

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

On the

**Monmouth County  
Substantial Amendment to FY2013 Annual Action Plan  
For Supplemental Allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds  
Reallocated By HUD from Westchester County**

The Community Development Section of the Monmouth County Division of Planning has been designated as the lead agency for the preparation and submission of the FY2013 Annual Action Plan. Monmouth County expects to submit the Substantial Amendment to the FY2013 Annual Action Plan to HUD on or before September 18, 2013.

**The FY2013 Annual Action Plan** identifies the needs of homeless, low-income and special needs populations and describes activities the consortium intend to undertake to address the priorities and specific objectives for housing and community development. In addition, the Plan identifies the public and private funding sources that will be used to carry out the needs and objectives outlined in the Plan.

### **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OVERVIEW:**

On August 16, 2013, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the County that it is eligible to receive \$211,645.00 in additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. This supplemental funding is being made available because FY2011 CDBG funds initially awarded to Westchester County, NY, are being reallocated to nearby eligible jurisdictions, including Monmouth County, under Paragraph 32 of the Stipulation and Order of Settlement and Dismissal entered in United States ex rel. Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York v. Westchester County.

To receive this supplemental allocation, HUD requires the County to hold a public hearing to obtain citizen input on the proposed use of these funds, and to submit a Substantial Amendment to FY2013 Annual Action Plan. These requirements are outlined in the Memorandum from Mark Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs Programs, DN, entitled "*Waiver of 24 CFR 91.105(k) and 91.115(i), Annual Action Plan Amendments for Grantees Eligible for FY2011 CDBG and ESG Funds Reallocated from Westchester County*"

The Substantial Amendment allocates these additional funds to two new projects, the Grow Monmouth Façade Program and ADA Improvements to the Tinton Falls Library. Additionally, two existing projects, Street Improvements in Howell Township, and Program Administration, will receive increased allocations. Monmouth County is following the modified Citizen Participation Process outlined in this Waiver Memorandum to notify affected residents of these changes to the FY2013 Annual Plan.

### **PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD:**

**The seven day public comment period will start on Friday, September 6, 2013 and end at midnight Friday, September 13, 2013.** Comments on the Substantial Amendment to FY2013 Annual Action Plan should be submitted by email to: Monmouth County Community Development Program, ATT: Owen P. Redmond, Community Development Director to [owen.redmond@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:owen.redmond@co.monmouth.nj.us) or by fax: 732-308-2995.

No comments will be accepted by telephone.

Copies of the Substantial Amendment to FY2013 Annual Action Plan will be available on the Division of Planning page of the Monmouth County website at [www.visitmonmouth.com](http://www.visitmonmouth.com).

A Public Hearing regarding the Monmouth County Community Development Program will be held during the next meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders scheduled for:

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2013  
 TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Freeholders Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Hall of Records  
 One East Main Street  
 Freehold, NJ 07728

All citizens are invited to attend this hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to invite public comment on the projects that are proposed to be included in the Substantial Amendment to FY2013 Annual Action Plan and to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on the housing and community development needs of the County. The meeting room is accessible to the physically challenged. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter are asked to contact the Community Development Program staff through the New Jersey Relay Service at 1-800-852-7899.

**Substantial Amendment to FY2013 Annual Action Plan - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Projects**

<b>Sub-grantee / Project Title</b>	<b>Description / Location</b>	<b>Recommended Allocation</b>
<b>MONMOUTH COUNTY</b>	CDBG funds will be used to pay salaries, indirect costs, fringe benefits; and other costs association with the administration of the Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) Programs.	
<i>Program Administration</i>	<b>Location:</b> <i>County-wide</i>	Initially Proposed: \$511,664.00  <b>Amended: \$551,141.00</b>
<b>MONMOUTH COUNTY</b>	CDBG funds will be used to continue a program to provide emergency housing repairs and barrier-free improvements for income-eligible residents of the county.	
<i>Emergency Repair and Barrier-Free Programs</i>	<b>Location:</b> <i>County-wide</i>	Unchanged \$325,000.00

**MONMOUTH COUNTY**

CDBG funds will be used to continue a program to provide interest-free deferred loans (IFDL) to assist low- and moderate- income homeowners rehabilitate their homes.

***Housing Improvement Program***

**Location:** County-wide Unchanged \$500,000.00

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**HOWELL TOWNSHIP**

CDBG funds will be used to reconstruct a 3/4 of a mile of roadway which is in a CDBG-Eligible Service Area. This project will consist of the installation of a series of drainage inlets, pipes, storm water quality sand filters and an outfall structure with minimal curbing.

