

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**  
**SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2024**

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. Currently, 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 June 4, 2024, through July 8, 2024.**

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](mailto: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, and the amount of funds in the proposed program to be used for activities benefiting low and moderate-income people 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 13, 2024, and March 28, 2024. 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 **July 9, 2024**, in the Municipal Building. A resolution authorizing the submission of the 2024 Action Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the Township Council on **July 9, 2024**, at their regularly scheduled meeting in the Township Municipal Building. The Action Plan must be submitted no later than August 16, 2024.

3. **Available Funds**

The Township will receive entitlement funding in the amount of **\$331,646** for the fiscal year 2024. No program income is anticipated. The Township anticipates any excess program funds or program income, if received will be utilized to fund housing activities.

4. **2024 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 2024 CDBG funds has been prepared and is as follows:

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2024 – REQUESTS FOR FUNDING  
PROGRAM YEAR: SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 – AUGUST 31, 2025**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>HOUSING PROGRAM</b>		
Center for Great Expectation-Installation of sump pump/sewer ejector, replacement of floors	20,129	20,129
Arc of Somerset driveway paving and sidewalk reconstruction, yard drainage correction	45,000	45,000
<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>65,129</b>	<b>65,129</b>
<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES</b>		
Sister-2-Sister-Priority 1 wheelchair access ramp for main entrance to the parking lot, retaining walls and pavers for all entrances	29,595	29,595
Franklin Township Foodbank- upgrades to client service area, parking lot and purchase of a mobile kitchen and equipment	100,000	100,000
Somerset Community Action Program-Improvements to facility for low-mod-childcare- 150 Clients	10,000	10,000
Sister2Sister-Priority 3-Building and grounds cleanup and plumbing repairs	7,000	7,000
Franklin Township Environmental Commission-Common Grounds Community Garden-Restoration of Grounds and irrigation system	9063	9063
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FACILITIES</b>	<b>155,568</b>	<b>155,068</b>
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>		
Middle Earth- P/T COUNSELOR	24,978	10,000
Homesharing inc. –homeless matching program	10,000	5,000
Central Jersey Housing Resource Center- Housing counseling services	14,459	12,000
Great expectations-child care-Katy’s Place	20,000	10,000
HOPES CAP	20,000	0
Sister2Sister-Priority 3-social services program	5,000	2,746
Somerset YMCA-youth swim program	12,008	10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	<b>106,459</b>	<b>49,746</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>66,329</b>	<b>61,113</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>393,485</b>	<b>331,646</b>