

# State of Nevada

## Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program – Recovery Funds (CDBG-R)

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### A. Introduction

Funding available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has several clear purposes, for example, to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. In keeping with advice from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the State of Nevada plans to use CDBG-R funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents in rural parts of the state.

The Recovery Act awarded \$1 billion in CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) funds to be distributed to states, cities, counties, and insular areas, and in March 2009, HUD informed the State of Nevada that the State CDBG program would be eligible to receive \$740,431 in ARRA funding. This substantial amendment sets out how the state proposes to use the above Recovery funds under the state CDBG program.

### B. CDBG-R Information by Activity

#### B.1 Activity Name: Star City Water System Improvements

**Activity Narrative**: The Star City subdivision is located 1.5 miles south west of Winnemucca in Humboldt County, Nevada. The Star City water system comprises 124 residential connections, a 25-mobile home park and one commercial connection. The proposed project will include the supply and installation of:

- 124 new water meters
- 24 fire hydrants
- A new 200,000 gallon steel water storage tank
- A 60 HP, 1000 gpm fire pump
- A 125 KW diesel stand-by generator, and
- A new 8 inch PVC water distribution mains throughout the subdivision.

The eligibility grant category for this project is: Public Facilities and Improvements  
The National Objective is: LMI-Area Wide  
The total number of beneficiaries is estimated at: 350  
The number of LMI beneficiaries is calculated at: 197  
The Performance Measurement Objective of the project is: Suitable Living Environment  
The Performance Measurement Outcome is: Sustainability

The new water mains, fire pump, hydrants and additional storage will provide for greater fire protection to the Star City residents. Protection of residential property has obvious economic benefits such as lowering fire insurance costs and increasing property values.

The new water mains will reduce overall operation and maintenance costs by eliminating the high cost of repairing leaking pipes. Reduced maintenance costs should mean stabilization in water user rates. The new mains will eliminate the disruption of water service and potential contamination/health issues, and result in more efficient, cost-effective water delivery.

**Jobs Created:** The construction and installation elements of this project will create job opportunities. It is estimated that the construction will take approximately 4 months to complete, during which a total of 41 jobs will be created. Of this total, **the CDBG-R investment is estimated to create 5 jobs.** (These figures are based on USDA/ERS data for rural water and environmental projects)

**Additional Activity Information:** The stand-by generator will provide uninterrupted water supply during power outages, and provide power to the fire pump during outages thereby enhancing fire protection.

The water meters will limit excessive water usage and will help protect the existing groundwater supply by preventing the available aquifer from becoming overdrawn.

CDBG will be partnering in this project with Humboldt County (NV), USDA-RD and the Star City Property Owners' Association on this project. All the CDBG-R funds on this project (\$200,000) will go towards materials and construction.

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## **B.2 Activity Name: Austin Sewer Treatment Plant Relocation**

**Activity Narrative:** Austin is a small rural town of 467 residents in Lander County, central Nevada. The town has 7 small, inefficient and outdated sewer ponds that need to be repaired and expanded, or completely relocated. This project will cover the costs of creating 3 new, properly lined sewer ponds (at a new location), plus the installation of 9,000 feet of interceptor line. The relocation of the sewer ponds will allow for physical and economic growth and expansion of the community and create a healthier environment for the Austin

residents. By replacing the old, outdated and inefficient ponds, water treatment maintenance costs will also be reduced

The eligibility grant category for this project is: Public Facilities and Improvements

The National Objective is: LMI-Area Wide

The total number of beneficiaries is estimated at: 467

The number of LMI beneficiaries is calculated at: 392

The Performance Measurement Objective of the project is: Suitable Living Environment

The Performance Measurement Outcome is: Sustainability

**Jobs Created:** The construction and installation elements of this project will create job opportunities. It is estimated that the construction will take approximately 12 months to complete, during which a total of 39 jobs will be created. Of this total, **the CDBG-R investment is estimated to create 2 jobs**. None of these jobs will be retained in Austin after completion of the project. (These figures are based on USDA/ERS data for rural water and environmental projects)

**Additional Activity Information:** The proposed project will bring Austin's wastewater treatment system into compliance with the Clean Water Act and the State of Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection discharge permit. The new, relocated ponds will eliminate wastewater seepage, potential contamination of the area's water supplies, and erosion of the lagoons.

The proposed new sewer ponds will be constructed on land purchased from the BLM in 2008 and will be sufficiently removed from the town to eliminate any odor concerns.

