

Monmouth County Office of Community Development
CARES Act CDBG Round 2 allocation
Submission to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

The Monmouth County Office of Community Development has been designated as the lead agency for the preparation and submission of the County's application for Community Development Programs Cares Act Round 2 funding, allocated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. The Monmouth County Office of Community Development expects to submit the application to NJDCA on or before June 30, 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

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 expenditures of CDBG CARES act funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The seven-day public comment period begins on Thursday June 17, 2021 and continue on through Friday June 25, 2021. The County will accept comments from the public on this proposal during this period.

Copies of the Proposed use of Funds for the NJDCA CDBG – CV 2 are available for public inspection and review on the Division of Planning - Community Development page of the Monmouth County website. 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. Comments on this proposed application submission should be submitted by mail to: Laura Kirby, Director, Monmouth County Office of Community Development, Hall of Records Annex, One East Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey, 07728. You may also send your comments via email to communitydevelopment@co.monmouth.nj.us or by fax: 732-308-2995. All comments received on or by 4 pm. June 25, 2021 will be considered. Written comments may also be sent to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, NJ Small Cities CDBG Program, PO Box 811, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625- 0811, ATTN: Administrator.

CDBG-CV 2 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 proposing to expend the \$1,631,935 in CDBG-CV 2 funds as follows.

Grant Administration (20%)	\$326,000 ⁱ
Small business, & nonprofit grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.	\$1,305,935

CDBG-CV-2**Monmouth County Small Business, Non Profit Assistance Grant Program**

Monmouth County is proposing to make available, individual grants to eligible small businesses and nonprofit organizations, located in (HUD determined) low/moderate income areas. 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. Please refer to attached map to identify eligible areas.

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

ⁱ If administrative funds are not an allowed expenditure for CDBG CV-2 funds will be re-allocated to the Small Business/Nonprofit assistance program