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 third year of this 5-year period, specifically from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019.

The Annual Action Plan sets forth the goals and objectives for the period and is a continuation of efforts begun in Years 1 and 2 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 2018 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 2018 to address the needs outlined in this Plan are \$1,300,087. The County will also receive \$717,003 in 2017 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 2018 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 June 1 through July 2.

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	Α	tlantic County Improvement Authority
HOME Administrator	A	tlantic County Improvement Authority

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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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 3rd 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(I))

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
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1	Agency/Group/Organization	Atlantic County Womens Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Mental Health Association in Atlantic County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency

	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment
	Consultation?	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an
	was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of	ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government
	the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail,
		conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (ATLANTIC COUNTY)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment
	Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Economic Development
		Public infrastructure and facilities

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Pleasantville Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	РНА
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	ABSECON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public services, infrastructure & facilities

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Brigantine
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public facilities

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	BUENA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public facilities & infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Corbin City
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Slum/blight elimination

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10	Agency/Group/Organization	HAMMONTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public facilities & infrsastructure
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11	Agency/Group/Organization	EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Infrastructure

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	ESTELL MANOR
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	FOLSOM
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities

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14	Agency/Group/Organization	GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities
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15	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Linwood
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

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16	Agency/Group/Organization	Borough of Longport
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities & infrastructure
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17	Agency/Group/Organization	Margate City
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities & infrastructure

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18	Agency/Group/Organization	MULLICA TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	NORTHFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public infrastructure

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20	Agency/Group/Organization	PLEASANTVILLE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities & infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Port Republic
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities & infrastructure

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22	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Somers Point
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public facilities & infrastructure
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23	Agency/Group/Organization	VENTNOR CITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public facilities & infrastructure

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities & infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.

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 Coro	Atlantic County Homeless	Action Plan goals include the prevention of homelessness through rehab programs and							
Continuum of Care	Consortium	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 February 20, 2018 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 February 28 and June 14 at 3 different County libraries, all totally accessible, to discuss community needs and the draft 2018 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	16 municipalities participated in 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	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non- targeted/broad community	Held February 28, 2018, 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.	and reasons No comments were received.	
3	Public Hearing	Non- targeted/broad community	Held June 14, 2018, 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 2018, the County has been allocated \$1,300,087 in CDBG funds and \$717,003 in HOME funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	ected Amour	nt Available Ye	ar 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements						Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is based on estimate of 2 times current allocation
		Public Services	1,300,087	0	0	1,300,087	2,600,000	

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Ехре	ected Amour	nt Available Ye	ar 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual	Program	Prior Year	Total:	Amount	
			Allocation:	Income:	Resources:	\$	Available	
			\$	\$	\$		Remainder	
							of ConPlan \$	
HOME	public -	Acquisition						Expected amount for remainder
	federal	Homebuyer						of Con Plan is based on estimate
		assistance						of 2 times current allocation
		Homeowner rehab						
		Multifamily rental						
		new construction						
		Multifamily rental						
		rehab						
		New construction						
		for ownership						
		TBRA	717,003	0	0	717,003	1,400,000	

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 nonprofit 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 nonfederal sources, including developers equity, sweat equity, land donated by municipalities and private bank investment in housing projects.

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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	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year					
1	Preserve existing	2016	2020	Affordable	Countywide	Preservation of	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	housing stock			Housing	Buena Borough	existing housing	\$130,028	Rehabilitated: 24 Household
					Hamilton	stock	HOME:	Housing Unit
					Township		\$287,752	

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Improve public	2016	2020	Non-Housing	Countywide	Improvements to	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	facilities &			Community	Eligible census	public facilities &	\$865,521	Activities other than
	infrastructure			Development	tracts/block	infrastructure		Low/Moderate Income Housing
					groups			Benefit: 40000 Persons Assisted
					Estell Manor			
					Folsom			
					Borough			
					Hamilton			
					Township			
					Galloway			
					Township			
					Linwood			
					Longport			
					Margate			
					Northfield			
					Weymouth			
					Township			
3	Support Public	2016	2020	Non-Homeless	City of Absecon	Diverse & viable	CDBG:	Public service activities other
	Services			Special Needs		public services	\$25,521	than Low/Moderate Income
				Non-Housing				Housing Benefit: 50 Persons
				Community				Assisted
				Development				
4	Increase home	2016	2020	Affordable	Countywide	Increase home	HOME:	Homeowner Housing Added: 1
	ownership			Housing		ownership	\$357,551	Household Housing Unit
	opportunities					opportunities		Direct Financial Assistance to
								Homebuyers: 25 Households
								Assisted