CDBG will be partnering in this project with Lander County (NV), USDA-RD and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Regular CDBG funding will also be used for the project, however the CDBG-R funds on this project (\$82,217) will be spent on construction only.

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### **B.3 Activity Name: Sun Valley Sidewalk Project**

**Activity Narrative:** Sun Valley is a low and moderate income unincorporated community of 19,459 residents on the northern outskirts of Reno, NV in rural Washoe County. There are 4 elementary schools in the area and on several streets approaching these schools there are open drainage ditches and no sidewalks. As a result, elementary school children and their parents/guardians are forced to walk in the streets or in the drainage ditches as they access the schools. Since 2005, 12 traffic accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists have occurred in the project area.

The proposed project entails covering 1,330 feet of open culverts and laying 1,770 linear feet of new ADA-compliant sidewalks in the vicinity of the elementary schools. The project will address serious public safety concerns, alleviate traffic congestion, reduce street and culvert

maintenance costs, improve drainage, reduce road and culvert erosion and lead to improved property values in the area.

The eligibility grant category for this project is: Public Facilities and Improvements

The National Objective is: LMI-Area Wide

The total number of beneficiaries is estimated at: 19,459

The number of LMI beneficiaries is calculated at: 13,621

The Performance Measurement Objective of the project is: Suitable Living Environment

The Performance Measurement Outcome is: Availability/Accessibility

**Jobs Created:** This project will create construction job opportunities. It is estimated that the construction will take approximately 5 months to complete, during which **7 jobs will be created from the CDBG-R investment.** None of these jobs will be retained after completion of the project. (These figures are based on USDA/ERS data for rural community facilities projects).

**Additional Activity Information:**

CDBG will be partnering in this project with Sun Valley GID and Washoe County (NV). CDBG-R funds on this project (\$408,214) will be spent on site work and construction only.

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**C. Program Administration**

The State of Nevada Commission on Economic Development will use \$50,000 or 6.75 percent of the CDBG-R funds for general administration and planning activities, technical assistance to sub-grantees, and grant monitoring and reporting purposes, from the date of the award from HUD to completion of the projects – estimated at approximately 2 years.

**D. Public Comment**

This Amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Action Plan on the use of CDBG-R funds is being posted on the Nevada Commission on Economic Development website on Tuesday June 16, 2009 for a public comment period of 7 days. Ref. [www.expand2nevada.com](http://www.expand2nevada.com)

In addition, the Amendment is available at all local government offices throughout rural Nevada for public review, and a notice is being published in 2 regional newspapers on June 15, 2009 inviting public comment.

All comments relative to the Amendment received by the State of Nevada Commission on Economic Development during the public comment period will be included in the final Amendment submitted to HUD by June 29, 2009. Comments may be faxed or emailed to the CDBG-R contact person referred to on page 1 of this Amendment.

Jurisdiction/Grantee Name: State of Nevada		CDBG-R Formula Grant Amount: \$740,431				Date: June 16, 2009	
<b>Activity Name</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)</b>	<b>National Objective Citation</b>	<b>CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)</b>	<b>Additional Recovery Funds (\$)</b>	<b>Other Leveraged Funding (\$)</b>	<b>Total Activity Budget</b>
Star City Water Improvements	Installation of a new 8" water mains, 200,000 gallon water storage tank, 124 water meters, 24 fire hydrants, 1,000gpm fire pump and a 125KW stand-by generator in the Star City subdivision near Winnemucca, Humboldt County, Nevada	HCDA 105 (a)(2)	LMI-A	\$200,000	\$0	\$1,568,574	\$1,768,574
Austin Sewer Treatment Plant Relocation	Construction of 3 new, fully-lined, replacement sewer ponds and installation of 9,000 linear feet of interceptor line in Austin, Lander County, Nevada	HCDA 105 (a)(2)	LMI-A	\$82,217	\$1,387,906	\$225,783	\$1,695,906
Sun Valley Sidewalk Project	Construction of 1,330 linear feet of covered drains and 1,770 linear feet of ADA-compliant sidewalk near to the public elementary schools in Sun Valley, a community just north of Reno in rural Washoe County, Nevada	HCDA 105 (a)(2)	LMI-A	\$408,214	\$0	\$69,314	\$477,528
Program Administration	Support to the Nevada Commission on Economic Development for general administration and planning activities, technical assistance to sub-grantees, grant monitoring and reporting purposes			\$50,000			\$50,000
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$740,431</b>	<b>\$1,387,906</b>	<b>\$1,863,671</b>	<b>\$3,992,008</b>