



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Department of Administration  
County of Dane, Wisconsin

COUNTY AGENCY

Office of Economic & Workforce Development

RFP NUMBER

**115061**

RFP TITLE

**CDBG – Mortgage Reduction**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties with information to enable them to prepare and submit a proposal and to inform them of basic requirements that the County uses as part of its standard contract process. *All proposals must include the completed Dane County Application for 2016 CDBG Funds Mortgage Reduction and information requested in Attachment C.*

DEADLINE FOR  
RFP SUBMISSIONS

2:00 P.M. Central Time

**May 22, 2015**

LATE, FAXED, ELECTRONIC MAIL OR UNSIGNED PROPOSALS WILL BE REJECTED

SUBMIT RFP TO  
THIS ADDRESS

DANE COUNTY PURCHASING DIVISION  
ROOM 425 CITY- COUNTY BUILDING  
210 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD  
MADISON, WI 53703-3345

SPECIAL  
INSTRUCTIONS

- ☐ **Label the lower left corner of your sealed submittal package with the RFP number**
- ☐ **Place the Signature Affidavit as the first page of your proposal**
- ☐ **Submit one original and six (6 ) copies, three hole punched with no binding, of your completed Dane County Application for 2016 CDBG Funds Mortgage Reduction.**
- ☐ **Submit one complete electronic copy in a single PDF file burned to a CD or DVD**

DIRECT ALL INQUIRES  
TO

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## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties with information to enable them to prepare and submit a proposal and to inform them of basic requirements that the County uses as part of its standard contract process. *All proposals must include the completed Dane County Application for 2016 CDBG Funds Mortgage Reduction and information requested in Attachment C.*

The County intends to use the results of this process to award a contract(s) or issuance of purchase order for the product(s) and or services(s) stated above.

The contract resulting from this RFP will be administered by Dane County, Office of Economic & Workforce Development.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued on behalf of Dane County by the Purchasing Division, which is the sole point of contact for the County during the procurement process.

### 1.2 Scope of the Project

#### 1.2.1 Project Description

Dane County is soliciting applications from organizations interested in operating a mortgage reduction program to promote homeownership opportunities for low-and-moderate income residents of the Dane County Urban County Consortium (see Appendix A). Funding is expected to be available under the HUD-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The County reserves the right to fund this project with Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. This change in funding source and its implications will be discussed with prospective Subrecipient(s). Please refer to the attached document: CDBG & HOME MORTGAGE REDUCTION ASSISTANCE – DEFERRED PAYMENT LOANS PROGRAM STANDARDS (Appendix B).

#### Eligible Applicants

Public or private non-profit agencies or organizations including faith-based organizations, units of local government, and Community-Based Development Organizations.

#### Project Basics

Applicants may target the program to a specific community, a specific development, or to the entire Dane County Urban County Consortium.

Organizations selected as subrecipients to operate a mortgage reduction program will be expected to comply with the requirements in the *CDBG & HOME Mortgage Reduction Assistance – Deferred Payment Loans Program Standards* for operating the program. These include, in part:

- Marketing the program.
- Conducting initial pre-screening, intake, and income eligibility determinations of applicants.
- Assuring prospective homebuyers complete an approved homebuyer education course.
- Conducting required underwriting.
- Documenting the eligibility of the property receiving assistance.
- Notifying the County CDBG/HOME Specialist once the pre-approved prospective homebuyer has an accepted offer to purchase on a home so that an environmental review may be conducted. The County will also arrange for an on-site Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection to be conducted by the County's representative. All offers to purchase will be contingent on the property passing the environmental review and HQS inspection.
- Providing the CDBG/HOME Program Specialist with the loan amount, title work, property appraisal, and household eligibility.
- Executing and filing with the Dane County Register of Deeds the mortgage and note.
- Maintaining all required documentation and submitting reports in a timely fashion to the County.

#### Eligible Borrowers

- a. Eligible borrowers must be purchasing a single-family home and not own any other real estate.
- b. Borrower must be an owner-occupant of the property and take occupancy within 60 days of acquisition.
- c. Borrower must meet the definition of a first-time homebuyer as defined in 24CFR92.2
- d. Eligible borrowers must meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income requirements for low-and-moderate income households at the time of application. Verification of income will be required.
- e. The maximum amount of "liquid assets" the borrower can have in reserves cannot exceed the equivalent of twelve months of PITI (principal, interest, taxes, and insurance). "Liquid assets" includes: checking accounts, savings accounts, life insurance net cash value, stocks, bonds and annuities. Excluded are: IRA's, 401K plans, pension profit sharing, other pensions, employee retirement funds and

personal property, including automobiles.

- f. All household members must be legal citizens of the United States or qualified aliens.
- g. Borrower must complete an approved homebuyer education course.
- h. Eligible borrowers must qualify for a first mortgage that does not exceed the prevailing market rates. First mortgages must be fixed rates loans with no negative amortization, balloon payments or adjustable rate features.
- i. Borrower's total debt to income ratio, after including CDBG or HOME assistance may not exceed 40%. Loan requests with a combined ratio below 25% will be approved on a case-by-case basis.
- j. Borrower must contribute \$500 of the purchase price from the borrower's own funds.
- k. Eligible borrowers may receive only one Dane County mortgage reduction loan at the time of purchase.

Subrecipients administering programs on behalf of Dane County, may in agreement with the County, choose to implement more stringent eligibility standards.

#### Eligible Properties

- a. One- to – four unit property, a condominium unit, or a manufactured home (manufactured housing must be connected to permanent utility hookups and must be located on land that is owned by the manufactured housing owner).
- b. Property must be located in one of the participating municipalities of the Dane County Urban County Consortium.
- c. The property being purchased must be owner-occupied or vacant at the time the purchase contract is signed. Mortgage Reduction Assistance funds cannot be used to purchase a property that will displace any tenants.
- d. The sales price of the property may not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for that type of single-family housing for Dane County as published by HUD.
- e. Total debt secured by the property, including the CDBG-or HOME-funded loans, cannot exceed 100% of the value of the property.

- f. Property must meet all applicable State and local code requirements, and must meet the housing quality standards in 24 CFR 982.401.
- g. Properties constructed or manufactured before 1978 must be inspected for lead-based paint hazards. If deteriorated paint is found it must be properly remediated in compliance with the Lead Safe Housing Rule before closing.
- h. Property must pass an environmental review conducted by Dane County Community Development Block Grant staff.

#### Eligible Costs

In addition to the loan itself, the County's Mortgage Reduction loan will cover the following reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the homebuyer:

- ◆ Appraisal fee
- ◆ Credit reports
- ◆ Title closing fee
- ◆ Title insurance
- ◆ Recording fee
- ◆ Legal fee
- ◆ Survey

If funded under the CDBG Program, staff and overhead costs **DIRECTLY** related to carrying out the activity specified in 24 CFR 570.201-204, such as providing direct services to consumers, work specifications preparation, loan processing inspections, and other services related to assisting potential homebuyers may be charged to project costs. This may include staff time spent supervising staff who are carrying out the activities specified in 24 CFR 570.201-204 when that time is spent addressing a direct consumer, service, or property issue. It does not include supervisory time spent on such functions as employee evaluations.

If funded under the HOME program, staff and overhead costs **DIRECTLY** related to carrying out the project, such as loan processing, credit verification, and other services related to assisting potential homebuyers, e.g., housing counseling, may be charged to project costs **only if** the project is funded and the individual becomes the owner of the HOME-assisted project.

### 1.2.2 Objectives

To promote homeownership for low-and moderate-income households in the Dane County Urban County Consortium through the provision of mortgage reduction loans.

### 1.2.3 Needs

1. Projects must assist low-and moderate-income persons in the participating municipalities of the Dane County Urban County Consortium.
2. It is expected that projects will meet community needs documented through “hard” data sources.
3. Any additional funding needed to make the project viable must be secured in order for a contract to be executed.
4. Projects must be shovel-ready, meaning that the project will begin in the year in which the contract is awarded.
5. Projects must be delivered in a cost effective manner with measurable performance outcomes.
6. It is expected that all or a portion of funds will be targeted to areas of greatest need.

### 1.2.4 Current Operations

2015 funds were awarded to Habitat for Humanity of Dane County, Inc., Movin’ Out, Inc., and Operation Fresh Start, Inc.

### 1.3 Definitions

The following definitions are used throughout the RFP.

