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**CITY SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

The City is seeking proposals from public or private non-profit organizations (recognized by the State of Oregon) for housing and community development projects and for downtown redevelopment projects that address specific conditions of blight.

Beginning Friday, January 30, 2008 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 in the Development Services Department at Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. Business Development Loan applications are due no later than 5:00 pm on Friday March 6, 2009. All other applications must be received by the City no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 13, 2009. For an application packet or more information, call 726-2358.

Background:

A portion of the approximate \$605,000 CDBG grant has been reserved by the City's Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for ongoing activities. These include \$90,750 for social services to the Human Services Commission, \$121,000 in grant administration and

planning, and \$120,000 for city housing programs. A portion of the approximate \$424,500 HOME grant has also been reserved by the CDAC for ongoing activities. These include \$21,225 for Community Housing Development Organizations operating expenses, \$42,450 in grant administration. Approximately \$192,689 from previous allocations is also available for reallocation this year.

The total uncommitted amount of \$220,739 in CDBG and \$460,825 in HOME funds and \$145,200 of CDBG funds for projects that address specific conditions of blight in the Downtown Redevelopment Area will be available after July 1, 2009 for public facilities, neighborhood street projects, housing development activities, economic development activities and other special capital projects that benefit low and moderate-income city residents, or projects that address specific conditions of blight in Downtown Springfield.

All proposed projects must meet at least one of the following national objectives:

- Primarily benefit low- and moderate-income people.
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

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.

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.

Applications for general CDBG and HOME projects, and CDBG projects that address specific conditions of blight in Downtown Springfield, and applications for a Business Development Loan meeting set criteria will be available at the Development Services Department Community Development and Housing Division during regular business hours.

Both applications are also available online at

<http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/dsd/Housing/housing.forms.htm>