

## **Executive Summary**

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

#### **1. Introduction**

As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Atlantic County is required to prepare a Five-Year Consolidated Plan that assesses needs within its jurisdiction and spells out how it plans to use HUD resources to address those needs. It is also required to submit an Annual Action Plan for each year. The current Five-Year Consolidated Plan covers program years 2021 through 2025, a period beginning on September 1, 2021 and ending on August 31, 2026.

The Annual Action Plan presented here covers Year 4 of that 5-year period, specifically the 12 months from September 1, 2024 and ending on August 31, 2025.

The CDBG program has as its primary purpose the provision of decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunity to the most vulnerable populations, including low-moderate income households, seniors, disabled adults, domestic violence victims and the homeless. Atlantic County is scheduled to receive \$1,214,651 in CDBG funds for Program Year 2024 (September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025).

The HOME program has as its primary purpose the provision of safe, decent, affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households. Atlantic County is scheduled to receive \$618,585 in HOME funding for Program Year 2024.

In assessing community needs within the jurisdiction, Atlantic County reviewed a wide variety of available data and consulted with municipalities, agencies and organizations from the public and private sectors engaged in front-line provision of services and facilities to eligible populations. Based on the needs so identified, the County has developed both a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan for 2024 that directs HUD resources to effectively assisting our residents.

#### **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 Annual Action Plan are enumerated in Section AP-20. They include planned accomplishments in the areas of housing and public infrastructure.

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

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

Long-term, 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. More recently, however, many municipal projects have lagged in their implementation. For that reason, the County has changed its method of awarding CDBG funds to Urban County municipalities starting with this year's Action Plan. This year's awards, rather than automatically allocating funding to each member municipality, were based on a competitive process that takes into account a municipality's past performance in completing CDBG-funded projects.

In preparing this plan, the successful outcomes previously achieved suggested that some activities 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.

Each Urban County municipality was invited to the County's annual Community Development kick-off meeting 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 to discuss community needs and the draft 2024 Annual Action Plan.

A 30-day public review period for the Draft Annual Action Plan was held from June 26, 2024 through July 26, 2024. The draft plan was made available on the County website and in printed form at the Improvement Authority Office with information on how to comment on the 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.

## **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 senior transportation and programming.

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

All comments received were considered in the preparation of this Plan.

## **7. Summary**

Through consultation with a wide array of stakeholders, Atlantic County has developed both a Five-Year plan and this Annual Action Plan for the use of CDBG and HOME funds. The overarching purpose of those Plans is the efficient use of precious and 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)

Atlantic County has designated the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to administer the CDBG and HOME programs for the Atlantic County Urban County.

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

### **1. Introduction**

Atlantic County, through the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, has prepared both a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and related Annual Action Plans 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. The County will submit this 2024 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

#### **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 communications 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	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Atlantic County Womens Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	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
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings and conferences.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mental Health Association in Atlantic County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Health Agency

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	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
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey. 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.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (ATLANTIC COUNTY)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	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 Economic Development Public infrastructure and facilities



	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey and 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	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pleasantville Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey specific to public housing authorities. 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.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ABSECON
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public services and infrastructure

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

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

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10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public facilities and infrastructure
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11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ESTELL MANOR
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure

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12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	FOLSOM
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure

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14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Linwood
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Borough of Longport
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure

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16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Margate City
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MULLICA TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment

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18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NORTHFIELD
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PLEASANTVILLE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and improvements



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20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Port Republic
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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21	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Somers Point
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public facilities and infrastructure

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22	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VENTNOR CITY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
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23	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure

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24	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COVENANT HOUSE OF NEW JERSEY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey.
25	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Buena Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
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26	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Atlantic County Office of Emergency Preparednes
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis Emergency preparedness
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Review of the most recent version of the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies potential threats to the jurisdiction.
27	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Comcast
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Business Leaders Major Employer
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	E-mail discussion of broadband availability in the jurisdiction and company initiatives regarding same.

### 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**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Atlantic County Homeless Consortium	This Strategic Plan includes homelessness prevention activities that help reduce the need for facilities and services for the homeless.

**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 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 May 8, 2024 and June 26, 2024 at 3 different times each day to discuss community needs and the draft 2024 Annual Action Plan.

A 30-day public review period for the Draft Annual Action Plan was held from June 26, 2024 through July 26, 2024. The draft plan was made available on the County website and in the Community Development office with information on how to comment on the 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 Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Hearings on community needs held at 3 different times on May 8, 2024.		All comments were accepted.	

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2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Hearings on draft plan held at 3 different times on June 26, 2024.			
3	Internet Outreach	Municipalities belonging to the Urban County	Annual kick-off meeting for municipalities held virtually on March 19, 2024.	Continued need for infrastructure improvements and removal of architectural barriers to mobility.	All comments were accepted.	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

Atlantic County's CDBG allocation for 2024 is \$1,214,651. The County's HOME allocation for 2024 is \$618,584.90. The table below is not capable of including cents, so the HOME amount entered there is for whole dollars only with the cents dropped off, as per instructions from the HUD-Newark Field Office.

The expected amount for the remaining 1 year of the current Con Plan period is approximately equal to the Year 4 (2024) allocation.

