

Village of Oak Park

Notice of CDBG-R Substantial Amendment To the 2008 Annual Action Plan And 7-Day Public Comment Period

Community Development Block Grant –Recovery Funds
Under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

ACTIVITY #1

(1) Activity Name:

Village of Oak Park CDBG-R Street and Alley Improvement Project

(2) Activity Narrative:

The Oak Park CDBG-R Street and Alley Improvement Project will utilize \$505,073 in CDBG-R funds for street and alley improvements in eligible census locations in the Village, in keeping with the goals of the Recovery Act. The process of providing adequate roads and alley thoroughfares to an aging infrastructure is an ongoing process. The Village of Oak Park incorporates street and alley improvements into its capital improvement strategy, providing much needed improvements to selected but limited locations throughout the Village annually, due to funding limitations. The current 5-year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan also identifies street and alley improvements as a high priority for Oak Park.

The neighborhoods where work is planned are located where impacts of the recession have taken a greater toll. Street surveying is currently being conducted to identify the individual streets and alleys that are most heavily impacted within the eligible census areas. Five to six alleys will be reconstructed together with approximately 4 blocks or residential streets. The improvements made are considered long term investments in the Village's transportation infrastructure. In addition, improved thoroughfare access will minimize disruptions in essential service provisions such as waste removal and emergency vehicle access. The proposed project will also preserve a number of jobs in both the public and private sectors, including in several construction trades.

The project will be scheduled for bidding in early August 2009 and contracts awarded by September 15, 2009. This project will be advertised to a wide range of contractors in an effort to maximize the potential for job preservation and creation. The project is anticipated to be underway by late September and completed by the end of the 2009 construction season, meeting the requirements of Title XII of Division A of the ARRA.

(3) Jobs Created:

It is estimated that 2 new 1.0 FTE jobs would be created and 14 0.5 FTE jobs will be retained through the activity. These jobs are projected to be permanent construction jobs, in trades such as laborer, heavy equipment operator and supervisors within the selected contractor's employ.

(4) Additional Activity Information:

It is anticipated that the improvements will include "Green Alley" components and quality paving materials which will be long lasting and sustainable.

(5) Responsible Organization:

This activity will be implemented by the Village of Oak Park, located at 123 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois, 60302, and the administrator contact for the activity is Janis Akerstrom, Federal Grant Programs Manager at akerstrom@oak-park.us.

ACTIVITY #2

(1) Activity Name:

Village of Oak Park CDBG-R Administration

(2) Activity Narrative:

The Village will use 3% of its CDBG-R allocation, or \$15,621, for grant administration and compliance, including labor compliance and quarterly reporting to HUD.

(3) Jobs Created:

N/A

(4) Additional Activity Information:

N/A

(5) Responsible Organization:

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