

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

09-0355R

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ADDING  
ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF \$760,123 IN CDBG-R FUNDS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city council hereby amends the 2008 annual action plan to add \$760,123 in CDBG-R from the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and authorizes the appropriate city officials to enter into agreements.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

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Department Director

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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

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Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This substantial amendment to the FY 2008 annual action plan is for the incorporation of \$760,123 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. The goal of the CDBG-R funding is to assist communities with:

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery.
- Assisting those most impacted by the recession.
- Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency.
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.
- Fostering energy independence.

The following projects in this substantial amendment meet many of the above criteria:

\$350,000 - Rehabilitation of Second Street sewer line from Mesaba Avenue to Seventh Avenue East.

This sewer line is a major component of the consent decree with the EPA to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows into Lake Superior. The rehabilitation of this sewer line will be to use the cured in place piping to eliminate existing and future sewer line failures. It is anticipated that this project will create ten jobs.

\$300,000 - Curb ramp accessibility and sidewalk improvements.

To construct additional curb ramp accessibility improvements at intersections and alleys to create a smooth surface for movement of persons with mobility disabilities. This project will also include the reconstruction of sidewalks and segments to create smooth sections from curb ramp to curb ramp. This project will be expanded from the FY 2009 annual action plan and funds will be added to this program to enable more improvements to be completed.

\$34,123 - Support of Americorps program in Duluth.

This program will create nine jobs for Americorps volunteers to assist with public service programs that serve low-moderate income persons in Duluth. The fiscal agent for this is the YMCA, Duluth Americorps Center.

\$76,000 - Program administration to provide proper oversight and the monitoring of the programs and projects.

This will also include the reporting of the job creation and expenditure of funds to the federal agency.

The substantial amendment to the FY 2008 annual action plan will meet the citizen participation requirements by placing the document in the city clerk's office and the libraries, along with posting this document on the city's website for a seven day public comment period from May 22 to May 29. The amendment must be submitted to HUD on June 5 and they will provide and approval by July 2.