**County** means Dane County

**County Agency** means Department /Division utilizing the service or product

**Proposer/vendor** means a firm submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.

**Contractor** means proposer awarded the contract.

### 1.4 Clarification of the specifications

All inquiries concerning this RFP must be directed to the **person indicated on the cover page** of the RFP Document. (electronic mail is the preferred method)

Any questions concerning this RFP must be submitted in writing by mail, fax or e-mail on or before the stated date on the **Calendar of Events** (see Section 1.6)

Proposers are expected to raise any questions, exceptions, or additions they



have concerning the RFP document at this point in the RFP process. If a proposer discovers any significant ambiguity, error, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other deficiency in this RFP, the proposer should immediately notify the contact person of such error and request modification or clarification of the RFP document.

**Mailing Address:**

**Dane County Purchasing Division  
Room 425 City-County Bldg  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Madison, WI 53703-3345**

Proposers are prohibited from communicating directly with any employee of Dane County, except as described herein. No County employee or representative other than those individuals listed as County contacts in this RFP is authorized to provide any information or respond to any question or inquiry concerning this RFP.

**1.5 Addendums and/or Revisions**

In the event that it becomes necessary to provide additional clarifying data or information, or to revise any part of this RFP, revisions/amendments and/or supplements will be posted on the Purchasing Division web site at [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com)

It shall be the responsibility of the proposers to regularly monitor the Purchasing Division web site for any such postings. Proposers must acknowledge the receipt / review of any addendum(s) at the bottom of the RFP Cover Page /Signature Affidavit.

Each proposal shall stipulate that it is predicated upon the terms and conditions of this RFP and any supplements or revisions thereof.

**1.6 Calendar of Events**

Listed below are specific and estimated dates and times of actions related to this RFP. The actions with specific dates must be completed as indicated unless otherwise changed by the County. In the event that the County finds it necessary to change any of the specific dates and times in the calendar of events listed below, it will do so by issuing a supplement to this RFP and posting such supplement on the Dane County web site at [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com) . There may or may not be a formal notification issued for changes in the estimated dates and times.

DATE	EVENT
April 9, 2015	Date of issue of the RFP
May 5, 2015	Last day for submitting written inquiries (2:00 p.m. Central Time)
May 7, 2015	Supplements or revisions to the RFP posted on the Purchasing Division web site at <a href="http://www.danepurchasing.com">www.danepurchasing.com</a>
May 22, 2015	Proposals due from vendors
July 11 or 18, 2015	Oral presentation by invited vendors
Fourth Quarter of 2015	Notification of intent to award sent to vendors
First Quarter of 2016	Contract start date (subject to change based on County's notice of CDBG & HOME allocation from HUD).

## 1.7 Contract Funding

The amount of funding available for this project is unknown at this time but is expected that 12% of the CDBG funds received in 2016 will be expended for mortgage reduction assistance. Awards have ranged from \$108,000 to \$250,000 in recent years.

## 1.8 Reasonable Accommodations

The County will provide reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. If you need accommodations at a proposal opening/vendor conference, contact the Purchasing Division at (608) 266-4131 (voice) or Wisconsin Relay (711).

## 2.0 PREPARING AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

### 2.1 General Instructions

The evaluation and selection of a subrecipient and the contract will be based on the information submitted in the proposal and any required on-site visits or oral interview presentations. Failure to respond to each of the requirements in the RFP may be the basis for rejecting a response.

Elaborate proposals (e.g. expensive artwork) beyond that sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal, are not necessary or desired.

### 2.2 Incurring Costs

Dane County is not liable for any cost incurred by proposers in replying to this RFP.

### 2.3 Vendor Registration

**All proposers wishing to submit a proposal must be a paid registered vendor with Dane County.** Prior to the rfp opening, you can complete a registration form online by visiting our web site at [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com), or you can obtain a Vendor Registration Form by calling 608.266.4131. Your

completed Vendor Registration Form and Registration Fee must be received for your bid to be considered for an award.

## 2.4 Submittal Instructions

Proposals must be received in by the County Purchasing Division by the specified time stated on the cover page. All proposals must be time-stamped in by the Purchasing Division by the stated time. Proposals not so stamped will not be accepted. Proposals received in response to this solicitation will not be returned to the proposers.

All proposals must be packaged, sealed and show the following information on the outside of the package:

- ☐ Proposer's name and address
- ☐ Request for proposal title
- ☐ Request for proposal number
- ☐ Proposal due date

## 2.5 Required Copies

Proposers must submit **an original and the required number of copies** of all materials required for acceptance as instructed on the cover page of the RFP (Special Instructions).

All hard copies of the proposal must be on 8.5"x11" individually securely bound. **In addition, proposers must submit one complete electronic copy in a single PDF file burned to a CD or DVD.**

## 2.6 Proposal Organization and Format

Proposals should be organized and presented in the order and by the number assigned in the RFP. Proposals must be organized with the following headings and subheadings. Each heading and subheading should be separated by tabs or otherwise clearly marked. The RFP sections which should be submitted or responded to are:

- Required forms (See Section 6 of this RFP)
  - Attachment A      Signature Affidavit
  - Attachment B      Vendor Registration Certification
  - Attachment C      Dane County Application for 2016 CDBG Funds – Mortgage Reduction
  - Attachment D      Fair Labor Practices Certification
- Appendices (Additional Information the proposer submits)

## 2.7 Multiple Proposals

Multiple proposals from a vendor will be permissible, however each proposal must conform fully to the requirements for proposal submission. Each such proposal must be separately submitted and labeled as Proposal #1, Proposal #2, etc.

## 2.8 Oral Presentations and Site Visits

All proposers who meet the mandatory requirements will be required to make oral interview presentations to supplement their proposals. The County will make every reasonable attempt to schedule each presentation at a time and location that is agreeable to the proposer. Failure of a proposer to conduct a presentation to the County on the date scheduled may result in rejection of the vendor's proposal.

## 3.0 PROPOSAL SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

### 3.1 Preliminary Evaluation

The proposals will first be reviewed to determine if requirements in Section 2.0 are met, and if additional mandatory requirements are met. (See Section 4.6). Failure to meet mandatory requirements will result in the proposal being rejected. In the event that all vendors do not meet one or more of the mandatory requirements, the County reserves the right to continue the evaluation of the proposals and to select the proposal which most closely meets the requirements specified in this RFP.

### 3.2 Proposal Scoring

Accepted proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation team and scored against the stated criteria. This scoring will determine the ranking of vendors based upon their written proposals and oral presentations. The final ranking will be made based upon those scores.

### 3.3 Right to Reject Proposals and Negotiate Contract Terms

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to negotiate the terms of the contract, including the award amount, with the selected proposer prior to entering into a contract. If contract negotiations cannot be concluded successfully with the highest scoring proposer, the County may negotiate a contract with the next highest scoring proposer.

### 3.4 Evaluation Criteria

The proposals will be scored using the following criteria:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1. <u>Need and Justification</u>	
a. Need	5
b. Priorities	5
c. Targets area of greatest need	10
2. <u>Benefit to Low-and Moderate Income Persons</u>	10
3. <u>Project Approach</u>	
a. Project Description	10
b. Work Plan	5
c. Marketing/Outreach	5
d. Outcomes	3
e. Displacement	2
4. <u>Experience and Qualifications</u>	
a. Undertaken projects of similar complexity and scope	3
b. Staff Resources	10
c. Oversight and commitment to quality	2
5. <u>Financial Information</u>	
a. Budget and efforts to secure/leverage other funding	13
b. Financial stability of organization	2
6. <u>Past Performance</u> (If previously funded, ability to meet timelines and goals in a reasonable fashion, compliance with prior contracts. Maximum points will be awarded to new applicants)	10
7. <u>Partnerships</u>	5
TOTAL	100

### 3.5 Notification of Intent to Award

As a courtesy, the County may send a notification of award memo to responding vendors at the time of the award.

## 4.0 GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

**Please respond to these requirements using the application at the end of this document.**

### 4.1 Need and Justification

The project need and justification adequately describes the problem that is being addressed by the proposed project. Statements are substantiated with “hard” data sources. Provides a description of how funds may be targeted to areas of greatest need.

### 4.2 Beneficiaries

The application describes the population to be served. Additional points will be given to projects located in census tracts where 47.8% of the population are considered low-and-moderate income.

### 4.3 Project Approach

The application provides:

- A detailed description of the scope of work that will be undertaken and a description of how the work will address the identified problems.
- A description of any partnerships that have been or will be formed to ensure the success of the project.
- A work plan for how the project/program will be organized, implemented, operated, and administered, and the timeline and milestones from initiation to completion. Work on the project – meaning funds will be spent – will begin in 2016.

### 4.4 Experience and Qualifications

The application describes the experience of the organization related to mortgage loan origination, underwriting, and processing work; performing income documentation for income eligibility; and the experience and qualifications of key staff to be assigned to the project. There appears to be adequate board and management oversight.

