

Public Review Draft
2009 TO 2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1

- A) Modify Strategic Plan Goals in the Five Year Strategic Plan of the Consolidated Plan, (Executive Summary page 5 and page I - 1) as follows:

Five-Year Strategic Plan

The City has ~~five-six~~ goals to address housing and community development needs between FY 2009 and 2014:

- Increase supply of affordable rental housing for the City's lowest income households;
- Provide housing and services to special needs populations;
- Increase homeownership for City residents;
- Provide funding for public facilities and improvements; and
- Preserve existing affordable housing stock.
- Promote Economic Development by creating, attracting and retaining jobs and by increasing economic activity and vitality, especially the increase of economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons and the increase in the local tax base.

- B) Modify the funding sources of the Strategic Plan by adding the anticipated receipt of BEDI Grant funds and CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds, and add reference to the use of these funds for economic development activities (Executive Summary page 5), as follows:

During the five-year Consolidated Planning period, the City expects to receive approximately \$1.2 million annually in CDBG funding, for a five-year total of \$6.0 million. CDBG funds are used by the City for public services, housing activities and administrative costs. In addition, the City anticipates receiving \$1.5 million in HUD Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grant funds and \$5.6 million Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds during this period that would be utilized to promote economic development activities. The City also anticipates receiving an annual allocation of approximately \$800,000 in funding for housing activities from HOME, for a five-year allocation of \$4.0 million; fifteen percent (15%) of the HOME funds are allocated to community housing development organizations. A separate allocation of funds identified as the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) program is used to provide downpayment assistance to first-time homebuyers.

- C) Modify the objectives and uses for CDBG Funds to include economic development; and add a description of the BEDI grant fund program (page I - 1), as follows:

The Strategic Plan focuses on activities to be funded from HUD with the two entitlement grants (CDBG and HOME (including ADDI)) ~~from HUD~~ as well as BEDI Grant funds and CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds.

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The primary objective of this program, which includes both entitlement grants and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic development opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. Funds can be used for a wide array of activities, including: housing rehabilitation; homeownership assistance; lead-based paint detection and removal; construction or rehabilitation of public facilities and infrastructure; removal of architectural barriers; public services; rehabilitation of commercial or industrial buildings; ~~and~~ loans or grants to businesses; and economic development activities to create, attract and retain jobs and to increase economic activity and vitality.

Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grant: The BEDI Grant is a competitive grant program that HUD administers to stimulate and promote economic and community development. BEDI is designed to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by *real or potential* environmental contamination. BEDI grant funds are primarily targeted for use with a particular emphasis upon the redevelopment of Brownfields sites in economic development projects and the increase of economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons as part of the creation or retention of businesses, jobs and increases in the local tax base.

- D) Modify the description of Community Development activities to include economic development, as follows:

Executive Summary (page 4)

Community Development

Community Development needs in Santa Rosa include public facilities and improvements and the continuation of the Public Services program providing funding to non-profit organizations that assist low-income households. The funding of Public Services programs has the potential to reduce the number of households living in poverty. The funding of economic development activities create, attract and retain jobs and increase economic activity and vitality, especially the increase of economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons and the increase in the local tax base.

Section IV Community Development (page IV – 2)

4. Specific Short and Long Term Community Development Objectives

The specific short and long term community development objectives are assisting the Public Services program and improving public facilities for the low income residents of Santa Rosa, and promoting economic development activities.