



TO: People interested in community and neighborhood development activities
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SUBJECT: Planning for the 2009-10 Program Funding Framework
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Attached to this cover memo is a set of proposed changes in the CDBG Program Funding Framework for 2009 to 2010. These changes are based upon our experience over the last two years, our estimates of upcoming trends, and comments from a variety of community representatives. They basically represent a refinement of current directions, rather than a radical departure from the current priorities.

The major changes are underlined and include the following:

- a) The investment limits per unit for housing and jobs have been raised to adjust to inflationary pressures in both markets.
- b) A preference for projects incorporating some form of pre and post purchase housing has been added to Objective B.
- c) Asbestos mitigation has been recognized as an additional cost when looking at investment limit exceptions on Objectives A, B and D.
- d) The Framework designates Brentwood-Sherman and the next census tract for purposes of the concentration neighborhood planning process for 2009. The Southwest area has been added to Objective L-2 as an extended strategy area.
- e) A preference for proposals that address issues related to people living in public places has been added to the outcome objective M-2.
- f) The proposed Framework deletes maximum percentages for CDBG involvement in community facility projects, but does retain the \$150,000 limit on total investment.
- g) The proposed Framework allocates the percentage of new CDBG funds formerly used to repay the Warner Park Center loan: 2% more to micro-enterprise development, 2% more to administrative and planning activities, and 9% more to community facilities.
- h) The proposed Framework raises the limit to \$20,000 for a Futures fund project, from the current \$15,000 limit.

The CDBG Commission is holding a third public hearing on March 6 at 5:00 to hear your comments about these proposed changes. We welcome your comments on these and other suggestions that you would make to improve the funding priorities.

Please attend the hearing, email your comments to the CDBG Office, or send them to us at Room 280, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Madison, WI 53710.

Thank you for your consideration and your interest.