



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** July 14, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Housing and Redevelopment, Community Development Department

**SUBJECT:** Revised 2008-2009 Substantial Action Plan Amendment For Use Of 2009 Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act Funds

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the proposed revised substantial amendment to the City's 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan to include utilizing \$289,274 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds.

### DISCUSSION:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Act provides increased funds for various U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The City will be allocated an additional \$289,274 in CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) funds. In order to receive these funds the City was required to submit a substantial amendment to its 2008-2009 Action Plan (AP) by June 5, 2009.

May 19, 2009, Council approved the City of Santa Barbara's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Substantial Action Plan Amendment; which included the utilization of \$289,274 in CDBG-R funds for six capital projects. This amendment was submitted to HUD by the due date of June 5, 2009. The projects approved by Council are as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Franklin Center Roof Replacement	\$65,000
Haley Street Youth Sports Center Roof Replacement	\$25,000
Ortega Welcome House Roof Replacement	\$20,000
Sunflower Park Landscape and Irrigation	\$27,000
Eastside Neighborhood Park Playground	\$63,000
Alisos St. Access Ramp and Sidewalk Infill	\$89,274
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$289,274</b>

Subsequent to staff's recommendation and Council's approval of the above projects, HUD informed the City that previously undisclosed criteria precluded certain parks and recreation projects on our May 19, 2009 list. As a result, staff worked closely with our local HUD representative to identify acceptable replacement projects. Therefore, staff is proposing a revised 2008-2009 Action Plan Amendment that includes the removal of four City Parks and Recreation projects, an increase in funding for the two remaining projects and the use of the allowed 15% public service funding for the City's Job Apprenticeship Program. The proposed use of allocated CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) funds is as follows:

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1.	<b>Franklin Center and Public Health Clinic:</b> The purpose of this project is to stimulate the economy by contracting with local contractors to provide energy efficiency rehabilitation to this low-income neighborhood public health clinic and social services building. Rehabilitation will include the following: roof replacement; installation of an electronic building automation system to control all lighting and mechanical systems; installation of lighting occupancy sensors to minimize lighting "on" time; system commissioning to ensure that all mechanical and electrical systems are balanced and working according to design; and installation of air to air economizers on air conditioning systems to enable outside air to cool the building instead of mechanical cooling.	\$89,000
2.	<b>Alisos St. Sidewalk, Access Ramp and Lighting Installation:</b> The purpose of this project is to stimulate the economy by contracting with a local contractor to modernize the infrastructure on this residential street, including the installation of sidewalks and curb cuts at intersections, to meet ADA requirements, and the installation of energy efficient mid-block lighting.	\$156,883
3.	<b>Job Apprenticeship Program:</b> The purpose of this project is to stimulate the economy and expand educational opportunities for low-income youth by providing participants with training and temporary employment to increase their potential for future employability.	\$43,391
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$289,274</b>

A copy of the revised 2008-2009 Substantial Action Plan Amendment is available for public review on the City's webpage at [www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov), and, in the office of the City Clerk, Main Public Library and the Community Development Department.

Staff feels that these three projects meet the intent of the Recovery Act and are a prudent use of CDBG-R funding. The Haley Street Youth Sports Center and Ortega Welcome House roof replacements will be completed using State Workforce Housing funds that were frozen by the State and have now become available. The City Area Target Neighborhood Improvement Task Force will decide whether to apply for Fiscal Year 2011 CDBG funding for the remaining two projects, Sunflower Park Landscape and Irrigation and Eastside Neighborhood Park Playground.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office