

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

for the  
**Community Development Block Grant  
Recovery Program (CDBG-R) under the**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

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**CITY OF MILWAUKEE,  
WISCONSIN**

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U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development  
by the  
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City Hall – 200 East Wells Street; Room 606  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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# **CDBG-R SUBMISSION TEMPLATE** **& CHECKLIST**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act") was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act awards \$1 billion in CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) funds to be distributed to cities, counties, insular areas and states, of which \$10 million has been reserved by HUD for its administrative costs and \$10 million of which will be awarded to Indian tribes. Recipients of the remaining \$980 million of CDBG-R funds will be the approximately 1,200 jurisdictions that received CDBG funding in Fiscal Year 2008. This template sets forth the suggested format for grantees receiving funds from CDBG-R. A complete submission contains the information requested below, including:

- (1) The CDBG-R Substantial Amendment (template attached below)
- (2) Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities (see <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>)
- (3) Signed and Dated Certifications (see <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>)
- (4) Signed and Dated [SF-424](#).

Grantees should also attach a completed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment Checklist to ensure completeness and efficiency of review (attached below).

# **THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

Jurisdiction(s): City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin	CDBG-R Contact Person: Steven L. Mahan Address: City Hall-200 E. Wells St. Room 606; Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
Jurisdiction Web Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>( <a href="http://www.city.Milwaukee.gov/CommunityDevelopment310.htm">www.city.Milwaukee.gov/Community Development310.htm</a> )</li></ul>	Telephone: (414) 286-3647 Fax: (414) 286-5003 Email: smahan@milwaukee.gov

## **ENSURING RESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS**

Funding available under the Recovery Act has clear purposes – to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation’s infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings. While the full range of CDBG activities is available to grantees, the Department strongly suggests that grantees incorporate consideration of the public perception of the intent of the Recovery Act in identifying and selecting projects for CDBG-R funding.

### ***A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES***

Grantees must provide information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities in an electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD. The information that must be reported in the spreadsheet includes activity name, activity description, CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted, eligibility category, national objective citation, additional Recovery Act funds for the activity received from other programs, and total activity budget. An electronic copy of the spreadsheet and the format is available on HUD’s recovery website at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>.

# CDBG-R Substantial Amendment Grantee Checklist

*For the purposes of expediting review, HUD asks that applicants submit the following checklist along with the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment, Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, and SF-424.*

## Contents of a CDBG-R Action Plan Substantial Amendment

Jurisdiction(s): City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Lead Agency Jurisdiction Web Address: ( <a href="http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/CommunityDevelopment310.htm">www.city.milwaukee.gov/CommunityDevelopment310.htm</a> )	CDBG-R Contact Person: Steven L. Mahan Address: City Hall-200 E. Wells Street; Room 606; Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 Telephone: (414) 286-3647 Fax: (414) 286-5003 Email: smahan@milwaukee.gov
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The elements in the substantial amendment required for the CDBG recovery funds are:

### ***A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES***

Does the submission contain a paper copy of the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities?

Yes  No  Verification found on page **8,9**

Does the submission include an electronic version of the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities sent to the email box CDBG-R@hud.gov?

Yes  No  Date Spreadsheet was emailed: **June 5, 2009**

Does the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities include, for each activity:

- amount of funds budgeted for each activity, including CDBG-R funds, any additional Recovery Funds used and total activity budget,  
 Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **8,9**
- the Eligibility citation (eligibility regulatory cite or HCDA cite),  
 Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **8,9**
- the CDBG national objective citation,  
 Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **8,9**

### ***B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY***

Does the submission contain information by activity describing how the grantee will use the funds, including:

- a narrative for each activity describing how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit,  
 Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **1,2,3,4**

- projected number of jobs created for each activity,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **5,8,9**
- whether an activity will promote energy efficiency and conservation,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **4,5**
- the name, location, and contact information for the entity that will carry out the activity,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **5,6**
- evidence that no more than 10% of the grant amount will be spent on administration and planning,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page (s) **2,9**
- evidence that no more than 15% of the grant amount will be spent on public services,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page (s) **1,8**
- evidence that at least 70% of the grant amount will benefit persons of low and moderate income,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page (s) **1**

***C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD***

Was the proposed action plan amendment published via the jurisdiction's usual methods and on the Internet for no less than 7 calendar days of public comment?

