

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION NOTICE

2005-2009 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan

Substantial Amendment to the PY2008 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program

Cook County

The County of Cook, Department of Planning and Development, is accepting citizen comments regarding their **draft** Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Amendment to the PY 2008 Annual Action Plan component of the 2005-2009 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan.

Cook County will be submitting a single CDBG-R Amendment to the PY2008 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD announced the availability of approximately \$1 billion dollars as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Rules and regulations for CDBG-R were released on May 5, 2009 and the Amendment must be submitted to HUD by June 5, 2009. Cook County is eligible for \$2,853,255 of this funding. The CDBG-R Amendment guides the allocation of new supplemental CDBG funds designed to modernize the Nation's infrastructure, create or retain jobs, and provide long term economic public benefits through "shovel ready projects". Specific programs or activities for CDBG-R funds have been included within this Substantial Amendment document.

An important part of the process of developing the original Consolidated Plan, the annual Action Plans, and this **draft** CDBG-R Amendment is citizen participation and input. All interested parties are invited and encouraged to provide comments.

Written comments on the proposed CDBG-R Amendment are being solicited through June 12, 2009. Comments or questions should be directed to the Department of Planning and Development, County of Cook, staff by calling 312-603-1000 or by writing to: CDBG-R Amendment, Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. June 12, 2009 in order to receive consideration. Questions and requests for information should be directed to Cook County staff at the phone number referenced above.

Copies of the draft CDBG-R Amendment will be available for public review and comment, as of May 27, 2009 at the following locations: Suite 2900, 69 West Washington, Cook County, Department of Planning and Development (312) 603-1000; Arlington Heights Memorial Public Library, 500 N. Dunton, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Barrington Area Public Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington, Illinois, 60010; Bellwood Public Library, 600 Bohland Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois, 60104; Berwyn Public Library, 2701 S. Harlem Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, 60402; Chicago Heights Public Library, 15th and Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois, 60411; Cicero Public Library, 5225 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois, 60804; Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, Illinois, 60025; LaGrange Public Library, 10 West Cossitt Avenue, LaGrange, Illinois, 60525; LaGrange Park Public Library, 555 N. LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park, Illinois, 60526; Lemont Public Library, 50 East Wend Street, Lemont, Illinois, 60439; Matteson Public Library, 801 School Avenue, Matteson, Illinois, 60443; Midlothian Public Library, 14701 Kenton Avenue, Midlothian, Illinois, 60445; Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois, 60301; Orland Park Public Library, 14921 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois, 60462; Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect, Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068; South Holland Public Library, 16250 Wausau Avenue, South Holland, Illinois, 60473; Winnetka Public Library, 768 Oak Street, Winnetka, Illinois, 60093.

The CDBG-R Amendment can also be accessed online at:<http://www.cookcountygov.com>.

To be completed at the end of the public comment period.