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Substantial Amendment

The purpose of this amendment is to reallocate \$450,000 in CDBG funds from the Playground improvements at various City Parks Project to public facility improvements including: Trenton Library, Roebling Wire Works, Carver Center . FY 2015 CDBG funds are at risk of recapture by HUD if they are not expended by September 30, 2022. In order to avoid losing funds, the City will reallocate these funds to projects that are nearing completion or already underway.

Park improvements are still a priority for the City. Utilizing unallocated funds, funds remaining from completed activities, and 2022 CDBG funds, the City of Trenton will provide funding for the MLK Park Improvement Project.

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The following federal resources will be utilized for housing and non-housing community development in the City of Trenton.

(note: IDIS would not change the program income figure used initially. The figure below is the actual receipt in IDIS for 2015.)

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,371,985	3,441,889.24	653,244	6,467,118.24	12,616,557	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	536,858	0	0	536,858	2,147,432	
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	219,357	0	0	219,357	877,428	

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Trenton is adept at leveraging resources from all levels of government, as well as from for-profit and non-profit organizations to address the many needs in the community. The following is a description of non-CDBG resources to be leveraged in 2014.

The City will utilize CDBG funds to administer housing rehabilitation hard costs allocated from the City's Regional Contribution Agreements. In order to maintain regulatory compliance, the City will revise the program guidelines of these local funds to meet Federal regulations.

The Emergency Solutions Grant Program and the HOME Program require matching funds. All applicants to these programs must identify the match in the applications for funding from the Department of Housing and Economic Development. All matching sources are verified prior to commitment of any federal funds. The City has not committed any funds specifically to provide a monetary match to any activity but may provide the match for Emergency Solutions activities through local grant-in-aid to homeless service providers. Sponsors of HOME activities are responsible to provide their match.

Specific matching requirements will be met as follows:

HOME: Anticipated sources of match will be provided by activities requiring match - the total value of which will meet or exceed 25% of the total HOME award, with the exception of program administration activities which do not require match. Sources will include waiver of fees, in-kind donations, donations of land, private, state and local government funds. The City of Trenton has a 100% match reduction.

ESG: Each agency must provide a 1:1 match for funding provided from the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Most of the grant recipients are private non-profits with fund raising activities and other grants.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City of Trenton owns land within the City that may be used for future housing and non-housing development.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Increase the number of affordable units	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS	Create and Maintain Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$371,630 HOME: \$483,172	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 29 Household Housing Unit
4	Improve public infrastructure	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS	Improve Public Infrastructure	CDBG: \$2,221,230	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
5	Improve public facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS	Improve Public Facilities	CDBG: \$1,150,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4837 Persons Assisted
7	Provide public services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS	Provide Public Services	CDBG: \$1,162,849	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 11047 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	Provide homeless housing and services	2015	2019	Homeless	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS	Provide Homeless Housing and Services	CDBG: \$80,000 ESG: \$202,905	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Increase the number of affordable units
	Goal Description	Continue the housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer, and new housing construction activities to support an increase in the number of affordable units in the City of Trenton.
4	Goal Name	Improve public infrastructure
	Goal Description	Infrastructure in the low income areas of the City must be improved or expanded to improve the quality of life for lower income residents.
5	Goal Name	Improve public facilities
	Goal Description	Public facilities serving low income residents including senior centers that require capital improvements.
7	Goal Name	Provide public services
	Goal Description	Expand and continue non-housing community development supportive services.

8	Goal Name	Provide homeless housing and services
	Goal Description	Preservation of short- and long-term homeless facilities and associated services.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

A Substantial Amendment in June 2017 reallocated \$329,067.15 in CDBG excess income to the First Time Homebuyer Program. A substantial amendment undertaken in early 2018, reallocated \$1,673,799.85 in funds from several line items, including the Fire Housing and Administration, and prior year funds to increasing funding for street improvements, the Reading Senior Center Interior Renovations, the North Clinton Community Center, Fencing at the Community Pools and Public Housing Modernization- scattered sites.

A substantial amendment in June 2020 reallocated \$1,310,103.94 in FY 2015 CDBG funds to five new public facility projects: Trenton Library, Roebling Wire Works, Carver Center, Grant Ave. Park and various playground improvements.

A substantial amendment in January 2022 reallocated \$450,000 in FY 2015 CDBG funds to three public facility projects: Trenton Library, Roebling Wire Works, Carver Center

Projects

#	Project Name
17	After School, Summer Camp, Day Care: Trenton Children’s Chorus
19	Public Service -- Rescue Mission of Trenton: Emergency Shelter Bed Nights
40	Public Infrastructure: Road Reconstruction
48	First-Time Homebuyer Program (Closing Cost Assistance & Mortgage Write-Down)
50	Economic Development Loans for Business Expansion & Startup
51	Public Service -- Job Training & Career Development; Boys and Girls Club
52	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; Young Scholars, Inc.
53	Public Service -- Crime Prevention, Gang Awareness, Prisoner Re-entry; Big Brothers Big Sis
54	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; NJTLT
55	Public Service -- Job Training and Career Development: Shiloh CDC
56	Public Service --project cancelled - Hispanic Center
57	Public Service Projects -- Job Training & Career Dev., Vocational Arts Science and Training Center
58	Public Service - Homefront, Inc.: Hire Expectations
59	Public Service PEI Kids: Comprehensive Juvenile Offender Outreach Services
60	Public Service Trenton Community Music School: El Sistema
61	Public Service Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer: Youth Advocacy and Mentoring

