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Substantial Amendment to the
Monmouth County Community Development Office
Annual Action Plans for Fiscal Year 2015

The Monmouth County Office of Community Development has been designated as the lead agency for the preparation and submission of the County's Annual Action Plans for Community Development Programs, funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Monmouth County Office of Community Development is proposing to amend its FY2015 One Year Action Plan component of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Monmouth County expects to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD on or before December 31, 2016.

The Annual Action Plan identifies the needs of homeless, low-income and special needs populations and describes activities the County intends to undertake to address the priorities and specific objectives for housing and community development. The Plan also identifies the public and private funding sources that will be used to carry out the needs and objectives outlined in the Plan.

HUD requires the County to submit an Annual Action Plan each year, identifying the activities it intends to undertake with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds. The County is following the Citizen Participation Process outlined in the Office of Community Development's Citizen Participation Plan. The County must hold a public comment period to obtain citizen input on any proposed changes in projects or funding allocations contained in the Action Plan, whenever the proposed changes meet the definition of a Substantial Amendment as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The thirty day public comment period begins on February 22, 2016 and ends at midnight March 23, 2016. The County will accept comments from the public on this Amendment during this timeframe.

The Public is hereby notified that comments on the Substantial Amendment will be accepted by email to: Monmouth County Community Development Program, ATT: Sharon Rafter, Community Development Director to communitydevelopment@co.monmouth.nj.us or by fax: 732-308-2995.

The Substantial Amendment is available on the Division of Planning page of the Monmouth County website at www.visitmonmouth.com. Hard copies are available for review at the Office of Community Development, 2nd Floor, Hall of Records Annex, One East Main Street, Freehold, NJ, 07728.

No comments will be accepted by telephone.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OVERVIEW:

The Substantial Amendment allows for the programming of available funds to best meet current needs as identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. This Amendment adds five new CDBG activities by reallocating funds from a completed activity. A summary of the changes is outlined below, followed by detailed information about each of the new activities.

Community Development Block Grant Program:

The County is amending its FY 2015 Action Plan, reallocating \$430,348.00 in funds currently allocated to the County's Housing Improvement Program to five alternate activities.

<u>Changes to CDBG-Funded Activities:</u>	<u>Prior Allocation</u>	<u>Funding Change</u>	<u>% Change in Allocation</u>
Monmouth County Housing Improvement Program (2015)	\$558,005.00	-\$430,348.00	-77.12%
Matawan Borough ADA Street Improvements	\$0.00	\$152,321.00	New Activity
CASA for Children of Monmouth County Operating Expenses - Services for At-Risk Youth	\$0.00	\$25,023.00	New Activity
Union Beach Borough Reconstruction of Johnson Avenue	\$0.00	\$162,545.00	New Activity
Ocean Township Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$0.00	\$65,436.00	New Activity
Monmouth County Association for the Blind Life Skills & Social Enrichment for the Visually Impaired	\$0.00	\$25,023.00	New Activity

Sub-Grantee's name: Borough of Matawan		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: ADA Street Improvements		Objective Category:	Suitable Living Environment
Location: Main Street from s/s Park Avenue to n/s Little Street, Matawan, New Jersey		Outcome Category:	Availability/Accessibility
Priority Need: Public Infrastructure		Project ID: 2015-7	Local ID: G-14-56-892-150-226
Census Tract #: 8030.00	Block Group # 04	CDBG Eligible Area: Yes	HUD Matrix Code: 03K
		Type of Recipient: Municipality	IDIS Activity #:
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG	\$152,321.00	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$152,321.00
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>CDBG funds will be used to improve accessibility in a CDBG-eligible section of the downtown area through installation of ADA-compliant sidewalks, curb cuts, crosswalks, and new lighting.</p> <p>One of the goals outlined in the Monmouth County 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is infrastructure improvements to assist low- and moderate-income concentrated neighborhoods. This activity will help improve accessibility to the businesses and public facilities lining Main Street.</p>			

