

**Substantial Amendment to the
Monmouth County Community Development Office
Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020**

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 FY2020 One Year Action Plan component of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Monmouth County expects to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD on or before April 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 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 January 30, 2023 and ends at midnight March 1, 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 communitydevelopment@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. Translation services are available on the website. The Planning Board Office is handicapped accessible.

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 reallocates funds from one project ready for closeout, to one new and one existing project

Community Development Block Grant Program

The County is amending its FY 2020 Annual Action Plan, reallocating \$157,919.02 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>
2020 Home Repair Program	\$599,670	-\$157,919.02	-26.33%
2020 Allenhurst ADA Improvements	n/a	\$130,000	New project
2020 Association of the Blind	n/a	\$27,919.02	New Project

Sub-Grantee's name: Borough of Allenhurst		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Borough Hall Handicap Access Improvement		Objective Category:	Low/moderate Limited Clientele Benefit
Location: 125 Corlies Ave, Allenhurst		Outcome Category:	Sustainability
Priority Need: Public Facility Improvements		Project ID: 2021-6	Local ID: G-14-56-892-200-XXX
Census Tract #: 8124	Block Group # 2	CDBG Eligible Area: No	HUD Matrix Code: 03E
		Type of Recipient: Municipality	IDIS Activity #:
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG 2021	\$130,000	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$130,000
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>CDBG funds will be used to improve accessibility to Borough Hall through rehabilitation of the existing handicapped access ramp at the exterior of the building. This links to the Consolidated Plan Goal of Public Facilities Improvements. This project was originally approved within the FY2020 plan. However, the project was deferred due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To continue the timely expenditure of CDBG funds, the original funds allocation was redistributed to a shovel ready project. The grantee has indicated they are ready to begin construction in Summer 2023.</p>			

Sub-Grantee's name: Monmouth County Association of the Blind		Program: Community Development Block Grant	
Project Title: Life Skills and Social Enrichment for the Visually Impaired		Objective Category:	Low/Mod Limited Clientele Benefit
Location: 301 Belmar Blvd Wall, NJ 07719		Outcome Category:	Availability/Accessibility
Priority Need: Public Services		Project ID: 2020-7	Local ID: G-14-56-892-200-264
Census Tract #: 8086	Block Group # 3	CDBG Eligible Area: N/A	HUD Matrix Code: 05B
		Type of Recipient: Nonprofit/Admin	IDIS Activity #: 2486
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG 2020	\$27,919.02	Assisted Housing	
		PHA	
		Other Funding	
Previous Allocation 12/20:	\$25,000.00	Total:	\$27,919.02
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals: Formed in 1951, the Monmouth County Association of the Blind provides supportive services and social activities for blind and visually impaired members of the community. This amendment reallocates remaining 2019 Community Development Block Grant administrative funds to the Monmouth County Association of the Blind. This allocation will pay for operating costs for the facility including utilities, insurance, and transportation services for clients. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the Association has expanded transportation and food bank services for local residents in needs. This project helps advance the Consolidated Plan goal of expansion of public services to Monmouth County residents. The grantee has expended the previous grant allotment and has requested additional funds.</p>			