#	Project Name
62	Public Services: LALDEF Welcome House
63	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp, Day Care: Millhill Child & Fam Dev, Trenton Peers
64	Public Service -- Crisis Ministry: Homelessness Prevention
65	Public Service -- TASK: Meals Services
66	Public Service -- Catholic Youth Organization: Summer Camp
67	HOME Housing Development
68	Pool Fencing - added by amendment 4-18
69	Reading Senior Center Interior Improvements
70	Public Housing modernization
71	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
72	Public Service Projects -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; Boys and Girls Club
73	Public Service Projects -- Home Improvements, Isles
74	Public Service Project -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; Family Guidance Center Corp
75	Public Service Projects -- Homeless Services & Prevention; Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness
76	Public Service Project: After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; Bonner Center for Civic and Community
77	Public Service Projects -- Summer Camp; Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of Mercer Co
78	Public Service Projects -- Health Care, Nutrition, Mental Health: Isles, Inc.
79	Public Service -- Health Care, Nutrition, Mental Health: Interfaith Caregivers
80	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care: YMCA of Trenton
81	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care: Play Soccer Nonprofit International
82	Public Service -- Home Improvements: Enable, Inc.
83	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care: YWCA of Trenton
84	Public Facilities-Improvements
85	City Run Public Service Projects: Operation of Senior Centers
86	ESG15 Trenton
87	Public Facility Improvements - Trenton Free Public Library
88	Playground improvements at various City Parks
89	Grant Ave. Park Improvements
90	Acquisition - Carver Y Center
91	Public Facility Improvements Roebling Wire Works
92	Admin PI
93	Rehabilitation Hard Costs
94	Administration
95	Capital improvements for non-profits
96	Public Service Projects -- Homeless Services & Prevention; Crisis Ministry
97	Public Facilities Projects – N. Clinton

Table 3 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	After School, Summer Camp, Day Care: Trenton Childrens Chorus
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,250
	Description	Choral music education and performance opportunities to Trenton's under-served children and youth in kindergarten through 12th grade. This project was not intended to be part of the Substantial Amendment and should be ignored. The eCon Planning Suite was unable to remove this project from those the City was intending to modify.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Matrix code: 05D.
2	Project Name	Public Service -- Rescue Mission of Trenton: Emergency Shelter Bed Nights
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services Provide homeless housing and services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services Provide Homeless Housing and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Provide bed nights for single, homeless adults (men and women) who present in the City of Trenton requesting Emergency Shelter services. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from 2015 entitlement funds to excess program income. Matrix Code: 03T; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide bed nights for single, homeless adults (men and women) who present in the City of Trenton requesting Emergency Shelter services.
3	Project Name	Public Infrastructure: Road Reconstruction
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Improve public infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: 1,879,479.91
	Description	Funds will be used to reconstruct local roads that serve primarily LMI areas of the City.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	See above. Matrix code: 03K.
4	Project Name	First-Time Homebuyer Program (Closing Cost Assistance & Mortgage Write-Down)
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Increase the number of affordable units
	Needs Addressed	Create and Maintain Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$324,205.79
	Description	The program will provide assistance to first-time homebuyers in the City. Closing Cost Assistance and Mortgage Write-Downs will be provided to bring housing expenses within 30% of the participating household's income. Matrix Code: 13; National Objective: LMH
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
	Location Description	City-wide.
	Planned Activities	The program will provide assistance to first-time homebuyers in the City. Closing Cost Assistance and Mortgage Write-Downs will be provided to bring housing expenses within 30% of the participating household's income.
5	Project Name	Economic Development Loans for Business Expansion & Startup
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Improve public infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Job Creation & Retention
	Funding	CDBG: \$950 ,000
	Description	The activity will provide loans to local businesses for capital improvements that create or retain jobs. This substantial amendment adds this project. Funding will be provided from reallocated funds from past program years. Matrix Code: 18A; National Objective LMJ.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Loans for capital improvements at for-profit businesses that would result in the creation or retention of jobs for City residents.
	Project Name	Public Service -- Job Training & Career Development; Boys and Girls Club
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,112

