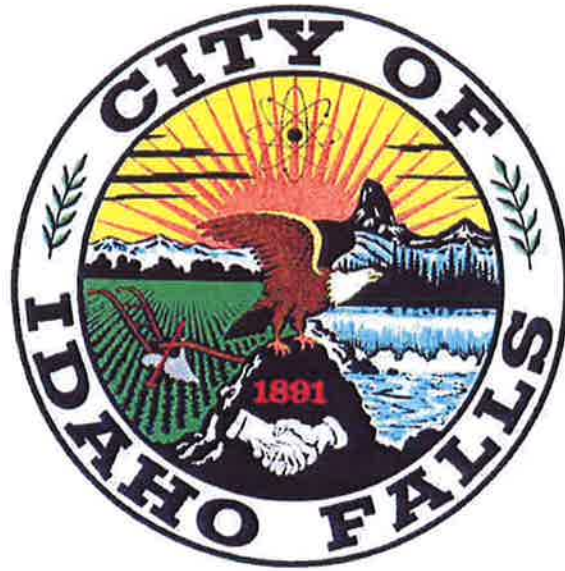


City of Idaho Falls



FY2011 Annual Action Plan Housing and Community Development

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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-11

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS
APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND
THE FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY2011-2015

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls has been designated as an entitlement city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls has prepared an Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2011 as part of the requirements of entitlement status;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls has prepared a Five Year Consolidated Plan FY2011-2015 as part of the requirements of entitlement status;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls has held an initial public hearing on December 9, 2010;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls has held a thirty day comment period until and through January 10, 2011;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls has received no comments to be considered during the thirty day comment period;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls was requested by HUD to submit a revised FY11 estimate reflecting a 16% decrease;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls held a public hearing on the revised FY11 Annual Action Plan and the Five Year Consolidated Plan FY2011-2015 reflecting the 16% decrease on May 26, 2011;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls held a thirty day comment period from May 27, 2011 until and through June 27, 2011;

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls has received no comments to be considered during the thirty day comment period;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Idaho Falls as follows:

1. The Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2011 as prepared by the Planning and Building Division, a copy of which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part of hereof, is hereby approved.

2. The Five Year Consolidated Plan FY2011-2015 as prepared by the Planning and Building Division, a copy of which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part of hereof, is hereby approved.

3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the document(s) for federal assistance.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2011



Jared D. Fuhrman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rosemarie Anderson, City Clerk





CITY OF IDAHO FALLS

Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405

Jared Fuhriman
Mayor

June 30, 2011

Doug Carlson, Director
Community Planning and Development Division
U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development
400 Southwest Sixth Avenue
Suite 700
Portland, Oregon 97204-1632

Subject: City of Idaho Falls Amended FY2011 Annual Action Plan *and*
Five Year Consolidated Plan FY 2011-2015

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Enclosed is the amendment and revised SF424 to the FY2011 Annual Action Plan and the Five Year Consolidated Plan FY 2011-2015.

Upon request, the Plan(s) were amended to request a new estimate of \$369,000. A public hearing was held and a 30 day public comment period was completed. No comments were received and the Council agreed to the amendment.

The official allocation amount was slightly higher at \$369,546 and is reflected in the amendment.

Thank you and your staff for the generous assistance extended to us as we implement these Plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jared Fuhriman".

Jared D. Fuhriman, Mayor

Cc: Wm.Scott Rich, HUD CPD Representative
Renee Magee, Director Planning and Building, City of Idaho Falls

2011 Annual Action Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2004, the City of Idaho Falls became an “entitlement city” in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This status entitles the city to annual grant funding from HUD. To utilize these funds the City adopts a five year strategy with annual implementing action plans. The City of Idaho Falls submitted their second Five Year Plan referred to as the *2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan* as well as their *FY2011 Annual Action Plan* for Housing and Community Development. Both draft Plans were submitted to HUD on January 31, 2011.

