

CDBG-R Proposal
City of Bowling Green
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Activity Name: Downtown TIF Stormwater Improvement Project

Activity Description:

Redevelopment of downtown Bowling Green is a priority goal of the City. In 2003, the City adopted a KRS 99 Urban Renewal for 29 blocks in the downtown. In 2008, the City approved a Tax Increment Financing district for several blocks of the downtown, including some blocks within the Urban Renewal area. Since adoption of the TIF, several redevelopment projects have been constructed, or are planned, including a minor league baseball stadium, new office and commercial space, a performing arts center, and residential units.

As the redevelopment continues, there is need for improvements to the stormwater infrastructure. The majority of stormwater is managed through the design and development of each redevelopment project; however, there are areas of existing development that the City has evaluated and found lacking adequate capacity to manage existing stormwater runoff. This project proposes to design a new component in the stormwater system which will include installing additional piping, catchbasins and inlets, and possibly Class V injection wells. The stormwater flow for an area of existing development will be managed in the State Street/E. 7th Avenue/E. 8th Avenue. While the design has not been completed, it is anticipated that the flow will be diverted to alternate basin capacity to reduce on-street stormwater flow.

CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted:

CDBG-R allocation \$150,940

Use of funds – installation of stormwater piping, catchbasins and inlets, and possible Class V injection wells.

Eligibility Category: 570.201(c)
Public Facilities and Improvements

National Objective Citation: 570.208(a)(1)
L/M Income Area Benefit – the project is located in Census Tract 102 Block Group 2 within the adopted Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA); the FY08 Census data for this block group shows that

93.5 percent of the population residing in this area is Low-to-moderate income. This project will benefit all of the residents of the area.

Additional Recovery Act funds for the activity:

No additional Recovery Act funds are anticipated to be used in this project.

Project Estimated Timeline:

June 5, 2009	Deadline to submit Substantial Amendment of Consolidated Plan and Year 5 Annual Action Plan to HUD.
July 5, 2009	Expected date of HUD approval of Plan.
September 1, 2009	Expected Release of Funds. Design Completion. Preparation of Bid Documents commence.
October 1, 2009	Release bid documents.
November 1, 2009	Initiate construction of project.
January 31, 2010	Project Completion.

How CDBG-R funds will maximize job creation and economic benefit:

As discussed in the Activity Description section, Bowling Green's downtown area is undergoing major redevelopment. The adopted TIF district is expected to bring over \$200 million in investment in the area and create dozens of jobs. This infrastructure investment will directly impact the master redevelopment plan and will provide long-term benefits to this downtown economic development activity.

Number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by activity, including construction jobs:

The infrastructure construction project is expected to require a crew of 6 to 8 persons. Depending upon the final determination by HUD, Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage rates will likely apply to this project.

Description of CDBG-R activities that promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions:

This stormwater infrastructure project contributes to the overall redevelopment of the downtown, which meets the smart growth principles of:

- Mix land uses.
- Take advantage of compact building design.
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices.
- Create walkable neighborhoods.
- Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place.
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities.

In addition to addressing smart growth principles, the proposed project will include yet-to-be-designed treatment of the stormwater runoff before it is delivered along its future route, reducing the possible impact on water quality.

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