

**County of Morris**  
**Division of Community Development**  
**Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Action Plan**  
**Community Development Block Grant Program**  
**Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

**ACTIVITY – CHILDREN ON THE GREEN CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Other Recovery Act funding: none

Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: \$73,580.

Maximize job creation: Funding for child care scholarships could give income eligible families the opportunity to find employment because they would have access to affordable child care.

Maximize economic benefit: Not only does child care help families find employment but it allows those already working to stay employed because they have safe, affordable child care.

Will address the Recovery Act by:

- (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: It will preserve jobs because income eligible parents can continue to work. It can also create jobs in Child Care centers accommodating more children.
- (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: Income eligible families struggle to live in the expensive communities within Morris County. These low income families are severely impacted by the recession.
- (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: N/A
- (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: N/A
- (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: This funding stream would make a significant impact on maintaining the essential service of child care. With plummeting charitable contributions and usually reliable sources of funding drying up, this is a rare funding opportunity.
- (F) Fostering energy independence: N/A

iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs).

**ACTIVITY – DELTA COMMUNITY SUPPORTS, INC. KITCHEN & BATHROOM RENOVATIONS**

- Other Recovery Act funding: none
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: \$52,100
- Maximize job creation: Will need plumber, electrician and carpenter.
- Maximize economic benefit: Activity will include rehab work that will bring building up to energy efficiency standards.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: Will create temporary jobs for plumber, electrician and carpenter.

- (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: Activity will assist special needs residents by providing decent housing, which is at a significant deficit in NJ due to dwindling funds for housing and services.
- (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Delta Community Supports is in no financial position to fund this type of activity independently. This investment would assist Delta is achieving greater energy efficiency and will help decrease energy costs.
- (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: N/A
- (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: N/A
- (F) Fostering energy independence: In the bathroom, all fixtures will be replaced with water conserving fixtures and the lighting will be energy efficient. Interior walls will be insulated to reduce heating requirements. The Kitchen will have energy efficient appliances such as stove, oven, refrigerator, etc.

iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs). 3 part time jobs: plumber, electrician and carpenter.

#### **ACTIVITY – FAMILY SERVICES OF MORRIS COUNTY ADULT DAY CARE**

- Other Recovery Act funding - none
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources \$421.326
- Maximize job creation: Activity will enable job retention.
- Maximize economic benefit: Activity will enable families to work while their loved ones are being cared for properly.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: providing scholarships for seniors to attend the Day Care center will preserve jobs in the adult Day Care center. The number of Program Assistants needed is dependant upon the census of the center. More scholarships will keep the census up in this difficult economy and keep program assistants working.
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted b the recession: Family Services adult day centers assist two groups significantly impacted by the recession: Seniors and senior caregivers. Most of the participants are age 70+, often too old to return to work despite reduced savings and lower benefits. Ninety-six percent of the participants in the centers are lower income – studies show that 20% of older adults are skipping meals and/or medications to save money and 40% are struggling to afford basics. The other group, caregiving families consists of adult children caring for their aging parents. These family members need the support of the time-out centers to be able to work. These families are significantly impacted by the recession and are often struggling to afford mortgages and college for their own children.
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: N/A
  - (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: N/A
  - (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: Funding would enable Family Services to continue serving low income adults needing day time care.

(F) Fostering energy independence: N/A

- iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs): Two to 5 part time jobs will be preserved

**ACTIVITY – FLORHAM PARK SIDEWALK**

- Other Recovery Act funding: None
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: \$152,000
- Maximize job creation: Spillover Effects of Sidewalk activity include employment opportunities for construction workers, truckers, laborers, factory workers creating materials and delivery persons.
- Maximize economic benefit: This construction project will provide economic benefits to contractors, material suppliers, and will facilitate more pedestrian traffic to Florham Park’s downtown area shopping centers.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: jobs will be created for construction workers, truckers, laborers, factory workers creating materials and delivery persons.
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: job retention.
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Activity provides safe, long term access to Florham Park downtown center.
  - (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Activity provides safe, long term access to Florham Park downtown center.
  - (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: N/A
  - (F) Fostering energy independence: Facilitates pedestrian and bicycle access to downtown area and municipal complex.

- iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs): 11-12 temporary construction workers: (1 plant worker providing supplies, 1-2 truckers delivering materials, 6 masons, 2 general laborers and 1 backhoe operator).

