

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESCAMBIA CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUMMARY

The Escambia Consortium, comprised of Escambia County, the City of Pensacola, Santa Rosa County, and Milton, Florida, have drafted the 2010/2011 Annual Housing and Community Development Plan for the period October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011. The draft Annual Plan denotes key agencies and individuals participating in the planning process and identifies the Consortium's 2010/2011 Annual Action Plan for the utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Public Housing Grant Programs, and other HUD programs designed to address housing and community development needs. The major priorities include: rehabilitation of rental and homeowner occupied substandard housing units for families with incomes between 0-80% of the local median income; new construction, homebuyer assistance, and acquisition/rehabilitation activities in support of the provision of affordable housing for families with incomes primarily between 50-80% of median; expansion of below market rate and subsidized rental assistance for families with incomes between 0-50% of median through acquisition, rehabilitation and/or construction; support of activities leading to the development of housing for persons with special needs; supportive services addressing the special needs of the elderly, handicapped, and homeless or near homeless; redevelopment activities within designated areas of slum and blight; and targeted community development public facility and improvement priorities. Activities are generally available to assist eligible lower income persons in varying capacities and financial levels throughout the respective jurisdictions to the extent that such availability is not limited by Federal or State Regulations and/or financial resources. The draft 2010 Annual Action Plan is available for public review at the following Pensacola and Milton locations between the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

City of Pensacola
Housing Department
420 West Chase Street
Pensacola, Florida
(Closed on Fridays)

County Administrator's Office
Escambia County Courthouse
Fourth Floor
221 Palafox Place
Pensacola, Florida

Neighborhood Enterprise
Foundation, Inc. (NEFI)
3420 Barrancas Avenue
Pensacola, Florida

County Administrator's Office
Santa Rosa County Administrative Complex
6495 South Caroline Street
Milton, Florida

Pensacola Regional Library
Reference Desk/Second Floor
200 West Gregory Street
Pensacola, Florida

ESCAMBIA CONSORTIUM, FLORIDA
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUMMARY
(October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011)

This section of the Plan incorporates the Consortium's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Program Year 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding in the total amount of \$ 5,200,058, which is detailed as follows:

ESCAMBIA COUNTY
2010/2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROPOSED BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION

HOUSING REHABILITATION:

FUNDING:

Housing Rehabilitation Program (General)

\$519,000*

Provide assistance for low/moderate income families through Deferred Payment Grants/Deferred Payment Loans/Low Interest Loans, or a combination thereof, for the rehabilitation of 11 substandard homeowner occupied units and support program operating costs. Funds may also be used to provide energy improvements, weatherization and storm protection/mitigation improvements, such as insulation, hurricane shutters/film; rated windows, lead based paint assessment and abatement, and other applicable improvements. (Unincorporated Escambia County)

*All program income from housing rehabilitation loans will be used to rehabilitate substandard homeowner occupied units for low and moderate income families located within unincorporated Escambia County (estimated program income is \$15,000). (Unincorporated Escambia County)

TEMPORARY RELOCATION:

\$35,000

Funds to provide temporary relocation for families whose dwelling units are being rehabilitated via the County's Housing Rehabilitation Program. (Unincorporated Escambia County)

PROGRAM PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION AND FAIR HOUSING:

General Grant Administration/Management

\$383,680

Provides for oversight, management, coordination and monitoring of financial and programmatic administration of the CDBG Program.

Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency

\$50,000

Provides support for planning and administrative staffing and operation of the Community Redevelopment Agency which targets designated areas of slum and blight within the County, as well as the County's Enterprise Zone.

Fair Housing

\$18,500

Support ongoing Community Development Block Grant Fair Housing initiatives in the community.

