

Substantial Amendment to the  
Monmouth County Office of Community Development  
Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019  
CARES Act ESG-CV allocation

The Monmouth County Office of Community Development has been designated as the lead agency or 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 FY2019 One Year Action Plan component of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Monmouth County expects to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD on or before June 30, 2020.

**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 waver guidance issued by the HUD Community Planning and Development Field office and adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders 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 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 five day public comment period begins on June 17, 2020 and ends at midnight on June 22, 2020. The County will accept comments from the public on this Amendment during this time period.**

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](mailto: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](http://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 Community Development Block Grant (ESG-CV) funding to entitlement counties such as Monmouth County.

**Community Development Block Grant Program:**

The County is amending its FY2019 Annual Action plan, allocating \$752,907 in funds as outlined below:

Grant Administration (10%)	\$75,000
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Homelessness prevention, data collection, Rapid rehousing, shelter, and street outreach.	\$677,907
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## **ESG-CV**

The 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.

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.

Anticipated uses of ESG-CV resources through nonprofit organizations

- Short term assistance to pay housing costs for income qualified County residents
- Financial assistance to shelters
- Financial assistance to enable homeless persons attain rental housing
- Expansion of street outreach services

