PUBLIC NOTICE Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (2016-#3)

In accordance with the City of Aurora's Citizen Participation Plan and the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a public hearing is being held at 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2016 in City Hall, 2nd floor Council Chambers, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendments (2016-#3) and program funding re/allocations as outlined below for The Community Builders – Aurora Downtown Revitalization Project. This project will result in the adaptive re-use of 5 E. Galena & 2-20 S. Stolp Ave. (former Waubonsee Community College Building) into the Aurora Arts Centre, a mixed-use arts and culture oriented community destination. The substantial amendment will result in a deobligation of remaining balances on completed projects, re/allocation of unexpended funds, and adjustments needed to ensure the integrity of the City's spending obligations. The substantial amendment will also update the City's proposed Section 108 Loan Economic Development loan pool activity description and provide information regarding its proposed first Section 108 Loan Pool Project.

CDBG Project		Funding Source	Comments	Amount
The Community Builders – Aurora Downtown Revitalization aka Aurora Arts Centre Development Project	2004	LINCOLN MANOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION	CANCELLED	\$32,437.06
	2010	FOX VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LAND ACQUSITION PROJECT *	UNEXPENDED	\$45,149.37
	2011	KANE COUNTY LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM	UNEXPENDED	\$103.79
	2012	CITY OF AURORA - ENGINEERING DIVISION (STREET PROJECTS/SIDEWALK PROJECTS)	UNEXPENDED	\$46,989.04
	2012	KANE COUNTY LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM	UNEXPENDED	\$16,746.79
	2012	JOSEPH CORPORATION SAFETY FIRST	UNEXPENDED	\$45,697.10
	2012	JOSEPH CORPORATION SAFETY FIRST ADMINISTRATION	UNEXPENDED	\$12,863.70
	2012	REBUILDING TOGETHER AURORA - SAFE AT HOME	UNEXPENDED	\$11,283.41
	2012	CITY OF AURORA CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	PROGRAM INCOME USED	\$9,440.90
	2012	CITY OF AURORA CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	PROGRAM INCOME USED	\$19,438.21
	2012	CITY OF AURORA CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	PROGRAM INCOME USED	\$5,000.00
	2013	JOSEPH CORPORATION SAFETY FIRST	UNEXPENDED	\$39,137.25
	2013	REBUILDING TOGETHER AURORA - SAFE AT HOME	UNEXPENDED	\$0.01
	2013	CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING	UNEXPENDED	\$7,032.99
	2013	CITY OF AURORA ASH TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	UNEXPENDED	\$2,521.30
	2013	CITY OF AURORA CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	PROGRAM INCOME USED	\$8,953.10
	2013	REBUILDING TOGETHER AURORA INSULATION PROGRAM	UNEXPENDED	\$1,722.34
	2014	JOSEPH CORPORATION SAFETY FIRST	UNEXPENDED	\$336.53
	2014	WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - HESED HOUSE EMPLOYMENT SKILLS PROGRAM	UNEXPENDED	\$2,308.41
	2014	ASSOCIATION FOR INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT/ROOF RENOVATION	UNEXPENDED	\$19,824.04
	2014	CITY OF AURORA ASH TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	UNEXPENDED	\$4,394.17
	2014	CITY OF AURORA CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	PROGRAM INCOME USED	\$37,504.56
	2014	ENTITLEMENT FUNDS	UNALLOCATED	\$246.29
	2015	ENTITLEMENT FUNDS	UNEXPENDED	\$560.00

	CDBG Project Total		\$700,000.00	
	2016	ENTITLEMENT FUNDS	UNALLOCATED	\$140,345.16
	2015	CITY OF AURORA COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	CANCELLED	\$100,000.00
	2015	HESED HOUSE RESTROOMS II	UNEXPENDED	\$1,132.10
	2015	JOSEPH CORPORATION SAFETY FIRST	UNEXPENDED	\$73,121.09
	2015	NATIONAL LATINO EDUCATION INSTITUTE CONSTRUCTION TRADES TRAINING AND PLACEMENT	UNEXPENDED	\$5.46
	2015	QUAD COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES	UNEXPENDED	\$5,705.83
	2015	ACCION CHICAGO – SMALL BUSINESS EDUCATION EVENT SUPPORT	CANCELLED	\$10,000.00

^{*}The 2010 Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity CDBG Project funds in the amount of \$45,149.37 were repaid to the City in August 2016 to account for the incomplete portion of the project. The remainder of the original project's allocation of \$75,248.97 has been reduced to \$30,099.60 and reflects the portion of the project that will be completed (via an Amendment to the City's 2010 Annual Action Plan, pending approval by City Council on November 8, 2016).

Additionally, the City of Aurora, Illinois, through its Neighborhood Redevelopment Division and via Substantial Amendment 2015- #2 has applied to HUD for authorization to utilize the Section 108 Program to create a Six Million Dollar (\$6,000,000) loan pool, pursuant to the National Objectives outlined in 24 CFR 570.208. Under the Section 108 Application, the City provided the following description under the Economic Development Loan Pool activity:

The City of Aurora seeks to establish a lending pool to make small business loans between \$5,000 and \$100,000 that support entrepreneurs who are unable to access traditional financing. It is contemplated that this lending pool would be outsourced to an area not-for-profit entity that is experienced in micro-lending.

The City seeks to amend the description and any associated references to reflect the following revision:

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Under the proposed Section 108 application and this Substantial Amendment notice, the City is also notifying the public of its intent to provide a \$3 million loan to provide gap financing for The Community Builders – Aurora Downtown Revitalization aka Aurora Arts Centre Development Project.

Effective October 23, 2016 the City's 2016 Annual Action Plan Amendment will be available for review and public comment at the following locations: City of Aurora-Neighborhood Redevelopment, 51 E. Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL; Library-Main, 101 S. River St., Aurora, IL; Library-Eola, 555 S. Eola Rd, Aurora, IL; Library-West, 233 S. Constitution Dr., Aurora, IL; and on the City of Aurora website: www.aurora-il.org. Upon request, the City will provide for translation services to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents. The City will also take whatever actions are appropriate to serve the needs of persons with disabilities. For more information, to make special arrangements, or to provide comments, contact Amy Munro, Neighborhood Redevelopment Division, 51 E. Galena Blvd, (630) 256-3320 or amunro@aurora-il.org. Comments will be accepted until November 22, 2016. The Substantial Amendment is scheduled for review and adoption at the City Council's November 22, 2016 meeting at 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60505.