

## ***FY2009 Community Development Block Grant Program Applications***

### **CITY OF PONTIAC FEDERAL PROGRAMS DIVISION**

#### **City of Pontiac 35th Year Community Development Block Grant Program**

The City of Pontiac is an entitlement community to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program under the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Pontiac receives these funds directly from HUD for the purpose of assisting low- and moderate-income persons in our community and removing slum and blighted areas from our neighborhoods. The City was notified that the allocations for FY2009 have not been determined yet. The City has been instructed to use the FY2008 allocation amount of \$1,525,296 for planning purposes.

The program year is from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Applicants receiving funding from the City will be able to start spending their funds on July 1st. This hand out provides an overview of all of the applications that were received by the City as part of the current year application process. By federal regulation, the City will use twenty percent (20%) of the total allocation for program administration costs to staff the program and monitor all subrecipients. The remaining \$1,220,312 will be allocated out to projects. All complete applications are in the Federal Programs Division Office and are available for review by the public.

### **F Y 2 0 0 9 C D B G A p p l i c a t i o n s**

The City of Pontiac is reviewing 17 applications from City Departments and one nonprofit organization. The applications requested a total of \$2,776,013 in CDBG funding. With a balance of \$1,220,312 to allocate, \$1,555,701 cannot be funded. All proposed programs and activities must benefit a low- and moderate-income population either directly, or based on low/mod area benefit. Two activities qualify under the National Objective of addressing slums and blight (demolition program and removal of blighting trees). Because of the current financial situation in the City, the Federal Programs Division focused on those projects from City departments with the exception of Lighthouse Community Development whose program is required by HUD to administer our homeownership activities and to address the record number of foreclosures in our community. These applications have proposed \$1,724,209 in leveraged funds.

**Lighthouse Community Development—Foreclosure Prevention and Homeownership Counseling: \$87,000** Lighthouse Community Development is requesting CDBG funds to continue their Foreclosure Prevention program to help approximately 350 Pontiac homeowners save their homes and to provide homeownership, budgeting and financial counseling services to Pontiac residents. The program has the potential to reach over 1,100 Pontiac residents.

**COP Pontiac Police Department—Tag and Drag Program: \$29,128** The Pontiac Police Department is requesting funding to continue their Tag and Drag Initiative to address abandoned vehicles in the public right of way and remove them from the streets of the community. The funding will pay officers on an overtime basis to patrol city streets to identify and tag abandoned vehicles. The officers would work in CDBG eligible areas of the City. The program is targeting approximately 2700 vehicles.

**COP Pontiac Police Department— Neighborhood Watch Training Program: \$45,877** The Pontiac Police Department is requesting funding to assist CDBG eligible neighborhoods in the City to organize and implement Neighborhood Watch programs. The program would provide police officers to work with the neighborhoods to train residents on how to effectively create and operate a Neighborhood Watch program.

**COP DPW&U, Water and Sewer Division-Water Valve & Hydrant Replacement Program: \$100,000** The Water and Sewer Division is requesting funding for the replacement of old, high maintenance or nonfunctioning water gate valves and hydrants on the City's water main system with eligible CDBG areas of the City. The program would support the serviceability of the mains, efficient and cost effective provision of water to the area and to assure adequate water pressure

and volume for fire safety in the area to benefit area residents.

**COP DPW&U, Water and Sewer Division, -Sanitary Sewer Lining and Repair Program: \$380,000** The Water and Sewer Division is requesting funding for a program to provide cured in place piping (CIPP) process to reline deteriorated sanitary sewers for 18 segments of varying size sewers located on 16 streets within CDBG eligible areas totaling approximately 4,700 lineal feet of lining. The program would also address 10 locations for spot sewer repair. These are areas that were not addressed in the last relining program but have significantly deteriorated to the point where a new lining is warranted.

**COP DPW&U, Water and Sewer Division, -Sanitary Sewer Replacement Program: \$285,000** The Water and Sewer Division is requesting funding to replace approximately 150 lineal feet of old, deteriorated sanitary sewer adjacent to North Johnson Avenue and approximately 600 lineal feet of settled sanitary sewer on Gambrell Drive. Both sections cannot be relined with the cured in place piping material and must be repaired by digging up the pipe and replacing with new pipe and then replacing the street.

**COP Grounds & Forestry Division-2009 CDBG Tree Planting Program: \$26,500** The Grounds and Forestry Division is requesting funding for the fourth year of a five-year plan to replenish the tree population in City. Trees will be planted in the public right-of-ways and on other public property replacing trees removed because of the Emerald Ash Borer. The program will plant approximately 100, 2"-2 1/2" caliper trees in the City. An additional 190 trees will be planted with funding from matching sources.

**COP Grounds & Forestry Division-Fishing Pier Renovations: \$29,781** The Grounds Division is requesting funding to renovate four fishing piers in 4 different parks throughout the City. These parks include Hawthorne Park, North Kiwanis Park, Beaudette Park and Galloway Park. The funding would replace two piers and the City would match CDBG Funds to complete renovations on the other two piers. Renovations would include removing piers from the water, inspecting and replacing deteriorated floats, repair decking and handrails, and replacement and anchoring piers.