Sub-Grantee's name: CASA for Children of Monmouth County		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Operating Expenses - Services for At-Risk Youth		Objective Category:	Suitable Living Environment
Location: County-wide, New Jersey		Outcome Category:	Availability/Accessibility
Priority Need: Public Services		Project ID: 2015-8	Local ID: G-14-56-892-150-227
Census Tract #: n/a	Block Group # n/a	CDBG Eligible Area: n/a	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
		Type of Recipient: Non-Profit	IDIS Activity #: 2127
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG	\$25,023.00	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$25,023.00
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>CDBG funds will be used to pay costs associated with running a Court-ordered program that provides volunteer advocates on behalf of an individual child or sibling groups of children in out-of-home-placement. Costs include salary and benefits for one supervisor of the volunteer advocates, costs of training staff and volunteer advocates, insurance, travel, communications, and supplies.</p> <p>This public service program benefits homeless youth, one of the goals outlined in the Monmouth County 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.</p>			

Sub-Grantee's name: Borough of Union Beach		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Reconstruction of Johnson Avenue		Objective Category:	Suitable Living Environment
Location: Johnson Avenue from Florence Avenue to Newark Avenue, Union Beach, New Jersey		Outcome Category:	Availability/Accessibility
Priority Need: Public Infrastructure		Project ID: 2015-7	Local ID: G-14-56-892-150-228
Census Tract #: 8018.00	Block Group # 1025	CDBG Eligible Area: Yes	HUD Matrix Code: 03K
		Type of Recipient: Municipality	IDIS Activity #: 2128
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG	\$162,545.00	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$162,545.00

Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:

CDBG funds will be used to reconstruct a portion of Johnson Avenue. Improvements include the total reconstruction of the existing roadway, installation of a new drainage system, and the installation of new concrete curb and sidewalk for the entire length of the roadway.

One of the goals outlined in the Monmouth County 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is infrastructure improvements to assist low- and moderate-income concentrated neighborhoods. This activity will rehabilitate Johnson Avenue and have a positive effect on the residential area served by this roadway, creating a safe environment for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Sub-Grantee's name: Ocean Township		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Pedestrian Safety Improvements		Objective Category:	Suitable Living Environment
Location: From 777 West Park Avenue eastward towards Louise Weltz Lane; Block 3/Lots 16.01 & 17, Ocean, New Jersey		Outcome Category:	Availability/Accessibility
Priority Need: Public Infrastructure		Project ID: 2015-7	Local ID: G-14-56-892-150-229
Census Tract #: 8064.00	Block Group # 1004	CDBG Eligible Area: Yes	HUD Matrix Code: 03L
		Type of Recipient: Municipality	IDIS Activity #: 2129
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG	\$65,436.00	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$65,436.00
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>CDBG funds will be used to construct a pedestrian walkway in order to link the newly-constructed senior affordable housing complex with the Township of Ocean Senior Center, the Post Office, Weltz Park, and the Township's Pool and Tennis Center.</p> <p>One of the goals outlined in the Monmouth County 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is infrastructure improvements to assist low- and moderate-income concentrated neighborhoods. This project's walkway will help link the senior affordable housing to nearby public facilities in creating a safe and enjoyable neighborhood for the Township's growing senior population.</p>			

Sub-Grantee's name: Monmouth County Association for the Blind		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Life Skills & Social Enrichment for the Visually Impaired		Objective Category:	Suitable Living Environment
Location: 3401 Belmar Boulevard, Wall, New Jersey		Outcome Category:	Availabilitiy/Accessibility
Priority Need: Public Services		Project ID: 2015-8	Local ID: G-14-56-892-150-230
Census Tract #: 8086.00	Block Group # 3016	CDBG Eligible Area: No	HUD Matrix Code: 05
		Type of Recipient: Non-Profit	IDIS Activity #: 2130
Funding Sources: Including Year			
CDBG	\$25,023.00	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:		Total:	\$25,023.00
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>CDBG funds will be used to pay for operating costs associated with the Monmouth County Association for the Blind, including utilities, insurance and transportation to various recreational events.</p> <p>This project will benefit disabled persons in the County and support the public service goal outlined in the Monmouth County 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.</p>			