

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

**From:** William Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development

**Date:** April 16, 2009

**Subject:** 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Neighborhood Infrastructure Projects

### **BACKGROUND**

The Village of Lombard is proposing to install sidewalk segments in certain low-moderate income areas within the Village. The proposed plans were initiated by the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Community Development Block Grant. The following areas would be scheduled to receive new sidewalk segments under the Grant proposals:

- 1) Westmore-Meyers Road (1100 S. Block, West)
- 2) Westmore-Meyers Road (1100 S. Block, East)
- 3) Roosevelt Road (1000 E. Block, North)
- 4) Finley Road (1800-1900 S. Blocks, East)

DuPage County expects to receive approximately \$1,000,000 of additional Community Development Block Grant funds under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Act emphasizes:

- 1) Rebuilding America's infrastructure;
- 2) The need to spend funds on projects that can be up and running quickly
- 3) The need to benefit residents at the lowest levels and meet the additional goals of job creation and local economic impact;
- 4) The need to complete and specific data describing the impact of these funds

In order to take advantage of the available funding, the Village of Lombard is proposing certain neighborhood infrastructure projects (sidewalks) that may qualify for 100% of the aforementioned CDBG funding.

### **PROJECT BUDGET**

The estimated cost of the proposed sidewalk project has been determined by Village staff. The CDBG would provide a 100% match for those qualifying improvements. As proposed, the Village will be requesting a total amount of \$141,998 for the sidewalk projects. The intent of the

funding is to benefit residents at the lowest income levels. The target areas that have been selected all fall into the low-moderate income scale. As such, the projects may qualify for the full \$141,998 funding. In the interim time period the Village will solicit bids for the proposed plans. Grant Agreements will be written with an extremely tight timeline, with severe penalty (loss of funding) for projects that do not move quickly enough to be completed this construction season. The CDBG application mentions an award notification date of June 9, 2009 and emphasizes bidding and contracting within 120 days of the award notification.

### **RESOLUTION**

The Village must pass a resolution authorizing the application for funds. This must be timed so that it occurs before the application deadline of May 1, 2009. Therefore, this item must be on the April 16, 2009 Board meeting.

### **REQUIRED ITEMS**

1. A resolution authorizing the application for Community Development Block Grant funds.
2. Complete CDBG Application due by May 1, 2009.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Village Board approve a resolution authorizing the Director of Community Development to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application seeking funding for the proposed neighborhood infrastructure projects.