

## **Substantial Amendment to the 2018-2019 Action Plan Summary**

Salt Lake County is making three changes to the Action Plan and is required to do this Substantial Amendment to meet all requirements of the Citizen Participation Plan. Written comments will be accepted from Monday, August 20th thru Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Comments can be submitted to Randy Jepperson at [rjepperson@slco.org](mailto:rjepperson@slco.org) or Karen Wiley at [kwiley@slco.org](mailto:kwiley@slco.org). Comments may also be mailed to Salt Lake County Housing and Community Development, P.O. Box 144575, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4575.

A public notice for the Substantial Amendment 30 day comment period has been published in the newspaper on August 19<sup>th</sup>. A press release was sent out to all press agencies and the notice was included in the Diversity email newsletter for the County. An email has also sent to all interested parties on the County's email list and is available on the County Website. Two of the projects will impact Goals # 9, Sustainable Living Environment and the HOME Activity will impact Goal #13, Decent Housing H-6: Rental Housing.

HOME Investment Partnership funds in the amount of \$200,000 have been added to development and construction of a rental housing development, Liberty Square. This project includes 52 units of affordable housing for low to moderate households. The project is located at 461 South 600 East, Salt Lake City Utah.

Community Development Block Grant Funding is making a change of use in funding for The INN Between activity. This agency was approved for funding in the amount of \$500,000 to assist with the "Acquisition" of a new facility. The project was deemed ineligible due to the timing of the purchase, therefore the funding is being changed from "Acquisition" to "Facility Improvements" for the facility located at 1216 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City. Funding will be used to provide critical facility improvements for this agency including the replacement of the roof and HVAC system.

Salt Lake County is interested in applying for funding through the CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. The purpose of the 108 would be to build a new library in the Kearns Metro Township. The project will be located in a designated redevelopment area of the Township.

The National Objective will serve low/mod residents. The eligible activity will be Neighborhood Revitalization and Economic Development. These requirements will be met in several ways. First the Library will provide opportunities for new permanent job placements through employment with the library system and will also include a business incubation center to assist residents and businesses in the Kearns area. Kearns is an economically stressed area however it is also home to more than 1,400 businesses. Many are small

companies owned by local residents with limited support and resources. The library provides free meeting space as well as physical resources like small office equipment and digital resources like Gale Small Business Builder, Reference USA, and Lynda.com courses. Librarians will actively publicize these resources through marketing and participation in ChamberWest. There will be a technology classroom and a business center to provide the physical space necessary for entrepreneurs to grow. Additional staff with training in business reference will offer incubation workshops and facilitate access to current library partners like the National Association of Women Business Owners, The African-American Chamber of Commerce, and the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The Kearns Metro Township has been a focus for the County for the past couple of years through our Evidence2Success Program and our Economic Initiative in that area. Public libraries are a key component of the community because of the long history and critical link they have in urban, suburban, and rural neighborhoods. Public libraries contribute to the community in key ways by being community builders, serving as community centers for diverse populations, providing access to art and serving as an important partner in early literacy. Several other services that will be provided at this center include digital Inclusion, Spanish-speaking services, and a community meeting space. The Kearns area is also an area of low opportunity with a food desert being one of these components. The Kearns Library is situated next to two schools and within walking distance of several others. As a result, many hungry children and teens will have access to the library every day after school. The Kids Café is a program that will be offered in partnership with the Utah Food bank nutrition program and will provide an evening meal for these students. Because of the high rate of poverty in the Kearns area, Utah Food Bank will provide snacks in the library auditorium every day when school gets out in conjunction with the educational and enrichment programming provided by the library.”