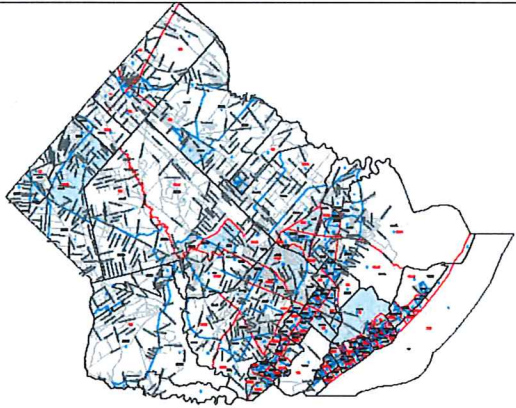


# County of Atlantic



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## 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
& HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS

County of Atlantic  
FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

Atlantic County  
Improvement Authority

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Prepared by :



# Atlantic County, NJ

## Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2019

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**COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NJ  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
2019 PROGRAM YEAR**

The County of Atlantic, through the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, proposes to initiate planning for the FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program, both of which are funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Community Development Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2019 allocation is estimated at \$1,300,000. The HOME program allocation is estimated at \$600,000. An additional \$30,000 in CDBG Program Income is anticipated.

A series of Public Hearings has been scheduled in the initial stages of development of the Annual Plan. The information received from interested persons at the hearings will assist the Improvement Authority staff and Board of Chosen Freeholders in the preparation of the 2019 Annual Plan. The hearings are designed to obtain citizens' views and to respond to proposals and questions. The hearings will address housing, community and economic development needs, development of proposed activities and review of program performance. The County will also obtain the views of citizens on priority non-housing needs.

Information will be made available to citizens regarding Application procedures, timing, eligible activities and other regulations related to the Community Development and HOME programs. Information on past use of said funds will also be available.

This first set of public hearings on housing and community development needs will take place on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** at the following times and locations:

- **2 p.m. – Egg Harbor Township Library**, 1 Swift Ave., Egg Harbor Twp.
- **4 p.m. – Atlantic County Improvement Authority**, 5909 Main St., Mays Landing
- **6 p.m. – Galloway Township Library**, 306 E. Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway

A second set of hearings will be held at the same times and in the same locations on **Thursday, June 13, 2019** on the 2019 draft Annual Action Plan.

Citizens are invited to submit written or verbal comments at or prior to the hearings

The draft Annual Plan, developed after the first hearing, will be available for public review for a 30 day comment period starting May 24, 2019.

This notice is issued in accordance with the CDBG and HOME regulations

BY ORDER OF ATLANTIC COUNTY  
Dennis Levinson, County Executive

Atlantic County Consortium  
 FY 2019 CDBG Meeting  
 Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Municipality Represented	SIGN IN	Name of Primary CDBG Contact	Mailing Address (if there has been a change)	e-mail address (if changed)	Phone # (if changed)
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Folsom					
Galloway Township	Frankie Madala	Frankie Madala		imadala@townshipofgalloway.com	609-270-2571
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Municipality Represented	SIGN IN	Name of Primary CDBG Contact	Mailing Address (if there has been a change)	e-mail address (if changed)	Phone # (if changed)
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Margate					
Mullica Twp	David Stollenwerk				
Northfield	Rami Nassar Mona Collins Barry Luby	Mona Collins		RAMI.NASSAR@NJ.GOV	
Pleasantville					
Port Republic	Danna Luby	Kim Cooper C.			
Somers Point	Wes Sween	Wes Sween			
Ventnor					
Weymouth Township	Matt Fiaccone				

**MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**

**Project:** CDBG 2019 Citizen Participation 1st Public Hearing  
**Meeting Date:** 03/27/2019 6:00 PM  
**Place/Room:** Galloway Library

Name	Title	Company	Phone	Fax	E-Mail
Bob McGuigan	CDBG Coordinator	ACIA	609-343-2163	N/A	mcguigan_bob@acink.org

**MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**

**Project:** CDBG 2019 Citizen Participation 1st Public Hearing     **Meeting Date:** 03/27/2019 2:00 PM  
**Place/Room:** EHT Library

Name	Title	Company	Phone	Fax	E-Mail
Bob McGuigan	CDBG Coordinator	ACIA	609-343-2163	N/A	mcguigan_bob@acink.org
<i>No Attendance</i>					

**MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**

**Project:** CDBG 2019 Citizen Participation 1st Public Hearing

**Meeting Date:** 03/27/2019 4:00 PM

**Place/Room:** Mays Landing Library

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Bob McGuigan	CDBG Coordinator	ACIA	609-343-2163	N/A	m McGuigan_bob@aclink.org



## Executive Summary

### AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

Atlantic County, NJ has prepared a Five-Year Consolidated Plan to identify housing and community development needs and to develop specific goals and objectives to address those needs over a five-year period. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the County covers the period of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021. The Annual Action Plan presented here covers the fourth year of this 5-year period, specifically from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

The Annual Action Plan sets forth the goals and objectives for the period and is a continuation of efforts begun in Years 1, 2 and 3 of the 5-year cycle to address needs identified in the current Consolidated Plan. More specifically, this Annual Action Plan details the County's planned use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan stipulates that the Atlantic County Improvement Authority will administer the CDBG and HOME programs.

