PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-RECOVERY (CDBG-R) SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

Attached is the State of New Jersey's draft plan for distributing \$1,945,374 in Federal Community Development Block Grant-Recovery funds.

Any comments regarding the draft of the Substantial Amendment can be forwarded to Terence Schrider, tschrider@dca.state.nj, at the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources, PO Box 806, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0806 by close of business on June 24, 2009.

THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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ENSURING RESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded stimulus funding in the amount of \$1,945,374 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to the State of New Jersey for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) has identified five (5) Small Cities- CDBG program projects for CDBG-R (Community Development Block Grant-Recovery) funding that meets the federal ARRA requirements and submits for public review and comment project descriptions within this CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Final Plan.

CDBG-R Award Process:

The NJ Small Cities Unit followed the CDBG-R guidelines in considering existing NJ Small Cities public facilities (Infrastructure and other public improvements) and innovative development (other activities that do not fit public facilities or housing rehabilitation) applications in the NJ SAGE (NJ System Administering Grants Electronically) that did not receive funding in response to the 2009RFP (HUDFY2008) due to the lack of available funds. The projects were determined to be worthwhile but not awarded as they fell below the funding cut-off. Small Cities staff recommended five (5) pending applications that are eligible activities and "shovel ready projects." HUD guidelines mandate that "…in selecting projects to be funded, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the recipients."

To further that point, HUD guidelines suggest that "states should consider funding worthwhile activities that fell below the funding cut-off line from program year 2008 distribution process, or to fund applications already submitted for their program year 2009 distribution process." Four (4) Public Facility applications that "missed the cut" in 2008 have updated their applications to prepare to resubmit in response to the 2010RFP (HUDFY2009) to be announced in July, 2009. They are Cape May City, Burlington City, Commercial Township and Lower Township. In addition, they have completed Environment Review Record (24 CFR 58.22), a requirement of the Small Cities Program. They are prepared to award contracts within 120 days from the date funds are available to them. Egg Harbor City, an Innovative Development applicant, is in the process of completing the record and anticipates it will be completed prior to June 30, 2009, the last day of the "open applications" cycle for the 2009 Innovative Development Program.

Each recipient will be subject to strict reporting requirements established by the Act and as required by the NJ Small Cities CDBG Program.

2009 CDBG - R Allocation	\$1,945,374
2009 CDBG - R Administration 10%	\$194,537
2009 CDBG - R Available to Award	\$1,750,837
Projects Recommended for Funding	\$1,834,300
Recaptured Small Cities funds available	
to award	\$83,463

A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES Spreadsheet attached.

B-1. CDBG-R Information BY ACTIVITY

Activity Name:

Egg Harbor City Affordable Housing Reconstruction Project Application #09-1604-00 Award \$500,000

Activity Narrative:

The project funds will be used to construct street level retail space with sixteen (16) units of senior citizen affordable housing above. The units will comply with New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations and have a 100% low income benefit. Program funds will be used toward construction costs estimated at \$3,000,000. The CDBG-R funds leverage a significant amount of other funds creating a more substantive economic impact (6:1 leverage ratio). The project also has both permanent job creation and affordable housing that benefit multiple distressed populations that have suffered greatly during the recent economic downturn.

Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery:

The project will reconstruct retail space at street level that was destroyed by fire. Businesses will be offered new space at street level which is expected to generate approximately twenty (20) new full time jobs.

Assisting those most impacted by the recession:

The recession has placed a significant hardship on low and moderate income people, particularly senior citizens. This project will provide housing for that economically distressed low income population at affordable prices.

Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency:

This project is a text book example of smart growth planning as it places housing within a short walking distance to shopping, services and an intermodal transit hub alleviating the need for autos.

• Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits:

This project is based upon the opportunities presented by the long term investment strategy that the City is undertaking to construct infrastructure and transit facilities that encourage energy conservation and efficient growth.

Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services:

Since this project is located in an existing downtown area, it maximizes the use of existing services and infrastructure provided by local, county, and state agencies. Smart growth planning principals have guided the planning process.

Fostering energy independence:

The design and construction of the building will incorporate to the greatest extent possible energy conservation elements and green building technologies.

Jobs Created:

Permanent Full Tim	20	
Construction Jobs	(12 months)	25

B-1. CDBG-R Information By Activity (CONTINUED)

Additional Activity Information:

This project will also incorporate the most energy efficient systems and appliances and employ green building technologies currently available and suitable to the site and building characteristics.

