PUBLIC NOTICE
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End of Comment Period: April 7, 2014; 5PM

The City of Joplin is amending the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program's action plan for fiscal year 2012. A submission of this amendment will be made to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The amendment includes the addition of two activities to the City's existing Action Plan. The following activities will be added and funded with funds from the pre-existing Land Acquisition activity.

1) Joplin Housing Authority Tenant Based Rental Assistance
2) Joplin Housing Authority Site Improvements Repair

Through these activities, the City will provide approximately $290,000 for the costs associated with bringing Section 8 Vouchers up to pre-tornado levels. Section 8 eligible units were lost as a result of the May, 2011 tornado. Replacement of units has come slowly and rents are higher. This created a financial hardship for the Housing Authority to provide vouchers to low income tenants.

The City will also provide up to $210,000 for the repair of parking lots and yards that serve Housing Authority low-income housing units. These repairs were not covered by FEMA or insurance.

Citizens wishing to review the Action Plan, comment on this amendment, or need other additional information can do so by contacting Patty Heagel at (417) 624-0820, Ext. 570 or pheagel@joplinmo.org. The Planning & Community Development Office is located on the 4th Floor of City Hall at 602 S. Main, Joplin, MO 64801. Comments will be accepted for 7 days following the posting of this notice on the City's website.

The purpose of this notice will be to provide an opportunity for individuals to comment on the amendment. The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding this activity and previously funded CDBG-DR activities.

If you are in need of disability related auxiliary aids or services, please contact our ADA Coordinator at (417) 624-0820 Ext. 210, or the City Clerk's office at (417) 624-0820 Ext. 220. Forty-eight (48) hours notice is necessary to make arrangements for the aids or services. TTD Number: (417) 625-4774.

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