

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

This Annual Plan is a one year planning document that summarizes the resources, goals and objectives for Essex County's Community Development program for PY 2021, which extends from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. It is designed to guide the County's use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds in addressing affordable housing, homeless, and community development during the year. It also reinforces and augments the programs and strategies presented in the previously presented Five Year Consolidated Plan for PY 2020 through PY 2024. Proposed activities for each of the three programs reflect the County's efforts to meet the objectives of each program.

The CDBG program covers the County Consortium that is comprised of 18 municipalities which do not receive funds directly from HUD; Bloomfield, East Orange, Irvington and Newark are the 4 County municipalities which receive Federal funds independent of the County Consortium. The ESG program can support agencies throughout the County. The HOME Consortium is comprised of the 18 municipalities referenced above plus Bloomfield.

PY 2021 allocations for Essex County are \$5,582,860 for CDBG, \$1,249,089 for the HOME program and \$466,561 through the ESG program, which is fairly consistent with recent allocations

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

PY 2021 allocations for Essex County are \$5,582,860 for CDBG, \$1,249,089 for the HOME program and \$466,561 for the ESG program.

These funds, along with any program income earned and prior year resources, will be used to leverage other public and private resources in order to address certain housing issues unique to Essex County, revitalize public infrastructure and public facilities to better service the public and/or provide greater ADA accessibility, support public service agencies which deliver services needed by the community, and strive to diminish and eliminate homelessness. For PY 2021, we will continue to adapt our programs to address impactful issues related to the lingering emotional and financial devastation resulting from the

Covid pandemic. Furthermore, potential funding will be enhanced by CDBG CV and ESG CV funds previously allocated to the County (see amended PY 2019 plan). Most significantly, it is expected that a termination of the moratorium on evictions may create a major fiscal crisis that can be mitigated with financial support drawn from both traditional resources and special resources distributed in PY 2021.

All funding decisions are guided by the primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant Program as stated in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, is the development of viable urban communities. This is achieved by:

- Providing decent housing,
- Providing a suitable living environment, and
- Expanding economic opportunities

Each activity funded by CDBG must meet one of three national objectives:

- Benefit to low and moderate-income persons,
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
- Meet a particularly urgent community development need.

No less than 70% of funds are to be spent on activities that benefit low and moderate- income persons.

Spending on public service activities is limited to 15% of the program year's allocation plus 15% of the preceding year's program income.

Four categories can be used to meet the LMI national objective:

1. Area benefit activities (LMA)
2. Limited clientele activities (LMC)
3. Housing activities (LMH) or
4. Job creation or retention activities (LMJ)

For ESG, proposed activities provide shelter and counseling for the homeless, as well as financial assistance to help those at risk of homelessness to retain their rented units or relocate to a safe and suitable for occupancy dwelling. For HOME, the County works with developers who provide affordable

housing and/or housing for those with disabilities and special needs, as well as subsidies for income eligible first time home buyers. For both these programs the County focus on delivering assistance to persons with very low to low incomes.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The Division of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) assesses its goals and outcomes on an annual basis in order to enhance the viability and impact of our various programs and activities. For example, we are targeting certain service agencies that will be called on to provide much greater than historical levels of service for those recovering from the emotional and financial distress of the pandemic. We will also focus on ESG and HOME activities that will significantly impact the affordable housing situation within the County, including a replenishment of our First Time Home Buyer program in PY 2021, with an expectation that we will add more funds if a greater number of income eligible persons apply for assistance. We have also initiated a review of past practices to identify strategies that can address those municipalities that do not finish capital projects in a timely manner.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

In accordance with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1992, the Division of Housing and Community Development considers the Citizen Participation component to be integral to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Plan process. To ensure we address the varied needs and concerns of the entire County Consortium, all citizens are encouraged and invited to participate in developing the Annual Plan. The Township of Bloomfield also participates because it is approved as a member of the HOME consortium.

Key objectives of the Citizen Participation plan are as follows:

A. Involve citizens and program beneficiaries in the PY 2021 Annual Plan development process via :

1. Public hearings, newspaper publications, and community meetings which provide citizens an opportunity to communicate their concerns and comments which helps develop a market analysis and identify strategies. Information is compiled and assessed by the Division
2. Interviews and consultations with beneficiaries of the various programs, as well as independent parties who volunteer to share insights based on their expertise, experiences and applicable data.
3. Communications with the CD representatives for participating municipalities

Due to the Covid pandemic, interactions with participating contributors during the past year were virtual and often on a one to one basis rather than via group discussions or sun committees

B. Encourage citizen participation and provide information concerning eligible activities, applications, and program requirements via:

1. Monthly Committee Development meetings to discuss programs, services and HUD related issues
2. Two public hearings (Fall and Spring) during the year to publicize the Consolidated/Annual Plan, Proposed Uses of Funds. (see below for details re the Fall and Spring hearings)
3. Publications in local newspapers and County website and other applicable websites

Due to the Covid pandemic, public hearings and monthly meetings and other interactions were executed on a virtual basis.

C. Application Process

1. Notification for the submission of applications was provided and promoted to Community Development Reps, public service agencies that have participated in the program, local papers, and the Essex County web site. Application process also discussed at the Fall Public Hearing that was held on November 23, 2020.

Application submission deadline for Program Year 2021 was 4 PM on January 8, 2021. Applications submitted through the agency's online portal at portal.neighborlysoftware.com/essexcountynj/participant

D. Annual plan review process

The public will be invited to comment on the Annual Plan via a Spring Public Hearing that will be advertised in a public notice. This notice will also present the proposed plan and provide directions as to where comments can be directed over a 30 day period. Proposed plan will also be delivered to Community Development Reps, public service agencies, local papers, and the Essex County web site.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

As of the date of this publication, no public comments have been received. As public comments are received they will be incorporated into the plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Not Applicable.

7. Summary

The County will utilize HUD resources to address the needs of the Urban County and HOME Consortium as described above and herein.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ESSEX COUNTY	Division of Housing & Community Development	
HOME Administrator	ESSEX COUNTY	Division of Housing & Community Development	
ESG Administrator	ESSEX COUNTY	Division of Housing & Community Development	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development is the lead agency for administering the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs, as well as developing applicable Annual Plans and the Consolidated Plan. The County is also the primary resource for program related technical assistance.

For Annual Plans, the County coordinates committees, discussion groups, interviews, etc. involving participating municipalities, private companies, and not-for-profit service organizations in order to identify their needs, hear new ideas and shape the goals and objectives for the proposed CDBG, HOME and ESG funding. Discussion of programs and service needs are generally initiated at the first Community Development Meeting of the year, and/or via individual meetings. The County historically seeks interactions with entities that address a diverse array of activities, namely (1) Housing, (2) Homelessness, (3) Infrastructure Needs, (4) Non-Homeless Special Needs, and (5) Non-Housing Community Development Needs Housing. Data is collected via interviews and surveys of towns and service agencies, past program performance reports, U.S. Census data, municipal reports, and other resources.

The County may also utilize U. S. Census information to identify demographic shifts or trends that justify consideration of special programming or new priorities.

There is one (1) public housing authority (Orange) and three (3) housing agencies (Bloomfield, Montclair and West Orange) who are invited to participate in the process to ensure that the needs of their constituents are met.

The Division also works closely with the CEAS, or the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System, to identify the needs of the homeless.

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Covid pandemic precautions limited the potential for group sessions and sub committees but did not prevent the County from consulting with other entities re the Annual plan. The County began the consultation process with its Fall Public Hearing, which solicited input from citizens, municipal partners, non-profit partners, housing developers and others. Interactive monthly meetings attended by a diversity of CD reps and town engineers, service agencies, ESG agencies, and HOME developers also provided opportunities to discuss strategic plans. The County passively interacted with professionals from various fields who made virtual presentations, and conducted interviews with service agencies, town representatives, healthcare providers, mental health counselors, affordable housing developers, domestic violence counselors, etc. Significant observations from these consultations primarily focused on the emotional and financial stress of the Covid pandemic.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

Historically the County hosts hands on workshops designed to inform homeowners, municipalities, agencies, etc, about our various programs and the related application process. Although the pandemic prevented these on site workshops, the Division still interacted with several entities involved with the development of affordable housing, servicing persons with intellectual, physical or developmental disabilities, counseling victims of domestic violence, addressing mental issues of adults and children from the community, or assisting those designated as homeless or at risk of homelessness. Moving forward, we anticipate conventional workshops will be scheduled in the second half of calendar year 2021.

Via these workshops, meetings, and ongoing communications with these organizations, the County learns about the issues and activities that impact agencies and municipalities in their respective field of interest.

The County also monitors local and state developments regarding legislation and policies, which impact our CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. During the past year the County created an online application form for its Home Improvement program, the HOME Partnerships program, and for ESG which has enhanced and simplified the accessibility for potential applicants and expedited the review of applications. (The online CDBG application was established in PY 2020)

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Division of Housing and Community Development is a member of the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) , which is a committee that oversees the Essex County Continuum of Care. The task of the CEAS and CoC is to identify homeless populations that meet HUDs definition of homelessness and also those who are imminently and potentially at risk of homelessness. Another task of the CoC and CEAS is to decide how funding sources and coordination is administered between the shelter providers, their funders, and their clients. Utilizing policy and procedure and governance guidelines these entities oversee the dissemination of funding of all sources and are the stewards of their own data on their populations. New Jersey has a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) that is managed by NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA); this system is the sole co-located source of data, and is reported on an annual basis directly to HUD and the State of New Jersey

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction’s area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The CoC has a variety of facilities and services available to the homeless and at risk populations in Essex County. These facilities and services are based on need, and the CoC and ESG programs both have RFP processes in order to solicit applications for funding. From there the type of clients served is based on the mission of the agency and the priorities of funding for the CoC and ESG programs. The CoC and ESG programs are constantly shifting the priorities based upon the needs and the CoC has subcommittees to be able to stay on top of trends, issues, and gaps in services countywide.

During the application process, the Division conducts a preliminary review of all applicants for project eligibility and consistency with the Consolidated and Action Plans as well as the County and Federal homeless 10 year plans. After this preliminary review is performed the Division commissions an ESG review committee, which is comprised of any CoC members who are not current applicants but would like to be a part of the review process for ESG dollars. This committee convenes and reviews the applications and affirms or makes comment to any draft funding allocations. If there are no remaining uncurable concerns or faults then the entire CEAS body is made aware of the recommendations.

Presently the Executive Board of the CoC either concurs or votes to change the recommendations of the ESG application reviews. From there the County makes the sub awards and does the performance monitoring. We will update the policy and procedures manual if and when there are changes in the defined goal and objectives for ESG. It is noted that the COC and the Division are working together to create programs that effectively service those impacted by the Covid pandemic financial crisis utilizing the ESG CV funds allocated by the Federal government in 2020.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Service League
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Family Service League provides counseling and other services for victims and survivors of domestic violence. Based on general discussions during the year and application interview, FSL confirmed what other sources had asserted re a sharp increase in the number of domestic violence incidents during the pandemic and that there may be another surge once the pandemic is determined to be under control and federal support subsidies are terminated. Based on this information, the County has identified domestic violence as a major area of concern
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Connections Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Family Connections provides mental health and substance abuse treatment and counseling for the Essex County community. Based on general discussions during the year and application interview, FC affirmed that persons seeking counseling had increased during the pandemic, and that many of these persons required psychiatric care. However the availability of psychiatrists for lower income communities was significantly diminished because most psychiatrists opted for more lucrative private practices, and the State's fee for-service payment mechanism failed to sufficiently subsidize psychiatric care because much of the required work of psychiatrists is not billable. Based on this information, the County identified the provision of affordable counseling services as a significant need for lower income communities</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Main Street Counseling Center</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children Services-Health</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Main Street Counseling Center providesaffordable mental health services for low-income residents of West Orange, Orange and surrounding communities. Based on general discussions and communiques during the year and an application interview, MSCC confirmed the pandemic had a devastating mental health impact. Disadvantaged residents (adults and children) suffering from multiple challenges related to poverty and marginalization were now dealing with the stress of illness, loss, reduced employment, and barriers to medical care. Furthermore children were struggling with prolonged social isolation. Also noted the increased use of virtual health care sessions and confirmed that domestic violence and substance abuse cases had escalated. Also noted that many residents had lost their healthcare insurance due to a loss of job and therefore needed affordable healthcare. Based on this information, the need for affordable mental health counseling and treatment was reinforced.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	The Arc of Essex County, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ARC of Essex County is a service and housing provider for individuals with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities. the Arc has provided insights re real estate acquisition and financing, the impact of the state's new billing policy for service provider, and the general emotional state of their clients during the pandemic.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Succeed2gether
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Tenant Resource Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Essex County Division of Community Action is an agency that provides a wide array of services to tenants in Essex County. The Division serves as the County's anti-poverty agency and provides a number of valuable emergency assistance and social services to individuals facing crisis situations. The Tenant Resource Center is located within the Division and provides Emergency and Home Energy Assistance (NJ Shares,)Homelessness Prevention assistance, basic social services, Tenant counseling, and advocacy to Essex County residents as well as handles fair housing complaints. Agency provided insight re the impact of the pandemic on housing burdens for the public
7	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Salvation Army manages a shelter facility in the Township of Montclair where it operates a drop in center, conducts street outreach activities, hired staff for case management consultations, and relocates clients via Rapid ReHousing activities. The Salvation Army is a member of Essex County's Continuum of Care, and has provided data on homeless individuals in the area. Provides insights into the homeless situation in Essex County and options for addressing the homeless problem,

8	Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA of Newark
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Township of Belleville
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Township of Millburn
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
11	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Township of West Orange
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

13	Agency/Group/Organization	Project Live, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Essex County CEAS	The CEAS and the County are both committed to optimizing a coordinated assessment system and addressing the highest priority needs of the homeless and at risk of homeless population.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

For CDBG The Division coordinates with its 18 member urban county partners to assess the needs of their local municipalities and populations match these up with the available programs, and allocate resources accordingly . The 18 municipalities are responsible for identifying the needs and concerns of their community and prioritizing those needs when submitting application proposals . In addition, the county receives information from its many non-profit partners on a variety of issues that affect low and moderate income people in the county.

