

For the purposes of expediting review, HUD asks that applicants submit the following checklist along with the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment, Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, and SF-424.

**Contents of a CDBG-R Action Plan Substantial Amendment**

Jurisdiction(s): Richland County Lead Agency Jurisdiction Web Address: <a href="http://www.richlandonline.com">www.richlandonline.com</a> – Community Development (URL where CDBG-R Substantial Amendment materials are posted)	CDBG-R Contact Person: Jocelyn Jennings Address: 2020 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29204 Telephone: 803-576-2055 Fax: 803-576-2052 Email: <a href="mailto:jenningsj@rcgov.us">jenningsj@rcgov.us</a>
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The elements in the substantial amendment required for the CDBG recovery funds are:

**A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES**

Does the submission contain a paper copy of the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities?

Yes  No  Verification found on page 24

Does the submission include an electronic version of the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities sent to the email box CDBG-R@hud.gov?

Yes  No  Date Spreadsheet was emailed: June 4, 2009

Does the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities include, for each activity:

- amount of funds budgeted for each activity, including CDBG-R funds, any additional Recovery Funds used and total activity budget,  
 Yes  No  Verification found on page(24)
- the Eligibility citation (eligibility regulatory cite or HCDA cite),  
 Yes  No  Verification found on page(24)
- the CDBG national objective citation,  
 Yes  No  Verification found on page(24)

**B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY**

Does the submission contain information by activity describing how the grantee will use the funds, including:

- a narrative for each activity describing how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit,

Yes  No  Verification found on page(14-18)

- projected number of jobs created for each activity,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page(14-18)
- whether an activity will promote energy efficiency and conservation,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page(14-18)
- the name, location, and contact information for the entity that will carry out the activity,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page(14-18)
- evidence that no more than 10% of the grant amount will be spent on administration and planning,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page (18 & 24)
- evidence that no more than 15% of the grant amount will be spent on public services,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page (16 & 24)
- evidence that at least 70% of the grant amount will benefit persons of low and moderate income,  
Yes  No  Verification found on page (14-18)

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Was the proposed action plan amendment published via the jurisdiction's usual methods and on the Internet for no less than 7 calendar days of public comment?

Yes  No . Verification found on page(25-31)

Is there a summary of citizen comments included in the final amendment?

Yes  No  Verification found on page(s) **18-23**

**D. CERTIFICATIONS**

The following certifications are complete and accurate:

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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| (1) Affirmatively furthering fair housing     | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Anti-displacement and relocation plan     | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Drug-free Workplace                       | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (4) Anti-lobbying                             | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (5) Authority of jurisdiction                 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (6) Consistency with plan                     | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (7) Section 3                                 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (8) Community development plan                | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (9) Following a plan                          | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (10) Use of Funds                             | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (11) Excessive Force                          | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (12) Compliance with anti-discrimination laws | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (13) Lead-based paint procedures              | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (14) Compliance with laws                     | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (15) Compliance with ARRA                     | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (16) Project selection                        | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(17) Timeliness of infrastructure investments

Yes  No

(18) Buy American provision

Yes  No

(19) Appropriate use of funds for infrastructure investments

Yes  No

(20) 70% of CDBG-R for LMI

Yes  No

Optional Certification

(21) Urgent Need

Yes  No

<b>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</b>		Version 02
*1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Pre application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	*2. Type of Application    * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation            *Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
3. Date Received:		4. Applicant Identifier:
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:		*5b. Federal Award Identifier:
<b>State Use Only:</b>		
6. Date Received by State:		7. State Application Identifier:
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
*a. Legal Name: <u>Richland County</u>		
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <u>57-6000398</u>		*c. Organizational DUNS: <u>07-370-9883</u>
<b>d. Address:</b>		
*Street 1:	<u>2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3063</u>	
Street 2:	<u>P.O. Box 192</u>	
*City:	<u>Columbia</u>	
County:	<u>Richland</u>	
*State:	<u>SC</u>	
Province:	_____	
*Country:	<u>USA</u>	
*Zip / Postal Code	<u>29202</u>	
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>		
Department Name: <u>Richland County</u>		Division Name: <u>Community Development</u>
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
Prefix: <u>Mrs.</u>	*First Name: <u>Jocelyn</u>	
Middle Name:    _____		
*Last Name: <u>Jennings</u>		
Suffix:           _____		

