

RESOLUTION NO. 1796

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO APPROVE THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2009-2013 AND THE ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2009.

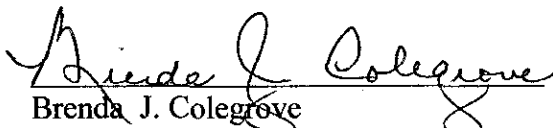
WHEREAS, the Maryland State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has determined that the City of Salisbury qualifies as an "entitlement community"; and,

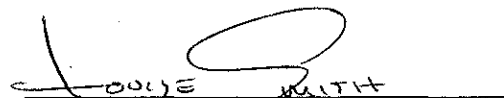
WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is, therefore, entitled to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds directly from HUD upon HUD's approval of the City's Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Salisbury wishes the City to receive this annual allotment of CDBG funds from HUD, in order that various community development projects may be completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit the Consolidated Plan (PY 2009-2013) and the CDBG 2009 Action Plan to HUD for review and approval.

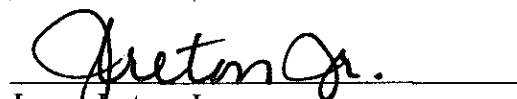
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on June 22, 2009, and is to become effective immediately.


Brenda J. Colegrove
CITY CLERK


Louise Smith
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME THIS

24th day of June, 2009.


James Ireton, Jr.
MAYOR

Office of Community Development

MEMO

To: John Pick

From: Deborah Stam

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Consolidated Plan (PY 2009 - 2013) and 2009 CDBG Action Plan to HUD

Date: June 12, 2009

As the City is now into the fifth year of its status as a CDBG entitlement jurisdiction, we have reached the point where we must develop a new Consolidated Plan to identify the needs of the community and define the goals we will seek to address in the coming 5-year period. In October 2008 the Community Development Dept. began working with the Internal Services / Procurement Dept. to develop an RFP for a consultant group to assist us with this task. The ad for the RFP was run on October 26, 2008, a pre-proposal meeting was held on November 6, 2008, and the proposals were due on November 21, 2008. Two proposals were received and reviewed, and Neighborhood Solutions, LLC, was selected for the project.

In January, 2009, a survey of housing and community development needs was sent to approximately 175 community advocates, local service providers, and housing development organizations. The survey was a comprehensive listing of housing and community development needs. Forty-six responses were received. On March 4, 2009 the City held a Resident / Stakeholder's workshop to further identify, refine, and prioritize the City's housing and community development needs. Ten residents / stakeholders chose to attend. The data gathered from the surveys and the workshop was used to develop goals and objectives for the draft Consolidated Plan.

The CDBG PY 2009 funding round opened on November 19, 2008. The CDBG application round was open for 52 days, and the applications were due on January 9, 2009. Copies of the applications that were received were mailed to the members of the CDBG Review Committee for their evaluation. On January 30, 2009 the CD Director and the Review Committee members got together to discuss the applications. On February 3, 2009 a Public Hearing was held to give all of the agencies that had submitted an application for CDBG funds the opportunity to give a verbal presentation on their project to the Review Committee. Following each presentation the Committee members had had the opportunity to ask questions of the agency representatives. Once the CDBG application presentations had been completed, the consultant from Neighborhood Solutions, LLC gave an overview of the development process for the new Consolidated Plan, and a tentative timeline for completion. Following the consultant's presentation, residents were given the opportunity to comment on the community development needs of the City, and the projects that had been proposed for funding consideration.

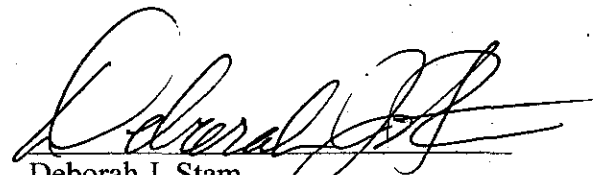
Following the public hearing the Review Committee met to decide which projects / dollar amounts it would recommend to the Mayor for funding, and the Mayor made the final decision. The projects and dollar amounts had to be revised when one of the applicants elected to

withdraw their application, and HUD issued the annual award amounts and then had to revise them. The projects proposed for funding in the CDBG 2009 Action Plan (including program administration costs) are now as follows:

Administration (20%)	\$60,625
Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Service – Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	\$130,800
Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County – Acquisition Funds	\$50,000
Deaf Independent Residences (under DILA) – Rehabilitation of Assisted Living Unit	\$6,500
Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Service – Housing Counseling Services	\$15,000
Shore Housing Resource Board (SHRB) – Fair Housing Training & Outreach	\$20,000
City of Salisbury – Low / Mod Neighborhood Sidewalk Creation	<u>\$20,204</u>
Total	<u>\$303,129</u>

The drafts of the Consolidated Plan and the 2009 Action Plan were made available to the public for their review and comment beginning on April 27, 2009. The public comment period lasted 30 days. A second Public Hearing was held on May 5, 2009. This hearing covered the development of the new Consolidated Plan and the goals and objectives outlined in that plan. It also included the status of the CDBG projects that were funded in 2004 – 2008, and allowed citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed 2009 Action Plan, and provide their views on the community development needs of the City of Salisbury. The public comment period on the drafts of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan ended on May 29, 2009. No comments were received.