#### 4.5 Financial Information

The application clearly explains and justifies each proposed budget line item and why CDBG funding is required to make the project viable. An explanation of the bases of the cost estimates for the project is included. The budget is realistic. The organization is financially stable. Efforts have been made to secure and to leverage other funding for the project.

#### 4.6 Mandatory Requirements

The following general requirements are mandatory and must be complied with. NOTE: Programs not meeting the mandatory requirements will not be evaluated.

- 4.6.1 Be an eligible activity.
- 4.6.2 Be located in, or provide services to residents of one of the member communities of the Dane County Urban County Consortium.
- 4.6.3 Address one of the funding priority areas established by the CDBG Commission.
- 4.6.4 Not be a HUD listed debarred or ineligible contractor.
- 4.6.5 If CDBG eligible, meet one of the three national objectives. Please see Appendix C for a description of the national objectives.

### 5.0 SPECIAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 5.1 Procurement

1. Contractors of County CDBG funding will comply with the procurement standards under 24 CFR 85.36 for governmental contractors and 24 CFR 84.40-48 for contractors that are non-profit organizations, including the requirements for bonding in procurement.
2. The Contractor is the responsible authority, without recourse to HUD or the County regarding the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of the procurement entered in support of the award or other agreement.
3. The Contractor shall conduct all procurement in a manner to provide to the maximum extent practicable, open and free competition. Contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statement of work, invitations for bids or requests for proposals shall be excluded from competing for a project.
4. General requirements for procurement include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Contractors must maintain records to detail the significant history of procurement. These records include, but are not limited to: files on the rationale for selecting the method of procurement used, selection of the contract type, the contractor

selection/rejection process, and the basis for the cost or price of a contract.

- b. Pre-qualified lists of vendors/contractors, if used, must be current, developed through open solicitation, include adequate numbers of qualified sources, and must allow entry of other firms to qualify at any time.
- c. Steps should be taken to assure that women and minority businesses are utilized when possible as the sources of supplies, equipment, construction and services.
- d. Contractors must ensure that awards are not made to any party that is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in the Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549.
- e. There must be written selection procedures for procurement transactions.
- f. Contractors must not use *cost plus a percentage of cost* pricing for contracts. In addition, Contractors should use *time and material* type contracts only after a determination is made that no other contract type is suitable and the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk.
- g. Contractors must have protest procedures in place to handle and resolve disputes relating to their procurement and in all instances report such disputes to the County.
- h. There must be a documented system of contract administration for determining the consistency of contractor performance.
- i. Contractors must have a written code of conduct governing employees, officers, or agents engaged in the award or administration of contracts

## 5.2 Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)

No contracts may be awarded to any party that is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from participation on federal assistance programs. More information may be found at: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.

## 5.3 Domestic Partner Equal Benefits Requirement

The contractor [or grant beneficiary] agrees to provide the same economic benefits to all of its employees with domestic partners as it does to employees with spouses, or the cash equivalent if such a benefit cannot reasonably be provided. The contractor [or grant beneficiary] agrees to make available for County inspection the contractor's payroll records relating to employees providing services on or under this contract or subcontract [or grant]. If any payroll records of a contractor [or grant beneficiary] contain any false, misleading or fraudulent information, or if a contractor [or grant beneficiary] fails to comply with the provisions of s. 25.016, D. C. Ords., the contract compliance officer may withhold payments on the contract; terminate, cancel or suspend the contract in whole or in part; or, after a due process hearing, deny the contractor the right to participate in bidding on future County contracts for a period of one year after the first violation is found and for a period of three years



after a second or subsequent violation is found

#### 5.4 Living Wage Requirement

All employees working on this project are covered by the Dane County Living Wage Ordinance Section 25.015 (d). See Section 28.0 Standard Terms and Conditions. The minimum living wage rate for 2015 is \$11.47. The successful Proposer will be required to sign a Living Wage Certification upon completion of the contract. Details are available on the Dane County Purchasing Division web site at [http://www.danepurchasing.com/living\\_wage.aspx](http://www.danepurchasing.com/living_wage.aspx).

#### 5.5 Lobbying Certification

Prior to entering into an agreement to provide services, the contractor will be required to sign a certification attesting to the following:

1. No federally appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal contract, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The contractor shall require that the language of this CERTIFICATION be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontractors, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

#### 5.6 Dane County Sustainability Principles

On October 18, 2012, the Dane County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 103, 2012-2013 establishing the following sustainability principles for the county:

- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and to wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals;
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution

- to dependence upon persistent chemicals and wasteful use of synthetic substances;
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to encroachment upon nature and harm to life-sustaining ecosystems (e.g., land, water, wildlife, forest, soil, ecosystems); and
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to conditions that undermine people's ability to meet their basic human needs.

#### 5.7 Equal Opportunity Clause

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
3. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
5. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his/her books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency, County of Dane, HUD, and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

6. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, the contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contract may be declared ineligible for further government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended, and such other sanctions may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 7 in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontract or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency and/or County of Dane may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

#### 5.8 Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (EO 11246)

This section is applicable to construction contracts/subcontracts exceeding \$10,000.

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Goals for Women = 6.9 percent (this goal applies nationwide)

Goals for minority participation = 2.2 percent (this goal applies county-wide)

These goals are applicable to all the contractor's construction work (whether or not it is federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the contractor performs construction work in a geographic area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographic area where the work is actually performed. The contractor is also subject to the goals for both its federal and nonfederal construction.

3. The contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3 (a), and its efforts to meet the goals established for the geographical area where the

contract resulting from this solicitation is to be performed. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from contractor to contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order, and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

4. The contractor shall provide written notification to the awarding agency and the County of Dane within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the contract is to be performed.

#### 5.9 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA)

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) and associated amendments requires that information on subawards related to Federal contracts, sub-contracts, grants, and sub-grants be made publicly available. Specifically, the Transparency Act's section 2(b)(1) requires the Office of Management and Budget to establish a publicly available website that contains the following information about each Federal award:

- Name of the entity receiving the award;
- Amount of the award;
- Information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number, program source, descriptive award title;
- Location of the entity receiving the award and primary location of performance under the award including City, State, congressional district, and country;
- Unique identifier (Dun & Bradstreet DUNS Number) of the entity receiving the award and the parent recipient of the recipient, should the entity be owned by another entity; and
- Names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity, if the entity in the preceding fiscal year received 80% or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards; and \$25 million or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards; and the public does not have access to this information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Vendors awarded funds will be required to provide this information prior to the issuance of a contract.

## 6.0 REQUIRED FORMS

The following forms must be completed and submitted with the proposal in accordance with the instructions given in Section 2.0. Blank forms are attached.

Attachment A	Signature Affidavit
Attachment B	Vendor Registration Certification
Attachment C	DANE COUNTY APPLICATION FOR 2016 CDBG FUNDS MORTGAGE REDUCTION
Attachment D	Fair Labor Practices Certification

**RFP COVER PAGE  
SIGNATURE AFFIDAVIT**

**NAME OF FIRM:**

In signing this proposal, we also certify that we have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement or participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition; that no attempt has been made to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal; that this proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other proposer, competitor or potential competitor; that this proposal has not been knowingly disclosed prior to the opening of proposals to any other proposer or competitor; that the above statement is accurate under penalty of perjury.

The undersigned, submitting this proposal hereby agrees with all the terms, conditions, and specifications required by the County in this Request for Proposal, and declares that the attached proposal and pricing are in conformity therewith.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name (type or print**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

☐ **Addendums** -This firm hereby acknowledges receipt / review of the following addendum(s) (If any)

Addendum #\_\_\_\_\_ Addendum #\_\_\_\_\_ Addendum #\_\_\_\_\_ Addendum #\_\_\_\_\_

## VENDOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION

Per Dane County Ordinance, Section 62.15, "Any person desiring to bid on any county contract must register with the purchasing manager and pay an annual registration fee of \$20."

Your completed Vendor Registration Form and Registration Fee must be received for your bid to be considered for an award. Your bid/proposal may not be evaluated for failure to comply with this provision.

Complete a registration form online by visiting our web site at [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com). You will prompted to create a username and a password and you will receive a confirmation message, than log back in and complete the registration. Once your registration is complete you will receive a second confirmation. Retain your user name and password for ease of re-registration in future years.

Payment may be made via credit card on-line or by check in the mail or in person at the Purchasing Division office. If paying by check make check payable to Dane County Treasurer and indicate your federal identification number (FIN) on the subject line.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, for and on behalf of the **PROPOSER, BIDDER OR APPLICANT** named herein, certifies as follows:

- ☐ This firm is a paid, registered vendor with Dane County in accordance with the bid terms and conditions.