Title:	Project Coordinator
Organizational Affiliation:	Community Development Department
*Telephone Number: 803-576-2230	Fax Number: 803-576-2052
*Email:	jenningsj@rcgov.us

OMB Number: 4040-0004  
Expiration Date: 01/31/2009

<b>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</b>	Version 02
<b>*9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</b> B.County Government Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: *Other (Specify)	
<b>*10 Name of Federal Agency:</b> <b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>	
<b>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b> 14.253 _____ CFDA Title: <u>Community Development Block Grant Recovery</u>	
<b>*12 Funding Opportunity Number:</b> NA _____ *Title: NA _____	
<b>13. Competition Identification Number:</b> NA _____ Title: NA _____	

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

Unincorporated Richland County  
Columbia, South Carolina

**\*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Economic Recovery – CDBG-R for public or direct benefit to LMI persons through public service or infrastructure improvements or housing development in a master planned area.

OMB Number: 4040-0004  
Expiration Date: 01/31/2009

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

Version 02

**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\*a. Applicant: SC-002 and SC-006

\*b. Program/Project:

**17. Proposed Project:**

\*a. Start Date: 06/30/2009. End Date: 9/30/2012

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

*a. Federal	<u>371,569</u>
*b. Applicant	<u>                    </u>
*c. State	<u>                    </u>
*d. Local	<u>                    </u>
*e. Other	<u>                    </u>
*f. Program Income	<u>                    </u>
*g. TOTAL	<u>371,569</u>

**\*19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E. O. 12372

**\*20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)**

- Yes
- No

21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal,

civil, or administrative penalties. (U. S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix: Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name: J. Milton \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Last Name: Pope \_\_\_\_\_  
Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Title: County Administrator

\*Telephone Number: 803-576-2050

Fax Number: 803-576-2137

\* Email: [popem@rcgov.us](mailto:popem@rcgov.us)

\*Signature of Authorized Representative:

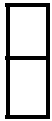
\*Date Signed:

Authorized for Local Reproduction  
(Revised 10/2005)

Standard Form 424

Circular A-102

Prescribed by OMB



**Richland County Government**  
**Consolidated Plan, 2008 Action Plan**  
**CDBG-R Substantial Amendment**  
**CERTIFICATIONS**

(1) **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.** Richland County Government will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard.

(2) **Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan.** Richland County Government will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under CDBG-R.

(3) **Drug Free Workplace.** Richland County Government will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
  - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
  - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
  - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
  - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;



5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(4) **Anti-Lobbying.** To the best of Richland County's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(5) **Authority of Jurisdiction.** Richland County possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and other program requirements.

(6) **Consistency with Plan.** The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG-R funds are consistent with its consolidated plan.

(7) **Section 3.** Richland County Government will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.

(8) **Community Development Plan.** Richland County Government certifies that the consolidated housing and community development plan identifies housing and community development needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the statute authorizing the CDBG program.

(9) **Following a Plan.** Richland County Government is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

(10) **Use of Funds.** Richland County Government has developed activities so as to give the maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention of slums or blight. Additional activities may be included that are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs  
It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG-R funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

2. **Special Assessments.** The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG-R funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low- and moderate-income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG-R funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG-R funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds. The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG-R funds, unless CDBG-R funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds. In addition, with respect to properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (but not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG-R funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG-R or CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

(11) **Excessive Force.** Richland County Government certifies that it has adopted and is enforcing: (1) a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and (2) a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

(12) **Compliance with Anti-discrimination Laws.** The CDBG-R grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

(13) **Compliance with Lead-based Paint Procedures.** The activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R of this title.

