

Public Hearing:

Friday, December 2, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Urban Development Department, Conference Room 206
555 S. 10th Street, Suite 205

Subject:

Substantial Amendment to the *FY2008 Action Plan: One Year Use of Funds*, specifically adding the Peter Pan Park ADA Accessibility Project.

Public Comment Period:

From November 4 to December 5, 2011, all interested agencies, groups and persons are invited to comment on the Substantial Amendment in person at the public hearing or in writing to David Landis, Director, Urban Development Department, 555 S. 10th, Room 205, Lincoln, NE 68508, or via e-mail to urbandev@lincoln.ne.gov. All comments must be received on or before December 5, 2011.

The Substantial Amendment is available on the Urban Development website (www.lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: urban). It is also available for public examination (and, upon request, copying) at the Urban Development Department, 555 S. 10th St., Suite 205, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For questions pertaining to the Substantial Amendment, contact W. Hjerstad at 402-441-8211 or whjerstad@lincoln.ne.gov.

Summary:

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska received \$474,644 in Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R) funds under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Those funds were used for three projects: two streetscape projects emphasizing energy efficiency and one park improvement project that involved construction upgrades to meet ADA accessibility standards. Those three projects are now complete, but actual costs were less than estimated. To expend remaining funds, this Substantial Amendment adds a fourth project: the Peter Pan Park ADA Accessibility Project. Like the three completed projects, the new project is an infrastructure improvement project eligible under the federal CFR 24 category of "Public Facilities and Improvements" and meets the national objective of low- and moderate-income area benefit.

Attachments:

- ***CDBG-R Substantial Amendment and Checklist:*** All Lincoln CDBG-R projects are described, following the federal template. The first three projects are complete. The fourth, which is being added with this amendment, is ADA accessibility improvements to Peter Pan Park.
- ***CDBG-R Budget Spreadsheet:*** As shown in the spreadsheet, savings in the first three CDBG-R projects occurred through lower than anticipated administration costs (2% instead of 5%) and construction costs.

CDBG-R SUBMISSION TEMPLATE **& CHECKLIST**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act") was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act awards \$1 billion in CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) funds to be distributed to cities, counties, insular areas and states, of which \$10 million has been reserved by HUD for its administrative costs and \$10 million of which will be awarded to Indian tribes. Recipients of the remaining \$980 million of CDBG-R funds will be the approximately 1,200 jurisdictions that received CDBG funding in Fiscal Year 2008. This template sets forth the suggested format for grantees receiving funds from CDBG-R. A complete submission contains the information requested below, including:

- (1) The CDBG-R Substantial Amendment (template attached below)
- (2) Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities (see <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>)
- (3) Signed and Dated Certifications (see <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>)
- (4) Signed and Dated [SF-424](#).

Grantees should also attach a completed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment Checklist to ensure completeness and efficiency of review (attached below).

THE CDBG-R SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

<p>Jurisdiction(s): City of Lincoln, Nebraska</p> <p>Jurisdiction Web Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(URL where CDBG-R Substantial Amendment materials are posted):</i> • Lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: urban, under What's New, or http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/cd_rindx.htm 	<p>CDBG-R Contact Person: Wynn Hjermstad Address: 555 S. 10th St, STE 205, Lincoln, NE 68508 Telephone: 402-441-8211 Fax: 402-441-8711 Email: whjermstad@lincoln.ne.gov</p>
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ENSURING RESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS

Funding available under the Recovery Act has clear purposes – to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation’s infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care. HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings. While the full range of CDBG activities is available to grantees, the Department strongly suggests that grantees incorporate consideration of the public perception of the intent of the Recovery Act in identifying and selecting projects for CDBG-R funding.

A. SPREADSHEET FOR REPORTING PROPOSED CDBG-R ACTIVITIES

Grantees must provide information concerning CDBG-R assisted activities in an electronic spreadsheet provided by HUD. The information that must be reported in the spreadsheet includes activity name, activity description, CDBG-R dollar amount budgeted, eligibility category, national objective citation, additional Recovery Act funds for the activity received from other programs, and total activity budget. An electronic copy of the spreadsheet and the format is available on HUD’s recovery website at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>.

