

CITY OF MERIDIAN

RESOLUTION NO. 16-1156

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

BIRD, BORTON, CAVENER, MILAM,
PALMER, LITTLE ROBERTS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION AND ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM YEAR 2016 DRAFT ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an annual action plan be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in order to receive Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funding for the Program Year of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on the Program Year 2016 Action Plan on August 9, 2016, and held a public comment period on the draft application materials from July 5, 2016 to August 9, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN CITY, IDAHO:

Section 1. That the Draft Program Year 2016 Action Plan and its certification documents, copies of which are attached hereto as EXHIBIT A and incorporated herein by reference, be, and the same hereby are, adopted as to both form and consent.

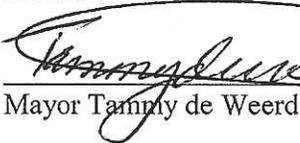
Section 2. That the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized to respectively execute and attend the certifying documents for the Draft Program Year 2016 Action Plan for and on behalf of the City of Meridian.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the City Council of City of Meridian, Idaho this 9th day of August, 2016.

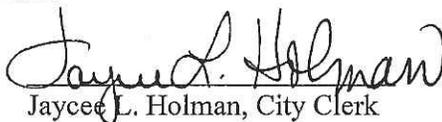
APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this 9th day of August, 2016.

APPROVED:


Mayor Tammy de Weerd



ATTEST:


By: Jaycee L. Holman, City Clerk

2016 DRAFT Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Program

City of Meridian, Idaho



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive Summary

Meridian Program Year 2016 Action Plan

As an Entitlement Community, the City of Meridian receives CDBG funds each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Program Year 2016 (PY2016) funding for the City of Meridian is anticipated in the amount of \$356,324. Funds will be used to address priorities within the HUD performance measurement system to: (1) create a suitable living environment and (2) provide decent housing.

During the PY2016, Meridian intends to focus on investing in public facility projects located in LMI neighborhoods with a direct benefit to LMI residents. Meridian will also invest CDBG funds in public services to benefit LMI persons and to advance a suitable living environment. In addition to these public facilities and public services, Meridian will also designate Non-Administrative funds to assist in providing decent housing to LMI homebuyers.

Category & Activity	Activity Total	Categorical Total
Administration & Planning (no more than 20% of Entitlement Grant)		
Administration, Fair Housing & Planning Activities	\$65,500.00	
SUBTOTAL		\$65,500.00
Suitable Living Environment		
<i>Public Facility</i>		
Meridian Public Works - LMI Street Light Installation	\$127,376.00	\$127,376.00
<i>Public Service (no more than 15% of Entitlement Grant)</i>		
Hunger Relief/Meridian Food Bank	\$36,448.00	\$53,448.00
Boys & Girls Club – Scholarship Program	\$10,000.00	
The Jesse Tree of Idaho – Homelessness Prevention	\$7,000.00	
SUBTOTAL		\$180,824.00
Decent Housing		
<i>Affordable Housing</i>		
Sidewalk Design for 2 ½ St Multifamily Development	\$50,000.00	
<i>Homes</i>		
Homebuyers Assistance/Neighborhood Housing Services	\$30,000.00	
Homebuyers Assistance/Ada County Housing Authority	\$30,000.00	
SUBTOTAL		\$110,000.00
TOTAL		\$356,324.00

SECTION I
Introduction

Section I

Introduction

Purpose of this Document. The City of Meridian is a designated entitlement community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This designation allows the City to receive funds from HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The 2016 program year will mark the City's tenth year as an entitlement community.

Federal regulations (24 CFR § 91.200(a) and 91.220) require the City to submit an action plan each year that describes how CDBG funds will be invested in the community. The 2016 Action Plan was developed with a strong emphasis on community input, and follows the Citizen Participation Plan set forth in Meridian's 2012 – 2016 Consolidated Plan. Through this planning effort, the City has prepared strategies, which will guide program expenditures over the next Program Year (PY); October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

The lead agency responsible for overseeing the development of this plan is the City of Meridian, with specific charge assigned to the CDBG Administrator position within the Community Development Department.

City of Meridian CDBG Program Mission Statement. In accordance with the overarching goals of the CDBG program, as set forth in 24 CFR § 91.1(a)(1), the City's mission is to utilize CDBG funding to develop a viable urban community by providing decent housing, providing a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low/moderate income (LMI) persons. The City's primary means toward this end shall be to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Consolidated Plan. A consolidated plan must be submitted every three to five years to receive federal CDBG funds. The Consolidated Plan typically results from a collaborative process where a community can scrutinize its current situation and establish a unified vision for community development actions. The City of Meridian's Consolidated Plan spans program years 2012 through 2016 and addresses the community's most critical housing and community development needs. The PY2012 Action Plan represented the first year using the 2012 – 2016 Consolidated Plan; the PY2016 Action Plan is the fifth year under the current Consolidated Plan. The current Consolidated Plan may be found [here on the City of Meridian Website](#).

Action Plan. For every year identified in the Consolidated Plan, the City of Meridian is required to prepare a one-year Action Plan to notify citizens and HUD officials of the City's intended actions to occur during that specific year. The PY2016 Action Plan identifies the objectives the City hopes to achieve from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, and outlines the activities the City will undertake to achieve those objectives.

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). At the end of each program year, the City of Meridian prepares a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to provide information to its constituents and HUD about that year's accomplishments. This information allows HUD, city officials, and the general public to evaluate the City's performance and determine whether the activities undertaken during the year helped to (1) meet the City's five-year goals and (2) address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. This annual performance report, prepared with public review and comment, is submitted to HUD annually no later than December 31.

Submittal to HUD. In compliance with 24 CFR § 91.15(a), and in order to maintain continuity in its program and provide accountability to citizens, the City shall submit this action plan no later than August 16, 2016. The City shall submit on an annual basis a summary of its citizen participation and consultation process, an annual action plan, and all required certifications. At least every five years, the City shall submit a housing and homeless needs assessment, market analysis and strategic plan.

SECTION II

Evaluation of Past Performance

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Evaluation of Past Performance

Since 2007, Meridian has successfully managed \$2,403,975 (an average of \$267,108.33) in resources from its annual CDBG allocation. Over these eight years, the City's expenditures from its CDBG allocation have produced the following results:

- Constructed sidewalk to improve walkability, safety and overall quality of life for low-moderate income neighborhoods.
- Constructed a fitness path with equipment for the Meridian Elementary School.
- Provided case management to 5 homeless Meridian families in efforts to place them into decent, affordable housing.
- Assisted 15 new homeowners to purchase homes.
- Completed three façade improvement projects with the Meridian Development Corporation.
- Provided over 240,000 persons with food through the Meridian Food Bank.
- Initiated a transportation service for the local Boys and Girls Club.
- Provided scholarships to over 79 children to attend fee-based programs at the local Boys and Girls Club
- Completed 11 public facility projects.
- Completed 349 code enforcement cases within the downtown LMI area.

The City successfully produced Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) for Program Years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014—for the period beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2015. The CAPERs demonstrated that over 90 percent of the funds expended during the previous program years were invested into activities benefiting low to moderate income individuals and families, well over the 70 percent statutory minimum requirement. The City did not exceed the regulatory caps of 20 percent for administration and planning. The maximum funding available under CDBG regulations, 15% of the annual entitlement, was made available for public service activities. The City has met its expenditure of grant funds deadlines imposed by HUD each year.

SECTION III
Summary of Citizen Participation Process

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Summary of Citizen Participation Process

The City of Meridian employs a comprehensive citizen participation process for all CDBG projects and activities. The City solicits input from Meridian residents in all phases of its Community Development efforts, from the initial planning and project/program implementation to reporting and assessing accomplishments/outcomes. This process fosters the open and inclusive identification of needs and delivery of services to City residents. It also helps to ensure that the overall direction of the CDBG program is (1) consistent with residents' expectations and (2) responsive to neighborhood and stakeholder concerns.

The City works with non-profit organizations to encourage the participation of program beneficiaries, including low- and moderate-income residents. Bi-lingual services and additional assistance for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

Meridian went through an extensive citizen participation process for the development of the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan. That process yielded valuable results and greatly shaped the formation of the City's five year plan for utilization of the grant funds.

The citizen participation process for the 2016 Action Plan followed the process identified in the City's Citizen Participation Plan, adopted with the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan. The process consisted of the following:

2016 Dates

- **May 11:** Public CDBG Workshop to provide information and seek input from non-profit organizations and potential sub-recipients.
- **June 24:** Scoring Committee and Council Recommendations
- **July 4 and July 11:** Legal Notice for public comment period and public hearing published in *Valley Times* and *Idaho Statesman*.
- **July 5 - August 9:** Public Comment Period on Annual Action Plan
- **August 9:** Public Hearing on Annual Action Plan

**Figure III-1.
Survey Distribution,
City of Meridian,
2011**

Source:
BBC Research &
Consulting and City
of Meridian.

