

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Cherry Hill Township Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program strives to ensure decent affordable housing and to provide services to the most vulnerable in our community.

Cherry Hill is considered by HUD as an Entitlement Community. Entitlement Communities are comprised of central cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs); metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000; and qualified urban counties with a population of 200,000 or more (excluding the populations of entitlement cities). As an Entitlement Community, Cherry Hill receives an annual allocation from HUD, based on a formula comprising of several measures of community need, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

As a condition of receiving these funds, the Township is required to develop a 5-Year Consolidated Plan that articulates the community development goals on which it will focus these funds. The most recent Consolidated Plan covers the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024. For this Annual Action Plan period 2022-2023, the Township has been allocated \$423,294 from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

In addition to the CDBG funds, the Township is a participant in the Camden County Improvement Authority (CCIA) HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Due to its Urban County status, Camden County receives funds under HUD's HOME Investment Partnership Program. Cherry Hill Township, Gloucester City and Gloucester Township have entered into a consortium with Camden County to administer the HOME allocation. HOME funds are provided to private and non-profit developers through a competitive annual application. These funds are to be used to help meet goals and objectives established by both the County and Township 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The Plan goals and objectives were developed in consultation with citizens, nonprofit organizations, developers, businesses, funding partners, schools and other governmental agencies. The overarching purpose is to support the development of viable communities with decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities for the County and Township low- and moderate-income households.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1: The Township entered a Substantial Amendment in IDIS on 05.08.2023 to reallocate \$50,000 from Activity #382, 2022 Public Facilities - ADA Sidewalks/Curbs, to Activity #370, 2021 Public

Facilities. This Amendment combined various smaller public facility projects into larger public facility projects in accordance with Township Council Resolution 2023-4-19 that was adopted on April 24, 2023.

Minor Amendment #2: The Township adopted a Minor Amendment to the 2022 Annual Action Plan on December 11, 2023 (Resolution #2023-12-11). This amendment assigns \$43,633.65 in Program Income to the 2022 Housing Activities Project (i.e., Affordable Housing Acquisition/Rehab Program).

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Program Year (PY) 2022 Annual Action Plan includes third year goals that were identified in the Five-Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, all targeting community needs related to affordable housing, providing public services to low-mod income and at-risk residents, and strengthening neighborhoods. The Statutory program goals for the CDBG and HOME programs are Decent Housing, Suitable Living Environment and Expanded Economic Opportunities.

Decent Housing. The 2022 Annual Action Plan activities, which facilitate making decent housing more available, affordable, accessible, and sustainable for low- and moderate-income residents include: increasing the availability of quality, affordable, permanent, and fair housing to low- and moderate-income families, including minorities; retaining the Township’s affordable housing stock; 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. The Township anticipates creating 3 new affordable housing units (either by rental or homeownership) in FY2022. The Township will also be partnering with the County to administer their Home Improvement Program for low- and moderate-income homeowners. This partnership will support the housing goals of the Township, while leveraging County HOME funds.

Suitable Living Environment. The 2022 Annual Action Plan activities, which help make suitable living environments more available, affordable, accessible, and sustainable for low- and moderate-income residents include: improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; eliminating blighting influences and the deterioration of property and facilities; increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services; reducing isolation of income groups within areas through spatial de-concentration of housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons; and revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods. The Township anticipates creating 3 new affordable housing units across different neighborhoods in Cherry Hill and supporting non-profit organizations dedicated to improving housing conditions. The Township also plans to support public facilities and infrastructure projects to benefit seniors and the disabled by removing architectural barriers and to benefit low-moderate areas of Cherry Hill.

Provide Social Services to Low-and Moderate-Income families. The 2022 Annual Action Plan activities will allocate funding to non-profit organizations that provide critical social and economic services the low-moderate income families in Cherry Hill Township. Funds are also allocated to provide one-on-one counselling for victims of domestic abuse and the Township senior bus service.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

CDBG funds are targeted primarily toward affordable housing, economic development, strengthening neighborhoods and increasing access to resources. Prior to COVID-19 and the various program delays and priority shifts that came along with it, the Township consistently met HUD timeliness and spent its allocated funds for most activities on a yearly basis. Due to the cessation of certain activities caused by COVID-19, the Township has had difficulty spending funds related to its Single-Family Rehabilitation program and Handy Helper program. However, the Handy Helper program is back up and running again now that clients appear more comfortable with having persons enter their homes to evaluate work needs and perform the work. The Township has continued to focus its funds predominantly in the Housing Activities program that will allow us to purchase and rehab housing units for conversion to income qualified rental units or modest priced housing units for purchase. The purchase of units has also been challenging given the current housing market. The current market is very competitive. Last month, the median list price for a 2-bedroom unit in Cherry Hill was \$180,000, while the median list price for a 3 bedroom unit in Cherry Hill was \$340,000 (<https://www.rockethomes.com/real-estate-trends/nj/cherry-hill> accessed on 5/23/22). However, the Township has been able to work with ARHAT on successful acquisition and rehab projects.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Cherry Hill Township posted its Public Notice in the regional/area newspaper March 4, 2021, which was ten days prior to the public hearing held on March 14, 2022 to announce key public participation dates for the Township's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022 Annual Action Plan (AAP). As an Entitlement Community under the CDBG program, the Township will receive a formula allocation from HUD for the 2022 Annual Action Plan (Program Year 2022) of approximately \$423,294. These funds may be used for eligible activities, as authorized by Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974, as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Cherry Hill Township conducted its first virtual public hearing on the Township's Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan on March 14, 2022 at 5pm. The purpose of this hearing was to obtain comments on overall

community need for the Annual Action Plan. While there were no members of the public in attendance, ARHAT's housing coordinator was in attendance. Cherry Hill Township held its second virtual public hearing on the Township's Final 2022 Annual Plan on June 14, 2022 at 5pm. Township staff, ARHAT's housing coordinator, and the Handy Helper program facilitator were in attendance.

Given the ongoing public health crisis and continued recommendations for social distancing, virtual public hearings were held via the Zoom online meeting platform in lieu of in-person hearings. Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak during this hearing to verbally submit their public comment. The log-in information for the Virtual Public Hearings was posted on the Township's website at the following address: <http://www.cherryhill-nj.com/152/Community-Development-Block-Grant-CDBG> All interested individuals and organizations were invited and encouraged to attend these public hearings.

PUBLIC REVIEW

The 2022 Annual Action Plan was placed on public review on the Township's website from May 23, 2022 to June 23, 2022. All resident and interested parties were encouraged to submit questions and/or public comment. No questions or public comments were received

CONSULTATION

Township Community Development Staff have been in consistent communication with the staff of other Township Departments and with local agencies to understand the current needs in the Township. This has been especially important as the impacts of COVID are still continuing to evolve.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1 The Township entered a Substantial Amendment into IDIS on 05.08.2023 in accordance with Resolution 2023-4-19 to reallocate \$50,000 from 2022 Activity #382 Public Facilities to 2021 Activity #370 Public Facilities. This Amendment followed the Township's Citizen Participation Plan. A public hearing was held on February 28, 2023, which was attended by the Cherry Hill Food Pantry Director, ARHAT Housing Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Director, Handy Helper Coordinator, Side by Side Domestic Violence Coordinator, Community Development staff and consultants. There was also a 30-Day Public Comment Period, March 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023. Township Council approved the Resolution at a public meeting on April 24, 2023.

Amendment #2: The Township adopted a Minor Amendment to the 2022 Annual Action Plan on December 11, 2023 (Resolution #2023-12-11). This amendment assigns \$43,633.65 in Program Income to the 2022 Housing Activities (i.e., Affordable Housing Acquisition/Rehab Program). No public hearing or comment period are required by the Township Citizen Participation Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

There were no resident or business public participation or submitted comments for March 14th public meeting. However, ARHAT's Housing Coordinator participated in the meeting. A second Public Hearing was held on June 14th to discuss and solicit comments on the draft Annual Plan. ARHAT's Housing Coordinator and Township staff participated in the second hearing. There was no resident participation in the second public hearing and no comments were received by the Township.

