



**Public Needs Meeting for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan
City of Trenton, NJ
May 18, 2022 | 5:30pm via Teams**

The following provides an overview of the public needs meeting for the FY 2022 City of Trenton Annual Action Plan and summarizes the housing and community development needs and/or comments made by attendees during the meeting. There were approximately 45 attendees.

- The meeting began at 5:30pm with a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of the Annual Action Plan process, the Five Year CP goals and objectives and how projects need to address those goals/objectives each year, the basics of each of federal program/grant (CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOME ARP) including eligible activities and meeting a National Objective, a brief overview of the City's progress on implementing its FY 2021 federal programs and the schedule for the plan preparation and submission to HUD. An overview was also provided as to the purpose of this meeting regarding the need for input by the attendees.
- The overview of the schedule provided a detailed discussion on the plan for the 30 day public review, the upcoming second public meeting and a request for attendees to review the draft plan, once completed, and provide any comments on the plan.
- Following the presentation, the meeting was opened for public comments on housing and community development needs. The following items/needs/issues were stated by the meeting attendees:
 - Need to continue to address food insecurity/distribution of food for those in need
 - Funding to address battered women who are homeless
 - Continue to address the homeless issues in the City
 - Continue to provide support for supportive services to those in need
 - Need for a jobs program including programs to help develop soft skills/job readiness especially for youth
 - Need for youth programs including recreational programs.
 - Need for renovation and park improvements. Including additional open space for community gardens.
 - Continued need for additional affordable housing including:
 - Rehabilitation of existing properties (both occupied and vacant)
 - Need for acquisition/rehab/re-sale program
 - Need for affordable homeownership units
 - Need for a rent to own program
 - Additional affordable rental housing
 - Need for homeownership readiness/education and housing counseling programs
 - Need for summer and after school childcare programs including programming that focus on STEM education.

- Need for street improvements including streetlights
 - Addressing blight in the city via demolition and new construction
- The meeting concluded at 7:00 pm. The attendees were also informed that the PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the City's website and any additional comments on need would be accepted throughout the Plan preparation.