

## **2010-2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN/2010 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) OBJECTIVES & PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS**

On June 1, 2010 the County of Essex will enter its 34th year in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The County proposes to fund the following activities totaling \$6,244,309 (excluding program income derived from the Revolving Loan Programs), with the projected 2010 entitlement of \$6,244,309.

The goal of the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Program is to enhance the development of viable communities by assisting in the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low to moderate income. The proposed programs are designed to meet the following objectives:

- To reconstruct, replace, rehabilitate, acquire or construct facilities including street, water, sewer, fire protection, recreational, parking, neighborhood center and barrier-free facilities. (See Categories II & IV)
- To eliminate conditions detrimental to health, safety and public welfare.  
- (See Categories I, II & IV)
- To conserve and expand the County's housing stock. (See Category I)
- To assist in the provision of counseling, education, recreation and related public services. (See Categories I & V)
- To assist in the conservation, expansion and construction of commercial and industrial facilities. (See Category III)

Listed below are the proposed activities for 2010. The activities are divided by project type and municipality. Numbers are rounded to the nearest dollar. The total of programmed funds and percentage of the total grant benefiting low to moderate income persons (including planning and management, administration and contingencies) is provided under the Program Information section.

#### **I - HOUSING REHABILITATION/COUNSELING**

These activities provide for the rehabilitation, stabilization and preservation of the housing stock, particularly that occupied by low and moderate-income people. Additionally, these activities prevent the spread of deterioration by improving homes and counseling tenants on their rights and responsibilities. This year \$946,431 of CDBG funds will be requested for the following:

Home Improvement Program	\$833,431
Tenant Resource Center	\$113,000

## II FACILITIES

Funds provided in this category serve to eliminate and prevent unsafe and/or unhealthy conditions in neighborhood facilities throughout the County. In addition, funds are provided to the facilities for expansion and/or rehabilitation projects. These facilities are either located in and/or utilized by persons, the majority of whom are low and moderate income. This year \$ 1,571,371 has been recommended to assist communities in the preservation and rehabilitation of the following facilities:

### Belleville

Friendly House Reconstruction	\$476,000
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### Cedar Grove

Barrier Free Improvements to Town Hall	\$32,200
Barrier Free Improvements to Bathrooms at Community Pool	\$63,250

### Livingston

Barrier Free Improvements to Livingston High School	\$12,000
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### Maplewood

Barrier Free Improvements to Memorial Library Entrance	\$151,000
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### Montclair

American Legion-Install Fire Suppression System	\$10,000
Trinity Presbyterian Computer Learning Center Door Installation	\$ 1,500

### Nutley

The Nutley Museum Barrier Free Entrance & Bathroom	\$60,000
Nutley Family Service Bureau Barrier Free Improvements	\$54,540

### Orange

YWCA Roof Replacement	\$169,000
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### South Orange

South Orange Performing Arts Center	\$174,000
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### West Caldwell

Barrier Free Improvements to Westville Community Pool	\$ 73,000
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### Countywide

COPE Center, Inc. - Parking Lot Drainage	\$ 42,250
Family Connections – Window Replacement	\$ 31,063
First Occupational Center of NJ – Repair Sidewalks & Steps	\$ 27,618

FOCUS-HVAC Renovation	\$ 30,000
Hopewell Urban Renewal Corp.-Building Rehabilitation	\$ 15,000
Integrity Inc. – Barrier Free Entrance for outpatient program	\$ 15,000
JESPY House, Inc. – Mitchell House Replacement of Windows	\$ 8,250
JESPY House, Inc. – Mitchell House Painting	\$ 10,700
Northwest Essex Community Healthcare – Replacement Windows	\$ 40,000
Wynona’s House – Flooring Installation	\$ 75,000

### **III PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

Funds provided under this category are used to replace, rehabilitate or reconstruct streets, sewers, drainage systems, roads, curbs, and sidewalks. This year \$1,662,007 is being recommended for the following:

#### Caldwell

Reconstruction of Oak Grove Road	\$ 82,450
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#### Fairfield

Reconstruction of Ray Place	\$ 100,000
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#### Glen Ridge

ADA Street Ramp Improvements	\$ 58,200
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#### Montclair

Traffic Signal Installation at Elm Street & Washington Street	\$237,595
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#### Nutley

Reconstruction of Hillside Crescent	\$136,712
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#### Orange

Reconstruction of Various Streets	\$325,000
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#### Verona

Reconstruction of Brookdale Avenue	\$160,050
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#### West Orange

Reconstruction of Cary Street & Glebe Street	\$ 50,000
Reconstruction of Franklin Avenue	\$387,000

#### Countywide

Clara Maass Medical Ctr. Foundation – Reconstruct Magnolia St.	\$125,000
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### **IV PUBLIC SERVICES**

All funds provided under the Public Service category would assist in providing counseling, drug treatment services, educational programs, recreational programs and

other supportive services for elderly, handicapped, youth and other low/moderate income persons throughout the County. This year \$816,500 has been recommended for the following areas:

