

Consistent with the overall goals of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City has identified seven priorities to pursue on a policy and program basis during the Consolidated Plan process. The priorities reflect the policies that will best meet the needs within the City.

The priorities for the City's 5-year plan include:

**1. Housing Strategy**

- Goal #1: Preserve existing rental and owner-occupied housing resources.
- Goal #2: Expand affordable rental housing opportunities, particularly for low-income persons.
- Goal #3: Increase affordable homeownership opportunities, particularly for low- and moderate-income persons.

**2. Homeless Strategy**

- Goal #1: Preserve and improve the supply of supportive housing and public services for the homeless.

**3. Special Needs Strategy**

- Goal #1: Provide supportive services for special needs populations.

**4. Fair Housing Strategy**

- Goal #1: Continue to implement the Fair Housing laws by providing funding to further fair housing.

**5. Public Housing Strategy**

- Goal #1: Continue to support the on-going efforts of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles and the Paramount Housing Authority to maximize the use of Section 8 subsidies and other resources in the City.

**6. Lead Hazard Strategy**

- Goal #1: Reduce the number of housing units with lead paint hazards through education, inspection, and rehabilitation.

**7. Community Development Strategy**

- Goal #1: Provide needed public infrastructure improvements in target lower- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
- Goal #2: Provide for new community facilities, neighborhood enhancement activities, and improve the quality of existing community facilities to serve lower- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
- Goal #3: Provide needed community services to serve lower- and moderate-income residents.
- Goal #4: Expand the City's economic base and promote greater employment opportunities.
- Goal #5: Eliminate physical barriers to allow access by handicapped persons.

The strategy for implementing the Action Plan is to establish annual goals and objectives that are consistent with the 5-year plan and also meet the local community development needs. The goals and objectives of the Action Plan represent annual increments of activities that serve to address needs through the course of the 5-year plan. Those activities detailed in this section must meet one of three national objectives of the Community Development Program. Those objectives are (1) to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, (2) prevent or eliminate slums and blight, and (3) to meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

## **II. Organization of the Action Plan Amendment**

The Action Plan Amendment outlines the City of Paramount's plan for the use of Recovery Act CDBG-R funds for the FY 2009 includes the following components: (1) Resources, (2) Activities to be Undertaken and (3) Citizen Participation Process.

### **1. Resources**

**Federal Resources** - Under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the City anticipates receiving \$324,034 of CDBG-R funds. The City does not expect to receive any program income or surplus from any urban renewal settlements, line of credit grant funds, income from float funded activities or other CDBG related funds, such as revolving loan income, during the program year. The City does not expect to fund any activities or projects meeting an urgent need. In addition, the City does not received Low-Income Housing Tax Credits or McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program funds.

**Leveraging of Resources** - HUD requires the City to discuss how federal resources to be made available during FY 2009 will leverage other non-federal public and private resources. Federal resources cannot solve all of the City's housing and community needs. The City's goal is to leverage federal and local funds to maximize the number of eligible residents that can be assisted. The City will continue to seek other federal and non-federal resources that may be available to provide funding support for housing and community development needs.

**Federal Match Requirements** - There is no federal requirement for the City of Paramount to match CDBG or CDBG-R funds with other non-federal program resources.

## **2. Activities to be Undertaken**

The Community Development strategies discussed in the Strategic Plan section of the Consolidated Plan will be emphasized as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act CDBG-R activities to be undertaken during FY 2009. The Graffiti Prevention Program falls under the community development strategies listed below:

### **Community Development Strategy**

1. Provided needed public infrastructure improvements in target lower and moderate income neighborhoods.
2. Provide for new community facilities, neighborhood enhancement activities, and improve the quality of existing community facilities to serve lower- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

During FY 2009, the City of Paramount will utilize a CDBG-R budget of \$32,403 for Administration and \$291,631 to carry out a Graffiti Prevention Program. The Public Works Department will oversee the Graffiti Prevention Program. The intent of the program is to provide anti-graffiti coating products on park benches, shelters and block walls that are within low and moderate-income areas of the city.

The Graffiti Prevention Program will address the Recovery Act by:

1. Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;
2. Investing in our environmental protection and infrastructure; and,
3. Improving economic efficiency by preserving time on graffiti removal activities.

### **Geographic Distribution**

CDBG-R funded program targeted to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents within the City of Paramount. Appendix A demonstrates what areas in the City are eligible for area wide activities.

### **Monitoring**

The Finance Department is responsible for administration and monitoring of a CDBG, CDBG-R and HOME funded activities. The Department employs monitoring procedures to ensure that each sub-recipient operates its program in accordance with local and federal regulations. Sub-recipients will be monitored through written reports submitted to the City by the sub-recipient. On-site visits will also be conducted at least one time per year to ensure that sub-recipients are maintaining appropriate program documentation and financial management systems. All CDBG, CDBG-R and HOME funded projects will be monitored to ensure compliance with environmental review procedures, procurement procedures and project timelines.

### **3. Citizen Participation Process**

The City published a Public Notice on May 21, 2009 announcing the availability of the Draft Action Plan Amendment for a 7-day public review period and a public hearing at which residents could comment on the proposed plan. A copy of the notice is attached in Appendix B. The public hearing took place at the City of Paramount City Council Chambers on June 2, 2009. No comments were received during the public review or at the public hearing.

The City also solicits funding proposals annually from community organizations through open public hearings as part of the City's annual budget process. Approximately twelve community organizations are funded annually through the City's General Fund for programs, including recreation and youth programs, counseling and rehabilitation services, children's dental services, medical services, and transportation services. Inquiries from outside agencies concerning public services funding are referred to the City's annual budget process.