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A. Spreadsheet for Reporting Activities

The spreadsheet for reporting activities to be funded by CDBG-R can be found on page 2.

Spreadsheet for Reporting Activities

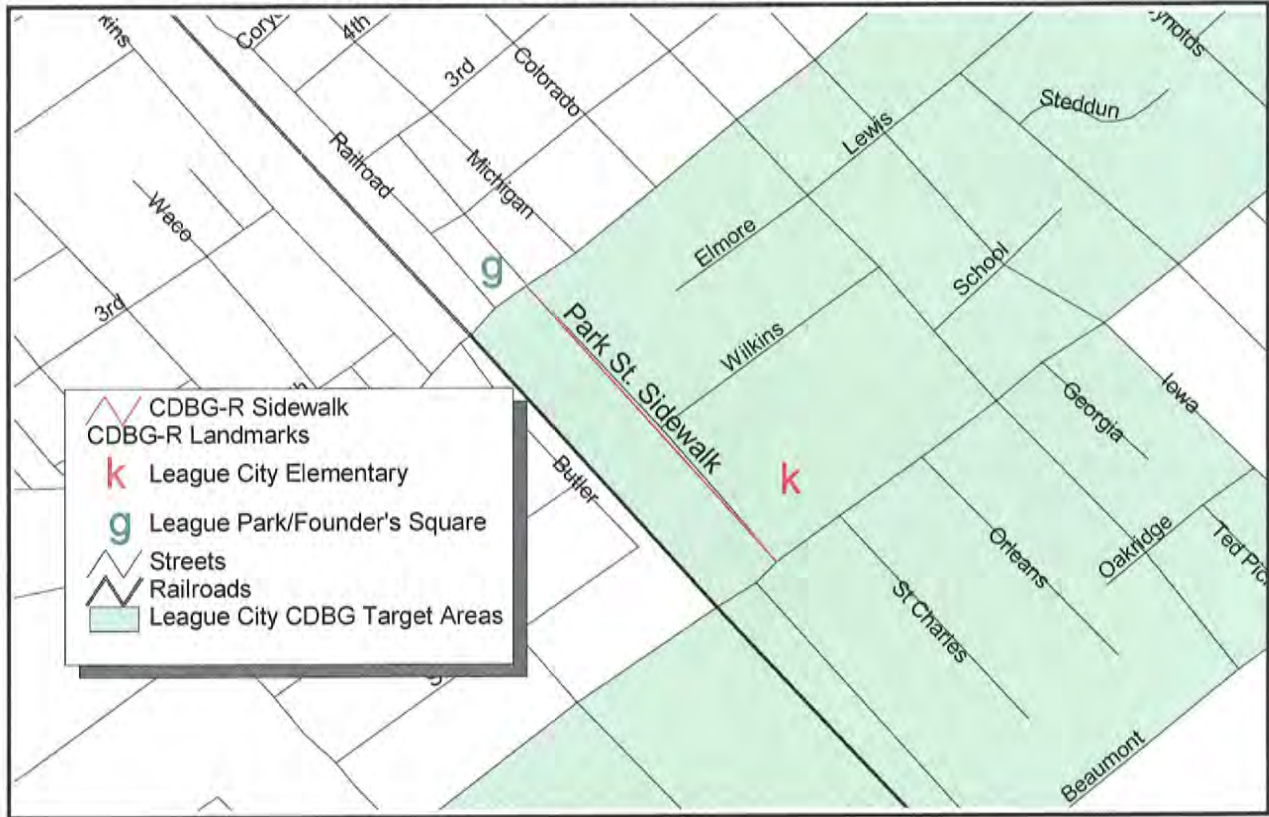
Jurisdiction/Grantee Name: City of League City, Texas		CDBG-R Formula Grant Amount: \$77,345				Date: June 5, 2009	
Activity Name	Activity Description	Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)	National Objective Citation	CDBG- R Project Budget (\$)	Additional Recovery Funds (\$)	Other Leveraged Funding (\$)	Total Activity Budget
Park St. Sidewalk	Installation of sidewalks in CDBG Target Area for pedestrian access through neighborhood and to elementary school, park and historic district that includes locally-owned entrepreneurial shops	24 CFR 570.201(c)(1)	24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)	\$70,345	\$0	\$0	\$70,345
Program Admin- istration	Management and Administration of CDBG-R Program and Funds	24 CFR 570.206	N/A	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,000