ESCAMBIA BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT:

Brownfields Community Redevelopment Project

\$240,000

Funds allocated for this activity will be used in conjunction with currently allocated prior year CDBG funds to identify and assess actual or perceived environmental contamination issues, and partially support remediation/redevelopment costs associated with vacant or abandoned commercial properties that have been designated as Brownfield sites and are located within the County's Community Redevelopment Areas (including the Palafox Corridor, Warrington, Brownsville, Barrancas, and Englewood), the City of Pensacola's Community Redevelopment Areas, and/or the County or City's designated Enterprise Zones. Funds may be used to pay for site evaluations/assessments (including but not limited to: title searches, property surveys, access/utilization agreements, quality assurance project reviews, Phase I & II environmental assessments and Brownfield site assessments), site remediation/clean-up costs, and/or public infrastructure related development expenses. Activities will be closely coordinated with the County's ongoing EPA and any other Brownfields Redevelopment Program and the State of Florida's Programs. (Limited to areas of slum and blight or Enterprise Zones as designated by Escambia County or the State of Florida in accordance with Florida law).

PUBLIC SERVICES:

Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc.

\$50,000

Funds support the Council on Aging's Rural Elderly Outreach Program which provides supportive services, including transportation, for approximately 2,500 rural elderly citizens in Cantonment, Century, Davisville and McDavid in Escambia County, Florida. (132 Mintz Lane, Cantonment)

CRA/Neighborhood Restoration Program

\$150,000

Funds provide staffing and support for targeted community redevelopment, reinvestment, and neighborhood-based initiatives implemented specifically within designated areas of slum and blight in Escambia County, specifically the Warrington, Brownsville, Englewood, Barrancas, and Palafox Corridor Community Redevelopment Areas, as well as County's Enterprise Zone.

Foreclosure Prevention Education and Counseling

\$33,981

Foreclosure prevention guidance, education and assistance in an effort to assist Escambia County residents avoid foreclosure and retain ownership of their homes. Individual counseling opportunities are provided to provide opportunities to review the individual's current situation and discuss options for assistance. (County Wide, including Pensacola and Century)

DEMOLITION/CLEARANCE

Demolition/Clearance of Unsafe Structures or Properties

\$30,000

Funds will be used to assist with the elimination of dilapidated, structurally unsound buildings and/or abandoned lots/properties in designated areas of slum and blight, specifically the Warrington, Brownsville, Englewood, Barrancas and Palafox Corridor Community Redevelopment Areas.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Fire Hydrants/Water Main Upgrade

\$175,000

Provides for installation of fire hydrants and adequately sized water supply mains in CDBG Target Area lower income neighborhoods in unincorporated Escambia County (as prioritized locally in conjunction with the utility provider). Should funds remain after completion of these improvements, additional related improvements will be made in other local CDBG eligible areas.

County Facility Handicapped Accessibility Improvement Project

\$125,000

Completion of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required handicapped accessibility planning, design and improvements to Escambia County public buildings and facilities. (Countywide)

Community Redevelopment Facade Improvement Program

\$70,000

Funds will support matching grants of up to \$25,000 per commercial business for exterior/facade, streetscape and related improvements along the commercial corridors located in the designated Community Redevelopment Areas (including Warrington, Barrancas, Brownsville, Englewood and the Palafox Corridor), and the County's Enterprise Zone, the boundaries of which are legally defined in the governing CRA and Enterprise Zone designation ordinances and resolutions.

CRA Neighborhood Improvement Project Enhancements

\$375,753

Funds to provide enhancements in conjunction with other community redevelopment and housing projects located within eligible CDBG low and moderate income Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA) to include street rehabilitation/reconstruction; new or upgraded street lighting; sidewalk construction/reconstruction; sanitary sewer and/or stormwater drainage improvements; and related infrastructure improvements, including those in support of housing development. Priority will be given to projects identified in the Redevelopment Plans for the County designated Community Redevelopment

Areas: Warrington, Brownsville, Englewood, Palafox Corridor and Barrancas. Funds, if any, remaining after completion of CRA priorities may be expended in other CDBG eligible neighborhoods.

