

**City of Jamestown**  
**CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to FY2008 Annual Action Plan**

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**Proposed Activities:**

**Activity Name: Eagle Street Infrastructure Improvements**

**Activity Narrative:**

The reconstruction of Eagle Street and its associated sidewalks, curbs and driveway aprons will preserve City Department of Public Works Streets Department jobs and create construction jobs for private construction firms. The required \$190,429 portion of the City's allocated CDBG-R funds are the much-needed infusion that will replace dwindling state and local funds for infrastructure improvements. These funds will push through a project that might not have been completed but for CDBG-R Funds, providing an economic impact to the community that would not have been realized before.

Additionally, improving Eagle Street, located in Renewal Community Census Tract 301, a distressed area of the City, will improve property values of residents, provide better access to their homes and neighborhood, and safer walking conditions for the residents, resulting in a better quality of life.

This investment of CDBG-R money will allow priority projects to be completed within the City's distressed neighborhoods that may have taken years to accomplish without the funding. Reconstructing Eagle Street now will ensure that becomes and remains a well constructed and maintained street, and will allow public funds in the future to address other priorities.

CDBG-R funding will keep DPW employees employed through the construction season, allowing the City to complete necessary road reconstruction, therefore avoiding any reduction in essential services to the City.

This is an infrastructure project for which the engineering has completed and is ready for construction. The portions of this project that will not be completed in-house will easily be put to bid within 120 calendar days from fund availability and in-house work can begin immediately. Construction is anticipated to be completed this construction season, well before the September 30, 2012 deadline.

**Jobs Created:**

It is estimated that 12 jobs will be created or retained by this activity. Half of those jobs will be retained DPW employees, and 6 will be construction jobs bid to private concrete contractors.

## **Activity Name: 9<sup>th</sup> Street Infrastructure Improvements**

### **Activity Narrative:**

The reconstruction of 9<sup>th</sup> Street's sidewalks, curbs and driveway aprons will create construction jobs for private construction firms. The required \$40,000 portion of the City's allocated CDBG-R funds are the much-needed infusion that will replace dwindling state funds for infrastructure improvements. These funds will push through a project that might not have been completed but for CDBG-R Funds, providing an economic impact to the community that would not have been realized before.

Additionally, improving 9th Street, located in Renewal Community Census Tract 303, an area in danger of disinvestment, will improve property values in the area, provide better access to their homes and neighborhood, and safer walking conditions for the residents, resulting in a better quality of life.

This investment of CDBG-R money will allow priority projects to be completed within the City's distressed neighborhoods that may have taken years to accomplish without the funding. Reconstructing 9<sup>th</sup> Street amenities now will ensure that becomes and remains a well constructed and maintained street, and will allow public funds in the future to address other priorities.

CDBG-R funding for this activity will allow the City to complete a major project instead of spending available funds and precious man hours doing piecemeal repair work to this neighborhood.

This is a project that will be put to bid within 120 days from funding availability and completed quickly, as it is a smaller project to be completed by a private contractor, thus eliminating any scheduling difficulties found with in-house work. This is also a project that is ready-to-go but had to be set aside until funding was made available, and can be completed well before September 30, 2012.

### **Jobs Created:**

It is estimated that 5 private contractor jobs will be create or retained by this activity.

## **Activity Name: Weeks Street Infrastructure Improvements**

### **Activity Narrative:**

The reconstruction of Weeks Street's sidewalks, curbs and driveway aprons is a substantial project that will create construction jobs for private construction firms. The required \$107,000 portion of the City's allocated CDBG-R funds are the much-needed infusion that will replace dwindling state and local funds for infrastructure improvements. These funds will push through a project that might not have been completed but for CDBG-R Funds, providing an economic impact to the community that would not have been realized before. Additionally, improving Weeks Street, located in Renewal Community Census Tract 301, an area in danger of disinvestment, will improve property values in the area, provide better access to their homes and neighborhood, and safer walking conditions for the residents, resulting in a better quality of life.

This investment of CDBG-R money will allow priority projects to be completed within the City's distressed neighborhoods that may have taken years to accomplish without the funding. Reconstructing Weeks Street amenities now will ensure that becomes and remains

a well constructed and maintained street, and will allow public funds in the future to address other priorities.

