



Santa Barbara County  
Housing and Community Development Department  
Housing Development and Grants Administration Division

United States American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) Program

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## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

- County received \$542,154 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant funding (CDBG-R).
- County retains \$54,215 (10%) for Administrative Costs.
- Urban County partners include the Cities of Lompoc, Carpinteria, Buellton, and Solvang.
- County pro-rates share of CDBG funding with Participating Jurisdictions according to formula.
- Buellton and Solvang allocations (\$18,639) combined with County's.
- Final allocations under the Urban County Agreement:
  - County of Santa Barbara - \$326,089
  - City of Lompoc - \$121,985
  - City of Carpinteria - \$39,865

## CDBG-R Timeline

- February 17, 2009 – ARRA signed into law.
- February 25, 2009 – HUD publicized CDBG-R Allocations.
- May 5, 2009 – HUD issued CDBG-R Federal Register Notice.  
  
HUD advised HCD to wait until Notice was released before proceeding with CDBG-R program development.
- June 5, 2009 – CDBG-R Substantial Amendment due to HUD.

## HUD Federal Register Notice: Technical and Implementation Guidance

### Grantees should:

- Not assume that their normal CDBG funding distribution procedures can meet the goals for obligation of funds.
- Avoid lengthy RFP's, lengthy procurement actions, or other process that would take months to produce funding recommendations.
- Explore what local waiver authority or emergency procedures they can implement to expedite the process.

### In addition:

- Required public review period for the Substantial Amendment reduced from 30 days to 7 days.

## CDBG-R Purpose and Goals

- Maximize job creation and economic benefit.
- Investment in economic development, housing, infrastructure and other public facilities activities that will quickly spur further economic investment and increased energy efficiency.

## Project and Program Design Considerations

HUD Strongly urges grantees to:

- Utilize CDBG-R for “shovel-ready” projects including,
  1. Hard development costs associated with infrastructure or housing activities that provide basic services to residents, or
  2. Activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings.
- Use CDBG-R funds for discrete, stand-alone activities whenever possible.

## Project and Program Design Considerations

- Adding CDBG-R funding to an existing project may subject the entire project to Recovery Act reporting and compliance requirements.
- Avoid using CDBG-R funds to initiate a new project that cannot be completed by September 30, 2012, or that will require the commitment of future years' allocations of regular CDBG funds.
- 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 funds are made available.

## Eligible Activities

- Full range of CDBG activities are eligible under CDBG-R.
- However, some eligible activities under CDBG are unlikely to substantively address the intent of the Recovery Act.
- HUD may disapprove a plan if inconsistent with the guidance and requirements of the Recovery Act.



# Project Identification Process

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
Received HUD Guidelines	5/5/09
Read and Interpreted HUD Guidelines	5/6/09
Met with Departments, non-profits and outside agencies	5/7/09
Received nine (9) Project Proposals	5/13/09
Analyzed Proposals using selection criteria and developed Substantial Amendment	5/20/09
Docketed Board Agenda Letter and supporting materials	5/22/09

# Partner City Projects

Applicant	Project	Requested	Recommended
City of Lompoc	Infrastructure Improvements	\$121,985	\$121,985
City of Carpinteria	Chapel Court Apartments	\$212,302	\$39,865

## Santa Barbara County Project Applications

Applicant	Project	Request Amount	Recommended
Casmalia Community Services District	Affordable Water Source Development Project	\$40,000	0
Women's Economic Ventures of Santa Barbara County	Microenterprise Development and Microfinance	\$100,000	0
Santa Barbara County Parks Department	Mohawk Area Restrooms ADA Upgrades	\$250,000	0
Santa Barbara County General Services Department	Santa Barbara Veteran's Memorial Building Elevator	\$250,000	0
Santa Barbara County General Services Department	Foster Homes Rehabilitation	\$265,000	0
Santa Barbara County General Services Department	Women's Shelter Rehabilitation	\$330,000	\$326,089
Santa Barbara County General Services Department	New Cuyama Recreation Hall Renovation	\$330,000	0

# Project Evaluation Criteria

- Activity Eligibility
- Community Need
- Project Readiness
- Project Feasibility
- Economic Benefit
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation
- CDBG-R Discrete Project Budget
- Transparency and Reporting (Timeliness)

## Projects Recommended for Board Consideration for Inclusion in Substantial Amendment

- City of Lompoc:  
Infrastructure Improvements (\$121,985)
- City of Carpinteria:  
Chapel Court Apartments (\$39,865)
- County of Santa Barbara:  
Rehabilitation of Emergency Shelter for Women (\$326,089)

# Staff Recommendations

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Support staff recommendations regarding project selection for inclusion in CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to HUD; and
- Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute and submit the Substantial Amendment and associated documentation to realize the grant funding.