AMENDMENTS

There was a public hearing held on February 28, 2023 on the Substantial Amendment that was attended by the Cherry Hill Food Pantry Director, ARHAT Housing Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Director, Handy Helper Coordinator, Side by Side Domestic Violence Coordinator, Community Development staff and consultants. There was also a 30-Day Public Comment Period, March 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023. No public comments were submitted. There were no public comments at the public meeting on April 24, 2023 when Council approved Resolution 2023-4-19 adopting the Substantial Amendment. For the minor amendment, Township Council adopted Resolution #2023-12-11 at a public meeting held on December 11, 2023. Council members expressed their support for assisting Habitat for Humanity and the Food Pantry. There were no other public comments.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments were received.

7. Summary

The Township made every effort to advertise and encourage public participation. Unfortunately the Township was unable to solicit additional comments from the public.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP	
CDBG Administrator	CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP	Department of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Cherry Hill Township Department of Community Development serves as the administrative agency for the Cherry Hill Township CDBG programs. As the responsible entity, the Department of Community Development reviews the performance of sub-recipients and monitors the overall program delivery structure to ensure coordination and compliance.

As the entitlement grantee for the CDBG program, the Cherry Hill Township Department of Community Development is the lead agency for the development of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, as well as the Annual Action Plans that outline the proposed activities and expenditures under the Plan. The Department oversees planning, community development, housing, lead paint abatement, and various programs for the Township.

The Department coordinates several public and private agencies that administer programs and activities under the plan, which the following:

- Cherry Hill Township Department of Public Works & Engineering (Local Government)
- Cherry Hill Township Department of Recreation (Local Government)
- Cherry Hill Township Division of Code Enforcement (Local Government)

- Cherry Hill Township Office of the Municipal Clerk (Local Government)
- Cherry Hill Township Police Department (Local Government)
- Camden County Improvement Authority (CCIA) (County Government)
- Affordable Rental Housing at Tavistock (ARHAT) (Non-profit)

Given recent administration and staffing changes, the following individuals are ultimately responsible for the implementation and oversight of the CDBG Program:

Mayor Susan Shin Angulo, Mayor's Office of Cherry Hill Township

Cosmas Diamantis, Esq., Department of Community Development, Cherry Hill Township

Mara Wuebker, PP/AICP, Department of Community Development, Cherry Hill Township

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The Township has always encouraged on-going participation from residents, community service providers, and existing and potential community development partners. The participation process for the Consolidated Plan included public notices; a 30-day public comment period; public hearings; and consultation with non-profits, Township staff, elected officials, and housing providers. The Department sought discussions and exchange of information regarding: Lead-based paint hazards (County Health Care Agency); Homelessness (community- and faith-based service providers); Persons with disabilities and special needs (community-based service and housing providers); Public assistance recipients (County Social Services Agency); Housing stock (developers, lenders, managers); and Public and assisted housing residents. In the end, the official Annual Plan planning process hearings yielded little involvement, participation and input of very few governmental departments, non-profit organizations, and citizens. Specific outreach was made to Township departments and local agencies to discuss local need on a one-on-one basis.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

Cherry Hill Township developed institutional structures to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, and foster assisted housing improvements and resident initiatives. Each year, the Township utilizes a network of referrals, contacts and partnerships to implement the strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan. As an example, relating to housing, the Township continues to build its relationship with local housing providers such as private developers, nonprofit developers. Specifically, the Department of Community Development participated in several meetings last year with Habitat for Humanity to discuss means of partnering together on some future housing projects. We also continue to build relationships with neighboring housing authorities, to ensure that limited housing resources are utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Finally, the Township, in partnership with the CCIA, will continue to work jointly to meet the housing needs of Cherry Hill Township's very low-income populations.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Township coordinates with the Camden County Continuum of Care and Camden County HOME Consortium, who conducts ESG needs assessments and planning for the entire County.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The Township does not receive ESG funding, nor is subject to the reporting requirements outlined in 91.220(l)(1); 91.220(l)(3); or 91.220(l)(4). However, the Township continues to work with the Camden County Continuum of Care and Camden County HOME Consortium, who conducts ESG needs assessments and planning for the entire County.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Unfortunately, limited participation occurred in the Township's consultation process. However, many organizations are involved in the Township and have access to participate in the program. However, the Department of Community Development engaged those sub grantees who currently administer the Township's programming.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	ARHAT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	ARHAT representatives participated in the public hearing and in ongoing communication with the Community Development Department.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The Township is regularly in contact with all known agencies and organizations involved in activities that are relevant to CDBG activities and programs.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Camden County	Both serve to provide Decent Housing, Suitable Living Environment and Economic Development
Camden County 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan	Camden County	Both serve to provide Decent Housing, Suitable Living Environment and Economic Development
Cherry Hill Township master Plan	Cherry Hill Township	Both serve to provide Decent Housing, Suitable Living Environment and Economic Development

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The Township continues to partner with the Camden County Improvement Authority (CCIA) for the implementation of the Township’s Housing Improvement Program, which has proven to be a successful partnership. Additional coordination with CCIA will occur as the Township seeks HOME funds through the HOME Consortia.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The Cherry Hill Township Citizen Participation Plan establishes procedures for obtaining the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties regarding the use of CDBG funds. Of particular importance are the views of persons of low- and moderate-income, who are intended to be the principal beneficiaries of the CDBG program, and residents of areas where activities are expected to take place. The participation of all Township residents is encouraged, especially HUD's protected classes, which include minorities, senior citizens, non-English speaking persons, female-headed households and persons with disabilities.

Citizen input is essential in the following areas of the CDBG process:

- 1) Identification of housing and community development needs;
- 2) Development of the Consolidated Plan;
- 3) Development of the Annual Action Plan;
- 4) Development of the Citizen Participation Plan;
- 5) Substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan or the Annual Action Plan; and
- 6) Annual performance report.

AMENDMENTS

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Township-wide	Announcements of the public meeting to solicit comments were advertised in the Township paper of record- the Camden Courier Post- and posted on the municipal website site. No general members of the public attended the meeting, however the ARHAT Coordinator did attend.	none	N/A	

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2	Public Meeting	Township-wide	Announcements of the public hearing was advertised in the Township paper of record- the Camden Courier Post- and posted on the municipal website site. No general members of the public attended the meeting, however the ARHAT Coordinator did attend.	No comments on the draft AAP were submitted to the Township Community Development Office.	N/A	
3	Public Review	Non-targeted/broad community	The Township noticed and posted the draft Annual Plan for public review for no less than 30 days.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The Township held a public hearing on February 28, 2023 for a Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2022 Action Plans. No members of the public were in attendance.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Township held public review for a Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2022 Action Plans from March 1 - March 31. No public comments were received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Township is receiving \$423,294 for its third year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and has received \$17,527 in Program Income that it is budgeting in the 2022 Annual Budget.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1: The Township entered a Substantial Amendment in IDIS on 05.08.2023 that reallocates \$50,000 from Activity #382, 2022 Public Facilities - ADA Sidewalks/Curbs in the 2022 Annual Plan to Activity #370, 2021 Public Facilities in the 2021 Annual Plan, per Resolution #2023-4-19 that was adopted on April 24, 2023.

Amendment #2: The Township adopted a Minor Amendment to the 2022 Annual Action Plan on December 11, 2023 (Resolution #2023-12-11). This amendment assigns \$43,633.65 in Program Income to the 2022 Housing Activities (i.e., Affordable Housing Acquisition/Rehab

Program). \$43,633.65 in Program Income has been added below to the original amount of \$17,527. The new PI total is \$61,160.65.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	423,294	61,161	0	484,455	846,588	Amount expected is based on estimate of 2 times current allocation. After Amendment #2, the true amount of expected resources is \$434,454.87. \$50,000 that was transferred out of the 2022 AAP to the 2021 AAP is still reflected in the annual allocation here.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

For program year 2022, the Township is receiving one (1) entitlement grant from HUD in the amount of \$423,294 and will also be spending \$17,537 in Program Income. Additionally, they will be leveraging \$200,000 in County HOME funds through the Home Improvement Program.

