

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has not released its projected funding budget for FY 2011-2012. The City of Clearwater anticipates that it will receive the same entitlement allocations as the previous year. For the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, \$932,808 in grant allocation funds and \$100,000 in program income, for the HOME Investment Partnership Program, \$589,019 in grant allocation funds and for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program, \$97,329 in grant allocation funds and \$200,000 in Program Income beginning October 1, 2011 (SHIP funding year begins on July 1, 2011). Funds can only be used in the incorporated limits of the City of Clearwater. However, an agency that is located outside the city may receive funding if documentation of services for city residents is submitted. ***These amounts are only a projection of grant funds to be received. Actual amounts may vary depending on final appropriations and program income revenue.***

Federal funding authorization for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program is through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. State funding for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program is based upon the amount of revenue generated through the local Documentary Stamps and the State approved budget through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

These funds primarily will be used for housing, community and economic development activities. **(A portion of the funds listed above may be used for City conducted and/or sponsored projects and may not be available for allocation to applicants).** Federal regulations applicable to these programs dictate funding availability for certain projects. Proposals for new projects will be accepted beginning on Monday, March 7, 2011, but no later than Thursday, April 7, 2011. Suggestions for new projects/activities for FY 2011-2012 may be presented and should address the following strategies which are outlined in more detail in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan Document:

- Promote better livable opportunities in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas
- Promote affordable housing for renters and/or homebuyers
- Promote opportunities for affordable housing preservation by homeowners
- Promote efforts/activities to end chronic homelessness
- Provide outreach and housing opportunities for homeless individuals and families
- Provide assistance to victims of domestic violence
- Promote economic opportunities for very-low to moderate income individuals
- Provide assistance to the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with HIV/AIDS
- Develop needed community centers and other public facility projects in the neighborhood strategy areas
- Promote efforts to reduce lead poisoning in children
- Promote opportunities to end poverty (job training, employability skills, educational attainment, and other related activities)
- Promote opportunities to assist public housing residents to become self-sufficient
- Promote opportunities for individuals to reduce their dependency on alcohol and drugs
- Promote fair housing opportunities

- Promote efforts to reduce housing discrimination and unfair lending practices

Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to, the rehabilitation and preservation of buildings and improvements; acquisition and disposition of real property; acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public facilities; improvements to senior centers; neighborhood facilities, roads; public community services; special economic activities; and special activities by subrecipients to carry out neighborhood revitalization, code enforcement, or energy conservation projects and related projects.

Ineligible activities include funds spent on buildings for the general conduct of government, except to remove architectural barriers, general government expenses; political activities; the purchase of equipment; furnishings and personal property; maintenance and operating expenses without providing a service; and funding impact fees with the exception of HOME and SHIP program funds.

Applications for organizations desiring to participate in the City of Clearwater's Housing Pool for activities, involving downpayment assistance/gap financing, new construction and rehabilitation of single and multifamily housing, will be accepted from eligible participants on a year-round basis while funds remain available. Priority will be given to those applications that provide housing for homeless persons.

Applications may be obtained via the City of Clearwater's website at www.myclearwater.com/housing or at the City of Clearwater, Economic Development and Housing Department - Housing Division, 112 South Osceola Avenue between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, March 7, 2011 through Thursday, April 7, 2011.

An application workshop will be held on Thursday, **March 10, 2011** at the City of Clearwater, City Hall, 112 South Osceola Avenue, Second Floor, Room 222, starting at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for all potential applicants. All organizations applying for the first time are strongly encouraged to attend.

Send applications to Michael Holmes, City of Clearwater, Economic Development and Housing Department - Housing Division, 112 South Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756. Applications must be received, in the Housing Division Office, no later than **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2011**. Please direct all questions to Michael Holmes, Housing Manager at (727) 562-4032 or Jim Donnelly, Assistant Director of Economic Development and Housing at (727)562-4031.