	Description	Teen Summer Employment & Work Readiness through the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton/Mercer County. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>The Boys & Girls Club Job-Ready program connects teens with the importance of education, helps them develop career pathways, and provides the support programs and staff guidance to help them attain measurable results. The program is evidence-based and has documented success. A study done in 2008 by The Academy of Education Development showed that when Job-Ready is implemented during the school year, it helped raise math and reading skills of program participants, increasing their chances of graduating from high school.</p> <p>Job-Ready prepares teens to find, keep, and excel in a job. It is taught at various program locations in the city four times per year during after school, evening and weekend hours. The CDBG funded program will meet at 212 Centre Street in Trenton Monday through Thursday during two four week program cycle over the summer to complete all course requirements relating to the Department of Labor 24 work readiness skills.</p> <p>The curriculum includes work readiness and life skills topics such as setting goals, resolving conflicts, responding to authority, college searches and tours, filling out successful applications, making career decisions, interpersonal skills, positive attitudes and behaviors, interviewing skills, resuming writing, among others. At the beginning of the program, members set goals to graduate from high school and develop a post secondary path either at college, technical school or employment. Through engaging demonstrations, role-playing and practice sessions, participating teens learn by doing and develop an understanding of what it takes to excel in the workplace.</p> <p>In addition to gaining valuable work experience, Job-Ready teaches participants important skills such as getting to work on time, impersonal communications, conflict resolution, and how to search, apply, and maintain employment.</p> <p>Job-Ready also provides access to social, recreational and life skills support programs offered at the Boys & Girls Club including College Prep 101, which coaches teens for the SAT, helps them choose the right college, and guides them in the college application process. Teens also have access to numerous Career Clubs which help students determine their career pathway. If a teen is not entering college they may explore career pathways.</p>
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		<p>Upon completion of the classroom curriculum, Job-Ready graduates are placed into a 100 hour work internship program. Student internship experiences are matched with their career interests, which may include business/office, youth work, sports, art, and technology. Teens also have the opportunity to work in the Club's social entrepreneurial ventures: the Bike Exchange, Computer Exchange, and the Barber Shop. Upon completion of the internship program they are awarded a \$500 educational award.</p> <p>During the 100-hour work experience, students are assigned to a Club professional for mentorship, meeting regularly with their career counselor. Mentors will be matched with youth based on youth's strengths, program interests, career interests, and post secondary plans and will receive ongoing training. The focus of the mentoring experience will be on the importance of education, career pathways, and making positive life choices.</p> <p>Students are recruited through school social workers, guidance counselors, teachers and administrative staff. Our Teen Director also visits the high schools during lunch periods to promote the program. Lastly, the program is promoted through city community organization or referrals.</p>
7	Project Name	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; Young Scholars, Inc.
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,250
	Description	College prep program. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Young Scholars' Institute (YSI) College Preparatory Program is an assemblage of four programs designed to motivate, support, enrich and de-mystify the college application process so that students are prepared for a successful experience in higher education. The programs are the College Admissions, Financial Aid and Career Planning Workshop (CAW), the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Preparation Course, College Tours and the College Application and Scholarship Essay Writing Course.
8	Project Name	Public Service -- Crime Prevention, Gang Awareness, Prisoner Re-entry; Big Brothers Big Sis
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,500
	Description	Trenton-Based Youth Mentoring Programs. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	<p>Three basic types of programs are offered: traditional community-based, school-based and our latest addition of workplace-based mentoring programs.</p> <p>The community-based program begins when a parent, guardian or guidance counselor reaches out to us because a child is not thriving and needs added support in his or her life. The parent and child fill out application forms and then are brought in for a group training session, which we hold once a month in the evening. After the session, if the parent and child are willing to abide by the ground rules of the mentoring process, intensive personal interviews of the parent and child take place to determine what the child is like, their preferences and challenges and what they are looking for in a mentoring relationship. Meanwhile, men and women who want to be mentors are being recruited on an ongoing basis. These interested people fill out an application sheet and attend a mandatory two hour group training session, which are also held on a monthly basis. Those that are ready to make a commitment undergo intensive crime and character checks and all references and family members are called. They are then interviewed to find out what kind of child they would be comfortable with and where they would be willing to go to pick up the child.</p>
9	Project Name	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; NJTLT
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,750
	Description	NJTLT ASHE And ACE Program Expansion. Unique learning and recreational Education and Tennis opportunities for underserved young people. Gets them involved in a healthy life sport that provides both physical and personal development benefits. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	NJTLT provides Trenton children with year-round free access to its award-winning tennis & education programs that often produce life-changing experiences. Participants are rewarded with employment opportunities, job training/tennis teacher certifications as well as eligibility for \$15,000 in annual scholarship stipends. 20% of NJTLT's FT staff and 60% of the teaching staff are former participants. This reaffirms the vision of NJTL national founder Arthur Ashe – to promote character and offer education, employment and other opportunities for young people through tennis. These unique programs, OUTREACH, ACE/PACE and ASHE, described below, use tennis as the hook but give participants the tools and training to be successful in life.
10	Project Name	Public Service -- Job Training and Career Development: Shiloh CDC
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$23,617
	Description	Ready to Launch" Work Readiness Program." This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Shiloh CDC operates a social venture that places men and women in projects in the technology industry; this is an initiative that started less than 12 months ago. Individuals are placed in computer, appliance, and printer repair positions at the requests of local businesses-warranty companies, refurbishing companies, and retail stores. Requests come from companies such as financial institutions seeking computer repair services, KFC seeking terminal repair services, and Samsung seeking appliance repair technicians. We train everyone who is seeking to enter the technology service industry through specialized training, coaching, and our Ready to Launch career readiness training.
11	Project Name	Public Service --CANCELLED - Hispanic Center
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	:
	Description	Choose to Live in Trenton Program. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
Planned Activities	The Choose to Live in Trenton program will offer bilingual counseling (English and Spanish), information and referral, mediation services between landlord and tenant, housing support, education, foreclosure prevention services to help manage financially vulnerable situations. MECHA's programs will also provide culturally appropriate home mentorship and support.	
12	Project Name	Public Service Projects -- Job Training & Career Dev., Vocational Arts Science and Training Center
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$6,719
	Description	GED/Employability Training and Community Service Project. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Unemployed and under-employed individuals lack skills and training in employability, access to the Internet and computer technology, educational programs, as well as supportive services and programs designed to promote economic self-sufficiency. This project will address the need for economic development by preparing residents for living wage employment and public park facility improvement through community services.
13	Project Name	Public Service - Homefront, Inc.: Hire Expectations
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,000
	Description	Projects that help individuals become employed or better employed. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05H; National Objective LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Provides clients with the supportive services they need to secure employment and become independent. Provides Job Placement, Building Literacy Skills, Assessment, Individual Case Management/Eliminating Barriers and Work Experience Skills Building training. Hire Expectations clients spend up to 35 hours/week in these skills building activities, for up to 16 weeks.
14	Project Name	Public Service PEI Kids: Comprehensive Juvenile Offender Outreach Services
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,000
	Description	Delinquency prevention program through the CJOOS program (t/a PEI Kids). This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provides juvenile offenders on probation with violence prevention and conflict resolution skills ¾ gang culture education ¾ computer and job preparation skills ¾ academic support ¾ training in respect for authority and critical/strategic thinking. Through personalized mentoring, a proven curriculum, and recreational/educational excursions, CJOOS helps youth aged 11-17 improve communication, interpersonal and job readiness skills ¾ recognize risk factors for gang involvement ¾ reduce future involvement with the juvenile justice system ¾ and develop links to protective resources in the community.
	Project Name	Public Service Trenton Community Music School: El Sistema