The FY 2019 Annual Action Plan describes to HUD and to our stakeholders how Atlantic County intends to use CDBG and HOME funds to meet community needs. The funds are intended to provide low and moderate-income households with viable communities by addressing one of HUD's three objectives; 1. Provide decent housing, 2. Create a suitable living environment, and 3. Create economic opportunities. Eligible activities include community facilities and improvements, roads and infrastructure, housing rehabilitation and preservation, development activities, public services, economic development, planning and administration.

Program outcomes are designed to show how each activity benefits the community or people served. All activities must provide one of the following benefits; 1. Improved Availability / Accessibility, 2. Improved Affordability or 3. Improved Sustainability.

Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to Atlantic County in 2019 to address the needs outlined in this Plan are \$1,217,645. The County will also receive \$670,111 in 2019 HOME funds.

#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The goals of this 2019 Annual Action Plan include:

- the preservation of existing housing through the housing rehab program (20 units)
- improvements to public infrastructure, including the removal of architectural barriers to accessibility (at least 40,000 people to benefit).

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Atlantic County has an excellent record of using CDBG and HOME funds in an efficient and compliant manner to address identified needs in the County. Along with its public and private partners, the County has regularly completed projects that improve the lives of County residents, particularly low-mod income residents.

In preparing this plan, the successful outcomes previously achieved suggested that some activities, such as housing rehab, were efficient, effective uses of HUD funds and should be continued if there was still a need. Proficiency in completing infrastructure and facility projects and seeing both observed and documented benefits of public service efforts also suggested that inclusion of such activities, where warranted, would enhance opportunities for positively impacting our communities.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The County held its annual kick-off meeting for Urban County municipalities to discuss municipal needs, the CDBG program and funding process. Most municipalities were represented and identified needs, through their applications, for infrastructure improvements, including the removal of architectural barriers to accessibility.

A 30-day public review of the draft of this plan was held from May 24, 2019 through June 25, 2019.

Finally, through its various divisions, Atlantic County maintains an ongoing dialogue with local governments, school districts, non-profit service providers and residents allowing for a consistent and current read on community needs and opportunities.

### **5. Summary of public comments**

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Consensus was that a need continues for housing, infrastructure improvements, removal of architectural barriers and public services, including transportation.

**6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

All comments received were accepted in the preparation of this plan.

**7. Summary**

Through consultation with a wide array of stakeholders, Atlantic County has developed an Annual Action Plan for the use of CDBG and HOME funds. The overarching purpose of that Plan is the efficient use of limited resources to effectively address identified needs among the County’s most vulnerable residents. The Plan is built on the County’s proven methods of meeting needs but with a recognition that needs and the forces that drive them are subject to change. Housing, public buildings and systems, and public services that inform, educate or otherwise elevate the quality of life continue to be the focus of Atlantic County’s efforts in this arena.

**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		Atlantic County Improvement Authority
HOME Administrator		Atlantic County Improvement Authority

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

**Narrative (optional)**

**Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

Atlantic County, through the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, has prepared a Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the Program Years 2016 through 2020 in order to strategically implement federal programs that fund housing, community development, and economic development activities within the municipalities that comprise the Urban County. Through a collaborative planning process that involved a broad range of public and private agencies, the County has developed a single, consolidated planning and application document for the use of federal entitlement funds available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs.

For this, the 4th Annual Action Plan under the current 5-Year Consolidated Plan, the County similarly consulted with local governments and organizations to identify projects that would meet the goals enumerated in the 5-Year Plan.

### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))**

Coordination begins with communication and the jurisdiction maintains open channels of communication among a varied network of service providers - including health and mental health providers - and the various representatives of low-mod income residents, including public and assisted housing. Atlantic County, through its appropriate divisions, is active in countywide and regional organizations, including the CEAS Committee and Continuum of Care, and is a willing conduit for information and coordination.

### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The Homeless Committee of the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council has prepared a request for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the SuperNOFA Continuum of Care for the Homeless Program. The Continuum planning process is led by a voluntary association of service and housing providers, City and County government, faith-based and community-based organizations whose focus is to find collaborative solutions for the needs of homeless persons in Atlantic City and Atlantic County.

