



CDBG FUNDING TRAINING SESSIONS ARE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

As we approach the beginning of Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2008, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Division staff began the process of assisting some of our agencies in their preparations for the new year. Part of this effort, included hosting the three (3) Funding Training sessions that were held during the week of April 23, 2007. Each session was intended to provide helpful insight for our agencies and gave us here at the CDBG Division an opportunity to acquire feedback from them.

The training sessions offered a host of different agenda items intended to improve the ability of the agencies in attendance to incorporate new changes and effectively implement the programmatic process. The most significant agenda items that were addressed included: Insurance Requirements, Exhibit A Overview, and Procurement, as well as new items that included Digital Signatures and In-Progress Monitoring. The presentations also included live online demonstrations of how to navigate through the CDBG online system.

As the training sessions drew to a close, each agency in attendance provided an evaluation of the quality of their training and we are proud to announce that the sessions received excellent reviews. The pro-active nature of each gathering made for one of the most successful CDBG Funding Training sessions yet! Finally, please watch for future online trainings to be given by our Financial Management Team. These trainings will be for all our agencies and will be scheduled for July 2007. We will make the details available as soon as they are determined.

THE COUNTY SUBMITS THE 2007-2008 ACTION PLAN TO HUD

On May 31, 2007, the Community Development Commission (CDC) submitted its 2007-2008 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), on behalf of the Los Angeles County. The County Board of Supervisors approved the Action Plan on May 29, 2007, following a 30-day public comment period from April 22 through May 24, 2007 where it was available to the public in selected County libraries. The Action Plan proposes over \$31 million in CDBG funds for FY 2007-2008, which runs from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. You may review the Action Plan online at: <http://www.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/CDBG/PlansReports.aspx?id=1772>.

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE TRANSITIONAL CENTER FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS WINS NAHRO'S AWARD OF MERIT IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) recently announced the recipients of the 2007 National Awards of Merit, and the Mary McLeod Bethune Transitional Center for Homeless Students (Center) project was among the winners in the Housing and Community Development category!

The Center is a state-of-the-art educational site financed with CDBG funds from the Los Angeles County CDC. The Center utilizes the talents of dedicated professionals to meet the health and educational needs of homeless children. Through the Center's programs, the proficiency of the children, ages 5 through 18 are assessed and evaluated, allowing them appropriate placement when they return to the public school system. The youth are also provided mental health services, access to medical support, enrichment activities, and school supplies. The Center facilitates a gentle and safe back-to-school transition for over 400 homeless children per year. By meeting the unique and challenging needs of homeless children, the Center turns disadvantaged homeless children back into students, affording them better opportunities for a better future.

Important Dates:

June 2007

June 13, 2007
City Quarterly Meeting



July 2007

July 4, 2007
Independence Day
(CDC Offices Closed)

July 9, 2007

All Agencies:
Submission of 4th quarter 06-07
Web-based QPRs Due

