

Public Notice
Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
Substantial Amendment to the
Cook County, IL
2008 Consolidated Annual Action Plan
(October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009)

Notice is hereby given that the County completed a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Substantial Amendment to its 2008 Consolidated Annual Action Plan on December 1, 2008. The draft Amendment was originally posted for public comment online on November 7 and again in final draft form on November 26, but is being reposted for public comment to ensure maximum citizen participation. The Substantial Amendment concerns the use of NSP grant funds in the amount of \$28,156,321 to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides emergency assistance for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed residential properties as part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. Eligible activities include financing mechanisms for purchase of foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed or abandoned homes, land banks for foreclosed homes, demolition of blighted structures, and redevelopment of demolished or vacant property. The County proposes to undertake activities that are consistent with HUD's national NSP program objectives of providing emergency assistance for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed residential properties to areas of greatest need. The eligible activities described in the Substantial Amendment may be subject to change as a result of written public comments received by the deadline date of January 24, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of this notice is to gain public input and comment on the proposed NSP Substantial Amendment for a period of 15 days. On January 10, 2009, this notice and the NSP Substantial Amendment will be posted and available for download from the County's website at www.cookcountygov.com. Copies of the Amendment may be obtained at the Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602. Written comments will be accepted until January 24, 2009 and may be sent to this address or emailed to: gnullons@cookcountygov.com

Copies will also be available for public review and comment, as of January 10, 2009, at the following Cook County Libraries: Arlington Heights Public Library, Barrington Area Library, Bellwood Public Library, Berwyn Public Library, Chicago Heights Public Library, Cicero Public Library, Glenview Public Library, LaGrange Public Library, LaGrange Park Public Library, Lemont Public Library, Matteson Public Library, Midlothian Public Library, Oak Park Public Library, Orland Park Public Library, Park Ridge Public Library, South Holland Public Library and Winnetka Public Library