

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY
SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2021

1. **Introduction**

The Annual Action Plan for Franklin Township has been prepared as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This represents the proposed spending plan for the second year of funding for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. 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 an *Annual Action Plan* which is available on the Franklin Township website at <https://www.franklinnj.org>. A hard copy of the draft plan will be available at 475 Demott Lane, Township Clerk's Office. The Action Plan establishes a one-year plan that outlines the specific intended use of resources. **Comments will be received from May 24, 2021 through June 30, 2021.**

Citizens who wish to express their views on the Plan can do so by sending comments to the Office of the Township Clerk at the Township of Franklin or to the email address of deborah.mitchell@franklinnj.gov. 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 the Township Clerk during regular business hours.

2. **Summary of the Plan Development Process**

As part of the Plan development process, public hearings were held on February 23, 2021 and March 23, 2021. 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 at 7:00 PM on **June 22, 2021** in the Municipal Building. A resolution authorizing the submission of the 2021 Action Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the Township Council on **June 22, 2021** at their regularly scheduled meeting in the Township Municipal Building. The Action Plan must be submitted no later than July 15, 2021.

3. **Available Funds**

The Township will receive entitlement funding in the amount of **\$271,864** for fiscal year 2021. No program income is anticipated. The Township anticipates any excess program funds or program income if received will be utilized to fund housing rehabilitation activities.

4. **2021 Action Plan**

Based on a review of project proposals submitted to the Mayor and Council, a preliminary Action Plan for the use of fiscal year 2021 CDBG funds has been prepared and is as follows:

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2021 – REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
PROGRAM YEAR: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – AUGUST 31, 2022**

PROJECT	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM		
HOUSING REHABILITATION	58,391	58,391
LENA AND DAVID T WILENTZ SENIOR CENTER- KITCHEN UPGRADES AND BATHROOM UPGRADES	44,214	44,214
CENTER FOR GREAT EXPECTATIONS INSTALLATION OF FOR 19 A-B DELLWOOD TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY	15,000	15,000
ALTERNATIVES INC INSTALLATION OF A NEW 2 ND FLOOR BATHROOM FOR A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES	20,500	20,500
TOTAL HOUSING	138,105	138,105
PUBLIC FACILITIES		
THE SISTERS NETWORK- TREE REMOVAL AND SITE CLEANUP, AND PRINTER FOR FACILITY	20,200	20,200
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOODBANK- INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHTING FOR CLIENT PARKING LOT AND OUTDOOR AWINGS FOR CLIENT SERVICES AND WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION	19,000	19,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FACILITIES	39,200	39,200
PUBLIC SERVICES		
MIDDLE EARTH- P/T COUNSELOR	10,389	10,057
HOMESHARING INC. –HOMELESS MATCHING PROGRAM	10,000	5,000
CENTRAL JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES	6,116	6,116
GREAT EXPECTATIONS-CHILD CARE-KATY’S PLACE	20,000	5,500
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOODBANK-COMMUNITY FARM PROGRAM	1,500	1,500
SISTER2SISTER-SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM	4,700	4,000
SOMERSET YMCA-YOUTH SWIM PROGRAM	10,017	8,014
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES	102,722	40,187
PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION	54,372	54,372
TOTAL		271,864