

City of Miami Gardens



Department of
Community
Development

Action Plan Amendment #2
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1. INTRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report consists of modifications (amendments) implemented to activities identified in the City of Miami Gardens' 3rd Program Year Action Plan (FY 2008-2009), for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs. With the approval of the City Manager, this report delineates adjustments to activities carried out by the Department of Community Development. These amendments were necessary due to a change in the nature of the projects indicated herein.

In an effort to better meet the priorities and needs of low- and moderate-income city residents, funding allocations have been increased or decreased appropriately by means of transfer, re-allocation, or de-obligation. All funding determinations are consistent with the goals and objectives set-forth in the 2006-2011 Consolidated Plan in conjunction with the Citizen Participation Plan. As it relates to citizen participation, a summary of the amendments was made available to the public for review and comment. The final amendment will be publicly posted and available on the City's website at <http://www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd/index.html> for review by the general public.

As an Entitlement Jurisdiction, the City of Miami Gardens is dedicated to complying with the goals and regulations mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD), while attempting to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and increased economic opportunity for low- and moderate income residents.

The Department of Community Development initiated such amendments with the intent of meeting the following CDBG national objectives: 1) Provide benefits to low-to-moderate-income families; 2) Aid in preventing "slums and blight"; 3) To meet other community development needs that have a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

Projects submitted in the 3rd Program Year Action Plan were designed to give maximum priority to feasible activities that promote the CDBG national objectives. Furthermore, Entitlement Grant monies, such as CDBG will be awarded by the City of Miami Gardens to agencies and projects which further the national federal objectives. As a result, the same essential factor is exercised when allocating additional funding to existing programs and/or subsidizing initial funding for new applicants.

2. BACKGROUND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The City of Miami Gardens received its first allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2006. The primary objective of the CDBG Program as set forth by Congress is the “development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.” Federal regulations define persons who are low and moderate-income as those individuals (or households) earning less than 80% of the area median income (AMI) as determined by HUD, adjusted by household size.

Usage of the CDBG funds is guided by the City’s Consolidated Plan for Community Development and Housing programs. The Consolidated Plan establishes a long-range strategy for investment of its HUD resources and other resources linked to activities directed at the community development, housing and homeless services needs. The plan covers a five-year period, beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2011. Lastly, the City must prepare an Annual Action Plan describing actions/strategies designed to fulfill the Consolidated Plan.

As an Entitlement City, Miami Gardens is awarded an annual CDBG allocation on a formula basis. The formula takes into account total population, overcrowding and poverty. CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate income persons. Eligible activities include affordable housing, job creation, business expansion opportunities, and services to the most vulnerable in the community.

The Department of Community Development furthers the HUD national objectives by coordinating the priorities collectively established in annual public hearings, with the CDBG national goals and objectives.

3. AMENDMENTS

DETAIL OF AMENDMENTS

Number Key

Activity Code	Amendment Number (activity-P.Y.-amendment #)	Program Yr	Amendment Sequence
BNFR (CDBG-Infrastructure Improvements)	BNFR-03-02	3 rd	001
BPCI (CDBG-Parks Capital Improvements)	BPCI-03-02	3 rd	002

No. BNFR-03-02-001 (Infrastructure Improvements): The 2008-2009 Action Plan reflected the provision of infrastructure improvements in selected low-mod census tracts in the City. This activity was to consist of improvements to drainage, water/sewer, street lights, and street re-construction. Amendment #2 will reduce the amount allocated to this activity by \$150,000. This amount will be re-allocated to one activity: Parks Capital Improvements. The new total amount in the Infrastructure Improvements activity will be **\$300,000.00**.

No. BPCI-03-02-002 (Parks Capital Improvements): This is a new activity for the 2008-2009 Action Plan. This activity will include the engineering design and fabrication of energy efficient lighting at Brentwood Park, which is in a greater than 51% low-mod census tract. This activity will work in conjunction with our 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan, which includes the installation of the lighting at Brentwood Park to allow for improved facilities and expansion of usage. Amendment #2 will re-allocate funds from the infrastructure improvement activity. This will bring the allocation for the Parks Capital Improvement activity to a total of **\$150,000.00**.

Summary of Amendments

Activity	Reduction	Increase	Final Allocated Amount
Infrastructure Improvements	\$150,000.00		\$300,000.00
Parks Capital Improvements		\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00