

2 (Rev. 1/93) MULTIPLE PAGE COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMON COUNCIL

TO: THE COMMON COUNCIL: DATE: May 26, 2009

FROM: DEPARTMENT: Executive

 DIVISION: Real Estate

 SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act
of 2009 Grant

PRIOR COUNCIL REFERENCE: None

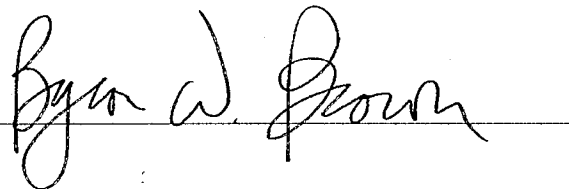
The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the City of Buffalo \$4,311,494 of Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act of 2009 Grant funds. I have enclosed the attached budget for the use of these funds.

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.

DEPARTMENT HEAD NAME: Byron W. Brown

TITLE: MAYOR

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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City of Buffalo

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
Byron W. Brown, *Mayor*

Brian Reilly, *Commissioner*

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 22, 2009

TO: Mayor Byron W. Brown
Steven M. Casey, Deputy Mayor

FROM: Brian Reilly, Commissioner
Carla A. Kosmerl, Deputy Commissioner for Administration & Finance, OSP

RE: Stimulus Funds CDBG

HUD informed us last week of the release of the final regulations for the CDBG Stimulus funds. The City was awarded \$4,311,494. 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.

We are recommending the following:

Activity	Dollar Amount
Housing rehabs - includes a new Warm & Dry Program, providing a roof, energy-efficient furnace or weatherization for between 50 and 100 of the city’s elderly and poor	\$1,355,345
Infrastructure improvements – citywide	1,000,000
Energy efficiency upgrades to community buildings - \$175,000 per building retrofits – 3 buildings	525,000
Public services - for jobs training, including green jobs	531,149
Infrastructure improvements in the NRSA to complete our housing plan for this area	500,000
General Administration @ 9.28% of grant	400,000
Total CDBG Stimulus Funds Available	\$4,311,494

We are under a very tight time schedule. **We have to have a final plan to HUD by 6/5/09 or face losing these funds.** That means the following deadlines are imposed.

Action to be Taken	Deadlines Required
HUD-requested meeting on potential projects to approve eligibility of projects city wishes to offer	Weds, 5/20
Submittal to Common Council for plan approval –	Thursday, 5/21
Council approval	Tuesday, 5/26
Preparation of HUD application forms	Through 5/29
7 day public comment period	5/29 – 6/4/09
Submittal to HUD	6/5/09

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter. I may be reached at 842-6923.

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That the budget for the award of \$4,311,494.00 of Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act of 2009 grant funds as detailed in the attached communication is hereby approved.

Passed.