

ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS
COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN – AMENDMENTS TO THE 2011,
2012, 2013 & 2014 ONE YEAR ACTION PLANS

In accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program the County of Essex hereby notifies the public of its intent to amend its action plans. Citizens of Essex County are invited to attend a public hearing on March 9, 2015 at 5 PM, Kips Carriage House, 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, NJ. This hearing will afford citizens the opportunity to assist in the development and review of the programs administered by the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development prior to the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on March 24, 2015.

The Division of Housing & Community Development previously notified the public in a notice dated December 27, 2014 of the availability of reprogrammed Community Development Block Grant Funds. Listed below are the proposed amendments to the 2014 One Year Action Plan. The activities are divided by project type and municipality. In the previous notice, the County approximated a reprogrammed amount of \$1,300,000. The County had identified additional funds available since that notice bringing the total amount of reprogrammed funds to \$1,460,000.00 which will be allocated for the following.

On December 9, 2009 the County of Essex entered into a repayment agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to reimburse \$1,446,332 to its line of credit from non-federal funds. The County was notified by HUD pursuant to 24 CFR 570.910(b)(5) that it must reimburse its line of credit for improperly expended CDBG funds identified in the Office of Inspector General Audit Report 2009-NY—1004. The Agreement further states that the County of Essex shall make payments over a period of five years.

Listed below is the proposed amendment to the 2014 One Year Action Plan. Numbers are rounded to the nearest dollar. The total of funds in the amount of \$289,264 represents the fifth and final repayment and will be allocated for the following.

I Public Facilities

Countywide

Essex County Public Works	\$289,264
ADA restroom improvements to the Economic Development Center, 50 South Clinton St., East Orange	

A draft copy of the substantial amendment will be available on the Essex County website beginning February 18, 2015.

CDBG Reprogramming Recommendations

Public Facilities

<u>Essex County Public Works</u>	\$1,025,000.00
Roadway Reconstruction (City of Orange, Township of Belleville, Township of Nutley)	

City of Orange Township

Central Park Improvements	\$ 125,000.00
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Public Improvements

<u>Township of Montclair</u> Walnut Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$100,000.00
<u>Township of Nutley</u> Chestnut Street & Willow Place Reconstruction	\$ 93,536.00
<u>Township of Verona</u> Emergency Generator at Linn Drive Well	\$116,000.00

100% of the reprogrammed funds or \$1,459,536.00 will benefit low and moderate-income persons.

The Division previously notified the public in a notice dated December 6, 2014 of the availability of reprogrammed ESG funds in the amounts of \$54,298 from Program Year 2011 and \$85,575 from Program Year 2012

Emergency Solutions Grant Recommendations

Funds provided below are used to fund shelter operations, street outreach, homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities.

<u>Interfaith Hospitality Network</u> Emergency Shelter	\$15,000.00
<u>Essex County LGBT Rain Foundation</u> Emergency Shelter	\$10,000.00
<u>Salvation Army</u> Carpet & flooring rehabilitation	\$15,000.00
<u>Babyland Family Services, Inc.</u> Case Management	\$14,298.00
<u>YMCA of Newark & Vicinity</u> Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing	\$50,575.00
<u>Newark Emergency Services for Families</u> Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing	\$35,000.00

Written comments will be accepted at the address below until March 23, 2015.

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County Executive

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Director