(14) **Compliance with Laws.** Richland County Government will comply with applicable laws.

(15) **Compliance with ARRA.** Richland County Government will comply with Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

(16) **Project Selection.** Richland County Government will select projects to be funded, by giving priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the recipient, and that will ensure maximum job creation and economic benefit.

(17) **Timeliness of Infrastructure Investments.** When Richland County Government uses CDBG-R funds for infrastructure investments, the grantee will give preference to quick-start and finish activities, including a goal to use at least 50 percent of the funds for activities within 120 days of enactment of the Recovery Act.

(18) **Buy American Provision.** Richland County Government will ensure that all iron, steel and manufactured goods used in construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of a public building or public work project assisted with CDBG-R funds under the Recovery Act must be produced in the United States unless the Secretary finds that: (1) the requirement is inconsistent with public interest; (2) those goods are not reasonably available or produced in sufficient quantity in the U.S.; (3) or the use of the goods will increase the project cost by more than 25 percent.

(19) **Appropriate Use of Funds for Infrastructure Investments.** The County Administrator certifies that any infrastructure investments have received the full review and vetting required by law and that the Administrator accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Alternatively, a grantee's chief elected official certifies that infrastructure investments will receive the full review and vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

(20) **70% of CDBG-R for LMI.** The aggregate use of CDBG-R funds shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the grant is expended for activities that benefit such persons over the life of the CDBG-R grant.

Richland County Government

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

County Administrator\_\_\_\_\_

Title

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION**

**CDBG-R**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

Where the urgent need is the current economic conditions, the grantee certifies that the activity is alleviating current economic conditions which pose a threat to the economic welfare of the community in which the activity is being carried out, the recipient is unable to finance the activity on its own, and other sources of funding are not available.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

County Administrator  
Title

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**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT  
TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE  
AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FY2008  
FOR THE RECOVERY ACT (CDBG-R) FUNDING ALLOCATION**

Funding available under the Recovery Act has clear purposes – to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation’s infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds for economic development, infrastructure and other public facilities that will quickly spur further economic investment and job creation. While the full range of CDBG activities is available to grantees, the Department strongly suggests that grantees incorporate consideration of the public perception of the intent of the Recovery Act in identifying and selecting projects for CDBG-R funding.

In order to address the recommendations for the use of CDBG-R funding and the expedient expenditure of available CDBG-R funding as specified by HUD, Richland County Government will allocate its \$371,569 CDBG-R funds to four (4) activities that are consistent with the goals of the Recovery Act for projects that may not have been funded otherwise: We suggest \$200,000 be spent for infrastructure improvements in a subdivision currently under construction; \$79,569 for infill residential development in a blighted community; \$55,000 for a summer employment, training and development program for youth and \$37,000 for the planning and general administration of CDBG-R activities. The projects are consistent with the Richland County Five Year Consolidated Plan (2007-2012) where “public facilities and improvements” are identified as a high priority. The plan also emphasizes the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and addresses unemployment issues.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development “Notice of Program Requirements for the Community Development Block Grant Program Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,” ask recipients of CDBG-R to include the following elements in the Substantial Amendment to the FY2008 Annual Action Plan.

Activity #1 Name: Infrastructure Improvement in Rockgate Subdivision

**Activity Description:** Pave a dirt road in phase III of the project development

**Eligibility Category:** Public Improvements 570.201(c)

**National Objective Citation:** Low/Mod Area Benefit (LMA) 24 CFR 570.208 (a)(1)(i)

**CDBG-R Amount Budgeted:** \$200,000

**Additional Recovery Act Funding Committed To the Project:** \$0.00

**Total Activity Budget:** \$200,000

**Narrative:**

CDBG funds will target public facilities and infrastructure projects in unincorporated areas of the County. Among the eligible projects is the paving of 2000 linear ft of dirt road in the Rockgate subdivision. This community is located in Census Tract 106.1 Block Group where 60% are LMI. This project received consideration for funding for consecutive years and is included in the Action Plans for 2006 and 2007 and 2008. In 2008 Richland County provided funding to the Rockgate project to address the rising cost of sewer and water taps which had tripled in cost in one year. This left the paving of the dirt road unfunded. As a result, this project is “shovel ready”. Engineering is complete and permits have been obtained to proceed. Richland County Procurement has advertised a Request for Proposal and a contract will be signed and will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA. In addition the construction of the road is expected to take 90 days from the date the contract is signed.