The *2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan* is a comprehensive planning document identifying the City’s needs in housing, community development, and economic development. The Plan presents a profile of identified community development needs and priorities. Generally those priorities are: improving ageing neighborhoods, revitalizing historic downtown, and supporting public services for low and moderate income families.

The *FY2011 Annual Action Plan* describes the projects and programs submitted by application for FY2011 funding. FY2011 applications received included: utilizing CDBG funds as match for purchase of a bus/route for public transportation, crisis intervention housing, crisis intervention training, legal assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren, homemaker services, weatherization, minor home repairs, downtown improvements, Senior Center kitchen improvements, LMI neighborhood code enforcement, ADA accessibility with ramps and bathroom modifications for LMI Clientele, sidewalk replacement, public facility improvements, and land acquisition.

In the seven years of CDBG allocations, projects and programs have helped to provide viable urban communities, prevent slum/blight, and meet urgent community needs that primarily benefit LMI cliental. Some of the projects and programs that have been initiated and/or completed include: Neighborhood cleanup, housing rehab, implementation of a downtown facade improvement program, completion of a street paving project and a downtown parking lot. Public services have been initiated to provide a community/training center for a homeless shelter, a crisis intervention program to provide first responder training, a homeless prevention program, and increased public transportation for LMI clientele.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The process for allocating and selecting potential programs and activities for FY 2011 CDBG funding included the following:

Public Notice for the *2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan* and the *FY 2011 Annual Action Plan* and public hearing was sent to the *Post-Register* on November 10, 2010. Public hearing notices were published on November 21 and 28, 2010. The City Council public hearing was held December 9, 2010 at 7:30 pm. Both draft Plans were available for comment and review on the City website or by hard copy upon request. The 30-day public comment period was extended to

January 10, 2011. No comments were received on the City website, email, by phone, or at the City building. The City Council work session was held on January 11, 2011 where projects and activities were selected and both the *FY 2011 Annual Action Plan* and the *2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan* were discussed. The City Council reached a final decision regarding funding selection of projects and activities and a resolution of the City of Idaho Falls to approve the *FY 2011 Annual Action Plan* and the *2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan* was adopted by the Mayor and City Council on January 27, 2011.

The City of Idaho Falls submitted the draft *FY 2011 Annual Action Plan* and the draft *2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan* to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on January 31, 2011.

Shortly after submitting the council approved FY2011 CDBG allocation request to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) many federal domestic spending programs were reduced and the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program for Community Development Block grants was decreased by 16.5%. The City made adjustments to the original estimate and resubmitted to HUD for approval. The 10% difference in the new estimate required a council work session, public hearing (held May 26, 2011) and a 30 day public comment period. No comments were received and the Council reached a Resolution on June 30, 2011.

Refer to page 6 for table reflecting new allocation from HUD for \$369,546.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Solicitation of project proposals are initiated by letter, e-mail, phone calls, and publication announcement in the local newspaper to city council members, non-profit agencies, city departments and interested groups that have expressed an interest in CDBG funding for their needs. Other groups, such as United Way, who serve low and moderate income persons, are also informed that project applications are being accepted.

The Affordable Housing Task Force also consulted and advised of the application process. The task force is made up of social service providers, homeless services, Health and Welfare, Idaho Housing, Legal Aid and others. Based on experience in assisting individuals in need, the Task Force has a better understanding of the specific needs and issues of the individuals they serve.

Applications for funding are submitted to the Grant Administrator and reviewed for eligibility and national objectives. This review includes consultation with our HUD Field Representative. Proposals are then submitted to the Mayor and Council and the public hearing is held. Applicants are personally informed of the hearing so that they may make a statement for the record. Most take advantage of the hearing to present their request and answer questions from City Council members. During the 30 day comment period, City Council, in a work session, discuss the programs, activities, strategic goals, and projects to be funded and included in the Annual Plan. At the end of the comment period, the Council considers the comments, considers new information, makes amendments, and adopts the Annual Plan.

