West Lafayette Community Development Block Grant
2008-2009 Action Plan
Substantial Amendment

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act enacted in February, 2009 made funding available to the City of West Lafayette through the Community Development Block Grant program. This grant program is known as the CDBG-R program and it is intended to be used to stimulate the economy through activities that modernize the infrastructure or improve energy efficiency.

To access this funding, the City must make a substantial amendment to the current 2008-2009 Action Plan. This serves as notice of the Plan amendment that proposes to use the $117,571 in CDBG stimulus funding for the replacement of sidewalks and curbs and the installation of curb ramps on Robinson Street.

Public Facilities and Improvements; Street Improvements (HUD Matrix Code 03K) (Eligibility 570.201 c) (Low –Moderate Income Area wide benefit LMA) ; Non-Housing Community Development Plan of the 2008-2009 Action Plan is amended to include the CDBG-R funds of $117,571 to replace the sidewalk and curb and install curb ramps to provide accessibility on Robinson Street. The replacement of sidewalk and curb is a high priority with the objective of preserving, revitalizing and stabilizing neighborhoods by replacing deteriorated and unsafe infrastructure. The total project will include 2008-09 CDBG funding in the amount of $129,534 and will benefit 1,390 low to moderate income persons in Census Tract 53, Block Group 1000. 847 square feet of sidewalk and 2,029 linear feet of curb will be replaced and the 8 curb ramps will be installed.

The use of the CDBG-R funding for one infrastructure project will allow the stimulus funding to be spent within this construction season, meeting the goal of promoting economic recovery by spending these funds as expeditiously as possible. It is estimated that 19 local construction jobs will be preserved by this project while modernizing deteriorating infrastructure.

This proposal was available for citizen comment from May 22 through May 29, 2009. Notification of the availability appeared in an ad in the Lafayette Journal and Courier on May 22, 2009. No comments were received.

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