

Substantial Amendment to the
Monmouth County Office of Community Development
Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019
CARES Act CDBG 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 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 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding to entitlement counties such as Monmouth County.

Community Development Block Grant Program:

The County is amending its FY2019 Annual Action plan, allocating \$1,595,421 in funds as outlined below:

Grant Administration (20%)	\$319,000
Small business, non profit grants	\$1,276,421

**CDBG-CV
Monmouth County Small Business Assistance Grant Program**

Monmouth County is proposing to make available, individual grants to eligible small businesses and nonprofit organizations. These funds are available as a reimbursement of actual expenditures incurred since the Governor's Executive Order No.103 went into effect on March 9, 2020

Permissible reimbursement expenses under this program may include:

- General working capital and operating costs such as payroll, rent, utilities, taxes, etc. for up to 3-months for operating commercial entities (excludes mortgage payments)
- Procuring and implementing COVID-19 personal protective equipment, and/or employee and public health improvements that (1) promote social distancing, (2) support business sustainability upon reopening or (3) support elderly living facility that are or may be used to centralize patients undergoing treatment*
- Providing a new or expanded public service related to COVID-19