Yes  No . Verification found on page(s) **7**

Is there a summary of citizen comments included in the final amendment?

Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **7**

***D. CERTIFICATIONS***

The following certifications are complete and accurate:

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|--|---|-----------------------------|
| (1) Affirmatively furthering fair housing                    | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Anti-displacement and relocation plan                    | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Drug-free Workplace                                      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (4) Anti-lobbying  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (5) Authority of jurisdiction                                | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (6) Consistency with plan                                    | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (7) Section 3  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (8) Community development plan                               | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (9) Following a plan   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (10) Use of Funds  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (11) Excessive Force   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (12) Compliance with anti-discrimination laws                | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (13) Lead-based paint procedures                             | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (14) Compliance with laws                                    | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (15) Compliance with ARRA                                    | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (16) Project selection                                       | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (17) Timeliness of infrastructure investments                | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (18) Buy American provision                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (19) Appropriate use of funds for infrastructure investments | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (20) 70% of CDBG-R for LMI                                   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Optional Certification

(21) Urgent Need

Yes

No

***D. STATE CERTIFICATIONS***

The following certifications are complete and accurate:

(1) Affirmatively furthering fair housing

Yes

No

(2) Anti-displacement and relocation plan

Yes

No

(3) Drug-free Workplace

Yes

No

(4) Anti-lobbying

Yes

No

(5) Authority of State

Yes

No

(6) Consistency with plan

Yes

No

(7) Section 3

Yes

No

(8) Community development plan

Yes

No

(9) Consultation with Local Governments

Yes

No

(10) Use of Funds

Yes

No

(11) Excessive Force

Yes

No

(12) Compliance with anti-discrimination laws

Yes

No

(13) Compliance with laws

Yes

No

(14) Compliance with ARRA

Yes

No

(15) Project selection

Yes

No

(16) Timeliness of infrastructure investments

Yes

No

(17) Buy American provision

Yes

No

(18) Appropriate use of funds for infrastructure investments

Yes

No

(19) 70% of CDBG-R for LMI

Yes

No

Optional Certification

(20) Urgent Need

Yes

No

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## CITY OF MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

### **Proposed Substantial Amendment to the City's 2008 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program (CDBG-R) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**



The City of Milwaukee is inviting citizen comments on the **Proposed Substantial Amendment to the City's 2008 Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program funds (CDBG-R) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.**

The City of Milwaukee expects to receive **\$4,518,509** from the Federal government as a result of the CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This legislation was passed in part to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, expand educational opportunities and preserve and create jobs. The proposed amendment to the City's 2008 Action Plan details the City's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the use of the funds.

The proposed amendment will be available to the public beginning Tuesday, May 19, 2009 and can be picked up at the CDGA office located in Room 606, City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street. In addition, it can also be accessed on the website at [www.city.Milwaukee.gov/CommunityDevelopment310.htm](http://www.city.Milwaukee.gov/CommunityDevelopment310.htm).

Comments on the Plan must be submitted in writing no later than Tuesday, May 26, 2009 to: Mr. Steven L. Mahan, Director, Community Development Grants Administration; City Hall – 200 East Wells Street, Room 606, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

**THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**  
**CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY (COMPLETE FOR EACH ACTIVITY)**

**Geographic Distribution:** CDGA has targeted most of this funding to areas with the greatest need, namely the two Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs), which based on 2000 Census data, has the highest number of low income persons in the City of Milwaukee. In each of the NRSAs, at least 70% of the total population falls within the HUD-defined low/moderate income category. Funding is also allocated for low income persons in non-NRSA census tracts within the City of Milwaukee

(1) **Activity Name: Proposed CDBG-R Activities**

- a) **City of Milwaukee- Streetscaping Project** -This proposed project will target CDBG eligible infrastructure improvements within income eligible target areas. Streetscape activity will include enhanced pedestrian lighting, enhanced bus shelters, way finding and/or gateway/commercial district signage and crime prevention through environmental design (landscaping improvements). Project Areas: Riverworks(Holton Street-Concordia to Keefe Avenue); Industrial Corridor (27th - 35th Streets, Capitol Drive); Mitchell Street.

