



**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT  
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY  
FY 2014 and 2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS**

Jurisdiction: City of Cathedral City  
Program: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
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**Summary of Changes:**

The City of Cathedral City is recommending a Substantial Amendment to its FY 2014-15 and 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plans to program the unallocated funds leftover from previous projects that have been completed within these fiscal years. These funds have accumulated over the span of two years because the City has been fortunate to receive project bids at amounts less than the estimated cost. The City is proposing to combine the leftover monies from the 2014-15 and 2015-16 CDBG awards to fund one public improvement project that will benefit low and moderate income residents.

The Substantial Amendment will allow for adjustments to the Annual Action Plans so that this project is properly accounted for within the fiscal year in which the federal funds were made available and program dollars to the new activity that were not previously mentioned in the Action Plans.

The proposed Substantial Amendment will:

- Program approximately \$218,425.52 the remaining funds from the FY 2014-15 Action Plan to the Whitewater Neighborhood Street Improvements; and,
- Program approximately \$27,097.22 remaining funds from the FY 2015-16 Action Plan to the Whitewater Neighborhood Street Improvements; and,
- Utilize the originally programmed funding allocated to the Ortega Road Sidewalk Design in the amount of \$12,000 and reprogram this amount towards the construction of the aforementioned public improvements.

The approval of the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2014-15 and 2015-16 Annual Action Plans will allow the City to make public improvements of installing sidewalks, curb, and gutter located in an income-eligible neighborhood of the City. The undertaking of this project meets one of HUD's National Objectives: benefitting low-and moderate income people and area.

## **Proposed Activities:**

### Whitewater Neighborhood Street Improvements

The proposed project is comprised of six residential roads located within a low and moderate income area in Census Tract 449.15 (Block Group 1): Canyon Vista Road, Monte Vista Road, Aurora Vista Road, Desert Vista Road, Cielo Vista Road, and Rancho Vista Road. These streets are situated parallel from each other between to Ramon Road to the north and Corral Road to the south. Each segment of road that will be reconstructed is 1,190 feet in length; approximately 283,000 square feet of asphalt will be used to complete this project.

In addition to these streets being in a low- and- moderate income area, the proposed project was undertaken by the City because these streets are showing severe signs degradation and pronounced cracking that is felt when these roads are driven. Certain sections of these streets contain potholes that have emerged due to standing and collecting runoff water. Reconstructing these streets will also provide better accessibility benefitting the residents of this area.

Concurrently, CDBG fund were originally programmed for the engineering design and plans for constructing sidewalk, curb and gutter on the north side of Ortega Road between Via De Anza and Date Palm Drive. An alternative source of funding was used for the design work leaving \$12,000 of budgeted monies available. This budgeted amount will also be encumbered towards the reconstruction of the proposed streets still located within the same neighborhood and Census Tract.

## **Overall Budget:**

Under HUD guidelines, entitlement grantees must allocate no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the entitlement on public service projects and not more than twenty percent (20%) on administration and management of the CDBG Program. The remaining sixty five percent (65%) is typically allocated to making public improvement in areas that have a direct benefit to low-and- moderate clientele. The remaining funds leftover are a result of public improvement projects that have come in at a cost savings.

The City will program \$245,522.74 of remaining unallocated funds from the previously approved Action Plans and public improvement projects and \$12,000 of the budgeted engineering design, described there within, to the Whitewater Neighborhood Street Improvements project.

The table below outlines prior year funding to be reprogrammed:

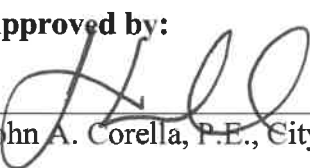
Program Year	Project (from)	Project Funding	Project (to)	Project Funding
FY 14/15	Unallocated Balance	\$218,425.52	Whitewater Neighborhood Street Improvements	\$218,425.52
FY 15/16	Unallocated Balance	\$27,097.22	Whitewater Neighborhood Street	\$27,097.22

			Improvements	
FY 15/16	Ortega North Sidewalk Design	\$12,000	Whitewater Neighborhood Street Improvements	\$12,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$257,522.74</b>

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