

Staff Summary Report



Council Meeting Date: 4/9/09

Agenda Item Number: _____

SUBJECT: This is a public hearing to obtain citizen input regarding the allocation of additional monies for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

DOCUMENT NAME: 20090409cdch01 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/HOMELESS PREVENTION (0207-30)**

SUPPORTING DOCS: No

COMMENTS: N/A

PREPARED BY: Craig Hittie, Affordable Housing Supervisor (480/350-8960)

REVIEWED BY: Liz Chavez, Housing Services Administrator (480/350-8958)

APPROVED BY: Chris Salomone, Community Development Manager (480/350-8294)

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Teresa Voss, Assistant City Attorney (480/350-8814)

FISCAL NOTE: All funding for the proposed activities is federal. No fiscal impact to the City's general fund.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is required by the City Council at this public hearing.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain input from citizens regarding how the estimated \$432,569 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$661,474 in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing program funds might be utilized.

Through this hearing process, staff will prepare Substantial Amendments to the City's Consolidated 2008 Action Plan. The Amendments will be posted in draft form on May 1, 2009 for a 12 day public comment period. After the public comment period closes the finalized Amendments will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Development (HUD) on or before May 18, 2009 for approval.



**CITY OF TEMPE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED 2008 ACTION
PLAN**

The City of Tempe is conducting a public meeting to gather comments and input in preparation of the Substantial Amendments to the City's Consolidated 2008 Action Plan:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

The Public Hearing will be held:

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2009
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: City of Tempe, City Council Chambers
31 East Fifth Street
Tempe, Arizona

The April 9, 2009 public hearing will be to obtain comments and input from citizens on how the CDBG and HPRP funds the City may receive from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, as approved by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), might be used.

The CDBG program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Under the Recovery Act, the City shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement.

The HPRP will provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

The funds under this program are intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds will provide for a variety of assistance, including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.

Information regarding the City's 2008 CDBG Annual Action Plan and/or the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2005-2009 is available at the City of Tempe Community Development Housing Services Division at 21 East Sixth Street, Suite #214, Tempe, Arizona (Phone: 480-350-8950, TDD 480-350-8913) or the divisions web site at www.tempe.gov/housing.

Written comments may be submitted to: City of Tempe Housing Services Division, P.O. Box 5002, Tempe, AZ 85280 or via e-mail to liz_chavez@tempe.gov. All written comments received prior to the public hearing will be forwarded to City Council.

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