

Camden County, New Jersey

Community Development Block Grant Program

Substantial Amendment of 2019-2022 Annual Action Plans

Introduction

The County of Camden proposes to amend its 2019, 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plans in order to revise the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for previously approved projects. The 2019 Annual Action Plan was approved with a budget that included \$2,418,965 in CDBG funds, along with \$200,000 in Program Income. The 2019 Annual Plan was amended to also include \$3,647,038 in CDBG-CV funds and \$2,147,746 in ESG-CV funds. The 2020 Annual Action Plan was approved as part of the 2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, with a budget that included \$2,470,397 in CDBG funds, along with \$19,392 in prior year CDBG funds. The 2021 Annual Plan was approved with a budget that included \$2,532,716 in CDBG funds for 2021 along with \$1,133,695 in HOME funds; and was amended to include \$30,000 in prior year 2020 funds. The 2022 Annual Plan was approved with a budget that included \$2,372,185 in CDBG funds; \$1,279,027 in HOME funds; as well as \$427,804 in CDBG Program Income, \$229,723 in HOME Program Income and \$40,000 in recaptured HOME First Time Homebuyer Program funds.

An amendment of the Annual Action Plans is necessary because the County is proposing the following changes in funding:

1. They will not be carrying out the 2019 Winslow Township School Crossing System project funded for \$38,922 or the 2020 Winslow Township ADA Parking Improvement project funded for \$34,000. These funds will be redirected to a new 2020 Winslow Senior Center public facilities project. This project will be used to reconstruct hardscape and landscape of the Winslow Township Senior Center at 33 Cooper Folly Rd, Atco, NJ 08004.
2. The County will be reallocating \$419,000 of CDBG-CV3 funding from the County Homeless Shelter to the construction of the County Nutrition Hub, a new CDBG-CV project.
3. The County will be reallocating \$550,149.69 from 2020 and 2021 CDBG Admin to the County Nutrition Hub, a new CDBG-CV project.
4. The County will be reallocating a total of \$1,348,033.92 in 2019, 2020 and 2022 HOME funds to future affordable housing projects through existing 2022 project, HOME Housing Development.

Under the County's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, a decision to not "carry out an activity for which funding is approved" and a "change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity" constitute a "substantial change" necessitating a Substantial Amendment to a Five-Year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan as applicable.

Fiscal Impact

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines each year the CDBG amount the County receives in the form of an entitlement amount. However, if those funds are not all expended in the program year for which they were allocated, the result is the accumulation of unexpended funds in the Township's letter of credit balance with HUD. This reallocation will assist the County in expending CDBG in a timely manner.

Project Budget

This substantial amendment will include the following reallocations:

Program	Activity	Description	Original Budget	Revision	Final
CDBG	2019 Winslow School Crossing System	Installation of new ADA pedestrian crossing system at Winslow Public school #3	\$38,922	-\$38,922	\$0
CDBG	2020 Winslow Senior Center ADA Improvements	Improvements, including accessibility improvements, to parking lot at Winslow Township Senior Center	\$34,000	-\$34,000	\$0
CDBG	2020 Senior Center Hardscape & Landscape	Hardscape & landscape improvements at the Senior Center	\$0	\$72,922	\$72,922
CDBG	2020 CDBG Admin	Administration & planning of the CDBG Program	\$483,793.00	-\$149,468.65	\$334,324.35
CDBG	2021 CDBG Admin	Administration & planning of the CDBG Program	\$493,706.00	-\$400,681.04	\$93,024.96
CDBG-CV	2020 CDBG-CV	Homeless services at the County shelter	\$3,647,038	-\$419,000	\$3,228,038
CDBG-CV	2020 CDBG-CV Nutrition Hub	Construction of the County Nutrition Hub to provide increased and streamlined services in order to meet increased demand since COVID-19	\$0	\$969,149.69	\$969,149.69
HOME	2019 Voorhees Senior Housing	Creation of new affordable rental units for seniors in Voorhees NJ	\$242,111	-\$242,111	\$0
HOME	2019 Home Improvement Program	Homeowner Rehabilitation program for income eligible residents	\$237,506	-\$237,506	\$0
HOME	2019 First Time Homebuyer Program	Down payment assistance for income eligible buyers	\$150,000	- \$150,000	\$0
HOME	2021 HOME Admin	Administration & planning for the HOME Program	\$113,369	-\$68,416.92	\$44,952.08

HOME	2021 Pennrose Housing Development Project	Support for the development of 64 affordable rental housing units for seniors and disabled adults	\$450,000	-\$450,000	\$0
HOME	2022 Home Improvement Program	Homeowner Rehabilitation program for income eligible residents	\$596,751	-\$200,000	\$396,751
HOME	2022 HOME Housing Development	Support for the development of new affordable housing units	\$609,270	\$1,348,033.92	\$1,957,303.92

Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the County's Citizen Participation Plan, last revised in 2020.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, Camden County has placed the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning today on the County's website at the following address: www.camdencounty.com/public-notice

This document will be available to the public for a period of thirty (30) days – from Monday, November 14, 2022, through Tuesday, December 13, 2022, after which time the Camden County Board of Commissioners will consider a resolution to authorize its submission to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development.

On Wednesday, Nov, 30th at 10am the County will conduct a virtual public hearing to solicit comments from the public. All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend this virtual public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment for the FY 2019-2022 Annual Action Plans. A link to access the virtual public hearing will be posted on the webpage shown above.

Written comments as well as requests for special assistance related to limited English proficiency or disabilities should be directed to anthony.bianco@camdencounty.com.