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**From:** Steed Robinson  
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2009 7:17 PM  
**To:** Steed Robinson  
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**Subject:** Publication of Federal CDBG Stimulus Regulations and Amended Action Plan

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

This week, HUD published the *Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*. Please find the Notice along with a letter from the HUD Secretary and the President's guidance to federal agencies on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act at the following web link:

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/communities/CDBG/programs/cdbgstimulus.asp>.

DCA has reviewed this information and revised our proposed Action Plan accordingly. The revised action plan is available at the link above. Please note the following important points:

- The deadline for Stimulus applications remains June 1, 2009.
- Although the official citizens comment period ends May 29, 2009, DCA is encouraging interested parties to submit comments no later than May 15, 2009. This will assist DCA in any further revisions to the Action Plan prior to the June 1, 2009 deadline.
- Local grantees are allowed up to 5 percent of the grant amount for administration.
- In accordance with the Federal Notice, applicants must identify other ARRA funds proposed for their projects other than CDBG stimulus funds, if any, on form DCA 8 of the applicants' manual.
- Under the strategy criterion, the following language is added—  
Demonstration that the local strategy meets other ARRA principles and objectives including one or more of the following: i) stimulation of investments needed to increase economic efficiency; ii) stimulation of investments in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; iii) stimulation of investments that foster energy independence or conservation; iv) stimulation of investments that promote smart growth; green building techniques or reduced pollution emissions;

If there are questions or comments, please contact me at (404) 679-1587.

Thank you.

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