The 19 communities that comprise the HOME consortium, identify the housing needs within their communities and work with non-profits, the Division of Housing & Community Development and developers to undertake new construction or rehabilitation projects that deliver state of the art affordable units and/or units designed for those with disabilities; in most cases, these projects end up revitalizing a neighborhood or town..

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The County developed and followed its citizen participation plan with the creation of its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and this Annual Plan. The County hosts a minimum of two public hearings to solicit input. Monthly meetings provided a forum for the county, communities, non-profits and the public to establish goals for the 2021 action plan. Due to the pandemic, public hearings and monthly meetings were conducted virtually since April 2020. Information collected the County is factored in when assessing applications and identifying those which best address the needs and concerns communicated to the County

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Fall public hearing held in Nov 2020 to discuss the process and timeline for developing the 2021 One Year Action Plan. Due to pandemic, the hearing was virtual. Attended by municipal partners, non profit community organizations, members of the public, housing developers, and agencies/shelters serving the homeless.</p>	No public comments received		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Spring public hearing held on June 28 to present the 2021 One Year Action Plan to the public. The Plan and the related activities were discussed along with an overview of the funding process. Due to pandemic, the hearing was virtual. Attended by municipal partners, non profit community organizations, members of the public, housing developers, and agencies/shelters serving the homeless.</p>	No public comment received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>County advertises public hearings and monthly Community Development meetings on the County website (essexcountynj.org) . Website notices are translated in Spanish</p>	No public comments received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, French, Other Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Applications for all programs are available online along with explanation of the programs. System allows for applicant to choose language for application	Responses limited to questions re logging into system , uploading documents, etc.	N/A	

5	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Notices, hearings and meetings advertised in local newspapers. Attended by municipal partners, non profit community organizations, members of the public, housing developers, and agencies/shelters serving the homeless. Note that one of Spanish papers closed down due to pandemic but we are endeavoring to replace that media outlet - it is noted that all public notices are translated into Spanish on the County website and our online applications can be translated into</p>	Responses limited to confirmation of info in newspaper		
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
			several languages.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The County of Essex FY 2021 entitlement amount is **\$7,298,510**, which is allocated as follows:

CDBG \$5,582,860

HOME \$1,249,089

ESG \$466,561

Additional funds are available for unused HOME funds from prior years and Program Income for CDBG

The County will also carry over CARES Act funding that was made available in 2020 and accounted for as Resources in the amended PY 2019 plan. Specifically, on March 27, 2020 the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law which included supplemental formula allocations to HUD's CPD programs. The CARES Act funds allocated to the County were as follows:

CDBG CV 1 \$3,218,062

CDBG CV 3 \$ 2,570,479

ESG CV 1 \$1,574,441

ESG CV 2 \$2,974,183

Due primarily to a moratorium on evictions and the availability of other resources, most of these funds are available for expenditures during PY

2021, Based on an anticipated termination of the eviction moratorium and other factors, we expect the amounts disbursed from these programs will be significant in PY 2021. A summary of these allocations is attached to this plan

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	5,582,860	140,000	0	5,722,860	0	The Division expects to receive program income from its Home Improvement Program (HIP) because the Division secures its HIP investments with a 10 year 0% non- amortizing lien that is returned if ownership or residency changes before the 10 year term expires

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	1,249,089	111,962	2,832,597	4,193,648	0	The Division expects to receive program income from loans issued to developers via interest payments that are received quarterly or annually, and subsequently deposited in the County's local account. For larger projects, these payments are generally collected once the project site yields a positive cash flow.

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: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	466,561	0	0	466,561	0	The Division does not receive program income from its ESG program.

Table 2 - 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

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

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Essex Urban County	Public Improvements	CDBG: \$2,466,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 14990 Persons Assisted
2	Public Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Essex Urban County	Public Services	CDBG: \$722,900	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 9048 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 510 Households Assisted
3	Planning and Administration	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development				

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Facility Sustainability	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Essex Urban County	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$700,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 17701 Persons Assisted
5	Create and Retain Affordable Housing Units	2020	2024	Affordable Housing			CDBG: \$716,888 HOME: \$4,068,740	Rental units constructed: 16 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 23 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 2 Households Assisted
6	Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	Essex Urban County	Homelessness Prevention Chronic Homelessness Rapid- Rehousing	ESG: \$466,561	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 136 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 2954 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 160 Persons Assisted

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 14,990 Persons Assisted
2	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 9048 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 510 Households Assisted
3	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Public Facility Sustainability
	Goal Description	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 17,701 Persons Assisted

5	Goal Name	Create and Retain Affordable Housing Units
	Goal Description	<p>BASIS FOR PROJECTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS:</p> <p>Production Estimates: Average HOME investment of Entitlement and CHDO per HOME assisted unit for the past several years has averaged \$80K per unit. First Time HOME buyers can receive up to \$50K. HIP recipients receive up to \$25K</p> <p>Funding Allocation Estimates: HOME funds available for PY 2021 include PY 2021 entitlement funds, plus Entitlement amounts available from prior years plus anticipated program income for PY 2021. CHDO = 15% of Entitlement. Program income based on interest payments from various activities. HIP allocation includes the amount set aside for activities plus delivery costs plus estimated Program Income.</p> <p>Beneficiary calculation basis: For HOME we assume that the basis amount expended during PY 2021 will equal the entitlement allocation for PY 2021 plus a matching amount, plus the anticipated Program Income amount.</p> <p>Historically we have a mix of new construction and housing rehab projects. Nearly all CHDO projects involve rehabilitation. For the purpose of this plan we are assuming 70% of entitlement projects are new construction.</p> <p>For HIP the # of beneficiaries is based on the HIP activity amount (excluding project delivery costs) plus anticipated program income</p>
6	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	<p>The Division has allocated ESG resources for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities, shelter rehabilitation, case management, shelter nights, and street outreach. Estimated beneficiaries is based on the projections from sub recipients who applied for PY 2021 funding. It is note dthat during PY 2021 we also anticipate the disbursement of available ESG CV funds.</p>

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Introduction

Essex County has identified activities that will receive CDBG and ESG funds that are consistent with the 5 year Consolidated Plan.

CARES Act Amendment: CDBG-CV, ESG V1 and ESG CV2 funds have been allocated for additional programs dedicated to preventing, preparing for and responding to the coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic, and assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness for requiring public services.

#	Project Name
1	Belleville - Water Main Relining & Valve Replacement Project 2021
2	Fairfield ADA Compliant Sidewalk Beverly Road
3	Glen Ridge ADA street ramps Mitchell Ardsley Columbus
4	Maplewood ADA complaint curb cuts various locations 2021
5	Millburn ADA barrier free curb cuts - Glenwood area
6	Montclair Road reconstruction Hartley Street
7	Nutley - Roadway Reconstruction King Street
8	Orange roadway reconstruction Ward Street
9	Verona - ADA Ramps at Various Intersections 2021
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22	Montclair Family Promise Transitional Housing Service
23	Montclair Start Out Fresh Intervention Services (SOFIA)
24	Montclair Strategic Mentoring Brother to Brother
25	Montclair Succeed2Together After School Tutoring Program
26	Orange ADA Accessible Senior Bus
27	West Orange Bethany Center: Outreach for At-Risk Youth Academic Assistance
28	West Orange Main Street Counseling - Expanding Mental Health Services

#	Project Name
29	Countywide ARC of Essex - ADA Accessible Vehicle
30	Countywide Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex , Hudson and Union
31	Countywide Family Connections Mental Health Services
32	Countywide Family Service League
33	Countywide Jewish Family Service of MetroWest NJ: House Calls Service for Frail Homebound Adults
34	Countywide Jewish Vocational Services of MetroWest
35	Countywide Mental Health Association ADA Vehicle Purchase
36	Countywide National Council of Jewish Women: Job Readiness
37	Countywide NJ Citizen Action Education Fund: Housing & Foreclosure Prevention & Counseling
38	Countywide North Ward Center - Casa Israel Adult Medical Daycare
39	Countywide Opportunity project Pre Vocational Program
40	Countywide Planned Parenthood HIV Prevention, Testing & Counseling
41	Countywide The Bridge, Inc: Behavioral Health Counseling
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Table 4 – 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	Belleville - Water Main Relining & Valve Replacement Project 2021
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$335,000
	Description	Water Main Relining & Valve Replacements Project for roads contained within Census Tract 147 that require water main rehabilitation, including sections along Newark Av (Magnolia St to Watsessing Av);Rocco St (Newark Av to Newcomb Str); Cuozzo Stt; Brighton Av (Sanford Av to Newark Av); Watsessing Ave (Newark Av to Sanford Av); Kimball St ; Forest Av; and Highland Av.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	545 persons
	Location Description	Water Main Relining & Valve Replacements Project for roads contained within Census Tract 147 that require water main rehabilitation, including sections along Newark Av (Magnolia St to Watsessing Av);Rocco St (Newark Av to Newcomb Str); Cuozzo Stt; Brighton Av (Sanford Av to Newark Av); Watsessing Ave (Newark Av to Sanford Av); Kimball St ; Forest Av; and Highland Av.
Planned Activities	The current water mains are experiencing a reduction in internal diameter due to various corrosion by-products. The water main relining and valve replacements will improve the water quality;increase the water system's resiliency by increasing the longevity of the aging pipes; decrease the likelihood of future water main breaks; and improve the overall water system maintenance. There will also be an improvement in the hydraulic capacity of the distribution system, which improves flow to fire hydrants and overall water quality and reliability.	
2	Project Name	Fairfield ADA Compliant Sidewalk Beverly Road
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$47,000

	Description	The project involves the creation of an ADA compliant sidewalk on Beverly Road from the current terminus near Mayhew Drive to Woodland Road. This new sidewalk will provide access to Beverly Road Park for The project involves the creation of an ADA compliant sidewalk on Beverly Road from the current terminus near Mayhew Drive to Woodland Road. This new sidewalk will provide access to Beverly Road Park for disabled persons and older adults. Due to the volume and speed of traffic on Beverly Road, it is not conducive for pedestrians to use the road. Crosswalks will allow users to access the park form the quieter side streets in the area.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	750 adults with disabilities
	Location Description	Township of Fairfield - Beverly Road from the current terminus near Mayhew Drive to Woodland Road
	Planned Activities	The new sidewalk will be approximately 800 LF in length and will be located on the south side of Beverly Road The project will involve all design, grading, construction, landscaping, and pavement markings. The project will be located within the Township's right of way and no land purchase is anticipated. It is estimated that a total of 450 SY of new sidewalk will be constructed along with concrete driveway aprons at crossings. Trees may need to be removed along the route.
3	Project Name	Glen Ridge ADA street ramps Mitchell Ardsley Columbus
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$39,000
	Description	ADA compliant street ramp and sidewalk Improvements at various intersections along Mitchell Place , Ardsley Road and Columbus Avenue
	Target Date	5/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 adults with disabilities
	Location Description	Six new concrete handicapped ramps and the associated sidewalks at various intersections- Mitchell Place and Ardsley Rd, Mitchell Place and Columbus Ave, and a third on Columbus Ave
	Planned Activities	Six new concrete handicapped ramps and the associated sidewalks at various intersections- Mitchell Place and Ardsley Rd, Mitchell Place and Columbus Ave, and a third on Columbus Ave
4	Project Name	Maplewood ADA complaint curb cuts various locations 2021
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$193,000
	Description	The Township will upgrade curb cuts with detectible warning surfaces, ramps, and intersecting sidewalks to meet ADA accessibility regulations and associated improvements at various locations in the Township.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3029 persons
	Location Description	Maplewood ADA-Compliant Curb Cuts at various intersections, which include Harding St & Hughes St , Schaefer Road & Menzel Av, Field Road, & Porter Road, Tuscan St & Vermont St, Hilton Av & Rutgers St, Princeton St, & Wellesley St: Concord Av & Lexington Av, Princeton St , Revere Av & Florida St; Maple Av & Dunnell Road & Salter Place: Salter Place & Pierson Road, Oaklland Road & Tuscan Road, Courter Av, Forest Road, Dunnell Road & Plymouth Av; Academy St & Beach Place; Kensington Terrace & Crowell Place & Lincoln Place; Valley St between Oakland Road & Oakview Av, Mid-block on Oakview Av , Baker St & Village Center Parking Lot Entrance , Beach Place & Woodland Road & Everitt Place & Baker St.

