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CDBG, HOME, and Affordable Housing Program's Upcoming News and Events

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Overview

2009 Program Fiscal Year (1/1/09 – 12/31/09)

During the first of 2008, the City of Longmont will hold a series of Public Hearings to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties on the housing and community development needs of the City of Longmont for the FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs. These hearings are part of the process through which the City will gather input for its annual update to the five year Consolidated Plan, required for receipt of Federal

funds.

Public Hearing & Meetings Schedule

	Hearing #1	Hearing #2	Hearing #3	Hearing #4
Date	July 8, 2008	September 11, 2008 (additional meetings may be added depending on number of applications received)	September 23, 2008	October 28, 2008
Location	Council Chambers Civic Center Complex 350 Kimbark St. Longmont, CO 80501	To be determined	Council Chambers Civic Center Complex 350 Kimbark St. Longmont, CO 80501	Council Chambers Civic Center Complex 350 Kimbark St. Longmont, CO 80501
Time	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Purpose of Hearing	To present CDBG budget categories and seek input on housing and neighborhood needs	To hear the housing and community development needs of the city through the presentation of CDBG applications for funding to the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board. They will then deliberate and recommend for funding .	To present the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board's recommendations for projects to be funded from the CDBG program and to hear any additional housing and neighborhood or community development needs.	To present the draft 2009 CDBG program to Council and seek comments on that draft Plan. Final chance to comment on housing and community development needs in Longmont.

If you have a disability or are non-English speaking and require accommodations to participate in any of these public meetings, please contact the Longmont Community Development Block Grant Office as early as possible at (303) 774-4339. A minimum of three working days prior to the applicable meeting(s) would be appreciated so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

Para información en español, llame María a (303) 651-8444.

Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

The time line for this process and what will happen at each step is shown below. Please refer back to CDBG Program for Information on the Housing and Human Service Advisory Board and their role in the CDBG funding process as well as more detailed information about the CDBG Program in general.

Funds Available

The estimated CDBG grant for 2009 will range from \$479,381 (estimated 10% cut to the 2008 grant) to \$532,646 (current grant amount). Program income is estimated to be an additional \$55,000 (\$24,000 for housing programs and \$31,000 for the Commercial Revitalization Program operated by the Longmont Downtown Development Authority). The estimated HOME grant for 2009 will range from \$256,300 - \$284,500.

The City Council of Longmont has approved the following budget categories for the CDBG program:

- 26% for Affordable Housing projects
- 27% for Neighborhood Revitalization projects, and
- 27% for Economic Development projects
- 20% for administration

The city's entire HOME allocation and the available Affordable Housing Funds will be used to support affordable housing projects.

This is the notification that the city is accepting applications for Affordable Housing projects with between \$411,100 and \$451,000 available for 2009.

To receive a Housing application, you must call Sally Raney at 303-774-4339 or e-mail sally.raney@ci.longmont.co.us.

Housing applications will be due by 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2008.

Staff is in the process of designing processes to distribute the neighborhood revitalization and economic development funding. These will be presented to Council for their comments and approval at their August 12 and/or August 19 meetings. Shortly thereafter, we will be making this process known and you will receive additional information about those application processes at that time.

There will be no funding available in 2009 for Community Improvement projects which included capital improvements to non-profit buildings, other general improvements, and operational projects including those that addressed education, training, public services, support services, etc.

If you have any questions about the above, please call Kathy Fedler at 303-651-

Timeline for Funding Process

Step 1

Staff will meet with the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board (HHSAB) to determine what the budget should be and their recommendations for dividing the budget, by project category, for City Council. This budget recommendation includes how much of the total CDBG and HOME grants as well as program income should be allocated for the following project categories: Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, Community Improvement, Economic Development, Public Services and Administration.

