

PUBLIC NOTICE

Gloucester County, NJ

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Department of Public Works, Planning Division
Office of Housing and Community Development

Notice of Availability of 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan
And Substantial Amendment to 2019 Annual Action Plan
5 Day Comment Period

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gloucester County will hold a **VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING** and **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** to receive citizens' comments on the following:

- * Five Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Year One Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs.
- * First Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to program \$804,857 in CARES ACT CDBG-CV funds.

These plans are available to the public for review at the Gloucester County Office of Housing and Community Development, 1200 N. Delsea Drive, Building "E" Clayton, NJ or at the County web site: www.co.gloucester.nj.us/depts/p/pw/planning/hcdev/.

Due to Governor Murphy's Executive Order on March 21, 2020 prohibiting social gatherings and ordering residents to stay at home, and the current federal and state guidelines regarding social distancing, the County will be conducting its public hearings using an online meeting tool. These virtual public hearings will include a robust presentation of information and permit members of the public to provide feedback and comments. Two virtual public hearings will be held on July 6, 2020 at 2PM and 5PM. Interested parties can access the meeting through a weblink found at the County Housing & Community Development website: <http://www.co.gloucester.nj.us/depts/p/pw/planning/hcdev/>. To facilitate participation by persons with special needs, please contact the Office of Housing and Community Development to make arrangements at (856) 307-6664.

Given the need to expedite actions to respond to COVID-19, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 91.115(c)(2) and (i) provided that no less than 5 days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. The public is invited to address written comments by email to cvelazquez@co.gloucester.nj.us as well as live during the virtual meeting. All comments received by July 6, 2020 will be considered.

SUMMARY OF FIRST YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Community Development Block Program:	\$1,368,184
Administration	\$273,637
Public Services	\$200,000
Municipal Projects	\$518,077
Housing Rehabilitation	\$256,245
Project Delivery	\$120,225
Anticipated Program Income	\$65,000
HOME Investment Partnership Program	\$601,945
Administration	\$60,195
Homebuyer Assistance	\$50,000
Housing Rehabilitation	\$193,750
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$108,000
Affordable Housing Development	\$ 190,000

Substantial Amendment of Program Year 2019 Budget

The County of Gloucester will designate the \$804,857 award of CDBG-CV funds accordingly until and if further notices are received to the following services:

ALLOCATION OF CDBG-CV FUNDS

CDBG-CV Funding

Distribution to Activities	Amount	Maximum Grant	Number of Grants
Assistance to Businesses	\$100,000	\$5,000	20
Public Services	\$674,857	\$10,000-\$50,000	8-10
Administration	\$30,000	N/A	38
Total Funding	\$804,857		

L/M = Low and Moderate-Income People, UR = Urgent Need

On Wednesday, July 8, 2020, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders will consider adoption of a Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds for 2020 and additional CARES Act CDBG-CV funds and authorize, by resolution, submittal of the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and First Year Action Plan and the Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before July 15, 2020.

POLICY ON DISCRIMINATION

The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations against discrimination in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, and activities. In addition, County encourages participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the County's ADA Coordinator at (856) 384-6842/ New Jersey Relay Service 711.

BY ORDER OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Robert M. Damming, Freeholder Director

Heather Simmons, Freeholder Liaison

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