B. CDBG-R INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY (COMPLETE FOR EACH ACTIVITY)

- (1) **Activity Name:** (Grantees should follow the same order that activities are listed in the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities – this will allow HUD to easily match activity narratives with the information provided in the spreadsheet.)

- (2) **Activity Narrative:**
In addition to the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, grantees must provide a narrative for each activity describing how the use of the grantee’s CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA. The grantee’s narrative must also state how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit in relation to the CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act, by:
 - Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;
 - Assisting those most impacted by the recession;
 - Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;
 - Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;
 - Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or
 - Fostering energy independence.

- (3) **Jobs Created:** (Report the number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction, and temporary jobs)).

- (4) **Additional Activity Information:** (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.)

- (5) **Responsible Organization:** (Contact information for the organization that will implement the CDBG-R activity, including its name, location, and administrator contact information)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Provide a summary of public comments received to the proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.

Note: A Proposed CDBG-R Substantial Amendment must be published via the usual methods and posted on the jurisdiction's website for no less than 7 calendar days for public comment.

Response:

Introduction:

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska received \$474,644 in Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R) funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Funds were used for three projects: two streetscape projects emphasizing energy efficiency and one park improvement project that involved construction upgrades to meet ADA accessibility standards. The streetscape projects are, 1) South Salt Creek Neighborhood, 4th Street Project, and 2) North Bottoms Neighborhood, 10th Street Project. Hayward Park was upgraded to meet ADA accessibility standards. The projects are now complete. Actual construction and administration costs were less than estimated resulting in additional funds available. This Substantial Amendment is to add another project: Peter Pan Park ADA Accessibility Project.

This new project is also an infrastructure project under the CFR 24 category of Public Facilities and Improvements and meets the national objective of low- and moderate-income area benefit. No public services are funded with this grant.

CDBG-R budget information is contained in the attached spreadsheet. Although 10% of CDBG-R funds can be used for administration, the City of Lincoln had elected to use just 5%, as illustrated on the attached spreadsheet. Since admin costs were less than anticipated, the amount has been reduced to \$9,469.13 or 2%. CDBG-R funds leveraged Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECB) funds (also ARRA funds) for the 4th Street LED lighting projects although less was needed than estimated. EECB funds financed \$9,000 for the 4th Street project. Private funds were also included in the North Bottoms Project, providing \$29,900.

Each project is discussed beginning on the next page and follows the format set forth in this template. The first three projects are now complete. This amendment is adding the fourth project, ADA Improvements to Peter Pan Park.

Project 1: South Salt Creek Neighborhood – Project Compete

1. **Activity Name:** South Salt Creek Neighborhood, 4th Street Streetscape Project.
2. **Activity Narrative:** Construction of pedestrian scale ornamental LED street lighting and planting of street trees on 4th Street from “A” to “J” Streets.

Background: The South Salt Creek neighborhood is one of the oldest areas in Lincoln. It is a low- and moderate-income neighborhood and it also has one of the highest minority concentrations in the City. According to the 2000 Census, 72% of its residents are low- and moderate-income. The City’s minority population was 13% in 2000; in South Salt Creek it was 33.6%.

The 4th Street Streetscape Project represents the last element of a street paving project on 4th Street from “A” to “J” Streets. The paving project is the last in a list of projects intended to mitigate the impacts of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) double-tracking a main line along 3rd Street in 1998. The BNSF tracks are main lines that carry coal trains, estimated to increase to 70 trains per day, running through the heart of the neighborhood. Projects were identified working with neighborhood residents and with the goal of continuing revitalization of the neighborhood, in spite of the double railroad tracks.

Other projects have included construction of a pedestrian underpass under the BNSF tracks at 3rd and A Streets, paving 3rd Street which had been a dirt street, paving alleys, construction of a vehicular overpass at 3rd and A Streets including construction of new affiliated streets, relocation of a Union Pacific rail line out of 4th Street, and finally, paving 4th street which had also been a dirt street. 4th Street was paved in 2007 with a combination of local dollars and CDBG funds. Sidewalks were not built with the project; instead, a pedestrian/bicycle trail was constructed adjacent to 4th Street. The trail provides a key linkage in the city’s trail system, completing one of the final links between the cities of Lincoln and Beatrice. The last element is the streetscape project, comprised of lights along the trail and street trees. The streetscape had been designed but construction was delayed due to lack of funds.

