

**LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**Proposed Amendments to the Final Action Plan and Partial Action Plan 8**

**Overview**

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (“LMDC”) is the recipient of a \$2 billion federal grant for the World Trade Center (“WTC”) disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts for Lower Manhattan. LMDC received \$783 million in additional federal funds for damaged properties and businesses (including the restoration of utility infrastructure) as well as economic revitalization related to the terrorist attacks at the WTC Site. Both of these federal grants are administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”).

Twelve LMDC Partial Actions Plans (“PAPs”) and one Final Action Plan (“FAP”) allocate the entire \$2 billion grant towards remembrance, rebuilding, and renewal initiatives in Lower Manhattan, defined by LMDC as the entire area of Manhattan below Houston Street. All funds within the \$783 million grant were allocated through LMDC PAPs S-1 and S-2.

This proposed amendment will reallocate \$1,095,000 in funding from the Community and Cultural Enhancement Program (CCE) in the FAP to the Tribute in Light and WTC StoryCorp Booth programs in PAP 8. The reallocated funds will provide for two additional years of the Tribute in Light annual September 11 commemoration and two additional years of operations for the StoryCorps oral history recording booth near the WTC (“WTC StoryBooth”). The proposed amendment will reduce the allocation for the CCE program in the FAP from \$60,950,849 to \$59,855,849 and increase the allocation for the Tribute in Light program from \$3,000,000 to \$3,695,000 and the allocation for the WTC StoryBooth from \$500,000 to \$900,000.

The current versions of PAP 8 and the FAP, as well as other PAPs, are available on LMDC’s website, [www.renewnyc.com](http://www.renewnyc.com), at [http://www.renewnyc.com/FundingInitiatives/partialact\\_plans.asp](http://www.renewnyc.com/FundingInitiatives/partialact_plans.asp)

Any change greater than 5% in the funding committed to a certain program, the addition or deletion of any program, or change in the designated beneficiaries of a program constitutes a substantial amendment and such amendment will be available for public review and approval by HUD.

Other PAPs detail the expenditure of the remainder of funds from both the \$2 billion and the \$783 million appropriations and have been subject to a public comment period. Versions of these plans are viewable on the LMDC website at:

<http://www.renewnyc.com/FundingInitiatives/PartialActionPlans.aspx>

**Public Comment**

The proposed amendments are substantial amendments that are open to public comment as required by HUD to extend for thirty calendar days from the date of publication of the proposed amendments. The proposed amendment reallocates \$1,095,000 of the \$60,950,849 allocated to CCEF in the FAP to the Tribute in Light and WTC StoryBooth in PAP 8. Public comment must be made in writing and may be delivered to LMDC either by posted mail or by electronic mail as follows:

**By post to:** Public Comment on Amended PAP 08 and FAP  
Lower Manhattan Development Corporation  
1 Liberty Plaza, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10006

Electronically at LMDC’s website, [www.renewnyc.com](http://www.renewnyc.com), under Funding Initiatives – PAPs – Comments.

The deadline for receipt of public comments is April 20, 2010 at 5 P.M. Comments delivered by fax or telephone cannot be considered.

**Proposed Amendments to Partial Action Plan 08 and the FAP**

These proposed amendments reallocate \$1,095,000 of the \$60,950,849 allocated to CCEF in the FAP to the Tribute in Light and WTC StoryBooth in PAP 8, leaving \$59,855,849 for CCEF. The following tables detail the current allocations in the two Action Plans and the proposed changes:

<b>Final Action Plan Activities</b>	<b>Approved Allocation</b>	<b>Proposed Reallocation</b>	<b>Proposed Revised Allocation</b>
I. WTC Memorial and Cultural	\$45,000,000		\$45,000,000
<i>A. Reserve Fund</i>	\$44,000,000		\$44,000,000
<i>B. WTC Construction Coordination</i>	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
II. Affordable Housing	\$12,000,000		\$12,000,000
III. Community and Cultural Enhancement	\$60,950,849	(1,095,000)	59,855,849
IV. Economic Development	\$7,000,000		\$7,000,000
V. Education	\$6,000,000		\$6,000,000
VI. Transportation Improvements	\$31,000,000		\$31,000,000
<b>Total Final Action Plan</b>	<b>\$161,950,849</b>		<b>160,855,849</b>

<b>Partial Action Plan 8 Activities</b>			
I. WTC Memorial and Cultural			
A. WTC Memorial and Memorial Museum	62,875,000		62,875,000
B. WTC Memorial Foundation ( <i>from program income</i> )	1,000,000		1,000,000
C. WTC Performing Arts Center	11,004,000		11,004,000
D. WTC Museum Complex (VOEC)	9,521,000		9,521,000
II. Tribute in Light	3,000,000	695,000	3,695,000
III. StoryCorps WTC Story Booth Project	500,000	400,000	900,000
VI. Living Memorial Project	296,900		296,900
V. Lower Manhattan Tourism - River to River Festival	700,000		700,000
VI. Planning and Administration	5,494,574		5,494,574
<b>Total Partial Action Plan 8 (excluding program income)</b>	<b>93,391,474</b>		<b>94,486,474</b>

Please refer to approved FAP and PAP 8 as published on LMDC’s website (<http://www.renewnyc.com/FundingInitiatives/PartialActionPlans.aspx>) for the full text of those plans.

**I. Community and Cultural Enhancement Program**

In the Final Action Plan \$60,950,849 was allocated to a Community and Cultural Enhancement program to address a range of community and cultural needs by providing grants, through a competitive selection process, to not-for-profit and government organizations for projects and programs that demonstrate the ability to spur long-term Lower Manhattan revitalization, benefiting area residents, workers, businesses, and visitors.

In order to provide funding for two cultural activities which are directly related to the World Trade Center tragedy, the proposed amendment would reallocate \$1,095,000 in funding from the Community and Cultural Enhancement program in the FAP to specific allocations for these programs in PAP 8. The

amendment would reduce the allocation for Cultural and Community Enhancement Funds from \$60,255,849 to \$59,855,849 and reallocate \$1,095,000 to provide for an additional two years of Tribute in Light and the WTC StoryBooth.

## **II. Tribute in Light and StoryCorps WTC StoryBooth Projects**

Conceived in the aftermath of the September 11th tragedies, Tribute in Light is an artistic gesture bringing together the vision and talent of numerous individuals who, shortly after the attacks, independently envisioned two beams of light rising from downtown. Illuminating the night sky, Tribute in Light can be seen from up to 25 miles away in all directions.

The WTC StoryBooth, now located in Foley Square, is part of a national initiative to instruct and inspire Americans to record each other's stories in sound. This is achieved by collecting broadcast-quality oral history interviews with the guidance of a trained facilitator in a sound-proof booth. The WTC StoryBooth allows family members of victims to record stories about their loved ones, and other visitors to Lower Manhattan, including area residents, survivors, and others, to recount stories of September 11, 2001 as well as other experiences.

These proposed amendments would increase the allocation in PAP 8 for Tribute in Light from \$3,000,000 to \$3,695,000 and increase the allocation for the WTC StoryBooth from \$500,000 to \$900,000. These funds will provide for two additional annual productions of Tribute in Light and two additional years of operation for the WTC StoryBooth. As part of the proposed amendment the program objectives, eligibility, priorities, and categories for Tribute in Light and WTC StoryBooth the will remain unchanged.

In addition to this \$3,695,000 allocation, the Final Action Plan allocates \$145,000 for Tribute in Light as part of the Cultural and Community Events and Installations.