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CITY OF TRENTON

FY2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING:

Community Development Block Grant
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
Emergency Solutions Grant

May 18, 2022

AGENDA

- Overview
 - Consolidated Planning Process
 - Consolidated Plan Goals
- Federal Block Grants Program Basics
 - Goals
 - National Objective
 - Eligible -vs- Ineligible Activities / Costs
- Public Input on Needs

Consolidated Planning Process

Every 5 years the City must complete a Consolidated Plan to set priorities for the use of CDBG funds; The City prepared a new plan for FY 2020-2024.

Every year the City prepares an Action Plan to describe to the public (and HUD) how it intends to spend its annual allocation. This is the third year of the continuing five-year cycle.

FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Goals

- 1. Affordable Housing**- Continue the housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer, and new housing construction activities to maintain existing housing and to support an increase in the number of affordable units in the City of Trenton.
- 2. Blight removal** - The City of Trenton will promote neighborhood revitalization and activities to enhance the quality of life for residents in low- and moderate-income areas. The City of Trenton seeks to improve the sustainability of suitable living environments by acquiring strategically located buildings for redevelopment.
- 3. Improve public infrastructure** - The City of Trenton will enjoy a system of reliable and efficient infrastructure tailored to meet local needs provided by the City, non-profit organizations, and other local partners in a coordinated and collaborative manner
- 4. Improve public facilities** - The City of Trenton will have a network of comprehensive community facilities and services provided by the City, non-profit organizations, and other local partners in a coordinated and collaborative manner

FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Goals Continued

- 5. Support Public Services** - Support non-housing community development supportive services
- 6. Provide housing and services to Persons who are homeless**- Preservation of short- and long-term homeless facilities and associated services
- 7. Provide Facilities/Services For COVID-19 Recovery** - In light of the increasing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Trenton will make available CDBG funding for eligible projects and activities.
- 8. Administration** - Provide administrative support for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.



2020-2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Trenton strives to exceed its projected accomplishments identified in their Consolidated Plan.

FY 2020-2021:

- Public Facilities Renovations – North Clinton Center, Sam Naples Center, South Broad Street Senior Center, Reading Senior Center & Carver Center
- First Time Homebuyer assistance
- Senior Services
- Youth Services
- Trenton Urgent Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Job Training
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance/RRH
- Homeless Services – RRF, Shelter Operations & Homeless Prevention



2020-2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Prepare, Prevent and Respond to COVID 19 activities (includes CDBG and CDBG-CV funds):

- Emergency COVID Shelter
- Legal Services/Housing Counseling
- Emergency Food Services
- Emergency Utility Assistance
- Homelessness Prevention
- Vaccination Clinic



CDBG / ESG / HOME PROGRAM BASICS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM BASICS





CDBG PROGRAM BASICS

CDBG 101

- ✓ Administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- ✓ Cities, states and some counties are eligible to receive CDBG funds annually from HUD.
- ✓ This is The City of Trenton's 48th year of receiving funds!

CDBG OVERARCHING GOALS

- ✓ Provide decent, safe and sanitary housing.
- ✓ Provide a suitable living environment.
- ✓ Expand economic opportunities.



CDBG PROGRAM BASICS

MEETING A CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE...

- ✓ Provide benefits to low- and moderate-income persons.
- ✓ Prevent or eliminate slum and blight.
- ✓ Meet an urgent need that threatens the health and welfare of residents.

CDBG PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY vs INELIGIBILITY... WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

- ✓ Private non-profits that are corporations, associations, agencies or with non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code 501 c3.
- ✓ City Departments.



CDBG PROGRAM BASICS

WHAT ARE SOME ELIGIBLE COSTS?

- ✓ Program delivery costs.
 - Personnel / staff (salary and benefits).
 - Office / facility rental or lease costs.
 - Materials and supplies.
 - Communications.

WHAT ARE SOME INELIGIBLE COSTS?

- ✓ Fundraising.
- ✓ Political Activities.
- ✓ Expenses required to carry out regular responsibilities or functions of local government.
- ✓ Income Payments.
- ✓ Building or portion thereof, used for general conduct of government.
- ✓ Purchase of equipment, fixtures, motors, vehicles, furnishings or other personal property.

These are some examples; this is not representative of all ineligible costs.



