

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 2024 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 2024** One Year Action Plan. Citizens of Essex County are invited to attend a public hearing on May 19, 2025, 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 1, 2025. The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

TIME: 5:00 P.M. DATE: May 19, 2025

PLACE: County of Essex, Division of Housing & Community Development

20 Crestmont Road, Verona, New Jersey 07044

The Division of Housing & Community Development will accept public comments for a period of thirty (30) days beginning May 1, 2025, and concluding May 31, 2025. There are two ways to participate:

- 1. Present comments at the May 19, 2025, 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, should 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 amendments to the PY 2024 One Year Action Plan are as follows:

Township of Verona was previously awarded PY 2024 CDBG funds of \$40,000 for ADA accessibility improvements to the Verona Community Center and Town Hall buildings. At this time, the Township is requesting a change of scope for this award such that these funds would be reallocated for carrying out ADA accessibility improvements to Everett Field, which is located at 209 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, thereby enabling the Township to cover higher than expected costs for the proposed Everett Field activity.

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