Organizations Contacted	Distribution Mediums
Ada County Boys and Girls Club	City of Meridian website
Ada County Housing Authority	City of Meridian electronic newsletter
Chief Joseph Elementary School	City of Meridian Facebook page
City of Meridian City Clerk	City of Meridian Twitter page
City of Meridian Planning Department	HOA email distribution lists
El Ada Community Action Partnership	Press release to local newspapers
Friends in Action	Public school email list
Idaho Legal Aid Services	Utility bills
Idaho Office for Refugees	
Intermountain Fair Housing Council	
Linder Elementary School	
Meridian Community Center	
Meridian Elementary School	
Meridian Food Bank	
Meridian High School	
Meridian Library	
Meridian Middle School	
Meridian Senior Center	
Terry Reilly Health Services	
United Way of Treasure Valley	

The resident survey was administered between November 16th and December 15th of 2011 during the 2012-2016 consolidated planning process. The survey asked residents to identify the level of need for a variety of CDBG-eligible activities falling within the following categories: community facilities, infrastructure, special needs, community services, neighborhood services, businesses and jobs and housing. A total of 330 residents participated in the survey.

Efforts made to broaden citizen participation. Because not all residents have access to the internet or read the public notices published in the newspapers, the City designed posters to be displayed at different locations throughout LMI neighborhoods. The posters informed the public about the CDBG program, anticipated projects, and the opportunity to provide comments on the plan. The posters were displayed at New Ventures Lab, the Meridian Library, and Meridian City Hall. In addition, the City utilized social media to reach out to citizens who might not otherwise know about the program. The city’s website and FaceBook pages were used to push out information.

Two interviews were given to local media by city staff to discuss elements of the Action Plan and CDBG, increasing public awareness of the program and the projects. We also made provisions for an additional public comment hearing on August 9th at 6PM in addition to the

noticed hearing at 3PM to include a greater audience. Comment was also asked of the members of the Continuum of Care and the Fair Housing Working Group.

Outreach process for draft plan. The City invited comment on the draft 2016 Action Plan from July 5, 2016 through August 9, 2016. A public meeting was held on August 9, 2016 at the accessible City Hall location.

Advertising for the comment period was accomplished through the City's website and legal advertising. Advertisements announcing the availability of plans, the public hearing and comment period were published in the *Idaho Statesman* and the *Valley Times* on July 4 and 18, 2016 (see Appendix D).

The draft plans were made available at the City offices and on the City's website during the comment period. Comments were accepted via e-mail, mail and in-person at the City's Community Development Department.

Summary of comments.

TO BE COMPLETED after the Public Hearing on the 9th of August, 2016.

Prior to the public hearing, 10 individuals provided comment to the city. The summation of these comments came in three distinct forms. The first was to allow additional public comment later in the evening (which the city obliged). The second was in opposition to any affordable housing entering the city. Lastly, there were citizens who expressed disappointment at what they felt was a comparison of the poor to criminals, and in support of affordable housing. These emails are attached as Appendix E to the Action Plan.

During the hearings, the summation of the testimony (much of which was stated in the email comment by the same individuals) was in opposition to the city allowing any affordable housing ventures to take place. In particular, one project in the Action Plan is to design sidewalk and infrastructure in vicinity of a potential Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Mixed-Income development. The sidewalk design, albeit a separate project, is directly tied to the LIHTC application process for the developer. While sidewalks seemed to have support, the consensus of most all who provided testimony was against any affordable housing development.

The attendance sheets are attached as Appendix E to the Action Plan. Additional transcripts will be appended when they become available (should they be required by HUD Staff, and this summation not be sufficient).

SECTION IV

Summary of Resources

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The 2016 Action Plan represents an allocation of \$356,324.

Source Components of 2016 Action Plan Funds	
2016 CDBG Entitlement Grant	\$356,324.00
Program Income	\$0.00
Total Revenue Allocated	\$356,324.00

There are a number of additional funding sources that may be utilized to fund specific projects. Where these resources are known, they have been delineated within the project descriptions. The City of Meridian receives CDBG funds directly through its annual entitlement; this is the only HUD funding that the City directs toward projects. Non-profit organizations utilize other federal, state, and private grant funds. Public Housing programs including Family Self-Sufficiency, Section 8, and Public Housing Comprehensive Grants provide additional funding. Other federal funds made available for use in the city include Section 8, administered by Ada County Housing Authority and low-income housing tax credits administered by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association. There are no public housing units in Meridian. Entities in Ada County receive approximately \$933,085 in Continuum of Care funding from HUD to provide funding for transitional and permanent housing and supportive services for homeless individuals and households.

Over the years, many of the City’s partner agencies and organizations have been able to leverage funds within their own budgets to make the most of the CDBG funds that they have been allocated. For the current year, the proposed funds to Boys & Girls club and Jesse Tree represent only fraction of that agency’s total budget, but the CDBG allocation from the City represents an important component to increasing the services provided in Meridian. Likewise the funds allocated to the Meridian Food Bank represent a small but important component to that organization’s operating budget. While the Food Bank receives many donations of food, the CDBG funds are used to purchase, in bulk, needed food supplies in order to round out the contributions from the community. When the Food Bank utilizes CDBG funding to purchase food, it is in conjunction with developed relationships with local grocery stores that provide deep discounts on the food being purchased. In this way, the CDBG funds are multiplied many times over in the benefit they are providing to those in need.

Federal, State, and Local Resources. CDBG and City general funds are available to support program activities. The City may consider additional partnerships with the City of Meridian Public Works Department, Meridian Development Corporation (MDC) and Ada County Housing Authority (ACHA) to leverage available resources and achieve maximum results. The following funding sources have been identified to help address the needs of low/moderate income (LMI) individuals and families. Some resources may be directly leveraged to help fund CDBG eligible activities, in which case all HUD regulations and requirements regarding matching will be satisfied, pursuant to 24 CFR § 91.220(c)(2). While other resources may not be able to contribute directly toward CDBG-eligible activities, they may be able to provide assistance to related support programs. These leveraged funds will be tracked and documented as part of the compliance monitoring process.

Federal Resources
US. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program HOME Investment Partnership Program Emergency Shelter Grant Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Department of Education
Federal Housing Administration Homeownership Program
Fannie Mae
Federal Emergency Management Administration
U.S. Veterans Administration

State Resources
Idaho Community Foundation
Idaho Housing and Finance Association
Idaho Department of Education
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Idaho Association of Mortgage Brokers
Idaho Department of Agriculture
State Tax Credits
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare: Community Service Grant Family and Child Services Public Health Services Domestic Violence Grant Idaho Children's Trust Fund
Idaho Office on Aging
Idaho Department of Justice

Local Resources
Meridian General Funds
Meridian Development Corporation
Ada County Association of Realtors
Ada County Housing Authority
Neighborhood Housing Services
Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity
Supportive Housing and Innovative Partnerships
El-Ada Community Action Partnership
United Way
Faith-based organizations
Local utility companies
Individual and business donors
Civic organization donations
Volunteer in-kind services

SECTION V
Annual Objectives

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Annual Objectives

During Program Year 2016 the City intends to focus primarily on providing a suitable living environment for low-moderate income persons and investing in public facility improvements. Consistent with the survey results conducted during the preparation for the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan, the City is focusing on public facility improvements to serve LMI residents and public services for seniors, persons at risk of homelessness and LMI residents.

In previous program years the City has allocated funds to addresses Strategy 3 in the Consolidated Plan, which is to “Improve economic opportunities in the city’s LMI areas.” For the current program year, the CDBG Scoring Committee and the City Council determined that funds would be best utilized by investing in projects and activities to address Strategy 1 and 2 in the Consolidated Plan. Strategy 1 is to “Improve access to affordable housing opportunities for Meridian residents.” Strategy 2 is to “Improve the lives of Meridian residents with special needs and residents at-risk of homelessness.”

A. Suitable Living Environment Strategies

Strategy No. 2 Improve the lives of Meridian residents with special needs and residents at-risk of homelessness.

- **Objective 2.1:** Support public service activities that serve the city’s LMI residents.
 - HUD Specific Objective Category: Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment (SL-1)
 - Allocate a total of \$53,448 for: 1) hunger relief through the local food bank (\$36,448), 2) homelessness prevention through The Jesse Tree. (\$7,000), and 3) the Boys & Girls Club program scholarships (\$10,000)
 - One Year Action Plan Outcome: 2200 people served
- **Objective 2.2:** Invest in public facility improvements that serve persons with special needs and low income residents, as well as public facility improvements located in the city’s LMI areas or serving LMI residents.
 - HUD Specific Objective Category: Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment (SL-3)
 - Allocate approximately \$127,000 for a streetlight project to serve LMI residents and/or the LMI area.
 - One Year Action Plan Outcome: 11-16 streetlights

B. Decent Housing

Strategy No. 1 Improve access to affordable housing opportunities for Meridian residents.

- **Objective 1.1:** Address the need for affordable housing by supporting a down payment assistance program for qualifying households.

- HUD Specific Objective Category: Availability/Affordability of Decent Housing (DH-1)
- Allocate \$60,000 for down payment assistance programs targeted to low-moderate income households purchasing a home in Meridian.
 - One Year Action Plan Outcome: 4 households
- Allocate \$50,000 to support VCD LLC & The Housing Company for site improvements to publicly owned (sidewalks) to support a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit affordable housing development .
 - One Year Action Plan Outcome – 1 Public Facility (supporting 59 low-income residents).

