

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mike Beatty, Commissioner *MB*

DATE: March 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Stimulus Program Workshop/Substantial Amendment to DCA's HUD Action Plan

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs will be conducting a CDBG Stimulus Program Workshop on April 17, 2009, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Macon, Georgia. We anticipate an application submission deadline of June 1, 2009 for CDBG Stimulus funds.

The purpose of this workshop is to inform local government officials and other interested parties of the procedures to be used in preparing CDBG Stimulus applications. The workshop is designed to provide you an opportunity to learn the details involved in putting together a competitive application, to ask questions, and to share information. At that time, you will be provided an Applicants' Manual that will describe the application process and the guidelines that will be used in evaluating applications. The details of the workshop are included on the attached draft agenda. In order to ensure ample workshop materials, please complete your registration at the link below by April 14, 2009. To register for the workshop, go to the DCA website at:

www.dca.ga.gov/communities/CDBG/programs/cdbgstimulus.asp and register at appropriate link. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the workshop, please contact Lisa Smith at (404) 679-5276.

Furthermore, in order to accommodate the Stimulus funds, DCA is preparing a substantial amendment to its 2008 HUD-approved Action Plan. This amendment will provide a framework for the final development of CDBG Stimulus Program policies and application requirements. Upon approval of the State's leadership, DCA will post the amended Action Plan on our web page at the link above. Please regularly check the web link above in order to watch for the Action Plan amendment and for other CDBG Stimulus Program updates. Once posted, please use the email link "Comments on the CDBG Stimulus Program" in order to provide feedback on the Action Plan amendment. This will be part of DCA's Citizen Participation process that will provide a 30-day comment period on the amendment. The amendment will be posted on our web site and summarized in both print and electronic media along with the date for the public hearing and a final due date for receipt of comments and the method (via both email access and standard mail address) for submitting comments. Upon receipt of HUD's guidance, we will make any necessary adjustments to the proposed amendment, and, if needed, solicit further citizen comments.

Please contact Brian Williamson at (404) 679-1587 or brian.williamson@dca.ga.gov for further information about policies and procedures relating to the CDBG Stimulus Program.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

MB/lb

Enclosures: Draft Agenda & Directions



Georgia Department of Community Affairs
FY 2009 CDBG Stimulus Applicants' Workshop
Friday, April 17, 2009
Macon, Georgia



- 9:00 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:30 CDBG Stimulus Program Overview
- Welcome/General Opening Comments Brian Williamson
 - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Steed Robinson
- 10:30 – 12:00 CDBG Stimulus Rating and Selection Method
- Availability of Funds CDFD Staff
 - Eligible Applicants CDFD Staff
 - Demographics CDFD Staff
 - Feasibility CDFD Staff
 - Impact CDFD Staff
 - Strategy CDFD Staff
 - Bonus Points for Project Readiness CDFD Staff
- 12:00 – 1:00 Group Lunch (lunch provided)
- 1:00 – 2:00 CDBG Stimulus Rating and Selection Method (continued)
- 2:00 – 3:00 Questions and Wrap-up

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From Savannah/Dublin

Take I-16 West into Macon. Once you get into Macon, get off on exit 1B, which is Second Street. Turn Right. At the first stoplight, take a right onto Walnut Street. At the next light turn right which is First Street the hotel is on the right.

From Atlanta

Take I-75 South to Macon. Stay on I-75 South until you get to I-16 East (Exit # 165 Savannah). Merge onto I-16 East and take your first exit (1A €" Spring St.) Take a right off of the exit onto Spring St. At the first stoplight, which is Riverside Drive, take a left. Go down to your second stoplight and take a right (1st Street) The Hotel is located on your left.

From Valdosta/Perry

Take I-75 North to Macon, Stay on I-75 North until you get to I-16 East (Exit # 165 Savannah). Merge onto I-16 East and take your first exit (1A €" Spring St.) Take a right off of the exit onto Spring St. At the first stoplight, which is Riverside Drive, take a left. Go down to your second stoplight and take a right (1st Street) The Hotel is located on your left.

From Columbus

Take Highway 80 all the way into Macon, when you get into Macon, Colonial Mall will be on you left. Look for I-75 North (Atlanta). Take I-75 North until you get to I-16 (Exit # 165 Savannah). Merge onto I-16 East and take your first exit (1A €" Spring St.) Take a right off of the exit onto Spring St. At the first stoplight, which is Riverside Drive, take a left. Go down to your second stoplight and take a right (1st Street) The Hotel is located on your left.

From Gray

Take Highway 129 from Gray into Macon. Highway 129 turns into Gray Highway. Once you get into town keep straight until you get to Riverside Drive. Turn left onto Riverside Drive. Go down to your second stoplight and take a right (1st Street) The Hotel is located on your left

From Milledgeville

Take Highway 49 to Macon. Highway 49 will turn into Shurlington Drive once you get into town. Take a left onto Gray Highway. Keep straight until you get to Riverside Drive; turn left onto Riverside Drive. Go down to your second stoplight and take a right (1st Street) The Hotel is located on your left.