This project meets the National Objective by benefiting low and moderate income persons through the Low Moderate Income Area benefit(LMA). This project is under the eligible activity category of Public Facilities and Improvements.

CDBG-R Budget Amount: **\$980,000**  
Total Activity Budget: **\$990,000**

- b) **City of Milwaukee- Strengthening Diversity in Urban Forestry Services Delivery**-The City of Milwaukee will train and employ two work crews consisting of City of Milwaukee residents for Urban Forestry positions. This training will include Tree care, Landscaping and Arborist related activities. This program will provide comprehensive career training and employment for unemployed Milwaukee residents and link successful participants with other industry employment within Southeast Wisconsin.

This project meets the National Objective by benefiting low and moderate income persons through Employment Training. This project is under the eligible activity category of Public Service-Employment Training.

CDBG-R Budget Amount: **\$ 677,776**  
Total Activity Budget: **\$1,651,689**

- c) **Graffiti Mitigation Program** - The City of Milwaukee will contract through a competitive bid process to private and non-profit graffiti remediation companies for Graffiti removal.

This project meets the National Objective by benefiting low and moderate income persons through the Low Moderate Income Area Benefit(LMA). This project is under the eligible activity category of Code Enforcement.

CDBG-R Budget Amount: **\$300,000**  
Total Activity Budget: **\$455,500**

- d) **Milwaukee Builds** - This program is patterned after Youthbuild and will be expanded to provide skilled labor apprenticeships to the building trades, working with a large population of low income unemployed adults. Contracts will be let to existing Youthbuild coordinating agencies for Rental Housing Rehabilitation and Housing Construction. This program will work with the existing housing stock of the local Public Housing Authority (PHA) and Foreclosed properties within the City of Milwaukee's Neighborhood Stabilization Program's Land Bank. Also included will be the rehabilitation and redevelopment of commercial mixed-use space.

This project meets the National Objective by benefiting low/moderate income persons through various housing activities. This project is under the eligible activity categories of: Low/Moderate Income Housing.

**CDBG-R Budget Amount: \$ 600,000**

**Total Activity Budget: \$1,525,000**

- e) **City of Milwaukee- Street Improvements Program** -This proposed project will target CDBG eligible infrastructure improvements within income eligible target areas.

This project meets the National Objective by benefiting low and moderate income persons through the Low Moderate Income Area Benefit(LMA). This project is under the eligible activity category of Public Facilities and Improvements.

**CDBG-R Budget Amount: \$1,100,000**

**Total Activity Budget: \$1,110,000**

- f) **Large Impact Development**

**Center for Veterans Issues: Veteran's Manor** – A four story building, containing 52 one-bedroom apartments, will be constructed at N. 35<sup>th</sup> & W. Wisconsin Avenue for extremely low income veterans. The 1st floor ground level floor will be split with tenant amenities & building operations and the other half for commercial lease. Energy efficient windows, motion sensor lighting, zoned heating and cooling measures and Energy Star appliances will be used. The following services will be provided to residents: job counseling, computer training, VA benefits assistance, on-site case management, drug and alcohol abuse counseling, GED attainment, classroom vocational training, shuttle transportation and more.

The City's proposed use of the funds is for predevelopment and development soft costs only.

This project meets the National Objective by benefiting low/moderate income persons through the eligible activity category of: Low/Moderate Income Housing.

**CDBG-R Budget Amount: \$ 550,000**

**Total Activity Budget: \$10,566,615**

It should be noted that Milwaukee County will provide \$418,807 in CDBG-R Recovery funds for this project for acquisition of the vacant parcel of land.

- g) **Administration** – As permitted by the regulations, 10% of the allocation will be utilized for administration and oversight of the funds and activities.

**CDBG-R Budget Amount: \$310,733**

**Total Activity Budget: \$310,733**

(2) **Activity Narrative:**

In addition to the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, grantees must provide a narrative for each activity describing how the use of the grantee's CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA. The grantee's narrative must also state how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit in relation to the CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act, by:

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;
- Assisting those most impacted by the recession;
- Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;
- Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or
- Fostering energy independence.