Vendor Number # \_\_\_\_\_

Paid until \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer or Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name

## DANE COUNTY APPLICATION FOR 2016 CDBG FUNDS MORTGAGE REDUCTION

### APPLICATION SUMMARY

<b>ORGANIZATION NAME</b>			
<b>MAILING ADDRESS</b>  If P.O. Box, include Street Address on second line			
<b>TELEPHONE</b>		<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	
<b>FAX NUMBER</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Municipality  <input type="checkbox"/> Private, Non-Profit  <input type="checkbox"/> Private, For Profit  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: LLC, LLP, Sole Proprietor  Federal EIN: _____  DUNS Number: _____	
<b>NAME CHIEF ADMIN/ CONTACT</b>			
<b>INTERNET WEBSITE (if applicable)</b>			
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>			

**PROJECT NAME:** Please list the project for which you are applying.

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL

**FUNDS REQUESTED:** Please list the amount and source of funding for which you are applying.

AMOUNT OF CDBG FUNDS REQUESTED	TOTAL PROJECT COST	PERCENT OF CDBG FUNDS TO TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$	\$	\$

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief Elected Official/Organization Head

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### NEED AND JUSTIFICATION

RFP NO 115061



- A. **PROJECT NEED:** In the space below, provide a brief description of the need or problem that will be addressed.

## **BENEFICIARIES**

- B. **POPULATION TO BE SERVED:** In the space below, provide a brief description of the population that will benefit from this project.

- C. **GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA:** In the space below, provide a brief description of the location(s) where the project or services will take place. Maps may be included as separate attachments.

## PROJECT APPROACH

- D. **REFERRAL/PRE-SCREENING/APPLICATION PROCESS:** In the space below, provide a description of the referral, pre-screening, and application process for first-time homebuyers that will be undertaken.
- E. **FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER CLASSES:** In the space below, describe how first-time homebuyers will be referred to or provided first-time homebuyer classes or counseling. Include information on the number of hours of classes to be provided and costs to the prospective homebuyer associated with the classes/counseling services.

F. **LOAN PROCESSING:** In the following space, provide a description of the loan processing that will be conducted, including credit checks, income and debt verifications, appraisals, etc.

G. **UNDERWRITING CRITERIA:** If using more restrictive standards than those specified in the RFP and Program Standards, in the following space, provide a description of the loan underwriting criteria that will be considered when making a loan to a first-time homebuyer. Include how CDBG/HOME funds will be used to reduce the monthly carrying costs by providing gap financing.

H. **WORK PLAN WITH TIMELINE AND MILESTONES:** In the space below, provide a work plan for how the project will be organized, implemented, and administered. Include a timeline and

accomplishments from initiation through project completion. This should assume that contracts will be awarded in the second quarter of 2016 (April 1 – June 30, 2016). Add in extra quarters as needed.

ON OR BEFORE	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
June 30, 2016	
September 30, 2016	
December 31, 2016	

- I. **OUTREACH AND MARKETING INITIATIVES:** In the space below, provide a description of the outreach and marketing initiatives that will be undertaken to inform potential participants of the project, eligibility criteria, and method(s) by which they may participate.

- J. **OUTCOMES/PROPOSED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Provide information regarding the unduplicated number of households to be served with these funds in 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of households to be served.

- K. **OTHER NARRATIVE REGARDING OUTCOMES/PROPOSED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** In the space that follows, provide a description of the outcomes or expected benefits of this project for the population to be served.

## EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- L. **EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:** Describe the experience and qualifications of your organization related to pre-screening prospective homebuyers; loan origination and processing, including credit checks, income and debt verifications, arranging for appraisals, etc.; underwriting; and executing mortgages for first-time homebuyers. If your organization does not directly perform these function, describe the organization's experience in working with lenders to obtain this information.

- M. **INCOME DOCUMENTATION:** Describe the experience and qualifications of your organization related to performing income documentation for program eligibility.

N. **SERVICE IMPROVEMENT:** Describe any recent initiatives or best practices, programmatically or administratively, that have improved your organization's ability to deliver services.

O. **STAFF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:** Describe the experience and qualifications of key staff to be assigned to the project. Be sure to **attach resumes** for key staff to the application.



## P. PERSONNEL SCHEDULE

Please complete the Personnel Schedule for all staff who will be assigned to this project.

- Column 1) each individual staff position by title.
- Columns 2) indicate the full time equivalent (FTE) of each position in the noted year.
- Column 3) indicate the estimated total salary for that staff position for noted year.
- Column 4) indicate the estimated number of hours that this staff person will work on this project.
- Column 5), for each staff person whose time will be charged to this project, please indicate the amount of funds being requested for this individual through the CDBG Program. Do not include payroll taxes or benefits in this table.

	2016 ESTIMATED		CDBG-FUNDED	
1) POSITION TITLE	2) FTE	3) TOTAL SALARY	4) ESTIMATED HOURS ON THIS PROJECT	5) CDBG – FUNDED AMOUNT OF SALARY

- Q. **LIST PERCENT OF STAFF TURNOVER** \_\_\_\_\_% Divide the number of resignations or terminations in calendar year 2014 by the total number of budgeted positions. Do not include seasonal positions. Explain if you had 20% or more turnover in a certain staff position/category. Discuss any other noteworthy staff retention issues, or policies to reduce staff turnover.

- R. **AGENCY/ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BODY:** How many Board meetings has your governing body or Board of Directors scheduled for 2015? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your current Board of Directors or your organization's governing body. Include names, addresses, primary occupation and board office held. If you have more members, please copy this page.

<b>Board President's Name</b> <b>Home Address</b> <b>Occupation</b> <b>Representing</b> <b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From __ To __</b>		<b>Board Vice-President's Name</b> <b>Home Address</b> <b>Occupation</b> <b>Representing</b> <b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From __ To __</b>	
<b>Board Secretary's Name</b> <b>Home Address</b> <b>Occupation</b> <b>Representing</b> <b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From __ To __</b>		<b>Board Treasurer's Name</b> <b>Home Address</b> <b>Occupation</b> <b>Representing</b> <b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From __ To __</b>	
<b>Name</b> <b>Home Address</b> <b>Occupation</b> <b>Representing</b> <b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From __ To __</b>		<b>Name</b> <b>Home Address</b> <b>Occupation</b> <b>Representing</b> <b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From __ To __</b>	
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<b>Name</b> <b>Home Address</b> <b>Occupation</b> <b>Representing</b> <b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From __ To __</b>		<b>Name</b> <b>Home Address</b> <b>Occupation</b> <b>Representing</b> <b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From __ To __</b>	

- S. **STAFF/BOARD/VOLUNTEERS DESCRIPTORS:** For your organization's **2015** staff, board and volunteers, indicate by number and percentage the following characteristics.

DESCRIPTOR	STAFF		BOARD		VOLUNTEER	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>GENDER</b>						
MALE						
FEMALE						
<b>AGE</b>						
LESS THAN 18 YRS						
18 – 59 YRS						
60 AND OLDER						
<b>RACE</b>						
WHITE						
BLACK						
HISPANIC						
NATIVE AMERICAN						
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLE						
MULTI-RACIAL						
<b>ETHNICITY</b>						
HISPANIC						
NON-HISPANIC						
<b>PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</b>						

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- T. **ORGANIZATION BUDGET: 2015 and 2016 Proposed Budget.** Identify the 2015 and proposed 2016 budget for your *entire* organization by source and use of revenue. (You may change row headings to make them applicable to your organization.) .

ACCOUNT CATEGORY Source	2015 REVENUE SOURCE TOTAL	PERSONNE L	OPERATING	SPACE	SPECIAL COSTS
DANE CO HUMAN SERV					
DANE CO CDBG					
MADISON COMM SERV					
MADISON CDBG					
UNITED WAY ALLOC					
UNITED WAY DESIG					
OTHER GOVT					
FUND RAISING					
USER FEES					
OTHER					
TOTAL					

ACCOUNT CATEGORY Source	2016 REVENUE SOURCE TOTAL	PERSONNE L	OPERATING	SPACE	SPECIAL COSTS
DANE CO HUMAN SERV					
DANE CO CDBG					
MADISON COMM SERV					
MADISON CDBG					
UNITED WAY ALLOC					
UNITED WAY DESIG					
OTHER GOVT					
FUND RAISING					
USER FEES					
OTHER					
TOTAL					

U. **2016 COST EXPLANATION:** *(Complete only if significant financial changes are anticipated between 2015 and 2016.)* Explain specifically, by revenue source and/or account category, any noteworthy change in the 2016 request. For example, unusual cost increase, program expansion, Living Wage requirements, or loss of revenue.