Step 2

Hold first public hearing on housing and community development needs and present budget recommendation to Council on **July 8, 2008**. Council has the final decision on what the budget categories are and the amounts they should hold. Based on the budget approval, staff will prepare the CDBG application packets. *Citizens or other entities that have an interest in or desire to comment on their perception of the housing, neighborhood and community development needs in the city should attend this meeting.*

Step 3

On **July 18th**, staff will make applications for funding available to interested entities. Any person or organization can apply, but preference will be given to non-profit entities who have demonstrated knowledge and competence in the area of the project being proposed. Projects eligible for funding must undertake an eligible activity and meet one of the three national objectives of the program:

1. principally benefit low and moderate income persons
2. eliminate slum and blighting influences
3. meet an urgent need

The city places the highest emphasis on the first objective. Since the inception of the program, 93% of the the city's CDBG funds have been used for projects which have benefited low and moderate income persons.

Technical assistance will be provided on an as-needed basis by calling Kathy Fedler at 303-651-8736 or via email at kathy.fedler@ci.longmont.co.us.

Step 4

On **August 15, 2008**, housing applications are due. Staff will review each application to ensure that it meets all applicable local, state and national criteria. During the period of August 25 - September 5, 2008 the City's Technical Review Group will consider and evaluate all of the affordable housing applications received. They will make recommendations for funding to the HHSAB at their **September 11** meeting. This will be a public meeting where the HHSAB will hear housing, and perhaps neighborhood revitalization and/or economic development

needs for the city, and will deliberate on which projects to fund and for what funding amount given the budget categories available. There may be more than one meeting for presentations and deliberations depending on the number of applications received. *The public is asked to attend this meeting(s) and give their input on what the housing, neighborhood and community needs of the city are, how the city can best meet those needs, and if or which of the proposed projects will help meet those needs.*

Step 5

The HHSAB will make a presentation to City Council on the projects they are recommending for CDBG and HOME funding in 2009. This meeting will be held on **September 23, 2008**. *This meeting will be the final time the city seeks comments from citizens and other interested entities on the housing and community development needs.* Council will recommend and approve a proposed 2009 Action Plan (funding plan).

Step 6

Staff will prepare the DRAFT 2009 Action Plan and will issue it for comments from the public from **October 1-31, 2008**. On **October 28, 2008**, Council will hold the fourth and final public hearing on the proposed plan. *Citizens or other entities should make known at this meeting any changes they feel are needed to either the projects proposed for funding or to the DRAFT 2009 Action Plan, which would help the city better meet its housing, neighborhood and community development needs.* Council will recommend approval and/or changes to the DRAFT Plan at this meeting. Staff will make recommended changes or prepare the Plan for the FINAL submission.

Step 7

Staff will prepare the FINAL 2009 Action Plan and will submit it to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), on or before November 15, 2008. Copies of the final Action Plan will be available after this date.

At any time during this process, you may call or email the following persons for more information:

Kathy Fedler at (303) 651-8736, kathy.fedler@ci.longmont.co.us
Tracy DeFrancesco at (303) 774-4445, tracy.defrancesco@ci.longmont.co.us
Sally Raney at (303) 774-4339, sally.raney@ci.longmont.co.us

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Foreclosure Prevention Forum: The "Short Sale" Option

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

6:00 p.m.

**Longmont Senior Center
910 Longs Peak Avenue
Longmont, CO**

Taught by the Boulder County Housing Counseling Program. For owners who can no longer afford to keep mortgage payments current, there are alternatives to bankruptcy or foreclosure. This workshop will provide an overview of short sales, which is when a lender accepts a discount on a mortgage to avoid possible foreclosure or bankruptcy. There will also be an opportunity to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a housing counselor to review your situation, get personalized recommendations and contact your lender with the counselor.

This is a free workshop open to all Boulder County residents and registration is not required. For more information, please contact the Boulder County Housing Counseling Program at 720-564-2279, or www.bouldercountyhc.org.

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Understanding the Pro's and Con's of "Reverse" Mortgages - HECM

**Wednesday, September 17, 2008
3:00 p.m.**

**Longmont Senior Center
910 Longs Peak Avenue
Longmont, CO**

Taught by the Boulder County Housing Counseling Program. Are you 62 or older and own, or close to owning your home free and clear? HECM is a federally sponsored and insured "reverse mortgage" that enables you to tap the equity you have in your home. This loan allows you to borrow against the appraised value of your home to receive payments from a mortgage lender to supplement your income.

There will be an opportunity to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a housing counselor to review your situation, get personalized recommendations and contact your lender with the counselor.

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