Public Notice Bergen County Division of Community Development One-Year Action Plan FY 2022-2023

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 FY2022-2023, in an effort to meet the identified needs and objectives outlined in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY2020-2024.

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 \$13,713,639.80** for FY2022-2023. Included in this amount is **\$ 9,162,198** in **new CDBG funds**. The HOME program includes **\$3,088,026** in **new funds and \$647,942.80** in prior year's program income for a **total of \$3,735,968.80**. The ESG program includes **\$815,473** 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	5,045,169
Public Service	896,050
Public Housing Modernization	450,807
First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance	200,000
Housing Rehabilitation	188,000
Homeowner Rehabilitation Program	549,732
Planning & Administration	1,832,440
TOTAL	9,162,198

• 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	750,560
Direct Homebuyer Assistance	2,246,606.80
Direct Rental Assistance	430,000
HOME Administration	308,802
TOTAL	3,735,968.80

• 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.

TOTAL	815,473
ESG Administration	61,160.48
Homeless Management Information System	24,750
Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing	429,562.52
Emergency Shelter	300,000

The Action Plan for FY2022-2023, 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.

Under the current pandemic public gathering is prohibited and in order to comply with local social gathering requirements, the public hearing will be held via teleconferencing. The public hearing on the Draft Action Plan FY 2022-2023 proposed projects will be held on Tuesday <u>July 12, 2022 at 6 pm.</u> Please call in via teleconferencing to the following telephone number:

201-336-6626 with ACCESS CODE 7894#

The Division of Community Development will be accepting comments from the public which will start on July 12, 2022 through the close of business on August 12, 2022. The public is encouraged to submit comments via email, directly to cdapp@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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