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Cc: Brian Williamson
Subject: Revised NSP Substantial Amendment - Published 12-15-08

Dear DCA Board Members, Mayors, County Commission Chairs, RDC Executive Directors, Other Interested Parties:

Subject: Down payment assistance activity added to Flexible Pool; Adjustment to the Direct Allocation Appendix 2 tables and methodology to better account for unique situation; Procurement requirement for non-local government applicants; Mapping requirement

Please note the following proposed changes to DCA's Substantial Amendment for NSP. Also please note the comment period outlined below.

1. After much consideration of eligible activities proposed under the NSP Flexible Pool, DCA proposes adding a Down Payment Assistance activity as an eligible category of assistance available through the Flexible Pool. The program will be called the Georgia Dream/NSP Purchase Program and it will be able to provide down payment assistance to certain eligible NSP properties financed through a Georgia Dream first mortgage that is insured by either FHA or VA. Details on the program and other minor edits can be viewed in Section B. 7 of the updated Action Plan at the NSP web link below.
2. Additionally, in order to correct a small anomaly created by a one-of-a-kind situation when DCA ranked Chatham County (an NSP non-entitlement county) in combination with the City of Savannah (an NSP Entitlement city), we have adjusted the formula allocation tables to account for the City of Savannah as a unique but separate entitlement jurisdiction. The statuses for Chatham County and Savannah do not change; however, the change slightly increases the amount of funds available for individual non-entitlement NSP jurisdictions. These changes can be viewed in detail in Appendix 2 of the Action Plan at the link below. Details concerning the methodology can also be found at Appendix 1 and 1a. Please contact Glenn Misner at (404) 679-3138 or glenn.misner@dca.ga.gov or Steed Robinson at (404) 679-3168 or steed.robinson@dca.ga.gov if there are questions about these changes.
3. We are modifying Section B6(b) to make clear that applicants for NSP funds that are not local governments must have their applications authorized by a local government and must have been selected by a local government through a procurement process that meets the standards of 24 CFR Part 85.36. (RDC's are exempt from the procurement process but must have local government authorization.) Please note that *we strongly advise* all local jurisdictions undertaking procurement procedures for NSP to contact Rick Huber, DCA's CDBG Compliance Manager, for technical assistance with their procurement process. He can be reached at (404) 679-3174 or at rick.huber@dca.ga.gov.
4. We are modifying Section A4(a) and Section B6(i)(c) to require large scale maps with submission of NSP applications to DCA in order for DCA to be better able to determine if proposals are being targeted to areas of greatest need.

As per our Citizen Participation Requirements, we are publishing this change effective immediately and will accept public comment on this proposed change through December 31, 2008. Comments on this change may be submitted in writing to:

NSP Comments

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Please continue to monitor our web page for updates to the Georgia NSP program as well as reviewing the proposed changes discussed above at: <http://www.dca.state.ga.us/communities/CDBG/programs/nsp.asp>.

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