	Planned Activities	The Township will upgrade curb cuts with detectible warning surfaces, ramps, and intersecting sidewalks to meet ADA accessibility regulations and associated improvements at various locations in the Township
5	Project Name	Millburn ADA barrier free curb cuts - Glenwood area
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	ADA Barrier Free Curb Cuts at various intersections in the Glenwood section of Millburn. Intersections include Woodland Road and Ridge Terrace, Ferncliff Terrace, and Pine Terrace; Baltusrol Way and Woodcroft Place, Ridge Terrace, Overlook Terrace, Ferncliff Terrace and Pine Terrace; Pine Terrace East and Campbell Road
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1720 disabled adults
Location Description	ADA Barrier Free Curb Cuts at various intersections in the Glenwood section of Millburn, including Woodland Road and Ridge Terrace, Ferncliff Terrace, and Pine Terrace; Baltusrol Way and Woodcroft Place, Ridge Terrace, Overlook Terrace, Ferncliff Terrace and Pine Terrace; Pine Terrace East and Campbell Road	

	Planned Activities	This project will construct barrier free curb ramps in order to create accessible pedestrian routes at roadway intersections. The locations selected for this project include 19 total ramps where sidewalks and crosswalks exist but do not meet standards for barrier free access. The intersections are located within the Glenwood Section of Millburn which is in close proximity to the Short Hills Train Station as well as schools and retail services. There is a high volume of pedestrians that use the sidewalks and crossings within the project area including children, adults and seniors. This Public Improvement project will construct barrier free access ramps that conform to the ADA requirements for barrier free access curb ramps. All work will be performed within the existing municipal right-of-way. The funding for this project will be used for construction costs. Plans and specifications will be prepared by the Engineering Department.
6	Project Name	Montclair Road reconstruction Hartley Street
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$133,000
	Description	Road Reconstruction of Hartley Street from Bloomfield Avenue to Washington Street
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1455 residents
	Location Description	Hartley Street from Bloomfield Avenue to Washington Street
Planned Activities	Street reconstruction for 400 linear foot section of Hartley Street including milling, paving, new curbing, new sidewalks, new driveway aprons and new stormwater grates.	
7	Project Name	Nutley - Roadway Reconstruction King Street
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements

	Funding	CDBG: \$203,000
	Description	Reconstruction and resurfacing of King Street from Union Avenue to the Belleville border
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 residents
	Location Description	King Street from Union Avenue to the Belleville border
	Planned Activities	Project will consists of milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway. Curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons that are applicable are to be reconstructed where found to be in poor and deteriorating condition. Installation of ADA compliant/detectable warning surfaces are proposed at all existing sidewalk curb ramps within project limits. Storm-water structures including inlets and manholes will be removed and reset as applicable.
8	Project Name	Orange roadway reconstruction Ward Street
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$286,000
	Description	Roadway reconstruction of Ward Street in Orange
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	815 persons
	Location Description	Entire length of Ward Street in orange
	Planned Activities	
9	Project Name	Verona - ADA Ramps at Various Intersections 2021
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000
	Description	ADA Accessible Ramps for various intersections, including Hillside Av \$89,300 and Oakridge Road, Hamilton Road and Wedgewood Road; Newman Av and Rose Terrace, Wilton Terrace, Dick Terrace, Floyd Road, and Hamilton Terrace; Fairview Av and Personette Av and Arnold Way; Mountain Av and Chestnut Road and Stocker Road; Afterglow Av and Sunset Av and Cole Road; Afterglow Way and Belleclaire Place and Afterglow Av; Robert Court and Ravine Road
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1365 disabled adults
	Location Description	ADA Accessible Ramps for various intersections, including Hillside Av and Oakridge Road, Hamilton Road and Wedgewood Road; Newman Av and Rose Terrace, Wilton Terrace, Dick Terrace, Floyd Road, and Hamilton Terrace; Fairview Av and Personette Av and Arnold Way; Mountain Av and Chestnut Road and Stocker Road; Afterglow Av and Sunset Av and Cole Road; Afterglow Way and Belleclaire Place and Afterglow Av; Robert Court and Ravine Road
	Planned Activities	Township is targeting ADA curb ramps throughout the township that are in dire need of reconstruction. Some of these areas are those which have a stamped or scored crosswalks which were installed many years ago. Overtime these crosswalks have not fared well under the harsh winter weather that the Northeast can have and many have deteriorated to the point where they are creating a public safety hazard and drainage issues these need to be removed completely and the surface of the roadway at the intersections micro-graded to allow for positive drainage of storm run-off. We have identified 30 individual curb ramps and a dozen intersections that are in need of reconstruction.
10	Project Name	West Orange - Roadway Reconstruction Kingsley Street
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$108,000
	Description	Road reconstruction Kingsley Street - entire length
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1530 residents - 915 of which are LMI
	Location Description	Kingsley Street in West Orange - Entire length
	Planned Activities	Kingsley Street is 960 feet long. The street will be milled and resurfaced with a two inch thick layer of hot mix asphalt. New ADA Compliant ramps will be installed at intersections and deteriorated sections of granite block curb and concrete sidewalks and driveway aprons, especially those lifted by tree roots, will be replaced. The construction quantities are 3,300 square yards of milling, 425 tons of hot mix asphalt pavement resurfacing, 200 linear feet of concrete curb, 50 square yards of concrete sidewalk repair four inches thick, 35 square yards of concrete apron repair six inches thick, six reconstructed inlets, and, eight new ADA detectable warning surfaces and 640 linear feet of various traffic striping.
11	Project Name	West Orange Roadway and Water Main Reconstruction Wheeler Street
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$201,000
	Description	Roadway reconstruction of Wheeler Street plus water main reconstruction beginning from intersection of Wheeler Street and Lindsley Avenue
	Target Date	5/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	810 residents
	Location Description	Wheeler Street from Northfield Avenue intersection to Lindsley Avenue intersection, plus 180 ft of water main extending from Lindsley Avenue intersection
	Planned Activities	Wheeler Street is 450 feet long, and the sanitary sewer main extends another 180 feet north to the Renna House. The streets will be milled and resurfaced with a two inch thick layer of hot mix asphalt. New ADA compliant ramps will be installed at intersections and deteriorated sections of granite block curb and concrete sidewalks and driveway aprons, especially those lifted by tree roots, will be replaced. Additionally the 18 inch sewer main will be replaced from Northfield Avenue to the Renna House which is 180 feet North of Lindsley Avenue. The construction quantities are 1,750 square yards of milling, 230 tons of hot mix asphalt pavement resurfacing, 150 linear feet of concrete curb, 30 square yards of concrete sidewalk repair four inches thick, 30 square yards of concrete apron repair six inches thick, five reconstructed inlets, and, four new ADA detectable warning surfaces and 420 linear feet of various traffic striping. Additionally 720 feet of 18 inch diameter sanitary sewer pipe, five new manholes and 11 new service connections will be installed.
12	Project Name	County DPW roadway reconstruction So Orange Avenue from Speedway to Stuyvesant
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,200,000
	Description	Roadway reconstruction of County owned section of South Orange Avenue from intersections of Speedway Avenue to Stuyvesant Avenue in Newark
	Target Date	5/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6870 persons
	Location Description	County road - South Orange Avenue from Speedway Avenue to Stuyvesant Avenue in Newark
	Planned Activities	The scope of this project is to mill and pave approximately 2" HMA on various Essex County roads, replacing existing pavement markings, sidewalk and curb work necessary for the installation of handicap ramps and detectable warning surfaces, loop detector work, sawing and sealing of joints in Hot Mix Asphalt overlay, drainage improvements including but not limited to reset, repair and reconstruct inlets and manholes, cleaning of drainage structures, and other incidental improvements.
13	Project Name	Montclair Valley Road Firehouse ADA
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	ADA compliant public restroom for Valley Road fire house in Montclair located at 588 Valley Road
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1215 disabled adults
	Location Description	Valley Road Firehouse at 588 Valley Street, Montclair

	Planned Activities	This project will improve access to a public facility used for voting and other functions by providing a handicapped accessible bathroom where none currently exists. Project involves removal of toilet and sink in existing bathroom, demolition of interior walls and installation of new walls to create a larger bathroom; installation of a new toilet, sink, mirror, hand dryer and soap dispenser. Installation of new floor and painting new wall. Construction of an external ramp to provide unobstructed access to the bathroom.
14	Project Name	Roseland Tedesco Park ADA Accessibility
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$28,500
	Description	ADA compliant accessibility improvements to Tedesco Park in Roseland
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	513 disabled adults
	Location Description	Tedesco Park in Roseland - 62 Cooper Avenue
	Planned Activities	Provide upgraded and enhanced accessibility throughout the Tedesco Park facility. This scope of work will include the rehabilitation of the existing access walkway to the playground with new concrete sidewalk and an ADA compliant curb ramp, the installation of two additional points of access that are ADA compliant and an internal walkway system. This newly created internal access walkway system, coupled with the internal upgrades and additional ADA complaint curb ramps will provide better accessibility throughout Tedesco Park for all who utilize the facility. Specifically, the Borough is planning to install approximately 200 square yards of 4" thick concrete sidewalk along with three (3) ADA compliant curb ramps along with additional ancillary restoration activities.
15	Project Name	South Orange - Public Library ADA Improvements
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$105,000
	Description	ADA restrooms and ADA entrance door for South orange Public Library located at 65 Scotland Road
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1409 disabled adults
	Location Description	South Orange Public Library located at 65 Scotland Road
	Planned Activities	<p>The current Library building was opened in 1968; it is still using the original bathrooms. There are a total of five bathrooms.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Woman's Public Bathroom: with multiple stalls and sinks - \$25,000 2. Men's Public Bathroom: with multiple stall and sinks - \$25,000 3. Children's Bathroom: 1 Sink and Stall (Children Sized) - \$15,000 4. Volunteer / Staff Bathroom: 2 stalls and Sinks - \$20,000 5. Single Bathroom: 1 sink and stall - \$15,000 <p>The ADA upgrades to the bathrooms will have a cost a total of \$100,000.</p> <p>The library has two entrances to the building. On an average day, 400-450 people come into the library. The door is not equipped with a push-button opener and it thereby inaccessible to a severely disabled adult or anyone with mobility difficulties. In addition , the sidewalk leading to the door is not level, creating difficulty for those relying on walkers/canes. Door modification with push button door operator cost: \$20,000</p> <p>Reinforced Concrete Sidewalk under awning, 8" thick (SY) Q30 UP\$100.00 T:\$3,000</p>
16	Project Name	Countywide Montclair Shared Housing Association patio reconstruction senior housing complex
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing

	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	Reconstruct outdoor patio for senior residential home at 27 Hillside Avenue, Montclair ; current patio is in major disrepair and is not accommodating for seniors
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	22 senior residents
	Location Description	27 Hillside Avenue, Montclair
	Planned Activities	The Outdoor Activity Space for The Montclair Inn Seniors will provide an outdoor space for the residents to be physically active and to enjoy the fresh air. The existing patio would be repaved to be user friendly for seniors with walking aides such as rollators or walkers. We will install pavers to provide a patio area that is functional, visually appealing, and will require little maintenance. There will also be a slip resistant paving stone walking path that is wide enough for wheelchairs and that will allow the residents to get to the lawn area of our property safely.
17	Project Name	Countywide Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Roof Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	Rehabilitate roof for NW Essex Community Healthcare facility at 570 Belleville Avenue, Belleville to seal roof and eliminate water leaks
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	950 clients serviced by NW Essex Healthcare
	Location Description	NW Essex Community Healthcare facility at 570 Belleville Avenue, Belleville

