

**Substantial Amendment to the
Monmouth County Community Development Office
Annual Action Plans for Fiscal Year 2019**

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 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 January 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.

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 Monmouth County Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) (amended to include CARES act flexibilities in May 2020) requires a minimum 5 day public comment period for substantial amendments to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan which will start at midnight. The five day public comment period will begin on Friday December 4, 2020 and end on and include Friday December 11, 2020. 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 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 through appointment only.

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 funds to one new CDBG activity by reallocating FY2019 funds remaining from a project that was completed under budget. A summary of the changes is outlined below, followed by detailed information about the new activity

Community Development Block Grant Funds:

The County is amending its FY 2019 Annual Action Plan, reallocating \$23,644 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>
Belmar Railroad Avenue Improvements	\$158,889	-\$23,644	-14.88%
Monmouth Arts 2020 application	\$0	\$23,644	N/A

Sub-Grantee's name: Monmouth County		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Monmouth Arts		Objective Category:	Low Moderate Clientele
Location: 105 Monmouth Street Red Bank		Outcome Category:	People
Priority Need Public Services:		Project ID: 2019	Local ID: G-14-56-892-190-314
Census Tract #: 8036	Block Group # 5	CDBG Eligible Area: N/A	HUD Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services
		Type of Recipient: Non Profit	IDIS Activity #: New
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG	\$23,644	Assisted Housing	
		PHA	
		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$23,644
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>Reallocated CDBG funds will be used to administer a comprehensive Youth Arts Program, Signs of Hope. Benefiting the youth at the Boys and Girls Club of Red Bank and YMCA of Western Monmouth visual and performing arts instruction, activities and project are delivered via virtual programs due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Art activities include improvisation, performing arts, visual arts, dance and music. Each class will be overseen by area teaching artists and members of them Monmouth Arts staff. Each participating student receives a bag of art supplies and activity packet at the start of the program.</p>			

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The Monmouth County Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) requires a minimum 30 day public comment period for non Covid-19 related substantial amendments to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan. The thirty day public comment period will begin at midnight on Friday December 4, 2020 and end at midnight January 4, 2021. The County will accept comments from the public on this Amendment during this timeframe.

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Community Development Block Grant Funds:

The County is amending its FY 2019 Annual Action Plan, reallocating \$65,910 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>
Belmar Railroad Avenue Improvements	\$158,889.00	-\$9,049.31	-5.70%
Shrewsbury Township Sewer Improvements	\$159,444.00	-\$2,363.00	-1.48%
Friends of Millstone	\$63,315.00	-\$14,028.00	-22.16%
2019 CDBG Administration	\$444,695.80	-\$40,469.69	-9.10%
Jersey Shore Arts Center Application	New project	\$65,910	N/A

Sub-Grantee's name: Ocean Grove Historic Preservation Society		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: ADA Improvements to Jersey Shore Arts Center		Objective Category:	Low Moderate Clientele
Location: 66 South Main Street Ocean Grove		Outcome Category:	Direct Benefit by Persons
Priority Need Public Facilities		Project ID: 2019	Local ID: G-14-56-892-190-315
Census Tract #: 8074	Block Group # 3	CDBG Eligible Area: yes	HUD Matrix Code: 03E Neighborhood Facilities
		Type of Recipient: Non Profit	IDIS Activity #: New
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG	\$65,910	Assisted Housing	
		PHA	
		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$65,910
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>The Ocean Grove Historic Preservation Society has a twofold mission to save and restore the historic Neptune High School currently home to the Jersey Shore Arts Center in support of local artists and arts educations, and provide professional opportunities and affordable workspace to artists, educators, and community groups. This Accessibility Project improves the adjacent parking facility and installs new handicap ramps to improve independent accessibility for all visitors and volunteers with disabilities providing barrier free access to both the North and South entryways.</p>			

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