Affordable housing trust funds are intended to better enable municipalities to meet the low- and moderate-income housing needs in their municipality and region. Affordable housing trust funds may contain mandatory development fees, payments in lieu of constructing affordable units on sites zoned for affordable housing, funds in a barrier free escrow, recapture funds, proceeds from the sale of affordable units, rental income, repayments from affordable housing program loans, enforcement fines and application fees, and any other funds collected by the

municipality in connection with its affordable housing programs.

The Cherry Hill Affordable Housing Trust Fund has approximately \$2,000,000.00 to create affordable housing in the Township. These funds were approved by the State of New Jersey in 2013. The Township recently received a Judgment of Repose of its Housing Element & Fair Share Plan (HEFSP) in order to expend those funds.

The Township also anticipates leveraging funding to help meet identified needs from various organizations and agencies.

The Township continues to receive and apply for Federal, State, and County funds to leverage projects that benefit HUD's three (3) national objectives. Several other funding streams, such as State and County HOME funds, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York Affordable Housing Program (AHP) funds, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance funds, SuperNOFA grants and other funds will be examined to increase the leverage of the Township's federal and local funds. The Township will also continue to support the efforts of the Cherry Hill Township Division of Housing and local non-profits to secure additional funds to be used for affordable housing development, economic development, and social services.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Most of the Township's publicly owned land is deed restricted through the New Jersey Green Acres Program. The Township participates in the planning incentive program under the New Jersey Green Acres Program, which requires acquisition and planning for open space and recreation. Many of the needs identified in this plan will utilize CDBG monies for acquisition of affordable housing, which will be transferred to non-profit housing provider.

Discussion

The Township will invest these resources in projects that can maximize impact in the community by leveraging other funding resources. The Township prefers to provide gap financing to projects, which find additional resources and partnerships to implement the program.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Activities	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Township-wide	Housing Activities	CDBG: \$201,555	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit
2	Planning	2020	2024	Planning	Township-wide	Administration Planning	CDBG: \$84,500	Other: 1 Other
3	Side By Side Domestic Violence Response Team	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Township-wide	Side By Side Domestic Violence Response Team	CDBG: \$2,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 28 Persons Assisted
4	Support public services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Township-wide	Support public services	CDBG: \$60,900	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Persons Assisted
5	Handy Helper	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Township-wide	Handy Helper Removal of Architectural Barriers	CDBG: \$85,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 35 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities	CDBG: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Activities
	Goal Description	Acquisition and rehabilitation of properties for occupancy by low- and moderate-income households at affordable rents or for resale into the Township's Modest Priced Housing Home Ownership Program.
2	Goal Name	Planning
	Goal Description	Planning and Administration includes the oversight of the CDBG Program, monitoring of activities, fulfilling application and reporting requirements and disbursement of funds. Various Planning activities for the municipality concerning such as but not limited to housing, open space and environmental program areas.
3	Goal Name	Side By Side Domestic Violence Response Team
	Goal Description	Support network for victims of domestic abuse. Victims matched with a counselor who guides them through the process from one point of the initial incident through any legal process.
4	Goal Name	Support public services
	Goal Description	The Township will make funds available for the senior bus program and other non-profits efforts to provide critical social services to area low-moderate income residents or limited clientele. The organizations and amount of l/m people served will be determined at the day of the awards.

5	Goal Name	Handy Helper
	Goal Description	Minor home repairs for low and moderate income eligible senior and disabled households. This annual goal has been added to align with the changes that the Minor Amendment created through it's funding of the Handy Helper Program. The creation of this specific annual goal allows the accomplishments of Handy Helper to be more accurately tracked for CAPER reporting.
6	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	The rehabilitation of public and historic facilities and to eliminate blighting influences, publicly owned utilities and public facilities.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

A listing of the 2022 projects is provided in Table 3 and in with additional descriptions in the Project Summary Chart below.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1: The Township adopted a Substantial Amendment on April 24, 2023 (Resolution #2023-4-19) for various changes to the 2019-2022 AAP, which included the reallocation of \$50,000 from 2022 Public Facilities - ADA Sidewalks/Curbs, Activity #382, to 2021 Activity #370, Public Facilities. This defunds the 2022 Public Facilities project. This project has been removed from the Annual Plan.

Amendment #2: The Township adopted a Minor Amendment to the 2022 Annual Action Plan on December 11, 2023 (Resolution #2023-12-11). This amendment assigns \$43,633.65 in Program Income to the 2022 Housing Activities Project (Affordable Housing - Acquisition and Rehabilitation).

#	Project Name
1	Housing Activities - 2022
2	Planning and Administration - 2022
4	Side-By-Side Domestic Violence Response Team - 2022
5	Public Services - 2022
6	HANDY HELPER-2022

Table 7 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The Township Master Plan has focused on revitalizing existing neighborhoods and communities, and enhancing the infrastructure necessary to support existing residents. It has been proven that people in crisis need a safe and secure environment to become stable, self-sufficient and ultimately thrive. In turn, thriving people have the ability to support the built environment and proactively participate in community enrichment.

Activities have been selected for inclusion in this Plan based on 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan priorities and public input. In program year 2022, the Township will engage in community development activities through increasing the availability and quality of affordable housing, the delivery of public services, investment in neighborhood facilities, and delivery of social services. In addition, the Township balances the growing need for services with HUD regulations and budget constraints.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Activities - 2022
	Target Area	Township-wide
	Goals Supported	Housing Activities
	Needs Addressed	Housing Activities
	Funding	CDBG: \$201,555
	Description	The acquisition and rehabilitation of a property located within the Township for occupancy for a low- and moderate-income household with affordable rents or mortgages. The Original budget for this project was \$157,921.22. Amendment #2 to the 2022 AAP added \$43,633.65 in Program Income to the 2022 Housing Activities Project for Affordable Housing Acquisition/Rehab Projects.
	Target Date	12/18/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Township anticipates acquiring, rehabilitation and either rent or sell 3 affordable housing units
	Location Description	Township-wide
	Planned Activities	The acquisition and rehabilitation of properties located within the Township for occupancy for a low- and moderate-income household with affordable rents or for resale into the Township's Modest Priced Housing Program.
2	Project Name	Planning and Administration - 2022
	Target Area	Township-wide
	Goals Supported	Planning
	Needs Addressed	Planning Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$84,500
	Description	Various Planning activities for the municipality concerning such matters, but not limited to housing, open space and environmental program areas, and CDBG programming.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administrative and Planning funds support two Township Community Development employees in implementing the Township's CDBG program
	Location Description	Township-wide
	Planned Activities	Overall administration support of the CDBG program including various Planning activities and for the municipality concerning such matters, but not limited to housing, open space and environmental program areas.
3	Project Name	Side-By-Side Domestic Violence Response Team - 2022
	Target Area	Township-wide
	Goals Supported	Side By Side Domestic Violence Response Team
	Needs Addressed	Side By Side Domestic Violence Response Team
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,500
	Description	Support network for victims of domestic abuse. Victims matched with a counselor who guides them through the process from one point of the initial incident through any legal process. This activity is administered by the Cherry Hill Township Police Department.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 28 individuals will benefit from the side-by-side counseling provided by the service providers through the Cherry Hill Township Police Department
	Location Description	Township-wide
	Planned Activities	Support network for victims of domestic abuse. Victims matched with a counselor who guides them through the process from one point in the incident through any legal process.
4	Project Name	Public Services - 2022
	Target Area	Township-wide
	Goals Supported	Support public services
	Needs Addressed	Support public services
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,900

	Description	Through a rolling application process, the Township will support senior bus and up to 4 area non-profits to provide critical social services to area low-moderate income residents or limited clientele. The organizations and amount of I/m people served will be determined at the day of the awards.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined after awards are made to are non-profits.
	Location Description	Township-wide
	Planned Activities	Support for senior bus and up to 4 area non-profits to provide critical social services to area low-moderate income residents or limited clientele. The organizations and amount of I/m people served will be determined at the day of the awards.
5	Project Name	HANDY HELPER-2022
	Target Area	Township-wide
	Goals Supported	Handy Helper
	Needs Addressed	Handy Helper
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,000
	Description	Minor home repairs for low and moderate income eligible senior and disabled households.
	Target Date	3/14/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 35 senior and/or disabled households to benefit from minor home repairs.
	Location Description	Township-wide
	Planned Activities	Minor home repairs for low and moderate income eligible senior and disabled households.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Low- and moderate-income residents are generally located in two general areas of the Township: 1) the western side of the Township where a majority of the older housing stock is located, and 2) a pocket of institutional senior housing located at two main campuses of the Jewish Community Center, Saltzman House, and St. Mary's convalescent home.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
EXCEPTION AREA/UPPER QUARTILE	10

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

HUD permits an exception to the LMI area benefit requirement that an area contain 51 percent LMI residents. This exception applies to entitlement communities that have few, if any, areas within their jurisdiction that have 51 percent or more LMI residents. These communities are allowed to use a percentage less than 51 percent to qualify activities under the LMI Benefit category. This exception is referred to as the "exception criteria" or the "upper quartile," where Cherry Hill Township applies. In such communities like Cherry Hill Township, activities must serve an area which contains a percentage of LMI residents that is within the upper quartile of all Census block groups within its jurisdiction in terms of the degree of concentration of LMI residents.

