



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

STEPHANIE  
RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

October 20, 2011

Dear Community Development Partners:

In accordance with federal regulations governing the use of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), we are notifying you of our intent to amend the activities contained in the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2008 Action Plan.

The proposed changes primarily involve (1) reallocating funds set-aside for TRF Developers (\$300,000); (2) reducing funds for the Baltimore Development Corp. (\$5,000); (3) decreasing funds for general management, oversight and coordination of the CDBG-R program (\$52,624); (4) incorporating minor reductions to activities undertaken by community organizations to reflect unspent funds; and reallocating these funds to (1) an existing ARRA funded city loan program -- Direct Homeownership Assistance (\$100,000); and (2) providing grants to low income homeowners under the weatherization assistance program for emergency repairs including, but not limited to furnace replacement (\$262,390.48).

We would like to finalize these changes as soon as possible so that revised information can be forwarded to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Therefore, we ask that you review the enclosed list, which outlines the proposed modifications. Comments regarding this amendment must be submitted in writing to:

Shama Ganachari, Chief  
CDBG Office  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
417 E. Fayette Street – Suite 1101  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

The deadline for written comments is Friday, October 28, 2011. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that this amendment is acceptable.

Sincerely,

  
Paul T. Graziano  
Commissioner

Enclosure

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**AMENDMENT TO ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER  
THE AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009  
(CDBG-R)  
October 2011**

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| 1. | <u>Baltimore Development Corporation</u><br>Façade Loan Program to revitalize businesses and stabilize neighborhoods. Focusing on façade improvements in targeted neighborhoods will maximize the visual impact of the commercial business districts and spur economic development – Decrease CDBG-R funding for this program from \$800,000 to \$795,000.   | -\$5,000.00  |
| 2. | <u>Civic Works</u><br>Funds for the 3E Energy Solutions program. The program will provide training to low and moderate-income persons in retrofitting existing residential buildings to improve building performance and increase energy efficiency, resulting in homes that are safer, more comfortable and more affordable – Decrease CDBG-R funding for this program from \$79,766.99 to \$79,439.80  | -\$327.19    |
| 3. | <u>Garwyn Oaks United Neighbors, Inc.</u><br>Workshops and counseling services available to existing and potential homeowners regarding homeownership, rehabilitation and maintenance. Decrease CDBG-R funding for this program from \$28,000 to \$27,725.55.  | -\$274.45    |
| 4. | <u>Department of Housing and Community Development</u><br>Oversight of the CDBG-R program, including submission of Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Action Plan, environmental review, IDIS reporting and compliance of the program – Decrease CDBG-R funding for this activity from \$102,624 to \$50,000.   | -\$52,624.00 |
| 5. | <u>Direct Homeownership Assistance</u><br>Funds will be used to assist low and moderate income persons with purchasing a home by providing closing costs or down payment assistance - Increase CDBG-R funding for this activity from \$397,005 to \$497,005  | +\$100,000   |
| 6. | <u>Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.</u><br>Funds to cover a portion of the staff costs associated with the operations of the Harford Road Senior Center. The Center provides comfortable atmosphere in which local seniors can remain independent and active through specially designed programs such as educational and health seminars, outreach programs, recreational activities and social outings – Decrease CDBG-R funding for this program from \$50,000 to \$45,835.16. | -\$4,164.84  |
| 7. | <u>Weatherization Assistance Program</u><br>Allocate a total of \$262,390.48 in CDBG-R funds for the following activity:<br><br>"Grants to low income homeowners to assist with emergency repairs, including but not limited to furnace replacement".  | +262,390.48  |

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| <b>National Objective:</b> | <b>Low and Moderate Income Housing</b>                  |
| <b>Eligible Activity:</b>  | <b>Rehab; Single Family Residential</b>                 |
| <b>Locations:</b>          | <b>City-Wide</b>  |
| <b>Contact:</b>            | <b>Ken Strong</b>                                       |
|                            | <b>Division of Green, Healthy and Sustainable Homes</b> |
|                            | <b>Department of Housing and Community Development</b>  |
|                            | <b>417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21202</b>       |