

THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
St. Louis County Minnesota Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan

<i>Jurisdiction(s):</i> St. Louis County, Minnesota, urban entitlement county	<i>CDBG-R Contact Person:</i> Barbara Hayden Planning & Development Director 227 W. First St., #100 Duluth, MN 55802-1913 Phone: 218-725-5008, Fax: 218-725-5029 haydenb@co.st-louis.mn.us
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Community Development Block Grant Program grantees receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act CDBG-R funding are required to complete a substantial amendment to their Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan outlining the planned usage of these funds. St. Louis County received a formula allocation of \$654,850 in CDBG-R funding.

St. Louis County is proposing to provide the funding gap for the following two projects receiving U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 569 Program awards serving the Eighth Congressional District that meet the required low- and moderate-income (LMI) criteria for a project providing a community-wide benefit.

A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES

See attached.

B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY

Activity Name: Chisholm Northwest Area Infrastructure Project, \$404,850

Activity Narrative: The Chisholm Northwest Area Infrastructure Project will replace deteriorated water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer lines in this 50.1% LMI community which will benefit all 4,780 residents through the reduction of inflow and infiltration and accompanying expenses of waste water treatment, improvement of water service addressing both health and safety issues, and reduction of maintenance and emergency service repairs ultimately reducing the overall city operating costs. The project will be fully funded through partnerships with the city, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 569 Program, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, and the Iron Range Resource Agency. The proposed timeline would allow for construction commencing by September 2009.

The Chisholm project will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA by:

- Creating and preserving local construction jobs in an area hard hit by high unemployment due to the reduction in our mining industry through layoffs and permanent workforce needs; and
- Investing in infrastructure improvements that will provide long-term economic benefits to the community.

Jobs Created: An estimated 19,332 of labor hours will be created by the project. These include construction phase jobs only. No permanent jobs are expected to be created by the City of Chisholm with respect to this project.

Additional Activity Information: Priority will be given to purchasing labor and materials from local resources in addition to the mandatory ARRA “Buy American” requirement.

Responsible Organization:

Mark Casey, City Administrator
City of Chisholm
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Chisholm, MN 55719
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Activity Name: Cook Water Tower Replacement, \$250,000

Activity Narrative: The Cook Water Tower Replacement project will replace a deteriorated and under-sized water tank in this 57.4% LMI community to comply with Minnesota Department of Health concerns for water quality and public safety. The project will benefit all 540 residents. The project will be fully funded with partnership of the city, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 569 Program. The proposed timeline would allow for construction commencing by August 2009.

The Cook project will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA by:

- Creating and preserving local construction jobs in an area hard hit by high unemployment due to the reduction in both our mining and logging industry through layoffs and permanent workforce needs; and
- Investing in infrastructure improvements that will provide long-term economic benefits to the community

Jobs Created: An estimated 8,000 of labor hours will be created by the project. These include construction phase jobs only. The additional manufacturing labor hours created in the separate production of the water unit are not known. No permanent jobs are expected to be created by the City of Chisholm with respect to this project.

Additional Activity Information: Priority will be given to purchasing labor and materials from local resources in addition to the mandatory ARRA “Buy American” requirement.

Responsible Organization:

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St. Louis County will not be withholding administration funds from the CDBG-R allocation although this is an eligible activity. It is the county's intention to provide the maximum leverage of funding to the LMI-community projects.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice of the Substantial Amendment was provided to all St. Louis County participating jurisdictions and public service providers. The notice of Substantial Amendment was posted on the St. Louis County website with hard copies posted in the Planning and Development Department office at 100 Missabe Building in Duluth, Minnesota, and the Community Development office at 307 South First Street, Virginia, Minnesota, on May 22, 2009. Electronic notification was sent to all participating CDBG jurisdictions and non-profit agencies for their comments and input on the proposed substantial amendment.