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year					
5	Administer CDBG	2016	2020	Planning &	Countywide	General program	CDBG:	Other: 1 Other
	& HOME			Administration		administration	\$260,017	
	programs						HOME:	
							\$71,700	
6	Eliminate	2016	2020	Non-Housing	Mullica	Blight elimination	CDBG:	Buildings Demolished: 1
	slums/blight			Community	Township		\$19,000	Buildings
				Development				

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1 Goal Name Preserve existing housing stock		Preserve existing housing stock
	Goal Description	Includes countywide housing rehab program (\$287,752 in HOME funds) plus municipal programs in Buena Borough (\$15,000 in CDBG), Port Republic (\$15,000), Ventnor (\$60,622) and Hamilton Township (\$39,406).
2 Goal Name Improve public facilities & infrastructure		Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Goal Description	17 different municipal and county projects to either improve eligible areas or remove architectural barriers to public access.
3 Goal Name Support Public Services		Support Public Services
	Goal Description	Absecon senior bus program
4	Goal Name	Increase home ownership opportunities
	Goal Description	Homebuyer program plus CHDO homeowner housing construction.

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5	Goal Name	Administer CDBG & HOME programs	
	Goal	General administration and planning of the CDBG and HOME programs	
	Description	n	
6	Goal Name	Eliminate slums/blight	
	Goal Description		

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 2018 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	g 2018
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2 HOME Housing Rehabilitation 2018	
3 Homebuyer Assistance 2018	
4 Affordable Housing - CHDO 2018	
5 Absecon - Senior Bus 2018	
6 Brigantine ADA Curb Cuts 2018	
7 Buena Borough Housing Rehabilitat	ion 2018
8 Buena Vista - MLK Center 2018	
9 Corbin City Street Reconstruction 20	018
10 Egg Harbor Twp Sewer Line 2018	
11 Estell Manor - ADA City Hall 2018	
12 Folsom - Senior exercise equipment	2018
13 Galloway Senior Center improveme	nts 2018
14 Hamilton - Infrastructure 2018	
15 Hamilton Housing Rehabilitation 20	18
16 Hammonton Street Reconstruction	2018
17 Linwood - ADA 2018	
18 Longport ADA access 2018	
19 Margate ADA access 2018	
20 Mullica Twp. 2018 - demo	
21 Northfield ADA 2018	
22 Pleasantville Street Reconstruction	2018

#	Project Name	
24	Somers Point Street Reconstruction 2018	
25	Ventnor Housing Rehabilitation 2018	
26 Weymouth Township Sidewalks 2018		
27	Atlantic County ADA 2018	

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	General administration and planning 2018
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Administer CDBG & HOME programs
	Needs Addressed	General program administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$260,017 HOME: \$71,700
	Description	Operation of the CDBG and HOME programs, including planning, monitoring and reporting.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	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.
	Location Description	Programs will be administered from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority office at 1333 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, NJ
	Planned Activities	Planning, monitoring and reporting of the CDBG and HOME programs in an efficient, compliant manner.
2	Project Name	HOME Housing Rehabilitation 2018
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Preserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Preservation of existing housing stock
	Funding	HOME: \$287,752
	Description	Loans to income-eligible homeowners for necessary home repairs. This is the countywide, HOME-funded portion of housing rehab. CDBG- funded rehab programs in targeted municipalities are listed separately.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 15 families with incomes at or below 80% AMI.
	Location Description	Available countywide. Specific locations to be determined.

	Planned Activities	Loans for needed home repairs plus necessary delivery services, including intake, spec writing, inspections, consultations with homeowners and contractors and financial processing.
3	Project Name	Homebuyer Assistance 2018
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase home ownership opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Increase home ownership opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$250,000
	Description	Loans to assist eligible families with down payment and closing costs for purchase of single-family homes.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 income-eligible families, primarily moderate-income, though some low-income may also be included.
	Location Description	Throughout the Urban County.
	Planned Activities	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	Project Name	Affordable Housing - CHDO 2018
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase home ownership opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Increase home ownership opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$107,551
	Description	Assistance to a Community Housing Development Organization for production of an affordable housing unit.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 family at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	Location Description	Specific location within Atlantic County to be determined.