CDBG PROGRAM BASICS

QUALIFYING AN ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY

- ✓ Serve low- to moderate-income households and individuals
- ✓ Address slum and blight

Low-Mod Income is qualified in three ways:

- ✓ **Area benefit:** Service area for a public improvement or facility.
- ✓ **Income intake:** Programs that serve primarily low-and moderate-income individuals and families will be eligible for funding. The definition of a moderate-income family is no more than 80% percent of the area median income, adjusted for household size.
- ✓ **Presumed benefit:** Some groups are assumed to be low - moderate income. These include - abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, disabled persons, homeless persons, illiterate adults, migrant farm workers, and persons living with AIDS.



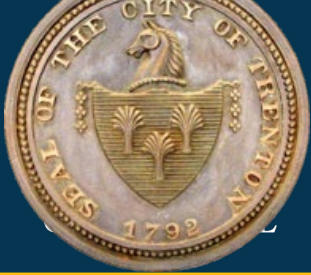
CDBG PROGRAM BASICS

In 2022-2023 the City of Trenton is considering the following types of projects:

- **Public Facility & Parks Improvements**
- **Housing Rehabilitation**
- **First-Time Homebuyers**
- **Homeless Services**

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM BASICS





ESG PROGRAM BASICS

ESG101

ESG PROGRAM OBJECTIVES...

- ✓ To increase the number and quality of emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities for homeless individuals and families.
- ✓ To operate these facilities and provide essential social services.
- ✓ To help prevent homelessness.

ESG is designed to broaden existing emergency shelter and homelessness prevention activities, emphasize rapid re-housing, and help people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

ESG funds may be used for street outreach, emergency shelter services, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).



ESG PROGRAM BASICS

WHAT ARE SOME ELIGIBLE ESG ACTIVITIES?

- ✓ **Street Outreach**
- ✓ **Emergency Shelter**
- ✓ **Homeless Prevention**
- ✓ **Rapid Re-Housing Assistance**
- ✓ **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)**

ESG funding should be allocated consistent with the regional Continuum of Care initiatives to obtain and maintain housing.



CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)

Continuum of Care is a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the needs of people who are homeless. The vision of the Continuum of Care is to develop and implement policy designed to house people as quickly as possible and provide the necessary supports to maintain housing. This plan is funded by the (HUD) through a national competition. The Trenton/Mercer CoC receives approximately \$2 million annually.

CoC Membership



Who We Serve

- Homeless Individuals and Families
- Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families

How We Serve

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Supportive Services: Case Management Services; Job Readiness/Coaching; Mental Health Counseling; and Community Linkages.

Community Impact

- In Mercer County, homelessness has declined by 58% since 2007.
- In our community, over 200 individuals with a history of chronic homelessness are now living in permanent housing as a result of our CoC strategy to end homelessness

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) PROGRAM BASICS





HOME PROGRAM BASICS

HOME Housing Programs – provide safe and decent housing for LMI households.

- Rental Housing
- Owner-Occupied Housing
- Homebuyer Assistance
- Rehabilitation
- New Construction
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)



COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Certified CHDO:

- Community-based organization
- Focused on increasing affordable housing
- Board composed with community residents



GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1) **Affordable Housing** (housing rehab both owner-occupied and rental, new affordable units)
- 2) **Blight Removal**(housing demolition)
- 3) **Improve public infrastructure** (public facility or infrastructure activities for LMI benefit)
- 4) **Improve Public Facilities** (public facility or infrastructure activities)
- 5) **Enhance Public Services**
- 6) **Provide Housing and Services to Persons Who are Homeless** (TBRA, rapid rehousing, shelter assistance, homeless prevention)
- 7) **Planning and Program Administration** (staff planning, technical assistance and implementation)



2022-2023 ALLOCATIONS (YEAR 48)

CDBG:	\$ 2,880,285
HOME:	\$ 1,030,569
ESG:	\$ 260,236



2022-2023 AAP SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY
May 18, 2022	Public Hearing #1 – Needs Discussion
May 2 – 27, 2022	Stakeholder Consultation
June 1, 2022	Draft Plan Complete
June 7, 2022	Staff Review Complete
June 1 – July 1, 2022	Public Comment Period
June 15, 2022	Public Hearing #2
July 7, 2022	Council Approval/Resolution
On or about July 15, 2022	HUD submission

PUBLIC INPUT ON NEEDS

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