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**THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

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**ENSURING RESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS**

Funding available under the Recovery Act has clear purposes – to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation’s infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings. While the full range of CDBG activities is available to grantees, the Department strongly suggests that grantees incorporate consideration of the public perception of the intent of the Recovery Act in identifying and selecting projects for CDBG-R funding.

***A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES***

Grantees must provide information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities in an electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD. The information that must be reported in the spreadsheet includes activity name, activity description, CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted, eligibility category, national objective citation, additional Recovery Act funds for the activity received from other programs, and total activity budget. An electronic copy of the spreadsheet and the format is available on HUD’s recovery website at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>.

The spreadsheet is attached.

***B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY (COMPLETE FOR EACH ACTIVITY)***

**(1) Activity Name:**

Chesterfield Heights Resource Center / Harbor of Hope Project

**(2) Activity Narrative:**

Second Chances was established in 1999, as a partnership between the City of Norfolk, Virginia and The STOP Organization to address the growing need for re-entry programs for ex-offenders. Second Chances is proposing to utilize the facility formerly known as Stan Hope House located at 2715 Stanhope Avenue as a permanent supportive housing facility for non violent, formerly incarcerated women who may be homeless or imminently homeless women offenders returning to Norfolk from incarceration. Funding would be used to rehabilitate the Stan Hope House for energy efficient upgrades by replacing the HVAC systems, windows and doors.

The facility was previously used as a youth group home and housed as many as 32 youth offenders in 8 rooms using a formula of 4 persons per room. Second Chances is seeking to place two persons per room in a shared room type concept - to include the added benefit of supportive services on sight and a rent structure that charges a maximum of 30% of income for each resident. In addition, Second Chances proposes to establish a “Community Relations Advisory Board” to consist of members from the community who will

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serve as representatives and advocates for community concerns and community/program relations and at least one non-resident ex-offender. Other partners that will serve on the Community Relations Advisory Board and provide various support to the “Harbor of Hope” include faith based institutions, Community Services Board, Human Service agencies, and other specialized service providers. While the Community Relations Advisory Board will have no operational authority, strong consideration will be given to recommendations, suggestions and concerns brought to the program on behalf of the community.

The residents will participate in community events and have regular representation at community meeting and various forums and events and space will be made available to the community.

A housing manager will be on site during daytime hours and a non-offender resident manager will be on site in the evening and throughout the night. Supportive services will be offered on an on-going basis [i.e., job readiness, anger management, NA and AA, peer support groups, employment plans, budgeting, credit/debit management, parenting classes various forms of counseling, and life skill classes will be offered.

(3) **Jobs Created:**

The jobs created or retained by this proposed project will be related to construction. The specific number of jobs to be created or retained will depend on the extent of rehabilitation work needed. The City approximates a range of 5 – 20 jobs being created or retained.

(4) **Additional Activity Information:**

Rehabilitation of the Stanhope House will provide an opportunity for the building to be made more energy efficient. Energy efficiency modifications might include window and door replacement, solar design elements, installation of energy efficient appliances, etc.

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(1) **Activity Name:**

LED Traffic Signal Replacement

(2) **Activity Narrative:**

This Public Works project would fund the conversion of the City of Norfolk's traffic signals from incandescent light bulbs to brighter, energy saving Light Emitting Diodes (LED). Our project proposes the replacement of all of the incandescent signal indications to include signal blank-out signs and pedestrian signal indications. The City has 286 signalized intersections, a total number of signal lenses of 10,000, and approximately 35% of conversions completed to date.

Benefits to LED signal indications:

- 1) Increased safety to motorists and signal personnel.
- 2) Reduction of traffic congestion.

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- 3) Reduced air pollution from electric generation.
- 4) Reduced electricity costs to City and taxpayers.

The low/moderate income census tracts that will receive LED bulb replacement are identified in the table below.

CENSUS TRACT	CENSUS TRACT LMI %	CENSUS TRACT NAME	INTERSECTION NUMBER	INTERSECTION LOCATION/NAME
51	66%	Campostella Heights	L036	Campostella & Filmore
52	86%	Diggs Town, Oakleaf Forest	L312	Campostella & Greenleaf
51	66%	Campostella Heights	L038	Campostella & Springfield
52	86%	Diggs Town, Oakleaf Forest	L290	Indian River & Marsh
51	66%	Campostella Heights	L231	Indian River & Wilson Road

(3) **Jobs Created:**

The City estimates that approximately 12 positions will be created and/or retained through this project.

(4) **Additional Activity Information:**

Energy savings will be realized by these conversions and have been documented by some of what the City has already completed and metered and coordinated with Dominion Virginia Power on. LED indication uses an average of 85% less electricity to produce the same light output of an incandescent lamp. These conversions will reduce the electricity usage and will increase the signal indications lifecycle as well as decrease the maintenance costs. LED signal indication has a minimum life expectancy of seven to ten years. An incandescent traffic signal lamp, on the other hand, has a life expectancy of 10 to 24 months.

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(1) **Activity Name:**

Haynes Warehouse Demolition

(2) **Activity Narrative:**

The former Haynes Warehouse is adjacent to the newly redeveloped Broad Creek Community in the Ballentine Place Census Tract. An asbestos report is complete revealing moderate amounts of asbestos removal required. The demolition will take about 2 months to get underway once approved, due to asbestos removal, procurement, permits, contracts, site preparation. Once the project commences, it will take about 60 days to complete the demolition.