B. Description of Activities (II. A. 2.a. i)**1. Activity Name:** Park Street Sidewalk

Activity Narrative: The City of League City has a priority of upgrading the Main Street area around its Historic District with a City park and small locally-owned entrepreneurial shops. In an attempt to improve access to the district, as well as an elementary school, and to reduce traffic congestion and parking issues, the City is proposing to use \$70,345 of the CDBG-R funds for the installation of sidewalks and safety lighting along Park Street through a CDBG Target Area to connect the area's residents to both League City Elementary School and League Park/Founder's Square in the Historic District. Approximately 1,280 linear feet of a pedestrian corridor will be installed in a manner keeping with the character of the Historic District. This will include removing barriers that restrict mobility and accessibility of the elderly and disabled to public facilities, installation of energy efficient street/pedestrian lighting in keeping with the character of the lighting within the Historic District, and including design features to enhance the aesthetic quality such as decorative pavements and railings and/or fountains (24 CFR 570.201 (c)). The sidewalks will also provide a safe walkway to League City Elementary School as part of the City's Safe Routes to School Program.

A map of the area is provided on the next page. The CDBG Target Area consists of Census Tract 7213.00/Block Group 2 with a total population of 1,192 for computing low-moderate income and 614 low-moderate income residents. As of 2008, HUD has given League City an exception to the 51% low-mod income regulation for CDBG Target Areas. League City's required percentage is 37.3 or greater, however the target area to be served does meet the national objective by having 51.5 percent low- to moderate-income residents. Of the 1,192 within this particular Target Area, 614 are low-moderate income.

Map of Proposed Sidewalk through CDBG Target Area



Jobs Created: At this time, it is not feasible to determine the number of jobs, if any, that will be created by this project. The City will conduct the design and engineering in-house using existing City engineers. The construction will be contracted and the selected firms will be required to project and document any temporary jobs that were created during the project. The City of League City will attempt to select bidders who either meet the Section 3 qualifications or will hire Section 3 workers. That is, to those who are low-moderate income, unemployed or under-employed and those businesses that make every effort to hire the low-moderate income, unemployed and under-employed. In addition, the City will ensure that any new permanent, temporary or part-time employees hired to complete the activities will be documented and their information included in the quarterly reports.

There will be significant economic benefit to all of the small entrepreneurs with retail shops in Founder's Square at the end of Park Street. The sidewalk will allow for more and safer pedestrian traffic to League Park and the shops in Founder's Square. Currently, congestion on Main Street coupled with limited parking has adversely affected the shop owners during this recession. Adding a pedestrian corridor will increase access to these shops.

The City will ensure and document that all steel, iron and manufactured materials will have been manufactured in the United States. If decorative

street lighting to conform to the ordinance design for the Historic District cannot be manufactured within the United States, the City will document that situation and will purchase the lighting elsewhere.

Additional Activity Information: The objectives of the City of League City for use of these funds is to:

- Invest in long-term infrastructure that will:
 - increase economic efficiency by reducing the need for parking and vehicular transportation
 - promote pedestrian traffic thus helping to mitigate air pollution
- Foster energy independence through creating a pedestrian corridor as well as the installation of energy efficient lighting
- Assist those most impacted by the recession or those in greatest need:
 - Low- to moderate-income persons living within the CDBG target area
 - Children walking to school through a CDBG target area
 - Sole-proprietors/small entrepreneurs who own shops in Founder's Square currently with limited accessibility due to limited parking and traffic congestion
- Preserving or creating jobs through contracts for the construction

Meeting Low-Mod Income Requirements: This is an area-benefit project and the project meets the requirements for low-mod income benefit. Nearly 91 percent (90.95%) of the grant will be used for this low-mod income area. As of 2008, HUD has given League City an exception to the 51% low-mod income regulation for CDBG Target Areas. League City's required percentage is 37.3 or greater, however the target area to be served does meet the national objective by having 51.5 percent low- to moderate-income residents. Of the 1,192 within this particular Target Area, 614 are low-moderate income.

