

**CDBG Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2012  
Consolidated Plan & 2008 Annual Action Plan**

**Program Year 1; Amendment #: 2: Reprogramming of funds**

Program Year 1; Amendment #1: CDBG-R stimulus funding (May 28, 2009)

**Summary:**

According to St. Tammany Parish's Citizen Participation Plan and Federal Regulations, changes made in allocating St. Tammany Parish's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds constitute a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan. The proposed changes include the re-distribution of funds (\$100,000) from the Groves/Polders project to the Repairs on Wheels project (\$50,000) and Non-profit administered Public Service activity(ies) (\$50,000). This re-distribution of funds will not impact the status of Polder's Lane as a targeted neighborhood revitalization area, as stated in the Parish's Consolidated Plan, and will encourage Public Services to focus on a targeted area.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determines the Community Development Block Grant Amount that the Parish receives. The proposed changes to the program will not affect the total amount of funding and will involve only the re-allocation of resources.

**Background:**

St. Tammany Parish's Citizen Participation Plan requires a substantial amendment when funds are moved between eligible projects. These changes therefore require the modification of St. Tammany Parish's 2008 – 2012 Consolidated Plan and the 2008 Annual Action Plan.

The proposed CDBG program changes include:

- Re-allocation of \$100,000 originally slated for the Groves/Polders Infrastructure project to the Repairs On Wheels program (\$50,000) and Non-profit administered Public Services project(s) (\$50,000).

Due to the difficulty of securing an agreement with sub-recipient for the Groves Project, \$100,000 of CDBG funds that were dedicated to the Groves/Polders Infrastructure project will be re-allocated to the above mentioned projects.

The Repairs on Wheels Program has been very successful; 33 homes owned by low to moderate income individuals/families have been weatherized in the first seven months of the program. The additional \$50,000 will allow this program to run at full capacity and to purchase additional materials needed to repair homes.

St. Tammany Parish wishes to elicit proposals from local non-profit organizations to provide innovative public services. The \$50,000 allocated to this project will provide funds through a subrecipient agreement to one or more organizations to carry out limited clientele public service activities.

### **Citizen Participation:**

As outlined in St. Tammany Parish's Citizen Participation Plan, substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be required when changes in the use of CDBG funds are proposed from one eligible activity to another or when projects are added or deleted from the plan. When a substantial amendment is proposed, the Parish will provide citizens with at least 30 days notice prior to implementation of the amendment.

Notice of the proposed amendment will be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation. The Parish will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at public hearings. A summary of these comments and views will be attached to the substantial amendment.

The full Citizen Participation Plan is available on the Parish website at:  
[http://www2.stpgov.org/social\\_services/pdf/citizen\\_participation\\_plan.pdf](http://www2.stpgov.org/social_services/pdf/citizen_participation_plan.pdf)