

**CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA
UPDATED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

2005-2009

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONSOLIDATED PLAN
AND
2007 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

You are invited to participate in City of Monroe's public hearings and /or comment on the proposed amendment to the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan and 2007 Annual Action Plan, as listed below:

**6:00 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007, LILLER MARBLES RECREATION CENTER, 2950 RENWICK STREET
7:00 PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007, MONROE COUNCIL MEETING, MONROE CITY HALL**

The purpose of this Consolidated Plan amendment is to include that portion of the HUD designated Community Renewal Neighborhoods that located in the City of Monroe as a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, and serve as a policy framework for spending Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other HUD dollars within the Area. This Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area offer enhanced flexibility for the use of CDBG funds in a manner that promote innovative programs. Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies will not only guide CDBG funding decisions within distressed neighborhoods but also provide strategies and action categories that define an intentional effort to revitalize individual neighborhoods.

For the 2007 Program Year, the City of Monroe is also required to amend the Consolidated Plan for implementation and use of HUD's new Performance Outcome Measurement System. The Performance Outcome Measurement System was developed to enable the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to collect and aggregate standardized performance data on entitlement-funded activities from all entitlement grantees nationwide for use in reporting to Congress on the effectiveness of its formula entitlement programs in meeting the Department's strategic objectives. The outcome performance measurement system includes objectives, outcome measures and performance indicators that describe the intended outputs of the various entitlement-funded activities.

Citizens Participation

In an effort to involve Monroe's residents in the planning and development process, the Community Development staff held two Housing and Community Development Needs Public Hearings in September 2006. The Community Development Division advertised a Display Ad in The News Star, The Free Press and Monroe Dispatch. Additionally, the staff posted flyers Monroe City Hall and Annex that notified the public of dates, times and locations for each of the Public Hearings. Each of the Public Hearings was opened to the public and low and moderate-income citizens were specifically targeted to attend and participate in the Consolidated Plan amendment and development of the 2007 Annual Action Plan.

Action Plan

The City of Monroe's 2007 Consolidated Action Plan is a one-year action plan for spending \$1.3 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. The City proposes to spend these funds for demolition and clearance activities, construction of single-family residents for first time homebuyers, single-family housing rehabilitation for existing homeowners, public facilities improvements, public services, planning and administrative costs. All of the projects are located in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, which has high percentages of low and moderate-income persons. In addition to CDBG and HOME funds, the City plan to compete for \$130,052 in the State's Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) funds. Non Profit Organizations will use ESG funds for essential services, homeless prevention and operational expense.

Program Year 2007 Community Development Block Grant funds (\$917,725) are proposed as follows:

Public Facility and Improvements	\$ 220,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation-Single Family Residents	267,440.00
Public Services	170,000.00
Demolition and Clearance	75,000.00
Planning and General Administration	185,285.00
TOTAL CDBG FUNDS	\$917,725.00

Program Year 2007 HOME Investment Partnership Grant (\$475,078), are proposed as follows:

New Construction	\$ 71,261.00
Rehabilitation	356,309.00

Administration	47,508.00
TOTAL HOME FUNDS	\$475,078.00

FFY 2007-2009 Emergency Shelter Grants Funds are proposed as follows:

Monroe Area Guidance Center	\$ 35,000.00
Our House, Inc.	25,000.00
The Wellspring	28,000.00
The Salvation Army	39,000.00
Administrative Costs	3,052.00
TOTAL	\$ 130,052.00

CITIZEN REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan are available for public view for 30 days. The comment period begins on **February 12, 2007** and ends on **March 13, 2007**. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are available at **Monroe City Hall Annex, Community Development Division, 3901 Jackson Street**. Copies are also available at the following locations:

**Monroe City Hall
First Floor, Informational Desk
400 Lea Joyner Blvd.**

**Ouachita Public Library - Main Branch
1800 Stubbs Avenue**

**Anna Meyer Branch
1808 Hwy 165 South**

**Carver Branch
2941 Renwick Street**

Citizens may submit comments to the Community Development Division, as follows:

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Or

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