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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Florissant to request release of Community Development Block Grant Funds**

The City of Florissant will request the releases of 2010 CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on May 14, 2010, following a two-week period in which the public will have the opportunity to comment on the slated use of the funds.

The Florissant 2010 CDBG Annual Action Plan identifies community needs and has been proposed for the following projects:

- Home improvement loans to eligible, low to moderate income households throughout Florissant
- COPS program assistance with wheelchair ramps and materials and supplies for homes being rehabbed by volunteers for low to moderate income eligible or disabled residents.
- St. Ferdinand Shrine Schoolhouse for assistance in providing ADA compliant, handicap accessible restrooms.
- Public Service Agency Assistance to reimburse eligible public service agencies throughout Florissant
- Program Administration – providing for the salary, benefits and training of the CDBG program administrator

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Written comments on these determinations may be directed to the Community Development Office at the Florissant Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, MO 63031, or to Dee Ann Ducote, U.S. Housing and Urban Development, Community Planning and Development Division, 1222 Spruce Street, Room 3.207, St. Louis, MO 63103-2836.

The 2010 CDBG Annual Action Plan is available at the Florissant Government Building, on the City's Web site, [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) or by contacting Carol O'Mara at the Community Development Office at (314) 839-7680 or [comara@florissantmo.com](mailto:comara@florissantmo.com).

Directions: Take Exit #27/New Florissant Rd. Make left on South New Florissant drive approximately 1.4 miles. Make left on rue St. Francois, City Hall is located on the right hand side of the street. Call (314) 921-5700 for more information.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF FLORISSANT  
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FLORISSANT, MO 63031  
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS  
May 3, 2010**

To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On **May 14, 2010** (or one day after the end of the comment period, whichever is later), the City of Florissant will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

1. **Home Improvement Program (\$148,004):** to provide up to a \$5,000 forgivable loan to a limited number of eligible low/moderate income households throughout Florissant to make improvements involving safety and code violations or accessibility issues. This activity is categorically excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, project-specific Environmental Review Records (ERRs) that document the environmental determination for this activity will be on file at the Government Building. If compliance actions are required, appropriate notices will be disseminated or published.
2. **C.O.P.S. (\$10,000):** Funds will be expended to provide materials for wheelchair ramps built by volunteers or ADA compliant contractors. Funds will also be used to purchase materials and supplies for homes being rehabbed by volunteers. These homeowners are low income or disabled residents. This activity is categorically excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, project-specific Environmental Review Records (ERRs) that document the environmental determination for this activity will be on file at the Government Building. If compliance actions are required, appropriate notices will be disseminated or published.
3. **St. Ferdinand Shrine Schoolhouse (30,000):** Funds will be expended to provide the community members of the City of Florissant with safe, accessible restrooms by replacing the existing restrooms with ADA compliant, handicap accessible restrooms at the St. Ferdinand Shrine Schoolhouse. This activity is categorically excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, subject to 24 CFR 58.5. The Environmental Review Records (ERR) that document the environmental determination for this activity will be on file at the Government Building. If compliance actions are required, appropriate notices will be disseminated or published.
4. **Public Service Agency Assistance (\$5,500):** to reimburse public service agencies who submit an application for the program, are accepted into the program, and then submit documentation of eligible expenditures that help residents prevent homelessness and provide services to disabled residents. This activity is Categorically Excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, *not* subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, a review of 24 CFR 58.6 will be completed and the records will be on file at the Government Building.
5. **Program Administration (\$48,375):** to provide for the salary, benefits, and training of the program administrator. This activity is Exempt under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this activity is on file at the Government Building.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Development Office, Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031. All comments received by **May 14, 2010** (or the posting date plus ten days, whichever is later) will be considered by the City of Florissant prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Florissant certifies to H.U.D. that Robert G. Lowery Sr. in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities will be satisfied. H.U.D.'s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Florissant to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

H.U.D. will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Florissant's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Florissant; (b) the City of Florissant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by H.U.D.; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to:

Dee Ann Ducote  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Community Planning and Development Division  
1222 Spruce Street, Room 3.207  
St. Louis, MO 63103-2836.

Potential objectors should contact H.U.D. to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert G. Lowery Sr., Mayor  
City of Florissant, Missouri