RESOURCES

The *FY 2011 Annual Action Plan* is the first year of the *2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan*. Congress has not yet passed the FY 2011 HUD budget. Based on past allocations for Idaho Falls, our estimate for FY 2011 is \$440,000. The highest allocation was \$491,000 received in FY 2004.

The City of Idaho Falls normally receives only the CDBG funds. It does not receive any other HUD programs directly. The exception is the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program stimulus funding. This one time funding allows for the purchase of foreclosed homes. The City has sub-granted the funds to non-profits to buy and hold the properties.

The other HUD programs: HOME funding, Homeless Assistance Section 8 and the Low Income Tax Credits are managed by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association on a statewide basis. The City does not fund nor manage housing for its own housing programs. The City Electrical Department manages the Energy Star Program which conducts energy audits for homeowners and collects donations for emergency payments for utility bills.

Several sources that match CDBG funds include: Weatherization funding applicable to the Housing Rehab program; Habitat for Humanity funding, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding, and Fair Housing funding for accessibility. CDBG funds may be paired with agencies that have a match ratio requirement in order to assist with securing additional funding in order to serve the needs of low and moderate income persons.

Sources of Funds and Federal Resources

There are many financial resources available to communities and to non-profits that assist in the provision of affordable housing and social services. The major sources of funding are from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City of Idaho Falls receives only the Community Development Block Grant funding directly; the other funding sources listed here are managed by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association and are available to developers and non-profits.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Each year the City of Idaho Falls is entitled to receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds. The City Council is able to direct these funds for the construction of water, sewer and street, provide access for persons with disabilities, expand social services for low and moderate income persons, assist with repairs to homes, and assist with the development of affordable housing.

HOME Block Grant Program

The HUD HOME Program is a block grant funding made available to The Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). It is designed to encourage partnerships between federal, state and local governments, housing developers, and nonprofit service agencies to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing. This is accomplished through down payment and closing cost assistance, acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of a single-family and multi-family affordable housing for low-income families across Idaho.

Through a competitive application process, IHFA provides successful applicants with low-interest rate loans and in some cases recoverable grants to help finance affordable housing projects. The Projects funded by HOME have strict requirements for rent controls, income eligibility of tenants and home owners, housing development costs, and long-term affordability requirements.

HOPWA - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) currently have 8 contracted HOPWA service providers throughout the State of Idaho.

Emergency Shelter Grant Program Funds (ESG)

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) manage the funds for Emergency Shelter Grant Program Funds (ESG) as authorized by Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. The funds are distributed on a competitive basis to homeless shelters.

Eligible activities under the ESG program regulations are:

- Rehabilitation/renovation/conversion of emergency shelters
- Essential services provided in conjunction with emergency shelters
- Operations and/or maintenance of emergency shelters
- Homeless prevention

Supportive Housing Program

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) have the Supportive Housing Program which provides housing and services only to persons who are chronically homeless. Families or single parents with children cannot be served. The program funds are used to lease additional housing units for chronically homeless persons.

Section 8 Rental Assistance

Under contract with HUD, IHFA administers federal rental assistance programs that help low-income families and elderly or disabled individuals obtain decent, affordable rental housing.

To be eligible for rental assistance, tenants must qualify under HUD income limits and other eligibility criteria. Tenants under these programs pay 30 percent of their adjusted gross monthly income for rent and utilities. As a tenant's income changes, the tenant's rent share changes proportionately.

The demand for rental assistance far exceeds the supply. Persons requiring rental assistance can apply at the IHFA Branch Office in Idaho Falls.

Housing Tax Credits

The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, established under the 1986 Tax Reform Act, provides an incentive to developers to build affordable rental housing. As Idaho's designated Housing Tax Credit administrator, IHFA receives an annual Housing Tax Credit authority on behalf of the state. This annual credit authority is allocated through a competitive application process.

IHFA Loan

IHFA has the ability and lending expertise to offer affordable housing developers a full array of financing alternatives. These range from standalone construction and/or permanent loan financing, to a more complex financing structure which combines both the construction and permanent loans into a single "one-stop" financing transaction.