Attached is the Resolution to approve the new Consolidated Plan and the 2009 CDBG Action Plan for the City of Salisbury, and to authorize the Mayor to submit said plans to HUD for their review and approval. Please submit this to the City Council for the June 22, 2009 meeting agenda. Thank you for your assistance.


Deborah J. Stam
Community Development Director

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE FY2009-2013 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

GOAL	OBJECTIVE	PROJECTED RESULTS
AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY		
<i>Promote Increased Homeownership Opportunities and Preservation of Affordable Housing</i>	1. Provide assistance to extremely low-, low- and moderate-income homeowners for housing rehabilitation	Help an estimated 25 households by June 30, 2014
	2. Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing through acquisition with rehabilitation, demolition and/or new construction	Acquire, demolish and/or rehabilitate, and resell an estimated five housing units by June 30, 2014
	3. Support housing counseling, down payment and closing cost assistance for first-time low- and moderate-income homebuyers	Assist an estimated 100 additional persons by June 30, 2014
	4. Support the expansion of affordable housing opportunities for first-time homebuyers	Encourage an estimated 350 households to seek alternative housing financing by June 30, 2014
	5. Support the development of affordable housing opportunities for extremely low- and low-income renters	Encourage the development of one new multi-family rental project by June 30, 2014
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY		
<i>Improve the Safety and Livability of Neighborhoods</i>	1. Support infrastructure improvements that improve safety, accessibility and connectivity	Provide funding each year for sidewalk creation in low-mod neighborhoods through June 30, 2014
	2. Support improvement or construction of community facilities	Construct or improve an estimated three parks, playgrounds and/or

	Citywide	recreational facilities by June 30, 2014
	3. Improve security and public safety Citywide, especially in the Priority neighborhoods	Continue to utilize funding received through the CSAFE program to address crime in the Westside and Church Street - Doverdale neighborhoods through June 30, 2014
	4. Improve public safety through support of productive youth activities	Serve an estimated 50 additional youth through the Earn-A-Bike Program by June 30, 2014
<i>Provide Services and Financial Incentives to Assist with Employment, Empowerment and Self Sufficiency</i>	5. Continue to promote technical job training for all low- and moderate-income citizens.	Encourage an estimated 30 persons to seek job training by June 30, 2014
	6. Provide financial incentives and technical assistance to encourage mixed-use development (commercial and residential) in the Downtown	Identify potential sites and evaluate the feasibility of a Hospitality Entrepreneurial Institute by June 30, 2012
HOMELESS STRATEGY		
<i>Help Homeless Persons and Persons At-Risk of Becoming Homeless Obtain Affordable Housing</i>	1. Provide support to organizations to help increase emergency shelter and transitional housing space for the homeless	Encourage the development of an estimated 50 beds by June 30, 2014
	2. Support the operations of homeless shelters and transitional housing providers	Serve an estimated 250 additional persons by June 30, 2014
	3. Support intensive case management, housing counseling and job training for homeless individuals and families	Serve an estimated 130 additional persons by June 30, 2014
	4. Support the development of	Develop an estimated six additional permanent

	permanent supportive housing for the homeless and disabled by non-profit organizations and governmental agencies	supportive housing units in Salisbury by June 30, 2014
	5. Support and encourage the various homeless organizations to more fully coordinate their efforts and develop appropriate data	Continue to attend TCAH's monthly meetings and support ESG applications, as appropriate throughout PY 2009- 2013
SPECIAL POPULATIONS STRATEGY		
<i>Assist in the Provision of Housing Options and Facilities/Services for Persons with Special Needs</i>	1. Finance accessibility alterations for existing owner-occupied units	Alter an estimated 10 units by June 30, 2014
	2. Support the rehabilitation and/or development of facilities for persons with special needs by non-profit organizations and governmental agencies.	Encourage the rehabilitation/development of one or two residential or training/service facilities for persons with special needs by June 30, 2014
	3. Finance Fair Housing training for housing developers, realtors, bankers, insurers, landlords and management agents.	Finance the development and annual implementation of fair housing training from PY2009-2013.