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(3) **Jobs Created:**

The City does not anticipate the creation of any positions in association with this project. However, the City does reasonably assume that contractors will be able to retain current positions from the revenue received from this project.

(4) **Additional Activity Information:**

As a vacant property this building is a blighting influence on the community due to regular graffiti tagging and is vulnerable to break-ins and other illegal activities. Removal of the structure will eliminate a potential “center” of crime activity.

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(1) **Activity Name:**

Pedestrian Access to Light Rail

(2) **Activity Narrative:**

Pedestrian access for Light Rail is proposed for the purpose of eliminating existing pedestrian barriers to the Light Rail Stations. The concept is to provide a barrier free, ADA-compliant corridor based on a twenty minute walk to all Rail Stations. The principle obstructions are curbs and damaged sections of sidewalk. The focus is to be on the North-South Corridors (Hampton Blvd, Colley Ave., Llewellyn Ave., Saint Pauls Blvd., Granby St., Monticello Ave., Tidewater Dr., Ballentine Blvd., Ingleside, Military Hwy. and Kempsville Rd.). The specific areas to be funded with CDBG-R are identified in the table below.

TRACT	CENSUS TRACT LMI %	TRACT NAME	STREET/ROAD
69.01	54%	Janaf, Military Circle	Kempsville Road, Military Highway
70.01	60%	Crown Point, Raby Road	Military Highway
64	51%	Ingleside, Norfolk Square	Ingleside Road
46	86%	Chesterfield Heights	Ballentine Boulevard
44	86%	Roberts Village, Bowling Green	Ballentine Boulevard
33	63%	Ballentine Place	Ballentine Boulevard
48	95%	Tidewater Gardens	Tidewater Drive, Church Street
42	94%	Calvert Square, Church Street	Tidewater Drive, Church Street
35.01	73%	Huntersville (East)	Tidewater Drive
34	66%	Lindenwood, Villa Heights	Tidewater Drive
41	96%	Young Terrace, Church Street	Church Street
35.02	73%	Huntersville (West)	Church Street
29	77%	Park Pace (East)	Church Street, Llewellyn Avenue
27	75%	Park Place (West)	Colley Avenue, Hampton Boulevard

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26	73%	North Colley	Colley Avenue, Hampton Boulevard
25	79%	Lambert's Point, ODU	Hampton Boulevard

(3) **Jobs Created:**

The City will not create and/or retain any jobs as a direct result of funding this project. However, the City estimates that the contract engaged to complete this work will be able to retain current positions due to the funds made available through this project.

(4) **Additional Activity Information:**

This project will contribute to the protection and preservation of the environment through a multimodal transportation system. By providing an effective, energy conscious alternative for commuters Light Rail will directly contribute to the a decrease in the carbon emissions as commuters opt to utilize public transit in lieu of their personal automobiles. Providing pedestrian access to light rail stations makes the commuter's decision to use light rail both eco-friendly and convenient.

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(1) **Activity Name:**

Solar Tubes for Restrooms

(2) **Activity Narrative:**

The project is for the installation of solar tubes in all applicable park restrooms. A solar tube provides light like a skylight, but doesn't require major structural changes which makes this is a cost effective alternative to improving energy efficiency. Solar tubes eliminate the use of fluorescent lighting during daylight hours. Solar tubes are planned for the following parks located in L/M income areas:

TRACT	CENSUS TRACT LMI %	TRACT NAME	PARK RESTROOM
2.01	57%	Ocean View	Community Beach
4	54%	Willoughby	Captain's Quarters
4	54%	Willoughby	Sara Constant Beach
29	77%	Park Place (East)	Lafayette Park
35.01	73%	Huntersville (East)	Huntersville Pool
46	86%	Chesterfield Height	Grandy Village Recreation Center
50	72%	Berkley (North)	Berkley Recreation Center
55	63%	Monticello Village	Northside Park
55	63%	Monticello Village	Northside Pool
65.02	72%	East Ocean View	Ocean View Recreation Center

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65.02	72%	East Ocean View	East Ocean View Boating and Fishing Center
64	51%	Ingleside, Norfolk Square	Ingleside Recreation Center

(3) **Jobs Created:**

The City does not anticipate any jobs will be created in relation to this project.

(4) **Additional Activity Information:**

The concept of solar tube lighting is to reduce energy consumption by installing solar tubes in the restroom roof tops. This natural light source provides the bulk of the lighting requirements as most of our parks are open from dawn to dusk. During periods of low light a photo cell and timer will cut florescent auxiliary lights on and off as needed. Savings in excess of 30% can be expected.

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(1) **Activity Name:**

CDBG-R Grant Administration

(2) **Activity Narrative:**

This project will fund the administrative costs for administering CDBG-R grant funds.

(3) **Jobs Created:**

The City, through its General Fund budget, has created one (1) position for the particular purpose of monitoring all stimulus activities. A Management Analyst position has been created to provide administrative oversight to include monitoring, reporting and technical assistance.

(4) **Additional Activity Information:**

OGM staff will provide technical assistance to ensure compliance with Environmental Review requirements, Davis-Bacon Act rules and CDBG/CDBG-R program regulations.

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### *C. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Provide a summary of public comments received to the proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.

*Note:* A Proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment must be published via the usual methods and posted on the jurisdiction's website for no less than 7 calendar days for public comment.

#### Response:

The City of Norfolk did not receive any comments regarding this substantial amendment during the comment period from May 29 – June 4, 2009.