SECTION VI
Description of Activities

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In PY2016, the City of Meridian will allocate 100% of all non-administrative funds on activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households. This city will continue to monitor and evaluate its performance throughout the coming three-year certification cycle (Program Years 2016, 2017, and 2018) to make certain it will meet the required 70% expenditure to benefit LMI persons during the cycle. The City's PY2016 entitlement is anticipated at \$329,895. A description of all the planned activities for PY2016 is identified below.

A. Description of 2016 Housing Activities

Down Payment Assistance Program

Priority: *Affordable Housing*

National Objective: *Low Moderate Income Persons-housing activities (LMH) 570.208 (a)(3)*

Outcome Category: *Affordability*

Outcome Measure: *4 households*

The City will partner with two housing service providers to assist qualified LMI buyers to purchase a home in Meridian. The funds allocated to Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)--\$30,000 and the Ada County Housing Authority (ACHA)--\$30,000 will be used for down payment and closing cost assistance. As identified in the City's Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments reports, many households in Meridian are interested in purchasing a home, but cannot afford the down payment for such a purpose. This activity is intended to address this need and broaden the homeownership opportunities for Meridian's LMI population.

B. Description of 2016 Public Service Activities

The City has allocated the maximum allowed amount of 15% for public service activities, \$53,448. The allocation will be divided between three public service activities to address the availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment.

Hunger Relief Program

Priority: *Suitable Living Environment, Public Services*

National Objective: *Low Moderate Income Clientele (LMC) 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B)*

Outcome Category: *Availability/Accessibility*

Outcome Measure: *2,000+ people assisted*

The City will provide support to the Meridian Food Bank in the amount of \$36,448 for the purchase of food to be distributed to persons and families in need. The Food Bank continues to experience a heavy demand, and the provision of CDBG funding will enable to Food Bank to

purchase and supply food to those in need. The ability for the Food Bank to leverage additional resources will exponentially increase the effectiveness of the award.

Homelessness Prevention

Priority: *Housing, Public Services*

National Objective: *Low Moderate Income Clientele (LMC) 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B)*

Outcome Category: *Availability/Accessibility*

Outcome Measure: *12 Households*

The City will provide support the Jesse Tree of Idaho in the amount of \$7,000 for the purpose of providing one-time relief to families in Meridian at risk of becoming homeless. This program uses these funds as emergency rental assistance to families who are at risk of being homeless. No funds will be used for case management.

Boys and Girls Club Scholarship Program

Priority: *Suitable Living Environment, Public Service*

National Objective: *Low-Moderate Income Clientele (LMC) 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B)*

Outcome Category: *Availability/Accessibility*

Outcome Measure: *45 people assisted*

The City will provide support to the Meridian Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of providing scholarships to children of LMI households for the Club's fee-based programs. The scholarships will be for free or reduced membership some of the Club's fee-based extended services including the Summer Early Risers, the Meridian Sunrise Club and the Meridian Year One Program. These programs provide an important resource to working parents, particularly during the summer months.

C. Description of 2016 Public Facility Activities

Meridian LMI Streetlights

Priority: *Suitable Living Environment, Public Facility*

National Objective: *Low-Moderate Income Persons, Area Benefit (LMA) 570.208(a)(1)*

Outcome Category: *Availability/Accessibility*

Outcome Measure: *11-16 completed streetlights*

Project funds (\$127,000) will be used by Meridian Public Works in order to provide a needed enhanced quality of life enhancement in the Meridian LMI area. These areas within the LMI with substandard lighting will be have an improved safety and security atmosphere, significantly impacting the residents of the area as well as increasing walkability. The project provides amenities to the LMI population that currently does not exist.

2 ½ St Sidewalk Improvements for Multifamily Residential

Priority: *Decent Housing, Public Facility*

National Objective: *Low-Moderate Income- Housing (LMH) 570.207(c)(3)*

Outcome Category: *Availability/Accessibility*

Outcome Measure: *1 completed public facility*

Project funds (\$50,000) will be used by VCD Inc, a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Developer, and The Housing Company, a non-profit, to design required improvements (specifically, sidewalks) in the area of a future Multifamily, Mixed-Income LIHTC Development. Upon construction of the property, the development will serve 72-74 residents, with 59 units being set-aside for families earning less than 60% of the Area Median Income. This new development will have a direct impact on the gap in affordable housing to Meridian, as well as answer specific barriers to affordable housing outlined in the City's 2012 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (Impediment 1 – Lack of Affordable Housing)

D. Description of 2016 General Program Administration

City of Meridian Community Development Department

Community Development Block Grant Program

Program Administration Costs 570.206

Planning Activities 570.205

Activities include preparing required reports and planning documents, contract administration, grant management, citizen participation, sub-recipient monitoring, fair housing education, environmental reviews, and the identification and development of programs to meet the needs of the community's lower income residents. The city needs to begin the consultation process and development of the next consolidated plan (2017-2021). The City is allocating \$65,500 for administrative expenses, less than the allowed 20% cap of the CDBG program

E. Description of 2016 Fair Housing Activities

Fair Housing Activities 570.206(c)

The City is allocating \$3,000 for Fair Housing Activities in PY2016, included in the administrative budget. In accordance with the Fair Housing Action Plan (FHAP) developed as a result of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report adopted on April 17, 2012, the table below identifies the activities the City anticipates working towards during PY2016. The activities and goals identified for PY2016 are based on the 5-year Fair Housing Action Plan; however, if the City is unable to work on some of these activities, the FHAP will be re-evaluated at the end of PY2016 in order to determine how best to proceed for PY2017.

FHAP Action Item	Activities	Lead Agency/ Responsible Entity	Funding Source/ Amount	Program Year 2016 Goals
Barrier 1 (Fair Housing Related Activity/Affordable Housing) Lack of affordable housing.				
1.1 Preserve existing affordable housing units in the city.	Meet with affordable housing owners and help encourage them to not let contract on affordable units expire.	City of Meridian, CDBG Administrator	City of Meridian, CDBG Administration	Conduct at least one meeting with owners of affordable housing units in Meridian.
1.2 Convene an affordable housing task force to investigate ways to develop new affordable housing.	Liaise with the local affordable housing task force to identify strategies for use within the city of Meridian.	City of Meridian, CDBG Administrator	City of Meridian, CDBG Administration	Identify any tools the city could use to encourage affordable housing development in Meridian.
Barrier 2 (Impediment) Potential resident opposition to affordable housing development.				
2.1 Continue to participate in regional fair housing awareness campaign and tailor it current needs.	Monetarily sponsor the regional fair housing awareness campaign.	City of Meridian, CDBG Administrator	City of Meridian, CDBG Administration	Sponsor the regional fair housing awareness campaign.
	Design and distribute flyers and display posters in Meridian specific to the current fair housing needs in Meridian.	City of Meridian, CDBG Administrator	City of Meridian, CDBG Administration	Provide flyers and posters to at least 5 landlords and 5 homeowner's associations in Meridian.
Barrier 3 (Impediment) Limited public transportation opportunities.				
3.1 Continue to stay engaged in regional transportation planning efforts, leverage local resources for local transit opportunities and seek partnerships.	Research state and federal transportation grants and determine if they could help support public transit planning efforts in Meridian.	City of Meridian Staff and Meridian Transportation Task Force	City of Meridian Staff Time	Create a list of potential transportation grants the City may be interested in applying for.
	Meet as scheduled with the Meridian Transportation Commission, the ACHD Capital Improvement Citizen Advisory Committee (ACHD CICAC), the COMPASS Regional Technical Advisory Committee (COMPASS RTAC)..	City of Meridian Planning Staff	City of Meridian Staff Time	Provide an update on any work the Meridian Transportation Task Force or other committee's may be doing related to public transportation in Meridian.
Barrier 4 (Impediment) Lack of understanding by developers and landlords about housing accessibility requirements.				
4.1 Tailor fair housing outreach campaign to address the needs of persons with disabilities.	As part of regional fair housing awareness campaign, address needs of persons with disabilities, such as including information about reasonable accommodations/ service animals.	City of Meridian, CDBG Administrator	City of Meridian, CDBG Administration	Provide flyers and list of information sources to at least 5 landlords in Meridian.

4.2 Expand outreach and education to Meridian's landlords.	Conduct a fair housing training in Meridian specific to landlords.	City of Meridian, CDBG Administrator	City of Meridian, CDBG Administration	Prepare to conduct a fair housing training for at least 10 Meridian landlords in coordination with the Cities of Nampa and Boise in 2017.
4.3 Train City Community Development staff on ADA and fair housing design and construction guidelines.	Conduct an internal training for Community Development staff on fair housing design and construction guidelines.	City of Meridian, CDBG Administrator	City of Meridian, CDBG Administration	Conduct an internal training for at least 2 City Community Development staff.

