker and will provide counseling to 110 low income Meriden residents.

2. Assisting those most impacted by the recession: The project will utilize up to \$10,000 for public service activities that assist those most impacted by the recession by providing low income Meriden residents temporary housing and counseling services

3. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Not applicable.

4. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Not applicable.

5. Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: The project will utilize up to \$10,000 for public service activities that minimize or avoid reduction in essential services. Federal funds will be used to help offset projected cuts in local and state funding.

6. Fostering energy independence/reduced emissions: The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

3B. Jobs Created: Maintain the employment of one caseworker; provide counseling to 15 low income Meriden residents.

4B. Additional Information: (How project promotes energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions): The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

5B. Responsible Organization: Meriden Wallingford Chrysalis, 5 Colony Street, Suite 302, Meriden, CT 06451

1C. Activity Name: Public Services-Franciscan Home Care & Hospice Care

2C. Activity Narrative

The project will utilize \$5,000 in CDBG-R funds under the “Public Services” category. Project will provide hospice care to low income Meriden residents. Estimate 15 low income persons will be served annually.

Public services activities are consistent with the ARRA objectives as follows:

1. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: The project will help maintain the employment of one nurse and will provide hospice care to 15 low income Meriden residents.

2. Assisting those most impacted by the recession: The project will utilize up to \$5,000 for public service activities that assist those most impacted by the recession by providing low income Meriden residents hospice care.

3. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Not applicable.

4. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Not applicable.

5. Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: The project will utilize up to \$5,000 for public service activities that minimize or avoid reduction in essential services. Federal funds will be used to help low income residents receive hospice care at little or no cost.

6. Fostering energy independence/reduced emissions: The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

3C. Jobs Created: Maintain the employment of one nurse; provide counseling to 15 low income Meriden residents.

4C. Additional Information: (How project promotes energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions): The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

5C. Responsible Organization: Franciscan Home Care & Hospice Care, 267 Finch Ave., Meriden, CT 06451

1D. Activity Name: Meriden Children’s First Parent Leadership Training, Inc.

2D. Activity Narrative

The project will utilize \$5,000 in CDBG-R funds under the “Public Services” category. Project will provide social work services in neighborhoods hardest hit by economic downturn, including home foreclosures and other economic factors. Estimate 50 low income persons will be served annually.

Public services activities are consistent with the ARRA objectives as follows:

1. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: The project will help maintain the employment of one caseworker and will provide social work services to 50 low income Meriden residents.

2. Assisting those most impacted by the recession: The project will utilize up to \$5,000 for public service activities that assist those most impacted by the recession by providing low income Meriden residents living in neighborhoods most impacted by the recession needed social work services.

3. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Not applicable.

4. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Not applicable.

5. Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: The project will utilize up to \$5,000 for public service activities that minimize or avoid reduction in essential services. Federal funds will be used to help low income residents in severely impacted neighborhoods social work services.

6. Fostering energy independence/reduced emissions: The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

3D. Jobs Created: Maintain the employment of one social worker; provide counseling to 15 low income Meriden residents.

4D. Additional Information: (How project promotes energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions): The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

5D. Responsible Organization: Meriden Children’s First Parent Leadership Training, Inc., 115 Miller Street, Meriden, CT 06450

1F. Activity Name: Kuhn Employment Opportunities Inc., Mobile Work Crew

2F. Activity Narrative

The project will utilize \$10,000 in CDBG-R funds under the “Public Services” category. Project will provide handicapped persons work experience activities for job training and therapy. 12 persons will be served annually.

Public services activities are consistent with the ARRA objectives as follows:

1. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: The project will provide up to 12 handicapped persons work experience activities for job training and therapy.

2. Assisting those most impacted by the recession: The project will utilize up to \$10,000 for public service activities that assist those most impacted by the recession by providing 12 handicapped persons work experience activities for job training and therapy.

3. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Not applicable.

4. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Not applicable.

5. Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: The project will utilize up to \$5,000 for public service activities that minimize or avoid reduction in essential services. Federal funds will be used to help offset projected cuts in local and state funding.

6. Fostering energy independence/reduced emissions: The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

3F. Jobs Created: The project will provide up to 12 handicapped persons work experience activities for job training and therapy.

4F. Additional Information: (How project promotes energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions): The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

5F. Responsible Organization: Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc., 1630 No. Colony Rd., Meriden, CT 06450

C. Administration

1. Activity Name: Administration

2. Activity Narrative

The City of Meriden will utilize \$10,000 in CDBG-R funds to administer the ARRA/CDBG-R funded activities. The allocated amount for administration is 4% of available funds.

Public services activities are consistent with the ARRA objectives as follows:

1. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: Administration will help maintain two City staff positions including the Grants Administrator and Administrative Secretary.

2. Assisting those most impacted by the recession: Administration is not expected to assist those most impacted by the recession.

3. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Administration is not expected to provide investment needed to increase economic efficiency.

4. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Administration is not expected to provide investments in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits

5. Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: Administration will utilize up to \$10,000 for administrative activities that minimize or avoid reduction in those services.

6. Fostering energy independence/reduced emissions: The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

3. Jobs Created: 2 existing City staff including Grants Administrator and Administrative Secretary

4. Additional Information: (How project promotes energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions): The project is not expected to result in significant energy independence benefits or significant reduction in emissions.

5. Responsible Organization: City of Meriden, 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450, Contact: Juliet Burdelski, CDBG/Grants Administrator, phone 203 630 4105, jburdelski@ci.meriden.ct.us

III. Applicable rules and regulations

The projects will be administered by the City of Meriden with oversight provided by the office of Community Development. The City of Meriden shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 calendar days from the date the funds are made available. The City of Meriden shall give preference to infrastructure investment activities that can be started and completed expeditiously. The City has considered projects that can be initiated not later than 120 calendar days after February 17, 2009. While it is not possible for the Inner City Sidewalk project to be implemented by June 20, 2009, it is a project that can be implemented expeditiously. All activities will be completed within the timeframes required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The City will meet all applicable rules and regulations covering all CDBG-R. This Amendment, once approved by HUD, will be included as a permanent attachment for the CDBG 34 Annual Plan, which was approved on August 18, 2008.

IV. Summary of Public Input

Each year, the City seeks proposals from City agencies and non-profit organizations that provide Community Development-related services in the City of Meriden. The Grants Administrator reviews each proposal and makes funding recommendations to City Council and the City Manager based on several criteria including level of funding requested versus available funds, number of low income and minority residents served, evidence of past success, eligibility of the organization as a non-profit organization and compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

On April 6, 2009, the Grants Administrator submitted a recommendation to the Meriden City Council to allocate \$244,198 in CDBG Funds allocated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on Inner City Sidewalks, Public Service Activities, and Administration. Recommendations were derived from over 30 project proposals received and reviewed in early 2009. On April 7, 2009, an advertisement was placed in the Meriden *Record Journal* newspaper outlining the proposed use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The period from April 7 from May 9 2009 was reserved as a public comment period. The proposed use of funds display ad was also published on the City of Meriden Community Development website: http://www.cityofmeriden.org/CMS/default.asp?CMS_AreaID=76.

On April 20, a public hearing notice a public hearing notice was published in the *Record Journal*. The public hearing notice was also posted on the City website: http://www.cityofmeriden.org/CMS/default.asp?CMS_AreaID=76. In the public hearing notice, the public was notified of the City's intent to allocate \$244,198 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds to Inner City Sidewalks, Public Services and to Administration. Applicants and members of the public were invited to participate in a public hearing scheduled for May 7, 2009 regarding the allocation of CDBG 35 and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 CDBG Funds. (A copy of the public hearing notice is attached.)

