

City of Minneapolis

HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN *for Housing and Community Development*

2008 Amendment #4

2009 Amendment #2

- Remove Public Service program: Youth are Here Buses
- Add funding to Public Services programming activities approved through previous Consolidated Plans

Public Comment Period April 12 – May 11, 2010

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**Minneapolis City Council Public Hearing on
Amendment #2
of 2009 Consolidated Plan
&
Amendment #4
of 2008 Consolidated Plan**

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers,
350 South Fifth Street before the Community Development
Committee

Purpose: To receive comments on the City's Proposed
amendment #2 to the 2009 Consolidated Plan and #4 to the
2008 Consolidated Plan for CDBG, HOME, ADDI, ESG, and
HOPWA federal entitlement funding.

Dear Interested Individual/Agency:

You are invited to comment on Minneapolis' proposed Amendment #2 to the FY 2009 Consolidated Plan and Amendment #4 to the 2008 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan covers the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI), Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) federal entitlement funding and the 2005-09 Consolidated Plan Five Year Strategy.

Summary: Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2009 Consolidated Plan and Amendment #4 to the 2008 Consolidated Plan: The City through the direction of its Department of Health and Family Support proposes to cancel the CDBG-funded component of the Youth Are Here Buses from the 2008 and 2009 Consolidated Plans, the two years it was included for funding through the Consolidated Plan. The national objective for CDBG is serving low income populations. The Youth Are Here Buses program serves this population however federal CDBG program regulation compliance could not be achieved primarily based on two conditions: 1) the program's method used to determine eligibility of program participants was not in compliance with CDBG regulations, and 2) the program provides services selectively to youth only, which excludes others within the low income target area population. The City will continue to support the Youth Are Here Buses program and it will be funded through other funding sources. The CDBG funding originally directed to this program in 2008 and 2009 will be shifted to existing community-based public service programming previously approved through the Consolidated Plan (CDBG) and managed through the Department of Health and Family Support.

If you wish to review the proposed Amendment #2 to 2009 Consolidated Plan and Amendment #4 to the 2008 Consolidated Plan, or review the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan Five Year Strategy, it is available for review at the Office of Grants & Special Projects (307M City Hall), at all Minneapolis public libraries, offices of Legal Aid Society, and on the web at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/grants.

We invite your participation by speaking at the hearing, and submitting written comments before, during, or after the hearing. To have your name placed on the Public Hearing Speakers List, call (612) 673-2219. Please indicate if you will require any accessibility assistance or interpreter/translation services.

If you are unable to attend this public hearing, you may send comments to Matt Bower, Office of Grants and Special Projects, 307M City Hall, 350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415; fax: (612) 673-3724; phone: (612) 673-2188; email: matthew.bower@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. **The public comment period on these Consolidated Plan amendments will run from April 12 to May 11, 2010.** If you wish to request a copy of Amendment #2 to 2009 Consolidated Plan and Amendment #4 to the 2008 Consolidated Plan, or if you have any questions on the Consolidated Plan, please contact Matt Bower at (612) 673-2188.

Upon request, information regarding the Consolidated Plan can be provided in alternative formats. Please call (612) 673-2032 (voice) or TTY (612) 673-2626 to request assistance.

Attention: If you want help translating this information, call – **Hmong** – Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, hu 612-673-2800; **Spanish** – Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llama 612-673-2700; **Somali** – Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' an wac 612-673-3500.

The City of Minneapolis is proposing to cancel the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a Public Service program activity "Youth are Here Buses" described here and in the City's 2008 and 2009 annual Consolidated Plan budgets. Also, it is proposed this CDBG funding be transferred to other existing Public Service programming previously approved through the 2008 and the 2009 Consolidated Plans.

CDBG funds were budgeted but not expended for Youth Are Here Buses in 2008 and 2009. The CDBG funding originally directed to this program in 2008 and 2009 will be shifted to among other community-based Public Service programming previously described and approved the Consolidated Plan, funded through CDBG, and managed through its Department of Health and Family Support.

Proposed Amended Section:

HUD Table 3 - 2008 and 2009 Programming for Youth are Here Buses

Priority Need	ID #	Project Description	Outcome	Type/ Eligible Activity/National Objective	Council Adopted Budget
Public Services 2009 CANCELLED	19.1	You th are Here buses: Safe and reliable transportation provided to overcome barriers preventing youth from participating in positive youth program opportunities. The Youth Coordinating Board operates two You th are Here bus routes serving North and South Minneapolis. Routes were selected based on significant numbers of children/ youth living in the area, very high concerns about safety, serving communities where few opportunities exist, and programs exist to serve youth. The buses stop at selected parks, libraries, schools, and community based organizations providing youth programming. They also stop at key intersections near public transportation, and near public housing complexes. Buses run after school during the academic year, and 8 hours/day during the summer. YCB, Towle Building, Room 540, 330 Second Avenue So, Minneapolis, MN 55401	Enhance Suitable Living Environment Through improved/new Accessibility; Accomplishments for 2009 Projected to be 350 People	Sub/Private/ 05E Transportation Services 570.201(e)/ L/M Area 570.208(a)(1)	\$ 51,000
Public Services 2008 CANCELLED	19.1	You th are Here buses: Safe and reliable transportation provided to overcome barriers preventing youth from participating in positive youth program opportunities. The Youth Coordinating Board has created two You th are Here bus routes serving North and South Minneapolis. Routes were selected based on significant numbers of children/ youth living in the area, very high concerns about safety, serving communities where few opportunities exist, and programs exist to serve youth. The buses stop at selected parks, libraries, schools, and community based organizations providing youth programming. They also stop at key intersections near public transportation, and near public housing complexes. Buses run after school during the academic year, and 8 hours/day during the summer.	Enhance Suitable Living Environment Through improved/new Accessibility; Accomplishments for 2008 Projected to be 357 People	Sub/Private/ 05E Transportation Services 570.201(e)/ L/M Area 570.208(a)(1)	\$ 71,800