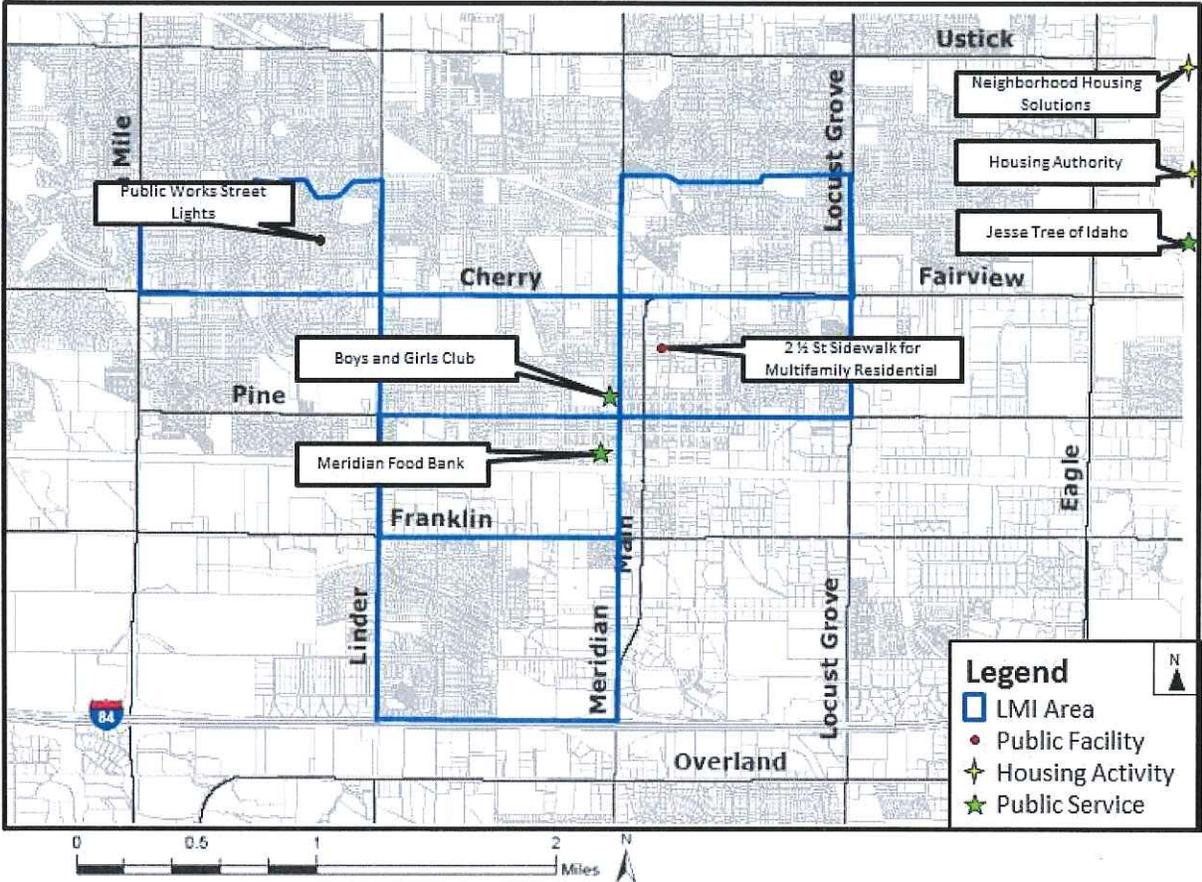
SECTION VII
Geographic Distribution and Obstacles to Addressing
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Section VII

Geographic Distribution and Obstacles to Addressing Underserved Needs

Since the PY2014 Action Plan was approved, the city’s LMI area grew to encompass three (3) additional areas. The PY2016 projects which will be supported with CDBG funds are mapped below. The City intends to distribute 100% of its non-administrative CDBG funds through seven activities, all of which are intended to serve LMI individuals. These will take place primarily within the LMI Areas of the city, but will also assist LMI households and families throughout the city.

2016 Distribution of Funds



*Census block groups and tracts: Census Tract 103.21, Block Group 2; Census Tract 103.22, Block Groups 1, 2 & 3; Census Tract 103.33, Block Group 1; Census Tract 103.35, Block Group 2;

As identified in the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan (Section II, page 3), the City has no areas of minority concentration or any impact areas within the City. The Census block group with the largest proportion of non-white residents (14%) is block group 2 of Census tract 103.22, which

encompasses the City's downtown business district. The Census block group with the largest proportion of Hispanic residents (14%) is block group 2 of tract 103.21. This block group lies adjacent to the city's main downtown area. As identified in the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan (Section IV, page 22), the City's basis for allocating investments has not and likely will not be geographically delineated within the City's boundaries.

Funding is determined upon meeting national objectives, qualifying eligible activities, and a competitive application process. The Community Development Department hosts an annual CDBG Workshop where past, current, and potential future sub-recipients are invited to attend and hear about the goals and objectives for the coming program year. After the workshop, potential sub-recipients are encouraged to apply for CDBG funding for proposed projects or activities. All eligible applications are considered for funding within the context of the broad goals and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan. Funding recommendations under the 2016 Program Year were made in consideration of the goals and outcomes of the proposed project, the need that the project addresses, how the organization plans to carry out the project, and the degree to which the project or program addressed the priorities and objectives defined in the Consolidated Plan.

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs. The greatest single obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the limited funding available to address identified needs.

SECTION VIII
Additional Requirements

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Additional Requirements

A. Affordable Housing

The City is primarily working to address affordable housing in Program Year 2016 by focusing on the action items in the Fair Housing Action Plan as identified in Section VI, A; E. The City is allocating funds in PY2016 to one infrastructure design project in support of an affordable housing activity. Additionally, the City will be partnering with the Ada County Housing Authority (ACHA) and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) for direct homebuyer assistance to LMI families.

The City does not plan to provide monetary assistance for rental purposes in the upcoming program year, but will continue to facilitate discussions with area residents and service providers.

B. Public Housing

The City does not plan to contribute monetarily to expanding public housing in PY2016, but will continue to encourage homeownership for eligible buyers as described above. Further, the City will participate in the regional dialogue with neighboring communities and service providers to (1) define goals and formulate a public housing strategy, (2) identify potential funding sources to implement that strategy, and (3) involve new/broader segments of the community that have not been involved in such discussions in the past.

C. Homeless and Other Special Needs

In PY2016, CDBG funds will be invested in one activity specifically targeted to the objective to serve homeless families. Funds will be utilized by Jesse Tree of Idaho for one-time emergency rental assistance for families at risk of losing their housing situation, as a measure to prevent homelessness. The City's efforts to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families, to prevent low-income individuals and families with children from becoming homeless, to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, to address chronic homelessness, and to address the special needs of non-homeless persons will still occur primarily through an ongoing partnership with the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC). The City is not a recipient of HOPWA formula grants.

The City will participate in the CoC to identify ways of supporting area housing providers' efforts to increase affordable transitional and permanent housing facilities. The Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC) works to provide supportive housing services to address the reasons for a persons' homelessness, which may include mental illness, disabilities, or fleeing from domestic violence. This CoC operates within Ada County, in which the City of Meridian is located. As additional information is obtained regarding homelessness within Meridian, the City will determine whether other federal, state or local/private funds can be leveraged with CDBG

funding to effectively address these needs within the community in future program years. So while the City has not set specific numeric goals to assist special needs populations during Program Year 2016, it does provide support for and coordinate with an existing CoC that does provide these supportive services. If one of the proposals the City chooses to fund under the CDBG grant should specifically benefit a Special Needs population (s), quantifiable goals will be established during the contracting phase.

D. Barriers to Affordable Housing

As identified in Section VI, the City completed an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice report in Spring 2012. The report identified observations and impediments along with objectives and activities to address those impediments. This year, the city intends to support one project (design of sidewalk along 2 ½ St) that will directly support the growth of affordable housing in Meridian.

Additionally, as the 2012-2016 cycle comes to a close, the City will be conducting new consolidated planning activities and participating in a new Analysis of Impediments for the 2017-2021 cycle.

E. Other Actions

The CDBG Administrator will endeavor to create a more user-friendly web site for the program, which should enhance the public and staff's ability to garner information quickly and efficiently.

Over the course of the upcoming program year, the City will maintain information on lead-based paint hazards in order to (1) educate the public, (2) gauge the prevalence of lead paint contamination, and (3) start to address the issue within the City. There is a wealth of information already available from HUD, the State, neighboring communities, and various organizations that staff will gather and make available at City Hall, on the City's website, and at other locations throughout the community.

The City will continue to engage in the regional dialogue with neighboring communities and service providers to identify and address underserved needs, maintain affordable housing, and reduce the number of families living in poverty.

SECTION IX

Program Specific Requirements

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Program Specific Requirements

A. Program Income

None of the identified activities for the 2016 Program Year are intended to generate program income, and no past activities have ever generated program income.

B. PY2016 CDBG Activities to Benefit LMI persons

In PY2016, the City of Meridian will allocate 100% of all non-administrative funds on activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households. In previous program years the city expended 98.07% of all non-administrative funds on activities to benefit LMI persons or households, and the city anticipates a similar percentage at the conclusion of Program Year 2015. Therefore, the City is confident that it will meet the required 70% expenditure to benefit LMI persons for the three-year certification cycle (Program Years 2012, 2013, and 2014). This 2016 Action Plan will continue the trend of using the highest percentage of funds to benefit LMI persons.

C. Monitoring

The City will employ a combination of formal and informal procedures to ensure the effectiveness of the CDBG program. Each activity in the PY2016 Action Plan is unique, requiring different steps and participation of different partners.