	Planned Activities	Assistance to a Community Housing Development Organization for production of an affordable housing unit.
5	Project Name	Absecon - Senior Bus 2018
	Target Area	City of Absecon
	Goals Supported	Support Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Diverse & viable public services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,521
	Description	Operating support for bus that provides transportation to senior and disabled residents of Absecon.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 50 elderly and disabled residents.
	Location Description	Throughout Absecon.
	Planned Activities	Operating support for bus that provides transportation to senior and disabled residents of Absecon.
6	Project Name	Brigantine ADA Curb Cuts 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,152
	Description	Removal of architectural barriers at various city intersections.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	863 Brigantine residents are disabled adults. As a resort community, the actual number that will benefit will be significantly higher.
	Location Description	Specific locations to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Removal of architectural barriers at various city intersections.
7	Project Name	Buena Borough Housing Rehabilitation 2018
	Target Area	Buena Borough

	Goals Supported	Preserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Preservation of existing housing stock
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Loan to an income-eligible homeowner for necessary home repairs.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 family with income at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	Location Description	Exact location within Buena Borough to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Loan for needed home repairs plus necessary delivery services, including intake, spec writing, inspections, consultations with homeowners and contractors and financial processing.
8	Project Name	Buena Vista - MLK Center 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,003
	Description	HVAC improvements to ML King Center. NOTE - This is a continuation of Buena Vista Township's 2016 & 2017 project.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,055 residents in Census Tract 112.02, Block Group 4, 60% of whom are low-mod income.
	Location Description	661 Jackson Blvd., Buena Vista Twp., NJ
	Planned Activities	HVAC improvements to a community center that serves an eligible low-mod area.
9	Project Name	Corbin City Street Reconstruction 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000

	Description	Street reconstruction of Ocean, Samson, Kansas and Sunset avenues. Survey to be completed to document that this is a low-mod area.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 25 families living in the service area, the majority of whom are low-mod income.
	Location Description	Ocean, Samson, Kansas and Sunset avenues.
	Planned Activities	Street reconstruction.
10	Project Name	Egg Harbor Twp Sewer Line 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$144,786
	Description	Continuation of the 2017 project to extend a sewer line to serve 18 homes. Households to be surveyed to establish eligibility.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	18 households that will be connected to the municipal sanitary sewer system.
	Location Description	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 under the County's Exception Rate of 42.19%.
	Planned Activities	Extension of sanitary sewer line to provide service to 18 households currently without access to the system.
11	Project Name	Estell Manor - ADA City Hall 2018
	Target Area	Estell Manor
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000

	Description	Continuation of 2017 project to remove architectural barriers at City Hall by replacing deteriorated walkway and rebuilding handicapped parking places.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 250 seniors residing in Estell Manor and approximately 125 residents with mobility challenges.
	Location Description	Estell Manor City Hall, 148 Cumberland Ave., Estell Manor.
	Planned Activities	Replace deteriorated handicap parking spaces and walkway. Both are made of pavers, are uneven and are impediments to wheelchair use.
12	Project Name	Folsom - Senior exercise equipment 2018
	Target Area	Folsom Borough
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	A continuation of the 2017 project to provide Senior/ADA-specific exercise equipment and related site improvements at Penny Pot Park.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated 350 Borough residents age 62 and older plus an estimated 130 residents with mobility challenges
	Location Description	Penny Pot Park is on Lakewood Drive between North Pinewood and Oakwood in Folsom Borough.
	Planned Activities	A continuation of the 2017 project to provide Senior/ADA-specific exercise equipment and related site improvements at Penny Pot Park.
13	Project Name	Galloway Senior Center improvements 2018
	Target Area	Galloway Township
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$118,568

