

**Substantial Amendment to the
Monmouth County Community Development Office
Annual Action Plans for Fiscal Year 2021**

The Monmouth County Office of Community Development has been designated as the lead agency for the preparation and submission of the County's Annual Action Plans for Community Development Programs, funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Monmouth County Office of Community Development is proposing to amend its FY2021 One Year Action Plan component of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Monmouth County expects to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD on or before June 10, 2021.

The Annual Action Plan identifies the needs of homeless, low-income and special needs populations and describes activities the County intends to undertake to address the priorities and specific objectives for housing and community development. The Plan also identifies the public and private funding sources that will be used to carry out the needs and objectives outlined in the Plan. Monmouth County's FY2021 CDBG allocation was increased.

HUD requires the County to submit an Annual Action Plan each year, identifying the activities it intends to undertake with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds. The County is following the Citizen Participation Process outlined in the Office of Community Development's Citizen Participation Plan. The County must hold a public comment period to obtain citizen input on any proposed changes in projects or funding allocations contained in the Action Plan, whenever the proposed changes meet the definition of a Substantial Amendment as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The Monmouth County Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) requires a minimum 30 day public comment period for substantial amendments. To capture the additional funds within the FY2021 Annual Action The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued a waiver 5/12/2021 lowering the public comment period from 30 days to no less than 3 days.

The three day public comment period will begin at Midnight on Saturday May 22, 2021 and conclude on Tuesday May 25, 2021. The County will accept comments from the public on this Amendment during this timeframe.

The Public is hereby notified that comments on the Substantial Amendment will be accepted by email to: Monmouth County Community Development Program, ATT: Laura Kirby, Community Development Director to communitydevelopment@co.monmouth.nj.us or by fax: 732-308-2995.

The Substantial Amendment is available on the Division of Planning, Office of Community Development page of the Monmouth County website at <https://www.co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID> Hard copies are available for review (by appointment only) at the Office of Community Development, 2nd Floor, Hall of Records Annex, One East Main Street, Freehold, NJ, 07728.

No comments will be accepted by telephone.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OVERVIEW:

The Substantial Amendment allows for the programming of available funds to best meet current needs as identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. This Amendment adds funds to the administrative line and one new CDBG activities. A summary of the changes is outlined below, followed by detailed information about each of the new activities.

Community Development Block Grant Program:

The County is amending its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan, allocating \$39,354 in funds as outlined below;

<u>Changes to CDBG-Funded Activities:</u>	<u>Prior Allocation</u>	<u>Funding Change</u>	<u>% Change in Allocation</u>
Monmouth County FY2021 CDBG Administration	\$534,116	+\$7,871	1.47%
Howell Township Infrastructure Improvements	\$164,270	+\$2,420	1.47%
Senior Citizens Activities Network	\$0	+\$29,063	New Project

Sub-Grantee's name: Senior Citizens Activities Network (SCAN)		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Education and Benefits Access for Low Income Seniors		Objective Category:	Create Suitable Living Environments
Location: 180 Route 35 South Eatontown, NJ		Outcome Category:	Availability/Accessibility
Priority Need: Public Services		Project ID: 2021-7	Local ID: G-14-56-892-210-XXX
Census Tract #: 8051	Block Group # 2	CDBG Eligible Area: Yes	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
		Type of Recipient: Non profit	IDIS Activity #: Not assigned
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG 2021	\$29,063	Assisted Housing	
		PHA	
		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$29,063
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>Senior Citizens Activity Network (SCAN) works to increase access for underserved high-needs Monmouth County senior residents to essential resources. This organization provides social connectedness promoting healthy aging in place. SCAN programs provide educational resources through technology classes, health and wellness information, and a benefit enrollment center which provides free screening and enrollment assistance to connect seniors to eligible benefits and entitlements. The SCAN on wheels program brings the programming directly into underserved communities.</p>			