On May 7, 2009, the City held a public hearing on the allocation of allocation of CDBG 35 and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 CDBG Funds. The public hearing was held at the Meriden City Council at 6:00 pm. (A copy of the minutes of the public hearing is attached.) At the meeting, no comments were made regarding the proposed use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 CDBG Funds.

Following the public hearing on May 7, 2009, a regular meeting of the Meriden City Council Human Services Committee was held. At the meeting, the members voted allocate the ARRA of 2009 CDBG funds as recommended. This recommendation will be formally adopted by the Meriden City Council on June 1, 2009.

In accordance with the ARRA requirements, these documents were posted on the City website for 7 calendar days for public comment beginning May 25, 2009 and ending June 1, 2009. Public comments received will be included in the final documents submitted to HUD. The Amendment, once approved by HUD, will be included as a permanent attachment to the CDBG 34 Annual Plan, which was approved on August 18, 2008. Copies of the Annual Plan and its Amendments may be downloaded from the Community Development Website: http://www.cityofmeriden.org/CMS/default.asp?CMS_AreaID=76. For those without access to the internet, printed copies may be obtained by contacting Juliet Burdelski, Grants Administrator, Office of Community Development, Room 218, City Hall, 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450, phone 203 630 4105, jburdelski@ci.meriden.ct.us.

V. Changes to the CD 34 Annual Plan

Table 5 in the Annual Plan (approved August 18, 2008) shall be amended as follows. (Note, addition of public service activities is subject to review and approval by City Council.)

Objective	Program Title	Other Program Description	HUD Outcome	Units	AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE	HUD Matrix Code/NOC
Suitable Living Environment	Inner City sidewalks	Construction of Inner City sidewalks, curbs and ramps per City specifications. Location: 142 East Main Street, Meriden CT 06450	Enhance Suitable Living Environment through Accessibility	10,000-15,000 sq ft of sidewalk, including curbs and ramps	\$194,198	03L Sidewalks/LMA
Suitable Living Environment	Public Services related to ARRA objectives	Eligible public service activities that preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery, projects that assist those most impacted by the recession, projects that minimize or avoiding reductions in essential services, and projects that foster energy independence/reduced emissions. Projects will be completed in low/moderate income areas.	Enhance Suitable Living Environment through Sustainability	197 persons served	\$40,000	05 Public Services General/LM C, 05G, 05A, 05D, 05B per Council approval.
NA	Administration	Administration	NA		\$10,000	20
TOTAL					\$244,198	

VI. Summary of Environmental Review

Administration and Public Services activities have been reviewed under CFR 24 Section 58.34(a)(1)-(11) and have been found to be exempt from the provision of the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws and authorities cited in Section 58.5. No Request for Release of Funds or Further Environmental Review is required.

Inner City Sidewalks have been reviewed under CFR 24 Section 58.35(a)(1) as a public facility project. The project is categorically excluded and subject to environmental review.

VII. Attachments

- CDBG-R worksheet
- SF424
- Certifications
- Copies of Public Notices
- Copies of Public Comments Received
- Relevant Meeting Summaries
- Council Resolutions

Activity Name	Activity Description	Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)	National Objective Citation	CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)	Additional Recovery Funds (\$)	Other Leveraged Funding (\$)	Total Activity Budget
INNER CITY SIDEWALKS	Sidewalk construction/reconstruction in low/moderate income areas. Qualifying Census tracts include 1702, 1710, 1701, 1703, 1714, 1709, 1708, 1715, 1706, 1713, 1704.	24 CFR 570.201-c	24 CFR 570.208 a-1-i	194,198		0	194,198
Public Services- Women and Family Center-Open DOHR Employment and Training	Project provides employment and training services for 10 low income men and women in the Allied Health field including CAN training, Medical Receptionist training, job placement assistance, computer instruction and employment readiness workshops. Women and Families Center will be the project administrator.	24 CFR 570.201-e	24 CFR 570.208 a-2-i	\$10,000		\$0	10,000
Public Services- Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc. Domestic Violence Services-Shelter Operations	Project will provide emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy services, and a 24 hour emergency hot line to women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. A minimum of 110 persons will be served. The Meriden-	24 CFR 570.201-e	24 CFR 570.208 a-2-i	\$5,000		\$0	10,000

	Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc. will be the project administrator.						
Public Services- Franciscan Home Care & Hospice Care	Project will provide home health care services to low/moderate income families in Meriden. Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care will be the project administrator.	24 CFR 570.201-e	24 CFR 570.208 a- 2-i	\$5,000		\$0	5,000
Public Services- Children's First Parent Leadership Training, Inc.	Project will support implementation of the Children's First Early Childhood Blueprint program focused on targeted inner city areas. Meriden Children's First will be the project administrator.	24 CFR 570.201-e	24 CFR 570.208 a- 2-i	\$5,000		\$0	5,000

Public Services-Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc. Mobile Work Crew	Project will provide handicapped persons work activities for job training and therapy. A minimum of 12 handicapped persons will participate in the project. The Meriden Park and Recreation and the Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc. will jointly administer this project.	24 CFR 570.201-e	24 CFR 570.208 a-2-i	\$10,000		\$0	10,000
Administration	Administration of the CDBG-R/ARRA Funds	24 CFR 570.206-a-1	24 CFR 570.208 d-4	\$10,000		\$0	10,000
	TOTAL			\$244,198			244,198

NOTE: Public Service Activities are subject to City Council approval; Project “Club Kids” as described was deemed to be inconsistent with ARRA goals (July 2009).

**PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF MERIDEN'S
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND
PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS FOR CDBG-35 AND FOR THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 CDBG FUNDS**

In accordance with the statutory requirements enacted by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and subsequent amendments, the following is a summary of the *Proposed Annual Plan of the City of Meriden's Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds* for the thirty-fifth program year (CDBG-35) and the projected use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 CDBG funds during the CDBG-35 Program Year.

I. Statement of Community Development Objectives and Program Purposes

In accordance with the City's *Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development 2005-2010*, the primary objective and purpose of the Community Development Program is the development and improvement of the quality of life in the Meriden community including decent housing, a suitable living environment, economic opportunities and the provision of necessary services and facilities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Consistent with this, the Community Development Program for the thirty-fifth program year ("CD-35") has been directed toward the following program purposes and specific objectives:

A. Neighborhood Preservation, Rehabilitation, Housing Code Enforcement, and Legal

Purpose: The purpose is to conserve the City's existing housing stock, expand housing opportunities for low and moderate income households, stabilize its residential neighborhoods, and remove conditions of slums and blight.

Objectives:

1. To conserve and improve the City's existing housing stock within the specifically designated inner-city target neighborhoods in order to provide safe and decent housing, principally for low and moderate income persons.
2. To eliminate and prevent slum and blighting influences within low and moderate income inner-city neighborhoods.
3. To eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare within low and moderate income inner-city neighborhoods and areas.
4. To expand affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income households.

B. Public Services and Public Facilities

Purpose: The purpose is to provide and/or develop a variety of services and facilities, principally for low and moderate income persons, which have been identified as particular community needs.

Objectives: To expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services and facilities, principally for low and moderate income persons, in order to develop a sound and viable community.

II. Annual Plan of Community Development Projected Use of Funds and Program Activities for CDBG - 35

A. Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP), Housing Rehabilitation, Code Enforcement, Legal

Section 108 Loan for Demolition of Factory H	\$	100,000.00
Housing Legal	\$	50,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$	408,000.00
CD 35 NPP, Housing Rehab, Code, Legal Total	\$	558,000.00