**ACTIVITY – INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES PARKING LOT/SIDEWALK/ENTRANCE WAY**

- Other Recovery Act funding: Interfaith Council for Homeless Families would like to collaborate with neighboring Interfaith Food Pantry, Inc., also included in this amendment, which is doing very similar work. Economies of scale will be achieved, enhancing each individual agency.
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: \$20,200
- Maximize job creation: Activity will enable the hiring of engineer, contractors and workmen.
- Maximize economic benefit: Interfaith Council for Homeless Families is directly adjacent to Interfaith Food Pantry (also included in this amendment). Both are in new locations, made

available by the County of Morris. Both are serving severely economically vulnerable and fragile households. Both need to make similar improvements to their new accommodations to serve their populations adequately. By collaborating on design and implementation, economies of scale will be achieved allowing maximum use of each dollar.

- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: activity will enable the hiring of contractors, engineer and work staff.
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: 100% of the clients served by Interfaith are living in poverty. The recession has impacted these families significantly. They are now competing with applicants at college level and beyond in job searches. Landlords, who in the past were able to reduce rents for those on housing subsidies, now cannot, as they cannot afford to reduce rents.
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Agency is a small non profit with a very small budget. Funding this activity would enable collaboration with the neighboring Interfaith Food Pantry, promoting maximum gain out of every dollar spent.
  - (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Paved parking area will incorporate storm water management strategies to treat stormwater runoff, protecting surface water quality.
  - (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: This project will enable Interfaith to enhance its service to homeless families, those affected by HIV and those in poverty. Having adequately paved surfaces will prevent a disruption of essential service to these families. The van service will be able to pick up, drop off and transport people to job searches, daycare and other appointments. In addition, the entrance way will be made ADA compliant allowing those with physical disabilities to enter the building. It is of paramount importance for this most vulnerable and fragile population to have clear access to these essential services
  - (F) Fostering energy independence: N/A

iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs): 5 temporary part time jobs.

#### **ACTIVITY – INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY, INC. - PAVING**

- Other Recovery Act funding: None
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: \$200,000
- Maximize job creation: Local contractors, architect and civil engineer will be employed in calendar year 2009.
- Maximize economic benefit: Construction labor will be compensated under Davis-Bacon rules.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: Local contractors, architect and civil engineer will be employed.
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: Activity will benefit people serving and using the pantry. The population served has escalated during this economic downturn.
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Site is new to this organization. The planned new headquarters/warehouse (Phase II of this activity) will be

much more efficient and have a significantly greater food store/client service capacity than the current facility that was not designed for use in food storage/distribution.

- (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: The parking lot/storm water management system will be designed to minimize the adverse impact on the environment. The improved parking area will enable greater efficiency in serving clientele. Phase II will be constructed to maximize energy efficiency, and, if economically/physically feasible, will employ solar panels.
- (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: Activity will enable more efficient service of providing food stuffs to some of the county's most vulnerable households. Phase II, the new facility, will ensure the Pantry's capacity to meet the growing problem of food insecurity in Morris County; the existing facility will soon reach physical capacity, thus limiting the ability to serve the increasing needs of the low income population.
- (F) Fostering energy independence. Phase II, which will not be funded by these funds.

iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs). Part time jobs for local contractors, architect and civil engineer.

#### **ACTIVITY – LINCOLN PARK WATER BOOSTER STATION**

- Other Recovery Act funding: None
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: 2009 Water Capital Bond Ordinance of \$334,920 plus requested \$80,000 CDBG-R totally \$414,920.
- Maximize job creation: Activity will provide a new opportunity for area residents, 32.6% of whom are low/moderate income, to apply for employment. In addition to technical work (engineering, electrical contractor, pump technician) there will also be a need for general laborers.
- Maximize economic benefit: Construction of this activity and the effects of the new water booster station will have temporary and long term economic impact on the community through job creation and the subsequent safe and reliable source of potable water.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: This activity will supply jobs and much needed infrastructure improvement to an area that has a higher (32.6%) representation of low/moderate income households than the threshold level of 27.7%
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: Activity would provide new employment opportunities for area residents, 32.6% of whom are low/moderate income.
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Investment in the pumper station project would contribute to economic efficiency by omitting the imposition of additional cost burden to the tax payers. Without assistance, the projected cost of activity, to area residents, would be reflected in an estimated increase from \$120 water rate per year to \$1000.
  - (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: The booster station activity would provide long term infrastructure relief to an area where water availability is below standard. The booster station is a separate water system within the Borough. Water is purchased from a

neighboring community and directed to Lincoln Park residents through this booster station and related distribution systems. A dependable potable water system is critical to the health, safety and welfare of area residents.

- (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: The booster station activity would enable the provision of safe and reliable potable water supply to area residents.
- (F) Fostering energy independence: N/A

iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs): 25 temporary jobs: pump technician, electrical contractor, engineer and general laborers.