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B-2. CDBG-R Information by Activity

Activity Name:

Cape May City
Beach Walkway & Ocean Overview Accessibility Improvement Project
Application # 08-2130-00
Award \$ 271,912

Activity Narrative:

This project will improve beachfront access for the disabled by extending modular wooden walkways, installing ocean overviews, providing 5 beach wheelchairs, constructing ADA-compliant ramps and installing an ADA-compliant outside shower and drinking fountain.

The funds will improve access for the disabled to the Promenade by (1) installing compliant walkways and gang ways from the Promenade to beach and ocean side of sand dunes, (2) reconstructing ramps from Beach Avenue, (3) replacing all ramp railings, (4) creating ADA compliant parking, (5) constructing compliant curb side drop off aisles adjacent to existing ramps, (6) installing compliant pedestrian curb curbs at all street intersections, and (7) purchasing beach wheelchairs.

The infrastructure project provides access only as far as the dunes. Disabled persons (especially those confined to wheelchairs) need a means to enjoy the beachfront by making it possible for them to get close to the ocean. Modular walkways are needed where the walkways extend from the promenade end. These hard surface modular walkways will allow wheelchairs to cross the sand to the water.

According to the U.S. Census, there are 711 physically disabled residents in the city. These residents, along with thousands of disabled visitors will benefit from the project. The proposed project will have 100% benefit to persons of low and moderate income. The Cape May County of Aging confirmed the ADA noncompliance issues: "The lack of accessibility at some locations poses a

serious hardship to mobility-impaired visitors and residents alike. This project will remedy the problem faced by the City's disabled and senior population and the thousands who visit your town each year."

• Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery.

ADA compliant beach facilities will encourage seasonal tourism. Many multi-generation family groups will visit the community and grandparents with mobility disabilities find it difficult to visit the beach together with their children and grandchildren. Encouraging seasonal visitation will create temporary employment. The City estimates that this project will create 14 construction jobs for a 90-120 day period. Seasonal tourism is the engine that supports most economic activity in Cape May County.

B-2. CDBG-R Information by Activity (continued)

Assisting those most impacted by the recession:

The City of Cape May has numerous local hotels, restaurants and retail establishments that employ low and moderate income people. They are disproportionately impacted by the recession. This project will encourage more families with disabled people to visit Cape May City and the beach. More visitors will spur commerce and therefore help maintain jobs.

Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency:

The City of Cape May's beaches and promenade are visited by hundreds of thousands each year. Many families that visit the community include persons with mobility disabilities. Without accessible beach facilities, mobility disabled persons cannot enjoy the beach with the rest of their family. After completion of this project, the City will be able to advertise the beaches are fully accessible. Consequently, the City anticipates attracting more visitors.

• Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits:

Through this proposed project, the City is investing in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits. Improving beach access to mobility disabled persons will attract more visitors to the community and will encourage longer visits. Making the City's beaches accessible to more persons will result in increased revenue for local hotels, restaurants and retail stores. Increased tourism revenue will create and retain resort industry jobs commonly held by persons of low and moderate income.

Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services:

This project will not minimize or reduce essential services. It will provide accessibility to the City's beaches to mobility disabled persons for the first time ever.

Fostering energy independence:

This project will encourage family vacations within New Jersey via the family automobile. Such family vacations will reduce gasoline consumption when compared to air travel.

Jobs Created:

Construction Jobs (4 months)	14
Seasonal Jobs -	6

Additional Activity Information:

This project will promote energy conservation since its promoting passive recreation at an existing developed beachfront (that have already received substantial federal funding). None of the accessibility improvements planned will increase energy consumption.

This project will advance "smart growth" initiatives by concentrating development in a "center designated" community. We are discouraging sprawl by encouraging use of an existing densely developed community by constructing essential infrastructure.