### **Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate**

**outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

N/A - Atlantic County does not receive ESG funding.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>Atlantic County Womens Center</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Public services</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences.</p>
2	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>Mental Health Association in Atlantic County</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Services-Health Health Agency</p>

	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment  Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless  Homeless Needs - Families with children  Homelessness Needs - Veterans  Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth  Homelessness Strategy  Non-Homeless Special Needs  Anti-poverty Strategy  Public services</p>
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3	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (ATLANTIC COUNTY)</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment  Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless  Homelessness Needs - Veterans  Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth  Homelessness Strategy  Non-Homeless Special Needs  Economic Development  Public infrastructure and facilities</p>



<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Pleasantville Housing Authority</p>
<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>PHA</p>
<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Public Housing Needs</p>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>ABSECON</p>
<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Public services, infrastructure &amp; facilities</p>

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6	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>City of Brigantine</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Public infrastructure</p>
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7	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Public facilities</p>

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8	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>BUENA</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Public facilities &amp; infrastructure</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
9	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>City of Corbin City</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Slum/blight elimination</p>

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10	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Public Infrastructure</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
11	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>ESTELL MANOR</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities</p>

	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
12	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>FOLSOM</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities</p>
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13	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities</p>

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<p>14</p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>City of Linwood</p>
<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>Borough of Longport</p>
<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities &amp; infrastructure</p>

	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
16	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>Margate City</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
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17	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>MULLICA TOWNSHIP</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment</p>

	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
18	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>NORTHFIELD</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Public infrastructure</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
19	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>PLEASANTVILLE</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities &amp; infrastructure</p>



<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
<p>20</p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>City of Port Republic</p>
<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities &amp; infrastructure</p>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
<p>21</p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>City of Somers Point</p>
<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Public facilities &amp; infrastructure</p>

	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
22	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>VENTNOR CITY</p> <p>Other government - Local</p> <p>Public facilities &amp; infrastructure</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
23	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP</p> <p>Other government - Local</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Public facilities &amp; infrastructure</p>

<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.</p>
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**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

All appropriate types of agencies were consulted.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Atlantic County Homeless Consortium	Action Plan goals include the prevention of homelessness through rehab programs and other means. This supports the CoC goal to reduce homelessness in the County.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

**Narrative (optional)**

**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation  
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

Each Urban County municipality was invited to the County’s annual Community Development kick-off meeting on March 12, 2019 to discuss the application process, the basics of the CDBG program and eligible activities. The municipalities are charged with knowing their community’s needs and applying the parameters of the CDBG program to develop an eligible application. County and consultant assistance is available to facilitate this process.

Additionally, public hearings were held March 27, 2019 and June 13, 2019 at 3 different County libraries, all totally accessible, to discuss community needs and the draft 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Feedback from the municipalities helped shape goals for the annual plan by providing a sense of infrastructure, facilities, services, etc. needed in each municipality.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	All Urban County municipalities	36 individuals representing 17 municipalities attended the meeting	Questions primarily concerned the application process or the eligibility of particular activities.	All comments were accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Held March 27, 2019, this was a series of 3 meetings at 3 different locations in the County to solicit input on community needs. No members of the public attended.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Held June 13, 2019, this was a series of 3 meetings at 3 different locations in the County to solicit input on the draft Action Plan. No members of the public attended.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

For 2019, the County has been allocated \$1,217,645 in CDBG funds and \$670,111 in HOME funds.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,217,645	0	0	1,217,645	1,200,000	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is based on estimate of 2020 allocation

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	670,111	0	0	670,111	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is based on estimate of 2020 allocation
						650,000	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The County will partner with municipalities, other public agencies and non-profit organizations, when feasible, to leverage resources and maximize outcomes in housing and community development. Virtually all planned activities have some degree of leveraging from non-federal sources. The source of these funds ranges from municipal capital funds to state grants to developer equity. Economic Development activities are expected to receive little or no CDBG funds but will be contributing millions of dollars toward the same goals as the CDBG program.

Atlantic County will continue to leverage funds from the state and regional sources, effectively multiplying the impact of CDBG and HOME funds.

The Match for the HOME Program will be met through a combination of cash from non-federal sources, including developers equity, sweat equity, land donated by municipalities and private bank investment in housing projects.

**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

Publicly owned streets and other facilities are expected to be used to address some of the needs identified in this Plan.

**Discussion**

Through leveraging, partnering, extensive engagement of the local business, non-profit and government entities, Atlantic County is dedicated to getting the most out of its annual CDBG and HOME allocations.



## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Preserve existing housing stock	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide Buena Borough Mullica Township	Preservation of existing housing stock	CDBG: \$47,804 HOME: \$252,583	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 18 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Improve public facilities & infrastructure	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide Eligible census tracts/block groups Corbin City Estell Manor Folsom Borough Hamilton Township Galloway Township Linwood Longport Margate Northfield Weymouth Township	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure	CDBG: \$901,388	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 40000 Persons Assisted
3	Support Public Services	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Absecon	Diverse & viable public services	CDBG: \$24,925	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted
4	Increase home ownership opportunities	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Increase home ownership opportunities	HOME: \$350,517	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 25 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Administer CDBG & HOME programs	2016	2020	Planning & Administration	Countywide	General program administration	CDBG: \$243,529 HOME: \$67,011	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Preserve existing housing stock
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Includes countywide housing rehab program (\$252,583 in HOME funds) plus municipal programs in Buena Borough (\$16,408 in CDBG), Mullica Township (\$16,396) and Port Republic (\$15,000).
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Goal Description</b>	17 different municipal and county projects to either improve eligible areas or remove architectural barriers to public access.
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Support Public Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Absecon senior bus program
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homebuyer program (\$250,000 in HOME funds) plus CHDO homeowner housing construction (\$100,517 in HOME CHDO funds).

