

Substantial Amendment to the Monmouth County Office of Community Development

Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Action Plan

CARES Act ESG-CV Round 2 Allocation

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 a second amendment its FY2019 One Year Action Plan component of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Monmouth County expects to submit this Substantial Amendment to HUD on or before January 1, 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

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. As per waiver guidance issued by the HUD Community Planning and Development Field office and adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on 5/14/20, a five day public comment period is required for all substantial amendments to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan

The County must hold a public comment period to obtain citizen input on any proposed changes to 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.

On June 9, 2020 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Monmouth County a second round of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act) supplemental funding. The ESG-CV Round 2 funding allocation totals \$1,772,793.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The public comment period begins on November 12, 2020 and ends at midnight on November 20, 2020. The County will accept comments from the public on this Amendment during this time period. A public hearing will take place on November 18 providing additional opportunity for public commentary.

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 page of the Monmouth County website at www.visitmonmouth.com. No comments will be accepted by telephone.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OVERVIEW:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relieve and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act was signed on March 27, 2020, in response to the growing effects of the public health crisis. In response to COVID-19, the United States Congress has authorized the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding to entitlement counties such as Monmouth County.

Emergency Solutions Grant Program:

The County is amending its FY2019 Annual Action plan, allocating in funds as outlined below:

- Grant Administration (7.5%) \$133,000
- Homelessness prevention, data collection, rapid rehousing, shelter, and street outreach: \$1,639,793

ESG-CV Round 2

The permitted uses of the federal ESG funds include homelessness prevention, data collection, rapid rehousing, shelter, and street outreach. The County intends to utilize ESG-CV funds for these uses – with a primary focus on homelessness prevention by providing assistance to nonprofit services that provide such services. Monmouth County is experiencing emerging needs and a need for increased services due to conditions that have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Through collaborations with the Monmouth County Homeless Systems Collaborative, Monmouth County Social Services and providers with data and/or skills to addressing COVID-19, the County ESG-CV will be distributed through a letter of intent process to solicit proposals from local nonprofits and agencies.. Using input from applications accepted during the first round the County proposes allocating the second round of ESG-CV funds in the following manner. Note these proposed amounts are dependent on nonprofit application submission. Proposed funding amounts were gathered from surveys submitted by 19 non-profits providing homeless services in Monmouth County.

Proposed Project Funding Categories*	Funding Amount
Emergency Shelter Operations: 1. Transportation 2. Food 3. Furnishing 4. PPE Equipment and Supplies, mobile testing 5. Facility modifications 6. Expansion of Homeless planning process 7. Supportive services for staffing facilities including HMIS accessibility	\$450,000
Expansion of Emergency Shelter Opportunities: subsidizing motel nights	\$350,000
Expansion of Rapid Rehousing programs through Monmouth County Social Services and participating non-profits: rental assistance towards housing costs for income qualified County residents	\$550,000
Expansion of Street Outreach Services	\$289,793
ESG-CV Administration	\$133,000
Total	\$1,772,793

*These proposals are contingents on specific funding requests from submitted applications. Proposals from the submissions for the first round of ESG-CV funding were utilized to create the funding amounts.