**Job Creation/Benefit:**

The project will result in a healthier living atmosphere and will serve 112 households; it will increase property values for LMI homeowners and it will create employment opportunities for laborers, foreman, forklift operators, cement mixers and other construction crew.

**Responsible Organization**

The project will be implemented by Habitat for Humanity under the direction of Roy Kramer, Executive Director. They are located at 209 South Sumter St, Columbia, SC 29201 and can be reached by calling 803-252-3570 Ext. 140, [rkramer@habitatcsc.org](mailto:rkramer@habitatcsc.org). Richland County will administer the funds and provide oversight as well as assure compliance with CDBG-R regulations.

Activity #2 Name: Infill single family residential development in a targeted neighborhood

**Activity Description:** Construct affordable infill housing for homeownership. Richland County HOME funds will be used to pay construction costs.

**Eligibility Category:** Construction of Housing (570.201(m))

**National Objective Citation:** Area Benefit 24 CFR 570.208 (a)(1)(i)

**CDBG-R Amount Budgeted:** \$79,569

**Additional Recovery Act Funding Committed To the Project:** \$0.00

**Total Activity Budget:** \$79,569

**Narrative:**

The Ridgewood neighborhood located in northwest Richland County is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year of revitalization under the county's Neighborhood Revitalization Program. To date, CDBG funds have been used for improvements to infrastructure and public utilities; green park development as well as for a summer training/employment program for youth. We are proposing that CDBG-R funds be used to further the revitalization efforts by acquiring vacant unkempt parcels on scattered sites for infill housing development. Targeted sites are overgrown lots and those where abandoned and deteriorated houses once stood. Property for redevelopment/development will fulfill one of the goals outlined in the Ridgewood Master Plan. If CDBG-R funds are granted, up to 3 homeownership units will be constructed using energy efficient materials and appliances. Pre-development activities have been completed including the environmental and a Request for Proposals from sub-recipient housing developers is ready for publication. FY2008-2009 HOME funds in the amount of \$97,000 have been committed for this purpose and we anticipate using HOME program income to supplement the cost.

**Job Creation/Benefit:**

This investment will lead to the creation of jobs associated with construction of residential units. In addition the service of professionals from the real-estate, legal and financial lending industries will be necessary to complete this project. This activity will impact the economic recovery of this community by providing compositions needed to boost the property values.

**Responsible Organization:**

Richland County Community Development will be responsible for this activity, under the direction of Jocelyn Jennings-Nelson, 2020 Hampton St., Columbia SC, 29204, (803) 576-2055, [jenningsj@rcgov.us](mailto:jenningsj@rcgov.us).

Activity #3 Name: Summer Employment, Training & Development

**Activity Description:** Twenty Five disadvantaged youth ages 14-19 will be provided year round personal and career development workshops and 8 weeks of employment during the summer.

**Eligibility Category:** Public Service (570.201(e))

**National Objective Citation:** Public Service for Low/Mod Limited Clientele 24 CFR 570.208 (a)(2)(iv)

**CDBG-R Amount Budgeted:** \$55,000



**Additional Recovery Act Funding Committed To the Project:** \$0.00

**Total Activity Budget:** \$55,000

**Narrative:**

The Columbia Urban League is proposing to expand its summer youth program to include employment for twenty-five (25), disadvantaged 14-19 year olds from unincorporated Richland County. The participants will work for eight weeks at an hourly rate of \$7.00 per hour, 30 hours per week. The goals of the summer employment program are threefold: to provide on-the-job work experience, increase employability and assist youth with becoming career-focused.