CDBG-R funding for this activity will allow the City to complete a major project instead of spending available funds and precious man hours doing piecemeal repair work to this neighborhood.

While this is a substantial project, it will be put to bid within 120 days of fund availability and completed in a timely manner. This is also a project that has been waiting for funding to become available in order to undertake it, and will be completed well before September 30, 2012.

**Jobs Created:**

It is estimated that 10 private contractor jobs will be create or retained by this activity.

**Public Comment:**

The City of Jamestown followed its adopted citizen participation plan by advertising in the Jamestown Post-Journal, holding a public hearing, and making the proposed substantial amendment accessible to the public. A legal notice was published in the Jamestown Post-Journal on March 13, 2009, notifying the public that the City of Jamestown was entitled to receive funding under the HPRP Program, CDBG-R, and FY2009 CDBG and HOME annual allocation, the date a public input hearing on the mater was to be held, (March 25, 2009), and setting the public comment period. Individuals were encouraged to submit written comments by mail or email or attend the public hearing in person. In another notice published May 28, 2009, it was announced that the City was opening a 7-day public comment period on the Substantial Amendment, which began May 28, 2009 and lasted until the close of business on June 4, 2009. The City of Jamestown made this form (HUD-40119) accessible to the public by making a copy available in the Department of Development office, the City of Jamestown Clerk's Office, at the James Prendergast Library, (all of which are handicapped accessible), and by placing a draft form of the Substantial Amendment on the City's website at [www.jamestownny.net](http://www.jamestownny.net) .

The following are the comments generated from these public hearings:

1. Provide funding for Neighborhood Revitalization Plan
2. Provide funding for demolition of blighted homes
3. Need for large family rental units in city
4. Continue funding Emergency Repair program
5. Need for long-term housing for people with disabilities
6. Provide funding for energy efficiency initiatives
7. Continue funding ADA programs
8. Continue funding programs that keep people in their homes, repair programs, handicapped accessibility programs
9. Funding should not be used for parking or façade programs
10. Provide programs for homeowners only
11. Use HPRP funding for rental assistance to the unemployed
12. Consider using ADA funds to help First Lutheran build handicapped entrance
13. Continue funding infrastructure programs in Northside Pride target area

14. Repair sidewalks and entrance at Blackwell Chapel, consider helping with furnace, demolish fire damaged parsonage
15. Repair sidewalks on Cherry Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets
16. Cooper's Deli not handicapped accessible
17. Steps in the alley behind the Hotel Jamestown are dangerous and need repair
18. Ice builds on sidewalk near the Arcade Building in winter, dangerous
19. Downtown needs more benches on Cherry Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
20. Jamestown Savings Bank isn't handicapped accessible
21. Viaduct on South Main needs repair and cleanup
22. Downtown 2-hour parking is detrimental to businesses
23. Pavement and curb at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Washington Streets needs work
24. Public transportation is required to make downtown work
25. Consider a dog park
26. 5<sup>th</sup> Street is in bad condition
27. Houses on 9<sup>th</sup> Street need to be torn down

All comments were taken into consideration for the HPRP Substantial Amendment/ CDBG-R/FY2009 Action Plan. While these ideas and comments are often very observant and true, not all apply to actions that can be taken with HUD funds, or they are projects that need additional community support. In any case, these concerns are forwarded on to the appropriate departments and agencies so that they may be addressed. The following list correlates with the list of comments above, and gives the reason these comments were not accepted into the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment:

9. CDBG funds are not used to build parking lots. Our Downtown Greenlining Façade Program is a successful and high-demand program, and we will continue to fund it. CDBG-R funds cannot be used for this activity.
10. The City sees value in funding both rental and owner-occupied rehabilitation programs. All residents should have access to safe, affordable, code-compliant housing. CDBG-R funds will not be used for housing activities.
12. A formal proposal needs to be made to the City of Jamestown.
14. The City will consider this project once a formal application is made.
15. Comment passed on to DPW.
16. City has no control over private business.
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19. Comment noted by Department of Development, passed on to Parks
20. City has no control over private business
21. Comment will be passed on to Rail Authority
22. Comment is noted by Department of Development
23. Comment passed on to DPW
25. Comment passed on to Parks Dept.
26. Comment passed on to DPW