***Reconstruction of Ford Road***

**Location:** Ford Road from US Hwy. No. 9 to Kent Road,  
Howell, NJ 07731 Initially Proposed: \$126,658.00

**Amended: \$153,233.00**

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**FREEHOLD BOROUGH**

CDBG funds will be used to install roadway and crosswalk improvements in an active pedestrian, downtown CDBG-Eligible Service Area

***Throckmorton St. Pedestrian Crosswalk & Roadway Improvements***

**Location:** Throckmorton St, from Main St. to Bowne Ave.  
Freehold, NJ Unchanged \$184,299.00

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**MANASQUAN BOROUGH**

CDBG funds will be used to install automatic door operators for the Municipal Building to provide ADA access to the building.

***ADA Improvements to Municipal Building***

**Location:** 201 East Main Street, Manasquan, NJ 08736 Unchanged \$54,426.00

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**ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS BOROUGH**

CDBG funds will be used to improve 3 roadways. Improvements will include milling & repaving, sidewalks; handicapped ramps and replacing a 2" water main with a 6" water main in a CDBG-Eligible Service Area.

***Street Improvements***

**Location:** East Garfield Ave., Asbury Ave. and Townsend Court,  
Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 Unchanged \$181,393.00

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**BOROUGH OF KEYPORT**

CDBG funds will be used for the reconstruction of 3 roadways. Improvements will include milling and paving, as well as curb and sidewalk replacement, and ADA curbs and ramps in the CDBG-Eligible Service Area.

***Improvements to Luppataatong Avenue***

**Location:** Luppataatong Ave, Chingarora Ave, & W. Third St.  
Keyport, NJ

Unchanged \$ 180,385.00

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**BOROUGH OF ENGLISHTOWN**

CDBG funds will be used to construct ADA compliant crosswalks at various locations along Tennent Avenue and Main Street to provide safe access for the elderly and disabled population of the Borough to local shopping and recreation.

***ADA Intersection Improvements***

**Location:** Various intersections on Tennent Avenue and Main Street  
Englishtown, NJ

Unchanged \$ 114,862.00

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**BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN**

CDBG funds will be used to remove existing non-compliant ADA features within the Borough, including the construction of ADA compliant features in the municipal parking lot. The project will also include replacement of non-ADA compliant curb cuts and crosswalks at various intersections

***ADA Improvements to Village Center***

**Location:** Various locations along South Main St., Church St.,  
Gordon St., and North Main St., Allentown, NJ

Unchanged \$ 172,308.00

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**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**

CDBG funds will be used to repair the pump station to alleviate flooding in a CDBG-Eligible Service Area. Repairs include the replacement of the bar screen and corroded electrical equipment and enclosures, as well as the replacement of the inflow pipe and repair of numerous sink holes in the roadway.

***North St. Pump Station Repair and Drainage Improvements***

**Location:** North Street between Bay Ave and the  
Shrewsbury River, Highlands, NJ

Unchanged \$ 178,077.00

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**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS**

CDBG funds will be used for ADA upgrades to the existing Tinton Falls Library facility as well as a new addition and accessible entry at the rear of the existing building. The addition will include two new ADA toilet rooms and a new ADA accessible entry. The circulation desk will also be modified or replaced to provide for an accessible area for book transactions.

***ADA Improvement to Library***

**Location:** 664 Tinton Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ

Initially Proposed: \$29,250.00

**Amended: \$75,585.00**

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**MONMOUTH COUNTY**

CDBG funds will be used to assist businesses located in CDBG-eligible areas to improve business facades, and to replace deteriorated commercial signs and awnings. Grants for facade improvements, new sign and/or awning are intended to fund 100% of the project cost up to a maximum of \$1,850.00. Total project costs cannot exceed this amount and must not be part of a larger building facade improvement project.

***Grow Monmouth Facade Program***

**Location:** County-wide within CDBG-eligible areas

Initially Proposed: \$0.00

**Amended: \$85,000.00**

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**Final FY 2013 CDBG Appropriation \$ 2,544,064.00**

**Net Increase due to Reallocated Funds \$ 211,645.00**

**Amended FY 2013 CDBG Appropriation \$ 2,755,709.00**

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Note: The Initially Proposed Grant Allocations were submitted to U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Monmouth County's FY2013 Annual Plan in November 2012. Initial amounts were based upon an anticipated FY2013 CDBG Grant Appropriation of \$2,558,322.00. The final FY2013 CDBG Appropriation of \$2,544,064 is \$14,258.00 less than initially anticipated (0.6% reduction).