Redevelopment Area Neighborhood Renewal Incentive

\$5,000

Matching support will be provided for small scale community based, volunteer projects targeting improvements to public right-of-way, neighborhood beautification and enhancement activities carried out in locally designated areas of slum and blight, specifically the Warrington, Brownsville, Englewood, Barrancas, and Palafox Corridor Community Redevelopment Areas.

TOTAL 2010 ESCAMBIA COUNTY CDBG FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$ 2,260,914

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**CITY OF PENSACOLA
2010-2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROPOSED BUDGETS AND ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION**

FUNDING

HOUSING REHABILITATION:

Housing Rehabilitation Loan/Grant Programs

\$593,250*

Funds to rehabilitate substandard owner-occupied houses for low and moderate income persons; to physically modify residential structures to accommodate the needs of low and moderate income persons with disabilities (Residential Handicap Accessibility Program); and to provide for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Programs, including the Residential Handicap Accessibility Program, the Housing Repair Assistance Program, and other related housing rehabilitation activities. The City anticipates the proposed funding will rehabilitate approximately 10-12 owner occupied housing units. Due to limited funding, housing rehabilitation is limited to first time applicants. Preference will be given to Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) areas. Should it be necessary to prioritize projects due to funding limitations, priority for these housing rehabilitation programs will be given to eligible elderly and disabled applicants residing within the city limits. (City wide)

*All program income from housing rehabilitation loans will be used to rehabilitate substandard homeowner occupied units for low and moderate income families located within the corporate limits of the City of Pensacola (estimated program income is \$150,000). (City-wide)

Temporary Relocation

\$65,000

Funds will provide temporary relocation for families whose dwelling units are being rehabilitated via the City's Housing Rehabilitation Programs, which includes the HOME Reconstruction Program. This is a requirement under the Uniform Act. (City-wide)

PUBLIC SERVICES:

Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc. (COA)

\$81,000

Funds will provide Congregate Meals and Meals on Wheels to low and moderate income elderly, disabled, and/or handicapped residents residing within the City limits which otherwise would not be available to these residents. The goal of the Meals on Wheels program is to deliver approximately 11,500 meals to approximately 55 unduplicated individuals per year. Approximately 40 individuals will benefit from this service each month. The goal of the Congregate Meal Program is to provide approximately 9,500 meals to approximately 100 unduplicated individuals per year. Approximately 70

individuals will benefit from this service per week. These funds provide direct services. The City has funded the COA for over a decade. CDBG funds received from the City are instrumental in COA securing other critical federal and state funding for which they would be unable to apply. (City-wide)

Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention Education and Counseling **\$53,000**
 Pre-purchase homeownership counseling, education, guidance and support for lower income (below 80% of median income) City residents with a goal of owning their own home (Homebuyer's Club); foreclosure prevention guidance, education and assistance in an effort to assist Pensacola residents avoid foreclosure and retain ownership of their homes. Individual counseling opportunities are provided under both programs to provide opportunities to review the individual's current situation and discuss options for assistance. (City Wide)

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Code Enforcement **\$60,000**
 Funds to provide code enforcement on structures located within the CDBG target area that are deteriorating or deteriorated to a point where such enforcement, together with public or private improvements, rehabilitation, or services to be provided, may be expected to arrest the decline of the area. Code enforcement will be conducted on structures located within targeted low and moderate income areas within the CDBG Target Area with priority given to structures located within Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) areas. (CDBG Target Area)

FY2010-2011 PROGRAM PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION:

General Grant Administration/Management **\$210,800**

Funds to administer the City's CDBG Program. includes personnel services and operating expenses.

