

County of Cook, Illinois



DRAFT Substantial Amendment to the 2014 Annual Action Plan

**Toni Preckwinkle, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners**

Prepared by:

**The Department of Planning and Development of the
Bureau of Economic Development**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

SUMMARY

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

Proposed Amendments

APPENDIX 1 - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Public Notice

Public Comments and Cook County Responses

Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) Poll Vote Approval

SUMMARY

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development (the “County”) currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County proposes a revision of a CDBG-funded activity to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County. This requires a Substantial Amendment to the 2014 Annual Action Plan. This document, consisting of a narrative as well as required attachments, constitutes the formal Substantial Amendment to HUD. **Each of these amendments will further advance the County’s ongoing efforts to expend its CDBG funds expeditiously and complete projects in a timely fashion.**

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

The 2014 Annual Action Plan is to be amended as indicated below.

Proposed Amendment 1

Initial CDBG Funding Program Year	2013
IDIS Activity Number	4319
CDBG Project Number	1305-007
CDBG Funding Recipient	City of Harvey
Project Type	Capital Improvement
Project Scope	Demolition
Initial CDBG Funding Committed	\$250,000
Proposed Change	Modify the scope of work to add sidewalk construction/reconstruction
Additional Comments	Cook County is currently supporting a road improvement project along 151 st Street. During the scoping for that project, it was determined that sidewalk improvements were needed along Route 1 (Halsted/Vincennes) from 151 st Street north to 150 th Street. This includes the length of sidewalk needing replacement under the viaduct and the length of sidewalk needed to provide ADA compliant ramps at the crosswalk across Vincennes/Halsted. This scope change to an existing project with the City of Harvey will allow this needed work to proceed. No additional funding is needed to complete the project as estimated.

Proposed Amendment 2

Initial CDBG Funding Program Year	2014
IDIS Activity Number	4385
CDBG Project Number	1404-042
CDBG Funding Recipient	Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO)
Project Type	Public Services
Project Scope	Housing Counseling
Initial CDBG Funding Committed	\$30,000.00
Proposed Change	Add \$11,000 to the budget
Additional Comments	The additional funds will enable an extension of the original scope of work. Cook County determined to cease funding MTO under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program in Program Year 2014 while making a corresponding increase in their CDBG funding. MTO identifies troubled rental buildings, and will provide inspections and referrals to legal resources as needed. Services also include tenant counseling and workshops.

APPENDIX 1 - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Public Notice

See attached.

Public Comments and Cook County Responses

To be inserted upon conclusion of the HUD-required thirty (30) day public comment period.

Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) Approval

To be inserted upon conclusion of related approval.