Livingston

ADA Bus for Senior Citizens' Program \$ 60,000

Montclair

MNDC OASIS Youth Program \$ 45,000

MNDC Community Adult School \$ 28,000

Neighborhood Childcare Center \$ 50,000

Hollow Day Care \$ 8,000

Interfaith Hospitality Network – Transitional Housing Svcs. \$ 34,000

Bluewave Community Center – After School Education \$ 16,000

United Way of North Essex – Family Success Center \$ 20,000

COPE Center – Client Care \$ 35,000

Orange

Youth Recreation Van \$ 22,500

Helping Hands & Ears – Food Pantry \$ 30,000

Main Street Counseling Center – Mental Health Center \$ 30,000

Horizon Community Development – Substance Abuse Counseling \$ 30,000

West Orange

Bethany Center \$ 65,000

Main Street Counseling Center – Mental Health Counseling \$ 20,000

Countywide

ARC of Essex Disabilities Staffing Services \$ 9,000

Brand New Day – Foreclosure Prevention \$ 10,000

1<sup>st</sup> Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey \$ 10,000

EIES of New Jersey – Radio Reader \$ 10,000

Family Service League – Essex County Rape Care Center \$ 10,000

First Occupational Center of New Jersey – Vocational Training \$ 25,000

Ironbound Soccer Club – Player Training Program \$ 5,000

Jewish Family Service of Metrowest – Services to Frail Adults \$ 6,500

Just One Neighborhood Program – Soccer Program \$ 5,000

Mental Health Association – Vehicle Replacement \$ 9,500

New Community Corp – Development Department Support \$ 15,000

North Ward Center – Casa Israel Senior Center \$ 75,000

Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network – Services \$ 59,000

Opportunity Project – Pre-vocational Training & Work Adjustment \$ 10,000

Partnership for a Better Tomorrow –Homeowner Preservation Education \$ 25,000

Planned Parenthood-HIV Counseling & Testing \$ 6,000

Weequahic Park Association, Inc.- Center for Environmental Studies \$ 5,000

Wynona's House-Multidisciplinary Team & Victim Advocacy \$ 28,000

## **VI PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION**

Administration of the CDBG Program involves the planning and execution of the projects, program coordination, evaluation, and monitoring provision of technical assistance and dissemination of information to municipal officials and the general public. This year \$1,237,241 is being recommended for allocation under this category, which includes a contingency fund for project modifications, and emergency situations that may occur during the 2010 program year.

### Countywide

Planning & Administration

\$1,248,000

## **HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)**

### **Proposed Use of Funds**

In the 2010 Program Year, the County of Essex anticipates to receive an entitlement of \$1,735,308. The County of Essex must reserve a minimum of 15% of its entitlement or \$260,296.20 for use by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). In addition, the County intends to utilize \$2,914,393 in HOME Program Income funds. The following projects/programs will be implemented to address the housing needs of Essex County residents. HOME regulations require 25% matching funds towards the overall program. These funds come from various local, state and non-profit sources. It should be noted all required matching funds would be used to supplement the proposed use of funds.

### **First Time Homebuyers**

The program provides for down payment assistance and/or closing costs of structures for sale to first time homebuyers who are at or below 80% of median income. The program may incorporate a deferred payment loan in the form of a permanent lien repayable only upon sale or transfer of the property when necessary to make the purchase affordable.

In the case of properties requiring rehabilitation, all work will be completed and the property brought to HQS prior to the purchase of the property by the program applicant. In many cases the renovation will be performed by an eligible and qualified CHDO.

### **Affordable Housing**

In 2010, the County plans to expend \$ 566,778 on projects that support the production of affordable housing. Once again, the County will be providing HOME assistance in the form of loans.

The Division also plans on utilizing Reprogrammed HOME funds for new housing and development. The Division will amend the plan accordingly.

Property owners will be eligible to apply for low interest loans for the rehabilitation of affordable housing units. The units will be required to remain affordable to very low and low-income persons for the 5 to 20 year period depending upon the amount of HOME assistance per unit. These projects are:

Countywide

HANDS, Inc.- Churchview Homes 218 South Street, Orange	
\$450,000	
Mental Health Association – 354 Orange Road Montclair	\$350,000
Project Live Inc.- 43 South Pierson Maplewood	\$45,000
Reformed Church of Highland Park	\$150,000

**Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)**

As stated previously, the HOME Program mandates each participating jurisdiction to set aside at least 15% of its HOME funds for use by one or more CHDOs. This year, the County will expend a minimum of \$260,296.20 on projects involving CHDOs. The following organizations have been designated as CHDOs:

**Planning & Administration**

Administration of the HOME Program involves the planning and execution of the projects, program coordination, evaluation, monitoring and the provision of technical assistance and dissemination of information to municipal officials and the general public. This year \$173,530 is being recommended for allocation under this category.

**EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM**

On June 1, 2010 the County of Essex will enter its 21<sup>st</sup> year in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). The County proposes to fund the following projects for the total grant of \$268,000. Therefore, the County proposes to fund the following projects ranging from rehabilitation work to the provision of essential services.

Montclair

Salvation Army Shelter Nights	\$15,000
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Countywide

Apostle's House Renovations	\$60,000
Circle of Life Shelter Nights	\$ 8,000
Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter Nights	\$20,000
Newark YWCA – Shelter Expansion	\$75,000
New Community Harmony House – Operations	\$15,000
New Community Harmony House – Shelter Rehabilitation	\$40,000
United Community Corp-Shelter Rehabilitation	\$25,000
SEED Time Outreach Center-Operations	\$10,000

**2010 Consolidated Plan / One Year Action Plan Program Information**

The provision of program information began with individual municipal meetings and will culminate with a Countywide Public Hearing. This hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 31st at The Salvation Army.

The hearing is scheduled to entertain citizen comments on this proposed Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Shelter Grant Program statement of objectives prior to submission to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development on April 15, 2010. In 2010, at least 70% of the appropriated funds or \$4,371,016.30 will benefit low and moderate-income persons.

Statistics regarding the level of benefit to such individuals under each project/program outlined in this notice can be found in the 2010 Consolidated Plan / One Year Action Plan. Copies of this Plan will be made available at the Public Hearing. Persons unable to attend the Hearing may request a copy of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan / 2010 One Year Action Plan by contacting the Division of Housing and Community Development at 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, New Jersey 07044.

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 or fax (973) 655-0982.

Para la Ayuda en español con consideraciones a esta nota por favor contacto Esther Martinez en (973)655-0200

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