5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administer CDBG & HOME programs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	General administration and planning of the CDBG and HOME programs

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

With input from a variety of stakeholders, with data from a variety of sources and with hands-on experience in front-line services to the most vulnerable populations in the County, Atlantic County plans a mix of activities in FY 2019 to address a wide range of challenges for those populations. Infrastructure improvements, housing rehab and community facilities are just some of the approaches to improving neighborhoods, houses and, most importantly, families in Atlantic County.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	General administration and planning 2019
2	Housing rehab 2019
3	Homebuyer Assistance 2019
4	Affordable Housing - CHDO 2019
5	Absecon - Senior Bus 2019
6	Brigantine ADA Curb Cuts 2019
7	Buena Vista - MLK Center 2019
8	Corbin City ADA Improvements 2019
9	Egg Harbor Twp. - Sewer Line 2019
10	Estell Manor - ADA City Hall 2019
11	Folsom - Senior exercise equipment 2019
12	Galloway Senior Center improvements 2019
13	Hamilton Township - 2019
14	Linwood - ADA 2019
15	Longport - ADA improvements 2019
16	Margate ADA access 2019
17	Northfield Senior Center
18	Pleasantville Street Reconstruction 2019
19	Somers Point - 2019
20	Ventnor ADA improvements - 2019
21	Weymouth Township Sidewalks 2019
22	Atlantic County ADA 2019

**Table 7 - Project Information**

**Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	General administration and planning 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administer CDBG & HOME programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	General program administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$243,529 HOME: \$67,011
	<b>Description</b>	Operation of the CDBG and HOME programs, including planning, monitoring and reporting.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Operation of the CDBG and HOME programs provides the necessary support for all other activities to function. Those activities will benefit several thousand families, primarily low and moderate-income families, from throughout the County.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Programs will be administered from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority office at 1333 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, NJ
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operation of the CDBG and HOME programs, including planning, monitoring and reporting.	
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing rehab 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Countywide Buena Borough Mullica Township
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Preserve existing housing stock
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Preservation of existing housing stock
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$47,804 HOME: \$252,583
	<b>Description</b>	Countywide through the HOME Program and in Buena Borough, Mullica Township and Port Republic through the CDBG Program, interest-free loans to eligible homeowners to make needed repairs on their properties.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021



	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	18 families at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Program available throughout the County. Specific locations to be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Countywide through the HOME Program and in Buena Borough, Mullica Township and Port Republic through the CDBG Program, interest-free loans to eligible homeowners to make needed repairs on their properties.
3	<b>Project Name</b>	Homebuyer Assistance 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	Loans to assist eligible families with down payment and closing costs for purchase of single-family homes.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 income-eligible families, primarily moderate-income, though some low-income may also be included.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Throughout the Urban County.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Outreach, intake, record-keeping and reporting of loans made to eligible families for assistance with down payment and closing costs associated with purchase of a single-family home.
4	<b>Project Name</b>	Affordable Housing - CHDO 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$100,517
	<b>Description</b>	Assistance to a Community Housing Development Organization for production of an affordable housing unit.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 household at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Assistance to a Community Housing Development Organization for production of an affordable housing unit.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Absecon - Senior Bus 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Absecon
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Diverse & viable public services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$24,925
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for bus that provides transportation to senior and disabled residents of Absecon.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 50 elderly and disabled residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Throughout Absecon.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for bus that provides transportation to senior and disabled residents of Absecon.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Brigantine ADA Curb Cuts 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$34,023
	<b>Description</b>	Removal of architectural barriers at various city intersections.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	863 Brigantine residents are disabled adults. As a resort community, the actual number that will benefit will be significantly higher.

	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Removal of architectural barriers at various city intersections.
7	<b>Project Name</b>	Buena Vista - MLK Center 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$36,132
	<b>Description</b>	HVAC improvements to ML King Center. NOTE - This is a continuation of Buena Vista Township's project from previous program years.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	6,060 residents in Census Tract 112.02, Block Groups 1, 2 and 4, 51.7% of whom are low-mod income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	661 Jackson Blvd., Buena Vista Twp., NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	HVAC improvements to a community center that serves an eligible low-mod area.
8	<b>Project Name</b>	Corbin City ADA Improvements 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Corbin City
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements at the Corbin City Beach, including ramps and accessible parking improvements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimated 109 Corbin City residents who are disabled.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City beach, Tuckahoe River front.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements at the Corbin City Beach, including ramps and accessible parking improvements.

