

LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Proposed Amendments to Partial Action Plan S-2 and the Final Action Plan Draft Released for Public Comment on January 3, 2019

Overview

The 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 directly 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). Fourteen LMDC Partial Actions Plans (PAPs) and one Final Action Plan (FAP) allocate the entire \$2.783 billion grant towards remembrance, rebuilding, and renewal initiatives in Lower Manhattan, the area of Manhattan on or below Houston Street. These PAPs are viewable on the LMDC website at: http://renewnyc.com/FundingInitiatives/PartialActionPlans.aspx.

The proposed amendments will provide an additional \$5,200,000 for the *Hudson River Park Pier 26* project and \$107,479 to the *Neighborhood Parks & Open Spaces* activity. We propose to:

- 1. Reallocate \$2,500,000 of unexpended *Other World Trade Center-130 Liberty Street* funds from PAP S-2 to the *Hudson River Park Settlement Funds* activity also in PAP S-2.
- 2. Establish a new activity in the Final Action Plan (FAP) called "*Hudson River Park*" to be funded with \$2,700,000 of unexpended and available funds as described below.
- 3. Allocate \$2,700,000 of previously allocated but unexpended and available *Community* and *Cultural Enhancement Funds* from within the FAP to the new *Hudson River Park* activity in the FAP.
- 4. Allocate \$107,479 of previously allocated but unexpended and available Community *and Cultural Enhancement Funds* from within the FAP to the *Neighborhood Parks and Open Spaces* activity also in the FAP.

The current versions of PAP S-2, and the FAP, as well as other PAPs, are available on LMDC's website, at http://www.renewnyc.com/FundingInitiatives/PartialActionPlans.aspx

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.

Public Comment

Some of the proposed amendments are substantial amendments that are open to public comment as required by HUD for thirty calendar days from the date of publication of the proposed amendments. Public comments will be accepted in writing delivered to LMDC either by posted mail or by electronic submission by February 5, 2019 as follows:

By post to: Public Comment on Amended PAP S-2 and FAP

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

22 Cortlandt Street, 11th Floor

New York, NY 10007

Electronically at LMDC's website: http://renewnyc.com/FundingInitiatives/frm_comments.asp
In the Category section dropdown box, select: *PAP Comments*.

Comments delivered by fax or telephone will not be considered.

Proposed Amendments

1. Reallocate funds from *Other World Trade Center-130 Liberty Street* in PAP S-2 to the *Hudson River Park Settlement Funds* also in PAP S-2.

This Amendment proposes to reallocate the recently recovered \$2,500,000 litigation settlement funds from 130 Liberty Street activity to the Hudson River Park Settlement Funds activity in PAP S-2. This reallocation will increase the Hudson River Park Settlement Funds budget from \$10,000,000 to \$12,500,000 in PAP S-2 to help cover costs associated with the completion of Segment 3 of Hudson River Park, which runs from Chambers Street to West Houston Street and includes two public recreational piers (Piers 25 and 26), an ecological pier, and an adjacent upland park area for which construction is underway. Funding will help complete unfinished areas of Pier 26, the platform between Piers 25 and 26, and add a new deck, and landscaping to the upland park.

2. Establish a new activity in the Final Action Plan called *Hudson River Park*.

This Amendment proposes to create a new activity in the Grant B-02-DW-36-001 FAP called *Hudson River Park* with \$2,700,000 in funding reallocated from unexpended and available program funds within the FAP, as described below and in the chart below. This new activity is being created in Grant B-02-DW-36-001 because the sources of funding for this activity are from this same Grant.

This new *Hudson River Park* funding will supplement \$12,500,000 in *Hudson River Park* Settlement Funds in Grant B-02-DW-36-0002 within PAP S-2. The additional funding is needed as a result of construction bids that were significantly higher than previous project cost estimates. City and State officials have indicated that such budget increases reflect current market trends across the City of New York on public projects. The original project budget of \$30,000,000 has increased to a current estimated budget of \$35,200,000. Funding for this project in the amounts of \$10,000,000 each is also being provided for by the City of New York and CitiGroup.

3. Allocate \$2,700,000 of previously allocated but unexpended and available *Community* and *Cultural Enhancement Funds* from within the FAP to the new *Hudson River Park* activity in the FAP.

This amendment proposes to transfer \$2,700,000 in available funds from the \$55,196,960 *Community and Cultural Enhancement Funds* budget within the FAP to the new *Hudson River Park* activity also within the FAP. Sufficient funds are being retained in the *Community and Cultural Enhancement Funds* budget to meet our remaining obligations. The \$2,700,000 is made up of unspent funds that will not be needed for any of the active *Community and Cultural Enhancement Funds* projects.

This amendment is intended to sweep available *Community and Cultural Enhancement Funds* to the *Hudson River Park* project which is in need of funding. The proposed reallocation of \$2,700,000 funds to the FAP *Hudson River Park* project in Grant B-02-DW-36-001 will supplement the proposed \$12,500,000 in project funds in Grant B-02-DW-36-002 (PAP S-2) thus increasing funds available for construction work that is currently underway to \$15,200,000.

4. Allocate \$107,479 of previously allocated but unexpended and available *Community and Cultural Enhancement Funds* in the FAP to the *Neighborhood Parks and Open Spaces* activity also in the FAP.

This amendment proposes to replenish the existing *Neighborhood Parks and Open Spaces* activity in the FAP in order to help offset costs associated with legal, environmental and other costs associated with completing the remaining Neighborhood Parks & Open Spaces projects identified previously in this or other active Partial Action Plans.

The enhancement of neighborhood parks and open spaces throughout Lower Manhattan's diverse communities continues to serve as an important catalyst for the area's revitalization. Improvement to parks and open spaces benefits Lower Manhattan workers, businesses, visitors and improves the quality of life for downtown's growing residential population.

The following table details the current action plan allocations and the proposed changes:

PAP	Activity	Current Allocation	Proposed Reallocation	Proposed Revised Allocation
S-2	Other World Trade Center-130 Liberty Street	\$19,925,000	(\$2,500,000)	\$17,425,000
S-2	Hudson River Park Trust	\$10,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$12,500,000
FAP	Community & Cultural Enhancement Fund	\$55,196,960	(\$2,807,479)	\$52,389,481
FAP	Hudson River Park	0	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
FAP	Neighborhood Parks and Open Spaces	\$127,566	\$107,479	\$235,045