TOTAL FY2010-2011 CDBG PROPOSED BUDGET **\$1,063,050**

Projected FY2010-2011 CDBG Allocation	\$1,051,861	
Carryover from Completed Projects	<u>\$ 11,189</u>	
Total Funds Available		<u>\$1,063,050</u>

ESCAMBIA CONSORTIUM
2010-2011 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT (HOME)
PROPOSED BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION
FOR MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES **FUNDING**

ESCAMBIA COUNTY:
SUBSTANTIAL HOUSING REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION **\$627,484**
 Provide assistance for low/moderate income families through Deferred Payment Grants/Deferred Payment Loans/Low Interest Loans, or a combination thereof, for the substantial rehabilitation or reconstruction of approximately 9 to 10 severely substandard homeowner occupied housing units. (Escambia County)

CITY OF PENSACOLA:
SUBSTANTIAL HOUSING REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION **\$358,445**
 Provide assistance for low/moderate income families through Deferred Payment Grants, Deferred Payment Loans, Low Interest Loans, or a combination thereof, for the substantial rehabilitation or reconstruction of

severely substandard single family homeowner occupied housing units. It is estimated that this funding will reconstruct approximately 5 to 6 housing units. (City of Pensacola)

SANTA ROSA COUNTY:

HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE \$262,717

Provide down payment/closing cost or second mortgage (gap financing) assistance, through Deferred Payment Grants, Deferred Payment Loans, Low Interest Loans, or a combination thereof, to enable low/moderate income homebuyers to purchase an affordable home. It is estimated that this funding will assist 23-25 families. (Santa Rosa County)

JOINT HOME ACTIVITIES (CONSORTIUM-WIDE):

RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (CHDO SET-ASIDE) \$267,567

Provide low interest and/or deferred loan assistance to partially support the costs for development of approximately 8 affordable rental units through activities of locally designated non-profit Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) in Escambia or Santa Rosa County.

CHDO OPERATING EXPENSES \$ 89,189

Optional allocation to provide operating support to enhance capacity of locally designated CHDO's that have a minimum of one year of documented experience in the development of affordable housing. Any residual funds from this category will be utilized for Escambia Substantial Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction.

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT (JOINT) \$178,377

Provides for oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of financial and general administration of the HOME Program in all participating jurisdictions.

2010 HOME Funds Available to the Consortium	\$ 1,783,779
Local Match (provided through SHIP Program Resources)	

TOTAL 2010 HOME FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 1,783,779 =====
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2010-2011 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM (ESG)
PROPOSED BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION

HOMELESS SHELTER OPERATING SUPPORT \$ 87,690

Provides funding to partially support operational costs of the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, Inc. Homeless Center and Emergency Shelter for families. (257 East Lee Street, Pensacola, Florida)

ADMINISTRATION \$ 4,615

Indirect cost allocation of 5% to Escambia County

TOTAL 2010 ESG FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 92,305 =====
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TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS are being sponsored by the Consortium to afford citizens the opportunity to review, comment and/or provide input regarding the content of this Notice, update the status of the Consortium's Five Year Consolidated Plan, and/or the draft 2010/2011 Annual Plan. **The hearings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 8, 2010 in the Santa Rosa County Public Services Building, Media Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton, Florida; and at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at the Pensacola City Hall,**

Hagler-Mason Conference Room, Second Floor/Mezzanine, 180 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida.

All interested citizens are urged to attend and participate. The Escambia Consortium adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to services, programs and other activities. Please call 858-0350 (City) or 458-0466 (Escambia County) [or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) numbers 595-0102 (City) or 458-0464 (Escambia County)] for further information. Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance of the event in order to allow time to provide the requested services.

In addition to the public hearing, citizen recommendations, suggestions or other input regarding the content of the Consortium's draft Annual Plan will be accepted during an extended comment period beginning with the publication of this notice and extending through **JUNE 29, 2010**. Comments may be submitted to: Escambia Consortium, P.O. Box 18178, Pensacola, Florida 32523. For further information, contact Randy Wilkerson at 458-0466 (Escambia County), Pat Hubbard at 858-0350 (City of Pensacola), or Janice Boone at 981-7076 (Santa Rosa County).

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