

**Project Summary**  
**Central Arkansas Livable Communities Initiative**  
**US HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP2) Competitive Application**  
**July 2, 2009**

**Target Geography:**

The Central Arkansas Livable Communities Initiative (CALCI) proposes to target three market areas in the greater Little Rock/North Little Rock area. Market Area One is located in Downtown/Midtown Little Rock (Census Tracts 0005, 0010, 0011, 0012, 0013, and 0019); Market Area Two is in Southwest Little Rock (Census Tract 0041.08); and, Market Area Three is in North Little Rock (Census Tracts 0026, 0027, 0029 and 0030).

**Project Description:**

A consortium of the City of North Little Rock, the City of Little Rock, the Housing Authority of Little Rock, the Housing Authority of North Little Rock, Argenta CDC and affiliates, Habitat for Humanity, and Black Community Builders has been formed as a joint endeavor to stabilize the target neighborhood communities. The City of Little Rock will serve as the lead agency in this effort. Not less than 25% of the funding will benefit households with incomes at or below 50% of the area median.

The CALCI Consortium proposes to conduct the following eligible NSP2 activities:

1. Establish financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment;
2. Acquire and rehabilitate vacant houses for rental and sale;
3. Establish land banks to acquire, maintain, and hold lots until market improves or convert lots to public use (e.g. parks, community gardens);
4. Demolish blighted structures and hold in land bank; and,
5. Redevelop demolished structures for rental or for sale.

**Budget**

The preliminary budget for the proposed eligible CALCI activities is \$20 – 30 million.

**How to Comment:**

Please forward your comments to the attention of Mary Beth Bowman by email ([mabbowman@windstream.net](mailto:mabbowman@windstream.net)), via Fax (501-340-5345) or by USPS to:

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**Updates:**

Per NSP2 requirements, more detailed application information will be posted as it is developed. Please refer to: [www.northlittlerock.ar.gov](http://www.northlittlerock.ar.gov) for updates.