Energy Efficiency: The City will install energy efficient lighting along the sidewalk. In addition, the installation of sidewalks will reduce automobile usage through the neighborhood, thus reducing fuel consumption.

Obligating Funds: The goal of the ARRA is to obligate and expend the funds as quickly as possible, including that at least 50 percent of funds being obligated within 120 calendar days of the City's receipt of funds. This activity will be able to be totally obligated within the 120 calendar days of the date the funds are made available to the City of League City. The project will include contracting the actual construction of the sidewalks based on engineering and design by City staff. The in-house engineering/design will allow for the bid process and contract of the construction phase to be completed within 120 days of the City receiving its grant award.

Responsible Agency: The City of League City is the responsible entity for carrying out the project of engineering/design and construction through an appropriate bid process. At this time the contractor has not been selected. The contact information for the Responsible Agency can be found on page 1 of this amendment.

2. Activity Name: Administration

Activity Narrative: The City of League City will allocated \$7,000 to carrying out the administrative duties of this grant. This constitutes 9.05 percent of the total award, within the 10 percent allowable for CDBG-R.

Jobs Created: None

Additional Activity Information: The administrative activities are required to ensure program compliance, timely reporting and accountability.

Allowable Administrative Costs: Only 9.05 percent of the CDBG-R award will go for planning and administration, thus complying with the special limitation of 10 percent of the grant award.

Responsible Agency: The City of League City is the responsible entity for carrying out the project of engineering/design and construction through an appropriate bid process. At this time the contractors have not been selected. The contact information for the Responsible Agency can be found on page 1 of this amendment.

C. Citizen Participation

The City posted the notice for public comment, including the funds to be expended by activity, on the City's website on May 20, 2009 and remained posted for the obligatory 7 days. The notice is included in the attachments. The City received two comments via email which are included in the attachments. The first comment indicated that the recovery act funds should not be for sidewalks and the that City should probably not even accept the ARRA funding as League City should be a fiscally conservative example to the rest of the nation and not accept ARRA funding. The second comment was in favor of the sidewalk and was sent by email and is included in the attachments. In part it stated, "As a resident of the East side, and former PTA President of League City Elementary, I am aware that hundreds of children take this path to League Park several times each year. Not to mention area residents! Personally, I believe the sidewalk will be a nice asset to the neighborhood, as this area has very, very few sidewalks."

D. Additional Information Regarding Regulatory Requirements:

Environmental Review Procedures: The activity to be funded will require the appropriate Environmental Review procedures, including the development of an Environmental Review Record. The Environmental Review Record is being undertaken and will be completed prior to the awarding of any construction contracts or the expenditure of funds for construction. The administrative costs are exempt activities, however the

construction will be evaluated through a complete ERR process. Letters will be sent to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (COG) and agencies at the federal, state and local level involved in environmental and historic preservation concerns. A notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and a notice of Intent to Request Funds will be posted for the appropriate time – 15 days if noticed in the newspaper and 18 days if noticed via notices in public places. The City will then submit the appropriate Request for Release of Funds prior to the commencement of a contract with the construction firm.

Labor Standards: The construction of the sidewalk will fall under the federal labor standards/prevaling wage requirements. The City will comply with, and ensure that the selected contractor complies with, all pertinent Labor Standards, including the Davis-Bacon Act, Copeland Act and other EEO and Labor Standards requirements.

Program Income: There will be no program income.