Consistency with the Consolidated Plan: This project is consistent with the Consolidated Plan in that increased lighting for safety and security is identified as a Neighborhood Revitalization Priority Issue. Written and oral input resoundingly identified the importance of more street and alley lighting during the 2005 Strategic and Action Plan (both plans together represent the Consolidated Plan) processes. This priority issue was also identified by both adults and children at a community-wide meeting held in 2005 as an element of the public input process for the Strategic Plan.

This project has been identified in previous Action Plans as a Focus Area public improvement. Focus Areas are small areas within Lincoln’s older neighborhoods. The goal of Focus Areas is to achieve a visible change in the short term that will encourage private dollars and enhance the

physical environment. Urban Development works with neighborhoods to develop Focus Area Plans. The South Salt Creek neighborhood has had Focus Areas since 1993.

ARRA Requirements: The 4th Street Streetscape Project is ready to bid and will be under contract within 120 days of receipt of CDBG-R funds by the City of Lincoln. Construction may also be complete within 120 days, depending upon when funds are received and timing with the construction season. Other ARRA elements that are met by the project are,

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: It is estimated that the project will create 2.4 full-time equivalent construction-related jobs.
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructures that will provide long-term economic benefits: Completion of this project enhances pedestrian and bicycle safety by installation of pedestrian level lighting adjacent to the street and trail. The project also continues revitalization of the neighborhood which in turn encourages additional private investment. The construction of the streetscape will have a positive impact on the neighborhood, making a significant contribution to serving the area, and providing better and safer accommodation of bicycles and pedestrians. Streetscape enhancements along the trail create an improved atmosphere for trail usage, protecting the environment and reducing pollution by encouraging walking and biking.

In addition to environmental considerations, street trees provide economic value. The aesthetic value of street trees is difficult to measure, but trees have been found to increase the value of property. The value of a lot with trees averages 5-7% higher than a lot without trees. The increase in value can be as much as 20%, and lots with trees often sell faster than lots without them.

Street trees are also a strategy for traffic calming. 4th Street is a local neighborhood street that was widened when paved. Street trees will provide a calming effect on vehicular traffic that has experienced an increase in speeds since the paving was completed.

- Fostering energy independence: This project is the City of Lincoln's first use of LED lights in pedestrian scale lighting. LED lights are more energy efficient and durable than typical light sources resulting in greatly reduced maintenance. Overall, LED lights result in energy savings, maintenance savings, and an overall reduction in cost.

3. Jobs Created: Construction of the project is estimated to create 2.4 full-time equivalent jobs. This estimate is based on the Executive Office of the President, Council of Economic Advisers' guide of one job created for every \$92,000 of government spending.

4. Additional Activity Information: (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.): The new street lights will use LED lights. According to the U.S.

Department of Energy, (as quoted in Architectural SSI; p. 37, Nov. 2008) “No other lighting technology offers the same potential as LEDs to save energy and enhance lighting quality and reliability.” LED lights are considered to be a “green” technology in that they reduce carbon footprints. LED lights reduce the amount of CO₂ emitted. In addition, since LEDs are mercury-free and contain no hazardous materials, they are environmentally safe and recyclable.

Street trees reduce air pollution by absorbing gaseous pollutants and filtering dust, ash, and smoke. They also reduce glare caused by lights and sun, provide wind protection and cool the air. Although not as significant as forests or groves of trees, street trees do provide habitat for wildlife. Runoff and erosion from storms is reduced because leaves slow water allowing it to soak into the soil. This reduces runoff by about 7% and reduces the need for erosion control structures. Smaller drainage pipes may be sufficient, thus saving money on materials, installation, and maintenance.

5. Responsible Organization: (Contact information for the organization that will implement the CDBG-R activity, including its name, location, and administrator contact information).

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Project 2: North Bottoms Neighborhood – Project Complete

1. **Activity Name:** North Bottoms Neighborhood, 10th Street Streetscape Project.
2. **Activity Narrative:** Construction of pedestrian scale ornamental LED street lighting and planting of street trees on 10th Street from Charleston to Military.

