

Amendments for *FY 11 Annual Action Plan* and *3 Year Strategic Plan*

In FY 10, the City's Urban Development Department, on behalf of the City of Lincoln, prepared the ***3 Year Strategic Plan for HUD Entitlement Programs FY 10 -12***. The *Strategic Plan* identifies community development needs, then develops goals and objectives to meet the identified needs. The *Plan* then details how federal funds, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds, will be spent to achieve the identified goals and objectives. Each year, Urban Development prepares the ***Annual Action Plan (AP)*** detailing how federal funds will be spent in the coming year to meet the needs and achieve the goals and objectives identified in the ***Strategic Plan***.

Throughout the program year, projects are evaluated. In some cases, projects come in under budget and for others, projects are over the amount estimated at the beginning of the year. Funds are then transferred between projects to balance the actual project costs. Transfers for FY11 are available by contacting the Urban Development Department. Transfers pertaining to the amendments described below will also be added to this document during the week of April 16, 2012.

- FY11 Action Plan Amendments: A programmatic change is occurring that adds a new program -- the ***reEnergize Loan Program***. (See the program description on the next page.)
- Strategic Plan Amendment: The *Strategic Plan* is amended to also include the ***reEnergize Loan Program***.

The Urban Development Department's *Citizen Participation Plan* states that for any changes representing 10% of annual funds or a minimum of \$7,500, or if activities are added or eliminated, these changes represent a "substantial amendment" which requires a 30 day comment period and public hearing. Since the fund transfers for FY 11 represent greater than 10% of the annual allotment of funds and a new program is being added, these *Plans* are being amended.

The 30 day comment period is from April 13, 2012 to May 14, 2012. Comments may be submitted in writing to David Landis, Director, Urban Development Department, 555 S. 10th St., Ste 205, Lincoln, NE 68508, or via e-mail at urbandev@lincoln.ne.gov on or before October 7, 2011. A public hearing on the amendments will be held May 1, 2012 at the Urban Development Department, Room 206 from noon to 1:00 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Wynn Hjernstad, Community Development Manager, at whjernstad@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-8211

reEnergize Loan Program
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The reEnergize Loan Program is a \$500 loan to qualified households to assist in the owner's contribution to the cost of the energy upgrades under the reEnergize Program.

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded a \$10 million grant in 2010 to the City of Omaha in partnership with the City of Lincoln. The reEnergize Program is one of 41 programs in the nation that are part of the Better Buildings Neighborhood Program.

The combined goal for Omaha/Lincoln is to perform energy upgrades on 2100 homes by May 2013. The reEnergize Program is available to everyone regardless of income, however, there are additional provisions for lower income households to make the energy saving opportunities more accessible.

Low income households can receive up to a \$3,000 incentive from the reEnergize Program for energy upgrades that achieve a minimum of 15% energy savings. However, the program rules require that the first \$500 of the project be contributed by the home owner. In order to assist the low income homeowners with the \$500, Urban Development has established the reEnergize Loan Program.

Loans of \$500 are available to owner-occupied households who have qualified for the reEnergize Program and whose income does not exceed 80% of the City's median income as determined periodically by HUD. Loans will be paid back in \$50 monthly increments until paid in full.

Available funds will be \$20,000 from the City of Lincoln's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).