	Planned Activities	Rehabilitate roof for NW Essex Community Healthcare facility at 570 Belleville Avenue, Belleville to seal roof and eliminate water leaks
18	Project Name	Countywide - Wynona's House: Family Resource Center Masonry 2021
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	rehabilitation of masonry along West and South sides of facility at 185 Washington Street to mitigate water intrusion at Wynona's Child Advocacy Center
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	900 clients
	Location Description	Wynona's Child Advocacy Center at 185 Washington Street, Newark

	Planned Activities	<p>Wynona’s House is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and the official Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Essex County, New Jersey, dedicated to serving child abuse victims and their non-offending families/caregivers.</p> <p>Proposed activity includes cutting, re-pointing and masonry repairs, from the ground to the parapet, West façade of the end of the building facing University Avenue. The West façade of the building will soon become a new, ADA entrance for law enforcement, other staff and visitors, completed through CDBG and other funding. The waterproofing work will wrap around the corner of the building, extending along the South façade, down Raymond Boulevard toward the main entrance near the corner of Washington Street. The work along Raymond Boulevard will require approved scaffolding and safety measures as it is a busy sidewalk, near the Newark subway entrances. The scope includes cutting and re-pointing brick walls, masonry repairs to lintels and bricks, window sealing and work necessary to protect the completed sections from weather impact and water intrusion. All completed work will be in compliance with all local and state guidelines and any relevant ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Standards and with the utmost concern for all site users, the general public and property. The contractor will maintain the site of operations clean and clear of debris on a daily basis. The project will be performed at times and in a manner that will allow for the Center to remain open for services. Labor rates will be paid in accordance with current federal prevailing wage.</p>
19	Project Name	Cedar Grove ADA Senior Transportation Bus 2021
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,000
	Description	Cedar Grove Senior Transportation ADA Accessible Bus
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 senior citizens
	Location Description	Bus will service seniors residing in Cedar Grove
	Planned Activities	Purchase senior transportation bus

20	Project Name	Montclair MNDC Project OASIS Youth Empowerment Project
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Montclair Neighborhood Development Corp (MNDC) Project Oasis Youth Empowerment Projects targets the youth ages 13 to 21-year-olds. All programs are designed to develop our youth through classroom instruction, internships, employment, recreation, education, and cultural awareness.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	255 persons
	Location Description	MNDC 228 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ
	Planned Activities	
21	Project Name	Montclair COPE Center: Families Empowered Counseling Program Positive Hope
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,600
	Description	COPE Center â Families Empowered Counseling Program Positive HOPE is an intense targeted intervention and support program for extremely low and low income Montclair residents who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	110 persons

	Location Description	Cope Center at 104 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ
	Planned Activities	he funds requested will enable COPE to provide targeted case management and intervention services to adolescents and adults who are struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues which interfere with their ability to function effectively consistently. The goal is to strengthen family stability and reduce the risk of homelessness. As the provision of these services are an enhancement to COPE's evidence-based trauma treatment for co-occurring (substance abuse & mental health) disorders. The individuals (adolescents and adults alike) in this program are those who are more chronic and possess a higher severity of mental health and substance use disorders. They require both mental health and substance abuse medication assisted treatment (MAT) which COPE provides and monitors. These funds will assist COPE to ensure all of the intensive case management needs of these individuals can be met to ensure connection to and involvement with needed social services, vocational training and job placements. The funds will be used to cover the cost of providing direct clinical services. These costs are the salaries of those professionals providing direct services to the adults and adolescents involved in this program.
22	Project Name	Montclair Family Promise Transitional Housing Service
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Prevention Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,500
	Description	At Family Promise Essex we take care of families experiencing homelessness. Having lost their home, parents and children come to us in crisis. They need a safe place to sleep. They need meals. They need compassion. Our network of churches and synagogues provides these resources so that families can focus on moving forward. Case management team works with families to set milestones and connect them with the resources they need to get back on their feet. It may be a job referral service, housing assistance, budget workshop or counseling. The goal is to help families find a home as quickly as possible while providing the services they need to become stable enough to secure and maintain it.
	Target Date	5/31/2022

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	36 individuals and families
Location Description	Family Promise located at 46 Park Street, Montclair, NJ

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>FPE has three programs to assist families experiencing or at risk of homelessness</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Emergency Shelter 2) Prevention and Stabilization 3) Youth and Family <p>Emergency Shelter Program</p> <p>FPE provides temporary emergency housing through a network of approximately 36 faith-based congregations in Essex County. These congregations host three or four families (up to 14 people) for a week at a time from 6 pm to 7 am during the week, and all day on the weekends. They arrange for sleeping and relaxation areas, with volunteers from the congregational membership providing meals, activities, and overnight supervision. Families are transported by FPE’s van to and from the congregations. During the day, our professional social services staff provides ongoing case management and programming at our Family Resource Center in Montclair. This includes social/emotional guidance, goal setting, and referrals to assist in finding housing and jobs. The Center is also available for access to phones, computers and shower facilities.</p> <p>Prevention and Stabilization Program</p> <p>FPE works to place our shelter families into permanent housing as well as to prevent evictions and homelessness for other non-shelter family clients. Services for this program include rental assistance and case management services for up to one year. Families work with a case manager to achieve their goals for stable housing, independence, and self-sufficiency. Our programming also extends to individual needs, and includes services such as job training, job search and interviewing skills; seminars on workplace protocol, budget management, landlord/tenant relationships, apartment maintenance, parenting, and wellness and nutrition; and assistance with childcare and transportation options.</p> <p>The Youth and Family Program</p> <p>FPE provides a free after-school program five days a week for youth who are currently or have previously been in our emergency shelter or Prevention and Stabilization programs, as well as local youth from the</p>
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		community. Designed to help reduce the significant effects of homelessness on children while providing parents with relief from the cost of childcare, this program includes academic tutoring, enrichment activities, and healthy living education. Volunteers from Seton Hall University, Montclair High School and the community provide pro bono tutoring four days a week to help students increase their proficiency as needed in language arts, math, social studies, science, and history.
23	Project Name	Montclair Start Out Fresh Intervention Services (SOFIA)
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Sofia's Soar to Success program provides free workshops to Domestic Violence victims and survivors to help in the process of emotional healing and building financial independence wh
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	340 persons who are victims and survivors of domestic violence
	Location Description	Based at 11 Pine Street, Montclair, NJ but services clients from throughout the County
Planned Activities	SOFIA conducts "Soar to Success" programs for Domestic Violence victims and survivors wherein a variety of free workshops are offered to help in the process of emotional healing and financial independence; providing tools and skills that help the victims towards self sufficiency, while maintaining their safety. Motivational and Financial Independence speakers help clients in building self-esteem and to stimulate creativity.	
24	Project Name	Montclair Strategic Mentoring Brother to Brother
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000

	Description	Montclair Strategic Mentoring provides a Youth Mentoring and Enrichment program for disadvantaged youths from Montclair
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	65 persons representing disadvantaged youths from Montclair from the 4th grade through 12th grade
	Location Description	Operates from 11 Pine Street, Montclair, NJ. Population represents disadvantaged youth from area
	Planned Activities	The proposed services will allow disadvantaged youth the opportunity to obtain life skills that will enable them to become productive members of society and improve their lives. The population's needs are assessed by the staff and Executive Director based on interview with the youth, their family members, school personnel and members of the community. Success of the program will be measured by improvement in graduation rates, grades and behavior. Additional measures of success will include improved self esteem, healthier relationships and life choices.
25	Project Name	Montclair Succeed2Together After School Tutoring Program
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Montclair Succeed2Together "Academic Recovery After Pandemic" program includes after school Tutoring, and both after school and summer enrichment programs for students from low income families
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	297 students from low income families
	Location Description	Operates from 11 Pine Street, Montclair and draws students from the area

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>CDBG funding will support continued excellence in academic enrichment programs for students from low-income families, as well as assisting students with recovering from the detrimental effects that Covid-19 has had on their education.</p> <p>This grant will support expenditures for educational staff and paid consultants , specifically helping to cover staffing costs required to maintain and manage the increase in enrollment and student volunteers. Programs include</p> <p>1) After-School Tutoring Program (serving 120 students for over 34 weeks a year): Volunteer tutors for the ASTP provide individual instruction in language arts, math, science and social studies for students in grades K-12 at the Montclair Public Library.</p> <p>2) Workshops (serving 60 unique students for average 7.5 encounters each for 1260 hours of free service to the families); includes after-school academic workshops in Algebra Readiness, Math Fundamentals, and Literacy. This year we are offering additional workshops in computer coding and game design, STEM club for girls, creative writing, writing fundamentals, chess and music.</p> <p>3) Parent Educational and Informational Workshops. Four workshops offered during the year focusing on helping children and families deal with anxiety,, early literacy for parents; robotics; and college readiness .</p> <p>4) Summer Enrichment Program: Serving 60 students. This year we piloted a new version of our summer program, in which we offered week-long modules of classes in various subjects for students, ages rising K-12. The program was extremely successful; many of the classes were full and parents were thrilled with the work that the children did.</p> <p>5) Backpack Program with Toni’s Kitchen. Serving 15 families. In partnership with Toni’s Kitchen, we provide weekly backpacks full of nutritional food to families in our tutoring program.</p> <p>Early Childhood Literacy Program: Serving 35 new students. An early intervention reading program for children from pre-k through third grade that pairs learner with a middle-school aged book buddy to develop reading fluency and comprehension. 1b) Early Math Fundamentals Program: A new program serving young students and helping them learn early math skills. 1c) Bringing early childhood</p>
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		<p>literacy workshops to parents and children at the Montclair Child Development Center.</p> <p>College Essays: Serving 15 new students. free college essay tutoring for our high school students.</p>
26	Project Name	Orange ADA Accessible Senior Bus
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	Purchase of ADA Accessible Senior Bus by City of Orange - Acquire Adult Mini Buses with 18-22 passenger seating and ADA wheelchair lift capability.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1200 senior residents from area
	Location Description	Transportation vehicle to transport Orange seniors throughout City of Orange

	Planned Activities	<p>Office of Older Adults offers transportation to senior citizens in Orange in order to facilitate access to social services, entertainment, and other destinations. Our goal is to continue advocating for improving the quality of life for older adults in the City. These services include, but are not limited to, medical referrals, public transit, exercise classes, breakfast and a movie, bingo, swimming, computer basics for senior classes with the Orange Board of Education, assistance in completing forms and applications, out of town travel experiences, and more.</p> <p>We run two continual shopping routes. One loops around the 2.2 square mile city to eight (8) senior housing facilities and point stops for seniors in private housing to access the buses. The route also includes stops in the Main Street shopping district and City Hall. The other goes to a variety of shopping centers to access local supermarkets and big box retail stores. The routes run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. We transport, at minimum 120 seniors per day in the shopping route.</p> <p>In addition, the City of Orange runs a municipal daily medical transportation route for seniors needing transportation assistance to doctor’s appointments in Essex County. These routes are scheduled as needed and require reliable transportation. Research shows older patients are more likely to miss appointments, costing hospitals tens of millions of dollars a year. Unreliable transportation is a leading factor of this trend. We also transport seniors to monthly “out of town” engagements. We service approximately 80 medical appointments transports/month and 50 seniors to out of town events. Transportation is provided to all programs offered through the City of Orange Township for all our seniors in need. Reliable transportation is necessary in order to ensure safety, efficiency, and respect for our seniors’ personal schedules. Our transportation system is vital to the daily lives of over 1,200 senior citizens. It allows them to experience the freedom of going at their leisure and accessing areas and events they would not normally be able to.</p>
27	Project Name	West Orange Bethany Center: Outreach for At-Risk Youth Academic Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,000

	Description	The Bethany Center for Champions is starting a formal academic assistance program that can effectively improve the reading, language arts and mathematic standing of at-risk students in the urban rim of West Orange
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 at risk teenagers from the urban rim of West Orange for start up program
	Location Description	30 Ashwood Avenue, West Orange
	Planned Activities	The Bethany Center for Champions would like to begin a formal academic assistance program that can effectively improve the reading, language arts and mathematic standing of at-risk students in our community. Sustaining a program team will allow the BCC to serve West Orange’s at-risk population by effectively providing academic assistance to students who are under-achieving. Through academic assessments, weekly study sessions and a group mentoring process, BCC helps students move closer to academically succeeding on their grade level. Program success will be measured through attendance records, parental involvement and the data gathered from the online individualized learning program. Pre and post program skills assessments and self-reported information help to evaluate youth's behavior and success.
28	Project Name	West Orange Main Street Counseling - Expanding Mental Health Services
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Main Street Counseling delivers accessible mental health services for low income residents from West Orange who are connected with main facility, the James A. Degnan Senior House, and Valley Settlement House, a social service agency
	Target Date	5/31/2022