Most of Township's community facilities, parks, and infrastructure improvement projects are located in these block groups. Particular public facility and infrastructure projects may be targeted to specific locations which are deemed by Township staff or from public input to be most in need of revitalization or public investment.

Discussion

Housing assistance programs, which benefit individual households are generally not targeted to specific areas but instead are provided on the basis of household need. Because low-income, elderly, disabled, and special needs residents are located throughout the Township, the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program and the Handy Helper Program are generally available Township-wide to eligible households with incomes under 80% of the area median income. In addition, financial assistance for Side-by-Side Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) and the Senior Bus is available Township-wide

through CDBG funding.

Public facilities and infrastructure improvement, such as Public Facilities and Planning are not limited geographically within the Township. Homelessness and potential homelessness are community issues, and therefore services provided for these are located throughout the Township to provide maximum accessibility. In addition, assistance for special needs populations, including elderly persons, disabled persons, persons with drug/alcohol additions, persons with HIV/AIDS, and victims of domestic violence is provided Township-wide. Economic development is also a need not limited to certain areas of the Township, and therefore activities offered are based on need and eligibility.

The racial and ethnic composure of the Township has diversified in recent years and this is expected to continue. A striking trend is the diversity of the Golden Triangle Census Designed Place (CDP) where areas of minority growth are expanding. This follows a national trend of immigrant population growth in inner-ring suburbs.

Allocation of Priorities. The Township has made estimated allocations for PY2022 based upon 1) the priorities of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; 2) citizen and community input; 3) an analysis of prior budget and expenditures, and 5) Township Council suggestions.

Additional factors that contributed to targeting funds to specific areas of the Township or activities are:

- The stated needs, analysis, and objectives in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan;
- Priorities stated in each respective program's solicitation and award guidelines; and
- Compliance with HUD entitlement rules and regulations.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

Cherry Hill is committed to removing or reducing barriers to affordable housing whenever possible. A variety of actions are contained in the Housing Element to address these issues.

Such actions include:

- Incentives for affordable development
- Establishment of a Housing Trust Fund (which has been completed)
- Rezoning of sites for multi-family development (which has been completed)
- Maintaining existing affordable housing

Additionally, the Township continues to assess and address the outcomes and recommendations of the Township's 2020 Analysis of Impediments for Furthering Fair Housing. These actions include:

- Encourage redevelopment of existing structures and sites to provide affordable housing and employment in appropriate places.
- Seek additional funding whenever possible disabled and senior subsidized apartments to expand the availability of affordable housing.
- Seek to stabilize neighborhoods by aggressive code enforcement activities.
- Encourage rehabilitation of the existing housing stock with state tax incentives and credit as provided by the Council on Affordable Housing and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.
- Promote state funding for home ownership and rental subsidies to provide additional affordable housing.
- Promote public transportation

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The State of New Jersey has a constitutional obligation to provide affordable housing, as does each municipality. Cherry Hill Township, which received a Third Round Judgment of Repose from the Superior Court of NJ - Camden County in 2016, is currently implementing its Housing

Element of its Master Plan to provide maintain, build and rehabilitate 2,829 affordable housing units between now and 2025.

To the extent that land use controls or growth limitations would otherwise

initiatives to create 500+ NEW affordable housing unit opportunities between 2015 and 2025. Affordable housing opportunities are also captured through the collection of Housing Impact Fees and Non-Residential Development fees, which are used towards the Township's housing improvement program, as well for other funding mechanisms (such as subsidies for market-to-affordable and 100% inclusionary developments). In conjunction with new construction, the Township has a widely successful intermediate (Handy Helper) and extensive (Housing Improvement Program) , whose purpose is to rehabilitate homes owned by low- and moderate-income populations. In addition to the reduced tax assessment given to deed-restricted units (State statute), the Township also uses an abatement program for all homeowners who have homes 20 years or older. This abatement encourages homeowners to invest in their homes, without being unduly taxed (for five years) for the improvements made to their property. Building code compliance and property maintenance provisions have been strengthened through local legislation, which requires all vacant and abandoned properties to register with the Township. All of these initiatives, in tandem, work to encourage residential investment and its ultimate return.

ave negative effects on providing affordable housing, the Township has engaged in a series of redevelopment and zoning overlay

Discussion

As noted in the 2020 Analysis of Impediments, Cherry Hill Township continues to take the following actions to address traditional and emerging barriers to affordable housing.

Affordability: Affordable old housing stock in the Cherry Hill Township is available, but shrinking as prices have risen in recent years. Higher property taxes will prevent many low-income families from becoming homeowners, and continual rent increases and a shortage of affordable rental units in the Township contribute as well. The affordability of both owner occupied and rental housing remain the highest priority housing needs. The Township will seek additional funding to increase subsidized disabled and senior apartments.

Homeownership: The Township has taken a strong, aggressive role to promote homeownership throughout the Cherry Hill Township by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Live Where You Work Program (LWYW) and the HOME Consortium ADDI (American Dream

Down payment Initiative). All of these programs are offer equal homeownership opportunities to everyone.

Rental Units: The Township seeks to educate tenants and landlords to address issues that may arise in the community by conducting inspections of units prior to occupancy and maintaining regular contact with both landlord and tenant groups. The Township will seek additional funding whenever possible for disabled and senior subsidized apartments.

Accessibility: The Township's Ombudsman for Disabled Citizens addresses issues regarding housing as well as many other barriers for the disabled. The Township is in favor of universal design homes.

Homelessness: The Township through the HOME Consortium is funding many agencies that help to address and prevent homelessness.

General Fair Housing Issues: There is currently a steady growth of homeownership opportunities all over the Cherry Hill area. We have many ethnic families move in to the Cherry Hill Township within the last several years, which brought many new homeowners, who rehabbed many older houses and improved neighborhoods. As the community grows and changes, various protected groups are moving to our Township and all over the region. Cherry Hill was recognized as having a diverse immigrant population and was part of a Data Series and Presentation on Immigrant populations through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC).

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The following narratives provide an overview for those other actions noted in 91.420 and 91.220(k).

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the limited number of resources available that can be used for particular needs. As a result of the pandemic there are increasing demands for emergency services by families whose income no longer provides for basic life necessities, which the Township has limited resources to respond to the needs of very low- and low-income, families in the Township.

Obstacles to addressing the growing need of underserved low- and moderate-income residents include:

- Prospective homebuyers lack substantial funds or access to credit to initiate homeownership (down payment/closing costs);
- The demand far surpasses the funding available for the various services required to adequately serve the needs of the region's low- and moderate-income individuals and neighborhoods;
- Households seeking mortgages having difficulty meeting underwriting requirements (credit worthiness, bank accounts);
- The ability for prospective households to sustain necessary income for homeownership;
- Fixed incomes (Social Security, Disability);
- Due to language barriers or low educational attainment, some residents are unaware of the services available to them; and
- Working families also encounter the unique challenge of often "making too much money" to qualify for various public services.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Cherry Hill Township's approach to fostering and maintaining affordable housing is to rehabilitate the existing aging housing stock in order to create more quality affordable housing. This is done by:

- Leveraging HOME, CDBG, and Weatherization Assistance Program funds to purchase and

rehabilitate deteriorated properties;

Using an array of other Federal, State, local and private dollars to steadily improve aging multi-

- family rental complexes and single-family homes;
- Acquiring and demolishing properties when rehabilitation is not feasible or desirable; and
- Replacing housing for more viable options through redevelopment and master planning.
- Supporting maintenance of existing affordable housing through the Township programs.