The CDBG administrator will maintain regular contact with implementing partners and HUD staff to ensure that activities proposed in the Action Plan (1) comply with CDBG program requirements, (2) move forward on appropriate timelines, (3) adequately forward the goals and objectives in the Consolidated Plan, and (4) are completed successfully. As potential issues are identified, City staff will promptly contact our HUD Community Planning and Development representative to discuss appropriate ways to avoid and/or address any problems.

To ensure compliance with federal regulations, including those regarding the timeliness of expenditures, the program administrator will (1) update IDIS regularly as requests for payment disbursement and activity reimbursement are received, (2) concurrently maintain a spreadsheet that tracks collective CDBG expenditures among all program years, and (3) continue working with the Finance Department on ways to refine and improve financial monitoring procedures.

The City will maintain detailed records to enable staff, HUD, auditors and the public to determine the status of each funded activity, as well as the overall program.

The City will use a variety of techniques to monitor subrecipients and review for compliance. Expectations will be clearly outlined in sub-recipient agreements, tailored specifically to each

activity and subrecipient entity. Through phone conversations, written correspondence, desk monitoring, and on-site monitoring visits, staff will review each sub-recipient's ability to meet the program's financial, production, and overall management requirements and make necessary determinations or take necessary actions to preserve program integrity. The City will also establish a monitoring schedule to ensure activities are monitored "on-site" with some regularity.

Appendix A--Tables

Table 3A Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Grantee Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Note: Activities that are not proposed for advancement in PY2016 are included in gray font.

Decent Housing with Purpose of New or Improved Availability/Accessibility (DH-1)							
	Specific Objective	Source of Funds	Year	Performance Indicators	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
DH 1.1	N/A		2012				%
			2013				%
			2014				%
			2015				%
			2016				%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				
Decent Housing with Purpose of New or Improved Affordability (DH-2)							
DH 2.1	Address the need for affordable housing by supporting a down payment assistance program for qualifying households.	CDBG	2012	Households	3	3	100%
			2013		1	2	>100%
			2014		1	4	>100%
			2015		1	1	>100%
			2016		1		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				7
Decent Housing with Purpose of New or Improved Sustainability (DH-3)							
DH 3.1	N/A		2012				%
			2013				%
			2014				%
			2015				%
			2016				%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				
Suitable Living Environment with Purpose of New or Improved Availability/Accessibility (SL-1)							
SL 1.1	Support public service activities that serve the city's LMI residents.		2012	People/Residents	2,000	65,000	>100%
			2013		2,045	59,000	>100 %
			2014		2,000		%
			2015		2,000		%
			2016		2,000		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				10,045
Suitable Living Environment with Purpose of New or Improved Affordability (SL-2)							
SL 2.1	N/A		2012				%
			2013				%
			2014				%
			2015				%
			2016				%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				
Suitable Living Environment with Purpose of New or Improved Sustainability (SL-3)							
SL 3.1	Invest in public facility improvements that serve person with special needs and low income residents or are located in LMI areas.	CDBG	2012	Public Facilities	1	0	0%
			2013		3	1	33%
			2014		1	3	>100%
			2015		0	2	>100%
			2016		1		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				3

Economic Opportunity with Purpose of New or Improved Availability/Accessibility (EO-1)							
Specific Objective		Source of Funds	Year	Performance Indicators	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
EO 1.1	Support public service activities that provide employment training or job creation/retention for the city's LMI residents.	CDBG	2012	People/Residents	10	7	70%
			2013		0	0	0%
			2014		5		%
			2015		5		%
			2016		0		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		20	7	35%
Economic Opportunity with Purpose of New or Improved Availability/Accessibility (EO-1)							
EO 1.2	Invest in public facility improvements or activities in the downtown area that address one or more the conditions which contributed to the deterioration of the area.		2012	Businesses or public facilities	0	0	%
			2013		1	2	200%
			2014		1		%
			2015		0		%
			2016		0		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		2	2	100%
Economic Opportunity with Purpose of New or Improved Sustainability (EO-3)							
EO 3.1	N/A		2012				%
			2013				%
			2014				%
			2015				%
			2016				%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				
Neighborhood Revitalization (NR-1)							
NR 1.1	N/A		2012				%
			2013				%
			2014				%
			2015				%
			2016				%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				
Other (O-1)							
O 1.1	N/A		2012				%
			2013				%
			2014				%
			2015				%
			2016				%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				
Other (O-2)							
O 2.1	N/A		2012				%
			2013				%
			2014				%
			2015				%
			2016				%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				

Table 3B Annual Affordable Housing Completion Goals

Grantee Name: Program Year:	Expected Annual Number of Units To Be Completed	Actual Annual Number of Units Completed	Resources used during the period			
			CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
BENEFICIARY GOALS (Sec. 215 Only)						
Homeless households	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-homeless households	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special needs households	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Beneficiaries*			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RENTAL GOALS (Sec. 215 Only)						
Acquisition of existing units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Production of new units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Rehabilitation of existing units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental Assistance	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Affordable Rental	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOME OWNER GOALS (Sec. 215 Only)						
Acquisition of existing units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Production of new units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Rehabilitation of existing units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Homebuyer Assistance	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Sec. 215 Affordable Owner	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMBINED RENTAL AND OWNER GOALS (Sec. 215 Only)						
Acquisition of existing units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Production of new units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Rehabilitation of existing units	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental Assistance	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Homebuyer Assistance	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Combined Total Sec. 215 Goals*	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OVERALL HOUSING GOALS (Sec. 215 + Other Affordable Housing)						
Annual Rental Housing Goal	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Owner Housing Goal	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Overall Housing Goal	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Priority Need: Program Administration

Project Title: PY2016 Program Administration

Description:

The City's overall CDBG program management, coordination, monitoring, reporting, and evaluation will include the following types of assistance:

- Coordinating Fair Housing activities with regional partners
- Ensuring compliance with the adopted Consolidated Plan
- Preparing program budgets, schedules and amendments
- Evaluating program results against stated objectives
- Monitoring program activities for progress and compliance; audit and monitoring findings
- Preparing reports and other documents for submission to HUD, to include Environmental Reviews
- Developing agreements to carry out program activities
- Updating the 5-Year Consolidated Plan

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Citywide as applicable

HUD Objective Number	Project ID	Funding Sources	
		CDBG	<u>\$65,500.00</u>
HUD Matrix Code	CDBG Citation	ESG	
21A	24 CFR § 570.206	HOME	
Type of Recipient	CDBG National Objective	HOPWA	
Entitlement	N/A	Total Formula	<u>\$65,500.00</u>
Start Date	Completion Date	Prior Year Funds	
10/1/2016	9/30/2017	Assisted Housing	
Performance Indicator	Annual Units	PHA	
N/A	N/A	Other Funding	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion	Total	<u>\$65,500.00</u>
	N/A		

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho
Priority Need: Decent Housing—Public Facility
Project Title: 2 1/12 St Sidewalk Improvements for Multifamily Development

Description:

The City will provide funds to VCD LLC in partnership with The Housing Company in order to facilitate the design of site improvements (sidewalk). These improvements are to be constructed on publicly owned land to serve a new mixed-income multifamily structure. The development is being constructed with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and is to have >51% of the units at affordable rents.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Census Tract 103.21, Block Group 2, vicinity of 2 ½ Street.

HUD Objective Number SL 3	Project ID	Funding Sources	
HUD Matrix Code 03K	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.207(b)3	CDBG	<u>\$50,000</u>
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMH	ESG HOME HOPWA	
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	Total Formula	<u>\$50,000</u>
Performance Indicator Public Facility	Annual Units 1 Segment	Prior Year Funds Assisted Housing PHA	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 1 public facilities	Other Funding Total	<u>\$50,000</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Priority Need: Suitable Living Environment—Public Facility

Project Title: Installation of Street Lights

Description: Install Street Lights at 11-16 locations within the LMI Area

The City of Meridian Public Works Department will use the CDBG funding to design and install Street lights at various locations within the LMI Area that are in need.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Various Locations within LMI Area

HUD Objective Number SL 3	Project ID	Funding Sources	
HUD Matrix Code 03K	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(c)	CDBG	<u>\$127,376</u>
Type of Recipient Entitlement	CDBG National Objective LMA	ESG	
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	HOME	
Performance Indicator Street lights	Annual Units 8	HOPWA	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 11-16 new street lights	Total Formula	<u>\$127,376</u>
		Prior Year Funds	
		Assisted Housing	
		PHA	
		Other Funding	
		Total	<u>\$127,376</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Priority Need: Suitable Living Environment—Public Services

Project Title: Scholarship Program, Meridian Boys and Girls Club

Description:

CDBG Funding will assist the Meridian Boys and Girls Club in providing scholarships to children of LMI households for the purpose of attending the Club's fee based programs.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Meridian Boys and Girls Club—911 N. Meridian Road, Census Tract 103.22, Block Group 1

HUD Objective Number SL 1	Project ID	Funding Sources CDBG <u>\$10,000</u> ESG HOME HOPWA Total Formula <u>\$10,000</u> Prior Year Funds Assisted Housing PHA Other Funding Total <u>\$10,000</u>
HUD Matrix Code 05L	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(e)	
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC	
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	
Performance Indicator Residents	Annual Units 40	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 40	

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction’s Name: City of Meridian, Idaho
Priority Need: Affordable Housing
Project Title: Boise City / Ada County Housing Authority – Home Ownership

Description:

The City will provide funding for the Ada County Housing Authority to provide direct homeownership assistance to help LMI individuals purchase homes.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area
 City-wide as applicable.