V. **OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS LEVERAGED:** Describe the sources and amounts of any funds that will be contributed by your organization and from other sources for this project in the space below.

W. **FUNDS NEEDED:** In the space below, please describe why CDBG funds are needed to ensure the viability of this project.

## **X. DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET**

Following the description of allowable costs that may be charged to the CDBG Program is the Project Budget. Items not detailed on the list of allowable costs may not be charged. Complete the budget identifying the amount and source of all funds and their uses. Use additional pages as necessary. An Excel file may be submitted in lieu of this Project Budget provided that it contains all of the same column and row headers.

**Column 1**      TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET. This is the total amount budgeted for this project.

**Column 2**      CDBG FUNDED. This is the County CDBG funded portion of the total project budget.

**Remaining Columns**      Identify the remaining sources of funds and their uses for this project.

## CDBG Allowable Activity Costs

Item		Activity Related Costs
<b>a. Activity Hard Costs</b>		
1.	These are detailed in the program standards and defined under 24 CFR 570.201, 202, 203, and 204. Depending on the activity this may include: acquisition; disposition; clearance and remediation activities; acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements; public services; homeownership assistance; economic development, etc.	X
<b>b. Activity Personnel Costs</b>		
2.	Staff and overhead costs <b>DIRECTLY</b> related to carrying out the activity specified in 24 CFR 570.201-204, such as providing direct services to consumers, work specifications preparation, loan processing inspections, and other services related to assisting potential clients, owners, tenants, and homebuyers. This may include staff time spent supervising staff who are carrying out the activities specified in 24 CFR 570.201-204 when that time is spent addressing a direct consumer, service, or property issue. It does not include supervisory time spent on such functions as employee evaluations.	X
<b>c. Related Soft Costs/Operating Costs</b>		
3.	<b>PUBLIC SERVICES ONLY:</b> Operating and maintenance expenses associated with public service activities, interim assistance, and office space for program staff employed in carrying out the CDBG program. <sup>1</sup> 24 CFR 570.207 (b) (2)	X
4.	Architectural, engineering, or related professional services required to prepare plans, drawings, specifications, or work write-ups.	X
5.	Costs to process and settle the financing for a project, such a private lender origination fees, credit reports, fees for title evidence, fees for recordation and filing of legal documents, building permits, attorneys fees, private appraisal fees, and fees for an independent cost estimate, builders or developers fees.	X
6.	Costs of a project audit	X
7.	Costs to provide activity related information services, such as affirmative marketing and fair housing information to prospective homeowners and tenants.	X
8.	Impact fees that are charged to all projects within Dane County.	X
9.	Environmental Reviews.	X
<b>d Relocation costs</b> for persons displaced by the project.		
10.	Relocation payments – replacement housing payments, moving expenses, and payments for reasonable out-of-pocket costs incurred in the relocation of persons.	X
11.	Other relocation assistance – staff and overhead costs directly related to providing advisory and other relocation services to persons displaced by the project, including timely written notices	X

<sup>1</sup> For example the use of CDBG funds to pay the allocable costs of operating and maintaining a facility used in providing a public service would be eligible under 570.201 (e), even if no other costs of providing such a service are assisted with such funds. 24 CFR 570.207 (b) (2).

Item	Activity Related Costs
to occupants, referrals to comparable and suitable replacement property, property inspections, counseling, and other assistance necessary to minimize hardship assistance.	



## Detailed Project Budget

Include the dollar amount and all sources of funding for the project.

USES	TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	SOURCES					
		CDBG FUNDS	SOURCE	SOURCE:	SOURCE:	SOURCE:	SOURCE:
<b>HARD COSTS:</b>							
Homebuyer Loans							
Other:							
<b>SOFT COSTS:</b>							
Appraisal, Survey, and Credit Reports							
Title, Title Insurance, and Recording Fees							
Legal Fees							
Other:							
<b>PERSONNEL:</b>							
Salaries							
Taxes							
Benefits							
OTHER (specify)							
TOTALS							

**FAIR LABOR PRACTICES CERTIFICATION**  
**Dane County Ordinance 25.11(28)**

The undersigned, for and on behalf of the PROPOSER, BIDDER OR APPLICANT named herein, certifies as follows:

1. That he or she is an officer or duly authorized agent of the above-referenced PROPOSER, BIDDER OR APPLICANT, which has submitted a proposal, bid or application for a contract with the county of Dane.

That PROPOSER, BIDDER OR APPLICANT has: (Check One)

\_\_\_\_\_ not been found by the National Labor Relations Board ("NLRB") or the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission ("WERC") to have violated any statute or regulation regarding labor standards or relations in the seven years prior to the date this Certification is signed.

\_\_\_\_\_ been found by the National Labor Relations Board ("NLRB") or the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission ("WERC") to have violated any statute or regulation regarding labor standards or relations in the seven years prior to the date this Certification is signed

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer or Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name

**NOTE:** You can find information regarding the violations described above at: [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov) and <http://werc.wi.gov>.

**For Reference Dane County Ord. 28.11 (28) is as follows:**

**(28) BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY. (a)** Any bid, application or proposal for any contract with the county, including public works contracts regulated under chapter 40, shall include a certification indicating whether the bidder has been found by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) or the Wisconsin Employment Relations Committee (WERC) to have violated any statute or regulation regarding labor standards or relations within the last seven years. The purchasing manager shall investigate any such finding and make a recommendation to the committee, which shall determine whether the conduct resulting in the finding affects the bidder's responsibility to perform the contract.

If you indicated that you have been found by the NLRB or WERC to have such a violation, you must include a copy of any relevant information regarding such violation with your proposal, bid or application.

## STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(Request For Bids/Proposals/Contracts)

Dane County Purchasing Division

Rev. 11/13

1.0 **APPLICABILITY:** The terms and conditions set forth in this document apply to Requests for Proposals (RFP), Bids and all other transactions whereby the County of Dane acquires goods or services, or both.

1.1 **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** These Standard Terms and Conditions shall apply to any contract, including any purchase order, awarded as a result of this request. Special requirements of a resulting contract may also apply. Said written contract with referenced parts and attachments shall constitute the entire agreement, and no other terms and conditions in any document, acceptance, or acknowledgment shall be effective or binding unless expressly agreed to in writing by the County. Unless otherwise stated in the agreement, these standard terms conditions supersede any other terms and/or conditions applicable to this agreement.

1.2 **DEFINITIONS:** As used herein, "vendor" includes a provider of goods or services, or both, who is responding to an RFP or a bid, and "bid" includes a response to either an RFP or a bid.

2.0 **SPECIFICATIONS:** The specifications herein are the minimum acceptable. When specific manufacturer and model numbers are used, they are to establish a design, type of construction, quality, functional capability or performance level, or any combination thereof, desired. When alternates are proposed, they must be identified by manufacturer, stock number, and such other information necessary to establish equivalency. Dane County shall be the sole judge of equivalency. Vendors are cautioned to avoid proposing alternates to the specifications that may result in rejection of their bid.

3.0 **DEVIATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS:** Deviations and exceptions from terms, conditions, or specifications shall be described fully on the vendor's letterhead, signed, and attached to the bid. In the absence of such statement, the bid shall be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions, and specifications and vendor shall be held liable for injury resulting from any deviation.

4.0 **QUALITY:** Unless otherwise indicated in the request, all material shall be first quality. No pre-owned, obsolete, discontinued or defective materials may be used.

5.0 **QUANTITIES:** The quantities shown herein are based on estimated needs. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities to meet actual needs.

6.0 **DELIVERY:** Deliveries shall be FOB destination freight prepaid and included unless otherwise specified. County will reject shipments sent C.O.D. or freight collect.

7.0 **PRICING:** Unit prices shown on the bid shall be the price per unit of sale as stated on the request or contract. For any given item, the quantity multiplied by the unit price shall establish the extended price, the unit price shall govern in the bid evaluation and contract administration.

7.1 Prices established in continuing agreements and term contracts may be lowered due to market conditions, but prices RFP NO 115061

shall not be subject to increase for the term specified in the award. Vendor shall submit proposed increases to the contracting department thirty (30) calendar days before the proposed effective date of the price increase. Proposed increases shall be limited to fully documented cost increases to the vendor that are demonstrated to be industry wide. Price increases may not be granted unless they are expressed in bid documents and contracts or agreements.

7.2 Submission of a bid constitutes bidder's certification that no financial or personal relationship exists between the bidder and any county official or employee except as specially set forth in writing attached to and made a part of the bid. The successful bidder shall disclose any such relationship which develops during the term of the contract.