Fostering and maintaining affordable housing is a regional issue. Housing costs continue to increase throughout the Philadelphia Metropolitan Statistical Area. The severe shortage of affordable housing in jurisdictions impacts the schools and services in Cherry Hill Township.

The Township uses two main strategies for eliminating barriers to affordable housing and concentrations of poverty. The first strategy involves the preservation of sound housing stock and simultaneous acquisition and demolition of distressed properties, and the use of inclusionary zoning techniques for new development. The second strategy is the encouragement of de-concentration of low-income households through the issuance of housing vouchers issued through Camden County.

In addition, the Township supports the ongoing maintenance of affordable housing and resident housing stability through their Handy Helper and Single Family Rehabilitation programs. The Township's Handy Helper Program provides financial assistance to income-qualified senior citizens (62 years and older) and disabled individuals that need repairs related to plumbing, carpentry and other minor home repairs. In order to be classified as income eligible to participate in the Housing Rehabilitation Program, the household MUST meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 income requirements based on household size.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program has been designed to achieve to alleviate housing code violations for families of low- and moderate- income households; to provide financial assistance to families for housing repairs in the most cost-efficient manner; to prevent the decline of property values in neighborhoods throughout the Township; and to provide the means for income eligible households to make their home handicapped accessible if there is a need. Eligibility for assistance under this program MUST be met by two (2) criteria involving 1) the total gross income of the household; and 2) the nature of the repairs that are needed. In order to be classified as income eligible to participate in the Housing Rehabilitation Program, the household MUST meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 income requirements based on household size. A property is classified as eligible to receive Housing Rehabilitation Program funds if at least one (1) major system of the property has failed or is in imminent danger of failure. As previously noted, the Township has partnered with the

Camden County Improvement Authority (CCIA) to administer this program.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Cherry Hill requires the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

Under the CDBG rehabilitation programs, lead-safe practices have been underway.

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Cherry Hill when utilizing CDBG funds.

Notification. Cherry Hill provides the “Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home” lead-based paint pamphlet. This pamphlet is provided to the applicant at the time he/she receives an application. The applicant is required to sign a receipt of this pamphlet. Cherry Hill notifies the homeowners of lead-based paint hazards or any lead-based paint hazards that might be caused as a result of the rehabilitation project.

Under New Jersey law, the homeowner must provide disclosure of known lead-based paint hazards to any potential buyer. Cherry Hill will provide the homeowner with a copy of the lead-based paint inspection report. In addition, clearance reports should be provided to the homeowner to demonstrate that any known lead-based paint hazards have been remedied.

Lead Hazard Evaluation. The type of lead-hazard evaluation activity depends on the level of Federal rehabilitation assistance. The levels of Federal rehabilitation assistance and the corresponding lead hazard evaluation activities are listed below:

Less than \$5,000. If the applicant receives less than \$5,000 in rehabilitation hard costs, then paint testing must be conducted to identify lead-based paint on painted surfaces that will be disturbed or replaced.

\$5,000 to \$25,000. If the applicant receives \$5,000 to \$25,000 in rehabilitation hard costs, then lead-based paint testing must be done on the entire unit, both interior and exterior.

Lead Hazard Reduction. Any action taken to address lead-based paint hazards depends on the amount of Federal rehabilitation assistance the homeowner receives. The levels of Federal rehabilitation assistance and the corresponding lead hazard reduction activities are listed below:

Less than \$5,000. If the applicant receives less than \$5,000 in hard rehabilitation costs, the program

must repair any paint that is disturbed during rehabilitation.

\$5,000 to \$25,000. If the applicant receives \$5,000 to \$25,000 in hard rehabilitation costs, the program must stabilize any lead-based paint hazard or lead-based paint hazards that might be caused as a result of the rehabilitation project.

Relocation. When lead-based paint hazard reduction work is being performed on properties, it may be necessary to relocate rehabilitation participants, especially those households with children ages 6 and under. Relocation, while costly, is a necessary step to protect the health of the occupants and comply with HUD regulations. The temporary location must be decent, safe, sanitary and free of any lead-based paint hazards. Should it become necessary to relocate any Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program participants in the future.

Cherry Hill is implementing HUD's lead-based paint regulation for all CDBG-funded rehabilitation projects during 2022 Program Year and will continue to do so throughout all Program Years.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Cherry Hill will continue to provide CDBG funds to a variety of anti-poverty public service programs that will assist low- and moderate-income residents. It is anticipated that the following programs will continue per the 2022 Annual Action Plan:

- Transportation for senior and disabled residents;
- Advocacy for victims of domestic violence;
- The Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program
- The First Time Homebuyer's Assistance Program for low- and moderate-income residents
- The ARHAT Program to provide affordable rental housing to low and moderate-income households.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Township of Cherry Hill will continue to utilize both CDBG and other municipal resources to support the provision of housing and services to low- and moderate-income households. In addition, Cherry Hill will seek to utilize not-for-profit agencies where appropriate to advance the Consolidated Plan Goals.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The Township of Cherry Hill will continue to utilize both CDBG and other municipal resources to support the provision of housing and services to low- and moderate-income households. Cherry Hill Township plans to conduct a 2022 competitive application round for not-for-profit agencies to provide social

services to the area low-mod income residents.

Discussion

The Township will explore the following strategies and actions during PY2022 to address identified obstacles to meeting underserved needs:

- Continue to support State Homebuyer Assistance Programs to lower the cost of homeownership and provide funding for citizens that lack substantial funds to initiate homeownership;

Explore available funding opportunities from federal, state, and private resources to address

- needs of the underserved;
- Leverage resources across Township Departments to better match resources to needs;
- Work with the Department Public Works and Engineering to develop criteria when assessing CIP projects to better serve low- and moderate-income communities;
- Prioritize services to the elderly and special needs populations through the Handy Helper and Single-Family Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program;
- Improve direct Township outreach to those households in need through development of new partnerships with the Mayor's Citizens Advisory Committee, the Office of the Disabled Ombudsman, local Neighborhood Associations and organizations serving minority populations; and
- Include bilingual staff and develop translated materials in as many interactions with low- and moderate-income individuals as possible.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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The Township's CDBG entitlement allocation for PY2022 is \$423,294.

The Township has \$17,527 in program income received in the preceding program year that is included in the 2022 Annual Plan budget. The Township also does not have any updated reports on proceeds from Section 108 loan guarantees, as there are none; surplus funds from urban renewal settlement projects, as there are none; grant funds returned to a line of credit, as there are none; income from "float-funded" activities, as there are none; and urgent need activities, as there are none.

It is anticipated that 80% of CDBG funds will be utilized for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	17,527
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	17,527

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 80.00% |

Discussion

The Township has historically utilized a three (3) year period to determine the minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds for low- and moderate-income households. For the third Program Year, the Township will utilize years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Township of Cherry Hill

Community Development Block Grant Program
 Substantial Amendment of 2019-2022 Annual Action Plans

I. Introduction

This document serves as the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2022 Township of Cherry Hill Annual Action Plans previously approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Township seeks to: (1) assign Program Income received to projects; (2) transfer funds between CDBG programs; (3) transfer funds between CARES Act programs, and (5) amend the Housing Improvement Program policy guide to allow existing deferred loans to be converted to grants.

II. Assign Program Income Received to Projects

The Township has received **\$101,806** in Program Income from Single Family Housing Rehabilitation (HIP) Loan Paybacks. Those funds are being committed to 2021 Public Facilities, known in IDIS as Activity #370, which allows for a flexible variety of public facility activities.

Additionally, the Township received **\$9,442** in Program Income from refunds to the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program. Those funds are being committed to the 2020 COVID-19 Non-Profit Support Project, known in IDIS as Activity #375.