B-2. CDBG-R Information by Activity (Continued)

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B-3. CDBG-R Information by Activity

Activity Name:

City of Burlington Mechanic Street Revitalization Project Application #2009-0701-00 Award: \$400,000

Activity Narrative:

This project will address areas of slums and blight and create open space on Mechanic Street within the New Yorkshire neighborhood of the City of Burlington. The project will result in the acquisition and demolition of nine (9) blighted parcels and replace them with new public infrastructure, including new pedestrian scale infrastructure, including sidewalks, ADA compliant curbing, lighting and green/open space. This area of this neighborhood has been identified as a redevelopment area via a locally-approved redevelopment plan. The existing conditions serve as a haven for both gang and drug related activities and serve to hinder stabilizing the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposed activity will promote neighborhood stabilization and revitalization though the redevelopment planning process. The focus on neighborhood revitalization is intended to address issues of deficient infrastructure and buildings, the general lack of safe pedestrian amenities, and creation of open space in the target area.

Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery

This project addresses the need for preserving and creating jobs to promote the economic recovery through the skilled and non-skilled labor positions that will be created in order to complete the project.

Assisting those most impacted by the recession

This project is located within the New Yorkshire neighborhood which has predominately low and moderate income residents. The recession has placed significant hardship on this population. This project will assist the most impacted residents by removal of this blight that has become a haven for both gang and drug related activities and installation of open green space will improve the quality of life for our residents providing a respite and neighborhood gathering place that will help to stabilize the neighborhood.

B-3. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY (CONTINUED)

Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency

The project, once completed, will have lasting impact on the economics of this neighborhood. The removal of the nine blighted homes and installation of attractive open green space will provide an improved quality of life in this neighborhood creating desirability for residents to purchase homes because they will want to live and raise a family in the New Yorkshire neighborhood. This will result in an increase in the value of homes in the area as the blighted homes are removed, thus being a worthwhile investment for the economic efficiency and the stabilization of the neighborhood and to the City.

Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits

Improving this area of the City will attract more residents and therefore more visitors. This project is located within the Transit Village and is within walking distance to the New Jersey Transit Light Rail Line Towne Center Station and to the New Jersey Transit bus lines. Residents and visitors will rely upon the already established public transportation that is within walking distance.

Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services

Removing the abandoned homes which have been a congregation center for both gang and drug related activities will not reduce essential services to the residents. Acquisition and demolition of these nine structures, of which, more than half are abandoned, and all in various stages of disrepair, will remove health, safety, and blight issues in this residential neighborhood and reduce density enough to allow for the construction of an attractive open green space with lighting to serve as a neighborhood gathering place that will help to stabilize the neighborhood.

Fostering energy independence

The design and construction of the public facility improvements, such as new pedestrian scale infrastructure, including sidewalks, ADA compliant curbing, lighting and green/open space will incorporate wherever possible energy conservation elements and green technologies. This project will result in improvements including an attractive open green space that will stabilize the urban neighborhood and create greater desirability for residents to live and raise a family.

Jobs Created:

Property acquisition: 2 professional, 2 clerical Demolition: 2 professional, 7 construction

Construction: 3 professional, 11 construction, 1 clerical

Additional Activity Information:

The project promotes smart growth as described in the City of Burlington's Yorkshire and New Yorkshire Neighborhoods Redevelopment Plan; approved by City Council in 1998.

B-3. CDBG-R Information by Activity (Continued)

Responsible Organization:

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B-4. CDBG-R Information by Activity

Activity Name:

Commercial Township Battle Lane Project, Phase III Application # 2009-0704-00 Award \$400,000

Activity Narrative:

This project will install new sidewalks, curbing, drainage, lighting and ADA requirements on a portion of Battle Lane in Commercial Township. The construction of new sidewalks, curbing, drainage and lighting will immediately take place upon the award of grant funding from DCA. It will include the upper section of Battle Lane known as Phase III (Beech Road to Point Breeze Road). New sidewalks on one side of the street will be constructed. It will also include curbs alongside of the sidewalks to allow run-off water to properly drain from the street. New catch basins will be installed according to engineered plans at the intersections of this project where rain water collects and through this project, all excess water will be removed through the installation of drains. Curbing will channel the rain water to the catch basins. Lighting will also be installed along the roadway to improve safety and add better overall illumination. The existing street lights are high in elevation; the lights often blocked by trees. A light on a lower and more decorative post will add more safety and better illumination as well as an historic ambiance to the area.

• Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery:

This project will preserve and create jobs through the promotion of economic development. Approximately twelve employees including management, equipment operators, concrete masons and laborers will be retained to construct new sidewalks and drainage in the Laurel Lake area of Commercial Township. The retention of an engineer and inspectors for the engineering firm will be preserved for design and on-going inspection work during the project. This project will create an economic boost to the construction and engineering firms through this stimulus package of funding.

