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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2024 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 on February 22, 2024 and March 20, 2024 to develop the 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan, which included representatives from ARHAT, the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, the Police Department's Side by Side Program, St. Joseph's Carpenter Society, and Camden County Community Development. Additionally, there was a 30-day written comment period from March 20, 2024 – April 19, 2024. Public notice of the public hearings and the written comment period was provided in the newspaper, on the Township website, at the Clerk's office, the Community Development Office, and the public library.

HUD 2024 ALLOCATION: \$411,647

PROGRAM INCOME: \$5,210

TOTAL BUDGET: \$416,857

Housing Activities	\$ 110,000.00	Handy Helper
Public Facilities	\$ 276,857.00	
Public Services	\$ 10,000.00	Side by Side
Planning & Admin	\$ 20,000.00	
2024 ACTION PLAN	\$ 416,857.00	

OBJECTIVES OF PLAN

- **Suitable Living Environment** – to ensure the stability and vitality of existing low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, as well as increase the accessibility of the physical environment for senior and disabled residents, by:
 - improving the safety and quality of life in eligible neighborhoods;
 - eliminating blighting influences and the deterioration of property and facilities;
 - increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services;
 - providing accessibility improvements to public facilities and infrastructure;
 - revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods.
- **Provide Services to Low and Moderate Income Persons and Families** - to provide social and economic services to low and moderate income persons and families, including, but not limited to:
 - continued access and/or increased services for victims of domestic violence;
 - continued access and/or increased services to seniors and disabled residents;
 - provide continued or new services to low and moderate income persons and families, such as credit counseling, housing counseling, the food pantry, etc.
- **Decent Housing** – making more decent housing available, affordable, accessible, and sustainable for low- and moderate-income residents, including:
 - increasing and maintaining the availability of safe, affordable, quality, 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 the American Disabilities Act (ADA) that includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs to live in dignity and independence; and
- increasing the supply of supportive housing.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Additionally, the Township will be utilizing its Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) to create new affordable units, maintain its existing stock of affordable units, as well as to develop new affordability assistance programs, in accordance with the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

The Township senior bus service will predominantly utilize unexpended CDBG public services funds and ARPA resources.

The Township will be using existing available planning and administration funds on hand from prior grant years (to catch up from Covid-related delays).

The Township will also continue participation in the Camden County Home Improvement Program (HIP) for low- and moderate-income homeowners through the HOME program.