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	209 residents from West Orange seeking assistance for mental health issues
Location Description	8 Marcella Avenue, West orange and

	<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>The pandemic has had a devastating mental health impact on our community. Disadvantaged West Orange residents were already suffering from multiple challenges related to poverty and marginalization. Now fear of illness, loss, reduced employment, and barriers to medical care have compounded these issues, bringing levels of depression and anxiety to an all-time high.</p> <p>For West Orange pre-K children who attend Valley Settlement House in West Orange, opportunities for social and emotional development have been greatly reduced due to prolonged social isolation. Older clients living in the Degnan house are another population particularly affected by the pandemic. Less physical contact with family, loss of social gatherings, and fear of death have taken their toll on frail and lonely elders, with no end in sight as coronavirus cases continue to escalate in Essex County.</p> <p>Fortunately, Main St. Counseling immediately adapted to telemental health care when the pandemic first hit New Jersey in March. Main facility clients were retained with weekly therapy via video technology. With Degnan seniors, our bilingual therapist immediately began phone sessions, which has been a lifeline for the older adults in need of regular contact. In addition, we are providing virtual group sessions for young children at Valley Settlement House, giving them more opportunity to interact with their peers in an emotionally supportive format.</p> <p>Over the past several months, demands have increased for services across all these locations. Cases of domestic violence and substance abuse have escalated, as well as financial strain due to job loss or reduced working hours. More requests are being made for lower service fees as a growing number of community members lose their health insurance. In addition, Spanish-speaking services are needed more than ever for Hispanic/Latinx clients who reside in West Orange and have few, if any, alternative options for quality bilingual family counseling.</p> <p>A \$25,000 grant will provide 25 more hours of direct services weekly, led by our culturally competent clinical staff. Therapy sessions will target the reduction of trauma symptoms by teaching clients healthy coping skills for debilitating emotions. We will continue to offer safe and secure remote services, ideally transitioning to in-person therapy in later 2021 as we gain control of this public health crisis.</p>
29	<p>Project Name</p>	<p>Countywide ARC of Essex - ADA Accessible Vehicle</p>
	<p>Target Area</p>	<p>Essex Urban County</p>

Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Public Services
Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
Description	Arc purchase ADA 12 passenger handicap accessible vehicle to transport its day program clients who have intellectual and developmental disabilities
Target Date	5/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	115 persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Location Description	Based at 123 Naylor Avenue, Livingston. Vehicles will transport clients to and from group homes located throughout Essex County

	Planned Activities	<p>Transportation is an essential component of The Arc's service delivery as the participants in our day programs do not have the ability to transport themselves to program sites. The Arc will purchase of a new 12 passenger handicap accessible van that features a state-of-the-art track system that can easily be reconfigured based on scheduled van routes. Passenger chairs can simply be added or removed from the track system as needed. While previous vehicles could only accommodate a maximum of two wheelchairs, the new van could safely accommodate three wheelchairs along with additional passenger seating.</p> <p>Purchase of this multifunctional vehicle will enable supervisors to craft van routes that can maximize the number of consumers transported within each route. The new vehicle would provide stability, ensuring a reliable and safe transportation option for consumers.</p> <p>The vehicle would be used Monday-Friday to transport adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to one of The Arc's day program locations at 50-58 Burnett Avenue, Maplewood. This day program site recently underwent a huge expansion more than doubling it's space to 13,000 square feet. This has now enabled The Arc of Essex County to expand capacity to now serve 110 individuals with I/DD from this location. The site is divided with two separate entrances which allow for consumers to be appropriately grouped according to support needs, ensuring a safe and engaging environment for all. Unable to drive, and ill-equipped to take advantage of mass transportation, van pick-ups are vital to ensure access to the program.</p> <p>On Saturdays, the vehicle would be used to transport children (ages 5-21yrs) and adults (21+) with I/DD to the Maplewood location for Saturday Respite.</p>
30	Project Name	Countywide Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex , Hudson and Union
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program for youths aged 5 to 18 from low to moderate income families. Grant will grow and support retention efforts
	Target Date	5/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 youth aged 5 to 18 (and their parents/guardians) from from low/moderate income families that also demonstrate one or more additional risk factors, such as raised by a single parent or non-parental guardian, residing in a high-crime community, struggling academically, victim of abuse or neglect, having a learning difference or other disability, potential first-generation college student or graduate, have one or both incarcerated parents, etc.
	Location Description	Office located at 500 Broad Street, Newark, NJ. Services clients residing in Consortium municipalities
	Planned Activities	The program will serve 30 youth (age 5-18) in mentoring relationships and their parent/guardian who meet CDBG income eligibility and reside in Essex County and are also struggling with various risk factors. Programs are an evidence based approach to improve mental health, increase educational levels and earnings, and increase civic engagement in turn building healthier and stronger communities. The needs of youth served are initially determined through a thoughtful enrollment process which includes interviewing both the child and parent as well as gathering information from baseline survey tools. Ongoing needs are assessed by the Match Support Specialist through regular contact with the child, parent and men. Agency uses the following performance measures to evaluate success of the program: Number of youth/families served - retained and new, for youth matched at least 12 months - improvement in one or more positive youth development outcome areas as measured by the Child or Youth Outcomes Survey tool, results of the Strength of Relationship survey for mentor and youth to determine the effectiveness of the mentoring relationship, and for high school seniors - high school graduation rates
31	Project Name	Countywide Family Connections Mental Health Services
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,000
	Description	Family Connections provides psychiatric services and counseling to low to moderate income residents from communities throughout the County via its psychiatric outpatient program
	Target Date	5/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	90 persons from low to moderate income families in need of Mental Health, Substance Abuse , and/or Disorders psychiatric treatment services
	Location Description	Based at 395 South Center Street, Orange. Services clients from all communities in Essex County
	Planned Activities	is project will provide access to licensed psychiatrics care which is fundamental to their outpatient services. The psychiatric care will take place in the same accessible community-based facility as their Mental Health and/or Substance Use Treatment ensuring that care is coordinated.The Mental Health and or Substance Use treatment needs of the individuals receiving services are assessed initially at Intake. The Intake is completed by a licensed clinician and is presented and reviewed by a psychiatrist. Part of this review is an assessment for need of psychiatric services. If psychiatric services are indicate a psychiatric evaluation is scheduled and the psychiatrist performs a complete evaluation. This evaluation will include an assessment of the need for medication and recommendations for treatment. These recommendations are incorporated into the treatment plan.This project to enable the provision of psychiatric services will have a dramatic impact on those needing services.
32	Project Name	Countywide Family Service League
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,000
	Description	Family Services provides counseling for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	395 persons who are victims of somestic violence and sexual assault and seek services and counseling
	Location Description	Office located at 440 Franklin Street, Bloomfield, NJ but clients are drawn from all of Essex County

	Planned Activities	Family Service League consists of two programs: the Counseling Program and SAVE of Essex County Program, the State of New Jersey's designated sexual violence program for Essex County. SAVE provides a 24-hour emergency hotline, victim accompaniments, and counseling for sexual violence/domestic violence survivors and their significant others. Through this project, wthe agency will provide crisis intervention and counseling services to the sexual assault/domestic violence survivors and their significant others with specially trained therapists. Counseling clients, regardless of whether they are victims of sexual violence or not, are never denied treatment as a result of financial constraints. Thus, the counseling program is particularly sensitive to low-income individuals, couples, and families. In addition, counseling supervision will be provided to the therapists who provide counseling services to sexual assault/domestic violence clients. Crisis Intervention services will also be provided to victims via a 24-hour emergency hotline and victim accompaniments at hospitals and police departments.
33	Project Name	Countywide Jewish Family Service of MetroWest NJ: House Calls Service for Frail Homebound Adults
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	JFS HouseCalls program delivers case management, mental health, health education, and healthcare services for frail, homebound older adults in the County
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	166 frail, home bound at-risk older adults living in HUD-approved facilities in South Orange and West Orange.
	Location Description	Project activity site located at facilities in South Orange (219 South Orange Avenue) and West Orange

	Planned Activities	HouseCalls is an integrated approach to the provision of case management, mental health, health education, and healthcare services for frail, homebound older adults. Most are isolated - single, without caregivers, or with relatives who live out of state. HouseCalls' social workers develop personalized care plans for each older adult with input from the client, and his/her family if possible. The plan is monitored and adapted to meet the evolving needs of the aging client as the client gets older, their health declines, and their needs increase. his target population is isolated, has limited income and hunger issues, and are at-risk for depression and physical decline. HouseCalls qualifies clients for entitlements, provides, companionship, counseling, and access to healthcare information.
34	Project Name	Countywide Jewish Vocational Services of MetroWest
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	JVS provides Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Adults with Disabilities
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	130 persons who have physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities and need assistance to prepare for, search for, find, get, keep, and/or excel in a job
	Location Description	83 Walnut Street, Montclair

	Planned Activities	JVS provides vocational rehabilitation services to help adults who have physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities prepare for, search for, find, get, keep, and excel in a job. At least 75% of our program participants are low-income (at or below 100% of FPL) and 90% are residents of Essex County . JVS uses a person-centered approach that helps each client identify their strengths and vocational goals, and works with them to create and implement an Individualized Annual Rehabilitation Plan that serves as a road map to achieving their goals. Services include: Comprehensive, individualized vocational assessments/evaluations Communications and other soft skills training Job search skills training, including resume- and cover letter-writing and interview preparation Real-time, individualized job coaching and feedback Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) for young adults transitioning from school to the workforce Supported Employment and Long-term Follow Along (LTFA) for program participants who need additional support after transitioning into a competitive work environment Extended Employment opportunities
35	Project Name	Countywide Mental Health Association ADA Vehicle Purchase
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,000
	Description	MHA purchase of vehicle to transport clients with severe and persistent mental illness (all of whom live in poverty) to treatment programs and associated activities in Essex County.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	644 persons with severe and persistent mental illness
	Location Description	Based at 33 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair but clients reside throughout Essex County

	Planned Activities	Vehicle replacement will assure the sustainability of critical transportation needs for those with severe and persistent mental illness to treatment and daily living activities in Essex County, activities of daily living; transportation to necessary services in Essex County, e.g. food shopping, medical appointments, etc.
36	Project Name	Countywide National Council of Jewish Women: Job Readiness
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	NCJW provides job readiness , career planning, and job training services to lower income displaced homemakers and their families
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	69 displaced homemakers from lower income households who are seeking job training and career planning assistance; fees are billed at a sliding rate.
	Location Description	70 South Orange Avenue, Livingston but draws clients from throughout the County

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>NCJW/Essex to provide job readiness and job training services through various programs and activities . The CFW continues to attract new clients through expansive partnerships with area nonprofits, advertising, word of mouth and a strong reputation for providing empowering services in the Essex County community. For fiscal year 2019-2020, the CFW placed nearly a third of all clients in new job opportunities, despite the pandemic and rampant job loss,.</p> <p>The CFW was established in 1981 to provide services to all women experiencing challenging times in their lives. Services are provided on a sliding scale and fees are waived for those unable to pay. Services include Job Readiness (individualized career planning), resume writing /interview skills, job placement assistance, Computer Classes, Women's Workshops, Self-esteem and educational grants for certificate courses, legal guidance, food insecurity and menstrual equity support.</p> <p>CFW programs assist women who face unique challenges and barriers to employment, in addition to their need for employment skills and job opportunities. Clients receive “hard skills” training, including computer classes, Linked-In classes, mock interviewing, job search strategies, and resume writing skills. Each client is referred to the specific programs they feel will best meet their unique needs to enter, re-enter or advance in the work force. Staff oversees virtual bi-monthly “Job Clubs,” and a weekly “Empower Hour,” providing clients access to information on networking through Linked-in, communication skills, and virtual face-to-face meetings with local business representatives looking for new hires or providing real-world insight into a particular employment field. The CFW also runs Education to Empowerment (E2E) programs, which subsidizes clients who are eligible for short term training and certificate classes. Many of these certificate programs are instrumental in making clients more job ready and secure new job opportunities.</p> <p>CFW regularly interacts with other Essex County social service agencies to conduct on and off-site RISE and job readiness workshops.. In addition to “hard skills”, NCJW/Essex also provides “soft skills” services that focus on building clients’ self-esteem, leading to greater empowerment and economic self-sufficiency. Many CFW clients take part in RISE (Reaching into Self-Empowerment) programs, which have been the key to helping them identify and overcome stumbling blocks within themselves that prevent or hinder them from meeting their goals. In addition to revising the RISE curriculum in the current fiscal year, CFW staff has also trained dozens of NCJW/Essex professional volunteers to help facilitate RISE workshops.</p>
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37	Project Name	Countywide NJ Citizen Action Education Fund: Housing & Foreclosure Prevention & Counseling
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	NJCAEF Housing and Foreclosure Prevention Education, Outreach & Counseling Project for Essex County Residents provides free direct housing and foreclosure education, outreach and counseling services to promote and help low- to moderate-income renters, homebuyers, and homeowners get access fair and affordable housing
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 persons from low to moderate income households seeking assistance for housing, rental or foreclosure matters
	Location Description	Office located at 625 Broad Street, Newark but clients are from throughout Essex County

