

CDBG-R Substantial Amendment Accessibility Supplement

The following statements address Section II (A) (3) (a) of the Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Sections entitled: Alternative Requirements and Regulatory Waivers, Pre-Grant Process, Citizen Participation Alternative Requirement and Accessibility) and serve as a supplement to the aforementioned Substantial Amendment. They are hereby submitted.

Regarding access for non-English speaking persons and persons with disabilities to copies of substantial amendment materials; a legal notice (attached and included in the Appendix of the Substantial Amendment) advertising a public hearing concerning the Town of East Hartford's Substantial Amendment to the PY2008 Action Plan was printed on Friday, May 15, 2009 in the Hartford Courant. The legal notice includes Spanish language text informing residents to contact the Grants Administration Office three business days prior to the public hearing if an interpreter is needed. The Grants office will make every effort to accommodate this request as well as those from other non-English speaking residents.

The legal notice text also states that Town Hall (740 Main Street, East Hartford) is handicapped accessible. Let this email state that substantial amendment materials displayed in the Grants Office, Town Clerk's Office and Raymond Library (840 Main Street) as stated in the Substantial Amendment are also accessible to persons with disabilities.

The Town of East Hartford intends to adhere to its Citizen Participation Plan in regards to the CDBG-R program (including waivers documented in the Notice of Program Requirements for Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009). The Citizen Participation Plan states that it will meet the requirements of federal regulations 24 CFR, parts 91.105 and 91.505, and will include consultation with a variety of organizations, agencies, and community/neighborhood based groups that provide services to or that represent low and moderate income persons, minority and non-English speaking residents and the special needs population.

A letter regarding the Town of East Hartford's infrastructure investment goal of using at least 50 percent of CDBG-R funds not later than 120 calendar days after February 17, 2009 is attached. This letter shall be signed, mailed and faxed to the HUD Hartford Field Office.

Thank you for your time and assistance with these selected Substantial Amendment issues. Please contact Clare Fravel with questions or concerns (contact information is below).

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