Background: The North Bottoms neighborhood is another of Lincoln’s oldest neighborhoods and is also one of the city’s lowest income areas: according to the 2000 Census, 76% of the area is low- and moderate-income. It is located in the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Area and is also a Focus Area. Both the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan and the North Bottoms Neighborhood Focus Area Plan include a streetscape project on 10th Street. This project would complement a pedestrian street lighting project that was completed on Charleston Street. Preliminary design has been completed but final design has been on hold due to lack of funding. The preliminary design includes lights, sidewalk improvements, street furniture and landscaping; however, CDBG-R funds will only be used for lighting and street trees. The remaining improvements will be completed as funding becomes available.

Issues in the area that led to identifying a streetscape project include:

- The North Bottoms neighborhood is located near the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) and downtown. A high proportion of college students live in the area. As a result, there is a considerable amount of pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood.
- The neighborhood has been plagued with large, wild parties. It is believed that increased lighting reduces incidences of crime associated with large gatherings.
- Traffic issues are a concern due to the neighborhood’s proximity to UNL. In particular, football game days bring heavy volumes of cars and pedestrians into the neighborhood. The Antelope Valley project has altered traffic through the neighborhood, closing 14th Street to both vehicles and pedestrians and constructing the 6-lane elevated “Big X” bridge over the BSNF railroad tracks on the east side of the neighborhood.
- A 60-unit low income housing project is under construction at 10th and Military, on the north end of the streetscape project. Called Creekside Village, the project includes 20 units designated for Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) and 10 designated as rent-to-own duplexes. The housing project clears the unsightly old Naval Reserve Building and maintenance shops used by local city and county governments. Pedestrian streetlights adjacent to the new housing will be constructed as designed by the Streetscape Project but built and paid for as part of the Creekside Village project.

Consistency with the Consolidated Plan: The North Bottoms Neighborhood, 10th Street Streetscape Project is consistent with the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan for the same reasons as the 4th Street Project (see page 5). In short, increased lighting is a Neighborhood Revitalization

Priority Issue identified in the Consolidated Plan. The project is consistent with the Focus Area Plan goal of achieving a visible change in the short term that will encourage private dollars and enhance the physical environment. The North Bottoms Neighborhood has been a Focus Area since 2002.

ARRA Requirements: Final design of the 10th Street Streetscape Project can be completed and construction bid within 120 days of receipt of CDBG-R funds by the City of Lincoln. Other ARRA elements that are met by the project are,

- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery: It is estimated that the project will create 3.4 full-time equivalent construction jobs.
- Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructures that will provide long-term economic benefits: Completion of this project provides many of the same benefits described for the 4th Street streetscape (see page 6). Pedestrian and bicycle safety is enhanced with installation of pedestrian level-lighting. The project also continues revitalization of the neighborhood, which in turn encourages additional private investment. The construction of the pedestrian street lights will have a positive impact on the area and make a significant contribution to serving this low- and moderate-income neighborhood. The addition of street trees along 10th Street will provide the same benefits described for the 4th Street project (page 6). The one difference is that 10th Street is a minor arterial, rather than a local street. However, speeding is also a perceived problem by the neighborhood, so the effect of calming traffic will be beneficial to area residents.
- Fostering energy independence: The project will use LED lights which are more energy efficient and durable than typical light sources, also resulting in greatly reduced maintenance. Overall, LED lights result in energy savings, maintenance savings, and an overall reduction in cost.

3. Jobs Created: Construction of the project is estimated to create 3.4 full-time equivalent jobs. This estimate is based on the Executive Office of the President, Council of Economic Advisers' guide of one job created for every \$92,000 of government spending.

4. Additional Activity Information: (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.): The new street lights will use LED lights. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, (as quoted in Architectural SSI; p. 37, Nov. 2008) "No other lighting technology offers the same potential as LEDs to save energy and enhance lighting quality and reliability. " LED lights are considered to be a "green" technology in that they reduce carbon footprints thus reducing the amount of CO₂ emitted. In addition, since LEDs are mercury-free and contain no hazardous materials, they are environmentally safe and recyclable.

Street trees reduce air pollution by absorbing gaseous pollutants and filtering dust, ash, and smoke. They also reduce glare caused by lights and sun, provide wind protection and cool the air. Although not as significant as forests or groves of trees, street trees do provide habitat for wildlife. Runoff and erosion from storms is reduced because leaves slow water allowing it to soak into the soil. This reduces runoff by about 7% and reduces the need for erosion control structures. Smaller drainage pipes may be sufficient, thus saving money on materials, installation, and maintenance.

