

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
NOTICE OF PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
TO THE 2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
(FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM)
AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2008 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ADDENDUM:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-RECOVERY PROGRAM**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, COMMUNITY BOARDS, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.505 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan regulations regarding amendments, the City of New York announces the public comment period for the substantial amendment to its 2009 Consolidated Plan's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the public comment period for the substantial amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Plan Addendum: Community Development Block Grant-Recovery Act (CDBG-R) Program.

Amended 2009 Consolidated Plan

The amended *2009 Consolidated Plan* public comment period will begin on August 25, 2009 and extend thirty (30) days to September 23, 2009.

Copies of the amended *2009 Consolidated Plan* will be made available on August 25, 2009 and can be obtained at the Department of City Planning Bookstore, 22 Reade Street, New York, New York 10007 (Monday 12:00pm to 4:00pm, Tuesday through Friday 10:00am to 1:00pm). In addition, the amended Plan can be downloaded through the internet via the Department's website at www.nyc.gov/planning.

Written comments regarding the amended *2009 Consolidated Plan* should be sent by close of business September 23, 2009 to: Charles V. Sorrentino, Consolidated Plan Coordinator, 22 Reade Street 4N, New York, N.Y. 10007, FAX: 212-720-3495.

2008 Consolidated Plan Addendum: Community Development Block Grant-Recovery Act
(CDBG-R) Program

On 6/5/09, the City submitted its plan for the expenditure of CDBG-Recovery funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or Recovery Act). The City stated that three programs, the Emergency Repair Program, the Emergency Demolition Program, and the HPD Neighborhood Preservation Offices, will be partially-funded by both the Community Development Block Grant and ARRA funds. ARRA funds will support DHS Single Adult Services and CD Block Grant funds will support both DHS' Single Adult Services and Family Support. The programs that were to be solely funded by ARRA were Graffiti-Free NYC, Code Violation Removal in Schools, DHS Single Adult Services, Graffiti Removal in Parks and Playgrounds, Neighborhood Improvement Program, and Charlton Garden Retaining Wall Restoration. (Please note that these programs may also receive non-CD/ARRA funds.) The City has now decided that the \$2.89 million originally allocated to Graffiti-Free NYC will be re-programmed to the Emergency Repair Program. After 7/1/09, City Tax Levy funds will support the Graffiti-free NYC Program.

The CDBG-Recovery is a grant under HUD's CDBG entitlement program. It is therefore bound to HUD's Consolidated Plan regulations. Under existing Consolidated Plan citizen participation regulations, substantial amendments to an approved Plan are required to undergo a 30-day comment period. However, in order to expedite localities receiving the Recovery Act funds, Congress has waived this regulation and requires the Program to undergo only a **seven (7) day** public review period instead. Therefore, the 2008 Consolidated Plan Addendum: Community Development Block Grant-Recovery Act's public comment period will begin on August 25, 2009 and end August 31, 2009.

On August 25, 2009, an Adobe PDF version of the Addendum will be available for free downloading from the internet via the Department of City Planning's website at:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/resource/consol.shtml#cp>.

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