

April 6, 2009

Dear Neighborhood Leader/Nonprofit Organization:

The City of Jackson's Office of Housing and Community Development, Development Assistance Division, has scheduled several public hearings to obtain citizens' comments about needs in your neighborhood. The purpose of the hearings is to determine projects to include in the City's application requesting federal funds to be submitted later this year to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The status of existing HUD funded projects will also be discussed. The City of Jackson is scheduled to receive about \$2,500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds; about \$1,150,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships funds; about \$9,000 in American Dream Down-payment Initiative funds; about \$111,000 in Emergency Shelter Grant funds; and about \$885,000 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds for about the total of \$4,640,000.

Further, the City of Jackson will conduct an Application/Proposal Workshop on May 1, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a. m. at the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, Warren Hood Building, 1st floor, 200 South President Street, for non-profit organizations interested in applying for CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds.

As a leader in your neighborhood I encourage you to attend the most convenient meeting and ask your neighbors to do likewise. Complete details and locations of meetings are attached.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, feel free to contact the Development Assistance Division at (601)960-1493.

Sincerely,

**Leo R. Stevens
Manager
Development Assistance Division**