

# Department of Development Services Division of Grants Management



## Community Development Block Grant Community Meetings

Fiscal Year 2011-2012

# AGENDA

- ✓ Overview of Hartford's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funds:
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  - Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
  - Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)
  - Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
  - Federal Stimulus (HPRP/CDBG-R)
  
- ✓ Report on the City's prior year accomplishments
- ✓ Discuss HUD goals and One City One Plan priorities for 2011-12
- ✓ Solicit feedback on goals and priorities

# CDBG PROGRAM

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG funds provide for a broad range of activities that preserve and develop viable urban communities.
- The goals of the program are to:
  - Provide decent, safe and sanitary housing
  - Provide a suitable living environment
  - Expand economic opportunity
- Primarily for low and moderate income persons
- 2009-10 allocation - \$3.8 million
- 2010-11 allocation - \$4.1 million

# ESG AND HOPWA PROGRAMS

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) ESG funds a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership for low-income residents.
  - 2009-10 allocation - \$ 168,602
  - 2010-11 allocation - \$ 168,184
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOPWA funds provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.
  - 2009-10 allocation - \$ 1,084,029
  - 2010-11 allocation - \$ 1,153,422

# HOME AND STIMULUS PROGRAMS

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)HOME funds a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership.
  - 2009-10 allocation - \$ 2,066,672
  - 2010-11 allocation - \$ 2,052,213
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)
  - Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing - \$ 1,572,727
  - Community Development Block Grant-Recovery - \$1,028,157

# 2009-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## SERVICES FOR ADULTS

- 258 people participated in workforce readiness training, literacy, English as a Second Language and adult basic education classes. 20 of these participants were placed in employment as a result of their improved skills
- Programs for the disabled and victims of domestic violence served 72 people
- 169 seniors received social services; 39 grandparents/ caregivers received case management
- 935 people received free meals and/or food services



*Preparing deliveries at Foodshare*

# 2009-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## SERVICES FOR YOUTH



*Youth Recreation at the Boys & Girls Club*

- 4,397 youth participated in educational, informational and recreational programs
- 32 youth participated in Youth Build. Of those, 7 gained employment, 4 entered college, 3 earned their GED and 2 earned PACT certificates
- 16 youth participated in other work-study programs
- 111 youth participated in pregnancy prevention and other health programs

# 2009-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP

- The HouseHartford and Appraisal Gap programs assisted 137 people with downpayment and closing costs, helping them purchase a home in Hartford
- The Housing Preservation Loan Fund provided 47 residents with home repair and lead remediation loans
- Rental units – 70 renovated, 50 developed
- Rebuilding Together Hartford provided 57 mostly elderly homeowners with free and emergency home repairs
- Homeownership counseling – 264 residents counseled, resulting in 26 new homeowners



*Rebuilding Together Hartford Volunteers repair a home*



# 2009-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Facility improvements at:
  - Riverwalk South
  - Dock improvements
  - DeLucco Park
  - Pope Park
  - Willie Ware Park
  - Keney Park Pond House



*Pope Park Playground*

- 34 neighborhood properties, including vacant lots, demolition sites, and open spaces, cleaned up

# 2009-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 50 businesses received technical assistance and marketing training, helping sustain and expand their operations
- 6 small business owners received loans to expand their businesses
- 17 residents received microenterprise training

### Arts and Heritage Jobs Grant

- 22 individual Artists awarded grants for working capital, purchase of raw materials and equipment, helping them sustain and grow their business
- 10 Non-Profit Arts Organizations awarded grants enabling them to hire and/or retain staff
- Funded by CDBG-R Federal Stimulus



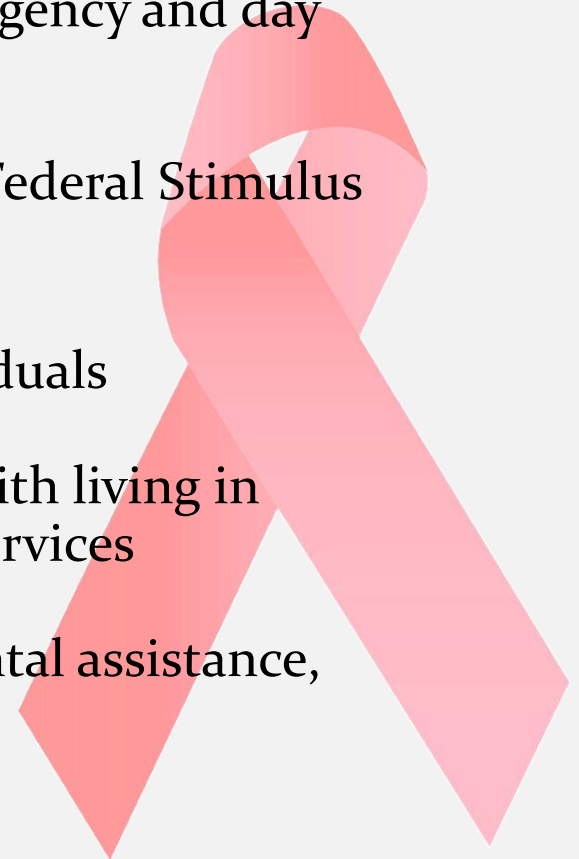
*Arts and Heritage Jobs Grant recipient  
Helder Mira picks up equipment*