Use of these Resources

The housing and social service providers in the city make continual use of these funding sources. The Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) has developed housing projects using some of these programs and CLUB Inc. uses several of these programs to purchase housing and manage its affordable housing programs. The City of Refuge shelter receives emergency shelter funding. Habitat for Humanity's local affiliate uses HUD funding to match local funding to purchase land for its projects.

Several of the privately owned affordable housing developments in the city were supported by these programs for the initial development. In past years a new development on the west side of Idaho Falls was financed with IHFA programs.

In Idaho Falls there are six Section 8 housing projects built over the years. There are five HOME or Housing Tax Credit financed projects and one currently under construction. There are also three Transitional Housing projects and four Emergency Shelters. The agencies: EICAP, CLUB, Inc., FAITH, and City of Refuge own most of these projects.

Allocation Amount - reflecting required budget cut of 16%

Shortly after submitting the Council approved FY2011 CDBG allocation request to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) many federal domestic spending programs were reduced and the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program for Community Development Block grants was decreased by 16.5%. The City submitted requested adjustments and the allocation was approved by HUD in early June. The 10% difference in the allocation required a council work session, public hearing, (May 26, 2011), and a 30 day public comment period. No comments were received and Resolution was Council approved and signed on June 30, 2011.

Provided is the New Estimate for the FY2011 Annual Action Plan reflecting a 16% reduction.

FY 2011 Projects, Priorities, Objectives
Allocation for funding of FY2011 Projects/Activities

FY2011 CDBG		<u>New Estimate</u> \$369,546		
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Code of Federal Regulation (CFR)</i>	<i>National Objective</i>
TRPTA	Bus Purchase match	\$ 14,000	570.201(e) Public Service (O5E)	LMI Clientele
EICAP	Grandparents legal aid	\$ 10,000	570.201(e) Public Service (O5C)	LMI Clientele
CLUB, Inc.	Crisis Intervention Housing	\$ 26,000	570.201(e) Public Service (O5S)	LMI Housing
Planning Department	Code Enforcement Full time Program	\$ 25,546	570.202(c) Code Enforcement (15)	LMI Area
IFDDC	Shoup/A Intersection Improvement	\$ 80,000	570.201(c) Public Facility (O3K)	*Slum/Blight 30% max
LIFE, Inc.	Homeowner handicapped access	\$ 38,000	570.202(a)(1) Housing Rehab (14A)	LMI Housing

EICAP	Weatherization/ Minor Home Repair	\$ 16,000	570.202(a)(1) Housing Rehab (14A)	LMI Housing
Idaho Falls Community Pathways (IFCP)	Sidewalk Replacement Numbered Streets	\$ 7,000	570.201(c) Public Facility (O3L)	LMI Clientele
Family Care Center	Replace galvanized piping -Ruth House	\$ 27,000	570.201(c) Public Facility (O3C)	LMI Clientele
YMCA	Improvements	\$ 8,000	570.201(c) Public Facility (O3D)	LMI Clientele
Senior Center	Improvements	\$ 35,000	570.201(c) Public Facility (O3A)	LMI Clientele
Administration	20% of allocation (estimate 369,000)	\$ 83,000	570.206 Administration (21A)	20% off the top
	Total	\$ 369,546		

369,546

-83,000 Admin (20% max)

286,546

131,000

LMI (Min 70%)

25,546

Code Enf. (Program for LMI)

50,000

Public Service for LMI (15% max)

206,000 for LMI

80,000

Slum/Blight (30% max)

-CDBG funding starts in possibly in June

-General Budget Funds start in October

*-Code Enforcement is a 12 month budget: General Funds to cover \$39,000 and
CDBG to cover \$25,546*

