

**CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TEMPLATE – PY 34
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
LINCOLN AVE RECONSTRUCTION**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“Recovery Act”) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act awards \$1 billion in CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) funds to be distributed to cities, counties, insular areas and states, of which \$10 million has been reserved by HUD for its administrative costs and \$10 million of which will be awarded to Indian tribes. Recipients of the remaining \$980 million of CDBG-R funds will be the approximately 1,200 jurisdictions that received CDBG funding in Fiscal Year 2008.

The City of Danbury will receive \$168,222 as part of this 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 hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings. 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.

CDBG-R Information by Activity:

- 1) Activity Name – Lincoln Ave Reconstruction
- 2) Activity Narrative – The City’s proposed project is to reconstruct Lincoln Ave which will include; the removal and replacement of deteriorated pavement (paving 46,800 SF and reclaiming 5,200 SY) and bituminous curbing (approximately 3,000 LF) along the entire length of Lincoln Avenue, the removal and replacement of approximately 12,800 LF of deteriorated sections of concrete sidewalk, the installation of 1,200 LF of storm drainage piping and 7 catch basins to reduce it eliminate ponding/icing problems caused by the lack of an existing storm drainage system in the road to intercept surface runoff as well as roof and curtain drain pipes that discharge from the uphill side of the road, and improvements to driveway ramps.

Lincoln Ave is located in Census Tract 2106 between BG 2 & 5. Total population of the benefit area is over 2,142 based on HUD’s 2007 LMISD data. LMI data for HUD indicates an LMI population of 1,178 persons or 54.9% of the total population. The proposed activity will meet Recovery Act requirements in a variety of ways.

- o The project will create employment for approximately 20 persons categories as estimated by the City’s Engineering Department:

- LMI neighborhoods such as the area around Lincoln Ave are most highly impacted by the current economic recession and this project will serve to stabilize housing values and improve the quality of life as well as pedestrian safety for neighborhood residents.
 - Improving transportation infrastructure will encourage revitalization and investment in this neighborhood. The paving/curbing/sidewalk project is part of an overall neighborhood revitalization effort that includes improvements at Tarrywile Park that will increase use of the park by neighborhood residents.
 - Reconstruction of this street will physically improve its ability to service the neighborhood and community and lengthen its effective life.
- 3) The City's Engineering Department has estimated that 20 jobs will be created by this project:
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| a) | Roadway work (pavement and curbing) | 6 persons |
| b) | Sidewalk replacement | 3 persons |
| c) | Storm drainage work | 5 persons |
| d) | Truckers | 3 persons |
| e) | Landscapers | 3 persons |
| | TOTAL | 20 persons |
- 4) The project will improve and encourage pedestrian mobility and accessibility for neighborhood residents.
- 5) The City Finance Department will be responsible for overall CDBG and CDBG-R project activities. The City Engineering Department will provide all engineering design and related services during construction at no cost to the project as an indication of the City's commitment to this activity.
- a) Director of Finance – David St. Hilaire
 - b) City Engineer – Farid Khouri
 - c) CDBG Administrator – Laurence E. Wagner

Public Comments:

The CDBG-R Substantial Amendment was placed on the City's website May 26, 2009 for a seven (7) day comment period.