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**~ Media Advisory ~**  
**SPRINGFIELD SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR HOUSING**  
**AND**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

*Proposals can include downtown redevelopment projects that address specific conditions of blight*

Beginning Friday, January 25, 2013 applications for funding by the City of Springfield Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME) will be available from through Community Development and Housing Division office at Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. The deadline for submitting an application is March 15, 2013 at 5pm.

The primary purpose of the CDBG Program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities principally for people of low- and moderate-income. The primary purpose of the HOME Program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent, safe and affordable housing for person of low income.

HUD has not released final allocation amounts, so the FY2013 application process is going forward using FY2012 amounts. The City reserves the right to adjust project allocations to reflect increases or reductions to actual funding amounts. A portion of the estimated \$452,523 CDBG grant has been reserved by the City's Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for ongoing activities. These include \$67,878 for social services to the Human Services Commission, \$90,505 in grant administration and planning, and \$80,000 for city housing programs. A portion of the estimated \$297,642 HOME grant has also been reserved by the

CDAC for ongoing activities. These include \$14,882 for Community Housing Development Organizations operating expenses, \$100,000 for the Springfield Home Ownership Program (SHOP) and \$29,764 in grant administration. Approximately \$102,496 from previous allocations is also available for re-allocation this year.

It is estimated that \$214,140 in CDBG funds and \$255,492 in HOME funds will be made available for eligible projects and activities, including public facility improvements, neighborhood projects, housing development activities, economic development activities and other special capital projects that benefit low and moderate-income city residents. The City is also accepting CDBG Business Development Loan applications from established and emerging for-profit businesses located in the Downtown corridor.

Because of the significant reductions to the federal HUD budget, Springfield's CDBG allocation is considerably less than in previous years. We anticipate this trend to continue until the federal budget crisis is resolved. Therefore, in order to ensure the future viability of the CDBG program, it is strongly recommended that requests for CDBG funding be in the form of a repayable loan instead of a grant.

Preference will be given to projects that address youth and public safety issues; projects where participation from cooperating community partners in targeted areas is demonstrated; projects that leverage or recycle funds; projects which show support from the benefiting neighborhoods, projects which address crime and public safety issues Downtown, and projects which enhance community pride and improve the quality of life citywide.

A packet containing the 2013 application for funding and information about the CDBG and HOME programs will be available beginning January 25, 2013. Packets may be obtained at the Community Development and Housing Division office during regular business hours. Packets are also available online at:

<http://www.springfield-or.gov/dsd/housing/housing.home.htm>

All applications must be received by the City no later than 5:00 pm on March 15, 2013. For more information, call (541) 726-2358, or e-mail [kko@springfield-or.gov](mailto:kko@springfield-or.gov).