# 2009-10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## HOMELESS PERSONS AND FAMILIES

## PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- 3,322 persons received assistance at the city's emergency and day shelters
- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Federal Stimulus Program(HPRP) served:
  - Prevention – 240 households, 361 individuals
  - Rapid Re-Housing – 118 households, 192 individuals
- 369 persons living with HIV/AIDS were assisted with living in community residences and receiving supportive services
- 135 households living with HIV/AIDS received rental assistance, helping them avoid homelessness



# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS

During 2010, the City of Hartford, with input from community stakeholders, including residents, institutions, advocacy groups and non-profit organizations, identified priority needs for our low-and moderate-income residents as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These priority areas are:

- Youth & Adult Public Services
- Housing
- Public Facilities and infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Homeless & Persons Living with HIV/AIDS



# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS

Also during 2010, the City completed and adopted its Plan of Conservation and Development “One City, One Plan”. Through this process hundreds of residents shared their ideas on Hartford – and what constitutes a livable and sustainable neighborhood, economic and housing development and environmental and transportation needs. These goals include:

- Training residents for emerging jobs
- Job opportunities for neighborhood residents
- Job training that meets employer needs
- Youth employment placement programs
- Adult and family literacy services
- Transportation & child care for residents who are in job training or seeking employment
- Meeting the needs of the creative community
- Eliminating Blight
- Renewable energy systems for homes
- Lead abatement programs
- Programs that facilitate home ownership opportunities & home retention
- Recreation programs in community facilities
- Social Justice Initiative
- Volunteerism and Internships



# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS



By strategically aligning the resources discussed here today with the HUD priorities and One City One Plan Goals, the City of Hartford will address long-standing issues and opportunities to create sustainable changes that improve the City.

“Change for the better is already underway and the Segarra administration intends to expand and accelerate it. A new standard for effectiveness and success is being established,”

*COO David Panagore*

# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS

**SERVICES FOR ADULTS** that will enhance quality of life and remove barriers to independence and self-sufficiency, such as:

- Job opportunities and work readiness training for residents
- Specialized training to meet employer needs and prepare for emerging jobs
- Transportation and childcare for parents in job training/seeking employment
- Adult and family literacy services - ESL, basic education
- Health, drug and alcohol counseling
- Meals, recreation and support services for the elderly
- Recreation programs in community facilities
- Access to emergency shelter services
- Activities for disabled and special needs persons
- Community involvement efforts to address and promote positive change

# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS

**SERVICES FOR YOUTH** that will ensure ample opportunities to develop into responsible, self-sufficient adults such as:

- Educational and family-enrichment programs
- Recreational activities in community facilities
- Arts and cultural activities
- Programs that promote healthy eating and physical fitness
- Teen pregnancy and violence prevention
- Substance abuse counseling and relationship-building programs
- Job readiness training and youth employment placement programs
- Volunteerism, internships, peer education, leadership opportunities



# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS

**HOUSING** activities that foster the continued development of affordable homeownership opportunities, including:

- Homeownership counseling and foreclosure prevention
- Tenant/Landlord counseling
- Emergency repairs and accessibility improvements for the elderly and disabled
- Renewable energy systems for homes
- Lead abatement programs
- Appraisal Gap and Closing Cost Downpayment assistance
- Development of new housing; rehabilitation of existing housing units
- Land acquisition for new housing
- Project-based vouchers for long-term, permanent supportive housing tenants

# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS

**PUBLIC FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE** improvements that create livable, sustainable urban neighborhoods, including:

- Rehabilitation and ADA accessibility improvements to public parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities
- Eliminating blight by improving code enforcement activities
- Razing structurally unsound buildings in order to arrest deteriorating, unsafe or unhealthy conditions
- Improving streets, sidewalks, traffic signals, sewers and storm drains
- Replacing firefighter turnout gear and equipment in order to carry out the mission of protecting citizen's properties and lives
- Supporting non-profit health and human service providers by funding limited acquisition and rehabilitation to their facilities

# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** activities that stimulate job creation, business development and retention, and enable residents to expand economic opportunities, including:

- Providing businesses with access to capital and technical assistance
- Assisting residents with developing micro-enterprise businesses
- Working with local companies to retain current jobs
- Training residents for jobs in emerging fields
- Expanding youth development and employment placement programs
- Making vacant properties attractive to developers
- Assisting local business with façade improvement loans
- Supporting the needs of the creative community

# HUD PRIORITIES & ONE CITY ONE PLAN GOALS

## **SERVICES FOR HOMELESS & PERSONS LIVING WITH**

**HIV/AIDS** that address critical needs and increase access to coordinated affordable housing, support services, case management, job training and health-related issues, such as:

- Assisting emergency and day shelters with operating costs
- Using HOPWA funds to provide rental subsidies and short-term housing assistance
- Strengthen homeless prevention programs through HPRP funding
- Developing linkages with employment and training opportunities
- Identifying resources and technical assistance for providers of shelter and HIV/AIDS housing and services

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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