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**MAYOR JACKSON INVITES CITIZENS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PLANNING PROCESS**

Mayor Frank G. Jackson today extended a special invitation to all Cleveland residents and community stakeholders to participate in one of the upcoming Citizen Participation 2009 community meetings focusing on next year's spending of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION 2009 MEETINGS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 7:00 P.M., IN CLEVELAND'S 5TH DISTRICT AT MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT, AT EAST 152ND STREET AND ST. CLAIR AVENUE.

"CDBG funds have made a significant impact on improving the lives of our citizens and the face of our neighborhoods for more than 32 years," said Mayor Jackson. "Participation 2009 is an important opportunity for our residents to voice their ideas and opinions on how to best utilize future CDBG funds to improve the City's social service programming and neighborhood planning and development efforts."

Each city receiving funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is required to convene a citizens' participation meeting where the community is given an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns on the use and expenditure of CDBG funds within their communities and neighborhoods. The focus is on activities that can be implemented using funds from the four grants, which Cleveland receives on an annual basis:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

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Citizens Participation 2009 will include collecting and analyzing all available data, meeting with various agencies and advisory boards, and soliciting input from citizens. The plan for the years 2009-2010 will be submitted to HUD in the spring of 2009.

Since the Community Development Block Grant program's inception in 1975, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated to the City of Cleveland a total of \$ million in funds. Based on need, the following represents Cleveland's 2005 CDBG annual allocation by major categories or budget line item in recent years:

- Approximately \$__ million (or __ percent) is allocated to the Housing category that includes housing rehabilitation, new construction, and code inspection services.
- Approximately \$__ million (or __ percent) is allocated to Social Service programs that include services to seniors, youth, and families.
- Approximately \$__ million (or __ percent) is allocated for Commercial and Economic Development activities that include storefront renovation and CDC supported activities.
- Approximately \$__ million (or __ percent) is allocated to Demolition and Board-up activities.
- Approximately \$__ million (or __ percent) is allocated to Property Maintenance activities that include Lot Clean-up and Community Gardening programs.
- The remaining \$__ million (or __ percent) is allocated for neighborhood planning activities, administrative cost for the Department of Community Development, and CDC support costs.

Citizens Participation meetings will take place in the remaining Police Districts as follows:

- District #4 – Wednesday, October 22nd, 7:00 p.m., at the Covenant Community Church, 3342 East 119th Street
- District #3 – Tuesday, October 28th, 7:00 p.m., Martin Luther King Library (Address)
- District #2 – January 2009 – (Date/Time/Location to be announced)
- District #1—December 2008 – (Date/Time/Location to be announced)

For more information, please contact the Department of Community Development at 216/664-2869, or log onto the City's Web site at www.city.cleveland.oh.us.