

ESSEX COUNTY
DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

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In accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the Emergency Solutions Grant - CV (ESG - CV) Program, the County of Essex hereby notifies the public of its intent to amend its PY 2019 action plan to reflect an update in the proposed uses of ESG - CV funds. By regulation, ESG - CV funds are not subject to consultation or citizen participation requirements but amendments to the use of the funds must be published on the Internet or the appropriate Government website. This notice meets this obligation as it is being published on the Essex County website.

On March 27, 2020 the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to assist communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to HUD's CPD programs, including total ESG-CV funding of \$4,548,624, of which \$4,093,965 was originally set aside for various Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing rental assistance activities and the balance for Administrative costs. In July 2021, the County announced that \$500,000 from Homeless Prevention and \$500,000 from Rapid Rehousing was reallocated for Emergency Shelter Operations (\$900,000) and Street Outreach (\$100,000) to assist shelters impacted by the Covid pandemic while delivering services and shelter to homeless persons. In March 2022, \$682,284 of funds were returned to HUD based on defined expenditure amounts that were not achieved, due primarily to a lower than expected demand for rental assistance funds resulting from eviction moratoriums and the availability of ERAP funding. As a result, the County's ESG CV budget for Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention activities were subsequently reduced by \$614,055 and administrative funds were cut by \$68,229. On June 16, 2022, HUD recaptured an additional \$1,177,169.09 of ESG CV funds (difference between 50% of authorized ESG CV funds less the amount of ESG CV funds expended by a second expenditure deadline of June 16). As of June 16, 2022, the County had expended ESG CV funds of \$755,996. The County's appeal to postpone this action based on projected expenditures was not approved. To compensate for the recapture of funds, the County depleted 100% of unobligated funds and reduced all obligated activities in an amount proportional to the unexpended balances of those activities. A summary of the ESG CV funding after the first and second recapture of funds is as follows:

Rapid ReHousing	\$ 1,392,733
Homeless Prevention	\$ 175,575
Street Outreach	\$ 80,000
Shelter Operations	\$ 771,940
Admin	\$ 268,913
 Total	 \$2,689,161

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