A year round initiative, youth will also participate in a pre-employment academy and empowerment workshops on relevant topics. This activity will assist LMI households that are impacted by the recession. Not only will this activity bring income into the homes of those in foster care, but this activity will help 25 disadvantaged youth that would not otherwise be served transition into responsible and self reliant adults.

**Jobs Created:**

Summer employment for 25 youth will be achieved. The clientele will be from the foster care population who are at risk and would benefit from the job training and personal development.

**Responsible Organization:**

The responsible organization will be the Columbia Urban League, Inc under the leadership of James T. McLawhorn, Jr., 1400 Barnwell St., Columbia, South Carolina 29201, (803) 799-8150, [culsc@aol.com](mailto:culsc@aol.com) . Richland County will provide oversight and assure compliance with CDBG-R regulations.

Activity #4 Name: Planning and General Administration

**Activity Description:** Richland County will use up to 10% of allocation for general management, oversight and coordination of the CDBG-R project

**Eligibility Category:** Administration 570.206

**National Objective Citation:** Low/Mod 24 CFR 570.208 (a)(1)(i)

**CDBG-R Amount Budgeted:** \$37,000

**Additional Recovery Act Funding Committed To the Project:** \$0.00

**Total Activity Budget:** \$37,000

**Narrative:**

Richland County has committed its CDBG-R funds to the select projects because these projects provide services that otherwise would not be funded and the projects meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of the Recovery Act, which stipulates that:

In selecting projects to be funded, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 calendar days from the date the funds are made available to the recipients; and that for CDBG-R funds being used for infrastructure investments, recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously.

Furthermore the Act suggest for infrastructure investments, preference should be given to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the enactment of the Act.

**Public Comment:**

The Notice of CDBG-R funding appeared in the May 20, 2009 edition of The State – legal classified section. Richland County stakeholders are encouraged to offer comment to the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment May 21, 2009 thru May 29, 2009. The CDBG-R Substantial Amendment could be found at eleven branches of Richland County Public Libraries, on the Richland County web site ([www.richlandonline.com](http://www.richlandonline.com)) and a copy was mailed to more than 200 neighborhood leaders.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED  
MAY 22-29, 2009**

5/27/09 - E-mail

I would like to propose that a self study program be included as a prerequisite for people you are serving through the Community Development Recovery Act Grant. We have a similar program for people receiving Food Stamps through Social Services in Virginia. People have access to courses in Financial Literacy, GED Preparation, Job Readiness, and Occupational Foundation Skills. Whenever they are in the program, their progress and hours are tracked. It requires minimal supervision. In fact, we could use the same monitors used by the VA program. Please let me know if there is a more appropriate way to submit my comments.

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5/27/09 E-mail

I received your 16 page document "Substantial Amendment to the Richland County Five Year Consolidated Funding Allocation" over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The document was mailed on May 22 and since it asks me to share the information therein with our community members; and since it appears that the comment period has now nearly expired, I request an extension of a reasonable time period to distribute the pertinent information to community members, discuss the proposed expenditures and possibly submit an alternative plan.

Our subdivisions (Ashley Hall, Brandon Hall, Ashley Place and neighboring Magnolia Hall) have been suffering the effects of the downturn specifically in the large number of foreclosures and unemployed residents who are unable to pay their homeowners dues and properly maintain their properties. We must force banks and landlords to mow the lawns of homes they own. The end result is that our community is seeing property values decrease. If allowed to continue in this direction, it may well become the next slum area in the Northeast.

This area of 280 homes could use \$100,000 of the \$371,569.00 to help pay current budgeted expenses such as utilities, trim trees, maintain and improve the landscaping, and make other necessary repairs to the common areas that will need to be postponed due to budget shortfalls resulting from unpaid and unrecoverable homeowner dues. This is truly "Recovery" and "Infrastructure" spending. Personally, I feel it would be a better use of the funds than to spend \$200,000 to pave a dirt road in a development that is currently under construction. Paving a dirt road only helps the developer. This is "Development" spending. Building additional homes when there is an excess on the market does not follow the basic logic of supply & demand and tends to lower property values of existing homes such as ours.