**Meeting the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602:**

In allocating funds for these projects, the City determined that priority would be given to current infrastructure projects which could begin within 120 days of HUD's approval of this amendment for the use of the funds. Each of these projects meets this criteria. In addition, where applicable, the City will begin bidding out these projects as soon as possible and will only award construction contracts when final approval of this amendment has been received from HUD.

**a) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery:**

All of the projects will create or maintain a large cross section of jobs including: construction, architectural, accounting, banking, maintenance, property management, tax credit compliance, counseling and job training. For Infrastructure Improvements, these two projects maximize job creation and economic benefit through investment in infrastructure and will facilitate economic growth by creating jobs for unemployed and low income persons.

**b) Assisting those most impacted by the recession:**

The target population for all of the activities is extremely low, low moderate and unemployed persons in the target area. This population is very poor and is disproportionately impacted by the recession. The support activities beyond the quality housing are numerous and will also include job training. The construction and banking industries are suffering and these projects will help unemployed construction workers as well as financing and investment opportunities for the banking industry.

**c) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency:**

The proposed projects maximize job creation and economic benefit through the investment in infrastructure and housing, allowing very efficient service delivery. The housing projects serve a dual purpose of providing much needed housing to low income populations while the commercial components of these projects spur new job creation. The affordable housing coupled with supportive services provided to residents will keep people out of emergency rooms and hospitals unnecessarily, resulting in medical efficiencies. These reductions can save millions of dollars which can then be reinvested into our community.

**d) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;**

- ❖ Transportation: Veterans Manor will be located at the intersections of several major bus lines. This location has the potential to increase ridership on public transportation in the area.
- ❖ Environmental Protection: Energy generating and efficiency products such as energy efficient windows, motion sensor lighting, zoned heating and cooling measures and Energy Star appliances will be used. The project will also include energy efficient appliances, insulation, efficient plumbing systems and use of sustainable materials wherever feasible.
- ❖ Economic Benefit: The \$10 million construction of Veteran's Manor will create and/or maintain a large cross section of jobs including construction, architectural, accounting, banking, maintenance, property management, tax credit compliance, counseling and job training. In addition, new residents of the housing project will purchase goods and services from neighboring businesses which will contribute to the ongoing success of the neighborhood. For Street Improvements, these projects maximize job creation and economic benefit through investment in infrastructure and will facilitate economic growth by creating jobs.
- ❖ Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services: Studies have shown that supportive housing has been effective in reducing demands on essential services provided by cities for persons who experience mental illness. For example, 15-20% of prisoners in the State corrections system are chronically mentally ill. Wisconsin's prison population has doubled from 11,000 to 23,000 during the past decade, a trend largely driven by the growth in the number of people incarcerated for nonviolent offenses. Studies have also shown a reduced rate of incarceration an arrest of people with mental illness who have access to affordable supportive housing. This reduction in the utilization of the criminal justice system saves money and adds capacity to a system that is considered most essential in the community.
- ❖ Fostering Energy Independence: As stated above, Energy generating and efficiency products such as energy efficient windows, motion sensor lighting, zoned heating and cooling measures and Energy Star appliances will be used. The projects will also include energy efficient appliances, insulation, zoned heating and cooling, efficient plumbing systems, use of sustainable materials wherever feasible and possibly a green roof for waste water mitigation.

- (3) **Jobs Created:** (Report the number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction, and temporary jobs).

Activity Name	Estimated Full-Time Jobs to be Created and/or Retained
City of Milwaukee- Streetscaping Project	35
City of Milwaukee- Strengthening Diversity in Urban Forestry Services Delivery	30
Graffiti Mitigation Program	15
Milwaukee Builds	30
City of Milwaukee- Street Improvements Program	30
<u>Large Impact Developments</u> - Center for Veterans Issues: Veteran's Manor	60

- (4) **Additional Activity Information:** (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.)