HUD Objective Number DH 2.2	Project ID	Funding Sources
HUD Matrix Code 13	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(n)	CDBG <u>\$30,000</u>
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMH	ESG HOME HOPWA
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	Total Formula <u>\$30,000</u>
Performance Indicator Households	Annual Units 2	Prior Year Funds Assisted Housing PHA
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 2	Other Funding Total <u>\$30,000</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Priority Need: Affordable Housing

Project Title: Neighborhood Housing Services – Home Ownership

Description:

The City will provide funding for Neighborhood Housing Services to provide direct homeownership assistance to help LMI individuals purchase homes in Meridian.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area
City-wide as applicable.

HUD Objective Number DH 2.2	Project ID	Funding Sources	
HUD Matrix Code 13	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(n)	CDBG	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	C DBG National Objective LMH	ESG	
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	HOME	
Performance Indicator Households	Annual Units 2	HOPWA	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 2	Total Formula	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
		Prior Year Funds	
		Assisted Housing	
		PHA	
		Other Funding	
		Total	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Priority Need: Suitable Living Environment—Public Services

Project Title: Hunger Relief, Meridian Food Bank

Description:

CDBG funding will assist the Meridian Food Bank in purchasing food and supplies related to their primary function: providing food to individuals and families in need.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Meridian Food Bank, 133 W. Broadway Avenue, Census Tract 103.22, Block Group 2

HUD Objective Number SL 1	Project ID	Funding Sources	
HUD Matrix Code 05W	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(e)	CDBG	<u>\$36,448.00</u>
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC	ESG	
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	HOME	
Performance Indicator People	Annual Units 2,000	HOPWA	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 2,000	Total Formula	<u>\$36,448.00</u>
		Prior Year Funds	
		Assisted Housing	
		PHA	
		Other Funding	
		Total	<u>\$36,448.00</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Priority Need: Suitable Living Environment—Public Services

Project Title: The Jesse Tree of Idaho – Homelessness Prevention

Description:

CDBG Funding will be utilized by The Jesse Tree of Idaho for the Emergency Rent and Mercy Assistance (ERMA) program. ERMA provides rent assistance to qualified applicants for one month along with appropriate/need referrals and case management services that explore barriers to housing.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area
City-wide as applicable

HUD Objective Number SL 1	Project ID	Funding Sources	
HUD Matrix Code 05S	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(e)	CDBG	<u>\$7,000</u>
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMH	ESG HOME HOPWA	
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	Total Formula	<u>\$7,000</u>
Performance Indicator Households	Annual Units 12	Prior Year Funds Assisted Housing PHA	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 12	Other Funding Total	<u>\$7,000</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects ****ALTERNATE PROJECT****

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Priority Need: Economic Development

Project Title: MDC Façade Improvements

Description:

****ALTERNATE PROJECT**** The City of Meridian Public Works Department will use the CDBG funding to design and install Street lights at various locations within the LMI Area that are in need.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity
Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Various Locations within LMI Area

HUD Objective Number SL 3	Project ID	Funding Sources CDBG \$40,000 ESG HOME HOPWA Total Formula \$40,000 Prior Year Funds Assisted Housing PHA Other Funding Total \$40,000
HUD Matrix Code 03K	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(c)	
Type of Recipient Entitlement	C DBG National Objective LMA	
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	
Performance Indicator Street lights	Annual Units 4	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 11-16 new street lights	

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Table 3C

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects ****ALTERNATE PROJECT****

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Meridian, Idaho

Priority Need: Economic Development

Project Title: LMI Sidewalk Improvements

Description:

****ALTERNATE PROJECT**** Partner with Meridian Development Corporation to complete installation within the LMI. This project is an alternate "fall back" public facilities project.

Objective Category: Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing Economic Opportunity

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

Location/Target Area

Census Tract 103.21, Block Group 2; Census Tract 103.22, Block Groups 1, 2 & 3; Census Tract 103.33, Block Group 1; Census Tract 103.35, Block Group 2

HUD Objective Number SL 3	Project ID	Funding Sources	
HUD Matrix Code 03L	CDBG Citation 24 CFR § 570.201(c)	CDBG	<u>\$100,000</u>
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMA	ESG HOME HOPWA	
Start Date 10/1/2016	Completion Date 9/30/2017	Total Formula	<u>\$100,000</u>
Performance Indicator Public Facility	Annual Units 1	Prior Year Funds Assisted Housing PHA	
Local ID	Units Upon Completion 1	Other Funding Total	<u>\$100,000</u>

The primary purpose of the project is to help:

The Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

Appendix B

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace --It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has

designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted
 - (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Title

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation --It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan --Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan --It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds --It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2012, 2013, and 2014, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the

public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force --It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws --The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint --Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws --It will comply with applicable laws.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) 33 E. Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho 83642

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

This information with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

"Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

"Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

"Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All "direct charge" employees; (ii) all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Appendix C

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
Version 02	
<p>*1. Type of Submission:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	<p>*2. Type of Application * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation *Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Revision
3. Date Received:	4. Applicant Identifier:
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	*5b. Federal Award Identifier:
State Use Only:	
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
*a. Legal Name: CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO	
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 82-6000225	*c. Organizational DUNS: 028 451 367
d. Address:	
*Street 1:	<u>33 E. Broadway</u>
Street 2:	_____
*City:	<u>Meridian</u>
County:	<u>Ada</u>
*State:	<u>Idaho</u>
Province:	_____
*Country:	<u>USA</u>
*Zip / Postal Code	<u>83642</u>
e. Organizational Unit:	
Department Name: Meridian Community Development Department	Division Name:
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:	

Prefix: _____	*First Name: <u>Sean</u> _____
Middle Name: _____	
*Last Name: <u>Kelly</u> _____	
Suffix: _____	
Title: CDBG Administrator	
Organizational Affiliation:	
*Telephone Number: 208-884-5533	Fax Number: 208-888-6854
*Email: skelly@meridiancity.org	

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 01/31/2009

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 Version 02
<p>*9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: C. City or Township Government</p> <p>Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:</p> <p>Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:</p> <p>*Other (Specify)</p>
<p>*10 Name of Federal Agency: HUD</p>
<p>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: _____</p> <p>CFDA Title: _____</p>
<p>*12 Funding Opportunity Number: 14.218 _____</p> <p>*Title: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/ENTITLEMENT GRANTS _____</p>

<p>13. Competition Identification Number:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Title:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</p> <p>CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO</p>
<p>*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</p> <p>Investment funds to create/sustain suitable living environments, expand affordable housing opportunities, eliminate slum and blight, and administer the CDBG program.</p>

<p>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</p> <p>Version 02</p>																	
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*e. Other _____

*f. Program Income _____

*g. TOTAL _____

\$356,324

***19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on _____

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E. O. 12372

***20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)**

Yes No

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U. S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: _____ *First Name: Tammy

Middle Name: _____

*Last Name: De Weerd

Suffix: _____

*Title: Mayor

*Telephone Number: 208-888-4433 Fax Number: 208-884-8723

* Email: deweerdt@meridiancity.org

*Signature of Authorized Representative:  *Date Signed: 8/9/16

Appendix D

Public Notices

Idaho Statesman

The Newspaper of the Treasure Valley
 IDAHO STATESMAN.COM
 PO Box 40, Boise, ID 83707-0040

LEGAL PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Account #	Ad Number	Identification	PO	Amount	Cols	Lines
263398	0002540178	LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF MERIDIAN NOTICE O	CDBG PY2016	\$137.00	2	40

Attention: SEAN KELLY

CITY OF MERIDIAN / CLASSIFIED - HR
 33 E BROADWAY AVE SUITE 308
 MERIDIAN, ID 836422619

**LEGAL NOTICE
 CITY OF MERIDIAN
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
 Regarding Meridian's Community Development Block Grant
 (CDBG) Program**

The City of Meridian has been designated an Entitlement Community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This designation allows the City to receive funds annually from HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City anticipates that it will receive an allocation of \$396,324 on October 1, 2016.

In order to receive these funds, the City must submit to HUD an Annual Action Plan identifying the projects and goals the City will undertake to create new jobs, increase affordable and accessible housing and revitalize Meridian neighborhoods during the next Program Year.

