

ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS
COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC HEARING ON A
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PY 2022 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the County of Essex hereby notifies the public of its intent to amend its **PY 2022** One Year Action Plan. Citizens of Essex County are invited to attend a public hearing on June 12, 2023 at 5:00 PM. This hearing will offer citizens the opportunity to assist in the review of the amendment proposed by the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development prior to submission of the amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or after June 24, 2023. The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
DATE: June 12, 2023
PLACE: County of Essex, Division of Housing & Community Development
20 Crestmont Road, Verona, New Jersey 07044

The Division of Housing & Community Development will be accepting public comments for a period of thirty (30) days beginning May 24, 2023 and concluding June 23, 2023. There are two ways to participate:

1. Present comments at the June 12, 2023 public hearing
2. Send written comments to 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, NJ 07044 Attn: Toni Rodriguez or via email to trodriguez@hcd.essexcountynj.org

All program and project records are available for inspection at the Division of Housing & Community Development, 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, New Jersey during the office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Interested citizens should contact the Division at (973) 655-0200. Anyone who requires special modifications when attending the meeting, or who needs translation assistance, or requires this information in an alternative format because of a disability, contact Toni Rodriguez at (973) 655-0200 or at trodriguez@hcd.essexcountynj.org. Requests must be submitted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to make the appropriate arrangements.

The proposed substantial amendment to the PY 2022 One Year Action Plan is as follows:

For PY 2022, the Township of South Orange was awarded \$100,000 for ADA improvements to the front entrance of the Monella Center at 133 Fairview Avenue, South Orange. In conjunction with this activity, the Township planned for the installation of an ADA accessible elevator that would be funded by a \$128,000 grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs and \$72,000 in capital funds from the Township based on preliminary estimates in May 2022. However, the current estimate for the elevator installation is expected to be up to \$100,000 higher than the original projected cost of \$200,000. To address this increase, the Township requests that the project scope as defined in the current contract be changed to installing the elevator and the PY 2022 CDBG award amount of \$100,000 be reallocated for the elevator installation, which is expected to be completed during the fall of 2023.

The Township notes that postponing the proposed improvements to the front entrance will not negatively impact ADA accessibility to the facility because the Township recently completed ADA improvements to the parking lot and rear entrance, which is utilized by most residents when visiting the site.

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County Executive

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