

Substantial Amendment to the 2010 Annual Action Plan

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program -

St. Louis County Office of Community Development

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Substantial Amendment Amount	\$355,000.00

St. Louis County previously submitted an Annual Action Plan for 2010 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This plan was approved by HUD, but the St. Louis

County Office of Community Development is now proposing to make a substantial change and is hereby providing notice to the public and HUD of the proposed re-allocation of funds from the aforementioned programmatic year.

In the previously submitted Annual Action Plan, St. Louis County and or one of the Subrecipients eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds either did not request nor expend funds for approved activities. St. Louis County, OCD is now proposing to re-program these funds.

Recognizing the need for planned redevelopment activities adjacent to community assets, St. Louis County has identified a project to achieve broader community outcomes. Therefore, St. Louis County proposes the following revised use of the aforementioned \$355,000 in CDBG funding.

The Metropolitan Education and Training (MET) Center is an innovative training and education center, centrally located on the MetroLink corridor for easy access that offers short-term training courses and other resources. The MET Center is the starting point for unemployed and underemployed area residents to brush up on their skills, experience hands-on training and then enter the workplace. St. Louis County OCD has partnered with the MET Center on numerous projects in support of the physical structure as well as the operations of the Center itself. The MET Center is located in Wellston, a very low-income inner ring suburb suffering from a lack of investment, public infrastructure, quality schools and consumer services. Additional improvements and investment in the MET Center would be beneficial to not only the City of Wellston but also to the surrounding area.

With these facts in mind, St. Louis County OCD, is proposing to use the recaptured CDBG funds to replace the existing deteriorated roof and make any necessary repairs to the sub-structure. CDBG funds are anticipated to be used for the roof replacement and sub-structure repairs only. This activity is eligible under CDBG regulations cited in 570.201 and 570.202. This project will improve the physical condition of the MET Center, which will ensure continued service to low and moderate income residents with job training, skills training, and other career development services.

St. Louis County respectfully requests HUD's approval of this proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2010 Annual Action Plan related to the CDBG program.