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CITY SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT REDUCE BLIGHT

Beginning Friday, January 29, 2010 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 or by calling **541-726-2358**.

A portion of the approximate \$612,500 CDBG grant has been reserved by the City's Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for ongoing activities. These include \$91,875 for social services to the Human Services Commission, \$122,500 in grant administration and planning, and \$120,000 for city housing programs. A portion of the approximate \$469,250 HOME grant has also been reserved by the CDAC for ongoing activities. These include \$23,462 for Community Housing Development Organizations operating expenses, \$46,925 in grant administration. Approximately \$306,208 from previous allocations is also available for reallocation this year.

The total uncommitted amount of \$136,347 in CDBG and \$202,735 in HOME funds and \$294,114 of CDBG funds for projects that address specific conditions of blight in the Downtown Redevelopment Area will be available after July 1, 2010 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.home.htm>

Business Development Loan applications are due no later than 5:00 pm on Friday March 5, 2010. All other applications must be received by the City no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 12, 2010. **For an application packet or more information, call 541-726-2358.**