

Public Notice

1) The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), posted a public notice in the Houston Chronicle on Saturday, February 2, 2013 regarding proposed amendments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Summary Budgets for various Annual Action Plans (Plan). This Notice revises the following Substantial Amendments posted in the original notice:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Decrease/Delete</u>	<u>Increase/Add</u>
The 2002 CDBG Budget is amended as follows:		
DeLuxe Theater	(-\$340,891.19)	
Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Relocation		\$340,891.19
The 2005 CDBG Budget is amended as follows:		
DeLuxe Theater	(-\$421,739.81)	
Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Relocation		\$421,739.81
The 2011 CDBG Budget is amended as follows:		
Retrofitting for Accessibility	(\$537,369.00)	
Lil Audrey's Safe Place		\$300,000.00
Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Relocation		\$237,369.00
The 2012 CDBG Budget is amended as follows:		
Neighborhood Facilities (Private/Public)	(-\$2,000,000.00)	
Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Relocation		\$2,000,000.00

This Notice does not alter the original thirty-day (30) comment period for the proposed Substantial Amendments. The thirty-day period began on Saturday, February 2, 2013 and runs through Monday, March 4, 2013. For information on the proposed Substantial Amendments, contact Derek Sellers or Brenda Scott at (713) 868-8300.

2) The City, through its HCDD, posted a public notice in the Houston Chronicle on Saturday, February 2, 2013 proposing to award \$2,000,000 in CDBG funds to Houston Business Development Inc. (HBDI) to provide assistance to business organizations to carry out economic development activities. HCDD will not be providing funding to HBDI.

3) The City, through its HCDD, posted a public notice in the Houston Chronicle on Saturday, February 2, 2013 proposing to award \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds to Houston Community College (HCC) for acquisition of property. HCDD will not be providing funding to HCC.

4) In the 2012 Annual Action Plan, HCDD stated \$2,000,000 in CDBG funds will be provided to a local economic development organization to make affordable loans to small businesses that qualify. HCDD is expanding this language to provide funding to a local economic development organization to perform any economic development activities eligible per the CDBG regulations.

5) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to award \$3,000,000 in CDBG funds to Houston Redevelopment Authority to provide assistance to business organizations to carry out economic development activities.

6) On January 22, 2013, City Council approved an Ordinance authorizing the City to award \$8,500,000 in CDBG funds to Houston Heights Towers, Inc. to rehabilitate a seniors/disabled multifamily property located at 330 W. 19th Street. HCDD is proposing to change the funding sources for the project to \$2,965,131 in CDBG funds and

\$5,534,869 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. Additionally the number of restricted units for the project will increase from 114 to 146.

7) On January 22, 2013, City Council approved an Ordinance authorizing the City to award \$5,534,869 in HOME funds and \$440,131 in CDBG funds to Gulf Coast Arms, Ltd. to acquire, demolish and reconstruct a 160 unit multifamily property located at 6603 Hirsch Road. HCDD is proposing to remove the HOME funding and fund the project with only CDBG funds, and to increase the funding amount by an additional \$700,000 in CDBG funds for a total of \$6,675,000 in CDBG funds for the project. The additional \$700,000 is needed due to increased costs and will provide adequate funds for relocation and a more suitable contingency reserve for the project.

The public has thirty-days (30) to comment on these proposed items. The thirty-day period extends from Wednesday, February 20, 2013 through Friday, March 22, 2013. Following the public comment period, the Items will be submitted to City Council for approval. For information on Item 5, contact Bob Bradford at (713) 868-8340. For information on Items 6 or 7, contact Eta Paransky at (713) 868-8449. You may access HCDD's website at www.houstonhousing.org for more information on its programs.