

CITY OF BAY CITY, MI

INVITATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS & PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL AND FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM PLANNING

FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT & HOME INVESTMENT PARTHERSHIPS PROGRAMS

Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds to the City of Bay City annually under authority of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended. The city allocates these grant funds to a variety of housing, public service and community development-related activities that benefit low and moderate-income city residents and neighborhoods. These activities include home rehabilitation and repair, new home construction, public improvements, public and social services, and other eligible activities.

Invitation to Submit Applications for CDBG Program Funding Assistance - The city invites non-profit community service providers, city departments and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to submit funding assistance applications for public services, programs and activities that will benefit extremely low, low and moderate-income city residents and neighborhoods. Grant application forms and filing instructions will be available in the city's Planning and Redevelopment Department, Room 413, City Hall, or at www.baycitymi.org beginning January 3, 2010.

Because of current economic conditions and limited federal resources, the city will be focusing its 2010 CDBG and HOME entitlement programs on basic community needs, such as the provision of food, shelter and health and dental care to extremely low, low and moderate-income city residents.

Invitation to Participate in Annual CDBG and Five-Year Program Planning Process - City residents and non-profit community service providers are invited to participate in the process of planning the disbursement of CDBG and HOME program funds. This process includes public meetings, public hearings and budgeting sessions conducted by the city's Coordinating Council and the City Commission as a means of soliciting city residents and service providers' opinions relating to the city's housing, public service and community development needs. All city residents, non-profit community service providers, city departments and CHDOs are encouraged to attend the hearings and meetings to express their interest in and views about the city's housing, public service and community development needs.

Availability of funds - CDBG and HOME funds become available for expenditure by the city and sub-recipients following the approval of activities and programs by the City Commission, submission of a CDBG and HOME Programs Annual Action Plan to HUD for its approval, and the environmental review of these programs required at 24 CFR Part 58. The Annual Action Plan will include all of the activities and programs selected by the city for funding during the 2010 – 2011 CDBG and HOME program year.

The schedule for soliciting CDBG funding assistance applications and selecting assisted activities for funding during the 2010 – 2011 program year, and the submission of the city's 2010 Annual CDBG & HOME Program Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development to HUD is as follows:

Annual CDBG & HOME Program Planning Timeline

Date	Time	Activity
January 4, 2010	- - -	CDBG Grant Application Forms & Filing Instructions Available – Planning & Redevelopment Office - Room 413, City Hall, 301 Washington Avenue & at www.baycitymi.org .
January 21, 2010	5:00 p.m.	Deadline for Submission of CDBG Funding Assistance Grant Applications – Room 413, City Hall.
February 10 & 11, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council CDBG Budget Working Session.
February 18, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council CDBG Budget Working Session.
March 1, 2010	6:00 p.m.	City Commission Pubic Hearing - Proposed 2010 CDBG Program Budget – City Commission Chambers, City Hall.
March 15, 2010	7:30 p.m.	City Commission Vote on Allocation of 2010 - 2011 CDBG & HOME program entitlement funds.
April 14, 2010	6:00 p.m	Public Hearing - Annual CDBG & HOME Action Plan & Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development – Room 301, City Hall.
April 15 – May 14, 2010		Thirty-Day Public Comment Period on Annual Action Plan
May 17, 2010	7:30 p.m.	City Commission approval of resolution of adoption of Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development and Annual CDBG & HOME Program Action Plan.
May 28, 2010		Submission of Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development and Annual CDBG & HOME Program Action Plan to HUD.

For additional information about the eligibility requirements for funding of proposed CDBG and HOME activities or the submission of funding applications to the city, or the city’s annual CDBG & HOME program planning timeline, please contact the city’s Redevelopment Department, Room 413, City Hall, 301 Washington Avenue or call (989)894-8156 during regular business hours.

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