

CDBG-R American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

At the City Council meeting held May 29, 2009, the City Council authorized the \$82,719.00 of CDBG-R funding to be sought for approval of HUD, to be utilized toward design services for infrastructure within Census Tract 9, Block 1.

Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Information

Please be advised that on April 5, 2009, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (CDBG-R).

The City of Coeur d'Alene has been allocated \$82,719.00 of CDBG-R funds, which are to be added to our 2008 CDBG Action Plan, under a substantial amendment. The City is posting this information and providing **14 days for public comments from May 15, 2009 through May 29, 2009. Written comments should be submitted to Renata McLeod, Project Coordinator, 710 E. Mullan Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814, or electronically at renata@cdaid.org.**

The City is proposing to utilize the funding to provide design services to infrastructure enhancements (including storm water management, curbing, paving, and water services) within Census Tract 9, Block 1, which consists of 68% low to moderate income citizens (Howard Avenue south to Marie Avenue and Howard Avenue extended north of Neider Avenue).

The National Objective this project meets would be to benefit low and moderate-income (LMI) persons. Staff believes that the proposed project would meet the addition (CDBG-R) objectives of 2. Assisting those most impacted by the recession (low and moderate-income persons); 3. Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency; and 4. Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits. Additionally, the proposed area is within the City's highest low to moderate income (LMI) census block area, with 68% of the residents reporting as LMI. Since the city currently has a Neider Avenue project underway, this additional design work blends well and allows the project to grow to better connect the neighborhood and tie into the future development of the Howard Avenue north extension. This was not a part of the original project.

HUD has requested an expedited process, waiving ordinary citizen participation requirements, and allowing for only a 7 day public comment period. The city is providing 14 days. Additionally, the substantial amendment is due to HUD no later than June 5, 2009, with the proposed project to begin within 120 days.