### **ACTIVITY – MONTVILLE LIBRARY HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT**

- Other Recovery Act funding: The Township is in the process of submitting applications for additional Recover Act funding through the COPS Rehire Program, the New Jersey Department of Transportation – Transportation Enhancement Grant Opportunity, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for Water & Sewer improvements.
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: \$38,000
- Maximize job creation: The development phase of the project will result in the employment of a private contractor, who will use employees to do the work. Making the library more accessible will benefit the many individuals who may be conducting job searches among other research.
- Maximize economic benefit: This project will maximize economic benefit b taking advantage of favorable prices on materials and labor while providing an employment opportunity and the movement of capital.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: The development phase of the project will result in the employment of a private contractor, who will use employees to do the work.
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: The Handicapped Accessibility Improvements Project will assist those most impacted by the recession through increasing accessibility to the Montville Library. The Montville Library is a place where individuals have access to numerous tools including, books, newspapers, magazines, computers, the Internet, and other forms of media. If people are out of work, these tools can assist in a job search or producing the required documentation to apply for a job.
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Improved efficiency of the door will prevent wasteful propping open of doors, which is a drain on the heating and air conditioning system; economic efficiency will thus increase.
  - (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Increasing accessibility to resources that are available to everyone, free of charge, is a strong investment with long-term economic benefits.
  - (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: The Handicapped Accessibility Improvements Project increases accessibility to valuable services and programs.
  - (F) Fostering energy independence: N/A

- iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs): temporary work for a contractor and his/her employees.

**ACTIVITY – MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY HALLWAY AIR CONDITIONING**

- Other Recovery Act funding: Funds have already been allocated to another project.
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: \$100,000
- Maximize job creation: Activity will require an architect and a contractor with 5 employees.
- Maximize economic benefit: Activity will provide a long term investment in the interior utility infrastructure of this residence for low income seniors.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery; will hire an architect and a contractor with 5 employees
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: yes, low income elderly
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: outdated fans currently in use; new efficient energy conserving air conditioning units will improve current operations.
  - (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or \_\_\_\_\_
  - (F) Fostering energy independence. Using energy efficient appliances while providing a healthy environment for senior citizens.

- iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs): 2 part time, 6 full time jobs to design and install air conditioning system.

**ACTIVITY – MORRISTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE CHILDCARE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Other Recovery Act funding: None
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: \$743,345.
- Maximize job creation: Approximately 2.5 child care workers’ jobs retained plus approximately ten low income working families supported in their efforts to maintain employment or obtain new jobs.
- Maximize economic benefit: Approximately 12.5 jobs retained or otherwise supported.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: The recession has dramatically impacted low income families’ ability to pay for child care. Due to economic challenges, many families either withdraw their children and use inadequate (often risky) child care arrangements or maintain extremely high balances on their accounts and risk being discharged from the program. The requested funds represent the salary of two full time plus one part time staff member in one of the child care program. Accordingly,

CDBG-R funds will help Neighborhood House retain 2.5 jobs and keep approximately 10 children in a safe environment.

- (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: Low income families with young children are often most impacted by the recession. Through job losses and/or reductions in pay, low income families struggle to pay for child care. Lack of dependable high quality child care makes it extraordinarily difficult for families to maintain existing employment, search for a new job or participate in training programs that will make them eligible for new jobs in emerging industries. Child care is an invaluable support for low income families most impacted by the recession.
- (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: N/A
- (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; N/A
- (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: CDBG-R's support will help low income families maintain critically needed child care services.
- (F) Fostering energy independence. N/A

iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs).

The requested funds represent approximately 2.5 Full Time Equivalents. Accordingly, CDBG-R funds will help Neighborhood House retain 2 full time plus 1 part time staff member.

#### **ACTIVITY – ROCKAWAY TWP SIDEWALK**

- Other Recovery Act funding: No other Recovery Act funding
- Total Activity Budget from all Funding Sources: Total \$88,000 with \$80,000 requested from CDBG-R and \$8,000 from Twp Budget.
- Maximize job creation: Proposed work includes several trades such as masonry, drainage, landscaping and paving. In addition, supplies will be needed such as granite block, drainage grates, retaining wall materials and soil erosion measures.
- Maximize economic benefit: There will be multiple jobs created in addition to allowing low/moderate income neighborhood to utilize pedestrian route for employment and services.
- Will address the Recovery Act by:
  - (A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: Activity will create multiple trade jobs corresponding to project installation. It will also require raw materials for the new infrastructure to be installed.
  - (B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession: Activity will assist the construction trade which has been severely impacted by the recession for all the necessary labor needed on site and for provision of supplies.
  - (C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency: Activity will have rapid turn-around time as there will be no outside permits required and construction could commence within a few months.
  - (D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits: Activity can be considered a direct investment in transportation and pedestrian infrastructure with the new sidewalk, new curbing and improved drainage structures. Curbing will serve to prevent further erosion of land strip, enhancing water quality of storm water runoff.