9	<b>Project Name</b>	Egg Harbor Twp. - Sewer Line 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$156,616
	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of the 2017/2018 project to extend a sewer line to serve 18 homes. Households to be surveyed to establish eligibility.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	18 households, at least 10 of which will be low-mod income households at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Pleasant Heights Avenue from Edwards Avenue to Old Egg Harbor Road. This target area is smaller than a Census Block Group. It will be surveyed via HUD-approved process to confirm what the Township believes to be an eligible Low-Mod Area.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Extension of sanitary sewer line to provide service to 18 households currently without access to the system.	
10	<b>Project Name</b>	Estell Manor - ADA City Hall 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Estell Manor
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of 2017/2018 project to remove architectural barriers at City Hall by replacing deteriorated walkway and rebuilding handicapped parking places.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 250 seniors residing in Estell Manor and approximately 125 residents with mobility challenges.
<b>Location Description</b>	Estell Manor City Hall, 148 Cumberland Ave., Estell Manor.	

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Replace deteriorated handicap parking spaces and walkway. Both are made of pavers, are uneven and are impediments to wheelchair use.
11	<b>Project Name</b>	Folsom - Senior exercise equipment 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Folsom Borough
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	A continuation of the 2017/2018 project to provide Senior/ADA-specific exercise equipment and related site improvements at Penny Pot Park.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimated 350 Borough residents age 62 and older plus an estimated 130 residents with mobility challenges.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Penny Pot Park is on Lakewood Drive between North Pinewood and Oakwood in Folsom Borough.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Senior/ADA-specific exercise equipment and related site improvements at Penny Pot Park.
12	<b>Project Name</b>	Galloway Senior Center improvements 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Galloway Township
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$117,053
	<b>Description</b>	Improvements to the Township Senior Center, including signage, landscaping and HVAC work.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 3,500 Township residents age 62 and above.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Senior Center is at 621 White Horse Pike, Galloway Township.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Improvements to the Township Senior Center, including signage, landscaping and HVAC work.
13	<b>Project Name</b>	Hamilton Township - 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Hamilton Township
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$102,661
	<b>Description</b>	Handicap parking improvements
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimated 2,740 residents of Hamilton Township who are disabled.
	<b>Location Description</b>	??????????
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Parking improvements to improve accessibility.
14	<b>Project Name</b>	Linwood - ADA 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Linwood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Installation of ADA-compliant curb cuts at various intersections throughout Linwood.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 900 City residents age 62 and above plus approximately 700 residents with mobility challenges.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Brighton Drive intersections with Poplar, Sterling, Wilson and Davis avenues.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of ADA-compliant curb cuts at various intersections throughout Linwood.
15	<b>Project Name</b>	Longport - ADA improvements 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Longport

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Installation of ADA-compliant curb cuts at various intersections in Longport.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	There are approximately 170 Longport residents age 62 and above plus 80 residents with mobility challenges. As a seaside resort community, those benefitting from these improvements are several times the resident population, however.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various intersection throughout Longport. Specific sites to be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of ADA-compliant curb cuts at various intersections in Longport.
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Margate ADA access 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Margate
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$19,817
	<b>Description</b>	Construction of accessible entrance to the Atlantic Ocean beach at Argyle Avenue.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 1,060 Margate residents age 62 and above plus approximately 600 City residents with mobility challenges. As a seaside resort community, those benefitting from these improvements are several times the resident population, however.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Argyle Avenue at the Atlantic Ocean beach.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Construction of accessible entrance to the Atlantic Ocean beach at Argyle Avenue.
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Northfield Senior Center
	<b>Target Area</b>	Northfield
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$30,156
	<b>Description</b>	Conversion of an existing community center into a senior center through addition of accessible parking, HVAC upgrade and other improvements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimated 1.649 Northfield residents age 62 and over.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Located within Birch Grove Park, 1675 Burton Ave., Northfield, NJ.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Conversion of an existing community center into a senior center through addition of accessible parking, HVAC upgrade and other improvements.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Pleasantville Street Reconstruction 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$149,735
	<b>Description</b>	Reconstruction of Collins Avenue from Franklin Boulevard to Main Street.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The 2,580 residents of Census Tract 120, Block Group 2, 59.5% of whom are low-mod income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Collins Avenue from Franklin Boulevard to Main Street.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Reconstruction of Collins Avenue from Franklin Boulevard to Main Street.
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Somers Point - 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure



	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$45,751
	<b>Description</b>	Need additional information
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,890 residents of Census Tract 128.01, Block Group 1, 54% of whom are low-mod income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Meyran Avenue from Shore Road to Bay Avenue, Somers Point.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Continuation of 2017/2018 Project to reconstruct Meyran Avenue from Shore Road to Bay Avenue.
20	<b>Project Name</b>	Ventnor ADA improvements - 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$49,443
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements ... need additional information.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimated 1,336 Ventnor residents who are disabled.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Need additional information.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements
21	<b>Project Name</b>	Weymouth Township Sidewalks 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Weymouth Township
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of the 2017 and 2018 project for the installation of sidewalks along the east side of Route 50 from the municipal boundary to Lowell Street.
	<b>Target Date</b>	7/31/2020