ALL CITIZENS ARE INVITED to attend a public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 3:00 P.M., in the Meridian City Council Chambers, Meridian City Hall, 33 E. Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho, regarding the 2016 Annual Action Plan. Special invitation is extended to persons with disabilities, residents of assisted housing, and Meridian business and property owners. Meridian City Hall is a handicapped accessible facility. Individuals requiring accommodation of physical, sight, or hearing impairments or language interpretation please contact the City Clerk at (208) 888-4433. All citizens may review the draft plan and provide testimony. Copies of the draft plan will be available July 6, 2016 at the Meridian City Hall in the Community Development Department, and on the City's CDBG website, <http://www.meridiandcity.org/cdbg>

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Pub. July 4, 18, 2016 _____0002540178-01

JANICE HILDRETH, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the Principal Clerk of The Idaho Statesman, a daily newspaper printed and published at Boise, Ada County, State of Idaho, and having a general circulation therein, and which said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said County during a period of twelve consecutive months prior to the first publication of the notice, a copy of which is attached hereto: that said notice was published in The Idaho Statesman, in conformity with Section 60-108, Idaho Code, as amended, for:

2 Insertions

Beginning issue of: 07/04/2016

Ending issue of: 07/18/2016

Janice Hildreth
 (Legals Clerk)

STATE OF IDAHO)

.SS

COUNTY OF ADA)

On this 18th day of July in the year of 2016 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Janice Hildreth known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

Diane B. Campbell
 Notary Public FOR Idaho
 Residing at: Boise, Idaho

My Commission expires: 7/23/2021



LEGAL ADVERTISING PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Account: City of Meridian Identification: Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment
 Address: 33 E. Broadway Ave. Meridian, Idaho Run Dates: 07-04 & 07-11 '16 Period Re: Meridian CDBG Program
 83642 Number Lines 60 Amount \$57.60
 Attention: _____ Other \$108.00

CITY OF MERIDIAN
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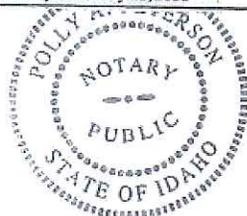
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Publish: July 4 and July 11, 2016



Frank Thomason, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the Principal Clerk of Valley Times, a weekly newspaper published at Eagle, Ada County, State of Idaho; that the said newspaper is in general circulation in the said County of Ada, and in the vicinity of Meridian, Star, and Eagle, and has been uninterruptedly

published in said County during a period of eventy-eight consecutive weeks prior to the first cation of this notice, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that the notice was published in Valley Times, in conformity with Section 60-108, Idaho Code, as amended, for 2 time(s) in the regular and entire issue of said paper, and as printed in the newspaper proper, and not in a supplement; and that said notice was published

on the following dates:

Beginning July 4, 2016
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 Ending July 11, 2016
Frank Thomason

STATE OF IDAHO)
)SS
 COUNTY OF ADA)

On this 12th day of July in the year of 2016 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Frank Thomason, known or identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements herein are true, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Polly A. Peterson
 Notary Public for Idaho
 Residing at Boise, ID
 My Commission expires: 5/27/17

Appendix E

PY2016 CDBG Action Plan Public Comments Received

From: Debbie Espen [<mailto:debbieespen@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 3:21 AM
To: Sean Kelly
Subject: Affordable Housing

Greetings,

I was appalled by the comments regarding poor people in the article in the Meridian Press. *To automatically equate poor people with criminality is insulting.* I am a poor person myself, living on Disability/Social Security. All the years I worked and raised a family I was also below the poverty line. It was a struggle. I never ever did anything criminal, nor would I! I am a church-going, educated woman, involved in interfaith and human rights activities. Since I am always thirsty for knowledge, my favorite place to go is the Meridian Library. Every poor person I have known and currently know are good people, not criminals!

Name Stan Pierson
Last Name Pierson
Email Address Cre82x4@yahoo.com
Street Address 3745 N McKinley Park Ave
City Meridian
State ID
Zip Code 83646
Subject Adding subsidized housing units to downtown Meridian
Message I am a retired police Lietenant from the Kansas City, Missouri urban area. Of the 31 years I served, 11 were in investigations plus I was a member of the Metro Squad which joined detectives from all the major departments to investigate homocides on either side of the Missouri-Kansas state line. When I read last month that this safe and blessed community was considering adding subsidized housing units to downtown Meridian my heart sank. One thing I know is that it is extremely likely gangs and gang wannabes will be drawn to such a location. They tend to be the children of the poor and fatherless who have been making bad decisions all their lives and find themselves dirt poor because of it. Subsidized housing - it's where you go to find the guys that agreed to kill each other's probation officer. It's where you go to find the prostitute that passed the stolen check her handler was traded for a rock of crack. Yes, there are poor that deserve a helping hand. But, your good intentions or ideas for making a buck would seriously change the demographics of your community. Below is an excerpt identifying the property as subsidized where a group of men approached and began shooting people at 11:30pm just hanging out outside. They don't have jobs so hanging out is a big part of their social life. 2 dead so far. Please thoroughly investigate the effects of the communities here subsidized housing exists because what you do will determine the future for this community and all the good intentions in the world won't alter the facts of what would come. "Eureka Garden is a federally subsidized apartment complex just west of Cassat Avenue, owned by Global Ministries Foundation of Memphis, Tenn. The Rev. Richard Hamlet, President and CEO of Global Ministries, issued a statement about the shooting late Monday morning. He said their hearts go out to those who were injured ?by the brazen actions of the criminals who appeared during the night at Eureka and terrorized the families living there.? He said they are working with the Sheriff?s Office to help identify the gunmen and bring them to justice swiftly."

Name Mark Thompson
Last Name Thompson
Email Address Beamsf15e@hotmail.com
Street Address 489 W Dreyfuss St
City Meridian
State ID
Zip Code 83646
Subject Change to low income housing meeting

Message I would request that the Meridian city council meeting on the proposed low income housing be rescheduled to an evening hour (after 6pm) so working, voting, and tax paying members of the community be able to attend. As it currently stands, having the meeting at 3pm would effectively preclude most working taxpayers from being able to hear the arguments and potentially voice specific concerns. Thank you

Name Cloma Kelly
Last Name Kelly
Email Address cathy_kelly624@hotmail.com
Street Address 2783 W Lost Rapids Dr
City Meridian
State ID
Zip Code 83646
Subject Subsidized Housing in Meridian

Message The above topic is scheduled to be heard by the City Council on 7/9/16 at 3:00pm. Due to the importance & interest in this proposal/subject, we are requesting that the hearing be rescheduled for an evening City Council Meeting in order for more people to be able to attend & express their opinion.

Councilmen Ty Palmer,

It's been nearly a week since I sadly watched a news report interviewing you while you discussed your disdain about the potential placement of low income housing in Meridian. Having grown up and still practicing the Catholic faith it's inherent in my core beliefs the importance of social justice. We have a responsibility to help balance the scales in our society.

Councilman Palmer, if you think for even a minute that our community is made up of individuals that live a comfortable life I encourage you to get out walk the neighborhoods. Discover yourself the unique needs of our neighborhoods and the people who live in them.

Having retired from law enforcement (Crime Prevention) after a 25 year span, my absolute favorite area to work in was in North Portland a low income housing WWII development called Columbia Villa, it was (and still is) the largest public housing stock in Oregon. In 2005 the development received a grant to rebuild and working with the community, law enforcement, housing authority and the City of Portland a new project rose up from the ashes called New Columbia. I say this, as working as a team, much can be accomplished.

I have the utmost faith in our Meridian Police Department, City of Meridian and the community to make great things happen to keep our city the wonderful city it is.

Although I've seen you at several community meetings, up until I heard this news report I hadn't known your core characteristics. Needless to say, I'm deeply disappointed. If life has treated you well, as it seems it has, then justice demands that you help balance the scales. Please begin to think beyond yourself.

Respectfully,

Melissa Delaney
2676 W Creekstone Ct.
Meridian, ID 83646
Melissadelaney50@yahoo.com

Name Nathan Herren
Last Name Herren
Email Address nathanherren@gmail.com
Street Address 10485 W. Sawtail Street
City Boise
State Idaho
Zip Code 83714
Subject Ty Palmer must go

Message It's readily apparent that Ty Palmer is precisely the type of person who should never be allowed to hold any public office whatsoever. "If it's subsidized whatever the income range, it's going to attract the kinds of people that are going to be more prone to criminal activity," said Meridian City Councilman Ty Palmer. If you allowed him to, he would lead you down a path that ends in violations of the Fair Housing Act. Apparently, he's unaware that income levels are not indicative of criminal activity. Indeed, even our own Governor engaged in criminal activity while in office: Together, the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Treasure Valley Racing violated the RICO act, specifically, these provisions: (1) ?illegal gambling business? means a gambling business which? (i) is a violation of the law of a State or political subdivision in which it is conducted; (ii) involves five or more persons who conduct, finance, manage, supervise, direct, or own all or part of such business; and (iii) has been or remains in substantially continuous operation for a period in excess of thirty days or has a gross revenue of \$2,000 in any single day. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1955> Remove him from office. He's as inept as he is stupid.

I am unable to attend the public hearing on August 9th to address this request, but I truly want my voice to be heard.

I take offense to the statement made by Meridian City Councilman Ty Palmer that affordable housing will attract the kinds of people that are going to be more prone to criminal activity. Most criminals have a higher income level than the old or disabled.

All poor people are not criminals, and all criminals are not poor.

I am in the midst of having to move out of Meridian, my home town, because there is virtually nothing here I can afford to rent.

I am a law abiding citizen that through the death of my husband, my health, and my age, can no longer work & cannot afford to remain in my home; I will be retiring in October. I have been a lifelong Idaho resident and worked as a productive citizen all of my adult life, I am a community volunteer and I have never had even a traffic ticket, I have raised 4 solid, good children to be law abiding adults, and I will not be able to stay in my home town if I cannot find affordable housing in Meridian.

