City of Columbus Substantial Amendment #1 to 2013 Action Plan

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Reallocation of CDBG Funds for PY13

In December 2013, Thrive Alliance received notification of an award of HOME funding to assist in the acquisition and rehabilitation of dilapidated rental housing structures within the 9th Street Park Neighborhood Comprehensive Revitalization Plan area. In order to fill a project funding gap, the city intends to reallocate funds from the demolition/removal of unsafe structures project and the owner occupied rehabilitation project to assist Thrive Alliance in their HOME funded project in efforts to revitalize the 9th Street Park area and provide safe, decent and affordable rental properties within this area.

This proposed amendment will reallocate \$14,648 from 04 Clearance/Demolition (570.201(d)) and \$67,352 from 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential (570.202). This reallocation will include \$18,500 for 14G Acquisition for Rehabilitation (570.202) and \$61,500 for 14G Rehab: Single –Unit Residential (570.202) for acquisition and rehabilitation of a single rental unit located at 1232 8th Street. This will help address the need for affordable rental housing within the Columbus community and eliminate a blighting influence within the 9th Street Park Neighborhood.

As stated in the Consolidated Plan, as part of the Housing Priorities for Rental Housing, the need for increasing the standard of rental housing was determined a priority. With the acquisition and rehabilitation of the property located at 1232 8th Street by Thrive Alliance, this vacant, uninhabitable structure will become an affordable rental unit that is safe and decent for habitation. The housing needs of the renters with 0 % to 60% of median income is a priority as they are most probable to experience housing problems related to cost burden.

It is anticipated if there are clearance demolition funds available at towards the end of the program year, those funds will be reallocated to Rehab: Single Unit or to Public Facilities, as those activity lines are intended to remain open. The city and the Bartholomew County Code Enforcement officials are collaborating to identify vacant, abandoned, and unsafe structures for demolition.

Following is the proposed budget reallocation:

Amended Community Development Block Grant Activity and Budget Table		
Activity	Service/Project	Budget
Administration	Technical Administration and Planning Including Housing needs Assessment	\$50,000
Subtotal		\$50,000
Public Facilities	Sidewalk Improvements/Access. Ramps Including Labor Standards and Environmental Assessment	\$85,000
Subtotal		\$85,000
Housing Improvements	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$0
	Rehab-Single-Unit Residential: Thrive Alliance	\$61,500
	Acquisition for Rehabilitation: Thrive Alliance	\$18,500
	Clearance/Demolition	\$39,352
Subtotal		\$119,352
		\$254,352