

Public Notice
Bergen County
Division of Community Development
One-Year Action Plan FY 2021-2022

The Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco III hereby announces an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The application will fund Bergen County's One-Year Action Plan for FY2021-2022, in an effort to meet the identified needs and objectives outlined in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY2020-2024.

The Consolidated Plan input of the community assist Community Development in making decisions on behalf of the citizens of Bergen County. The One-Year Action Plan consists of the proposed use of funds to address those needs through the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The mission of the plan is to enhance the development of viable communities by assisting in the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons who have low or moderate-income.

Bergen County proposes to fund the following projects, **totaling \$13,898,044** for FY2021-2022. Included in this amount is **\$ 9,701,037 in new CDBG funds**. The HOME program includes **\$2,862,977 in new funds and \$527,593** in prior year's program income for a **total of \$3,390,570**. The ESG program includes **\$806,437** in new funds.

- The CDBG Program provides funds for community development activities including, but not limited to, public infrastructure improvements, housing activities, economic development, job training programs and public service activities.

Public Facilities & Infrastructure	5,410,221
Public Service	902,094
Public Housing Modernization	260,000
Housing Rehabilitation	375,096
Homeowner Rehabilitation Program	613,419
Planning & Administration	1,940,207
TOTAL	9,701,037

- The HOME Program provides funds for down payment and/or closing cost assistance for homebuyers, the construction or rehabilitation of single or multi-family housing units along with other types of housing assistance, principally for low- and moderate-income residents or for special needs housing.

Rental Construction	2,203,490
Direct Homebuyer Assistance	445,783
Direct Rental Assistance	455,000
HOME Administration	286,297
TOTAL	3,390,570

- The ESG Program provides funds for emergency shelters, homeless prevention/rapid rehousing activities, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administration, and other activities for homeless individuals and families.

Emergency Shelter	223,204.22
Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing	498,000
Homeless Management Information System	24,750
ESG Administration	60,482.78
TOTAL	806,437

The *Action Plan for FY2021-2022*, is an integrated document that describes the interdependent yet collaborative strategies of each entitlement jurisdiction within the context of the entire County. The specific investments are

presented according to the five year goals that they are intended to impact. Housing and Homeless goals and strategies are presented countywide. Other community development strategies specific to each municipality are presented independently; allowing each municipality to respond to the individual needs within the community with its CDBG funds.

The allocations presented here are the result of a community wide notification, application, and review process by the regional committees. The process has been unique to each committee, such as application review, presentations, public hearings and recommendations of funding.

Under the current pandemic public gathering is prohibited and in order to comply with local social gathering requirements, the public hearing will be held via teleconferencing. The public hearing on the Draft Action Plan FY 2021-2022 proposed projects will be held on Wednesday June 30 at 6 pm. Please call in via teleconferencing to the following telephone number:

201-336-6626 with ACCESS CODE 7894#

HUD has provided a waiver on the citizen participation public comment period for FY2021 by reducing the comment period for grantees preparing FY2021 Plans, amendments thereto and amendments to prior years plans from 30 days to no less than 3 days. Grantees will continue to follow their citizen participation plans otherwise. In reducing the comment period to 3 days, HUD is balancing the need to quickly assist communities while continuing to provide reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed uses of CDBG.

The Division of Community Development will be accepting comments from the public which will start on July 1, 2021 through the close of business on July 9, 2021. The public is encouraged to submit comments via email, directly to cdapp@co.bergen.nj.us at any time during the comment period or comments may also be directed to Angela Drakes, Deputy Director of Community Development, email address adrakes@co.bergen.nj.us

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