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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

PUBLIC INPUT AND PARTICIPATION

The Plan is based on the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan priorities and public input. The Department of Community Development held two public hearings to develop the 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan on February 28, 2023 and April 19, 2023, which included representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department, ARHAT, Handy Helper, the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, the Police Department's Side by Side Program. The Finance Director made recommendations on the proposed budget that were incorporated. The proposed plan and request for input was posted on the Township website and notice was provided in the newspaper and at the library.

OBJECTIVES OF PLAN

- Suitable Living Environment – improving safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality public and private facilities; ensuring the vitality and stability of existing low and moderate income neighborhoods
- Provide Services to Low and Moderate Income Persons and Families - provide social and economic services to low and moderate-income families
- Decent Housing –increasing and maintaining the availability of quality, affordable, permanent and fair housing to low and moderate income families, including minorities; providing affordable housing so that it is accessible and in proximity to job opportunities and employment centers; providing housing that conforms to ADA that includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs to live in dignity and independence

HUD 2023 ALLOCATION: \$411,888 (15% Public Service Cap, 20% Planning & Administration Cap)

BUDGET:

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| Public Facilities (Parks and Sidewalk Improvements in Low/Mod Neighborhoods) | \$ 270,105.00 |
| Senior Bus & Services | \$ 59,283.00 |
| Side-by-Side Domenstic Violence Response Team | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Handy Helper Program | \$ <u>80,000.00</u> |
| | \$ 411,888.00 |

Additional Housing Activities will take place utilizing available Affordable Housing Trust Funds, rather than CDBG funds, in an effort to be efficient with available resources. CDBG can be used for a variety of projects, whereas the Affordable Housing Trust Fund can only be used for housing activities. The Township will be using existing available planning and administration funds on hand from prior grant years (to catch up from Covid-related delays).