PLEASE! Do not paint us all using the same brush, it just isn't true.

I would urge every council member to consider this proposal because it is NOT a crime to make under \$35,000 per year. It will be too late to help me, but hopefully not the next person that finds themselves suddenly in need of a decent place to live within their own community.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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Subject Low Income Housing
Message Mr. Palmer, thank you for taking a stand on the low income housing. Meridian is so busy building many, many houses on tiny lots that the allure of the city and personality of the city is changing. Additional low income housing is the last thing we need.

Subject: Support for Mayor Tammy

Francis Gandy-Walsh called. She is an Eagle resident and Meridian property owner/ taxpayer. She is upset with the comments made by Councilman Ty Palmer regarding low-income housing. She feels he does not understand that low pay does not equate to criminal behavior. Her daughter is a probation officer and doesn't make much money but is a good mother who does not get child support. Her daughter and many others need affordable housing. She said "he is discriminating against women and pedaling hate."

She supports Mayor Tammy and knows she has done a great job.

She asked for his phone number and will be calling him.

Francis Gandy-Walsh [208 340-1932](tel:2083401932)

Peggy Gardner

Administrative Assistant to
Mayor Tammy de Weerd

It was a shock as my wife & I watched channel 7 news and learned of the proposed plan to build a "low income" "government assisted" housing development on 2 ½ street.

When I hear the term "diversity" as it is used in today's world, I feel the need to vomit. We already have, in Meridian, many low income Government assisted projects, which in my opinion, and speaking from experience, negates in some folks, the need to work hard, and produce.

My wife and I have been property owners at 1620 E 2 ½ street since 1991, and we are adamantly and vehemently opposed to such a project. I am 71 years old, and I am NOT pre judging, but from personal experience I know that unless these units will be for disabled or seniors, there will be issues, when people take advantage of the "system" and choose to just waste time. Too much time on your hands creates, problems. We have enjoyed a peaceful home here and wish to keep it that way.

We have lived next door to Cherry Lane Apartments since we bought our home, and I can vouch that a large percentage of the occupants there do NOT work, generally loaf all day, collect assistance checks, do nothing, and I see NO reason to encourage this behavior, and there have been issues over the years, with do nothing tenants.

There are much better places to consider this project than one block off of Main Street. Meridian is growing and prospering, and we feel that this project is ill conceived, and not needed on this street, nor this close to town.

The schools locally, to my knowledge, are full to bursting, the street has NO sidewalks, Cole Valley school at the corner contributes over 100 cars daily when in session, and we feel this street could not handle another 150 to 200 vehicles daily on top of that, which is a conservative number. Other than the safety concerns, we feel that the influx of people qualified to occupy such a complex, would be detrimental to our neighborhood, and a very serious safety concern.

Our street is somewhat quiet and peaceful, even with the traffic increase in the last few years, and we would like to keep it that way. This project would be much better suited to a location further from downtown, where schools, safety and traffic would be less of a problem.

What is really needed are single family dwellings, and folks who would take pride in their homes.

We will be at the meeting next month to verbally state our position of displeasure on this matter, "diversity" isn't needed on 2 ½ Street!!!

William & Eileen Gardoski

In reference to Meridian's City Council thinking about awarding low income housing subsidies from the federal government to developers to build apartments in old town Meridian, we should ponder the following:

1. At the basis of everybody arguing FOR this government subsidy, they are arguing from the premise that one faction of society owes another faction of society free housing, free food stamps, free aid for dependent children, free iPhones, and in essence total welfare for the recipients' existence. The question is: by what moral or even constitutional right does one group claim another group owes it a living? Do we reside in a "needs based" society in which economics is a zero-sum game and those who somehow "prove" they are more needy than others deserve to receive capital or savings or tax money from those who are somehow defined to be "less needy?" If we try to live in a "needs based" society, we are not being humane, we are destroying our culture by trying to implement a philosophy that is a contradiction in terms. If everybody's rights to receive are determined by their "neediness," everybody will try to become needy instead of taking responsibility for their own actions. How do we determine who is the most needy? If I have the right to receive, and my neighbor has reciprocal rights to receive, then we are basically attempting to implement reciprocal rip-off rights, a contradiction in terms. It can never be implemented and, in fact, will result in wrecking the natural functioning of a free market economy as it destroys real market prices and substitutes government handouts as fake market prices instead. So, in summary of Point 1, the premise of subsidized housing is a bad economic move and should be rejected.
2. Having lived (some 20 years ago) in areas in California in which subsidized "projects" were implemented, and traveling the East Coast of America and seen the same, the empirical evidence is overwhelming that subsidized rentals create high-crime slum areas. People who have no personal investment in their own property – whether housing or other property – either have no respect for said property and actually do not like the welfare they hate to identify with as receiving or, in other cases, use the facilities as drug labs or other nefarious activities because it lowers their overhead expenses and they're not really "living" there anyway. It's a place of business, not a home for poor starving children. Yes, it all sounds good on paper, and Joe Doe can start out really living there, but he may be inclined after being offered lots of money to let his "brother" move in and use the subsidized apartment as a meth lab, for example. Is this true in every case? Of course not. Does it happen in subsidized housing? Look at every major city in the U.S. and see what happens in "the projects." After a couple of decades, the city or county ends up blowing up the "projects" and the developer is long gone. After all, the developer received his free government-backed funny money and all the agencies involved in this mass bureaucracy will swear up and down that their only intent was to help the poor, starving, and needy – there's that premise again, needs-based rights-to-receive philosophy – by providing government tax money. Which leads us to finances.

3. Where does the government money come from? Some from taxation but most of it comes from the central bank's – the Federal Reserve's – dumping our gold standard and simply printing up trillions and trillions of non-backed capital and flooding the economy with it. Welcome to Keynesian Economics, in which it is presumed that one can enrich an economy by injecting tons of printed up paper which does not represent real capital but rather future taxation if that is possible. Is it possible for our nation to continue pumping out trillions of fake dollars and pretending we are rich? Add up all the little amounts the federal government is dumping into the economy – we're up to \$20 trillion today – plus the future government promised debt – around \$450 quadrillion for social security, medical, and other expenditures – and it is easy to see how we are bankrupting ourselves. So the Meridian City Council could simply say, "So what's another \$400,000 that we receive free from the federal government?" A drop in the bucket. Or the Meridian City Council could say, "Hey, if we don't take this money, someone else will." These are poor excuses to spend fake government money for questionable housing solutions in the first place with a bad premise.
4. In summary, the axiomatic primaries – the root moral philosophy – for establishing a "needs-based" society is highly questionable since it is a contradiction in terms, in the long run. Looks good on paper, maybe, but it is a violation of taxpayer rights to control their own money rather than the federal government playing Welfare Broker with the people's tax money and inflated currency. Secondly, economics is not a zero-sum game. Capital is not a constant. It is created and increased by hard work and individuals risking capital in the market. Government intervention destroys market prices, and thus all exchange of commodities and services relative to real supply and demand. Let the free market work and allow all individuals to participate freely in non-infringing free market exchanges without force or fraud. This, by the way, will greatly help those whose needs-based "poverty" we are talking about and whose poverty is actually the result of previous governmental intervention into what would have been a market economy, ostensibly to "help" the "needy." May I remind you of the real estate bubble and subsequent crash in 2008? And it looks like we're heading down that same path again – right after the Fed's Sally Mae took over student loans, whose current indebtedness has now surpassed the nation's current housing mortgage morass. Same game, different target. First housing, then students, you get the picture...

I urge the Meridian City Council to reject low rent subsidized money to build "projects" or "welfare apartments" or whatever nicey-nicey name the developers want to ascribe to their receipt of cheap government money.

Thanks for listening,

Harry Lear
Meridian, Idaho

An article appeared in Meridian Press July 11th, 2016 and covered the July 5th Meridian City Council meeting at which subsidized housing for Meridian was a topic. Two of the major players were: VCD,LLC and The Housing Company both of whom are HUD associates. They make their money building low income federal housing. Of course they want to build in Meridian. They'll build anywhere they are allowed in.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development used Dallas as a test area for larger vouchers in outlying areas. The city is now experiencing more violence. Dallas now has one of the highest murder rates in the nation.

Low income housing tends to morph into crime areas as was demonstrated when we lived in WA state. Large low income apartments were built in Federal Way near where we lived. Within two months it was no longer safe to shop at Albertsons after dark. The entire neighborhood is now a complete disaster. Property values plummeted, and the streets are a mess.

Doug Crowther of VCD stated at the meeting that, "Federally- subsidized housing is held to strict standards, and tenants must be felony-free". An editorial from INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY 4/11/16 disagrees. The article is headlined.....HUD Threatens To Sue Landlords Who Screen Tenants For Felonies. (Please read.) Here is a quote: "In a newly released 10-page missive, HUD warns landlords they can be held liable for discrimination if they deny housing over criminal records".

Please "Google": "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing." This will give you an accurate idea about what is planned for us.

In the mean time.....We sure don't need a large complex with 74 units aging into an uncontrollable disaster for our city. Please vote to keep additional federal housing out of Meridian.

F. Wanta ----- Meridian resident