Updated 5-02-11

FY 2011 Projects, Priorities, Objectives, and Outcomes

<i>FY2011 CDBG Applicant Description</i>	<i>Specific Objectives</i>	<i>Estimate of individuals or accomplishments</i>	Proposed General Objective: <i>Decent Housing, Suitable Living Environment, Economic Opportunity</i> General outcome: <i>Availability Accessibility, Affordability, Sustainability</i>	<i>Proposed accomplishments with (1) year goals for the categories listed</i>
TRPTA - Targhee Regional Public Transportation Authority Local public transportation provider. Match for bus Purchase/route expansion	Transportation for individuals to access housing, jobs, medical, and education needs	30 individuals	Suitable living environment Accessibility	Expand (1) route to connect LMI individuals to services
EICAP Eastern Idaho Community Action Partners Raising Grandchildren - Legal aid	Affordable access to Legal aid services for Grandparents or Legal Guardians under the age of 60 who are raising their grandchildren	4-6 GRG	Suitable living environment Affordability	Assist EICAP with legal assistance for (6) GRG
EICAP Weatherization/Minor Home Repair for LMI homeowners	Affordable and accessible weatherization and minor home repairs to help with heating electrical cost	4-5 homes	Suitable living environment Affordability	Assist EICAP Weatherization Program with audit and energy saving repairs for (4) homes of LMI clientele
CLUB, Inc. Crisis Intervention Housing	Provide decent affordable housing to individuals in crisis.	8 assists	Decent housing Sustainability	Attend (8) Affordable Housing Task Force meetings Support CLUB, Inc. assist (8) individuals in crisis access housing

City of Idaho Falls Planning Dept. Code Enforcement Full time Program for LMI neighborhoods	Code Enforcement activities. Neighborhood cleanup efforts, resources, education and enforcement of City ordinances	2 Cleanup activities Continue providing education and outreach resources	Suitable living environment Availability	Partner with City resources and provide (2) neighborhood cleanup Events Continue providing resources, education and enforcement of City ordinances
Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corp. (IFDDC) Intersection Improvement to Shoup/A	Prevent Slum/blight to historic downtown Idaho Falls by improving intersection and ADA accessibility	1 intersection	Economic opportunity Accessibility	Partner with the City Public Works Dept. to improve (1) major intersection of downtown Idaho Falls and improve ADA accessibility
LIFE, Inc. Improve ADA access for homeowners	Modify homes to improve ADA accessibility	7-10 homes	Suitable living environment Accessibility	Bathroom modifications or ramps to benefit (7) LMI homeowners
Idaho Falls Community Pathways (IFCP) Replace sidewalks for LMI area	Improve connectivity and accessibility for LMI Clientele.	20-30 property owners	Suitable living environment Accessibility	Improve access and connectivity for (20) LMI area homeowners
Family Care Center Ruth House Replace galvanized piping	Improve living conditions in shelter for women by replacing old galvanized piping.	Provide shelter for 6-8 single women	Suitable living environment Availability	Continue providing temporary shelter for (6) single women so they may continue to become self-reliant
YMCA Exterior maintenance and improvements	Improve access to the building and maintain the exterior portions of the building.	1 exterior improvement project	Suitable living environment Sustainability	Provide (1) improvement to exterior to allow safe access to daycare, before/after school programs and recreational activities to LMI area neighborhood

<p>Senior Center Equipment and building maintenance</p>	<p>Improve Idaho Falls Senior Community Center to continue serving and delivering meals to homebound individuals.</p>	<p>17,000 served at center annually. 52,000 meals delivered annually</p>	<p>Suitable living environment Accessibility</p>	<p>Continue to provide access to decent meals for seniors and disabled. Prepare home delivered meals to individuals in need. Serve 17,000 at center annually. Deliver 52,000 meals annually.</p>
<p>Administration Full time individual to administer CDBG program and meet the National Objective</p>	<p>Encourage nonprofit organizations to apply for CDBG funding for projects and activities that benefit the LMI Clientele/Area or prevent slum/blight.</p>	<p>10 projects and/or activities</p>	<p>Decent housing Suitable living environment Economic opportunity Accessibility</p>	<p>Initiate and/or complete (10) FY2011 Annual Action Plan Projects/Activities, FY2010 CAPER, Section 3 Report, Refer to Five Year Plan to address needs, and work with HUD to improve the process</p>