	Description	Improvements to the Township Senior Center, including purchase and installation of a generator.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3,500 Township residents age 62 and above.
	Location Description	Senior Center is at 621 White Horse Pike, Galloway Township.
	Planned Activities	Senior Center improvements, including purchase and installation of a generator.
14	Project Name	Hamilton - Infrastructure 2018
	Target Area	Hamilton Township
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$62,864
	Description	This project consists of two separate activities - ADA improvements at the Lundy Center in the Mizpah section of the Township and sidewalk improvements in an eligible residential area near Oakcrest High School.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	For the ADA improvements, approximately 3,500 residents age 62 and older plus an estimated 2,500 residents with mobility challenges. For the sidewalk improvements near Oakcrest High School, the 635 residents of Census Tract 114.03, Block Group 2, more than 65% of whom are low-mod income.
	Location Description	The Lundy Center is at 6916 Sewell Ave., Mizpah, NJ. Sidewalk improvements will be in Oakcrest Estates near Denmead Drive.
	Planned Activities	This project consists of two separate activities - ADA improvements at the Lundy Center in the Mizpah section of the Township and sidewalk improvements in an eligible residential area near Oakcrest High School.
15	Project Name	Hamilton Housing Rehabilitation 2018
	Target Area	Hamilton Township
	Goals Supported	Preserve existing housing stock

	Needs Addressed	Preservation of existing housing stock
	Funding	CDBG: \$39,406
	Description	Loans to income-eligible homeowners for necessary home repairs.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will	2 families with incomes at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	benefit from the	
	proposed activities	
	Location Description	Available in Hamilton Township. Exact locations to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Loans to income-eligible homeowners for necessary home repairs.
16	Project Name	Hammonton Street Reconstruction 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$62,232
	Description	Continuation of the 2017 Project for reconstruction of Washington Street from Bellevue Avenue to Orchard Street.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will	765 residents of Census Tract 111, Block Group 2, 46% of whom are low-mod income.
	benefit from the	
	proposed activities	
	Location Description	Washington Street from Bellevue Avenue to Orchard Street.
	Planned Activities	Reconstruction of Washington Street from Bellevue Avenue to Orchard Street.
17	Project Name	Linwood - ADA 2018
	Target Area	Linwood
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Replacement of current clam shell walkway with paved walkway at All Wars Memorial Park.

	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 900 City residents age 62 and above plus approximately 700 residents with mobility challenges.
	Location Description	All Wars Memorial Park is on Shore Road and Wabash Avenue.
	Planned Activities	Replacement of current clam shell walkway with paved walkway at All Wars Memorial Park.
18	Project Name	Longport ADA access 2018
	Target Area	Longport
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	A continuation of the 2017 project to construct beach access ramps at 16th Avenue and the beach.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	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.
	Location Description	16th Avenue at the beach.
	Planned Activities	Construction of beach access ramps at 16th Avenue and the beach.
19	Project Name	Margate ADA access 2018
	Target Area	Margate
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,146
	Description	Removal of architectural barriers to beach access at Monroe Avenue and Pembroke Avenue.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	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.	
	Location Description	Monroe Avenue & the beach and Pembroke Avenue & the beach, Margate, NJ	
	Planned Activities	Removal of architectural barriers to beach access at Monroe Avenue and Pembroke Avenue.	
20	Project Name	Mullica Twp. 2018 - demo	
	Target Area	Mullica Township	
	Goals Supported	Eliminate slums/blight	
	Needs Addressed	Blight elimination	
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,000	
	Description	Demolition of a blighted, abandoned residential structure in a low- mod residential area.	
	Target Date	12/31/2019	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The 1,680 residents of Census Tract 107.00 Block Group 4, some 65% of whom are low-mod income.	
	Location Description	Property to be demolished is at 258 Twenty-Fourth Avenue, Mullica Township.	
	Planned Activities	Demolition of a blighted, abandoned residential structure in a low- mod residential area.	
21	Project Name	Northfield ADA 2018	
	Target Area	Northfield	
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure	
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure	
	Funding	CDBG: \$28,898	
	Description	Continuation of 2017 Project to make accessibility improvements to rear entrance of Northfield City Hall, including ramp and automatic door.	
	Target Date	6/30/2020	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 700 Northfield residents age 62 and above plus an estimated 800 residents who have mobility challenges.
	Location Description	City Hall is at 1600 Shore Road, Northfield.
	Planned Activities	Accessibility improvements to rear entrance of Northfield City Hall, including ramp and automatic door.
22	Project Name	Pleasantville Street Reconstruction 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,657
	Description	Street reconstruction of Tunis Avenue from Ansley Boulevard to Franklin Boulevard.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,510 residents of Census Tract 121, Block Group 1, 60% of whom are low-mod income.
	Location Description	Tunis Avenue from Ansley Boulevard to Franklin Boulevard, Pleasantville, NJ.
	Planned Activities	Street reconstruction of Tunis Avenue from Ansley Boulevard to Franklin Boulevard.
23	Project Name	Port Republic Housing Rehabilitation 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Preserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Preservation of existing housing stock
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Loan to eligible homeowner to make needed home repairs.
	Target Date	12/31/2019