15	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,250
	Description	Trenton Music Makers an El Sistema inspired Community Youth Orchestra. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	After School, Summer Camp, Day care. Matrix code: 05D.
16	Project Name	Public Service Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer: Youth Advocacy and Mentoring
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services Provide homeless housing and services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services Provide Homeless Housing and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,450
	Description	Youth Advocacy and Mentoring Services for Adolescents Aging out of the Child Welfare System. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Volunteers work to identify support systems and gaps that youth need to address in order to be successful when they leave the child welfare system.
17	Project Name	Public Services: LALDEF Welcome House
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,944.87
	Description	Projects that provide housing counseling or life skills training. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05C; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provides resources for the large immigrant population to facilitate their integration, increase their human capital and promote cross cultural understanding between native and foreign born, thus contributing to a more thriving, fair and diverse community.
18	Project Name	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp, Day Care: Millhill Child & Fam Dev, Trenton Peers
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,496

	Description	Trenton PEERS Gang Prevention. Provides minority at-risk youth (both male and female) with the tools, information, skills, and support they need to successfully increase their ability to avoid violence, violent situations, and poor choices. Trenton PEERS currently includes 24 peer educators (12 male and 12 female students, 13-18 years of age). This substantial amendment revises the source of funds from CDBG EN to Excess Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provides intensive leadership development, life skills training, assistance with educational goals, mentoring and support to Trenton teens.
19	Project Name	Public Service -- Crisis Ministry: Homelessness Prevention
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services Provide homeless housing and services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services Provide Homeless Housing and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$42,500
	Description	Provide one-time emergency financial assistance to prevent homelessness through payment of overdue rent, mortgage, or utilities, or to restore housing after an episode of homelessness through payment of a security deposit. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05Q, National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide one-time emergency financial assistance to prevent homelessness through payment of overdue rent, mortgage, or utilities, or to restore housing after an episode of homelessness through payment of a security deposit.
20	Project Name	Public Service -- TASK: Meals Services
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500
	Description	TASK provides meal services. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05W; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provides daily sustenance in the form of a hot, nutritious lunch Monday through Friday and dinner Monday through Thursday from our Escher Street location in Trenton's North Ward.
21	Project Name	Public Service -- Catholic Youth Organization: Summer Camp
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000

	Description	CYO's Broad St. Center Recreational/Educational Summer Day Camp Program (REC). This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income. Matrix Code: 05D; National Objective: LMC
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provides a Summer Day Camp for Trenton children, ages 5-12, & operates M-F, 7:30am-5:30pm, for 9 weeks, mid-June through August.
22	Project Name	HOME Housing Development
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Increase the number of affordable units
	Needs Addressed	Create and Maintain Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$336,043
	Description	The City of Trenton will use HOME funds to develop affordable housing in the City of Trenton.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used to support development of renta units.
	Location Description	Citywide.
Planned Activities	Development of affordable housing in the City of Trenton.	
23	Project Name	Pool Fencing - added by amendment 4-18
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$338,133

	Description	Replace deteriorated fencing at City swimming pools to improve public safety. Added
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Perry St. Pool – 324 Academy St. Calhoun St. Pool – 1424 New Willow St. Cooper Pool – 392 Union St. Added additional funding for Calhoun in 2020
	Planned Activities	Replace fencing
24	Project Name	Reading Senior Center Interior Improvements
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$143,593.40
	Description	Interior improvements to the Reading Senior Center
	Target Date	11/15/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Senior citizens of the City of Trenton will benefit
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
25	Project Name	Public Housing modernization
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Increase the number of affordable units
	Needs Addressed	Create and Maintain Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$318,378

	Description	The Trenton Housing Authority has 11 units that are vacant and require substantial rehabilitation to be available for occupancy. CDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate these units.
	Target Date	12/24/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Eleven housing units
	Location Description	Scattered site - Donnelly - Southard St (5). Apts; Wilson units (4); Haverstick units (2)
	Planned Activities	Substantial Rehabilitation of vacant blighted units.
26	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Increase the number of affordable units
	Needs Addressed	Create and Maintain Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$145,929.47
	Description	Funds will be used to pay personnel and consultant costs directly related to implementing the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
27	Project Name	Public Service Projects -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; Boys and Girls Club
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,189

