RESOLUTION NO. 42-2007

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
FFY2007 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN
AND FFY2004 TO FFY2008 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN
AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, under 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlines the consolidated submissions for community planning and development programs which will serve as: (1) a planning document for the City that builds on a participatory process at the grass roots level, (2) an application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant program, (3) a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs, and (4) an Action Plan that provides a basis for assessing performance;

WHEREAS, the FFY2004 to FFY2008 five year Consolidated Plan (30th to 34th CD years January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2008) and the FFY2007 one year Action Plan (33rd CD year January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007) have been prepared meeting HUD's requirements and providing guidance for addressing the housing and community development needs of the City;

WHEREAS, $1,835,000 is available in CDBG funds to re-program for eligible and fundable activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING THAT:

The FFY2007 one year Action and FFY2004 to FFY2008 five year Consolidated Plans are amended to reprogram CDBG funding for the following activities

1. $500,000 - Re-lighting of the City of Reading

Installation of street lights throughout the City. Each street light will have a service area of at least 51% low / moderate income persons. The lights will be installed in various locations throughout the City. The activity eligibility / fundability is low mod area 24CFR570.208(a)(1) / public facilities and improvements 24CFR570.201(c).

2. $20,000 - Community Alliance and Re-investment Endeavor, Inc.

CARE is a non-profit agency located at 130 West Buttonwood Street that will conduct a comprehensive substance abuse prevention program targeted to youth ages eight to 17. The activity eligibility / fundability is low mod limited clientele 24CFR570.208(a)(2)/ public services 24CFR570.201(e).

3. $25,000 - RAFT Millmont

RAFT is a program run by the City's Recreation Office. The program is a recreational activity for youth ages six to 17 in the Millmont Neighborhood of the City. The activity eligibility / fundability is low mod limited clientele 24CFR570.208(a)(2)/ public services 24CFR570.201(e).

4. $80,000 – Neighborhood Educational Activity and Recreation Center

NEAR is a program run by the City's Recreation Office. The program is a recreational activity for youth ages six to 14. The program is a collaboration with faith based institutions and youth based social organizations. The program will be located in various parts of the City. Each NEAR location will serve at least 51% low mod youth. The activity eligibility / fundability is low mod limited clientele 24CFR570.208(a)(2)/ public services 24CFR570.201(e).

5. Add $100,000 to increase total funding to $202,000 – Façade Improvements

The program is available to improve the facades for buildings located in historic districts or for other significant historic buildings City-wide. The activity eligibility / fundability is Slum and blight area 24CFR570.208(b)(1) / Historic preservation 24CFR570.202 (b)(9).

6. Add $190,000 to increase total funding to $392,000 - City Park

Improvements to City Park located at 11th and Washington Streets. Improvements include items such as new play equipment, safety surfacing, paving, sidewalk, fencing, benches, and trash receptacles. The activity eligibility / fundability is low mod area 24CFR570.208(a)(1) / public facilities and improvements 24CFR570.201(c).

7. $750,000 - Redevelopment Project

The Riverfront Redevelopment Area will cover a wide area from Reading Area Community College to Parcel 32 owned by the RRA on Canal Street. In this area, which the City is in the process of designating a Redevelopment / Urban Renewal Area, several activities are planned, major and minor to achieve many goals. Activities fundability includes acquisition of real estate, demolition and clearance, new construction, public improvements and rehabilitation of real estate . New Construction will include amongst other things, mixed income housing, commercial/ office, retail, lifestyle center etc. The activity eligibility is low mod job creation 24CFR570.208(a)(4) and low mod housing 24CFR570.208(a)(3).

8. $150,000 - East Reading Pool

Funds will be used for the rehabilitation of East Reading Pool. The pool is located at 535 S. 14 1/2 St. The activity eligibility / fundability is low mod area 24CFR570.208(a)(1) / public facilities and improvements 24CFR570.201(c).

9. $20,000 - Fair Housing
The City's Human Relations Commission Office will purchase fair housing materials. The activity eligibility / fundability is CDBG administration Fair Housing 24CFR570.206(c) / low mod area 24CFR570.208(a)(1).

The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Reading, is authorized and directed to execute the amendment to the satisfaction of HUD.

PASSED COUNCIL March 26, 2007

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 26th day of March A. D. 20 07. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 27th day of March A. D. 20 07.

CITY CLERK