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 100 residents. The project's target area will be surveyed via HUD-approved process to confirm what the Township believes to be an eligible Low-Mod Area with at least 51% low-mod residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	East side of Route 50 from municipal boundary to Lowell Street.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of sidewalks along the east side of Route 50 from the municipal boundary to Lowell Street.
22	<b>Project Name</b>	Atlantic County ADA 2019
	<b>Target Area</b>	Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$70,000
	<b>Description</b>	Need additional information.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 20,000 disabled residents of Atlantic County
	<b>Location Description</b>	Additional information needed.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Additional information needed.

## AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

### Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Assistance from the CDBG and HOME programs will be allocated throughout the Urban County municipalities. As discussed in the response to the next question, the County sets aside funding for each municipality based on HUD's allocation formula. The largest allocations go to Pleasantville, which has the Urban County's largest concentrations of minority residents - 40% African-American/Black and 40% Hispanic - and the Urban County's highest concentration of low-income residents, with nearly 24% below the Poverty Rate. Many of the municipalities use their CDBG funding for activities that benefit population groups presumed to be eligible, including seniors and severely disabled adults.

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Countywide	56
Eligible census tracts/block groups	21
City of Absecon	1
Buena Borough	1
Corbin City	1
Estell Manor	1
Folsom Borough	1
Hamilton Township	5
Galloway Township	6
Linwood	1
Longport	1
Margate	1
Mullica Township	1
Northfield	2
Weymouth Township	1

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Atlantic County allocates CDBG funds to each municipality through a pro-rata formula based on HUD's allocation breakdown of percentages that each municipality contributes to the County allocation as a whole. Each community can then select a project that meets its needs, provided the activity also meets the national objectives and eligibility of the CDBG program. HOME funds are used for housing activities county-wide.

This process results in a distribution of CDBG resources that addresses needs throughout the County in a

manner that emphasizes assistance to municipalities with lower median incomes and meets all program regulations.

**Discussion**

# Affordable Housing

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

The Atlantic County Improvement Authority Office of Community Development has developed a plan to address the key issues raised in the course of the housing analysis that met the HUD requirements for elements to be addressed by this plan.

The five overarching goals, intended to benefit low- and very low-income persons are:

- 1) To provide decent housing
- 2) To provide a suitable living environment
- 3) To expand economic opportunities
- 4) Prevention of Chronic Homelessness
- 5) Increase Minority Home Ownership

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	44
Special-Needs	0
Total	44

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	18
Acquisition of Existing Units	25
Total	44

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

### Discussion

Atlantic County has adopted the following AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES.

**1: Preservation of the existing affordable housing stock in residential neighborhoods (renter and**

*owner occupied).*

The County will continue its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, which provides financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners. The financial assistance is provided for the repair or rehabilitation of substandard housing to meet local building codes and Section 8 Housing Quality Standards, and to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions.

***2: Increase homeownership for lower income households through homebuyer assistance, new construction and/or Rehab/Sale***

HOME Program funding is being set aside to provide homebuyers assistance to low- and moderate-income households. These funds will be used to provide down payment assistance. This program includes active involvement from local banks and mortgage companies that provide permanent mortgage financing for low- and moderate-income homebuyers. Subsidies of up to \$10,000 per household will be allowed.

Funding will be allocated to assist CHDO and non-profit organizations to construct affordable housing to be sold to low and moderate income households. The county conservatively estimates the creation of one new affordable homes during the coming fiscal year.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

There are 2 Public Housing Authorities located within the Atlantic County Urban County municipalities - the Pleasantville Housing Authority and the Buena Borough Housing Authority. Both were consulted in the preparation of this plan and both provided much of the information used to complete this section. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

No actions using CDBG funds are planned.

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

Both Housing Authorities within the jurisdiction will continue to meet with the resident councils that exist at each public housing community and to consider their input for planning and decision making.

### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

Neither the Pleasantville Housing Authority nor the Buena Borough Housing Authority are designated as troubled.

### **Discussion**

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

The County's strategy for implementing its homelessness program is a multi-faceted approach to the problem, focusing on the prevention of homelessness and the provision of emergency services for homeless persons and families.

The strategy for eliminating chronic homelessness flows from the priorities described in the Consolidated Plan. Treating the homeless and providing the means and support necessary to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living are all a part of the efforts and programs in place in the County. The institutions and structure to properly address this issue are in place.