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities1 family at 80% of Area Median Income or less.Location DescriptionProperty in Port Republic. Exact location to be determined.		1 family at 80% of Area Median Income or less.
		Property in Port Republic. Exact location to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Loan to eligible homeowner to make needed home repairs.
24	Project Name	Somers Point Street Reconstruction 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,215
	Description	Continuation of 2017 Project to reconstruct Meyran Avenue from Shore Road to Bay Avenue.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,890 residents of Census Tract 128.01, Block Group 1, 54% of whom are low-mod income.
	Location Description	Meyran Avenue from Shore Road to Bay Avenue, Somers Point.
	Planned Activities	Continuation of 2017 Project to reconstruct Meyran Avenue from Shore Road to Bay Avenue.
25	Project Name	Ventnor Housing Rehabilitation 2018
	Target Area	Eligible census tracts/block groups
	Goals Supported	Preserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Preservation of existing housing stock
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,622
	Description	Loans to eligible homeowners for needed home repairs.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 families with household incomes at 80% or less of Area Median Income.

-	Location Description	Properties in Ventnor. Exact locations to be determined.	
	Planned Activities	Loans to income-eligible homeowners for needed home repairs.	
26	Project Name	Weymouth Township Sidewalks 2018	
Target Area		Weymouth Township	
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure	
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure	
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000	
	Description	Continuation of 2017 Project for the installation of sidewalks along the east side of Route 50 from the municipal boundary to Lowell Street.	
	Target Date	7/31/2020	
type of families that will surveyed via HUD-approved process to confirm what the		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 under the County's Exception Rate of 42.19%.	
	Location Description	East side of Route 50 from municipal boundary to Lowell Street.	
	Planned Activities	Installation of sidewalks along the east side of Route 50 from the municipal boundary to Lowell Street.	
27	Project Name	Atlantic County ADA 2018	
	Target Area	Countywide	
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities & infrastructure	
	Needs Addressed	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure	
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000	
	Description	Accessibility improvements to the Warren E. Fox Nature Center in Atlantic County Park, Estell Manor. The Center provides environmental education to the public and host craft classes and other public activities. Specific improvements include installation of power doors to allow use by those in wheelchairs.	
	Target Date	12/31/2019	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 20,000 disabled residents of Atlantic County.	
	Location Description	Atlantic County Park, Route 50, Estell Manor, NJ.	

Planned Activities	Accessibility improvements to the Warren E. Fox Nature Center in
	Atlantic County Park, Estell Manor. The Center provides environmental
	education to the public and host craft classes and other public
	activities. Specific improvements include installation of power doors to
	allow use by those in wheelchairs.

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	49
Eligible census tracts/block groups	27
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	1
Weymouth Township	1
Table 9 Geographic Distribution	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	50
Special-Needs	0
Total	50

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	24
Acquisition of Existing Units	25
Total	50

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 moderateincome 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 4 years ago, the Atlantic County Continuum of Care created a new Board and adopted new bylaws 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 2017 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.

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 of 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 2016 American Community Survey, is \$55,456. Per the same source, the median value of an owner-occupied home is \$222,200. 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 51% of renters spend more than 35% of their income on housing, again according to the Census Bureau's 2016 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 108backed 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 Annual Action Plan

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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 2018. 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

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 moderateincome 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 Annual Action Plan

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 2018 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 Annual Action Plan

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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 2018 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
Total Program Income:	0

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 2018 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

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Grantee Unique Appendices

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)