

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

FY 2011-2012 - CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The City of Clearwater is estimated to receive \$932,808 in grant allocation funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and \$589,019 in grant allocation funds under the HOME Investment Partnership Program for FY 2011-2012 Program Year beginning October 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 they provide documented services for City residents. The amounts listed above are only a projection of the grant funds to be received; the 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.

These funds will primarily 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 March 7, 2011, but no later than 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 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 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

Eligible activities may include, but 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 and improvements; economic activities and activities by subrecipients to carry out neighborhood revitalization; energy conservation projects; and related projects.

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.

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

For all potential applicants, an application workshop will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.p. located at the City of Clearwater – City Hall - Second Floor, 112 South Osceola Avenue, Clearwater. All organizations that are applying for the first time to the City are strongly encouraged to attend.

Applications are to be sent to Mr. Michael Holmes, Housing Manager or Jim Donnelly, Assistant Director, City of Clearwater – Economic Development and Housing Department - Housing Division, 112 South Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756 no later than **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2011.** Any questions can be directed to Michael Holmes at (727) 562-4032.