8.0 **ACCEPTANCE-REJECTION:** Dane County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any technicality in any bid submitted and to accept any part of a bid as deemed to be in the best interests of the County. Submission of a proposal or a bid constitutes the making of an offer to contract and gives the County an option valid for 60 days after the date of submission to the County.

8.1 Bids **MUST** be dated and time stamped by the Dane County Purchasing Division Office on or before the date and time that the bid is due. Bids deposited or time stamped in another office will be rejected. Actual receipt in the office of the purchasing division is necessary; timely deposit in the mail system is not sufficient. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

9.0 **METHOD OF AWARD:** Award shall be made to the lowest responsible responsive vendor conforming to specifications, terms, and conditions, or to the most advantageous bid submitted to the County on a quality versus price basis.

10.0 **ORDERING/ACCEPTANCE:** Written notice of award to a vendor in the form of a purchase order or other document, mailed or delivered to the address shown on the bid will be considered sufficient notice of acceptance of bid. A formal contract containing all provisions of the contract signed by both parties shall be used when required by the Dane County Purchasing Division.

11.0 **PAYMENT TERMS AND INVOICING:** Unless otherwise agreed, Dane County will pay properly submitted vendor invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt of goods and services. Payment will not be made until goods or services are delivered, installed (if required), and accepted as specified. Invoices presented for payment must be submitted in accordance with instructions contained on the purchase order.

11.1 **NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT:** In no event shall the making of any payment or acceptance of any service or product required by this Agreement constitute or be construed as a waiver by County of any breach of the covenants of the Agreement or a waiver of any default of the successful vendor, and the making of any such payment or acceptance of any such service or product by County while any such default or breach

shall exist shall in no way impair or prejudice the right of County with respect to recovery of damages or other remedy as a result of such breach or default.

12.0 TAXES: The County and its departments are exempt from payment of all federal tax and Wisconsin state and local taxes on its purchases except Wisconsin excise taxes as described below. The State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue has issued tax exempt number ES41279 to Dane County.

12.1 The County is required to pay the Wisconsin excise or occupation tax on its purchase of beer, liquor, wine, cigarettes, tobacco products, motor vehicle fuel and general aviation fuel. The County is exempt from Wisconsin sales or use tax on these purchases. The County may be subject to other states' taxes on its purchases in that state depending on the laws of that state. Vendors performing construction activities are required to pay state use tax on the cost of materials.

13.0 GUARANTEED DELIVERY: Failure of the vendor to adhere to delivery schedules as specified or to promptly replace rejected materials shall render the vendor liable for all costs in excess of the contract price when alternate procurement is necessary. Excess costs shall include administrative costs.

14.0 APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE: This contract shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and venue for any legal action between the parties shall be in Dane County Circuit Court. The vendor shall at all times comply with and observe all federal and state laws, local laws, ordinances, and regulations which are in effect during the period of this contract and which in any manner affect the work or its conduct.

15.0 ASSIGNMENT: No right or duty in whole or in part of the vendor under this contract may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of Dane County.

16.0 NONDISCRIMINATION/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: During the term of this Agreement the vendor agrees, in accordance with sec. 111.321, Wis. Stats., and Chapter 19 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, not to discriminate against any person, whether an applicant or recipient of services, an employee or applicant for employment, on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, religion, color, gender, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, cultural differences, ancestry, physical appearance, arrest record or conviction record, military participation or membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military forces of the United States, or political beliefs. The vendor shall provide a harassment-free work environment. These provisions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff, termination, training, including apprenticeships, rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

16.1 Vendors who have twenty (20) or more employees and a contract of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more must submit a written affirmative action plan to the County's Contract Compliance Officer within fifteen (15) working days of the effective date of the contract. The County may elect to accept a copy of the current affirmative action plan filed with and approved by a federal, state or local government unit.

16.2 The vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, notices

setting forth the provisions of this Agreement as they relate to affirmative action and nondiscrimination.

16.3 Failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions may result in the vendor being debarred, termination of the contract and/or withholding of payment.

16.4 The vendor agrees to furnish all information and reports required by Dane County's Contract Compliance Officer as the same relate to affirmative action and nondiscrimination, which may include any books, records, or accounts deemed appropriate to determine compliance with Chapter 19, D.C. Ords. and the provisions of this Agreement.

16.5 *Americans with Disabilities Act*: The vendor agrees to the requirements of the ADA, providing for physical and programmatic access to service delivery and treatment in all programs and activities.

17.0 PATENT, COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT: The vendor guarantees goods sold to the County were manufactured or produced in accordance with applicable federal labor laws, and that the sale or use of the articles described herein do not infringe any patent, copyright or trademark. The vendor covenants that it will, at its own expense, defend every suit which shall be brought against the County (provided that such vendor is promptly notified of such suit, and all papers therein are delivered to it) for any alleged infringement of any patent, copyright or trademark by reason of the sale or use of such articles, and agrees that it will pay all costs, damages, and profits recoverable in any such suit.

18.0 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: All materials, equipment, and supplies provided to the County must fully comply with all safety requirements as set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and all applicable OSHA Standards.

18.1 MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET: If any item(s) on an order(s) resulting from this award(s) is a hazardous chemical, as defined under 29 CFR 1910.1200, provide one (1) copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet for each item with the shipped container(s) and one (1) copy with the invoice(s).

19.0 WARRANTY: Unless specifically expressed otherwise in writing, goods and equipment purchased as a result of this request shall be warranted against defects by the vendor for one (1) year from date of receipt. An equipment manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply as a minimum and must be honored by the vendor. The time limitation in this paragraph does not apply to the warranty provided in paragraph 27.0.

## 20.0 INDEMNIFICATION & INSURANCE.

20.1. PROVIDER shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend COUNTY, its boards, commissions, agencies, officers, employees and representatives against any and all liability, loss (including, but not limited to, property damage, bodily injury and loss of life), damages, costs or expenses which COUNTY, its officers, employees, agencies, boards, commissions and representatives may sustain, incur or be required to pay by reason of PROVIDER furnishing the services or goods required to be provided under this Agreement, provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to liabilities, losses, charges, costs, or expenses caused by or resulting from the acts or omissions of COUNTY, its agencies, boards, commissions, officers, employees or representatives. The obligations of

PROVIDER under this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

20.2. In order to protect itself and COUNTY, its officers, boards, commissions, agencies, agents, volunteers, employees and representatives under the indemnity provisions of the subparagraph above, PROVIDER shall, at PROVIDER's own expense, obtain and at all times during the term of this Agreement keep in full force and effect the insurance coverages, limits, and endorsements listed below. When obtaining required insurance under this Agreement and otherwise, PROVIDER agrees to preserve COUNTY's subrogation rights in all such matters that may arise that are covered by PROVIDER's insurance. Neither these requirements nor the COUNTY's review or acceptance of PROVIDER's certificates of insurance is intended to limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by the PROVIDER under this Agreement. The County expressly reserves the right to require higher or lower insurance limits where County deems necessary.

20.2.1. Commercial General Liability. PROVIDER agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Coverage shall include, but not be limited to, Bodily Injury and Property Damage to Third Parties, Contractual Liability, Personal Injury and Advertising Injury Liability, Premises-Operations, Independent PROVIDERs and Subcontractors, and Fire Legal Liability. The policy shall not exclude Explosion, Collapse, and Underground Property Damage Liability Coverage. The policy shall list DANE COUNTY as an Additional Insured.

20.2.2. Commercial/Business Automobile Liability. PROVIDER agrees to maintain Commercial/Business Automobile Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence. PROVIDER further agrees coverage shall include liability for Owned, Non-Owned & Hired automobiles. In the event PROVIDER does not own automobiles, PROVIDER agrees to maintain coverage for Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy.

20.2.3. Environmental Impairment (Pollution) Liability. PROVIDER agrees to maintain Environmental Impairment (Pollution) Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, property damage, and environmental cleanup costs caused by pollution conditions, both sudden and non-sudden. This requirement can be satisfied by either a separate environmental liability policy or through a modification to the Commercial General Liability policy. Evidence of either must be provided.

20.2.4. Workers' Compensation. PROVIDER agrees to maintain Workers Compensation insurance at Wisconsin statutory limits.

20.2.5. Umbrella or Excess Liability. PROVIDER may satisfy the minimum liability limits required above for Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability under an Umbrella or Excess Liability policy. There is no minimum Per Occurrence limit of liability under the Umbrella or Excess Liability; however, the Annual Aggregate limit shall not be less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability. PROVIDER agrees to list DANE COUNTY as an "Additional Insured" on its Umbrella or Excess Liability policy.