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>NJCAEF provides free direct housing and foreclosure education, outreach and counseling services to help low- to moderate-income renters, homebuyers, and homeowners gain access to fair and affordable housing. Proposed activities include:</p> <p>NJCAEF's housing and foreclosure counseling service is a HUD-certified community-based counseling program for LMI Essex County residents seeking affordable housing or assistance in preserving their assets. This program: (1) Identifies eligible LMI potential homebuyers; (2) Assists buyers in identifying potential properties for purchase; (3) Prepares potential buyers for submitting applications to lenders and/or other entities with affordable mortgage programs by reviewing income, employment history debts, credit history, projected housing payments, estimated settlement costs, and purchase documents; (4) Provides budgeting, homeownership, and credit history for program participants; (5) Provides long-term, individualized plans for people with issues with savings or credit; (6) Promotes fair and affordable housing and/or foreclosure prevention assistance programs in targeted communities; (7) Conducts education and outreach to LMI people on the homeownership process, fair housing, predatory lending, and foreclosure prevention; (8) Provides assistance to people without enough savings for down payment and settlement costs; (9) Provides home improvement counseling and access to alternative funding; and (10) Provides foreclosure prevention counseling; (11) Provides post-purchase counseling for first-time homebuyers. Additionally, to address the overwhelming need for housing assistance due to COVID-19, our services will also provide (12) rental counseling to assist renters faced with housing insecurity, connecting them to available resources and assistance in an effort to avoid eviction or transition to more affordable housing.</p> <p>NJCAEF's outreach is targeted to Essex County community organizations, social service agencies, faith-based, & ethnic organizations and LMI consumers.</p> <p>Project Outputs:</p> <p>(1) Coordinate and conduct 15 virtual webinars and/or outreach events for 150 LMI families in targeted areas across the County.</p> <p>(2) Provide housing, rental, and foreclosure counseling to 150 LMI homebuyers, renters, and homeowners across the County.</p> <p>(3) Refer eligible homeowners to and provide counseling for Essex County's homebuyer assistance program.</p>
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		<p>Project Outcomes:</p> <p>(1) Financial skills and information on fair housing for LMI homebuyers and homeowners in Essex County will be increased.</p> <p>(2) Homeownership opportunities of LMI homebuyers looking to purchase homes in Essex County.</p> <p>(3) Foreclosure assistance will be provided to LMI homeowners across the County.</p>
38	Project Name	Countywide North Ward Center - Casa Israel Adult Medical Daycare
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,000
	Description	Casa Israel Adult Medical Daycare Program providing health and social services for older and physically impaired adults
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	232 low income adults who are elderly and disabled and in need of supervised medical care.
	Location Description	Center based at 346 Mt prospect Avenue, Newark but patrons drawn from several Essex County towns outside Newark
Planned Activities	Casa Israel Medical Day Program provides preventative, therapeutic, rehabilitative, nutrition and social services for older and physically impaired adults. The nursing and social service departments are the most important elements in Casa Israel's ongoing ability to provide quality care to an at risk population. The care our nursing staff provides allows our clients to remain in their homes and age in place. The nursing staff work as a team to meet the medical and clinical needs of our clients.	
39	Project Name	Countywide Opportunity project Pre Vocational Program
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000

Description	Opportunity Project Pre Vocational Program is a specialized vocational program for adults who are severely disabled as a result of a brain injury.
Target Date	5/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	62 adults with traumatic brain injury (due to blunt force, accidents, falls, etc.) or acquired brain injury (stroke, brain tumor, aneurysm, etc), who are seeking job vocational training and counseling. Some of these clients may be at risk of homelessness.
Location Description	Office located at 60 E Willow Street, Millburn 07041 but treats clients from all of Essex County

	Planned Activities	<p>Continue and increase agency's specialized vocational program for adults who are severely disabled as a result of a brain injury.</p> <p>Opportunity Project has been carefully designed as a Clubhouse model, one of only a handful serving those with brain injury in the entire world. The model exemplifies empowerment, including individual goal-setting and accountability in a work-ordered structure. Individuals with such disabilities are in great need of repetition, a high level of individual support and structure.</p> <p>Vocational Counselor, along with Occupational Therapist and Social Worker, offers evaluation and adaptive tools to ensure vocational success. OP features a structured day which resembles a true work environment, training our members for future employment opportunities. Members also receive adjustment counseling services, assisting them with becoming accustomed to the significant challenges and changes after a brain injury occurs. The counselors also spend a considerable amount of time educating employers about brain injury. This knowledge and support ensures a successful transition into the vocational arena.</p> <p>Our local Essex County Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) office provides referrals, as well as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 day work evaluation, - 45- and 90-day Work Adjustment Training - 20-day Supported Employment, including Job Development and Job Coaching - Long-Term Follow-Along Services <p>Opportunity Project has been carefully designed as a Clubhouse model, one of only a handful serving those with brain injury in the entire world. The model exemplifies empowerment, including individual goal-setting and accountability in a work-ordered structure. Individuals with such disabilities are in great need of repetition, a high level of individual support and structure.</p>
40	Project Name	Countywide Planned Parenthood HIV Prevention, Testing & Counseling
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$9,800
	Description	Planned Parenthood providing HIV Prevention, Testing and Counseling services
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4600 persons seeking HIV/AIDS testing and/or counseling
	Location Description	Health center based at 29 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair but services residents from throughout Essex County
	Planned Activities	HIV screening for men and women as a routine part of Montclair health center. By coupling routine "opt out" HIV testing with well established family planning, STI testing and reproductive health services, the agency can increase testing and prevention strategies. Funding is also for using rapid HIV testing , thereby enabling the agency to link clients with HIV care sooner and effectively reduce HIV transmissions. Essex County has one of the highest rates of HIV infection in New Jersey. By providing high quality affordable HIV testing, education, and linkages to care in the community, this public health concern will be addressed.
41	Project Name	Countywide The Bridge, Inc: Behavioral Health Counseling
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	There Bridge delivers mental health services for Essex County residents with low to moderate income that have no insurance or other funding source.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 persons with low incomes and/or no health insurance who are seeking mental health counseling
	Location Description	850 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell but treats clients from throughout Essex County

	Planned Activities	Since the State of NJ converted community based mental health providers from grant or slot based reimbursement model to a fee-for-service reimbursement model, this funding will ensure access to those patients that would otherwise slip through the cracks due to lack of other funding. This will allow for continuity of quality care for those in need. Clients will receive a treatment plan which has specific goals and objectives. Success will be measured by a reduction or elimination of negative mood states and an increase in healthier thinking patterns and self beliefs.
42	Project Name	Countywide Tenant Resource Center Tenant Landlord Counseling
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness Prevention Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	The Essex County Tenant Resource Center provides information, counseling and referrals to consumers as to their rights, and establishing workable relationships between tenants and landlords..
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	360 low to moderate income residential tenants and landlords from throughout the County who seek technical assistance re housing accommodations
	Location Description	50 South Clinton, East Orange, NJ
	Planned Activities	Essex County Tenant Resource Center provides information, counseling and referrals to consumers as to their rights. Also dedicated to promoting positive relations between rental housing consumers and landlords throughout Essex County. This information will enable citizens to preserve and maintain decent affordable housing, by ensuring that tenants and landlords are aware of their rights, and what to do when a violation and problem occur.
43	Project Name	CDBG Planning and Administration
	Target Area	Essex County HOME Consortium Essex Urban County

	Goals Supported	Create and Retain Affordable Housing Units Homelessness Public Infrastructure Improvements Public Facility Sustainability Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness Prevention Chronic Homelessness Public Improvements Public Facilities Public Services Rapid-Rehousing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,116,572
	Description	This activity encompasses the planning, execution of projects, program coordination, evaluation and monitoring of the CDBG program. This year, \$ 1,116,572 is being recommended for this category
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This activity encompasses the planning, execution of projects, program coordination, evaluation and monitoring of the CDBG program which include the preparation of the 2021 One Year Action Plan, review of applications, preparation of documents to administer the program, and oversight.
44	Project Name	Home Improvement Program 2021
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Create and Retain Affordable Housing Units
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$426,888
	Description	Provide deferred loans for eligible home improvements to qualified low and moderate income homeowners. Assistance will be provided to 1 to 3 family homes.

	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated that 15 homes will participate in the program during PY 2021.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of homeowner units in the 18 participating communities which may include code violations, energy efficiency improvements and emergency repairs. Funding includes \$4 of 2021 entitlement funds in addition to \$ generated from program income. 20% of the program income (2) will be utilized for program delivery costs.
45	Project Name	Home Improvement Project Delivery Costs
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	Create and Retain Affordable Housing Units Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	The program delivery costs enable the division to administer the home improvement program which is projected to benefit 15 households.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Projected to support home improvement projects for 15 households
	Location Description	Countywide (18 municipalities in the urban county)
	Planned Activities	Costs necessary to administer the home improvement program which is a foregiveable loan program. These costs include salaries of the loan advisor, cost estimator/inspector, lead based paint consultant, title search fees, mortgage recording fees, appraisals, loan servicing and loan collections.
46	Project Name	HESG Activities PY 2021
	Target Area	Essex Urban County
	Goals Supported	

Needs Addressed	Homelessness Prevention Chronic Homelessness Public Services Rapid-Rehousing
Funding	ESG: \$466,566
Description	
Target Date	5/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Street Outreach - Persons Shelter Operations Persons Homeless prevention Households Rapid ReHousing Households
Location Description	Essex County

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Street Outreach</p> <p>Bridges Outreach: \$14,000; 2214 persons. Project Connect day program and Street Outreach and Engagement program delivers case management, social services, and vocational activities.</p> <p>Salvation Army of Montclair: \$20,000; 50 persons. Provides shelter. Coordinates support services and programs</p> <p>Shelter Operations</p> <p>Covenant House: \$19,000; 287 persons. Provides residential and comprehensive support services to youth facing homelessness and trafficked youth</p> <p>Family Promise: 26,000; 36 persons. Provides emergency housing via network of 40 churches and synagogues in Essex County. Accepts referrals. Coordinates support services for housing, rent, employment, credit repair, health, counseling, transportation, and child care.</p> <p>Integrity Mary’s House: \$18,000; 24 adults. Emergency shelter for low-income men with disabilities. Tenants linked to services, including substance use disorder treatment, to help secure affordable housing.</p> <p>Integrity Women’s Supportive Housing: \$19,000; 43 women and children. Provides emergency shelter housing to women and women with children</p> <p>Isaiah House: \$20,000; 20 persons. 24hour shelter. Provides general assistance and three meals/day along with bedding and toiletries. Program Manager assesses family's needs and makes appropriate referrals</p> <p>Salvation Army of Montclair: \$20,000; 35 adults and 1 child. Cornerstone Shelter open all year from 6 am to 8 pm. Provides case management and employment assistance. Refer clients to community resource(s) for mental and physical health treatment, employment assistance, etc.</p> <p>Turning Point: \$15,000; 130 persons + 7 households. Facilitates person’s ability to be self-sufficient. Provides case management. Connects client with organizations to service needs and achieve future goals</p> <p>YMCA of Newark & Vicinity: \$85,000; 45 adults + 55 children. Provides emergency housing, case management, supportive services, food, referrals, rent assistance, and links to counseling.</p> <p>Homeless Prevention:</p>
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		<p>Salvation Army of Newark: \$9,500; 10 clients. The Salvation Army's Newark Area Services provides short term crisis resolution and stabilization plans to low-income Newark individuals/families</p> <p>St. James Social Service Corporation: \$14,000; 30 households. Provides housing relocation, stabilization services, and rent assistance.</p> <p>United Community Corp: \$10,000; 50 persons. Expanding HP program. Delivers needs assessment and provides rent/security deposits. Connects clients with landlords.</p> <p>YMCA of Newark: \$26,059 for 100 persons. Provides qualifying participants with financial assistance. Participants include single individuals and families. Provides emergency shelter placement, case management services, and access to permanent housing.</p> <p>Rapid Re-Housing:</p> <p>Family Promise: \$70,000; 36 persons. Provides financial assistance to qualifying families. Coordinates support services for housing, rent, employment, credit repair, medical issues, counseling, transportation, childcare, budget management, nutrition, etc.</p> <p>Salvation Army of Montclair: \$20,000; 20 persons and 10 families. Provides case management services, rent/mortgage assistance, security deposits, and utility deposits in order to promote housing stabilization.</p> <p>United Community Corp.; \$26,000; 50 clients. Rapid Rehousing activities cover rent financial assistance, intake/access, and housing search/placement services.</p> <p>Administration: \$34,992 representing 7.5% of allocation</p>
47	Project Name	HOME Investment Partnerships Program Affordable Housing Development
	Target Area	Essex County HOME Consortium
	Goals Supported	Create and Retain Affordable Housing Units Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$936,817
	Description	HOME funds will be used to subsidize affordable housing development in conjunction with other funding sources. Projects may consist of new rental construction, rental rehabilitation or first time homebuyer activities.