· Assisting those most impacted by the recession:

This project will place a priority in identifying construction workers who are unemployed during the winter.

Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency:

This project will provide investment needed to increase economic efficiency by putting people back to work and providing much needed infrastructure improvements. The local economy

B-4. CDBG-R Information by Activity (continued)

benefits because area workers who are under or unemployed will earn significantly higher wages than usual due to government contracts and state prevailing wage laws.

• Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits:

This project will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to have a safe transportation corridor throughout the main corridor in Laurel Lake. Providing children and the public a safe place to walk, new lighting for improved safety along a busy county roadway and the elimination of unsightly storm water on the corners of the roadways is a high priority of the Township. The roadway will have environmentally sound drainage to lessen the accumulation of storm water, elimination of mosquito nests due to the pooling of water on the roadway and will minimize transportation hazards for pedestrians and motorists.

• Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services:

There will be no reductions in essential services by this project. By providing a safer and better environment, this project will encourage more people to walk and ride bicycles and saving transportation energy costs. The project will provide for the installation of new street lights with energy saving bulbs that will reduce the current utility requirement of the Township.

Jobs Created:

Construction: 12 Engineering/Inspections: 3

Additional Activity Information:

This project is environmentally friendly because it encourages the public to walk and bike ride while keeping the public safe on a transportation route off of the main roadway. People will walk and children will ride bikes if there is a safe route to do so. This project is a green project that promotes energy conservation and reduces pollution by promoting the public to walk and bike ride in an area previously only a roadway.

Responsible Organization:

Grantee:

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B-5. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY

Activity Name:

Lower Township Villas Storm Water Beach Outfall Project Application # 2009-0712-00 Award \$262,288

Activity Narrative:

The Lower Township project will address health and safety issues in the Villas neighborhood by reconstructing deficient storm water outfalls. When outfalls emptying at the Delaware Bay fail, storm water floods the neighborhood. Flooding can last up to 3 days upwards of 10 times a year. Seven outfalls must be extended so that Villas streets can drain properly.

B-4. CDBG-R Information by Activity (continued)

Record photographs show flooded streets and water lapping around foundations of homes. It is common for ponded water to exceed a foot in depth. During the winter months, the ponded water freezes. In the spring 2008, the Township planned emergency action but learned that Costal Area Facilities Review Act (CAFRA) was required. CAFRA approval is expected in the fall 2009.

This project will eliminate the storm water threats effecting Villas by extending the storm sewer outfall pipes on Ocean Ave., Delaware Parkway, Ohio Ave., Frances Ave., Ridgewood Ave., Woodland Ave., and Spruce Ave. to a point on the beach at which the elevation of the invert of the outfall pipe is higher than the ground elevation. This will allow the storm water to discharge during storms without obstruction. The check valves to be installed at the end of each outfall will prevent the Delaware Bay from reversing flow during storms or at the highest tides. Flooding will be mitigated under these corrective measures.

This project will have area-wide benefit since the poorly functioning storm drainage outfalls allow water to pond over a broad area. The benefit area of the 7 drainage outfalls exceeds 50% of area median income of the three effected block groups. The combined population of the three block groups is 3,806 persons, of which 2,238 are of low and moderate income. The overall low/moderate benefit is 58.8%.

Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery:

Encouraging seasonal visitation will create temporary employment. The Township estimates that this project will create 15 construction jobs for a 120-150 day period. Since much of the work will be carried out by laborers and not heavy equipment, the Township expects that much of the project funds will be spent on workers. The estimate of 15 construction jobs thus may be conservative.

Assisting those most impacted by the recession:

The Villas neighborhood's year round population is primarily low and moderate income. These low/moderate residents are impacted by the chronic flooding described above. Replacing inadequate storm drainage facilities will benefit low income persons most impacted by the current recession.

As noted, this project will create an estimated 15 construction jobs. Construction in the County is depressed as of June 2009. Construction workers have been disproportionately impacted by the national recession.

Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency:

The chronic flooding with the project neighborhood inhibits efficient traffic flow. The local economy is based largely on the seasonal resort industry. Chronic flooding impairs access to the Delaware Bay shore and discourages visitors from coming to the community. This project will eliminate the identified health and safety threats.

Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits:

The chronic flooding on the effected streets in the Villas neighborhood damages private property and endangers the health and safety of residents. That damage and the resultant health and safety threats were documented in the 2008 CDBG application. This project will accomplish the following:

- protect neighborhood streets from accelerated deterioration;
- protect the Delaware Bay from runoff borne contaminants;
- replace inadequate infrastructure with efficient energy conserving gravity drains;
- protect motorists from flooded roadways;
- protect homeowners who now suffer property damage;
- protect residents from water borne health threats;

B-5. CDBG-R Information by Activity (continued)

All of these benefits are long-term and the improvements will have a useful life of 50 years.

Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services:

This project will not minimize or reduce essential services. Instead this project will substantially improve storm drainage within the target area. Destructive flooding of residential properties will significantly decrease.

Fostering energy independence:

This project will reduce energy use by eliminating the on-going need to use heavy equipment to dig out the clogged ends of storm water outfalls. These outfalls, when operating properly, consume no energy as they operate by gravity. This project will allow the system to operate correctly and will lead to a net decrease in energy consumption.

Jobs Created:

Construction (4 months): 15

Additional Activity Information:

This project promotes energy conservation. The chronic blockages of storm water outfalls necessitated bringing heavy equipment on to the beach to unclog the outfalls. This scenario repeated itself several times a year. Flooding on neighborhood streets required extensive energy use as Public Works crews and property owners dealt with the consequences.

This project will assist in reducing in water pollution spills in the Delaware Bay. Rainwater that pond in the area often accumulates fertilizers, chemicals and contaminants from the streets and neighborhood yards. When water finally flows by gravity, it spills these substances into the Delaware Bay. By directing runoff efficiently from neighborhood streets, the project will enable much cleaner runoff water into the Delaware Bay.

This project supports the Smart Growth initiatives of the State of New Jersey. The Township is discouraging sprawl by concentrating development resources within an existing densely developed neighborhood. The Township is supporting the viability of a long established neighborhood. Villas represents non-subsidized affordable owner occupied housing in Cape May County. The neighborhood's median house value is much less than other parts of the County. Consequently the neighborhood is primarily occupied by low and moderate income persons. Improving storm water facilities in the Villas directly supports the State's objectives of preserving affordable housing.

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CDBG-R Activity Data Spreadsheet

Jurisdiction/Grantee Name:		CDBG-R Fomula Grant Amount: \$1,945,374				Date: June 15, 2009	
Activity Name	Activity Description	Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)	National Objective Citation	CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)	Addition al Recover v Funds	Other Leveraged Funding (\$)	Total Activity Budget
Egg Harbor City IDP downtown revitaliztion project	Reconstruction of Properties for Affordable Housing - as Phase 2, the City of Egg Harbor will be reconstructing properties in the Downtown Redevelopment Area for affordable housing. This is an integral part of the revitalization effort and fits within the context of the redevelopment plan.		S/B - Elimination of Slums and Blight and L/M benefit -55%	500,000		2,500,000	3,000,000
Cape May City Public Facility ADA	Beach Walkway and Oceanview Accessibility Improvements - to improve beachfront access for the disabled by extending modular wooden walkways, installing ocean overviews, providing 5 beach wheelchairs, constructing ADA-compliant ramps and installing an ADA-compliant outside shower and drinking fountain.	105 (a) (5)	L/M Benefit- 100% Limited Clientelle	\$271,912		\$82,000	354,000.00
Burlington City Mechanic St. Project	Mechanic Street project- acquire and demolish nine parcels of blighted property on Mechanic Street located within the historic Yorkshire Neighborhood and replace them with new public infrastructure including sidewalks, lighting and green space.	105 (a) (2)	S/B- Elimination of Slums and Blight and L/M area benefit of 66%	\$400,000		\$330,000	730,000.00
Commercial Twp PF Battle Lane Project	Battle Lane Phase III - to install new sidewalks, curbing, drainage, lighting and ADA requirements on a portion of Battle Lane.	105 (a) (2)	L/M area benefit- 51%	\$400,000		\$40,000	440,000.00
Lower Township PF Storm Water Project	Villas Storm Water Beach Outfall Project - to eliminate flooding in the Villas Neighborhood through extension and reconstruction of seven storm water beach outfalls.	105 (a) (2)	L/M area benefit- 51%	\$262,388		\$78,717	341,105.00