B. Public Services

Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc.-Mobile Work Crew	\$	25,019.28
Beat the Street Community Center, Inc.	\$	15,614.37
Children's First PLTI	\$	12,188.88
New Opportunities Inc.-Summer Basketball League	\$	8,211.78
Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc. Domestic Violence Services-Shelter Operations	\$	8,019.00
Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc. Domestic Violence Services-Transitional Living Program	\$	8,019.00
Joseph F. Coffey Boys and Girls Club of Meriden-Summer Safe Haven Program	\$	8,019.00
New Opportunities Inc-Shelter NOW	\$	7,698.24
Casa Boricua de Meriden, Inc. Operations	\$	7,056.72
WFC-Project Reach (Reaching Every Adolescent to Create Hope)	\$	6,750.00
New Opportunities, Inc.-Chore Project for Elders	\$	6,415.20
American Red Cross-Medical Transportation	\$	5,400.00
Child Guidance Clinic for Central CT, Inc.-Crisis Intervention	\$	5,300.64
Joseph F. Coffey Boys and Girls Club of Meriden-Project "Club Kids"	\$	5,000.00
CT Legal Services-Legal Support Services Project	\$	5,000.00
WFC-Open DOHR Employment and Training	\$	4,500.00
Meriden YMCA/Raymond Rodriguez of CT Dojo Goju Karate-Youth Karate	\$	3,528.36
Meriden YMCA/Rec Express	\$	3,207.60

Women and Family Center-Support, Awareness, Information, and Referral (SAIR) Corps	\$	2,886.84
Q-River Watershed Association-Summer Paddling	\$	2,700.00
NOW-Circles Campaign	\$	2,250.00
Meriden Soup Kitchen, Inc.-Feed the Hungry	\$	2,250.00
Arts & Crafts Assoc. "Gallery 53"-Children's Free Workshops	\$	2,250.00
Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven/Meriden-Literacy Tutoring	\$	2,245.32
Big Brothers Big Sisters- Mentoring at Boy and Girl's Club and John Barry School	\$	2,245.32
St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool-Central CT Christmas in Action	\$	1,500.00
Meriden Kids Walk Safe Coalition -Meriden Kids Walk Safe	\$	900.00
Meriden YMCA Youth Theater Scholarships	\$	900.00
Father Motivation Center at the Apostolic Comm. Church	\$	450.00
CD 35 Public Services Total		\$165,525.55

C. Public Facilities

Q-River Watershed Association-Bathhouse Furnace	\$	5,000.00
CD 35 Public Facilities Total		

D. Administration & Planning

CD 35 Administration Total	\$	171,474.45
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TOTAL CDBG-35 FUNDING **\$ 900,000.00**

III. Other Funds

A. Reprogram to Administration

The following balances from uncompleted projects will be reprogrammed to Administration:

YALE ACRES AND JOHNSON FARMS IMPROV CD 26	\$746.00
CHILD GUIDANCE FACILITY CD 26	\$298.00
DAY CARE CENTER OPERATIONS CD 31	\$2,291.57
SEXUAL ASSUALT CRISIS SERVICE CD 31	\$517.67
SHELTER NOW FACILITY CD 32	\$6,000.00
Reprogram Total	\$9,853.24

B. Program Income

The City projects it will receive \$80,000 in program income during the program year resulting from the repayment of outstanding loans from the Neighborhood Preservation Program. Funding will be used towards new home rehabilitation loans.

Program Income Total	\$80,000
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C. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009

The City projects it will receive \$244,198 in HUD CDBG funds authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). ARRA funds will be directed towards the following purposes:

Public Services	\$40,000.00
Administration	\$10,000.00
Inner City Sidewalks	\$194,198.00
ARRA Total	\$244,198.00

**TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE DURING CD 35 PROGRAM YEAR
\$1,234,051.24**

The period from April 7 through May 7, 2009 will be reserved as a public comment period in which citizens may forward written comments, suggestions or evaluations on the City's Proposed Annual Plan for CDBG-35 and on the projected use of ARRA CDBG funds to the Office of Community Development, Room 218, City Hall, Meriden, CT 06450. All comments received will be forwarded to the City Council prior to its May 18th, 2009 regular meeting when approval and authorization of the *Annual Plan of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds for CDBG-35* will be made. The City will submit the Annual Plan and Proposed allocation of ARRA funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or around June 2, 2009 for its approval. Anyone desiring to examine copies of the proposed CD-35 Annual Plan or the *Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development 2005-2010* may do so during normal working hours at Room 218 in Meriden City Hall.

PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDEMENT TO THE CDBG 34 ANNUAL PLAN
INCORPORATING THE USE OF
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 CDBG FUNDS

In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requirements, the Proposed Substantial Amendment to the CDBG 34 Annual Plan incorporating the use of \$244,198 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 CDBG Funds is hereby posted on the City website for 7 calendar days for public comment beginning May 25, 2009 and ending June 1, 2009. Public comments received will be included in the final documents submitted to HUD. The Amendment, once approved by HUD, will be included as a permanent attachment to the CDBG 34 Annual Plan, which was approved on August 18, 2008.

Copies of the CDBG 34 Annual Plan and its Amendments, including the Substantial Amendment Related to the Use of ARRA/CDBG-R Funds, may be downloaded from the Community Development Website: http://www.cityofmeriden.org/CMS/default.asp?CMS_AreaID=76.

For those without access to the internet, printed copies may be obtained by contacting Juliet Burdelski, Grants Administrator, Office of Community Development, Room 218, City Hall, 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450, phone 203 630 4105, jburdelski@ci.meriden.ct.us.

Posted on City Website May 25, 2009-June 1, 2009

Public Comments Received

Minutes of CDBG Public Hearing-Regarding Proposed use of CD 35 Funds and
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funds

Thursday, May 7, 2009
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

Staff Present:

Juliet Burdelski, Grants Administrator, Community Development Office
Lori Canney, City Council Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Hilda Santiago, Council Member, Chair of Human Services Committee
Trevor Thorpe, Council Member,
Brian Daniels, Council Member
Dante Bartolomeo, Council Member

At 6:05 PM, Ms. Burdelski called the Public Hearing to order. She read the notice of the public hearing which appeared in the *Record Journal* on Monday, April 20, 2009:

On Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall there will be a Public Hearing on the City of Meriden's Proposed Use of Funds for the Thirty-Fifth year of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-35) and on the Proposed Use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 CDBG Funds. At this time, the public is entitled to make any comments and recommendations regarding the Proposed Use of Funds. Written comments on the Proposed Use of Funds may also be submitted to the Community Development Office until May 7, 2009.

Ms. Burdelski then asked if any of the public wished to speak.

Rose Cignata spoke on behalf of Gallery 53/Meriden Arts & Crafts Association. She said that the Gallery is seeking \$74,400 to replace several 100-year old windows at the community art gallery. CDBG 35 funds would be used for window replacement, which would provide energy efficiency benefits for the organization which currently provides art classes to low income Meriden residents using CDBG funds.

Staci M. Roy spoke on behalf of the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center. She said that the ACCC is seeking \$5000 to run a year long program that would involve teaching Meriden students mural painting techniques. CDBG 35 funds would be targeted to low income Meriden youth.

Marie Laffin and Sister Catherine Mary Clark spoke on behalf of the Franciscan Home Care Program. They said that they are seeking \$10,000 in CDBG 35 funds to ensure that low income Meriden residents are offered the opportunity to receive Hospice care regardless of their ability to pay. The Franciscan Home Care program has been providing Hospice care in Meriden for over 30 years.

Angie Lopez spoke on behalf of Casa Boricua. She thanked the Meriden City Council for continuing to provide CDBG funds for Casa Boricua. She urged the Council to help Casa

Boricua to make sure that the Casa Boricua Community Center to remain open. She said that if any extra CDBGs become available they would be interested in using it for building repairs.

