

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM

#09 – 40

December 10, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor Kathleen M. Novak and City Council Members

FROM: William Simmons, City Manager *WAS*
James Hayes, Director, Planning and Development Department *JH*

SUBJECT: CR-139 reallocating a portion of the 2009 CDBG allocation and CR-140 reallocating a portion of the 2010 CDBG allocation

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that both CR-139 and CR-140 be approved.

BACKGROUND

On August 27, 2009, after a duly noticed public hearing, the City Council approved Resolution Nos. 09-87 and 09-88 for the 2009 and 2010 CDBG program years. \$150,000 for 2009 was approved to be used on Kiwanis Pool resurfacing, the Help for Homes program, and traffic safety and pedestrian mobility improvements. \$200,000 for 2010 was approved to be used on the Help for Homes program and traffic safety and pedestrian mobility improvements.

On November 5, 2009, City of Northglenn and Adams County staff presented updated information to the City Council on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for 2009 and 2010. Essentially, the Kiwanis Pool project and traffic safety improvements will not meet the national objectives to be eligible for CDBG funding.

The City has participated in Adams County CDBG Urban Entitlement Program since 1986. Under the program, the City receives CDBG funds from Adams County pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for undertaking community development and housing assistance activities. In order to receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds, the City is required to submit grant application(s) requesting funds for each proposed project. Although these applications are due annually in September, Adams County has granted additional time to submit the revised grant applications from the City.

CDBG Parameters and Guidelines

CDBG is a federal program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with the primary objective of developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. All CDBG projects must meet one of the three National Objectives:

- Benefits to low- and moderate-income persons;
- Prevention or elimination of slums or blighted areas as approved by HUD;

- Other urgent needs (i.e. a national disaster declared by the President or state declared disaster).

All of the projects proposed by the City must assist low- and moderate-income persons because the other objectives are not applicable. The city does not have HUD-designated slums or blighted areas and there are no urgent needs as HUD would define urgent. Activities benefitting low- and moderate-income persons can only be one of two types: area-wide benefit activities or limited clientele activities. CDBG funds may only be used for area-wide benefit activities if the activity serves all the area residents and at least 51% of them are low- and moderate-income (i.e. the project would have to benefit all residents in the particular CDBG area). Limited clientele activities are for individual households that meet the low- and moderate-income guidelines

On December 2, 2009, City staff received an e-mail from Adams County clarifying the allocations for the 2010 program year. The City of Thornton elected not to sign the new three year IGA and is receiving funds directly from HUD. Therefore, the City of Northglenn allocation is proposed to be \$228,635 for 2010, an increase of \$28,635 from the estimate at the most recent study session. Staff is proposing to add these funds to the Help for Homes program and Exhibit A has been amended.

The programs proposed in the two resolutions are as follows:

Pedestrian Mobility (target neighborhoods) - To provide a variety of improvements in the target neighborhoods including handicap ramp and sidewalk repair and replacement; curb and gutter repair; traffic sign replacement; and traffic signal maintenance.

2009: \$120,000

2010: \$130,000

Help for Homes - Home improvement grant program for income qualified home owners. Provides critical repair related to safety, access, and code violations.

2009: \$30,000

2010: \$98,635

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

The approval of the 2009 reallocation and the 2010 new program year on December 10, 2009 will need to be forwarded to Adams County as part of the formal grant applications. Adams County staff will be reviewing all programs with the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at a public hearing on December 7, 2009, with a formal decision expected at a BoCC meeting on January 13, 2010.

STAFF CONTACT:

If Council members have any comments or questions they may contact James Hayes at 303-450-8937, jhayes@northglenn.org or Patrick Breitenstein at 303-450-8742, pbreitenstein@northglenn.org.

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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-139
Series of 2009

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN'S 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City receives annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from Adams County pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for undertaking community development and housing assistance activities;

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Resolution Nos. 08-147 and 09-87 previously designated \$150,000 of the 2009 CDBG allocation as set forth in those resolutions;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the reallocation of the \$150,000 for the projects and amounts listed on Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein by this reference, will better serve the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2009, the City Council conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed reallocation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. \$150,000 of the City's 2009 CDBG funds shall be reallocated for the projects and in the amounts set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2009.

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
PROPOSED CDBG PROJECT ALLOCATION**

December 10, 2009

	2009 Approved Res. 09-87	Proposed Reallocation	2010 Approved Res. 09-88	Proposed Reallocation
RTD Call and Ride	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
A Lift	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
Kiwanis Pool Resurface	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Traffic Safety and Pedestrian Mobility	\$113,200	\$120,000	\$122,000	\$130,000
Help for Homes	\$6,800	\$30,000	\$70,000	\$98,635
year total	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$228,635