

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN NOTICE 2015-19

FIRST YEAR ACTION PLAN NOTICE 2015

1. Introduction

The proposed 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Action Plan for Franklin Township has been prepared as required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban development (HUD). At this time, the Township participates in the Community Development Block grant (CDBG) program and the Somerset County HOME Consortium. Regulations require the preparation and submission of a Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan (The Plan) which is available at the Grants Office, Franklin Township Municipal Building, and 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset during regular business hours. A copy of the Plan will also be available for review at the Franklin Township Public Library, 485 DeMott Lane; the Township Clerk's Office and posted on the Franklin Township website www.franklintwp.org. The Consolidated Plan outlines the housing and community development needs of the Township and resources available to meet those needs for the next five years 2015-2019. The Action Plan establishes a one year plan that outlines the specific use of resources. Citizens have 30 days to review the document and submit comments from May 21, 2015.

Citizens who wish to express their views on the Plan can do so by sending comments to the Office of Grants at the Franklin Township Municipal Building or through the e-mail address of deborah.mitchell@twp.franklin.nj.us. All citizen comments will be considered in preparing the final Plan. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, will be attached to the final Action plan. Information on the past use of funds, the amount of funds in the proposed program to be used for activities benefiting low and moderate-income persons is also available in the Office of Grants during regular business hours.

2. Summary of the Plan Process

As part of the Plan development process, public hearings were held on February 24 and March 24, 2015. The purpose of the public meetings was to obtain the views of citizens, public officials and agencies and other interested parties regarding the housing and community development needs of the jurisdiction and to review past performance. A final public hearing on the Plan has been scheduled for June 23, 2015 at 7PM 475 DeMott Lane in the Township Municipal Building. A resolution authorizing the submission of the 2015 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Action Plan has been scheduled to be adopted by the Township Council.

3. Available Funds

The Township's fiscal year 2015 entitlement is \$254,835. No program income is anticipated.

4. 2015 Action Plan

Based on a review of projects proposals submitted to the Mayor and Council, an Action Plan for the use of fiscal year 2015 CDBG funds has been prepared and is as follows:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

ACTION PLAN FY 2015 – REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

PROGRAM YEAR: SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 – AUGUST 31, 2016

PROJECT	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM		
HOUSING REHABILITATION	58,869	58,869
HOUSING ADMINISTRATION	22,000	22,000
TOTAL HOUSING	80,869	80,869
PUBLIC FACILITIES		
WILENTZ SENIOR RESIDENCE-KITCHEN RENOVATIONS	33,000	33,000
THE SISTERS NETWORK-SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT/ROOF REPAIR	14,500	14,500
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOODBANK-PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS/HANDICAPPED PARKING INSTALLATION	10,000	10,000
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL-GARDEN EXPANSION NAAMEN WILLIAMS PARK AND UPGRADES TO COMMON GROUND COMMUNITY GARDEN	5,774	5,774

THE ARC OF SOMERSET-GRIGGSTOWN GROUP HOME DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS	21,500	21,500
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BASEBALL LEAGUE-FIELD LIGHTING	50,000	0
TOTAL PUBLIC FACILITIES	134,774	84,774
PUBLIC SERVICES		
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SER.- P/T YOUTH COUNSELOR	7,575	5,700
HOMESHARING INC. –HOMELESS MATCHING PROGRAM	7,500	5,179
CENTRAL JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES	7,101	5,179
GREAT EXPECTATIONS-CHILD CARE	20,000	5,000
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOODBANK-COMMUNITY FARM PROGRAM	1,500	1,500
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RECREATION-SUMMER CAMP	15,000	6,000
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RECREATION-BOYS/GIRLS CIRCLE CLUB	15,000	6,000
NEW JERSEY ORATORS-LITERACY WORKSHOPS	3,667	3,667
ST JAMES CDC-YOUTH JOB PROGRAM	8020	0
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES	78,163	38,225
PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION	50,967	50,967
TOTAL	344,773	254,835

Any excess funds identified in the program year will be allocated to Infrastructure Improvements- new sidewalks in the Hamilton Street Business Revitalization area.