The County plans to employ the resources of the CDBG program, the HOME program, the Workforce Investment Board, the municipal housing authorities, the County Board of Social Services, and a number of not-for-profit service providers to achieve our goals.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

Just over 5 years ago, the Atlantic County Continuum of Care created a new Board and adopted new by-laws for operation. Staff support will still be provided by the Atlantic County Department of Family and Community Development. To implement the 10 year Plan to End Homelessness, which was approved in 2012, a new single point of entry was developed. The Atlantic Homeless Alliance, comprised of the Atlantic County Department of Welfare, Jewish Family Services and the Pleasantville Housing Authority began operation in February 2014. The SPOE employs 11 staff to facilitate the coordination of care of those who present as homeless in Atlantic County. Continuing this effort in 2019 will help divert people from homelessness and will rapidly re-house individuals who present to the system.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The Homeless Committee of the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council annually prepares a request for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the SuperNOFA Continuum of Care for the Homeless Program. The Continuum planning process is led by a voluntary association of service and housing providers, City and County government, faith-based and community-based organizations whose focus is to find collaborative solutions for the needs of homeless persons in Atlantic City and Atlantic County. Funding obtained through this process supports emergency shelter



and transitional housing programs, among other efforts directed at homelessness.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The County's support network, provided by government and private, non-profits alike, includes services that connect the homeless to transitional programs in the areas of health care, employment and training, housing, transportation and life skills.

Goals contained in this Consolidated Plan that relate to these efforts include improving public facilities, supporting public services and increasing home ownership opportunities.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

The prevention of homelessness is a key element in Atlantic County's efforts to address homelessness. By providing rehabilitation assistance and referral services for low-income households the County aims to prevent the conditions that would precipitate homelessness.

The goal is to make significant steps in eliminating the sources of homelessness by providing not only emergency assistance to the homeless, but also by providing assistance to very low- and low-income households that are threatened by homelessness. The objective is to assist low-income households or individuals who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless with housing rehabilitation funds, emergency repair funds and other forms of emergency assistance.

## **Discussion**

## AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

### Introduction:

The major barrier to affordable housing in Atlantic County is the unemployment and underemployment conditions caused by a sharp contraction of the casino/entertainment industry in Atlantic City, which had been the dominant economic engine for the County and much of the region. The downturn has resulted in many foreclosures and a decline in housing prices, but it has also moved many families out of consideration for home ownership because their incomes have fallen. Naturally, the ability to pay rent is also impacted by the same dynamics.

While the gaming industry has experienced some gains in the past year, it is nowhere near earlier levels of employment. That fact continues to drag on the local economy.

**Funding:** This impediment involves the lack of Federal and State resources for affordable housing initiatives. Continuously shrinking Federal and State funding sources to subsidize affordable housing projects is limiting opportunities, whether new construction or the conversion of vacant, foreclosed houses into homes occupied by families with low to moderate incomes.

**Low Incomes:** The relatively low-income level of many of the residents of the County is another significant impediment to affordable housing. The median household income, according to the 2017 American Community Survey, is \$57,514. Per the same source, the median value of an owner-occupied home is \$219,000. The level of subsidies required to engage developers in the construction of affordable housing or to acquire and rehabilitate vacant houses is often high, and this limits the number of units that can be built or repurposed in any given period. Low incomes also make it more difficult for potential homeowners to accumulate the funds for down payments, or to qualify for loans with many financial institutions. Deeper subsidies are needed to entice private developers and qualify potential buyers.

A similar dynamic impacts renters in the County, where approximately 61% of renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing, again according to the Census Bureau's 2017 American Community Survey.

Working from the other direction, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority is intimately involved in Economic Development efforts in the county. Currently utilizing non-HUD resources plus a Section 108-backed component, the ACIA helps grow businesses that, in turn, increase economic opportunities for County residents.

**Building and Construction Fees:** To some degree, the fees to construct a new house, including connection fees to municipal water and sewer systems and new State approved development fees are a barrier to new affordable housing. Presently, these fees cannot legally be reduced or waived as they are

set by municipal ordinances.

**Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

*1) Regional economic development efforts, including employer attraction and retention as well as job training efforts are underway, but reconfiguring the County's economic identity and make-up will take several years.*

*2) Atlantic County, through the use of HOME funds, continues to assist non-profit affordable housing development. The County will continue to provide technical assistance to non-profit organizations seeking state and federal funds for affordable housing development both rental and homeownership.*

*3) The County will continue its homebuyers program during Program Year 2019. The County will also assist business start-ups and expansions to bring job opportunities to the region.*

*4) Review building fee ordinances if requested by municipalities and recommend modifications as necessary; investigate possibility of non-profit organizations having fees waived.*

**Discussion:**

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

Whether fostering partnerships among Atlantic County's various agencies and organizations or looking to continue to develop the County's own staff or keeping on top of the latest tools to combat lead-based paint poisoning and the cycle of poverty, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority will continue going beyond minimum requirements and basic expectations for one simple reason – so many of our County's most vulnerable residents deserve no less.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

Continued vigilance for opportunities to link, leverage and otherwise expand resources for the County and its many partners.

