

# Camden County, New Jersey

Community Development Block Grant Program

Substantial Amendment of 2017-2019 and 2021 Annual Action Plans

## Introduction

The County of Camden proposes to amend its 2017-2019 and 2021 Annual Action Plans in order to revise the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for previously approved projects. The 2017 Annual Action Plan was approved with a budget that included \$2,156,604 in CDBG funds, along with \$200,000 in Program Income. The 2018 Annual Action Plan was approved with a budget that included \$2,378,081 in CDBG funds, \$799,020 in Program Income, and \$878,105 in prior year funding. 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. The 2021 Annual Plan was approved with a budget that included \$2,532,716 in CDBG funds and \$347,177 in prior year funds. Lastly, the 2021 Plan was amended to include \$30,000 in prior year 2020 funds.

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

1. 2017: Allocate \$71,467 in unused 2017 funds to an existing project, 2021 Audubon Senior Center for improvements.
2. 2018: Allocate \$273,060 in 2018 Program Income to existing projects 2021 Audubon Senior Center for improvements and 2021 Oaklyn Senior Center for improvements. Remove 2018 Project #12 (UOSS railings and ramps program), reallocating \$18,000 to an existing project, 2021 Oaklyn Senior Center for improvements.
3. 2019: Allocate \$554,625 in 2019 Program Income to an existing project 2021 Oaklyn Senior Center and new 2021 Stratford Street Improvement Project. Reallocate \$6,400 in unspent CDBG Administration funds to Oaklyn for Senior Center Improvements. Allocate \$16,025 in unused 2019 funds to a new 2021 project, Stratford Street Improvements. Remove 2019 Project #27 (UOSS ramp program) and reallocate \$9,500 to the Stratford Street Improvement Project. With these changes \$108,150 is allocated to the Oaklyn Senior Center and \$478,400 is allocated to Stratford Street Improvements.
4. 2021: Allocate \$517,700 in 2021 Program Income to two new 2021 projects: Stratford Street Improvements (\$98,700) and Clementon Park Improvements (\$419,000).

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    | 2018 UOSS Ramp Program             | Installation of temporary ramps for low-income individuals                       | \$18,000        | -\$18,000 | \$0       |
| CDBG    | 2019 UOSS Ramp Program             | Portable ramp program to allow seniors and the disabled to remain in their homes | \$9,500         | -\$9,500  | \$0       |
| CDBG    | 2021 Audubon Senior Center         | Public facility improvements to Audubon Senior Center                            | \$75,000        | \$288,864 | \$363,864 |
| CDBG    | 2021 Oaklyn Senior Center          | Public facility improvements to Oaklyn Senior Center                             | \$375,000       | \$181,813 | \$556,813 |
| CDBG    | 2021 Stratford Street Improvements | Street reconstruction in eligible areas  | \$0             | \$577,100 | \$577,100 |
| CDBG    | 2021 Clementon Park Improvement    | Public facility improvements to Bottoms Lake Park                                | \$0             | \$419,000 | \$419,000 |

## 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-notices](http://www.camdencounty.com/public-notices)

This document will be available to the public for a period of thirty (30) days – from May 14, 2023, through, June 13, 2023, 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.

The County is holding a Public Hearing on the Substantial Amendment on June 7, 2023 at 10am at M. Allan Vogelsson Regional Branch Library, 203 Laurel Road Voorhees, NJ 08043. Camden County wishes to review the amendment in order to obtain comments and views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties. The information received from interested persons at the hearing will assist the County in the preparation of the final 2023 Annual Plan.

All interested individuals and organizations are invited and encouraged to attend this public hearing. Persons interested in attending the hearings who require interpretive assistance (i.e. – hearing impaired or non-English speaking), or other accommodation, shall notify the County by telephone (856)374-2581, fax (856)-566-3105 or email [anthony.bianco@camdencounty.com](mailto:anthony.bianco@camdencounty.com). The County requests at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting in order to make the appropriate arrangements.

Those unable to attend may submit written, signed comments by the date of the public hearing. Please forward comments to: Camden County Community Development Office, 520 Market Street, 6th Fl, Camden, NJ 08102, or telephone (856)374-2581, fax (856)-566-3105 or email [anthony.bianco@camdencounty.com](mailto:anthony.bianco@camdencounty.com).