

## PY 2020 CDBG FUNDED ACTIVITIES

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 8, 2021  
Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development  
20 Crestmont Road  
Verona, NJ 07044  
(973) 655-0200

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

To all interested agencies, groups and persons: On or about February 19, 2021, the County of Essex proposes to submit a request to the the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of \$1,614,629 in PY 2020 federal CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (P.L. 98-181) to be used for the following projects:

TOWNS/ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
All projects posted below are located in Essex County, New Jersey	
<u>Fairfield</u> ADA Sidewalks Sand Road Phase IV (4 Sand Road to 32 Sand Road)	\$ 45,379
<u>Glen Ridge</u> ADA Street Ramp Improvements along Midland Avenue	\$ 38,763
<u>Maplewood</u> ADA Compliant Curb Cuts along Hilton Av, Maplecrest Park, the Community Pool, Hillcrest Road, Meadowbrook Place, Brookwood Drive; Oakview, Memorial Park; Colonial Terrace, Wyoming Av, Sagamore Road; Everitt Place, Mountain Av and Maplewood Avenue	\$214,292
<u>Millburn</u> Barrier Free Curb Cuts in Wyoming Section along Myrtle Av and Cypress St	\$ 34,055
<u>Montclair</u> Glenridge Avenue streetscape Improvements – Bloomfield Av to Forest St	\$140,946
<u>Orange</u> Central Playground Improvements (Central Av and Cartaret Place)	\$140,000
<u>Orange</u> Colgate Pool Improvements (along New St from North Day St to North Center St	\$140,500
<u>South Orange</u> Public Library ADA Improvements (elevator, door entry) - 65 Scotland Road	\$102,900
<u>West Orange</u> Mitchell Street Roadway Improvements from Valley Rd to Orange town line	\$306,544
<u>1st Cerebral Palsy (7 Sanford Avenue, Belleville)</u> Public Facility Expansion	\$300,000

<u>Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network</u> Retrofit lighting for center (570 Belleville Avenue, Belleville)	\$30,000
<u>Wynona's House</u> ADA Entrance for site at 185 Washington St, Newark	\$121,250
TOTAL FOR PY 2020	\$1,614,629

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are on file at the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development, 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, New Jersey 07044 and are available for public examination and copying upon request during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Essex County will undertake the projects described above with the Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983. Essex County is certifying to HUD that Essex County and Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. in his official capacity of County Executive, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if any action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon his approval, Essex County may use the PY 2020 Consolidated Annual Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and related laws and authorities.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on these projects may submit written comments to Division of Housing & Community Development. All comments received February 18, 2021 will be considered by the Division of Housing & Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases (a) that the certification was not, in fact, executed by the chief executive officer or other office of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review required by HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Newark HUD grant administration office at [CPD\\_COVID-19OEE-NK@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19OEE-NK@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact the HUD office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD.

**JOSEPH N. DI VINCENZO, JR.**

**County Executive**

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