

APPENDIX F

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs will be submitting the state's Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region VIII on February 13, 2010. The Plan is required under the National Affordable Housing Act in order for Colorado to receive the following federal funds: HOME Investment Partnership; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Emergency Shelter Grants; Supportive Housing; HOPWA, and the Lead Paint Hazard program.

These funds are intended to meet affordable housing and non-housing community needs for primarily very low, low and moderate (equal to or less than 80% of area median income) income persons through rehabilitation, rental assistance, preservation, economic/job development, public facilities improvements, homeownership opportunities, and support services.

The Consolidated Plan document summarizes statewide housing and non-housing needs, market and inventory conditions; identifies five-year strategies; and reviews the available federal, state and local resources needed and anticipated to implement the strategies; and presents specific goals and objectives for the number of persons to be provided assistance. Listed below are the eleven strategies the State of Colorado has adopted:

Strategy I: Preserve the supply of existing affordable rental and homeownership housing.

Strategy II: Increase the supply of affordable "workforce" rental and homeownership housing in high need areas.

Strategy III: Increase the capacity, stability and participation of local housing and service providers.

Strategy IV: Increase pre-purchase homeownership counseling for low- and moderate-income households and minorities.

Strategy V: Meet the community needs for the homeless by providing supportive services and increasing the number of shelter beds available.

Strategy VI: Increase the supply of housing for person with special needs, coupled with services that increase or maintain independence.

Strategy VII: Provide rental subsidies statewide for low-income households that would otherwise have to pay more than 30% of their household income for housing.

Strategy VIII: Improve internal and statewide external customer relations.

Strategy IX: Provide financial assistance to qualified small businesses to start or expand their operations, and partner with local banks to fill gaps in financing packages so that 51% of jobs are created or retained by person of low to moderate income.

Strategy X: Assist communities with the installation of public infrastructure that will benefit start-up and expanding businesses who will be creating or retaining jobs, at least 51% of which will be or are filled by persons of low to moderate income.

Strategy XI: Provide financial assistance to rural communities to implement community development and capital improvement areas.

Strategy XII: Increase the capacity of local governments to administer federal grants that facilitate the development of sustainability activities.

Two public hearings have been scheduled by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the purpose of accepting testimony on housing and community development needs in the State of Colorado. The first hearing will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 in Grand Junction, 222 S. 6th St., Room 409 at 11:00 a.m. The second hearing will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 in Denver, 1313 Sherman St., Room 521. The hearings will also be held electronically via WebEx. For more information on accessing the electronic hearing, call Mary Miller at (303) 866-2978 or via e-mail at mary.miller@state.co.us. **If special accommodations are needed, please call (970) 248-7302 (Bill Whaley) for the Grand Junction meeting or (303) 866-2818 (Becky Murray) for the Denver meeting.** The Department of Local Affairs TDD Number is (303) 866-5300.

Written comments are welcome and must be received by February 12, 2010 at the Colorado Division of Housing, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 518, Denver CO, 80203, ATTN: Lynn Shine.

Information regarding public expenditures for housing and non-housing activities during the preceding five years is available at the Department of Local Affairs, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 521, Denver, (303) 866-4462. Advance notice is requested.

The plan will be available for inspection on the internet at www.dola.state.co.us/doh.htm as of December 6, 2009. A copy of the complete document to be submitted to HUD will also be available for public review during regular office hours from December 6, 2009, through January 6, 2009 at the following Department of Local Affairs regional offices. **If special accommodations are needed, please notify the contact persons listed at the specific location.**

South Central Office
540 Washington St.
Monte Vista, CO 81144
Contact: Debbie Downs (719) 852-9429

Northwestern Office
222 South Sixth Street, Room 409
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Contact: Jack Kirtland, (970) 248-7310

North Central Office
150 E. 29th St., Suite 215
Loveland, CO 80538
Contact: Don Sandoval, (970) 679-4501

Southeastern Office
132 West "B" St., Suite 260
Pueblo, CO 81003
Contact: Lee Merkel (719) 544-6577

Southwestern Office
Ft. Lewis College, 1000 Rim Drive
Durango, CO 81302

Contact: Ken Charles (970) 247-7311

Office of Economic Development and International Trade
1625 Broadway, Suite 1710
Denver, CO 80202
Contact: Ken Gabriel (303) 892-3840

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1313 Sherman Street, Room 518
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