



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY
ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT #5**



For CDBG-DR Disaster Recovery Funds
Section 239 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012
(Public Law 112-55, enacted November 18, 2011)

June 28, 2013

City of Minot, North Dakota
Curt Zimbelman, Mayor

THE CITY OF MINOT ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT (NO.5)

Upon a thorough review of beneficiary data for two CDBG-DR projects, the City is amending its Disaster Recovery Action Plan. Through this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery (DR) Amendment #5, the City is changing the Master and Control Lift station public facility activity from an Urgent Need related national objective to a public facility Low Moderate Income Area national objective. In addition the City is changing the Northern Sewer public facility activity from a Low to moderate income area national objective to an Urgent Need national objective. Attachment A provides a summary of the Action Plan changes, which are in red.

Justification for changing the Northern Sewer Project from Low Moderate Income Area to Urgent Need National Objective.

The City of Minot's CDBG-DR funding is appropriated in accordance with the 2012 Appropriations Act and the Federal Register [FR-5628-N-01]. The Federal register defines the type of eligible activities allowed for the CDBG-DR funds. Part F of the Act, entitled *Use of the urgent need national objective* defines Urgent Need as follows:

Urgent Need: Since the Department only provides CDBG disaster recovery awards to grantees with documented disaster-related impacts (as supported by data provided by FEMA, SBA, and other sources), and each grantee is limited to spending funds only in counties with a Presidential disaster declaration of recent origin respective to each appropriation, the following streamlined alternative requirement recognizes the inherent urgency in addressing the serious threat to community welfare following a major disaster.

Grantees need not issue formal certification statements in order to qualify an activity as meeting the urgent need national objective. Instead, each grantee receiving a direct award under this Notice must document how all programs and/or activities funded under the urgent need national objective respond to a disaster-related impact identified by the grantee.

The Northern Sewer Project is needed to route the North Hill sewage around the Valley Force Main that was damaged by the flood event in 2011. This reroute will reduce the flow through the damaged area and allow development in the North Hill area of the city to provide suitable housing choices for those displaced by the flood.

Justification for changing the Master and Control Lift Station activities from Urgent Need to Low Moderate Income Area National Objectives.

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Grantees should still be mindful to use the "low- and moderate income person benefit" national objective for all activities that qualify under such criteria.

A comprehensive review of all proposed infrastructure activities was undertaken to determine if any could meet the area benefit to LMI persons. Based on this review, it is apparent that the Master and Control lift station activities should be reclassified from Urgent Need to LMI. The direct benefit area for Master and Control lift stations are located completely within LMI census tract block groups.

Comment Period

Citizen participation is an essential component of the Citywide planning effort. The City of Minot strongly encourages public participation in identifying needs and the use of CDBG Disaster Recovery Funding. Citizens and other interested parties are invited to comment on Amendment 5.

A formal seven (7) day public comment period will begin on June 28, 2013 for Amendment 5 to the Action Plan. Comments will be accepted until July 6, 2013. Comments may be submitted via email to www.minotrecoveryinfo.com or by mail to Public Information Officer, PO Box 5006, Minot North Dakota, 58702-5006. Amendment 5 to the Action Plan will be posted on the City's websites at: www.minotnd.org and www.minotrecoveryinfo.com no later than June 28, 2013.

Non-English speaking individuals and individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting Tami Stroklund, Executive Secretary, at PO Box 5006, Minot, North Dakota, 58702-5006, or tami.stroklund@minotnd.org. Alternatively, they may access the State of North Dakota assistance at the following numbers:

800.366.6888 or 711:TTY

800.366.6889 or 711:Voice

800.435.8590 or 711: Spanish

877.366.3709 : 900 Services

877.366.3709: Speech To Speech