Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
DCED's Draft Action Plan
November 2008

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Allocations:
- Pennsylvania State (DCED) $59,631,318
- Allegheny (Ex: McKeesport/Penn Hills) 5,524,950
- Allentown 2,113,456
- Philadelphia 16,832,873
- Pittsburgh 2,002,958
- York County (Ex: York City) 2,017,253
- State Total: $88,122,807

Time Line:
Action Plan for Public Comment on DCED Website: November 1 – 17
Action Plan Due to HUD: Received by December 1, 2008
18 Month Clock to Use Funds
NSP Eligible Uses/Activities

- Financing Mechanisms (Foreclosed Homes)
- Acquire, Rehab, Resale (Foreclosed Homes)
- Land Banks (Foreclosed Homes)
- Demolition (Blighted Properties)
- Redevelopment including new construction & housing counseling (Vacant or Demolished Properties)

Update: PHFA may facilitate Acquisition of Foreclosed REO

NSP Areas of Greatest Need

Requirements:
Must Be Data-Driven Allocation Plan
Consider Subprime Lending, Foreclosure, Vacancy

- Qualified Need Areas
  HUD Risk Score of 6 or Higher
  Subprime Lending in 2004-2006 of 23.99% of mortgages issued
- Priority Need Areas
  HUD Risk Score of 8 or Higher
NSP Eligible Applicants

- Federal CDBG Entitlements
  - including 5 jurisdictions receiving direct allocations
- State Act 179 Entitlements
- Nonprofits with Limitations
  - must demonstrate that they can meet CDBG requirements including local certifications and environmental review
  - nonprofits in 5 direct allocation jurisdictions must apply through those jurisdictions
NSP Selection Criteria & Priorities

Neighborhood Stabilization (20 Points)
- Connection to Problem Lending/Foreclosure
- Targeting, Leverage, Impact
- Tipping Point, Middle Market, Marginal Neighborhoods

Capacity
- Knowledge/implementation (15 Points)
- Specific Experience (5 Points)

Low-Income Households at or below 50% AMI (20 Points)
- Prorated Scoring
- Contract Payment Conditions Based on Application Commitment

NSP Selection Criteria & Priorities (cont’d)

Priority Need Areas (15 Points)
- HUD Risk Score 8 and above
- Activities may be outside this area but must show how proposed activities will address area’s needs will addressed

Multi-Municipal (10 Points)
- Substantive role for one administrator – not conduit funding

Green Building (10 Points)
- LEED or NAHB Green Building
- Energy-efficiency is given partial scoring

Land Banks (5 Points)
Significant Provisions & Restrictions

- Most CDBG program requirements imposed
- Foreclosure requirements on certain activities
- Redevelopment includes new construction and counseling
- Purchase discount requirements (need HUD clarification)
- Sale limitations
- Program income requirements (need HUD clarification)
- Affordability requirements – same as the HOME Program
- Prohibition on foreclosure prevention
- 1-for-1 Replacement waived, but mitigation expected
- Prohibition on NSP funds repaying grantee’s back taxes
- 6% → 6.25% net for Local Administration

Process

- Applications Postmarked by January 9, 2009
- Both Electronic Single App and Paper Copies Required
- Target Date for Approvals: January 31, 2009
- Contract with HUD starts 18-month clock (January – February 2009)
- Quarterly and Monthly Reporting – DRGR, not IDIS
- Potential Hold Back for High Performers
- Reallocations 7-9 months after contract awards