



Second Program Year Action Plan Amendment

The CPMP Second Annual Action Plan includes the [SF 424](#) and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

Narrative Responses

GENERAL

Executive Summary

These Action Plan amendments specifically addresses:

(1) A change in the target area for the City's Pedestrian Improvements activity from the previously identified streets (i.e., 7th Street between Oxford Avenue and Greenbrae Drive; Prospect Avenue and Oxford Avenues between 17th Street and Rock Blvd; and/or, Sbragia Way and Russell Way between Rock Blvd and 9th Street) to a new area bounded by Pyramid Way on the west, Prater Way to the north, 4th Street to the east and Victorian Avenue on the south; and

(2) a new activity to provide for certain improvements at the Community Assistance Center (i.e., the homeless shelter facility) in Reno comprised of new electric gate and fencing, new lighting and cameras, and/or additional shade/seating structures for an amount of up to \$188,000.

Citizen Participation

Pursuant to the adopted Citizen Participation Plan, the City of Sparks made a draft of the Action Plan Amendment available for public comment for a 30-day period of time, beginning December 10, 2011. The location and times of the public hearing, as well as a notice of the availability of the draft document, were advertised in the Reno Gazette Journal and Sparks Daily Tribune and posted throughout the City in accordance with the existing Citizen Participation Plan. Any comments received by the time of the public hearing will be conveyed to the Sparks City Council at the public hearing (scheduled for January 9, 2012) and addressed as appropriate.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

The following activity is affected by this Amendment to the Program Year 2011 Annual Action Plan:

Priority need – Physical Improvements, Pedestrian Improvements:

The City's Strategic (Consolidated) Plan for Program Years 2010 to 2014, and the City's original Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2011, designated eligible low/mod census tracts in a target area referred to as the West End for pedestrian improvements. As designated in those plans the area's boundaries are Oddie Boulevard to the north, Pyramid Highway to the east, I-80 to the south and El Rancho Boulevard to the west. The next priority is projects located in qualifying low/mod census tracts outside of the West End, but located within either of the City's redevelopment areas. Finally, projects in qualifying low/mod census tracts located in all other areas of the city are to be considered.

The 2010 Census low and moderate ("low-mod") income data released by HUD after submittal of the Program Year 2011 Annual Action Plan revealed that certain areas in west Sparks that qualified as low-mod income based on 2000 Census data no longer qualify as such. One such neighborhood was the area identified in the City's original Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2011: 17th Street between Oxford Avenue and Greenbrae Drive; Prospect Avenue and Oxford Avenues between 17th Street and Rock Blvd; and Sbragia Way and Russell Way between Rock Blvd and 9th Street.

Accordingly, the proposed Amendment designates a different area – one within Spark's Redevelopment Area 1 – as the site for the City's pedestrian improvements activity in Program Year 2011. This area's boundaries are Pyramid Way on the west, Prater Way to the north, 4th Street to the east and Victorian Avenue on the south (see attached map). Approximately \$208,227 in new (2011) CDBG funds is allocated for pedestrian improvements in FY 2011-12. The improvements may include, but are not limited to: removal of existing curb, gutter, sidewalk, retaining wall, landscaping, and fencing; construction of new curb, gutter, sidewalk, handicap ramps, fencing, concrete retaining wall; landscape and irrigation improvements; installation of new street lights; and all appurtenant work necessary to complete the project. This project area was selected based upon the location in low-income area, meeting the LMI area benefit under the suitable living environment objective and availability/accessibility outcome.

Priority need – Public Facilities and Improvements, Non-Permanent Shelter:

In addition to amending the Pedestrian Improvements activity, this Action Plan Amendment proposes to add a new activity to its Program Year 2011 Action Plan: to utilize up to \$188,000 to fund improvements at the Community Assistance Center (i.e., the homeless shelter facility) located on Record Street in Reno. This had previously been allocated for Community Assistance Center construction costs but remains unspent. The proposed improvements are: a new electric gate and fencing at the Evans Avenue entrance (west entrance/exit to the CAC); new lighting and cameras (pole-mounted) at the Evans Avenue entrance; new lighting and cameras (pole-mounted) in the day use area; and/or additional shade/seating structures.

The proposed security gate and cameras are intended to protect the CAC facility and its clientele. Perimeter fencing and gates were installed on the campus in Spring 2009 at the

request of the CAC's clients and on-site human service providers. Since then there have been some vandalism, law enforcement and safety issues and concerns. It is also problematic in terms of maintaining a therapeutic environment that supports recovery, especially for families with young children. The proposed cameras and replacing the current rear manual gate with an electronic gate is expected to enable the CAC operator to significantly enhance security without additional security personnel, the cost of which would divert resources from the CAC's other operational needs. The additional shade and seating structures that are proposed will improve the outdoor day use environment for the CAC's clientele.

Other Narrative

Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

The following documents are provided as attachments to the Second Year Annual Action Plan Amendment:

Attachment 1 – Proposed Project Area Pedestrian Improvements (Map)
Attachments 2 & 3 – Proof of Publication