	Description	School Age Childcare: After-School and Summer Program. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
28	Project Name	Public Service Projects -- Home Improvements, Isles
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Increase the number of affordable units
	Needs Addressed	Create and Maintain Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$68,000
	Description	Trenton Residential Healthy, Energy, and Environmental Transformation. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
29	Project Name	Public Service Project -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; Family Guidance Center Corp
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,250

	Description	Children's Day Treatment. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
30	Project Name	Public Service Projects -- Homeless Services & Prevention; Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,325
	Description	Homeless ID Project. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
31	Project Name	Public Service Project: After School, Summer Camp or Day Care; Bonner Center for Civic and Community
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$39,780

	Description	Trenton Youth Empowerment Project.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
32	Project Name	Public Service Projects -- Summer Camp; Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of Mercer Co
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,500
	Description	CYO's REC Summer Camps (25,500). This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
33	Project Name	Public Service Projects -- Health Care, Nutrition, Mental Health: Isles, Inc.
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,000

	Description	Urban Agriculture in Trenton. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
34	Project Name	Public Service -- Health Care, Nutrition, Mental Health: Interfaith Caregivers
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,250
	Description	Neighbors Helping Neighbors Stay Healthy. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
35	Project Name	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care: YMCA of Trenton
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,000

	Description	After School Academic Success. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
36	Project Name	Public Service -- After School, Summer Camp or Day Care: Play Soccer Nonprofit International
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,649
	Description	Play for Fun, Learn for Life Trenton. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
37	Project Name	Public Service -- Home Improvements: Enable, Inc.
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,207

	Description	Home Modifications/ Accessibilities Projects for Trenton Residents. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
38	Project Name	Public Service – CANCELED - After School, Summer Camp or Day Care: YWCA of Trenton
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	
	Description	YWCA Trenton After School Program. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
39	Project Name	Public Facilities-Improvements
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$197,806.81

	Description	Funds will be used to make improvements to the City's senior and recreational centers. Improvements include the repair or replacement of major systems and the removal of architectural barriers. Includes Architectural and Engineering expenses for bid specs. A separate activity for each public facility will be created.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
40	Project Name	City Run Public Service Projects: Operation of Senior Centers
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,975.70
	Description	These funds will be used for operations and staffing of the City's senior centers. Services include health screening, counseling, physical examinations, immunizations, STD screening, testing and treatment.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
41	Project Name	ESG15 Trenton
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Provide homeless housing and services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Homeless Housing and Services
	Funding	ESG: \$219,357

	Description	ESG funds will provide funds for Rapid Rehousing and Street Outreach, administration of the ESG program, emergency shelter repairs to the following facilities: Womanspace (\$20,000) and Anchor House (\$18,000). In addition, ESG funds will be used to support the HMIS system (\$15,000). Also, funds will be supplied to the Rescue Mission for shelter operations (\$15,000). ESG funds will also be provided for street outreach and rapid rehousing activities to Catholic Charities (\$129,512).
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
42	Project Name	Public Facility Improvements - Trenton Free Public Library
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$325,000
	Description	Created by Substantial amendment 2020 from unobligated 2015 funds. Removal of architectural barriers at the doors and bathrooms in the library. Substantial amendment adds \$200,000 to the Library
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 public facility
	Location Description	120 Academy Street, Trenton, New Jersey
	Planned Activities	Handicap barrier removal
43	Project Name	Playground improvements at various City Parks
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS

	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$450,000 \$0 Amendment reallocates funds to Public Facilities projects.
	Description	Replacement of broken and obsolete play equipment and installation of handicap accessible wood carpet in the fall zones.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Playground locations to be determined
	Location Description	Playground locations to be determined
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of community parks
44	Project Name	Grant Ave. Park Improvements
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	Rehabilitation of the Grant Avenue Park in coordination with the Choice Neighborhood planning and implementation program
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of the Grant Ave Park
45	Project Name	Acquisition - Carver Y Center
	Target Area	CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities

	Funding	CDBG: \$495,104
	Description	Acquisition of the Carver Center to provide youth and elderly recreation center in a low income neighborhood. Substantial amendment adds \$245,104 to project.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	40 Fowler Street
	Planned Activities	Acquisition of the building to meet City Recreation needs
46	Project Name	Public Facility Improvements Roebling Wire Works
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000
	Description	Rehabilitation of the community facility. Substantial amendment adds \$4,896 to project.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Bound by Canal Street, Elmer Street, Clark Street and Hamilton Avenue - Block 3
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of the community facility for recreation programming
47	Project Name	Administration PI
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$104,014.68

	Description	Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
48	Project Name	Rehab Hard Costs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$321,630
	Description	Housing Rehabilitation; \$75,000 added by amendment
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Housing rehabilitation
49	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$310,221.54
	Description	Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administration
50	Project Name	Capital Improvements for Nonprofit Facilities
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$598,311
	Description	Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofits with shovel-ready projects that will improve emergency efficiency and/or expand capacity for programming.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public Facility improvements
51	Project Name	Public Service Projects -- Homeless Services & Prevention; Crisis Ministry
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$42,500
	Description	Housing Stability Shallow Subsidy and Case Management. This Substantial Amendment revises the source of funding for this project from CDBG Entitlement funds to Program Income.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public Services
52	Project Name	Public Facilities projects – N. Clinton
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$724,635.89
	Description	The City of Trenton will utilize funds for public facility project. Improvement to N. Clinton Community Center
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	N. Clinton Community Center
	Planned Activities	Public Facility improvements

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

By federal regulation, 70% of CDBG funds must be spent in neighborhoods where at least 51% of the population is Low and Moderate Income (LMI). Portions of all census tracts in the city meet the LMI criteria with one exception (Census Tract 6, or the Villa Park neighborhood).