5. Responsible Organization: (Contact information for the organization that will implement the CDBG-R activity, including its name, location, and administrator contact information).

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Project 3: Park Improvements: Hayward Park – Project Complete

1. **Activity Name:** Hayward Park ADA Accessibility Project
2. **Activity Narrative:** The proposed project constructs hard surface access for park users with mobility limitations.

Background: Hayward Park is located in the North Bottoms Neighborhood. It is adjacent to Creekside Village, the low-income housing project discussed under Project 2, North Bottoms Neighborhood, 10th Street Streetscape Project. According to the 2000 Census, 78% of neighborhood residents are low- and moderate-income. Some improvements to Hayward Park will be completed as part of the Creekside Village project including new playground equipment, grading to provide better storm water drainage, and construction of a general purpose athletic field. Hayward Park is also near the 10th Street Streetscape Project.

Consistency with the Consolidated Plan: This project is consistent with the Consolidated Plan in that park improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods was identified as a Neighborhood Revitalization Priority Issue. The Annual Action Plan has identified park improvements each year, consistent with the Strategic Plan objective to “Implement a funded program to assist park improvements in the LMI neighborhoods.”

ARRA Requirements: A master plan for the park is complete. The Hayward Park ADA Accessibility Project can be designed within 120 days of receipt of CDBG-R funds by the City of Lincoln. Construction of the ADA improvements can begin upon completion of the grading improvements being completed by the Creekside Village project. Those improvements are anticipated to be completed by this fall.

- **Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery:** It is estimated that the project will create .9 of a full-time equivalent construction-related job.
- **Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructures that will provide long-term economic benefits:** Investment in park infrastructure for ADA accessibility, particularly since the park is in a low-mod neighborhood and immediately adjacent to a low income housing project, further revitalizes the neighborhood leading to increased private investment. It also creates an environment for long-term economic stability in the neighborhood.

3. **Jobs Created:** Construction of the Hayward Park ADA Accessibility Project is estimated to create .9 of a full-time equivalent job. This estimate is based on the Executive Office of the President, Council of Economic Advisers’ guide of one job created for every \$92,000 of government spending.

4. **Additional Activity Information: (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.):** The proposed, separately funded, redevelopment of Hayward Park includes a new playground, picnic shelter, park furnishings, playfields and walking trail.

Providing hard surface access for those park users with mobility limitations is an important element to the success of the park redevelopment. Proposed ADA improvements to be funded with CDBG-R include widening concrete walks, construction of concrete walks that had been gravel, ramps built at minimal grades that connect the multiple park features to the walking trail, rubber matting for the playground surfacing, and miscellaneous amenities such as accessible picnic tables and drinking fountain. Redevelopment of an existing park area in a core city neighborhood, adjacent to a new affordable housing development promotes smart growth and energy conservation.

5. Responsible Organization: (Contact information for the organization that will implement the CDBG-R activity, including its name, location, and administrator contact information).

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C. Public Comment

No public comments were received. Notice of the public comment period was published in the Lincoln Journal Star. The notice identified the length of the public comment period as 7 days between May 20th and May 27th, and that written comments would be recorded as part of the final version of the Substantial Amendment to be submitted to HUD on June 5th. The notice further stated that the Amendment may be obtained by calling Urban Development, visiting the office in person (location, office hours and phone number included) or on the city's Web site (Web address included). The notice also indicated how to submit written comments.

In addition, a notice was posted in the County-City Building with the same information as the legal notice published in the newspaper. Copies were also left with the City Clerk and at the public information desk located at the front entrance of the County-City Building.

Project 4: Park Improvements: Peter Pan Park – added by Substantial Amendment 11/4/11

1. **Activity Name:** Peter Pan Park ADA Accessibility Project
2. **Activity Narrative:** The proposed project replaces and relocates a playground for improved safety and security and designed for use by park visitors with mobility limitations. It also constructs hard surface access for park users with mobility limitations providing ADA accessibility to the new playground and surrounding park features.