I appreciate the opportunity to express, at least, my views and remain surprised at the length of time allotted for comments on this matter.

Sincerely,  
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**5/28/09 - E-mail**

We are so please and honored that your organization have made an attempt to help these disadvantage children in the county of Richland. We have been in business as a non-profit since 1993 in the County of Richland. CFYGI/ The Richardson Foundation Center for Social Change and Biblical Studies under my father's direction for the past forty-seven years. CFYGI, (Community Focus Youth Group, Inc. ) stated as ad-hoc committee at South Carolina Black News seventeen years ago. We are Community Development Specialist. We are Grant

researchers & Business Proposals writers. Our main projects we are working on and now in progress are our local newspapers in Richland, Kershaw and Williamsburg Counties.

#### Richland County

Boy scout/ Cub Scouts/ Venture Groups (co-ed ages 16-25) held every Monday at 6:00 pm

\*\* Forest Heights Elementary School

Virtuous Me Girls \*\*Lady Angels\*\* every Monday at 6:00 pm \*\* Forest Heights elementary School

GED Preparations Every Monday & Wednesday at \*\*Forest Heights Elementary\*\*

#### WISH LIST\*\*\*\*Approximate Cost

(1) Uniforms-\$550.00 X 4 = 2,200.00 ( 24 participants group) (Lady Angels Girls Club & Cub scouts)

(2) Administrative Cost for GED Preparation- \$25.00 per hr. @ 2 hrs. X 2days per week X 6 weeks =3,000.00

(3) Supplies - paper for newspaper 11 1/2 X 17" @ \$30.00 per case Ink @ 40.00 per double cartilage Folders for girls / Boys group , pens, pencils, Notebooks..

(4) Transportation fees ( Oil, & Gas)

(5) Project Manager's & Stipends

(6) Printing cost for 3,000 publications bi-weekly 500.00 each print

(7) Gift baskets for Elderly (Easter, Mother's Day & Father's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, just because during the summer months)

(8) Summer Camp Program \* 8hrs. per day for 16 weeks (June -August) approximately 100 children each year

(9) Workshops: Teen pregnancy \* Single Parenting, \*Fatherhood \* Diabetes / Blood Pressure\* Heart Disease \*Incarcerated Youth , Adults and their families

(10) Uniforms for Softball season coming up.!!

#### TEAMS:

Basketball, Lost by ONE POINT last night!! (10-14 ages )(co-ed) Elite Basketball team

Softball , football, soccer Step teams, Praise teams

each group is individually sponsored by different organization and business through Richland County, It would be very pleasant to not worry about where we are going to get the finances from to help these children.

Our outcome has help deter vandalism throughout our communities by having a place where they can come and participate and express their opinions, and concerns.

We also have a Cultural and Arts Department, Our plays are written and performed by the community. (that is awesome)

#### PUBLICATIONS:

Virtuous Me Magazine

Boyz II Gentlemen Magazine

Our Neighborhood Newspaper

The Community Heritage Review  
My Hometown Gazette

We need funding to help keep these publications in circulation. We need a building to call our own, we have been working through the churches with our programs, however, if we had a building to provide these services and more through CFYGI/ The Richardson Foundation Center for Social change, the more people we can serve. Not give food every Tuesday or free lunch, our community needs a place to come and share their problems and concerns without the retaliation of being looked down upon or scorned by society. If you give a man a fish, you can only feed him for one day, BUT if you TEACH a man to fish, you will feed him for a lifetime. PLEASE HELP US WITH A BUILDING OF OUR OWN TO CALL HOME.. We just received and was honored with a grant from DJJ to have a TEEN AFTER-SCHOOL CENTER for the teens on probation, we counselor train, guide and assist these teens through workshops, hands on training and on the job training to make them better employable citizens, by raising their economical standards thought he renewing of the minds. We have two sites in mind to construct this building or to help renovate the building. We were given access to five acres to construct a youth employment training center, however, this will belong the their church and the other building is already in existence, it is called the ELLIS HALL at Haskell Heights First Baptist Church, Pastor Glenn Wigfall has given our organization permission to turn the ELLIS HALL into a community LIBRARY, where everyone from young to old can come and read or visit our cyber cafe a great blessings for the community, but like I said we need funding to operate it and to renovate it to pay stipends to the youth. PLEASE HELP US !!