In Trenton itself there are clear patterns of racial segregation throughout the City. Tract data from the 2000 Census shows evidence of minority concentration with respect to both the African-American and Latino populations. Approximately 62% of the City’s African-American population lived in tracts in which 65% or more of the population was African-American. The Latino population was concentrated in the city's South and East wards, Census Tracts 1, 4, 9, 10, 21 and 22.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CITY OF TRENTON RESIDENTS	

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

CDBG and HOME funds are intended to provide low and moderate-income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities to be funded with CDBG funds include public improvements, housing rehabilitation and preservation, affordable housing development activities, public services, economic development, planning, and administration. ESG funds are intended to address homelessness.

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the

following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program;
- Meeting the needs of very-low, low-, and moderate-income residents;
- Focusing on low- and moderate-income persons, areas, or neighborhoods;
- Coordinating and leveraging of resources;
- Responding to expressed needs;
- Achieving sustainability and/or long-term impact;

Having the ability to measure or demonstrate progress and success.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following are estimates of the affordable housing goals in 2015.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	55
Special-Needs	0
Total	55

Table 5 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	9
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	20
Total	29

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

See the attached Unique Appendices in AD-25 Administration for a copy of the City of Trenton's Policies and Procedures Manual for the HOME Improvement Program.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Trenton Housing Authority (THA) provides public housing within the City of Trenton.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

THA will continue to use its Capital Fund grant to make, physical, operational and management improvements at its various housing developments and administrative sites.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

THA has resident councils in its developments. These resident councils have input/involvement with THA management operations and modernization needs. Resident council officers serve on THA's Resident Advisory Board (RAB).

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

See below for homeless and other special needs activities.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness with its system partners, the City of Trenton, the Mercer County Department of Human Services and the Mercer County Board of Social Services have been pursuing a system change planning and implementation process centered around Mercer County's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. The City of Trenton, Department of Health and Human Services is the lead agency for planning and grant applications under the Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care process. The Continuum is made up of over 40 social service providers; both governmental and non-profit organizations.

The Trenton/Mercer CoC coordinates a broad array of services that includes, but is not limited to:

- Outreach Assessments Prevention of Homelessness Emergency Shelter/Services Rapid Rehousing Transitional Housing Case management/Support Services Permanent Housing Education Resources

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

See above.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City of Trenton and the CoC have a valuable partner in the Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness. In 2009, the Alliance spearheaded efforts to shift the CoC's efforts to combat homelessness in Trenton from a sheltering model to a rehousing model. The Alliance has been successful at working the County

Board of Social Services and City Department of Social Services to leverage significant resources.

Families receiving rapid re-housing have been very successful at remaining stably housed. Since the CoC transitioned to a rehousing service model 94% of families that were rehoused did not become homeless again. Pilot projects targeting the singles population, during the same period of time, show similar success with 98.5% of participants not returning to homelessness.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Trenton/Mercer CoC worked with the New Jersey Policy academy to develop the States discharge plan. The vision for this plan is one that plans for greater coordination of services and programs required to address homelessness in New Jersey including the promotion of prevention strategies and services to prevent homelessness and reduce the risk of homelessness for families and individuals.

The New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health Services, New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, and the New Jersey Department of Corrections in conjunction with the Department of Health and Senior Services Division of AIDS, prevents discharges from facilities without the immediate provision of shelter. Thus, the State's plan guarantees no persons being discharged from and institutional setting into homelessness.

Thus, because Foster Care in New Jersey is a statewide system it is part of this statewide discharge policy. Specially, the case worker works with the youth to identify available Trenton and Mercer County City and County resources and appropriate housing. Under current New Jersey child welfare reform legislation, several new programs have been implemented that allow for a more seamless transition from youth to adulthood. Many of these programs include permanent housing.

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

See below for the actions planned to address barriers to affordable housing.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

As described in the Consolidated Plan, there are two key issues that are currently limiting the ability of would-be purchasers of government-subsidized homes to obtain mortgages. The first is the requirement of many government agencies that there be a second mortgage recorded on properties for the amount of the subsidy that has gone into the home, to help protect the public investment. This frequently raises the loan to value ratio to well beyond both the sales price and the appraised value of the home, creating a situation lenders perceive as high risk, despite the fact that these liens are subordinated to the lender's first mortgage. This practice is being required not only by the state, but also by many county and municipal governments in NJ, and is being applied to homes funded by HOME, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Balanced Housing and other programs.

