

MEMORANDUM

To: Local Government Officials in Counties Affected by the FEMA Disaster Declarations of March 20, 2008 and May 23, 2008

From: Mike Beatty, Commissioner *MB*

Date: February 16, 2010

Subject: NOFA -- \$2,983,486 Available for Second Round Funding of State of Georgia 2008 Supplemental CDBG Disaster Funds

**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFA) for the following counties (and cities within these counties): Bartow, Bibb, Burke, Carroll, Crawford, DeKalb, Douglas, Emanuel, Floyd, Fulton, Glynn, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, McIntosh, Treutlen, Twiggs and Wilkinson Counties. The funds will be distributed via a competition using the rating factors detailed in DCA's 2008 Updated Action Plan for CDBG Supplemental Disaster Recovery Funds. Note the deadline for applications is COB April 15, 2010.**

You are receiving this memorandum because your jurisdiction is located in an area eligible to compete for State Supplemental CDBG funds to finance long-term disaster recovery needs authorized pursuant to the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-329, as approved September 30, 2008). An initial round of funding was held on July 31, 2009. Awards have been made from this initial round of funding and DCA is inviting applications for a second round of funding. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2010. A total of \$2,983,486 is available for new grant awards and the grant amounts are limited to \$750,000 per award for a single local government and \$1,500,000 for Joint Submissions that include a City or Cities and a County or two or more Counties.

Note that following the initial round of funding and subsequent to the fall 2009 flooding disaster that impacted some of the same counties eligible under this declaration, the Department requested that this round of funding allow activities emanating from the 2009 fall flood disaster. Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently had to deny that request subject to specific statutory language contained in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008. For those jurisdictions impacted by both disasters and interested in this funding, I encourage you to contact DCA staff to discuss your jurisdiction's specific needs.



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Please note that there is also a federal requirement and opportunity to utilize these funds to undertake activities to boost the supply of affordable rental housing as well as other eligible CDBG activities. Activities that may be funded include: 1) the reconstruction, and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements for affordable housing including required affordable rental housing [as required pursuant to 42 USC 5305(a)(4) and the Federal Register Notice]; 2) the provision of assistance to encourage long-term recovery and expansion of existing businesses; 3) the reconstruction, or installation of public works and facilities; and 4) the provision of assistance to facilitate and expand homeownership and other activities as detailed in DCA's Updated Action Plan at the web link detailed below. Note that each applicant must propose and use a portion of its grant to assist affordable rental housing activities as detailed in the Updated Action Plan.

*Please note that other than the required affordable rental housing provision, the Supplemental CDBG Disaster program provides greater flexibility for applicants, allowing 1) new housing construction, 2) housing assistance for those at 120 percent or less of area median income, and 3) a lower aggregate benefit of 51 percent for low- and moderate-income people. Further details are available in the Updated Action Plan.*

Details on the State's Updated Action Plan can be seen along with 1) The Federal Register Notice for 2008 Supplemental CDBG Appropriations [Docket No. FR-5256-N-01]; and 2) Eligible jurisdictions at the following web link:  
<http://www.dca.ga.gov/communities/CDBG/programs/cdbg2008disaster.asp>.

Interested applicants should begin preparation of their applications using the aforementioned Updated Action Plan and the 2010 State CDBG "annual competition" application forms located at  
<http://www.dca.ga.gov/communities/CDBG/programs/CDBGregular.asp>.

**Those jurisdictions funded under the initial competition are ineligible for funding under this second round competition unless they are proposing planning activities as provided for in Section (3)(b) page 8 of the Updated Action Plan or are addressing "dire" needs.**

**\*\*Please note that applications for Georgia CDBG Disaster funds under this second round competition are due either in DCA's central office by 5:00 P.M. on April 15, 2010 or postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on April 15, 2010.\*\***

Please feel free to contact Brian Williamson at (404) 679-1587 or [brian.williamson@dca.ga.gov](mailto:brian.williamson@dca.ga.gov) with your questions.

Thank you.

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