We appreciate all that you are doing for us. We are very well known throughout the communities as Community Activists and Community Leaders. We have two generations of children coming through our programs.

We also have a radio show every Sunday Morning @ 10:00 am on WGCV 620 am, Called "WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT," The Urban Scene's show station. Our mission is to Teach, train, guide and assists the disadvantage community through workshops hands on training and counseling through Christ to make them better employable citizens by raising the economical standards through the renewing of the mind.

If there are any more information needed please do not hesitate to EMAIL ME.. That is the best way to contact me, because I am constantly in the field ....

I will be graduating from Central Christian University on Sat. June 6, @ 2 pm at the Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church located on Fairfield rd. Columbia Dr. C. E. Graham is the Director. After 11 long hard years as a Community Evangelist and Community Development Specialist I will be receiving an Honorary Doctor of Christian Humanitarian Degree.. Thank you JESUS....

Partners in Community Awareness,  
Evangelist Shanne Thompson  
Haskell heights/Crane Forest  
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5/28/09 E-mail

Comment to Community Development Department of Richland County In brief response to the substantial amendment to the five-year consolidated plan that some received by US Mail on Saturday, May 23, 2009: We are happy to hear that there may be additional funding opportunities to revitalize and preserve the Ridgewood Community. The prospect of an additional, remote site for recreation on commercial property on Monticello Road may be an enhancement to our expectation and understanding that the site of the Old Ridgewood Elementary School at Woodbrier and Crest is where Richland County Recreation Commission intends to build the Main Ridgewood Recreation Center.

Signatures are currently being collected in the community to state that this is the preference of the majority in that it will help the Ridgewood Community to preserve its 100+ year history as well as the history of Ridgewood Elementary School where many of us began our education with Richland School District One. Signatures include persons who live, own property, worship and do business in the Ridgewood and Barony Communities. We hope that our voices will be heard and this notification of our desires regarding the recreation center location will be considered as you plan for our community's future. We would also appreciate clarification on how acquisition of the commercial property mentioned in the amendment relates to the Recreation Center that we have requested at the Ridgewood Park site in the Woodbrier/Crest area.

Thank you for your time.

Celeste Phillips-Blakeney, Community Advocate

===== 5/29/09 E-mail

Jocelyn,

I reviewed the notice and I was under the impression that the community center would be constructed in the same area of the Ridgewood Park? I thought this was stated when the Recreation Commission presented at Ridgewood Alive. I also spoke with Mrs. Inez Hicks and she stated when discussions begin about the construction of the community center, it was to be built in the area of the park. Is this not the case? Thanks.

Kevin

===== 5/29/09

**Telephone Comment: Tyra Whitmore - New Life World Ministries**

Faith based ministries have really good programs for youth but funding is not available through the City or Richland County because they are "The Church".

Future Leaders in Christ is a summer program that we offer that focuses on exposing children to careers through interaction with professional in different fields. We also take participants on out of town trips to introduce them to other cultures.

Due to the current economic situation less funding is available to us than before.

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5/29/09

**Telephone Comment: Juliet Greenly – Starks Terrace & Hollywood Hills**

I think the projects mentioned are good ideas. “But streets in Starks Terrace need sidewalks, new signs are needed, clean up overgrown lots and abandoned lots. Green space is needed. Also Crawford Road needs paving. Hollywood Hills is supposed to get sewer service. “Why can’t the money be used for that”? Our community goes back almost 100 years and we are not clapboard houses; we have brick homes and working families. We need help revitalizing our community to restore what we had.