

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**6B-2**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** June 2, 2009 [ ] Consent [X] Regular

**Department:** Housing and Community Development

**Submitted By:** Housing and Community Development

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to: **A) approve** the 11<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Palm Beach County FY 2008-2009 Action Plan, constituting an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under its Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program; and **B) adopt** a Resolution authorizing the County Administrator or his designee to sign the 11<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the FY 2008-2009 Action Plan, Standard Form 424, General Consolidated Plan Certifications, Certifications, HUD Agreement, and all other documents related to the CDBG-R Program.

**Summary:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), approved on February 17, 2009, appropriated \$1 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist in the economic revitalization and growth of communities. The Palm Beach County CDBG entitlement jurisdiction (which excludes the Cities of West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach) was allocated \$1,846,758 in CDBG-R funding. In order to access the funds, Palm Beach County is required to amend its FY 2008-2009 Action Plan and submit the substantial amendment to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before June 5, 2009. The amendment will function as the County's application for the use of the stimulus funding. Under CDBG-R, eligible activities include all activities eligible for funding under the regular CDBG program. However, HUD urges grantees to use funds for 'shovel-ready' projects where economic benefit is easily measurable and for projects that can be awarded funds within 120 days of the date of execution of the HUD grant agreement. As such, the 11<sup>th</sup> Amendment allocates the CDBG-R funds as follows: **a)** \$95,000 for Public Service activities; **b)** \$1,387,082 for Capital Improvement activities; **c)** \$180,000 for Economic Development; and, **d)** \$184,676 for planning and administrative costs. As required by HUD, a Public Notice of the amendment and Board of County Commissioners meeting was published on May 26, 2009, and posted on Housing and Community Development's website. These are Federal funds that require no local match. (Countywide) (TKF)

**Background and Policy Issues:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice which advised of the application process, terms and conditions of the grant, and program design and implementation was published on May 5, 2009. The County's application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is due on June 5, 2009 and must request the full entitlement amount of \$1,846,758. If the County's application does not request the full amount of the allocation, the County will forfeit the balance. Late applications will also result in the loss of all funding. In order to meet HUD's deadline for submission of the application, the Board is being requested to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign the Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program grant application, HUD agreement, and other related documents as necessary. The CDBG-R regulations mandate that 70% of the funds must be used to benefit low and- moderate income persons and must address the Recovery Act by serving one or more of the areas: **A)** preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery; **B)** assisting those most impacted by the recession; **C)** providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency; **D)** investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure; **E)** minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or **F)** fostering energy independence. According to HUD, the County must meet the requirements of Section 1602 of the Recovery Act, which states that for infrastructure investment, recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit.

**Attachments:**  
A. Resolution

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**Recommended By:** Edward W. Horn 5/19/09  
Department Director Date

**Approved By:** [Signature] 5/27/09  
Assistant County Administrator Date

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT:	✱	_____	_____	_____	_____
# OF ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Account #: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_

Program Code/Program Period \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

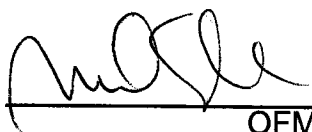
✱ NO FISCAL IMPACT

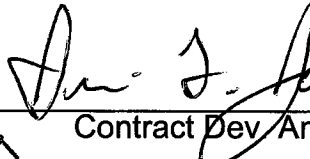
### C. Departmental Fiscal Review:


5-19-09  
 Fiscal Manager I

## III. REVIEW COMMENTS

### A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:


5/26/09  
 OFMB


5/26/09  
 Contract Dev And Control

(HD) 5/26/09  
 EN 5/21/09  
 EP 5/26/09

### B. Legal Sufficiency:


5/27/09  
 Senior Assistant County Attorney

### C. Other Department Review:

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Department Director

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2009-**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE 11<sup>TH</sup> AMEDMENT TO THE FY 2008-2009 ACTION PLAN, STANDARD FORM 424, GENERAL CONSOLIDATED PLAN CERTIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, HUD AGREEMENT, AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY (CDBG-R) PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, The State of Florida is a leader in unemployment rates across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of Palm Beach County residents have become unemployed as a direct result of the economic crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners intends to utilize all available resources to create or retain jobs and generate the maximum economic benefit primarily for low- and moderate-income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2009 the President of the United States signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) which is intended to provide a stimulus to the U.S. economy in the wake of the economic downturn; and

**WHEREAS**, a component of ARRA called Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program (CDBG-R), granted to Palm Beach County \$1,846,758 to provide community development activities directed towards long-term economic development and job growth; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2009 Palm Beach County was officially notified of the CDBG-R funding allocation and the application submission deadline of June 5, 2009.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

The County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign the 11<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the FY 2008-2009 Action Plan, Standard Form 424, General Consolidated Plan Certifications, Certifications, HUD Agreement, and all other documents related to the Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

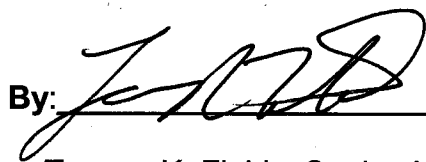
- JOHN F. KOONS, Chairman -
- BURT AARONSON, Vice Chairman -
- KAREN T. MARCUS -
- SHELLY VANA -
- STEVEN L. ABRAMS -
- JESS R. SANTAMARIA -
- VACANT (DISTRICT 7) -

The Chairperson thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2009.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SELF SUFFICIENCY**

**ATTEST:  
SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk and  
Comptroller**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Tammy K. Fields, Senior Asst. County Attorney