The second issue is that many housing subsidy programs require affordability controls in the form of deed restrictions that do not extinguish in the case of foreclosure. It has become a problem over the last few years because lenders are relying increasingly on FHA to insure their mortgages, rather than private mortgage insurance companies, and FHA rules prohibit them from insuring mortgages that have deed restrictions that survive foreclosure. While this rule has been on the books at FHA for years, it apparently wasn't aggressively enforced until recently.

These issues combine in a way that is severely limiting the availability of home purchase financing for subsidized homes in Trenton.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

In FY 2015, the City of Trenton plans the following actions to help address the housing and community development needs of City residents, especially low/moderate income residents.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The chief obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of, or inadequate, resources---both financial and human (staffing). The City of Trenton will continue to collaborate with human and social service agencies and the Continuum of Care to identify potential resources for meeting the service needs of City residents. The City will support the efforts of service agencies to maximize the use of available resources and to obtain additional resources whenever possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Trenton will allocate to create and maintain affordable housing. The City will continue to support its goals of maintaining and expanding affordable housing by utilizing its FY 2015 CDBG and HOME allocations to create new opportunities for affordable rental and homeownership and rehabilitate existing affordable units. The amount of funds allocated for these activities for FY15 is \$371,630 (CDBG) and \$483,172 (HOME).

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead-based paint abatement is an eligible rehabilitation program, and participation in the City's housing rehabilitation programs will reduce the number of homes with lead-based paint hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The resources that the City of Trenton has to reduce the number of persons with incomes below the poverty level are limited. The City will continue to pursue and support various economic development and housing activities in an effort to provide an environment that will attract or retain businesses or facilitate the expansion of existing businesses thereby securing employment and increased incomes for City residents.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Trenton relies on a network of public sector, private sector, and non-profit organizations to deliver needed housing and community development services to City residents,

particularly the homeless and special needs populations. Many of the organizations in the network operate on a county or regional level. The demand for services greatly exceeds the available resources. The City of Trenton will continue to collaborate with human and social service agencies and the Trenton/Mercer County Continuum of Care (CoC) to identify potential resources for meeting the service needs of City residents. The City will support the efforts of service agencies to obtain any available or future resources.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The Department of Housing and Economic Development (HE&D) is the lead agency responsible for administering the City's CDBG and HOME programs. HE&D works with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Inspections to coordinate activities undertaken in the Action Plan. The Department of Health and Human Services administers the City's ESG program. The Trenton/ Mercer CoC is a planning committee that reviews, evaluates , maintains and develops ongoing strategies to address quality of life issues for the residents of Mercer County who may be homeless or in jeopardy of homelessness. The CoC has developed a system-wide approach for implementation of the HEARTH Act which is to consolidate homeless assistance programs, codify the CoC planning process, and establish a goal of ensuring that families who become homeless return to permanent housing with 30 days. The Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness, the Mercer County CoC, and County of Mercer County have all been partners in the development of this Action Plan. Each sub-recipient "will match its allocation of ESG funds dollar for dollar in one of the following ways as outlined in 24 CFR 576.51(a)(b): cash; the value or fair rental value of any donated material or building; value of any lease on a building ; any salary paid to staff to carry out the program activities; and the value of the time and services contributed by volunteers to carry out program activities . The Sub-recipient may use any reasonable method to establish a fair market value when calculating or determining the value of any donated material or building, or any lease. In addition, the City of Trenton, Office of Adult and Family Services provides a number of services which address the needs of persons who are not homeless, disabled, mentally & physically ill and who require supportive housing . These services include: (a) rental assistance to families and individuals in order to prevent homelessness (b) intensive and comprehensive case management services (c) referrals to other social services agencies which include substance abuse, mental health counseling, medical and dental services •and educational and occupational training (e) referrals for emergency food, clothing and furniture (f) provide information for budget management, cleaning up personal credit, buying a home and preventing foreclosures. The City continues to work with a host of social service providers including:

- Enable, Inc- makes housing accessible to persons with disabilities
- Mercer Arc - provides services for the developmentally disabled
- Family Guidance Center- operates a Consumer Credit Counseling component and representative payee services for recipients of Social Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
- Greater Trenton Behavioral Healthcare - provides supportive services focus on mental health issues
- Mercer

County Office on Aging - provides supportive services, meals and other services to the elderly

- Trenton Treatment Center - provides substance abuse counseling and treatment to drug and alcohol addicts

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The following provides program specific information for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	3,661,889
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	3,661,889

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	70.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

All HOME funds will be invested in a manner consistent with 24 CFR 92.205(b)(1). Specifically, HOME

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funds are invested as construction financing for new construction and gut rehabilitation projects.

The City of Trenton HOME Program provides incentives to develop and support affordable rental housing and homeownership. New construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities, including real property acquisition, site improvements, conversion, demolition, and other expenses, including financing costs, are all considered eligible uses of HOME program funds. All HOME funded housing must be permanent or transitional housing.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

To promote affordable housing, the City of Trenton provides funds to construct or rehabilitate housing to reduce the purchase price of ownership units throughout the city. This allows households of low- or moderate- income to purchase homes at a reduced price. Each buyer enters into an Affordable Housing Agreement with the City which requires that the buyer occupy the unit as their principal residence, and that they sell their unit only to another income-eligible buyer. The future resale price will be based on the original purchase price, plus an annual return on equity utilizing the regional income limits established by the NJ Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) per N.J.A.C. 5:97-9.3 as well as allowances for eligible capital improvements which may include any additions, exterior improvements such as windows, doors, solar panels, HVAC, or other energy-efficiency improvement to the housing unit. Per COAH guidelines, the price of owner-occupied low- and moderate-income units may increase annually based on the percentage increase in the regional median income limit for each housing region. In no event shall the maximum resale price be lower than the last recorded purchase price.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

See above.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City of Trenton does not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt.