Background: Peter Pan Park is located in the Hartley Neighborhood. According to Census data, 66.1% of the surrounding neighborhood residents are low- and moderate-income. A low-income housing project is adjacent to the park. Peter Pan Park is a 10-acre community park located near 33rd and W Streets. The park contains multiple recreation amenities that include skate park equipment, tennis courts, day-use/picnic facilities and a large level playfield space often used for baseball and soccer. In addition, one of the City's primary recreational/commuter trails (Mopac Trail) passes through the park so it is well connected and accessible to the surrounding neighborhoods. The current playground, in need of renovation, is not connected to the park's pathways and thus falls short for ADA accessibility. This project replaces and relocates the playground to a location in the park that offers better visibility from other park amenities and the surrounding neighborhood for improved safety and security, and facilitates making new hard-surface walkway connections that provide ADA accessibility. The new playground will include play apparatus designed for use by park visitors with mobility limitations and be covered with an ADA compliant rubber tile surfacing. All new walkways will be constructed to provide ADA access to the new playground and surrounding park features.

Consistency with the Consolidated Plan: This project is consistent with the Consolidated Plan in that park improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods was identified as a Neighborhood Revitalization Priority Issue. The Annual Action Plan has identified park improvements each year, consistent with the Strategic Plan objective to "Implement a funded program to assist park improvements in the LMI neighborhoods."

ARRA Requirements: The Peter Pan Park ADA Accessibility Project can be designed and constructed within the remaining three-year period (July, 2012) required for expenditure of CDBG-R funds.

- **Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery:** It is estimated that the project will create .55 of a full-time equivalent construction-related job.
- **Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructures that will provide long-term economic benefits:** Investment in park infrastructure for ADA accessibility, particularly since the park is in a low-mod neighborhood and immediately adjacent to a low

income housing project, further revitalizes the neighborhood leading to increased private investment. It also creates an environment for long-term economic stability in the neighborhood.

3. Jobs Created: Construction of the Peter Pan Park ADA Accessibility Project is estimated to create .55 of a full-time equivalent job. This estimate is based on the Executive Office of the President, Council of Economic Advisers' guide of one job created for every \$92,000 of government spending.

4. Additional Activity Information: (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.): Proposed ADA improvements to be funded with CDBG-R includes a new playground with play apparatus designed for use by park visitors with mobility limitations and covered with an ADA compliant rubber tile surfacing. All new walkways will be constructed to provide ADA access to the new playground and surrounding park features. Redevelopment of an existing park area in a core city neighborhood, adjacent to an affordable housing development, promotes smart growth and energy conservation.

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Xxxx public comments were received. (To be completed after 30 day comment period and public hearing). Notice of the public comment period was published in the Lincoln Journal Star. The notice identified the length of the public comment period as 30 days between November 4 and December 5, 2011, and that written comments would be accepted until December 5th. The notice further stated that the Amendment may be obtained by calling Urban Development, visiting the office in person (location, office hours and phone number included) or via e-mail. The notice also indicated how to submit written comments.

Jurisdiction/Grantee Name: City of Lincoln, Nebraska, Urban Development Department		CDBG-R Fomula Grant Amount: \$474,644				Date: 6/3/09; revised 6/25/09; revised 11/4/11	
Activity Name	Activity Description	Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)	National Objective Citation	CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)	Additional Recovery Funds (\$)	Other Leveraged Funding (\$)	Total Activity Budget
South Salt Creek Neighborhood, 4th Street Streetscape Project	Construction of pedestrian-scale ornamental LED street lighting and planting of street trees on 4th Street from A to J Streets	24 CFR 570.201(c)	24 CFR 570.208 (a)(1)	138,739	9,000		147,739
North Bottoms Neighborhood, 10th Street Streetscape Project	Construction of pedestrian-scale ornamental LED street lighting and planting of street trees on 10th Street from Charleston to Military	24 CFR 570.201(c)	24 CFR 570.208 (a)(1)	\$202,182		\$29,900	232,082
Hayward Park ADA Accessibility Project	Hard surface access for park users with mobility limitations.	24 CFR 570.201(c)	24 CFR 570.208 (a)(1)	\$73,481			73,481
Administration	Grant Administration by Urban Development, 2% of allocation	24 CFR 570.206	N/A	\$9,468			9,468
Peter Pan Park ADA Accesibility Project	Playground replacement and relocation and hard surface access for park users with limited mobility.	24 CFR 570.201(c)	24 CFR 570.208 (a)(1)	\$50,774			50,774
Total				\$474,644	\$9,000	\$29,900	\$513,544
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