Public Notice Bergen County Division of Community Development One-Year Action Plan PY 2024-2025

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 PY2024-2025, in an effort to meet the identified needs and objectives outlined in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for PY2020-2024.

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

Bergen County proposes to fund the following projects, **totaling \$ 12,929,418** for PY2024-2025. Included in this amount. is **\$ 9,126,696** in new CDBG funds. The HOME program includes **\$2,475,472** in new funds and **\$529,047** in the prior year program income for a **total of \$ 3,004,519**. The ESG program includes **\$ 798,203** in new funds.

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

Public Facilities & Infrastructure	4,864,380
Public Service	895,820
Public Housing Modernization	641,508
Housing Rehabilitation	280,090
Homeowner Rehabilitation Program	619,559
Planning & Administration	1,825,339
TOTAL	9,126,696

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

Rental Construction	2,326,972
Direct Rental Assistance	430,000
HOME Administration	247,547
TOTAL	3.004.519

• 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	300,000
Outreach	40,080
Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing	373,508
Homeless Management Information System	24,750
ESG Administration	59,865
TOTAL	798,203

The Action Plan for PY2024-2025 is an integrated document that describes the interdependent yet collaborative strategies of each entitlement jurisdiction within the context of the entire County. The specific investments are presented according to the five-year goals that they are intended to impact. Housing and Homeless goals and strategies are presented countywide. Other community development strategies specific to each municipality are presented independently; allowing each municipality to respond to the individual needs within the community with its CDBG funds.

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

The public hearing on the Draft Action Plan PY 2024-2025 proposed projects will be held on:

DATE: Wednesday June 5, 2024

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: One Bergen County, 4th Floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601

The Division of Community Development will be accepting comments from the public which will start on June 5, 2024, through the close of business on July 5, 2024. The public is encouraged to submit comments via email, directly to cdbgapp@co.bergen.nj.us at any time during the comment period or comments may also be directed to Angela Drakes, Deputy Director of Community Development, email address adrakes@co.bergen.nj.us

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