

**Substantial Amendment to the
Monmouth County Community Development Office
Annual Action Plan 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 1, 2023.

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 (ESG) 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 thirty-day public comment period begins on March 13, 2023 and ends at midnight April 13, 2023. 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 communitydevelopmet@co.monmouth.nj.us or by fax: 732-308-2995.

The Substantial Amendment is available on the Division of Planning, Community Development page of the Monmouth County website at www.visitmonmouth.com. Hard copies are available for review 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 one new ESG activity by reallocating FY2021 funds from one project not expending funds in a timely manner. A summary of the changes is outlined below, followed by detailed information about each of the new activities.

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

The County is proposing on amending its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan, reallocating \$ in funds as outlined below;

| <u>Changes to ESG-Funded Activities:</u> | <u>Prior Allocation</u> | <u>Funding Change</u> | <u>% Change in Allocation</u> |
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| 2021 Rapid Rehousing Program | \$74,653.00 | -\$74,653 | -100% |
| The Center Asbury Park Homeless Prevention Program | \$0 | +\$74,653 | New project |

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| Sub-Grantee's name: The Center | | Program: Emergency Solutions Grant Program | |
| Project Title: Homeless Prevention Program | | Objective Category: | Provide Decent Affordable Housing |
| Location: Throughout Monmouth County | | Outcome Category: | Affordability |
| Priority Need: Homeless Strategy | | Project ID: 2021-9 | Local ID: G-14-56-893-210-XXX |
| Census Tract #: | Block Group # | Eligible Area: N/A | HUD Matrix Code: N/A |
| | | Type of Recipient: Non Profit | IDIS Activity # 2416 |
| Funding Sources: Including Year | | | |
| ESG 2021 | \$74,653.00 | Assisted Housing | |
| | | PHA | |
| | | Other Funding | |
| Prior Year Funds: | | Total: | \$74,653.00 |
| <p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals: Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual moving to an emergency shelter, a place not meant for human habitation, etc.</p> <p>Homelessness prevention assistance helps the program participant regain stability in their current housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.</p> <p>Eligible costs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental Assistance: rental assistance and rental arrears • Financial assistance: rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, moving costs • Services: housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, credit repair | | | |