ASSIGNMENT OF PROGRAM INCOME						
RECEIPT DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCAL REFERENCE	IDIS RECEIPT #	AMOUNT	IDIS #	PROJECT
7.26.22	HIP Repayment	CP-22-00848	5385042	\$ 27,605.00	370	2021 Public Facilities
7.26.22	HIP Repayment	CP-22-00847	5385040	\$ 13,666.00	370	2021 Public Facilities
9.8.22	HIP Repayment	CP-22-00958	5384976	\$ 19,285.00	370	2021 Public Facilities
3.17.23	HIP Repayment	CP-23-00238	5398245	\$ 41,250.00	370	2021 Public Facilities
			TOTAL	\$ 101,806.00		
2.28.22	CARES Act Refund	CR 13739	5393488	\$ 6,280.00	375	Covid-19 2020 Non-Profit Assistance
3.31.22	CARES Act Refund	CR 13807	5393488	\$ 3,162.00	375	Covid-19 2020 Non-Profit Assistance
			TOTAL	\$ 9,442.00		

III. Transfer Funds between Existing CDBG Projects

A. Transfer of Single Family Housing Improvement Program (HIP) Funds to Public Facilities Activities

This Substantial Amendment transfers \$100,000 from the 2021 Single Family Housing Improvement Program (HIP), IDIS Activity #373, to the 2021 Public Facilities Activity, IDIS Activity #370, as set forth in the table below. The intent is to conserve resources and eliminate duplication of efforts since the County

has a similar HIP program that is available to Township residents through its HOME program. It is anticipated that most single family housing improvement projects in the future will take place through the County's HOME program. However, a reserve amount of CDBG funds will remain available for projects that, for some reason, do not meet HOME funding requirements.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN CDBG ACTIVITIES						
TRANSFERRED FROM			AMOUNT	TRANSFERRED TO		
PROJECT	BUDGET ACCOUNT	IDIS ACTIVITY		PROJECT	BUDGET ACCOUNT	IDIS ACTIVITY
2021 Single Family Rehab (HIP)	221-039	373	\$100,000.00	2021 Public Facilities	221-030	370

B. Transfer of Smaller Public Facility Projects into One Larger Public Facility Project

In prior years, The Township has budgeted for small grants for Public Facilities projects. However, the associated costs and resources complying with federal grant compliance requirements (i.e., environmental review record, procurement and labor standards oversight, and financial and accomplishments management) can be cost prohibitive for smaller grants. Therefore, the Township desires to pool those resources into one larger public facilities project, rather than several small public facility projects.

Specifically, the Township seeks to cancel and transfer funds from some of the 2020- 2022 Public Facilities projects to 2021 Public Facilities, IDIS as Activity #370, which allows for a flexible variety of public facility activities. This would involve a cancellation of IDIS Activities #359, #360, #368, and #382, and a transfer of funds to 2021 Public Facilities, IDIS Activity #370, as set forth in the table below.

PROJECTS CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS						
TRANSFERRED FROM			AMOUNT	TRANSFERRED TO		
PROJECT	BUDGET ACCOUNT	IDIS ACTIVITY		PROJECT	BUDGET ACCOUNT	IDIS ACTIVITY
2020 Public Facilities	220-030	359	\$ 1,500.00	2021 Public Facilities	221-030	370
2020 Public Facilities Area Benefit	220-031	360	\$ 1,500.00	2021 Public Facilities	221-030	370
2021 Public Facilities Area Benefit	221-031	368	\$ 1,500.00	2021 Public Facilities	221-030	370
2022 Public Facilities - ADA Sidewalks/Curbs	222-030	382	\$ 50,000.00	2021 Public Facilities	221-030	370

IV. Transfer Funds between Existing CDBG-CV Projects

A. Transfer of Funds From Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program to Non-Profit Assistance

The Township originally allocated \$601,585 of 2019 CDBG-CV funds to the Covid-19 Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program, IDIS Activity #363. Currently, there is approximately \$161,621.21 remaining for the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program activity (Account # 219-202), and approximately \$59,137.50 left for project delivery implementation (Account # 219-203). As unemployment due the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed, and many persons who have been affected by COVID-19 have already received emergency rental or mortgage assistance from the program and/or outside sources, the Township desires to reprogram some of the funds to public services, for a non-profit which has experienced a greater and/or changed demand for services related to the pandemic.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN EXISTING PROGRAMS							
TRANSFERRED FROM				AMOUNT	TRANSFERRED TO		
PROJECT	BUDGET ACCOUNT	IDIS ACTIVITY	PROJECT		BUDGET ACCOUNT	IDIS ACTIVITY	
Rental & Mortgage Assistance Program	219-202	363	\$161,621.21	Covid 19 Non-Profit Support	219-201	375	
Rental & Mortgage Assistance Program Admin.	219-203	363	\$59,137.50	CARES Act Administration Costs	219-204	362	

V. Change Home Improvement Program Policy Manual

From time to time, the Township receives deferred loan repayments upon the sale of owner-occupied properties that received HIP funds through the CDBG program, resulting in program income. Program income is challenging and complex to manage on both the local level and in IDIS (the Integrated Disbursement and Information Systems). The Township seeks to simplify the management of this CDBG program by having the option to convert any remaining deferred repayment loans to grants, so that they are forgivable with no expectation of repayment.

VI. Summary of Substantial Amendment

This substantial amendment: (1) commits Program Income received; (2) transfers funds from the 2021 Single Family Housing Improvement Program (HIP) to the 2021 Public Facilities Activities; (3) transfers funds from smaller Public Facility Projects to a larger Public Facility project; (4) transfers funds between CARES Act programs; and (5) amends the HIP Program policy guide to allow the Township the option to convert existing deferred loans to grants.

VII. Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the Township's updated Citizen Participation Plan.

Citizens will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment on proposed amendments. This will be accomplished through notification of a public hearing in the non-legal section of a newspaper with general circulation within the Township and notification on the Township website. These notices have been published *at least ten days* prior to the hearing. Citizens will have not less than 30 days to make comments about the proposed amendment(s) prior to any amendment implementation.

As per the Township's Citizen Participation Plan, a public hearing was conducted on February 28, 2023 to allow interested citizens an opportunity to comment on community needs for the Substantial Amendment. Given the public health concerns, this hearing was held in a hybrid manner. Participants had the option to appear in person or via remote access. The log on information was posted on the Township's website at <https://www.cherryhill-nj.com/152/Community-Development-Block-Grant-CDBG>.

This Substantial Amendment was made available to the public for review and comment for 30 days from March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 per HUD requirements via the Township of Cherry Hill website. Comments were received during that time frame from staff and incorporated herein. Specifically, the substantial amendment recognizes additional program income received during the comment period, and

maintains the local HIP program, at a reduced funding level, rather than cancelling the program as originally proposed.

General questions regarding this Plan or proposed programming as well as requests for special assistance related to limited English proficiency or disabilities should be directed to Mara Wuebker, PP/AICP, Community Development Deputy Director at MWuebker@chnj.gov (856) 488-7870.

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Signature: _____ Official Position: Clerk

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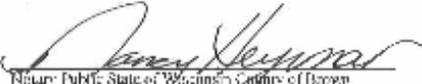
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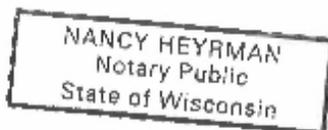
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS
AMENDMENTS TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

The Township of Cherry Hill is seeking public comment on the Township's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP), Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2022 Annual Action Plans and Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan. As an entitlement community under the CDBG program, the Township expects to receive a formula allocation from HUD for the 2023 AAP (Program Year 2023-2024) of approximately \$423,294.00. These funds may be used for eligible activities, as authorized by Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974, as amended.

The Township is presenting a Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2022 Annual Action Plans, that include the following:

1. \$60,556 in Program Income allocated to fund Activity #370 (Public Facilities 2021).
2. \$3,442 in Program Income allocated to fund Activity #375 (COVID-19 Non-Profit Assistance).
3. Canceling Activity #373 (Single Family Home Improvement Program) and reallocating funds to Activity #370 (Public Facilities 2021). This cancellation is due to the program being funded and managed by the County moving forward.
4. Home Improvement Policy Manual Changes, as detailed in the Substantial Amendment document.
5. Reallocating funding and canceling Activity #359 (2020 Public Facilities), #360 (2020 Public Facilities Area-Benefit), #368 (2021 Public Facilities Area-Benefit) and #369 (2022 Public Facilities Area Sidewalks and Curbs). Funding will be reallocated to Activity #370 (Public Facilities 2021) in order to combine small amounts of public facility funding to support larger public facility projects.
6. Reallocating CDBG-CV funding from the Activity #365 (COVID-19 Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program) to Activity #375 (COVID-19 Non-Profit Support) and Activity #382 (CARES Act Planning/ Administration Costs).