- (E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: Activity will improve street conditions with proper curbing and drainage to assist the Department of Public Works with maintenance obligations.
  - (F) Fostering energy independence. Activity will promote enhanced pedestrian traffic flow.
- iv. The number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs): Approximately five (5) full time construction related jobs for duration of construction project and through close-out phase of activity.

**V.1. A description of the activities that will be carried out with CDBG-R funds that promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions.**

- Children on the Green (Child Care Scholarships) creates jobs for qualified people who desire to work in the early education field. More children in the centers creates the need for more teachers. Most importantly, Children on the Green can provide child care services so that parents can work in the newly created jobs, and for those already working, can help them to continue to work.
- Delta Community Supports, Inc., in upgrading its kitchen and bathroom, will incorporate energy efficiency. In the bathroom, all fixtures will be replaced with water conserving fixtures and the lighting will be energy efficient. All exterior and interior walls will be insulated to reduce heating and cooling requirements. Existing lighting fixtures will be replaced with fixtures that are energy efficient and lighting will be controlled by motion detectors. The kitchen will be outfitted with energy efficient appliances.
- Florham Park Sidewalk Activity proposes to include solar powered pedestrian crossing beacons.
- Interfaith Council for Homeless Families Parking Area component of their Paving/Sidewalk/Entrance Way activity will incorporate storm water management strategies, similar to neighboring Interfaith Food Pantry, protecting surface water quality from storm water runoff.
- Interfaith Food Pantry, Inc's activity is the first Phase of a two-phased project. Phase I, the parking lot, will employ CDBG-R funds to construct an environmentally sound storm water management system as part of the parking area development. This is the precursor to the Phase II building where green technology will be employed to the maximum extent feasible.
- Borough of Lincoln Park Water Booster Station will assist in reducing emissions through the installation of more energy efficient pump motors designed to use less energy than older systems, which possess a far greater power draw.
- Morris County Housing Authority Hallway Air Conditioning activity will promote energy conservation by way of using Energy Star rated units.
- Rockaway Township Sidewalk Activity will improve sidewalks. The handicapped ramps will promote pedestrian traffic flow and thereby will reduce automobile dependency. Ideally, individuals will use the sidewalk network to travel from residences to school to retail destinations, again reducing dependency on cars.

**V.2. A description of how the distribution and uses of the grantee's CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of the Recovery Act: that, in selecting projects to be funded, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 calendar days from the date the funds are made available to the recipients; and that for CDBG-R funds being used for infrastructure investments, recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50% of the funds for activities that can be initiated no later than 120 calendar days after February 17, 2009, or June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

- Children on the Green (Child Care Scholarships) would be able to use the funds as soon as they are available.
- Delta Community Supports, Inc. (kitchen/bathroom rehab) will be able to commence work within a week subsequent to Township approval. As of this writing Township approval takes about two weeks. Turnaround can be met within two months.
- Family Services would be able to award all scholarships within 3 months.
- The Borough of Florham Park (Sidewalk Activity) municipal officials have already retained a surveyor to prepare Base Mapping, and intends to begin construction of the project by September, 2009.
- The Interfaith Council for Homeless Families would be able to begin the project by June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, building on the design and research conducted already by their neighbors Interfaith Food Pantry (see next activity).
- The Interfaith Food Pantry (Parking lot/storm water management project) has already engaged an architect and site engineer. They will collaborate with Interfaith Council for Homeless Families in obtaining and selecting bids, expediting the implementation process.
- **Borough of Lincoln Park**
- The Montville Library's Handicapped Accessibility Improvements Project has an anticipated start date of July 1, 2009 and anticipated completion date of October 31, 2009.
- Morris County Housing Authority intends to solicit architects to complete plans and oversee the installation of the air conditioning units in the hallways. This activity will commence immediately in order to allow architects to respond effectively to the request for proposal. Upon award of the contract, architect will immediately go out for public bids. Work should commence within 60 days upon approval of Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Contractor should complete work within 60-90 days.
- Neighborhood House will use CDBG-R funds to subsidize child care services for low income families who do not reside in Dover or Parsippany. Given the large number of low income families enrolled in our child care programs who have been impacted dramatically by the recession, Neighborhood House can use all CDBG-R funds expeditiously.
- Township of Rockaway (Sidewalk) is ready to award the activity within 120 calendar days from the date the funds are made available to the recipient as there are no outside permits required. In addition, the contract documents will be prepared by Township professional staff employees as opposed to relying on outside consultants.

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