Initial FY2011 Council approved allocation submitted to HUD January 31, 2011
SPECIFIC ANNUAL OBJECTIVES

The city's proposed projects for FY11 will carry out its objectives in the Community Development, Economic Development, Housing and Public Service priorities that are described in the *2011-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan*. The following tables identify the projects and how they carry out the specific priorities and objectives of the five year plan.

ESTIMATE for FY2011

FY10 \$3,990,000,000.00 \$441,751.00 \$0.00011071

FY11 3,990,000,000.00 \$440,000.00 **FY11 Estimate**
 Senate Approved

Formula for Project categories

FY11 Estimate Formula allocated	\$440,000.00 Category	Requested	Over/under formula \$	Includes Code Enfc.
\$ 186,000.00	LMI 70% Min	\$ 430,952	(244,952.00)	
\$ 105,600.00	S&B 30% Max Public Service	\$ 100,000	5,600.00	
\$ 66,000.00	15% *	\$ 209,782	(143,782.00)	
<u>\$ 88,000.00</u>	Admin 20%	<u>\$ 88,000</u>	0	
\$ 440,000.00	Total	828,734	\$ (388,734.00)	

***Included in the
LMI 70%**

- Federal Law sets the percentages for the different categories.
- The LMI category is the remainder once others are deducted.

FY 2011 Projects, Priorities, Objectives and Outcomes
Initial Estimate for funding of FY2011 Projects/Activities

FY2011 CDBG		<u>Estimate</u> <u>\$440,000</u>		
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Code of Federal Regulation (CFR)</i>	<i>National Objective</i>
TRPTA	Bus Purchase match	\$ 14,000	570.201(e) Public Service	LMI Clientele
EICAP	Grandparents legal aid	\$ 10,000	570.201(e) Public Service	LMI Clientele
EICAP	Homemaker Services	\$ -	570.201(e) Public Service	LMI Clientele
EICAP	Weatherization/ Minor Home Repair	\$ 16,000	570.201(e) Public Service	LMI Clientele
CLUB, Inc.	Crisis Intervention Housing	\$ 26,000	570.201(e) Public Service	LMI Clientele
CLUB, Inc.	Crisis Intervention Training	\$ -	570.201(e) Public Service	LMI Clientele
Community Outreach Center	Improvements	\$ -	570.201(e) Public Service	LMI Clientele
Planning Department	Code Enforcement Full time Program	\$ 30,000	570.202(c) Code Enforcement	LMI Area
IFDDC	Shoup/A Intersection Improvement	\$ 80,000	570.202(a)(3) Commercial Rehab	*Slum/Blight 30% max
LIFE, Inc.	Homeowner handicapped access	\$ 50,000	570.202(a)(1) Housing Rehabilitation	LMI Clientele

Idaho Falls Community Pathways (IFCP)	Sidewalk Replacement Numbered Streets	\$ 35,966	570.202(a)(1) Housing Rehabilitation	LMI Clientele
Habitat for Humanity	Land Acquisition	\$ -	570.201(c) Land Acquisition	LMI Clientele
Family Care Center	Replace galvanized piping -Ruth House	\$ 26,500	570.201(c) Public Facility	LMI Clientele
Community Council of Idaho	Insulated siding, flooring, electrical upgrade	\$ -	570.201(c) Public Facility	LMI Clientele
YMCA	Improvements	\$ 11,581	570.201(c) Public Facility	LMI Clientele
Senior Center	Improvements	\$ 46,953	570.201(c) Public Facility	LMI Clientele
Administration	20% of allocation (estimate \$441,751)	\$ 88,000	570.206 Administration	20% off the top
	Total	\$ 435,000		