	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Based on anticipated Entitlement Funds of \$936,817, \$100,000 of which will be dedicated to replenishing the First Time Home Buyers Program, it is estimated that 12 units will be constructed or rehabilitated for low to very low income families and two to four First Time Home Buyers will receive direct financial assistance for their HOME purchases. Potential program Income of approximately \$111K is expected to support the construction/rehabilitation of 2 units.
	Location Description	Essex County Consortium (19 municipalities) plus, for special circumstances, projects located in East Orange, Irvington or Newark may be funded in conjunction with funding from those municipalities
	Planned Activities	Provide funding for the rehabilitation of existing units of housing and construction of new units of housing. Potential housing development includes affordable residential units, units and/or group homes for persons with disabilities, and senior housing. The County will also consider projects that support income eligible veterans and persons from the LGBT community
48	Project Name	HOME CHDO Reserve
	Target Area	Essex County HOME Consortium
	Goals Supported	Create and Retain Affordable Housing Units Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$187,364
	Description	Set aside 15% of HOME funds to eligible CHDOS for affordable housing development.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 3 units will be rehabilitated to house income eligible families and/or persons with disabilities using the available CHDO Reserve funds for PY 2021.
	Location Description	Essex County Consortium (19 municipalities) plus, for special circumstances, projects located in East Orange, Irvington or Newark may be funded in conjunction with funding from those municipalities
	Planned Activities	Provide HOME funds to eligible CHDOS for affordable housing development

49	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	Essex County HOME Consortium
	Goals Supported	Create and Retain Affordable Housing Units Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	:
	Description	Wages for staff who administer the HOME program. Set aside 10% of allocation.
	Target Date	5/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administer the HOME program including the application review process, underwriting and monitoring.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

The County consists of 22 municipalities of which 18 make up the composition of the Urban County aka the Essex County Consortium. Bloomfield, East Orange, Irvington and Newark receive Federal funds directly and are not part of the CDBG Consortium; Bloomfield does however partner with the Consortium for HOME funds.

The County does not focus on a specific geographic area but does invest in activities that serve low-income and minority concentrated areas throughout the county. A project utilizing the area benefit criteria must be located in a HUD defined low-moderate income block group. The most current data provided by HUD will be used. Funds are applied for by each municipality participating in the Urban County and subsequently scored by the Division of Housing & Community Development.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Essex County HOME Consortium	100
Essex Urban County	100

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All project applications reviewed by the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development for funding through the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs were consistent with the needs identified by the Urban County partner municipalities, Continuum of Care and HOME Consortium

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The County will utilize the resources of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs to support low-income households in the Urban County and HOME Consortium.

The HOME program will be used to provide subsidies to eligible affordable housing projects in the Essex County Consortium. Projects may consist of rental rehabilitation, new housing construction or first time homebuyer's assistance.

The CDBG program will be utilized to fund a homeowner rehabilitation program which will provide up to \$25,000 in assistance for necessary improvements to sustain affordable housing in the County.

ESG funds will support shelter operations for homeless persons and financial assistance for persons qualifying for Homeless Prevention or Rental ReHousing funds.

In addition to the PY 2021 allocations for these programs, the County anticipates that available ESG CV and CDBG CV funds will be drawn down to assist those who are struggling to cover housing costs as a result of the pandemic.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	2,954
Non-Homeless	296
Special-Needs	0
Total	3,250

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	296
The Production of New Units	16
Rehab of Existing Units	23
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	337

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

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The CDBG program will be utilized to fund a homeowner rehabilitation program which will provide up to \$25,000 in assistance for necessary improvements to sustain affordable housing in the County.

ESG funds will support shelter operations for homeless persons and financial assistance for persons qualifying for Homeless Prevention or Rental ReHousing funds.

The estimated households served is based on the amounts allocated for the PY 2021.

In addition to the PY 2021 allocations for these programs, the County anticipates that available ESG CV and CDBG CV funds will be drawn down to assist those who are struggling to cover housing costs as a result of the pandemic.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

The single Public Housing Authority in the County Consortium is the Orange Housing Authority.

.As noted in previous discussions with the Orange PHA, the creation of new public housing units will be an incremental process, due in part to funds availability and the time required to bring a project to completion. However, by working with private developers via tax credits and other financing mechanisms, more decent affordable housing can be developed

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

To increase the number of affordable housing units, the Orange PHA is committed to redeveloping non-performing and non-tax paying properties. The agency is also seeking to increase Section 8 lease up rates by marketing its' programs to building owners and landlords throughout the City.

Ongoing projects for the Orange Public Housing Authority, in conjunction with the Orange Housing Development Corporation, include the following:

Dr. Walter G. Alexander Village - Phase I and Phase II

The Orange Housing Authority in conjunction with the Orange Housing Development Corporation seek to redevelop the Walter G. Alexander public housing complex by providing safe and affordable homes for seniors and neighborhood families, while attracting new mixed income renters.

The Dr. Walter G. Alexander Village was originally a public housing complex built in 1952. This site is 3.8-acres, bounded by Central Place, Parrow Street, Wilson Place and Oakwood Avenue. The site now consists of 48 affordable housing units for seniors and 66 affordable housing family developments.

Dr. Walter G. Alexander Village - Phase III

Wilson Place and Parrow Street are the locations where WGA Village Phase III developments will be built. When completed there will be a total of 42 tax credit units available.

Oakwood Avenue Redevelopment Project

As an effort to rehabilitate the community surrounding the Dr. Walter G. Alexander Village, OHA has acquired several properties on Oakwood Avenue, which were vacant and dilapidated due to a fire that took place in 2011. The project is completed, there is a total of 28 homes for low income people.

Plans are underway to redevelop North Parrow Street. When completed there will be 20 – 30 town

homes available to families interested in purchasing a home in the city of Orange.

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

The Orange Public Housing Authority will promote the potential opportunity for enhanced quality of life and economic stability for those that participate in home ownership, and deliver supportive services that enhance the ability of residents to manage a home and family budget. The Agency is seeking to procure grants that will fund enhanced marketing activities and customer service operations.

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

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Division of Housing and Community Development is a member of the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS), which is a committee that oversees the Essex County Continuum of Care. The task of the CEAS and CoC is to identify homeless populations that meet HUD's definition of homelessness and also those who are imminently and potentially at risk of homelessness. Another task of the CoC and CEAS is to decide how funding sources and coordination is administered between the shelter providers, their funders, and their clients. Utilizing policies, procedures and governance guidelines these entities oversee the dissemination of funding of all sources and are the stewards of their own data on their populations. New Jersey has a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) that is managed by NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA); this system is the sole co-located source of data, and is reported on an annual basis directly back to HUD and the State of NJ.

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 CoC and the County utilize street outreach agencies and programs to ensure that the largest congregation locations by volume (Penn Station, Hospitals, welfare offices, etc.) are constantly canvassed, and that persons in need access relevant programs and services.

The County utilizes WAVE vans to conduct pickups at certain locations so that people can be transported to social service agencies at scheduled times for low or no cost.

In January the County conducts its Point in Time and Homeless Connect Day in order to provide an additional opportunity for people to voice their needs and access basic services on the spot.

The County and CoC utilize it's local HMIS system to analyze and prioritize agencies for funding and other resources by identifying those agencies who have measurably helped reduce homelessness throughout the County. These evidence based methods have shifted the focus of all funding opportunities to ensure that dollars are spent efficiently, and support collaborations that deliver effective outcomes for the homeless. Utilizing uniform assessment tools, the homeless can begin the process of ending their homelessness at a singular entry point for initial assessment and subsequent referral to an open bed or services. The NJHMIS system can then be updated and immediately a bed and/or case management appointment can be reserved and forwarded to the and should greatly improve outcomes.

All participating programs are required to have a component where they reach out and locate homeless

persons on their own throughout the year, or integrate with the Essex County Coordinated Assessment system to ensure that a homeless individual or family can be matched up with the applicable resources that the County has available.

The County's ESG program has a Street Outreach funding component, and currently the Salvation Army in Montclair is the Consortium ESG funded destination for those who need walk in services and shelter with no referral needed. The County plans to sustain Street Outreach activities with ESG funding. Currently the Street Outreach program also meshes with the Code Blue initiatives throughout the County, so that at the times of greatest need (i.e. the coldest days of the year) we can save lives and keep people safe from the harsh weather

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Essex County and the CoC currently fund shelters and transitional housing projects in the following ways: 1) Directly funding the per diem stays for the clients that need immediate and emergency sheltering at facilities all over the County, 2) Funding the administrative and/or case management expenditures at it pertains to ESG eligible costs, and 3) Through the rehabilitation of Shelters and Facilities

Based on an ongoing assessment of applications and outcomes, the County has identified case management and administrative activities as more efficient methodologies to achieve better outcomes, reduce days experienced being homeless, and eliminate the risk factors that create homelessness in the first place. Case Management is the driver in that initiative but is much more expensive to fund than the generic case manager/data entry position; however the ESG program can fund a variety of professional positions such as MSW, LSW and Clinical/Medical/Mental Health professionals. . Data shows that these efforts lead to more positive and permanent housing outcomes post sheltering, and also is a cost effective way to utilize services that are already funded through other sources and ensuring that we have no duplication of service or service delivery.

From a broader perspective, shelters and transitional locations receive walk-ins and assess their needs on the spot. This does not always lead to being entered into their own agency roster, as they will be referred out to the proper agency that can address their needs. The County also coordinates with partner agencies such as welfare offices, state and local funding sources, and even private non and for profit agencies and churches who also take homeless persons and families in. From there the County utilizes all of its funds, whether it's CDBG, WIB, Senior Services, etc in order to serve all of the needs of the client - not just sheltering. Data shows that these efforts lead to more positive and permanent housing outcomes post sheltering, and also is a cost effective way to utilize services that are already funded through other sources and ensuring that we have no duplication of service or service delivery.

It is noted that the County initiated plans during PY 2019 for addressing the needs of the homeless

caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. The impact of Covid was significant as shelters had to cut back capacity in order to inhibit the spread of the virus by hosting less people. Furthermore, economic hardships have caused more families to be insolvent and unable to afford safe and sanitary housing. As the pandemic is under control and eviction moratoriums are terminated, all parties are preparing for a rush of persons in dire financial straits seeking assistance. As a result we anticipate the need for ESG monies will be significantly increased during the coming program year.

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 CoC and the County have established relationships with institutions and systems of care and is formulating a coordinated assessment process that ensures that no matter where the point of origin may be that people and families are quickly assessed and then referred to the proper agency that can address their particular need. This streamlined process eliminates the daunting number of points of entry into the system and uniformly evolves the homeless management throughout the County into one that can address the needs of those most vulnerable in an expedient manner and without multiple referrals or confusion for the client. Representatives from each of these systems are members of our local CoC body (the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System or CEAS for short) to ensure that we are up to date on referral processes, coordination efforts, further brainstorming and policy creation and whatever needs are required to ensure that we do not miss any homeless individuals or families.

Coordinated Entry is critical in order to get the chronically homeless to the appropriate programs swiftly. The CoC also has a membership committee that is committed to have non grant funded community assets come to the table to assist where there may be a gap in expertise and experience dealing with these populations. The VA (Veterans Association) and DCP&P (formerly DFYS) both have contact persons in which come to meetings and also are available to help agencies and clients navigate through their own individual systems. The CoC also includes a Human Services Advisory Council to ensure that all services can be provided to our homeless individuals and families. Anyone who is running an ESG funded program is required to utilize any and all resources necessary in order to fully serve the client.

