

**PROGRAM YEAR 2011  
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND**

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS**

October 20, 2010  
Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development  
20 Crestmont Road  
Verona, NJ 07044  
(973) 655-0200

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Division of Housing & Community Development.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

To all interested agencies, groups and persons: On or about November 4, 2011 the County of Essex proposes to request from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the release of \$3,826,718 in federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1983 (P.L. 98-181), the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 to be used for the following projects:

**TOWNS/ACTIVITIES**

	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<u>Belleville</u>	
Belleville Track and Field Facility (Nolton St.)	\$410,000
<u>Caldwell</u>	
Reconstruction of Grove Street	\$70,900
<u>Cedar Grove</u>	
Reconstruction of Marley Avenue	\$88,125
<u>Fairfield</u>	
ADA Pedestrian Improvements to Hollywood Ave	\$73,765
<u>Glen Ridge</u>	
ADA Street Ramp Improvements to Various Streets	\$50,000
<u>Livingston</u>	
ADA Improvements Monmouth Court Community Center (26 Monmouth Ct.)	\$62,000
<u>Maplewood</u>	
ADA Improvements to Civil House Maplewood Memorial Park	\$129,860
<u>Millburn</u>	
Barrier Free Improvements – Short Hills Train Station (15 Chatham Rd.)	\$ 60,000
<u>Montclair</u>	
Neighborhood Childcare Center – Leasehold Improvements (11 Pine St.)	\$150,000
Bay Street Parking Facility Improvements	\$ 41,650
<u>Nutley</u>	
Edgar Place Reconstruction	\$149,533
Vreeland Ave. Reconstruction	\$ 66,544

Orange

Center Street Roadway Reconstruction	\$447,116
<u>Roseland</u>	
ADA Improvement to Municipal Restrooms (140 Eagle Rock Ave.)	\$ 60,500
<u>South Orange</u>	
South Orange Performing Arts Center (One SOPAC Way)	\$156,160
<u>Verona</u>	
Bloomfield Ave. Streetscape Improvements Phase VIII (Park Ave. to Elmwood Rd.)	\$121,993
<u>West Caldwell</u>	
ADA Pedestrian Curb Ramps to Various Streets	\$62,780
<u>West Orange</u>	
Valley Settlement House – Roof Replacement (33-41 Tompkins St.)	\$ 12,000
Downtown Streetscape Planters (SID District)	\$ 20,000
Seward Street Reconstruction	\$ 69,000
Edisonia Terrace Reconstruction	\$ 98,000
Shepard Terrace Reconstruction	\$ 100,000
William Street Reconstruction	\$ 70,000
Cherry Street Reconstruction	\$ 32,000
<u>Countywide</u>	
Home Improvement Program-Homeowner Rehab (Countywide)	\$824,902
First Cerebral Palsy Of New Jersey – School Foundation Repair (7 Sanford Ave., Belleville)	\$200,000
Clara Maass Medical Center – Cancer Center Reconstruction (One Clara Maass Drive, Belleville)	\$ 60,000
Family Connections – Client Kitchen Renovation (395 Centre St., Orange)	\$ 23,550
JCC Metrowest – Maurice Levin Theater ADA Improvements (760 Northfield Ave., West Orange)	\$ 10,000
Northwest Essex Comm. Healthcare Network – Window Replacement (570 Belleville Ave., Belleville)	\$ 34,400
Wynona’s House – Flooring Repairs & Renovations (185 Washington Ave., Newark)	\$ 72,000

In addition to the Community Development Program, the County of Essex proposes to request from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the release of \$1,172,312 in federal funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnership Program or HOME Program to be used for the following projects:

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<u>Countywide</u>	
Affordable Housing Development Program Rehabilitation (Moderate & Substantial)	\$1,143,584
Rental Housing Production (CHDO Reserve)	\$ 228,728

Lastly, the County of Essex also proposes to request from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the release of \$158,400 in federal funds under Title 4 of the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to be used for the following projects:

**ACTIVITY****AMOUNT**Countywide

Apostles' House Roof Replacement- 24 Grant St., Newark	\$ 38,400
Newark YWCA Shelter Expansion – 600 Broad St., Newark	\$ 80,000
United Community Corp.- Homeless Shelter Elevator 31 Fulton St., Newark	\$ 40,000

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Under the regulations pursuant to this act, the County has conducted environmental reviews of these activities, and has determined that a request of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment. Therefore, the County of Essex will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for applicant's decision is essentially that the projects will provide vitally needed facilities and supportive services without significantly affecting in any adverse way the quality of the environment and impacts will be almost entirely beneficial to the human environment.

An Environmental Review Record, with respect to the above Countywide rehabilitation projects has been documented and sets forth reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental review records 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 4:00 p.m., please note an appointment is required and copy requests are subject to all requirements of the Open Public Records Act.

All projects designated as Countywide by the County of Essex will undertake a “two tiered environmental review process” per section 58.15 of HUD’s 24 CFR Part 58 regulations. The first review will be a non-site specific, area-wide review. The second review will be supplemental to the area-wide review and will be site specific once project location is determined. If SHPO or other agencies have conditions for the County to satisfy, funds cannot be expended until these conditions are satisfied and if cannot be satisfied, the site must be abandoned and a new site location explored.

No further environmental review of such projects is proposed prior to the request for release of federal funds. The Request for Release of Funds will be submitted to HUD Newark Office by November 4, 2011.

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 and ESG Program Funds from the Title 4 of the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. 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 responsibility 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 2010 Consolidated Annual Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Please be advised the combination of these notices is intended to meet two separate procedural requirements. Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Division of Housing & Community Development. All comments received by November 3, 2011 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.

All interested persons wishing to submit written comment on the Finding of No Significant Impact are invited to submit written comment for consideration by the County of Essex, Division of Housing and Community Development, 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, New Jersey 07044 on or before November 3, 2011.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept an objection 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) and shall be addressed to the HUD grant administration office at One Newark Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Potential objectors should contact HUD 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.

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