Center for Veteran's Issues – This project will be developed using energy efficient windows, motion sensor lighting, zoned heating and cooling measures and Energy Star appliances. The use of solar(photo voltaic & water heating), wind and geothermal heat pump heating and cooling, will make this an environmentally friendly building.

Milwaukee Builds – The housing rehabilitation and construction projects will involve updated and efficient wiring, plumbing and energy efficient windows, as well as Energy Star appliances.

- (5) **Responsible Organization:** (Contact information for the organization that will implement the CDBG-R activity, including its name, location, and administrator contact information)

Administrator of the CDBG-R Grant:

Mr. Steven L. Mahan, Director  
 Community Development Grants Administration  
 City Hall – 200 East Wells Street; Room 606  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202  
 (414) 286-3647

**Contact Persons for the individual projects.**

Project 1: City of Milwaukee Streetscaping Project

Mr. Ghassan Korban  
 City of Milwaukee-Dept. of Public Works  
 841 N. Broadway Street  
 Milwaukee, WI 53202  
 (414)286-3647

Project 2: City of Milwaukee-Strengthening Diversity  
in Urban Forestry Services Delivery

Mr. Preston Cole  
City of Milwaukee-Dept. of Public Works-Forestry Division  
841 N. Broadway Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53202  
(414) 286-3671

Project 3: Dept. of Neighborhood Services – Remediation  
Graffiti Mitigation Program

Mr. Thomas Mischefske  
City of Milwaukee-Dept. of Neighborhood Services  
841 N. Broadway Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53202  
(414) 286-2548

Project 4: Milwaukee Builds

Mr. Tony Kearney  
Northcott Neighborhood House  
2460 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53212  
(414) 372-3770

Mr. Michael Van Alstine  
Milwaukee Christian Center  
1223 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53204  
(414) 643-7704

Project 5: City of Milwaukee-Street Improvements Program

Mr. Dale Mejacki  
City of Milwaukee-Dept. of Public Works  
841 N. Broadway Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53202  
(414) 286-3437

Project 6: Large Impact Development: Veteran's Manor

Mr. Joseph Thomaе  
Cardinal Capital Management  
135 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite 100  
Milwaukee, WI. 53214  
(414) 727-9902

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Provide a summary of public comments received to the proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.

*Note:* A Proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment must be published via the usual methods and posted on the jurisdiction's website for no less than 7 calendar days for public comment.

#### Response:

CDGA welcomes the views and input of citizens and other stakeholders as it pertains to the any reports disseminated to the public. Any comments, letters or other correspondence received are considered and are included in reports submitted to HUD.

To ensure adequate and accessible citizen participation, the City of Milwaukee a prepared a "draft" of the Substantial Amendment to the City's 2008 Action Plan for the for the Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program (CDBG-R) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The public comment period for review of the draft amendment was May 19, 2009 through May 26, 2009. CDGA notified non profit community agencies, businesses, elected officials and other interested stakeholders through mailings and phone calls. In addition, Mayor Tom Barrett and Congresswoman Gwen Moore sponsored two community town hall meetings on April 20, 2009 to solicit input on the use of these funds. CDGA also posted the notice at City Hall, on the City's website on May 19, 2009 and published a notice of availability in the following publications on the dates listed below. Copies of the proposed amendment were also made available to the public at the CDGA offices, the City Clerk's office and the City's Legislative Reference Bureau.

- 1) Milwaukee Community Journal, May 15, 2009
- 2) El Conquistador, May 15, 2009 (*Spanish publication*)

The City's Community & Economic Development Committee, which is the official oversight body for the use of Federal funds, held a public hearing on May 26, 2009. The full Milwaukee Common Council adopted the amendment on May 27, 2009 with approval by the Mayor.

#### Comments on the Proposed Amendment

The following comments were expressed at the town hall meetings held on April 20, 2009:

- 1) The need for expanded job creation and economic opportunities
- 2) The need for stronger Emerging Business Enterprise (EBE) participation in large scale projects and the use of EBE's as prime general contractors versus small subcontractors.

In addition, the following written requests for funding were received; (1) Energy efficiencies and safety enhancements for the Next Door Foundation and; (2) Construction and expansion of the Isaac Coggs Heritage Health Center, to include a new dental department.