Once the individual or family is on their feet we have a network of affordable housing units and agencies, some funded internally through our HOME program and some in partnership with local PHA's and other federally, state or locally funded units (such as tax credit, etc). These projects often accept subsidies and vouchers if required, and in some instances have permanent support built into their programs and budgets. The County envisions utilizing the HOME funds along with the ESG funds in order

to create more options for affordable housing for those formerly or currently homeless.

Each ESG funded client must prepare a written plan outlining his/her path for a return to stability and permanent housing. Case managers within our programs work very closely with the clients to make sure that they do all of the necessary things so that they will be prevented from becoming homeless again.

In addition, the County loans HOME funds to non-profit developers who have created units for those with special needs as well as formerly homeless families. These non-profit affordable housing developers had helped identify housing needs in the County which were subsequently incorporated in the Strategic Plan and ultimately received funding for the development of affordable housing units

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.

As posted above, the CoC and the County has established relationships with institutions and systems of care and is formulating a coordinated assessment process that ensures that no matter where the point of origin may be that people and families are quickly assessed and then referred to the proper agency that can address their particular need. This streamlined process eliminates the daunting number of points of entry into the system and uniformly evolves the homeless management throughout the County into one that can address the needs of those most vulnerable in an expedient manner and without multiple referrals or confusion for the client. Representatives from each of these systems are members of our local CoC body (the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System or CEAS for short) to ensure that we are up to date on referral processes, coordination efforts, further brainstorming and policy creation and whatever needs are required to ensure that we do not miss any homeless individuals or families.

The CoC and ESG program do interact with certain agencies that are better equipped to deal with the more difficult to serve populations and the CoC overall reaches every one of those subcategories through one of its programs, including organizations that shelter and consult those associated with LGBT, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, aging out of Foster Care, and fleeing from Domestic Abuse.

The CoC and the County also work closely with Welfare, DCP&P, the VA, Medical Care Providers, Foster Care/Halfway Houses, Jails and Prisons, etc. The CoC constantly is identifying gaps in service and

constantly reaches out to stakeholders within the community to ensure that we have their involvement..

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

In general, the County will continue to contribute its experiences and observations regarding affordable housing to agencies and organizations that manage and/or impact public policy for affordable housing. We will also be aggressive in supporting affordable housing projects in municipalities that have not participated in affordable housing projects in the past.

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

The County will assist in addressing any issues that may arise between local municipalities, developers and citizens. More specifically, the County will work with towns and developers/owners/service agencies to ensure that property tax obligations and other property costs are reasonable and that residents have access to affordable housing.

The county will continue to support non-profit agencies affiliated with fair housing and other housing issues, including NJ Citizens' Action which investigates fair housing allegations, provides financial counseling and provides mortgage modification assistance to homeowners.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Essex County is an urban county with a diverse population consisting of aging infrastructure, high living costs and great social service needs. And all these issues have been intensified due to the pandemic. CDBG, HOME and ESG programs will help address the burden on local governments to address the needs of local communities and citizens struggling with an uncertain social and financial future in the future due to the pandemic. Despite the significant allocation of covid related federal funds, Sustainable resources will be needed to alleviate the burden on County and local governments to provide services. Although, CDBG, HOME and ESG cannot solve all community development problems, they have a positive impact in addressing housing issues and contribute to an improved quality of life for its residents.

These programs also leverage local resources with federal grants that improve neighborhoods and indirectly stimulate the economic vitality of a community

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the underfunding of programs and staff personnel. There is a lack of staff resources both at the County and local level to identify needs and potential resources that match up, to package potential projects for consideration, execute the projects, and then monitor the sub recipient after project completion. To enhance efficiency and productivity, the County has licensed software to digitize the application and voucher process for all our programs, including the new Covid related programs.

We also adjust to tax policy changes, such as the Tax and Jobs Act of 2017 that diminished incentives for tax credit investors who were the primary funding mechanism for larger affordable housing projects.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

1. Continue to promote housing programs to local municipalities, service agencies and developers
2. Promote the Affordable Housing Trust Fund program and encourage developers to access these funds as well as inform the community about this new resource
3. Encourage municipalities to consider projects that can be partially financed with HOME funds

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

1. Continue to require that lead based paint issues be identified and remediated before a project is

completed.

2. When applicable, utilize the Home Improvement Program to assist eligible home owners to remediate lead based paint issues

3, The County has contracted with a lead inspector to conduct inspections for the existence of lead paint hazards in all assisted housing units. Lead Safe work practices were used on all assisted housing rehabilitation projects. Upon completion of a project, the lead inspector conducts an assessment and issues a clearance report. If a home did not pass inspection, the contractor is responsible for addressing all issues and is not paid until the home passes inspection. All risk assessments and clearance are conducted by the hired lead inspectors.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County will continue to communicate with active housing and service agencies, as well as recruit new agencies that may not be fully aware yet of our programs, via workshops, community meetings, newspaper advertisement, etc. We will also interact with local officials to assess where we may be able to help in their development plans.

The agencies referenced above provide a wide range of services to County residents. The services range from after school programs designed to increase learning aptitude, recreational programs, mental health services, food pantries, HIV testing and counseling for victims of domestic violence to name a few. The anti-poverty initiatives of the Urban County towns include financial literacy and homebuyer counseling services. The county utilizes its ESG program to fund non-profit agencies to address homelessness in the county. The funding of homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs has contributed to the reduction of poverty-level families through the provision of stable housing. Agencies such as Newark YMCA work closely with poverty level families to provide case management services for long term solutions to prevent future homelessness as well as support services to ultimately achieve housing/economic stability and increased skills and education. We also support various agencies that provide job counseling services that help women achieve economic empowerment through job skills training and other mentoring activities.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Essex County as an urban county, is well positioned to coordinate the work of public, private, and non-profit organizations through which it will carry out the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Essex County is the lead agency responsible for overseeing the development of the plan for the Essex County Urban County Consortium.

The Essex County Urban County Consortium presently includes 18 participating municipalities. The Essex County HOME Consortium, as of 2019, includes 19 participating municipalities. Together, these cities, villages, boroughs and towns along with various departments in Essex County will be the major

public agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the Consolidated Plan.

The Division of Housing & Community Development will continue to work with County non-profit organizations to promote and educate the community on a myriad of community issues such as affordable housing, social services and poverty. The Division will foster coordination among all stakeholders to pursue solutions to the needs of the communities, which it serves.

The Division of Housing & Community Development will also continue to participate in the CEAS committee to coordinate efforts to address the needs of the homeless. The County will continue to organize workgroups as needed to address different projects.

Private non-profit agencies that help to carry out the Annual Plan are typically selected as sub-recipients through an application process.

The program is overseen by the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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

The County in an effort to coordinate with public and private housing agencies has increased its outreach efforts. Previously, the County advertised its programs in the Star Ledger, local newspapers and the County website. The County has expanded its marketing to include advertising funding opportunities through the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey. The Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey is an organization that non-profit developers access information on affordable housing, legislation and funding opportunities. The County also has attended homeownership seminars sponsored by the NJHMFA to promote its programs.

The County holds monthly community development meetings, public hearings as well as annual technical assistance workshops that serve to educate as well to offer opportunities for coordination among funding agencies including housing developers and social service agencies.

The County is actively involved with the Essex County CEAS, which administers the Continuum of Care. The CEAS holds monthly meetings attended by social service agencies who provide critical services to homeless populations in the County.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

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.

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	262,030
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:	262,030

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.	100.00%

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:

N/A

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:

Essex County will provide a deferred payment loan to assist homebuyers to purchase eligible properties through a First Time Home Buyer's program. The homebuyer's loan is due if the buyer (1) sells and/or transfers title to the property to a person other than the Borrower and their spouse or partner, (2) upon the buyers ceasing to use the property as their primary residence, (3) upon buyers default under any terms of the Loan Agreement, Mortgage, Promissory Note and/or Deed Restriction or (4) upon buyers death within (15) fifteen years or the duration of the required affordability period. In compliance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A), the County will limit the actual amount recaptured from homebuyers to net proceeds. Per 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A), the County will seek to recapture the entire amount of the HOME investment that directly subsidized the homeowner to purchase the property, including but not restricted to down payment assistance or closing costs, but limit the actual amount recaptured from the homebuyer to no more than net proceeds from a sale of the property (net proceeds = the sales price minus superior loan repayments and any closing costs.) This policy applies to all HOME recapture transactions, including those involving legal documents executed prior to adoption of this policy and specifying that the entire HOME investment will be re-captured.

For all Homebuyer activities completed with HOME funds, a deed restriction in the following form shall be incorporated in the Deed or other Deed Restriction Covenant to be recorded, and on the loan agreement upon acquisition of the subject premises:

"The grantee hereunder does acknowledge that the cost of acquisition of the property has been satisfied in part out of the proceeds of a certain loan from the County of Essex under the Federal HOME program and that the premises shall be subject to the affordability requirements contained in 24 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 92. The provisions thereof may be enforced by the County of Essex by an action for specific performance, foreclosure of mortgage or suit on the promissory note, mortgage filed in a Court having jurisdiction. The premises to be acquired shall be subject to the specific provisions of the Loan Agreement dated (Closing Date), the Mortgage, the Promissory Note and for affordability contained in 24 CFR 92.504 for a period of fifteen years from the date of acquisition for the property by the Borrower."

The Deed restriction placed by the Lender on the property shall terminate upon foreclosure, or transfer in lieu of foreclosure by the First Mortgage. The amount provided in this loan will be paid from the net proceeds of sale of the property, subject to the terms and conditions herein including expressly the provisions and terms of the HOME program and the regulations thereunder 24 CFR

Part 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1).

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:

In addition to the First Time Home Buyer program, the County funds developer initiated projects for public, nonprofit and for-profit developers who provide affordable housing opportunities to income eligible households via new construction and/or the acquisition/rehabilitation of existing residential properties. For example, a service agency may acquire a property to provide rental units for persons with disabilities, or a developer may develop and sell a home to an eligible buyer at an affordable price. For these projects, the County will exercise a recapture provision with the developer and/or the final homeowner to ensure the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds.

The acquisition loan for the Borrower would be due and payable prior to the expiration of the Affordability Period or any change in use of the HOME assisted units as defined in the Loan Agreement; a sale or title transfer of the property by the Borrower; a failure by the Borrower to be in compliance with HOME requirements; or upon any specified condition for default.

In compliance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A), the County will seek to recapture the entire amount of the HOME investment that directly subsidized the homeowner to purchase the property, including but not restricted to down payment assistance or closing costs, but limit the actual amount recaptured from the homebuyer to no more than net proceeds from a sale of the property (net proceeds = the sales price minus superior loan repayments and any closing costs.) In addition, the County would allow the homebuyer to recover his/her down payment and capital improvements made after the home purchase before recapturing the HOME investment.

For a developer initiated project involving the acquisition of a property using HOME funds, a deed restriction that includes language similar to that presented below would be referenced in the loan agreement and recorded as part of the Deed or a separate instrument upon acquisition of the subject premises: "The grantee hereunder does acknowledge that the cost of acquisition of the property has been satisfied in part out of the proceeds of a certain loan from the County of Essex under the Federal HOME program and that the premises shall be subject to the affordability requirements contained in 24 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 92. The Affordability Period will be 20 years, and will be enforced through a Deed Restriction that runs with the land to be executed by the Borrower. The Affordability Period will not commence until a Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) and a project completion report has been submitted by the Borrower to the Lender, and the Project has met the requirements for Project Completion outlined in 24 CFR 92.2, which will require that the property acquisition be executed; all HOME funds have been disbursed by the County and drawn from the US Treasury; the project site is fully leased up; and required completion data has been entered in HUD's IDIS system. The County will notify Borrower of the actual date of completion and the exact date of the expiration of the Affordability Period, which shall be calculated based on the

date of completion. If necessary, the Borrower shall execute an amendment to the deed or corrective deed that extends the affordability restrictions of 24 CFR 92.252 to the exact date of expiration of the Affordability Period. The Affordability Period shall remain in force despite any prepayment of this Loan. The provisions thereof may be enforced by the County of Essex by an action under the Mortgage in foreclosure, Mortgage Note, the Developer's Written Agreement, or this Loan Agreement for acceleration of the loan as provided in paragraph 4 of the Loan Agreement. The HOME-assisted units must be occupied by an Income Eligible Household tenant within 18 months of the project completion date."

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:

N/A

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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

See attached policy manual

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.
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).
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.
5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