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of funds. There are many needs in all of the areas - public facilities, public services, infrastructure, and economic development – and municipal resources go only so far. The development of more and better jobs for low and moderate income persons would help reduce the scale or scope of needs as well.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

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one new affordable homes during the coming fiscal year.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

Lead hazards are addressed during housing rehabilitation efforts. All homes that receive rehabilitation assistance are tested for the presence of lead-based paint. When evidence of paint is found, surfaces are removed or the material is encapsulated to prevent exposure. In the homebuyers program, when defective painted surfaces are found, the surface must be tested for lead-based paint as well and treated by a qualified trained contractor.

The County's Lead-Based Hazard reduction strategy, administered by the Department of Health, involves the administration of the Lead Intervention for Children at Risk Program (LICAR) which supports the abatement or reduction of lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing. The Department of Health provides administrative and program delivery staff responsible for marketing the LICAR program; conducting application intake, review, and approval; completing environmental reviews; completing housing inspections and when funding is available preparing work write-ups and cost estimates for lead hazard control work; preparing contractor bid packages and supervising advertisement for bids and selection of contractors; managing temporary resident relocation while lead hazard control work is being completed and monitoring work in progress through to completion.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The County's anti-poverty strategy is linked to economic programs provided by a variety of entities, including the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, Casino Reinvestment Development Agency (CRDA), Workforce Investment Board and more. The objective of poverty reduction requires programming for job readiness areas, including job training and placement, supportive public services, education and basic skills development. The overriding principle however is to create new jobs and opportunities for households with incomes below the poverty level. It is only through comprehensive, coordinated strategies that nurture skills and provide opportunities to gain and retain employment and thus improve the quality of life, that people can improve their situation.

It is anticipated that current efforts will continue during the 2019 Program Year. In addition, Atlantic County will continue its business loan program funded by a Section 108 loan from HUD. The program's objective is to add jobs to a county severely impacted by recent, dramatic contraction of the casino industry.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

In order to fulfill the goals established in the Annual Action Plan, cooperation from all levels of government and the private sector is essential. County and local level agencies and lending institutions have already been working together to provide more affordable housing and promote community development. However, as the needs for housing assistance, public services and economic development

increase while public funding decreases, greater involvement and cooperation from all sectors will be necessary.

To that end, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and various departments in County government will continue to be active in a broad range of conversations, plans and program implementation ranging from housing to homelessness to social service delivery to job creation and workforce training.

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

As a common partner with so many of the public and private housing and social service providers, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and Atlantic County government have been a natural conduit for communication and interaction among these entities. The County CD Program will continue to serve in that capacity while respecting the autonomy and uniqueness of each partner.

### **Discussion:**

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

Atlantic County has identified all CDBG and HOME activities to be undertaken in FY 2019 in the Projects Table, including administrative, public infrastructure projects, public services and affordable housing, both rehabilitation and new construction.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

#### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

Atlantic County will use 2019 HOME funds only for investments that conform to 24 CFR 92.205(b).

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Atlantic County will use the Recapture option for all of its homebuyer activities. Recapture provisions will be in effect for the entire Period of Affordability for all homebuyer activities, both down payment assistance and new construction subsidies.

It is the policy of Atlantic County to recapture the appropriate amount of the HOME investment by using the following method: In accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(3), the County will share the net proceeds. If the net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the full HOME investment plus enable the homeowner to recover the amount of the homeowner's downpayment and any capital improvement investment made by the owner since purchase, the County may share the net proceeds. The net proceeds are the sales price minus loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and closing costs. The net proceeds are divided proportionally as set forth in the following mathematical formula.

The HOME investment will be forgiven if the home is owned beyond the period of affordability as described in 24 CFR Part 92.254.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The HOME program's investment, and thus the period of affordability, is ensured in all cases by a mortgage and note payable to Atlantic County should the property be sold during the period of affordability.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

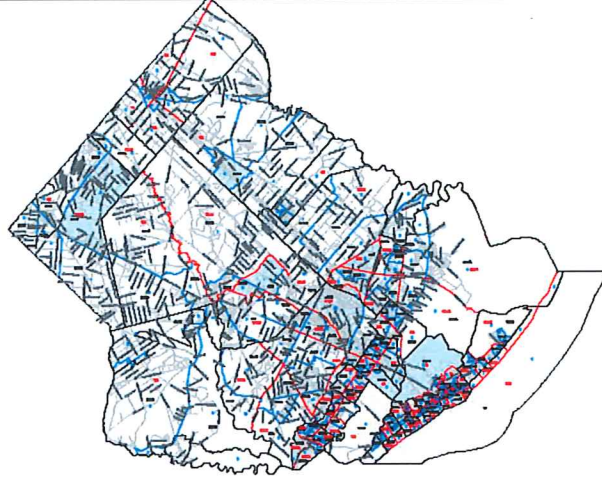
Atlantic County will not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds



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## 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS JULY 2019

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