

PROGRAM YEAR 2021
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

January 20, 2022
Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development
20 Crestmont Road
Verona, NJ 07044
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

To all interested agencies, groups and persons: On or about January 28, 2022 the County of Essex proposes to submit a request to the the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of \$3,166,500 in PY 2021 federal CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (P.L. 98-181) to be used for the following projects:

TOWNS/ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
<u>Belleville</u> Water main relining & valve replacements for roads in CT 147, including Newark Ave, Rocco Street, Cuozzo Street, Brighton Ave, Watsessing Ave, Kimball Street, Forest Ave and Highland Ave	\$335,000
<u>Fairfield</u> ADA compliant sidewalk construction – Beverly Road from Mayhew to Woodland Road	\$ 47,000
<u>Glen Ridge</u> ADA street ramp and sidewalk Improvements at various intersections along Mitchell Place, Ardsley Road and Columbus Ave	\$ 39,000
<u>Maplewood</u> ADA Compliant Curb Cuts along Harding Street, Schaefer Road, Field Road, Tuscan Street, Hilton Ave, Concord Ave, Salter Place, Oakland Road, Academy Street, Kensington Terrace, Valley Street, Oakview Ave, Baker Street and Beach Place	\$193,000
<u>Millburn</u> Barrier Free Curb Cuts in Glenwood Section along Woodland Road, Baltusrol Way, and Pine Terrace East	\$ 35,000
<u>Montclair</u> ADA compliant public restroom and accessibility for Valley Road fire house located at 588 Valley Road	\$70,000
<u>Montclair</u> Reconstruction of Hartley Street from Bloomfield Ave to Washington Street Paving, milling, curbing, sidewalks, driveway aprons, stormwater grates	\$133,000
<u>Roseland</u> ADA compliant accessibility improvements to Tedesco Park (62 Cooper Ave)	\$28,500

<u>Nutley</u>	
Reconstruction, milling and resurfacing of King St from Union Ave to Belleville border	\$203,000
<u>Orange</u>	
Reconstruction of Ward Street. Milling, paving, minor streetscape improvements	\$286,000
<u>South Orange</u>	
Public Library ADA Improvements (public restroom, door entry) - 65 Scotland Road	\$105,000
<u>Verona</u>	
ADA accessible ramps for various intersections along Newman Ave, Wedgewood, Fairview Ave, Mountain Ave; Afterglow Ave; Afterglow Way and Ravine Road	\$90,000
<u>West Orange</u>	
Reconstruction of Kingsley Street. Milling, resurfacing, ADA ramps, curbs, sidewalks	\$108,000
<u>West Orange</u>	
Reconstruction of Wheeler Street and water main, ADA compliant curb ramps, milling, resurfacing, sidewalks, driveway aprons	\$201,000
<u>Essex County DPW</u>	
Reconstruction of County road - South Orange Ave from Speedway Ave to Stuyvesant Ave in Newark. Milling, paving, sidewalk, curbs, ADA improvements, drainage	\$1,200,000
<u>Montclair Shared Housing Association (27 Hillside Ave, Montclair)</u>	\$8,000
Reconstruction of patio for senior housing center	
<u>Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network (570 Belleville Ave, Belleville)</u>	\$35,000
Rehabilitation of roof	
<u>Wynona's House (185 Washington St, Newark)</u>	
Rehabilitation of masonry to mitigate water intrusion	\$50,000
TOTAL	3,166,500

The activities proposed alternative #1: are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are on file at the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development, 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, New Jersey 07044 and are available for public examination and copying upon request during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

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

satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and related laws and authorities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on these projects may submit written comments to Division of Housing & Community Development. All comments received by December 8, 2021 will be considered by the Division of Housing & Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

JOSEPH N. DI VINCENZO, JR.

County Executive

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