20.3. Upon execution of this Agreement, PROVIDER shall furnish COUNTY with a Certificate of Insurance listing COUNTY as an additional insured and, upon request, certified copies of the required insurance policies. If PROVIDER's insurance is underwritten on a Claims-Made basis, the Retroactive Date shall be prior to or coincide with the date of this Agreement, the Certificate of Insurance shall state that professional malpractice or errors and omissions coverage, if the services being provided are professional services coverage is Claims-Made and indicate the Retroactive Date, PROVIDER shall maintain coverage for the duration of this Agreement and for six (6) years following the completion of this Agreement. PROVIDER shall furnish COUNTY, annually on the policy renewal date, a Certificate of Insurance as evidence of coverage. It is further agreed that PROVIDER shall furnish the COUNTY with a 30-day notice of aggregate erosion, in advance of the Retroactive Date, cancellation, or renewal. It is also agreed that on Claims-Made policies, either PROVIDER or COUNTY may invoke the tail option on behalf of the other party and that the Extended Reporting Period premium shall be paid by PROVIDER. In the event any action, suit or other proceeding is brought against COUNTY upon any matter herein indemnified against, COUNTY shall give reasonable notice thereof to PROVIDER and shall cooperate with PROVIDER's attorneys in the defense of the action, suit or other proceeding. PROVIDER shall furnish evidence of adequate Worker's Compensation Insurance. In case of any sublet of work under this Agreement, PROVIDER shall furnish evidence that each and every subcontractor has in force and effect insurance policies providing coverage identical to that required of PROVIDER. In case of any sublet of work under this Agreement, PROVIDER shall furnish evidence that each and every subcontractor has in force and effect insurance policies providing coverage identical to that required of PROVIDER.

20.4. The parties do hereby expressly agree that COUNTY, acting at its sole option and through its Risk Manager, may waive any and all requirements contained in this Agreement, such waiver to be in writing only. Such waiver may include or be limited to a reduction in the amount of coverage required above. The extent of waiver shall be determined solely by COUNTY's Risk Manager taking into account the nature of the work and other factors relevant to COUNTY's exposure, if any, under this Agreement.

21.0 CANCELLATION: County reserves the right to terminate any Agreement due to non-appropriation of funds or failure of performance by the vendor. This paragraph shall not relieve County of its responsibility to pay for services or goods provided or furnished to County prior to the effective date of termination.

22.0 PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS: It is the intention of the County to maintain an open and public process in the solicitation, submission, review, and approval of procurement activities. Bid openings are public unless otherwise specified. Records are not available for public inspection prior to issuance of the notice of intent to award or the award of the contract. Bid results may be obtained by visiting the Dane County Purchasing Office Monday – Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Prior appointment is advisable.

22.1 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION: If the vendor asserts any of its books and records of its business practices and other matters collectively constitute a trade secret as that term is

defined in s. 134.90(1)(c), Wis. Stats., County will not release such records to the public without first notifying the vendor of the request for the records and affording the vendor an opportunity to challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the requester's right to access such records. The entire burden of maintaining and defending the trade secret designation shall be upon the vendor. The vendor acknowledges and agrees that if the vendor shall fail, in a timely manner, to initiate legal action to defend the trade secret designation or be unsuccessful in its defense of that designation, County shall be obligated to and will release the records.

22.2 Any material submitted by the vendor in response to this request that the vendor considers confidential and proprietary information and which vendor believes qualifies as a trade secret, as provided in section 19.36(5), Wis. Stats., must be identified on a designation of Confidential and Proprietary Information form. Pricing will not be held confidential after award of contract.

22.3 Data contained in a bid, all documentation provided therein, and innovations developed as a result of the contracted commodities or services cannot be copyrighted or patented. All data, documentation, and innovations shall be the property of the County.

23.0 RECYCLED MATERIALS: Dane County is required to purchase products incorporating recycled materials whenever technically and economically feasible. Vendors are encouraged to bid products with recycled content which meet specifications.

24.0 PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING: Reference to or use of Dane County, any of its departments or sub-units, or any county official or employee for commercial promotion is prohibited.

25.0 ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT: The vendor and the County of Dane recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violation are in fact usually borne by the Purchaser. Therefore, the successful vendor hereby assigns to the County of Dane any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with this contract.

26.0 RECORDKEEPING AND RECORD RETENTION-PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS: The successful bidder on a public works contract shall comply with the State of Wisconsin prevailing wage scale and shall establish and maintain adequate payroll records for all labor utilized as well as records for expenditures relating to all subcontracts, materialmen and suppliers. All records must be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. The County shall have the right to audit, review, examine, copy, and transcribe any such records or documents. The vendor will retain all documents applicable to the contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after final payment is made.

26.1 RECORDKEEPING AND RECORD RETENTION-COST REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS: Where payment to the vendor is based on the vendor's costs, vendor shall establish and maintain adequate records of all expenditures incurred under the contract. All records must be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. The County contracting agency shall have the right to audit, review, examine, copy, and transcribe any pertinent records or documents relating

to any contract resulting from this bid/proposal held by the vendor. The vendor will retain all documents applicable to the contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after final payment is made.

27.0 LIVING WAGE REQUIREMENT: The vendor shall, where appropriate, comply with the County's Living Wage requirements as set forth in section 25.015, Dane County Ordinances.

27.01 In the event its payroll records contain any false, misleading or fraudulent information, or if the vendor fails to comply with the provisions of s. 25.015, D.C. Ords., the County may withhold payments on the contract, terminate, cancel or suspend the contract in whole or in part, or, after a due process hearing, deny the vendor the right to participate in bidding on future County contracts for a period of one (1) year after the first violation is found and for a period of three (3) years after a second violation is found.

27.02 Bidders are exempt from the requirement of this section if:

- The maximum value of services to be provided is less than \$5,000;
- The bid involves only the sale of goods to the County;
- The bid is for professional services;
- The bid is for a public works contract where wages are regulated under s. 62.293, Wis. Stats.;
- The bidder is a school district, a municipality, or other unit of government;
- The service to be provided is residential services at an established per bed rate;
- The bidder's employees are persons with disabilities working in employment programs and the successful bidder holds a current sub-minimum wage certificate issued by the U.S. Department of Labor or where such a certificate could be issued but for the fact that the employer is paying a wage higher than the minimum wage;
- The bidder is an individual providing services to a family member; or
- The bidder's employees are student interns.

27.03 COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR LABOR STANDARDS. During the term of this Agreement, PROVIDER shall report to the County Contract Compliance Officer, within ten (10) days, any allegations to, or findings by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) or Wisconsin Employment Relations commission (WERC) that PROVIDER has violated a statute or regulation regarding labor standards or relations within the seven years prior to entering this Agreement. If an investigation by the Contract Compliance Officer results in a final determination that the matter adversely affects PROVIDER'S responsibilities under this Agreement, and which recommends termination, suspension or cancellation of this agreement, the County may take such action.

27.04 PROVIDER may appeal any adverse finding by the Contract Compliance Officer as set forth in sec. 25.015(11)(c) through (e).

27.05 PROVIDER shall post the following statement in a prominent place visible to employees: "As a condition of receiving and maintaining a contract with Dane County, this employer shall comply with federal, state and all other applicable laws prohibiting retaliation for union organizing."

## APPENDIX A

### 2015 Dane County Urban County Consortium Members

Town of Albion	Town of Medina
Village of Belleville	City of Middleton
Town of Berry	Town of Middleton
Town of Black Earth	City of Monona
Village of Black Earth	Town of Montrose
Town of Blooming Grove	Village of Mount Horeb
Village of Blue Mounds	Town of Oregon
Town of Blue Mounds	Village of Oregon
Town of Bristol	Town of Perry
Village of Brooklyn	Town of Pleasant Springs
Town of Burke	Town of Primrose
Village of Cambridge	Village of Rockdale
Town of Christiana	Town of Roxbury
Town of Cottage Grove	Town of Rutland
Town of Cross Plains	Village of Shorewood Hills
Village of Cross Plains	Town of Springdale
Town of Dane	Town of Springfield
Village of Dane	City of Stoughton
Town of Deerfield	City of Sun Prairie
Village of Deerfield	Town of Sun Prairie
Village of De Forest	Town of Vermont
Town of Dunkirk	City of Verona
Town of Dunn	Town of Verona
City of Fitchburg	Village of Waunakee
Town of Madison	Town of Vienna
Village of Marshall	Town of Westport
Town of Mazomanie	Town of Windsor
Village of Mc Farland	Town of York

Note: The membership for 2016 is subject to change.