John Gopoiian spoke on behalf of the Boy Scouts 2010 Camporee at Hubbard Park program that was submitted by Hunter's EMS Explorers. Hunter's EMS Explorers is seeking \$2000 to support the 2010 Boy Scouts 2010 Camporee that will be held at Hubbard Park in Meriden. CDBG 35 funds will be used to ensure that low income Meriden youth have the opportunity to attend the event.

Anna Neumon, Ginny Chirsky, and David James spoke on behalf of the Quinnipiac River Watershed Association. They requested funding in the amount of \$3000 so that the Summer Paddling Program could be fully funded.

Ms. Burdelski asked if there was anyone else from the public wishing to speak. Five members of Casa Boricua spoke in favor of keeping Casa Boricua open as a community center.

Ms. Burdelski closed the public hearing at approximately 6:50 PM.

Following the Public Hearing, a Human Services Committee of the Meriden City Council was scheduled to discuss the proposed use of CD 35 Funds and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funds.

Submitted by:

Juliet Burdelski
Grants Administrator

CERTIFICATIONS

(1) **Affirmatively furthering fair housing.** The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard.

(2) **Anti-displacement and relocation plan.** The jurisdiction will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under CDBG-R.

(3) **Drug Free Workplace.** The jurisdiction will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(4) **Anti-lobbying.** To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(5) **Authority of Jurisdiction.** The jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and other program requirements.

(6) **Consistency with Plan.** The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG-R funds are consistent with its consolidated plan.

(7) **Section 3.** The jurisdiction will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.

(8) **Community development plan.** The jurisdiction certifies that the consolidated housing and community development plan identifies housing and community development needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the statute authorizing the CDBG program.

(9) **Following a plan.** The jurisdiction is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

(10) **Use of funds.** The jurisdiction has developed activities so as to give the maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention of slums or blight. Additional activities may be included that are designed to meet other

community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs

It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG-R funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
 2. **Special Assessments.** The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG-R funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low- and moderate-income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG-R funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG-R funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds. The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG-R funds, unless CDBG-R funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds. In addition, with respect to properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (but not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG-R or CDBG funds to cover the assessment.
- (11) **Excessive Force.** The jurisdiction certifies that it has adopted and is enforcing: (1) a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and (2) a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
- (12) **Compliance with anti-discrimination laws.** The CDBG-R grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.
- (13) **Compliance with lead-based paint procedures.** The activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R of this title.
- (14) **Compliance with laws.** The jurisdiction will comply with applicable laws.
- (15) **Compliance with ARRA.** The jurisdiction will comply with Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

(16) **Project selection.** The jurisdiction will select projects to be funded, by giving priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the recipient, and that will ensure maximum job creation and economic benefit.

(17) **Timeliness of infrastructure investments.** When the jurisdiction uses CDBG-R funds for infrastructure investments, the grantee will give preference to quick-start and finish activities, including a goal to use at least 50 percent of the funds for activities within 120 days of enactment of the Recovery Act.

(18) **Buy American provision.** The jurisdiction will ensure that all iron, steel and manufactured goods used in construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of a public building or public work project assisted with CDBG-R funds under the Recovery Act must be produced in the United States unless the Secretary finds that: (1) the requirement is inconsistent with public interest; (2) those goods are not reasonably available or produced in sufficient quantity in the U.S.; (3) or the use of the goods will increase the project cost by more than 25 percent.

(19) **Appropriate use of funds for infrastructure investments.** The Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate certifies, that any infrastructure investments have received the full review and vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Alternatively, a grantee's chief elected official certifies that infrastructure investments will receive the full review and vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

(20) **70% of CDBG-R for LMI.** The aggregate use of CDBG-R funds shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the grant is expended for activities that benefit such persons over the life of the CDBG-R grant.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Title

OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG-R

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

Where the urgent need is the current economic conditions, the grantee certifies that the activity is alleviating current economic conditions which pose a threat to the economic welfare of the community in which the activity is being carried out, the recipient is unable to finance the activity on its own, and other sources of funding are not available.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Title