Lastly, the Township is presenting amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan and seeking public comment on these amendments. The amendments proposed are intended to correct outdated information, clarify the citizen participation process, adjust the public notice period and minor amendment requirements. The amendments proposed are in compliance with citizen participation requirements at 24 CFR § 1.103.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Cherry Hill Township will hold a hybrid in-person and virtual public hearing on the townships Draft 2023 Annual Action Plan, 2019-2022 Substantial Amendment and Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan on **February 28, 2023 at 3pm**. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain comments on overall community need for the Annual Action Plan and changes proposed via the 2019-2022 Substantial Amendment and Amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan.

The Township will hold a second hybrid in-person and virtual public hearing on The Township's Draft 2023 Annual Action Plan on **April 19, 2023 at 3pm**. The purpose of this hearing is to review and offer comments on the overall plan, including the annual budget.

Given the on-going public health crisis, hybrid public hearings are being held in person at the Cherry Hill Township Department of Community Development, Conference Room 206 and simultaneously via the Zoom online meeting platform. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak during the hearing to verbally submit their public comment. The log-in information for the hybrid Public Hearings will be posted on the township's website at the following address:

<http://www.cherryhill-nj.com/152/Community-Development-Block-Grant-CDBG>

All interested individuals and organizations are invited and encouraged to attend these public hearings. Persons in need of attending the hearings who require interpretive assistance (i.e. hearing impaired or non-English speaking), or other accommodation, shall notify the Cherry Hill Township Department of Community Development at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting in order to make the appropriate arrangements.

PUBLIC REVIEW & CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan will be available for 30-day public review and comment on the Township website February 15, 2023 – March 16, 2023. Comments must be received by March 16, 2023.

The 2019-2022 Substantial Amendment will be available for 30-day public review and comment on the Township website March 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023. Comments must be received by March 31, 2023.

The Township's Draft 2023 Annual Action Plan will be available for 30-day public review and comment on the Township website April 3, 2023 – May 2, 2023. Comments must be received by May 2, 2023.

All citizens are encouraged to offer comments at the virtual public hearings or by writing to the Cherry Hill Township Department of Community Development, 820 Mercer Street, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002, Attn: Mara Wuskar, Deputy Director of Community Development. Comments may be provided via email at mwuskar@choj.gov.

Given the current public health crisis, all of these plans will be available for public review online on the following website: <http://www.cherryhill-nj.com/152/Community-Development-Block-Grant-CDBG>

RESOLUTION 2023-4-19

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OF THE
CDBG 2019-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS**

WHEREAS, the Township is an Entitlement community under the CDBG program and receives annual allocations of funding from HUD, which may be used for various eligible activities, as authorized by Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Township proposes minor and substantial amendments to its 2019-2022 Annual Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received program income in 2022 and 2023 from deferred loan repayments and the Township desires to allocate this amount to the 2021 Public Facilities activity; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received program income in 2022 from refunds to the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program and the Township desires to allocate this amount to the Covid-19 Non-Profit Support activity; and

WHEREAS, the Township funds a CDBG Home Improvement Program (HIP) that is implemented by the Camden County Improvement Authority (CCIA), and the CCIA has a HOME-funded program that is also available to Township residents and accordingly, the Township desires to reduce the amount of funds assigned to the local HIP program; and

WHEREAS, the Township has budgeted for several small Public Facilities projects and the costs of the federal grant compliance requirements (i.e., environmental review records, procurement and labor standards oversight, and financial management) will exceed the amounts of the grants, the Township desires to pool those activities into one or more larger public facilities projects; and

WHEREAS, the Township originally allocated \$451,585.00 of 2019 CDBG- CV CARES Act funds to the Covid-19 Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program and the Township has expended \$289,963.79 implementing the program to date; and the Township desires to reprogram the balance of the Covid-19 Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program to the 2019 Covid-19 Non-Profit Support activity, anticipated for the Cheny Hill Food Pantry, which has experienced a greater and/or changed demand for services related to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Township receives deferred loan repayments upon the sale of owner-occupied properties that received HIP funds through the CDBG program, resulting in program income. The Township seeks the option to convert some or all of the remaining HIP deferred loan repayments to grants, so that they are forgivable with no expectation of repayment. The loan cancellation will benefit low and moderate income families, possibly result in the creation of additional affordable housing units, and streamline the management of this CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the Township conducted a public hearing on February 28, 2023 to obtain comments on the proposed Substantial Amendments, and received no public comments from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, Substantial Amendments must be approved by Township Council and submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development after considering all public comments received; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Council has reviewed and approved the CDBG Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2022 Annual Action Plans (attached hereto as Exhibit 'A'), which shall be submitted to HUD along with all required documentation; and that in accordance therewith.
2. \$101,806.00 in Program Income received in 2022 and 2023 shall be allocated to Program Income 2021 Public Facilities, IDIS Activity #370.
3. \$9,442.00 in Program Income from refunds to the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program shall be allocated to Program Income 2019 Covid-19 Non-Profit Support, IDIS Activity #375.
4. \$100,000.00 allocated to the 2021 Housing Activities Single Family Rehab (B-24-56-850-221-039) shall be reprogrammed to 2021 Public Facilities (B-24-56-850-221-030).

5. \$54,500.00 programmed for various types of public facility activities, as set forth below, shall be reprogrammed to 2021 Public Facilities (B-24-56-850-221-030):

\$ 1,500.00	2020 Public Facilities Activity	Account # B-24-56-850-220-030
\$ 1,500.00	2020 Public Facilities Area Benefits Activity	Account # B-24-56-850-220-031
\$ 1,500.00	2021 Public Facilities Area Benefits Activity	Account # B-24-56-850-221-031
\$50,000.00	2022 Public Facilities – ADA Sidewalks/Curbs	Account # B-24-56-850-222-030
6. \$161,421.21 allocated to the 2019 Covid-19 Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program (B-24-56-850-219-202) shall be reprogrammed to 2019 Covid-19 Non-Profit Support (B-24-56-850-219-201).
5. \$59,137.50 allocated to the 2019 Covid-19 Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program Administration (B-24-56-850-219-203) for program delivery costs shall be reprogrammed to 2019 CARES Act Administration Costs (B-24-56-850-219-204) for the purpose of project delivery costs associated with the public services non-profit activity.

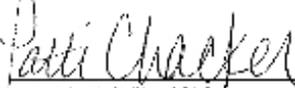
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or his or her designee is hereby authorized to take any all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: APRIL 24, 2023



 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



 PATTI CHACKER, RMC
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

RESOLUTION 2022-7-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN INDICATING PROGRAM GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2022-2023 PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has made available certain funds known as Community Development Block Grant for Program Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$423,294; and

WHEREAS, the Township received \$17,527.22 in program income during the year from rehabilitation paybacks; and

WHEREAS, the Township conducted public hearings on March 14, 2022 and June 14, 2022 to obtain comments on the Action Plan, and received no public comments from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, an Annual Action Plan and its objectives, goals, and projected use of funds must be approved by Township Council and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development after considering all public comments received; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Action Plan and its objectives, goals, and use of funds (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") has been reviewed by Council and is hereby approved by Council and that it be submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development along with all required documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specific projected use of the CDBG funds for 2022 program year, Year 3 of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024, shall be:

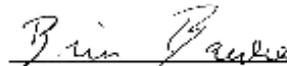
ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
HANDY HELPER	\$85,000.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACQUISITION/REHAB*	\$157,921.22
PLANNING/ ADMINISTRATION	\$84,500.00
PUBLIC FACILITIES – ADA SIDEWALKS/CURBS	\$50,000.00
PUBLIC SERVICE: SENIOR BUS	\$60,900.00
PUBLIC SERVICE: SIDE-BY-SIDE	\$2,500.00
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$440,821.22

*Including \$17,527.22 Program Income

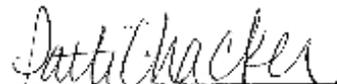
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to take any all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: JULY 11, 2022

ATTEST:



COUNCIL PRESIDENT



FATTI CHACKER,
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Signature: _____
Title: _____

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State of Wisconsin

TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, NJ
PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
BIENNIAL 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The Township of Cherry Hill is holding a public hearing and seeking public comment on the township's draft 2022 Annual Action Plan. As an eligible host community under the CDBG program, the Township has received a minimum annual allotment for the 2022-2023 biennium of \$428,254. These funds may be used for eligible activities, as authorized by Title III of the Housing and Community Development Act (HCD) of 1974, as amended.

