

CITY OF
CENTRAL FALLS



STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

OFFICE OF PLANNING and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 12, 2013

Mr. Michael Tondra, Chief
Office of Housing and Community Development
CDBG Program
One Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor
Providence, R.I. 02908-5873

Re: City of Central Falls Community Development Block Grant Application Program
Year 2013

Dear Mr. Tondra,


I am pleased to submit the City of Central Falls CDBG Application for Program Year 2013.

The City is requesting \$500,000 to implement activities that will benefit the community.

Previous years awards have allowed us to make significant progress in addressing the City's need for affordable housing, economic development, recreation and public facilities.

In order to continue our revitalization effort, it is important that funding continue to be made available in order to implement projects that benefit the City of Central Falls residents. Therefore, on behalf of the residents of the City of Central Falls, I hereby request your favorable consideration for full funding of the City's CDBG Application for Program Year 2013.

Yours truly,


John F. McJennett, III
Receiver for the City of Central Falls

RI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER

<u>1a. Community Information</u>	
City/Town:	Central Falls
Duns #:	089357636
Tax ID #:	05-6000063

<u>1b. Application Contact Information</u>	
Contact Person:	Elaine Partridge
Title:	Director
Phone:	727-7480
Email:	planning@centralfallsri.us
Fax:	727-7467
Mailing Address:	1280 High Street Central Falls, RI 02863

<u>2. Total Funding Requested</u>	
Total Funding Requested (Should reconcile with Budget Page)	\$500,000

3. Authorizing Resolution

The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:

This is certified as a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Receiver of the City of Central Falls at a meeting held on March 13, 2013.

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said Department/Office to disburse such funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the City of Central Falls that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RECEIVER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS That the filing of this application for the amount of \$500,000 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that John F. McJennett III (Receiver) is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the City of Central Falls in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

Date: <i>March 20, 2013</i>	Signature: <i>Marie Turkey</i>
Seal	Title: City Clerk



Receiver Officer Signature (Empowered by Resolution in #3 above)

Name:	John F. McJennett III, Receiver for the City of Central Falls
Signature:	<i>John F. McJennett III</i>
Date:	<i>April 17, 2013</i>

5. Certification of Public Hearing

The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:

1st Hearing Ad:	1/21/13	Held:	1/29/13
2nd Hearing Ad:	2/16/13	Held:	2/26/13

I hereby certify that public hearings duly advertised and convened on the above listed dates have been completed and that public comments made as the result of this process have been considered in the development of proposals contained in this application.

Date: <i>2/27/13</i>	Signature: <i>Eileen Pardo</i>
	Title: Director

6. Certification of Local Planning Board

The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:

I hereby certify that, at a meeting held on March 5, 2013 at Central Falls, the Planning Commission of the City of Central Falls reviewed the proposals contained in this application and has been given opportunity to comment on said proposals. The Planning Commission certifies that to the best of its knowledge, the activities proposed are not in conflict with the general policies set forth in the Comprehensive Community Plan of the City of Central Falls.

Date: 3/5/13

Signature: *Albert M. Romanowicz*
 Title: Chairman, Central Falls Planning Commission

7. Local Prioritization of Project Proposals (do not include local administration).

Project Priority	Project Title	Amount Requested	National Objective			Pre-Agreement Consideration?
			LMI	SB	UN	
1	REACH Inc.	\$155,800	X			No
2	Sidewalks Improvements	\$ 67,100	X			No
3	Jenks Park/ Cogswell Tower	\$ 67,100	X			No
4	Francis Corrigan Sport Complex Improvements	\$100,000	X			No
5	Human Services	\$ 50,000	X			No
6		\$				
7		\$				
8		\$				
9		\$				
12		\$				
11		\$				
12		\$				
13		\$				
14		\$				
15		\$				
16		\$				
17		\$				
18		\$				
19		\$				
20		\$				
21		\$				

8. Project Proposal Abstracts (do not include local administration). For each activity, provide a project abstract. Be sure to specify how the CDBG funds will be used, who/how many will benefit, the need for the activity, other funding, and any other information that will assist the CDBG Committee in their review. 10 line limit. The space for each abstract will expand as needed to contain inserted text.

Project Priority	Project Title	Amount Requested	
1	REACH Inc.	\$155,800	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	Funds would allow REACH Inc. to construct 2 single family homes for home ownership. One at 95 Washington Street and one at 33 Mowry Street.		
2	Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 67,100	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	The City of Central Falls is requesting \$67,100 to fund pedestrian friendly sidewalk improvements in conjunction with an overall streetscaping effort that will take place along various city streets next year. The requested funding will go specifically toward repairs and enhancements to roughly 7,000 square feet of City sidewalks on 9 local city streets, including replacing damaged sidewalk, resetting curbs, and limited aesthetic/"placemaking" improvements. Such improvements will coincide and build upon the planned cold planing and resurfacing of these streets, and will allow for the creation of more "complete" streets, able to accommodate the high pedestrian activity found in population-dense Central Falls, where many low and moderate income residents do not have access to a car.		
3	Jenks Park/Cogswell Tower	\$ 67,100	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	The City of Central Falls is applying for grant funds in the amount of \$67,100 for repairs and improvements to the City's centerpiece landscape park and public space: Jenks Park. CDBG monies will fund repairs to the roof of Cogswell Tower, protecting from further deterioration the most visible landmark and recognizable emblem of the City of Central Falls. CDBG funds will also be used for the retrofitting of Jenks Park's existing historic light fixtures with LED lighting, helping to make the park both a safer and more energy efficient green space. Remaining funds will go toward various aesthetic and landscaping improvements. Combined, these efforts will not only help restore an historic public place but will also help restore a distressed community's sense of civic pride.		
4	Francis Corrigan Sport Complex Improvements	\$100,000	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	The City is applying for grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 for specific repairs and improvements to the City's largest recreational facility, the Francis Corrigan Sports Complex, which includes a regulation soccer field, track, little league field, and practice football field. CDBG funded improvements will allow for safer and more complete use of a facility that provides a wide array of needed recreational opportunities to the low-and-moderate income people of Central Falls—the City with the least amount of open space of any municipality in the State. Specifically, CDBG will fund needed drainage and irrigation improvements as well as the replacement of topsoil, all measures that will resolve persistent problems of flooding and dead grass that currently limit usage of the facility.		
5	Human Services	\$ 50,000	Insert abstract below:
Abstract >	Funds would supplement various human services agencies that serve the residents of the City of Central Falls.		

9. **COPY/PASTE OR ATTACH ANNUAL BUDGET (form BUDGET.2013) HERE**

Community Development Block Grant Program					
Annual Budget					
Grant Year:		2013			
			Other		
	CDBG	Program	Public	Private	Grand
	Funds	Income	Funds	Funds	Total
ACQUISITION:					
Commercial					
Housing Development					
Down Payment					
Down Payment					
Operating					
Reach Inc.	155,800		198,000		353,800
REHABILITATION:					
Housing Grants/Loans					
Housing Grants/Loans					
Operating					
PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS:					
Sidewalk Improvements	67,100				67,100
Jenks Park/Cogswell Tower	67,100				67,100
Francis Corrigan Sport Complex	100,000				100,000
PUBLIC SERVICE:					
Human Services	50,000				50,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:					
OTHER:					
PLANNING:					
ADMINISTRATION:					
	60,000				60,000
TOTALS:	500,000		198,000		698,000
Total Program Income Projected to be Received:		None			