The City has several certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOS). The City of

Trenton will commit the statutory 15% CHDO set aside for several projects .

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The Department of Health and Human Services implements ESG-funded activities and supports subrecipients of ESG funds targeted to deal with health and human services issues. The Department of Health and Human Services hosts an annual capacity building workshop to provide tools for applying for funding and highlighting performance and financial management expectations. The City will continue to help sub-recipients reach their goals through the use of performance-based contracts and conducting reviews of monthly programmatic reports. The contracts will continue to outline specific target timeframes for achieving specific goals and plans for addressing non-performance issues. Discussions and meetings will continue to be held to discuss performance issues and recommended solutions. A review of the recommendations within a reasonable timeframe will determine if issues were resolved. Severe performance issues that are not reasonably addressed may jeopardize the sub-recipients future funding opportunities.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care, through a comprehensive Coordinated Assessment Process, targets and prioritizes the most vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness in the community. The CoC follows a two-part coordinated assessment process for families and individuals.

a. For homeless households with children, a centralized intake is in place at the Mercer County Board of Social Services that seeks to mediate/prevent homelessness whenever possible and reduce the length of time families are homeless through a rapid rehousing - a model that places a priority on moving a family experiencing homelessness into permanent housing as quickly as possible, ideally within 30 days of a family becoming homeless. A Universal screening Tool is used to identify and prioritize families for services with a primary goal of returning the family to permanent housing.

b. For individuals unaccompanied by children, CoC has developed a Coordinated Entry and Assessment System (CEASe) for individuals experiencing homelessness. This system operates as the point of entry to access housing and community services for homeless individuals. Through a coordinated assessment process, the needs of the homeless are identified and prioritized and a plan to move from homelessness to housing is developed. The goal of this system is to prioritize chronically homeless individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness and with the most severe service needs.

- During day time business hours, homeless individuals are directed to the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Screening and assessments are conducted to determine housing needs and eligibility to benefits (emergency assistance). For those persons who cannot be diverted from the system, emergency shelter referrals are provided.
- After business hours, homeless individuals are directed to the Rescue Mission Emergency Shelter where screening for housing need and shelter services are provided.
- Additional System Access Points will be added as the system develops.
- A screening tool is used to assess individuals for vulnerability risk factors and chronic homelessness.

See AP-25 Unique Appendices for the full description of the CoC Coordinated Assessment Process.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, cities such as Trenton receive formula-based entitlement grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year. Among them is the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

Nonprofit corporations and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for ESG funds. Organization need not be located within the City limits of Trenton. However, the beneficiaries or participants of the program must be Trenton residents.

Eligible activities for ESG funds will be divided into two categories: 1) Rapid Re-Housing for Individuals; and 2) Renovations, Operations, and Essential Services for Emergency Shelters. The City intends to award the Rapid Re-Housing for Individuals Program (including Street Outreach) to one (1) agency. Multiple awards may be made for Emergency Shelter projects.

The City utilizes an online grant application system called ZoomGrants (<http://www.zoomgrants.com>) to facilitate the application process.

Applications to the Emergency Solutions Grant will be scored by a committee of at least three (3) individuals. Three members of the Mercer County Continuum of Care Executive Board will review and score the applications.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

N/A.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

All ESG activities are setup as programs in the CoC's HMIS system. The CoC's System Oversight Committee (which includes the City's CDBG Coordinator) meet monthly to review the accomplishments and challenges to the implementation of all CoC and ESG-funded activities. As necessary, representatives from the sponsors of troubled projects are invited to future meetings to help resolve issues.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(5)

1. Distribution of Funds

- a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).
- b. Describe the jurisdiction's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.
- c. Describe the selection criteria that the jurisdiction will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.
- d. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on geographic distribution, which is a description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year.
- e. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.
- f. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which rents for units in the rental project are affordable to extremely low-income families.
- g. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.
- h. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in

meeting the priority housing needs of the jurisdiction (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).

i. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the location of existing affordable housing.

j. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources.

2. Does the jurisdiction's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds?

3. Does the jurisdiction's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements?

4. **Performance Goals and Benchmarks.** The jurisdiction has met the requirement to provide for performance goals, consistent with the jurisdiction's goals established under 24 CFR 91.215(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

5. **Rehabilitation Standards.** The jurisdiction must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The jurisdiction's description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The jurisdiction must attach its rehabilitation standards below. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds for the rehabilitation of housing, enter "N/A".

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; and Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable).

6. **Resale or Recapture Guidelines.** Below, the jurisdiction must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

7. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the jurisdiction intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter “N/A”.

8. Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences. Describe how the jurisdiction will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan. If the jurisdiction will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter “N/A.”

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the jurisdiction must not limit or give preferences to students. The jurisdiction may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303 only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

9. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the jurisdiction’s refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the jurisdiction will refinance existing rental housing project debt. The jurisdiction’s refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the jurisdiction will not refinance existing debt, enter “N/A.”

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