Notes

- For Public Service Category: Funding **under** estimate deducted from EICAP and/or TRPTA
- For Public Service Category: Funding **over** estimate goes to CLUB, Inc.
- CDBG funding starts in April
- General Budget Funds start in October
- Code Enforcement is a 12 month budget: General Funds to cover \$30,000 and CDBG to cover \$30,000
- Float \$5,000 until final allocation from HUD

Community Development Act

According to the Community Development Act and the implementing of HUD regulations, CDBG funds may be used in over twenty different activities. Common projects include: Public Services, Grant program administration, Public Facility construction or improvements, Acquisition of real property, Housing Rehab or business loan programs.

Because the U.S. Congress requires the projects funded to create a documented benefit, projects must be able to create benefits in one of the following National Objective categories:

Benefit to low and moderate income persons or Prevention or elimination of conditions of Slums or Blight.

Potential projects were solicited by letter to potentially interested organizations and discussions with United Way, Affordable Housing Task Force, City Council contacts, and City Departments. Program publicity with local newspaper and City website were also utilized. Over \$828,000.00 in CDBG applications were included in the list of projects for City Council consideration.

Allocation Priorities

The *2011 Annual Action Plan* will detail the programs/activities the City will assist with FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The projects considered for FY11 funding held a public hearing on December 9, 2010, followed by a 30-day comment period ending January 10, 2011. No comments were received. Project selections, and both the *FY2011 Annual Action Plan* and the *Five Year Plan/Consolidated Plan 2012-2015* were discussed at the City Council work session on January 11, 2011 and a Resolution to approve the projects and activities, the *FY2011 Annual Action Plan*, and the *Five Year Plan/Consolidated Plan 2012-2015* was signed on January 27, 2011.

The City Council selected projects for FY2011 funding because each one meets a National Objective, is an Eligible Activity and carries out a priority and objective of the *Five Year Plan/Consolidated Plan FY2011-2015*. The needs identified in the *Five Year Plan* revealed the priorities as housing, transportation, ADA accessibility and facility upgrades. In addition, the target areas for the use of the funds is the older aging neighborhoods that generally comprise the three Census Tracts 9707, 9711, 9712, each of which contain more than 51% low and moderate income individuals. Over 50% of the FY11 funding will be spent directly in this target area. In addition, City Council prefers projects and activities that improve aging neighborhoods, assist non-profit organizations in serving their clients, that improve hard assets and, that assist in filling the gaps in services that are not being met within the LMI community.

New Census Tract data was not available at the time the *FY2011 Action Plan* was written and will be used in the *FY2012 Action Plan*.

Once Congress passes the HUD budget for FY11, detailed allocation priorities will be updated. As provided, the City used the FY2010 allocation of \$440,000 for estimates and will update the FY2011 Action Plan once the HUD budget is passed and approved.

OTHER MATCHING RESOURCES

The Downtown Facade grant program matches business investments (depending on the mix of grants). In the past, \$17,000 in cash match was committed.

The three housing/shelter projects will find match from private, state and federal sources to round out their project budgets. The funding has come from private fund raising (for the Haven), from the Idaho Housing and Finance Association, and from the Department of Health and Welfare. Previous total match was approximately \$351,280. Matching resource information is an on-going challenge for most nonprofit service type agencies. Given the state of the economy and programs being reduced, or removed; many organizations/agencies have struggled to meet the minimum match in order to access additional funding to sustain their programs/services. This is an area where allocations of CDBG funds (on a local level) could have a direct benefit for public service projects/activities that assists LMI clientele.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The TRPTA Bus/Route test program, sidewalk replacement program, Code Enforcement activities, Family Care Center galvanized piping replacement, improvements to the YMCA, and the downtown façade program will all occur within the three low and moderate income Census tracts: 9707, 9711, and 9712. These projects comprise over 50% of the FY11 CDBG funds committed to these aging neighborhoods which are the target areas for the funds. These neighborhoods started the original town site and early subdivisions. City Council is committed to preserving and improving these neighborhoods.