

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The State of Oregon is seeking public comment on the:

2008 CDBG ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT for the NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is seeking public comment for a proposed substantial amendment to the 2008 CDBG action plan relating to \$19.6 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The comment period runs from November 11th through 5 PM November 26th. NSP was funded under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008 and targets benefits to abandoned and foreclosed residential properties and the neighborhoods in which they are located. OHCS is submitting a 2008 action plan amendment to HUD for a variety of housing and community development activities eligible under NSP rules published in the Federal Register Vol. 73, No. 194 / Monday, October 6, 2008. Descriptions of the activities are contained within the plan.

Oregon used the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, NSP rule, and subsequent HUD criteria to identify target areas throughout the state with the greatest percentage of foreclosed and subprime loans along with areas likely to face significant rise in foreclosures. Targeted areas are located in all but seven Oregon Counties.

The state is proposing to provide suballocations to current Community Development Block Grant entitlements who have NSP targeted areas within their jurisdiction. These include: Salem, Medford, Gresham, Multnomah County/Portland, Washington County/Beaverton/Hillsboro, Bend, Clackamas County, Springfield, and Eugene.

Oregon encourages participation by low, moderate, and middle income citizens (particularly those living in specific targeted areas where NSP funds are proposed to be used) as well as minorities and non-English speaking persons and persons with disabilities. Program information is available in alternative languages and formats upon request.

Starting November 11th the draft amendment can be viewed at:

http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/DO_NSP_Amendment.shtml

Written comments on the proposed 2008 NSP Action Plan Substantial Amendment will be received until 5:00 pm on November 26th, 2008. Comments can be forwarded to Becky Baxter, OHCS, 725 Summer St. NE Suite "B", Salem, OR 97301 or by e-mail at becky.baxter@hcs.state.or.us.