**Oral Presentation Questions**

1. Is this funding request for a new or an existing program?
2. Describe how CDBG/HOME funds are needed to ensure the viability of this project.
3. Describe how funds are being used to address areas of greatest need and how that determination was made.
4. Will this project involve the displacement of families, households, partnerships, businesses, etc. from their homes or businesses? If yes, describe the notices and assistance your organization expects to provide and the amount of funds allocated to do so.
5. Can all funds awarded in 2016 be reasonably expected to be expended? If this is a multi-year project, what amount of funds will be spent in each year?
6. Describe the risks to undertaking this project and your plans to address them.
7. If the funding request is for an existing program, at what point will the program become self-supporting? If never, what are other sources of funding? What additional money can be leveraged?
8. Provide a 5-year history of your relationship with the CDBG/HOME programs. Provide information on the specific results compared to the expected program outcomes stated in your most recent contract(s). Please provide any additional information that will allow us to fairly evaluate your past performance.
9. Provide a list of all activities to raise other funds (with results).
10. If your organization currently has a contract for CDBG or HOME funding with the County and you have unexpended dollars from previous years, please bring along a written statement regarding why your organization should be given additional dollars.





## CDBG/HOME/ADDI PROGRAM POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

### **SUBJECT: CDBG & HOME MORTGAGE REDUCTION ASSISTANCE – DEFERRED PAYMENT LOANS PROGRAM STANDARDS**

#### **PURPOSE**

The primary objective of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, is the development of viable urban communities. This is achieved by: providing decent housing, providing a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities. This activity meets the national objective of benefiting low-and-moderate-income persons.

The HOME Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA), and has been amended several times by subsequent legislation. The intent of the HOME Program is to provide decent affordable housing to lower-income households, expand the capacity of nonprofit housing providers, strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing, and leverage private sector participation.

This program meets the Dane County 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan priority of promoting homeownership for low-and-moderate income households through the provision of loans for down payment and closing cost assistance.

#### **HUD CDBG Policy:**

##### Basic Eligible Activities – 24CFR570.201 (n):

CDBG funds may be used for the provision of direct assistance to facilitate and expand homeownership among persons of low and moderate income by using such assistance to:

- (A) subsidize interest rates and mortgage principal amounts for low- and moderate-income homebuyers;
- (B) finance the acquisition by low- and moderate-income homebuyers of housing that is occupied by the homebuyers;
- (C) acquire guarantees for mortgage financing obtained by low- and moderate-income homebuyers from private lenders (except that amounts received under this chapter may not be used under this subparagraph to directly guarantee such mortgage financing and grantees under this chapter may not directly provide such guarantees);
- (D) provide up to 50 percent of any downpayment required from low- or moderate income homebuyer; or
- (E) pay reasonable closing costs (normally associated with the purchase of a home)

Activities that support development of housing for low- and moderate income persons such as acquisition, clearance, and site improvements (when land is in public ownership) are also eligible for CDBG assistance.

#### **HUD HOME Policy:**

##### Eligible Activities – 24CFR92.205 (a) (1):

HOME funds may be used by a participating jurisdiction to provide incentives to develop and support affordable rental housing and homeownership affordability through the acquisition (including assistance to homebuyers), new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities, including real property acquisition, site improvements, conversion, demolition, and other expenses, including financing costs, relocation expenses of any displaced persons, families, businesses, or organizations; to provide tenant-based rental assistance, including security deposits; to provide payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs; and to provide for the payment of operating expenses of community housing development organizations. The housing must be permanent or transitional housing.

Eligible Activities – 24CFR92.205 (b)(1):

A participating jurisdiction may invest HOME funds as equity investments, interest-bearing loans or advances, non-interest bearing loans or advances, interest subsidies consistent with the purposes of this part, deferred payment loans, grants, or other forms of assistance that HUD determines to be consistent with the purposes of this part. Each participating jurisdiction has the right to establish the terms of assistance, subject to the requirements of this part.

**ELIGIBLE BORROWERS**

- a. Eligible borrowers must be purchasing a single-family home and not own any other real estate.
- b. Borrower must be an owner-occupant of the property and take occupancy within 60 days of acquisition.
- c. Borrower must meet the definition of a first-time homebuyer as defined in 24CFR92.2
- d. Eligible borrowers must meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income requirements for low-and-moderate income households at the time of application. Verification of income will be required.
- e. The maximum amount of “liquid assets” the borrower can have in reserves cannot exceed the equivalent of twelve months of PITI (principal, interest, taxes, and insurance). “Liquid assets” includes: checking accounts, savings accounts, life insurance net cash value, stocks, bonds and annuities. Excluded are: IRA’s, 401K plans, pension profit sharing, other pensions, employee retirement funds and personal property, including automobiles.
- f. All household members must be legal citizens of the United States or qualified aliens.
- g. Borrower must complete an approved homebuyer education course.
- h. Eligible borrowers must qualify for a first mortgage that does not exceed the prevailing market rates. First mortgages must be fixed rates loans with no negative amortization, balloon payments or adjustable rate features.
- i. Borrower’s total debt to income ratio, after including CDBG or HOME assistance may not exceed 40%. Loan requests with a combined ratio below 25% will be approved on a case-by-case basis.
- j. Borrower must contribute \$500 of the purchase price from the borrower’s own funds.
- k. Eligible borrowers may receive only one Dane County mortgage reduction loan at the time of purchase.

Individual subrecipients administering programs on behalf of Dane County, may choose to implement more stringent eligibility requirements.

**RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT OF 1978 NOTICE**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a right of access to financial records held by any financial institution in connection with the consideration or administration of the rehabilitation loan for which the borrower applied. Financial records involving the transaction will be available to HUD but will not be disclosed or released to another Government agency or Department without the borrower's consent except as required or permitted by law.

**ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES**

- a. One- to – four unit property, a condominium unit, or a manufactured home (manufactured housing must be connected to permanent utility hookups and must be located on land that is owned by the manufactured housing owner).

- b. Property must be located in one of the participating municipalities of the Dane County Urban County Consortium.
- c. The property being purchased must be owner-occupied or vacant at the time the purchase contract is signed. Mortgage Reduction Assistance Funds cannot be used to purchase a property that will displace any tenants.
- d. The sales price of the property may not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for that type of single-family housing for Dane County as published by HUD.
- e. Total debt secured by the property, including the CDBG- or HOME-funded loans, cannot exceed 100% of the value of the property.
- f. Property must meet all applicable State and local code requirements, and must meet the housing quality standards in 24 CFR 982.401.
- g. Properties constructed or manufactured before 1978 must be inspected for lead-based paint hazards. If deteriorated paint is found it must be properly remediated in compliance with the Lead Safe Housing Rule before closing.
- h. Property must pass an environmental review conducted by Dane County Community Development Block Grant staff.

## **ELIGIBLE COSTS**

The County's Mortgage Reduction loan will cover the following reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the homebuyer;

### Eligible Costs

- ◆ Appraisal fee
- ◆ Credit reports
- ◆ Title closing fee
- ◆ Title insurance
- ◆ Recording fee
- ◆ Legal fee
- ◆ Survey

## **LOAN TERMS AND AMOUNTS**

- a. The minimum amount of loan funds for downpayment and closing cost assistance is \$1,000 and the Dane County Community Development Block Grant assistance limit is \$50,000 across programs.
- b. The rate on the loan is 0%.
- c. The loan shall become immediately due and payable to the County upon the occurrence of any of the following:
  - i. Title to, or equitable ownership in the property is transferred to any party other than the surviving spouse of the borrower(s), if any; or
  - ii. The borrower(s) vacate the property; or
  - iii. The borrower(s) default in meeting any of the terms and conditions of the loan; or
  - iv. The borrower(s) refinance with cash-out.

- v. The borrower(s) must provide security for a downpayment and closing cost loan in the form of a mortgage or other loan security instrument. In the case of multiple ownership, the signature of every titleholder to the property will be required on each instrument that evidences or secures the loan.
- d. The borrower(s) must agree to maintain the property in decent, safe, sanitary, and sound condition during the term of the mortgage reduction loan.
- e. The borrower(s) must maintain property insurance on the property as required, during the term of the loan and list Dane County as a Mortgagee.

## **WAIVERS**

Exceptions to the requirements of the CDBG & HOME Mortgage Reduction Program Standards must be approved by the Dane County CDBG Commission. Individuals interested in requesting an exception must submit their request in writing and be able to appear at any scheduled meeting of the Commission at which the request is a noticed agenda item. The CDBG Commission cannot waive federal requirements.

/cdbg – policies – mortgage reduction assistance.  
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Revised by CDBG Commission 2.24.2011.  
Revised by CDBG Commission 3.22.2012.