

Public Notice
Bergen County
Division of Community Development
Consolidated Plan FY 2015-2019 and One-Year Action Plan FY 2015-2016

The Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco III hereby announces an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The application will fund Bergen County's One-Year Action Plan for FY2015-2016, in an effort to meet the identified needs and objectives outlined in the new Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY2015-2019. A copy of the draft Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be made available at the Community Development office, One Bergen County Plaza 4th Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey.

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

Bergen County proposes to fund the following projects, totaling \$ 11,334,270 for FY2015-2016. Included in this amount is \$8,179,618 in new CDBG funds, \$550,873 in program income from previous CDBG funded projects, for a total of \$8,730,491 for CDBG activities. The HOME program includes \$1,812,740 in new funds and \$53,534 in reprogrammed funds, for a total of \$1,866,274 and ESG \$737,505.

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

Public Facilities & Infrastructure	4,430,601
Public Service	1,145,146
Housing Rehabilitation	429,352
Economic Development	81,195
Homeowner Rehabilitation Program	1,008,273
Planning & Administration	1,635,924
TOTAL	8,730,491

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

New Construction	600,000
Rental Rehabilitation	700,000
Direct Rental Assistance	385,000
HOME Administration	181,274
TOTAL	1,866,274

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

Emergency Shelter	179,143
Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing	483,200
Homeless Management Information System	20,000
ESG Administration	55,162
TOTAL	737,505

The *Annual Action Plan*, as with the new *2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan*, is an integrated document that describes the interdependent yet collaborative strategies of each entitlement jurisdiction within the context of the entire County. The specific investments are presented according to the five year goals that they are intended to impact. Housing and Homeless goals and strategies are presented countywide. Other community development strategies specific to each municipality are presented independently; allowing each municipality to respond to the individual needs within the community with its CDBG funds.

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

The Bergen County Division of Community Development will hold a public hearing for comments on the Draft Action Plan FY2015-2016 proposed projects on the following date:

Date: June 4, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Bergen County Division of Community Development
One Bergen County Plaza (4th Floor)
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

The Division of Community Development will be accepting public comments for a period of 30 days, beginning June 4, 2015 and concludes on July 4, 2015. Please notify the Division, if you need an interpreter or other assistance in order to comment at the public hearing. Also, contact Angela Drakes at the Division of Community Development at 201-336-7225, if you should have any questions. You may fax comments to 201-336-7247, email adrakes@co.bergen.nj.us or mail comments to:

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