**COP Grounds & Forestry Division-Madge Burt Park Playground and Basketball Court Renovations: \$91,884** The Grounds Division is requesting funding for the development of a new handicap accessible playground and new basketball court at Madge Burt Park located on two separate parcels on Forest Street. The project would replace old, deteriorated and non-compliant equipment with new ADA and Consumer Protection Agency standard equipment. The program would renovate the existing basketball courts with new surfacing and posts, backboards, and goals.

**COP Grounds & Forestry Division-Blighted Tree Removal: \$51,500** The Grounds and Forestry Division is requesting funding for the removal of blighted trees on private property to assist homeowners that could not otherwise afford to do it themselves. The program would be application-based and homeowners would need to be income-eligible. The city would remove dead or diseased trees from the property to eliminate hazardous conditions.

**COP Grounds & Forestry Division-Youth Recreational Services: \$57,000** The Grounds Division is requesting funding to provide structured recreational activities for income eligible youth in Pontiac. The program would include both youth baseball and boys and girls basketball programming. Program participation will be provided free for income-eligible youth.

**COP Engineering Division-2009 Spot Slum and Blight Demolition Program: \$400,000** The Engineering Division is requesting funding for the removal of slum and blight from the City through the existing substandard housing process and demolition program. The program would demolish properties designated as spot slum and blight and ordered for demolition by the Pontiac City Council. For properties located within the seven locally designated Cities of Promise Target Areas the City can receive matching funds for additional demolitions.

**COP Engineering Division-2009 Local Street Resurfacing Program: \$500,000** The Engineering Division is requesting funding for the milling and resurfacing of existing deteriorated local residential streets. The program would include the bituminous pavement together with adjusting drainage structures, and spot curb and gutter replacement, base repair and restoration. The program would replace approximately 25,000 square yards of bituminous pavement in CDBG eligible areas.

**COP Engineering Division-Snow Removal and Pot Hole Patching Interim Assistance: \$160,000** The Engineering Division is requesting CDBG funding to address possible emergency and hazardous conditions in the City including the removal of snow from the City's streets and the patching of hazardous holes in City streets until such time that the improvement of the street can take place. The program would also involve the removal of dangerous debris from the

right of ways and neighborhood public places. Snow removal would cover the entire community after a snow emergency has been declared. Pot hole patching would involve those streets located within CDBG eligible areas of the City.

**COP Engineering Division-2009 Sidewalk Improvement Program: \$300,000** The Engineering Division is requesting funding to continue the City's Sidewalk Improvement program addressing deteriorated and hazardous concrete sidewalks with other related work within CDBG eligible areas. The proposed program will address approximately 10,000 lineal feet of sidewalk to be replaced.

**COP Engineering Division-Clinton River Trail Paving Project: \$120,000** The Engineering Division is requesting funding to resurface the existing Clinton River Trail Phase I section that runs from Bagley to Old Telegraph Road. Paving of the trail will enhance the appeal of the existing trail as well as reduce the need for annual maintenance to the trail surface. The proposed paving would also make the trail more user friendly for those with disabilities and families using strollers and bicycle trailers.

**COP Building and Safety Division-Targeted Code Enforcement: \$112,343** The Building and Safety Engineering Division is requesting funding to hire two full-time Code Enforcement Officers who will work exclusively within designated target areas. The Code Enforcement Officers will be responsible for taking enforcement actions against property owners to eliminate code enforcement violations and blighted conditions. The Officers will focus on making sure that vacant structures are secured from illegal entry, exteriors of vacant properties are maintained and kept clear of weeds, debris, rubbish and vacant cars.

### Public Participation Process

The Federal Programs Division works with the Pontiac Coordinating Council to include the public in the process of developing the allocations for the Federal Programs. The Federal Program Division provides one staff person to work with the Coordinating Council which consists of 28 citizen members, four representatives from each of the seven Citizen District Councils. The Coordinating Council meets each month where staff provides an update and information on the CDBG program to the members. Staff provides two CDBG training sessions to the members in September and October of each year prior to the submission of the CDBG applications. Each December, all applicants are required to make a presentation on their proposed projects to the members of the Coordinating Council. The Coordinating Council then makes their recommendations for funding which are presented to both the Executive Office and the City Council for their consideration as they make their deliberations and recommendations for the next year's funding.

### Public Comment

The City of Pontiac Federal Programs Division is requesting your written comments on these applications. The full applications are available for your review in the Federal Programs Division Office. The office is located in the Pontiac City Hall, 47450 Woodward Avenue, Second Floor, Room 206. The applications are available for review from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm each day, Monday through Friday. The 30-day Public Comment Period will be from Friday, February 6, 2009 until Monday, March 9, 2009 at 5:00 pm. Weekly meetings will be held on Feb. 11, Feb. 17, Feb. 25, and March 4 at 5:30 pm in the Council Conference Room, Second Floor, City Hall, 47450 Woodward Avenue to also solicit comments from residents about the proposed activities of the FY2009 CDBG program.

Please submit your written comments about these applications to:

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Our office phone number is (248) 758-3780 if you have any questions. We will accept emails sent to [blockgrant@pontiac.mi.us](mailto:blockgrant@pontiac.mi.us). Our office also accepts written comments sent by fax to (248)758-3775. All written comments received during the 30-day public comment period will be provided to the Pontiac City Council and the Executive Office and will be included in the Annual Plan document to be submitted to HUD on May 15, 2009.