

## CDBG Recovery Program

City of Springfield, Ohio Allocation: \$533,358

This program is funded through the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) with funds allocated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The intent of the program is to put these funds to use quickly. In selecting activities for CDBG-R funding, the City is to give priority to activities which can be under contract within 120 days of grant award.

The full range of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible activities and projects may generally be funded. The ARRA directs the City to use these funds to maximize job creation and economic benefit and in addition, certain types of activities are prohibited from receiving ARRA funding: casinos or other gambling facilities, aquariums, zoos, golf courses, or swimming pools.

The City is proposing to use the recovery funds to fund the replacement of miscellaneous curbs and sidewalks, the installation of handicap ramps, and the resurfacing of the existing roadway on the following streets:

- Clifton Ave. from Selma Rd. to Liberty St.
- Liberty St. from Clifton Ave. to Drexel Ave.
- Chestnut St. from Limestone St. to Murray St.
- Short St. from Chestnut St. to the end
- Elm St. from Sherman Ave. to Mt. Vernon Ave.
- Johnson Ave. from Limestone St. to Clay St. (Alternate)
- Ontario Ave. from Indiana Ave. to Johnson Ave. (Alternate)

The City intends to begin the bid process for the street work the first week of June, 2009 and award a contract within 60 days from bid opening. Johnson Avenue and Ontario Avenue will be bid as alternates to the bid for the other streets. If bid prices are low enough, these two alternate streets will be included in the program.

This proposed street work is in addition to the annual allocation of CDBG funds that City receives each year. The ARRA requires that the CDBG-R funds be tracked and accounted for separately from its annual allocation of CDBG funds.

The City must submit a substantial amendment to their Consolidated Plan 2008 Annual Action Plan to identify the planned uses for these funds. An advertisement soliciting public comment on the use of the CDBG-R funds will be in the May 3, 2009 edition of the Springfield News-Sun. The following day will start the required 12 day public comment period which ends on Friday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. The program's descriptions and details are available for public examination in the Community Development Department on the 2nd floor of City Hall at 76 E. High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45502, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested agencies, groups and persons are invited to submit comments for consideration by the City to the Community Development Department at the aforementioned address. Formal City Commission action with an effective date of May 18, 2009, regarding this proposed amendment will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting.

The City will submit an application for the funds to HUD in the near future, once HUD reaches decisions on several key issues regarding submission deadlines and content and publishes the procedures and process to be followed.