

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG-R)
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD DETERMINATION

In accordance with a May 4, 2009 notice issued by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), grantees eligible to receive funds pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (CDBG-R) are required to complete a substantial amendment to their Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan. In the notice the City received a CDBG-R funding allocation of \$1,788,754.00.

To aid grantees in meeting this submission deadline the referenced Notice reduces the requirement for a 30-day public comment period to 7 calendar days and requiring the substantial amendment materials to be posted on the grantee's official website (www.birminghamal.gov) as the materials are developed, published, and submitted to HUD.

A complete CDBG-R Substantial Amendment submission contains the following:

- 1) A signed and dated SF-424, and signed certifications as specified in section II. H. of the referenced Notice.
- 2) Required elements as specified in the Contents of a CDBG-R Action Plan Substantial Amendment as specified in Requirements, Item 2 of the referenced Notice.
- 3) Entitlement grantees are to submit the substantial amendments to their HUD filed office by June 5, 2009.

Interested parties may also visit the CDBG-R web page on HUD's Recovery Act website, <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>, for updated information and resources. Questions regarding the CDBG-R program may be submitted to HudRecoveryAct@hud.gov. A copy of the City's Substantial CDBG-R Amendment is available for inspection on the City's website at www.birminghamal.gov.

The City has previously undertaken a Tiered review entitled Environmental Monitoring Strategy for Unspecified Sites for Single Family and Multi-Family Residential Rehabilitation Activities financed through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs (Reference PY 31 Environmental Review: Housing Rehabilitation-Unspecified Site Strategy for complete file). This review covered the time frame July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010 and the

attached Authority to Use Grant funds issued by HUD on June 28, 2005 for these programs remains valid.

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.35(b)(7), the referenced CDBG-R grant funds are deemed to be the approval of supplemental assistance under the CDBG program and as such the proposed CDBG-R program activities do not involve substantial changes in the nature, magnitude or extent of activities previously approved under the City's CDBG Program and previously reviewed as a part of the referenced Environmental Monitoring Strategy for Unspecified Sites. Accordingly, a new Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Authority to Use Grant Funds will not be required.

Each specific CDBG-R project site will be individually cleared in accordance with the City's Environmental Monitoring Strategy for Unspecified Sites. Should any project activity be determined to be not covered under the City's referenced unspecified site strategy, a new environmental review and public notice will be undertaken.

The referenced Environmental Record determination is available for inspection in the Community Development Department; 710 North 20th Street; 10th Floor City Hall; Birmingham, Alabama during regular business hours.

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