PUBLIC REVIEW & PUBLIC HEARING

The township's draft 2022 Annual Action Plan will be available for public review for a period of no less than 30 days which will begin on May 23, 2022. Given the continuing social justice issues, these plans will be available for public review online only on the following website: <https://www.chhij.gov/152/Community-Development-Block-Grant-CDBG>

Cherry Hill Township will hold a draft public hearing on the Township's Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6pm. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain comments on the draft Action Plan.

Given the current social justice issues, virtual public hearings will be held on the Zoom online meeting platform instead of in person hearings. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to participate in this hearing virtually without being in person. The log in information for the Virtual Public Hearing will be posted on the township's website at the following address: <https://www.chhij.gov/152/Community-Development-Block-Grant-CDBG>

Children, and individuals and organizations with disabilities are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Persons interested in attending the hearing who require interpretive assistance (i.e., hearing impaired or non-English speaking), or other accommodation, shall notify the Cherry Hill Township Department of Community Development at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting in order to make the appropriate arrangements.

All matters are encouraged to file comments with the virtual public hearing or by writing to the Director of Township Department of Community Development, 220 Market Street, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002, ATTN: Alan Washburn, Community Development Manager. Comments may also be provided via fax at (856) 682-4746 or by email at lanwashburn@chhij.gov. Written comments on the 2022 Annual Action Plan must be received by June 23, 2022.

Cherry Hill Township

Community Development Block Grant

Virtual Public Hearing #2

2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
JUNE 14, 2022

WELCOME

➤ **Purpose**

- Gather input on 2022 Annual Action Plan and budget
- Answer questions about CDBG funding

➤ **Format**

- Short Presentation
- Comments/Discussion

➤ **Getting Started**

- Please type your name, and if you're a resident or work with an agency (and the name of the agency) in the chat box
- You can speak during the discussion portion of the hearing
 - We will begin muted – when you want to talk, you can unmute yourself
- You can share your input via the chat box at any time

CDBG OVERVIEW

- Established 1974
- One of the longest-running programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, funds local community development activities with the stated goal of providing affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development
- Annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Cherry Hill 2022 Allocation:**
 - CDBG Allocation = \$423,294

CDBG PLANNING & REPORTING

- Planning
 - Every 5 years = Consolidated Plan (next due in 2025)
 - Every year = Annual Action Plan due to HUD May 15th
 - Elements of Plan Process Include:
 - Public Hearings
 - Advisory Committee Meetings
 - Public Review
 - Approval by Commissioners
 - Submission to HUD via IDIS Reporting Data System
- Reporting
 - Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)
 - Requires public display period
 - Due to HUD by September 30th

CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Each activity must meet one of the
Three National Objectives



**Benefit Low &
Moderate Income
Persons**



**Prevent or Eliminate
Slum/Blight**



**Meet Urgent
Need**

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- **Housing**
- **Slum/Blight**
- **Economic Development (Job Creation/Retention)**
- **Public Facilities & Infrastructure**
- **Public Services**

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

➤ Is it an INELIGIBLE ACTIVITY?

- *NO* Political activities
- *NO* Construction of housing units by a unit of local government
- *NO* Operation and maintenance of public facilities/improvements
- *NO* General government expenses including construction or repairs of general government buildings like City Hall, public works garages and police stations
- *NO* Purchase of equipment (except fire equipment)
- *NO* Direct income payments

➤ Does it meet a National Objective?

BUT

A minimum of 70% of funds
must go to benefit low-mod
income residents

2022 Income Limits for Cherry Hill

Family size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LOW INCOME	36,900	42,200	47,450	52,700	56,950	61,150	65,350	69,600
MOD INCOME	59,050	67,450	75,900	84,300	91,050	97,800	104,550	111,300

2022 ANNUAL BUDGET

2022 Allocation = \$423,294

2022 Proposed Budget	
Project	Funding
Planning & Administration	\$84,500
Housing Activities	\$225,394
Public Facilities – ADA Sidewalks/Curb Cuts	\$50,000
Public Services -- Side by Side/Senior Bus	\$63,400
TOTAL	\$423,294

COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?





Comments may be provided to Cosmas Diamantis via email at cdiamantis@chnj.gov

Written comments on the 2022 Annual Action Plan must be received by June 23, 2022

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2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Cherry Hill Township will hold a virtual public hearing on the Township's Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan on March 14, 2022 at 4pm. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain comments on overall community need for the Consolidated Plan.

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ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC REVIEW & CITIZEN COMMENTS

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Cherry Hill Township

Community Development Block Grant Virtual Public Hearing

2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
MARCH 14, 2022

WELCOME

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- Gather input on community needs
- Answer questions about CDBG funding

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- Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, CAPER are required
- Federal budget recently passed, slight decrease in CDBG funding
- **Cherry Hill 2021 Allocation = \$466,919**

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2021 Income Limits for Cherry Hill

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MOD INCOME	52,950	60,500	68,050	75,600	81,650	87,700	93,750	99,800

LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

LIMITED CLIENTELE:

Income – Income limits established by HUD based on Area Median Family Income (AMFI)

- Low-moderate income household is 80% or less of AMFI
- Requires income documentation ---- UNLESS...

Presumed Benefit Groups:

Seniors	Homeless persons	Abused children
Battered spouses	Illiterate adults	Severely disabled ADULTS
Persons living with AIDS		Migrant farmworkers

AREA BENEFIT:

Must serve a **primarily residential** geographic area which is at least 51% low/moderate income persons per Census Bureau or a door-to-door survey.

EXAMPLES: Parks, fire stations, streets, possibly public services

LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

HOUSING:

- Housing Rehab Program
- Homebuyer Assistance
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance



JOB CREATION/RETENTION:

- The activity must involve creation or retention of jobs, a majority of which are filled by or **made available to** low and moderate income people.

ELIMINATION OF SLUM & BLIGHT

Area Basis - Only for an area designated as blighted per state or local law. Designation can't be more than 10 years old.

Spot Basis – Not in a blighted area but is detrimental to public health and safety (per local health/code official). Can only be used to address the imminent hazard.

Can be demo
OR
rehab



PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Facilities can be owned by government or non-profit & **open to public**
- Infrastructure – roads, water, sewers, etc.
- **MUST BENEFIT AN ELIGIBLE POPULATION** - either by area or limited clientele
- NOT CITY HALL – except for ADA improvements
- NOT FOR MAINTENANCE/REPAIR – no potholes, no grass mowing, no snow removal
- Examples of **possibly** eligible facilities/infrastructure
 - Park Improvements
 - Fire Station
 - Boys & Girls club – soup kitchen – homeless shelter
 - Street Reconstruction (not just resurfacing or overlays)

PUBLIC SERVICES

CAPPED AT 15% OF TOTAL CDBG GRANT

Can be provided by government or non-profit. MUST BENEFIT AN ELIGIBLE POPULATION - either by area or limited clientele

Examples of **possibly** eligible services:

- Credit Counseling
- Employment services (job training)
- Health services
- Education programs
- Child care
- Recreational services
- Senior services



PUBLIC INPUT: COMMUNITY NEED

What are the Township's greatest housing needs?

In your opinion, what are the major supportive service needs across the township?

What are the major public facilities and infrastructure needs in the township?

How has community need changed in the last year?

What are some ideas you may have for CDBG funds?

COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?



Comments may be provided to Mara Wuebker via email at mwuebker@chtownship.com

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