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The Camden Redevelopment Agency Submits 32 mil Application to HUD for Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2

Camden, NJ: A Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Stimulus application of 32 million dollars was submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by the Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) on behalf of the City of Camden. The purpose of the grant is to stabilize communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. The CRA's application is for seven City census tracts: Gateway (6002), Cooper/Lanning (6003), Cooper's Poynt (6007), Pyne Poynt (6008), Rosedale (6011.02), Stockton (6012), Marlton (6013). The application activities are demolition, acquisition, land banking, rehabilitation, new construction, and green elements. "Taking the greening elements to greater dimensions is what is truly innovative about our application. We are looking at LEEDs certified buildings with solar. With all our vacant and abandoned properties, the City has a tremendous opportunity to reduce its carbon footprint. The Greater Camden Partnership and others will manage the greening of open space and creating community gardens", says Sandy Johnson, the new Executive Director of the Camden Redevelopment Agency Development and Director of the City of Camden's Department of Development and Planning.

The partners listed in the NSP2 application are M & M Development, Camden Lutheran Housing, St. Joseph's Carpenter Society, Cramer Hill CDC, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, VOADV Properties, Inc., Neighborhood Housing Services of Camden, Greater Camden Partnership and The Reinvestment Fund. "We now all wait with bated breath for the award announcement, expected in October", adds Johnson. The application can be viewed at the City's website at www.ci.camden.nj.us. This application is one of several efforts of Team Camden, the management construct for applying for Stimulus funding for the City of Camden.

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