#### 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	1,214,651.00	0.00	0.00	1,214,651.00	1,200,000.00	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is approximately equal to Year 4 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: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	618,584.90	0.00	0.00	618,584.90	600,000.00	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is approximately equal to Year 4 allocation.

**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 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.

**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. Specific locations are identified in individual projects.

### **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	Urban Countywide	Preservation of existing housing stock	HOME: \$213,939.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
2	Improve public facilities & infrastructure	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Urban Countywide Eligible low-mod residential areas Otherwise eligible geographic area	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure	CDBG: \$871,721.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 32057 Persons Assisted
3	Support Public Services	2021	2025	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Otherwise eligible geographic area	Diverse & viable public services	CDBG: \$100,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Increase home ownership opportunities	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Urban Countywide	Increase home ownership opportunities	HOME: \$355,914.00	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted
6	Administer CDBG & HOME programs	2016	2020	Planning & Administration	Urban Countywide	General program administration	CDBG: \$242,930.00 HOME: \$61,858.00	Other: 1 Other

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Preserve existing housing stock
	Goal Description	Residential rehab programs using both HOME and CDBG funding. This goal will be addressed through Project 2.
2	Goal Name	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Goal Description	Municipal and County infrastructure projects for accessibility improvements and improvements to eligible residential neighborhoods. This goal will be addressed through Projects 5 through 11.
3	Goal Name	Support Public Services
	Goal Description	Support for eligible public services. This goal will be addressed through Project 12.

4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Using HOME funds for both homebuyer assistance and the creation of a new affordable unit, this goal will be addressed through Projects 3 and 4.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administer CDBG & HOME programs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Administration and planning of both the CDBG and HOME programs. This goal will be addressed through Project 1.

## 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 2023 to address a wide range of challenges for those populations. Infrastructure improvements, housing rehab, community facilities and social services are just some of the approaches to improving neighborhoods, houses and, most importantly, families in Atlantic County.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Administration & Planning - 2024
2	Housing Rehab - 2024
3	Homebuyer Assistance - 2024
4	Affordable Housing - CHDO 2024
5	Buena Vista Township ADA - 2024
6	Egg Harbor Twp. - Infrastructure - 2024
7	Linwood ADA improvements - 2024
8	Longport - ADA improvements - 2024
9	Pleasantville Projects - 2024
10	Weymouth Township - ADA Improvements 2024
11	Atlantic County ADA - 2024
12	Galloway Seniors - 2024

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	General Administration & Planning - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide Eligible low-mod residential areas Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administer CDBG & HOME programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	General program administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$242,930.00 HOME: \$61,858.00
	<b>Description</b>	Operation of the CDBG and HOME programs, including planning, monitoring and reporting.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<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 600 Aviation Research Blvd., Egg Harbor Twp., NJ.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planning, monitoring and reporting of the CDBG and HOME programs in an efficient, compliant manner.
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehab - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Preserve existing housing stock
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Preservation of existing housing stock
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$213,938.00
	<b>Description</b>	Interest-free loans to eligible homeowners to make needed repairs on their properties. Includes all project delivery costs. Project funding is \$213,938.90.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 10 households, all at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Program available Countywide. Specific locations to be determined.



	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide interest-free loans to eligible homeowners to make needed repairs on their properties as well as project delivery costs including intake, income verification, property inspections, testing, spec writing, document preparation and recording and program reporting.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Homebuyer Assistance - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$250,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Loans to assist eligible families with down payment and closing costs for purchase of single-family homes.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10 families, all with incomes of 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Program available throughout the Urban County. Specific locations to be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Loans to assist eligible families with down payment and closing costs for purchase of single-family homes.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Affordable Housing - CHDO 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$92,788.00
	<b>Description</b>	Assistance to a Community Housing Development Organization for production of an affordable housing unit.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 family with income of 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Available throughout the Urban County. Specific locations to be determined.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Assistance to a Community Housing Development Organization for production of an affordable housing unit.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Buena Vista Township ADA - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Removal of architectural barriers to mobility at the Township Municipal building.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey (most recent) estimates that there are 579 Buena Vista Township residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The Township Municipal Building is located at 890 Harding Highway in Buena Vista Township, NJ.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements at Buena Vista Township municipal building.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Egg Harbor Twp. - Infrastructure - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible low-mod residential areas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$214,500.00
	<b>Description</b>	Street reconstruction and improvements to Uibel Avenue from Coolidge Avenue to Tilton Road.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The 1,955 residents of Census Tract 117.02, Block Group 2, some 52.40% of whom are low-mod income. Population data is from the 2020 5-year ACS tables that are effective August 1, 2024.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Uibel Avenue in Egg Harbor Township, NJ, from Coolidge Avenue to Tilton Road.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Street reconstruction along with installation of curbing and sidewalks.

7	<b>Project Name</b>	Linwood ADA improvements - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Installation of an elevator in the Linwood Library to provide access to both floors of the 100-year-old building.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's most recent (2022) American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 272 Linwood residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The Library is located at 301 Davis Avenue, Linwood, NJ.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of an elevator in the Linwood Library to provide access to both floors of the 100-year-old building.
8	<b>Project Name</b>	Longport - ADA improvements - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$51,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements to various intersections, including crosswalks and curb ramps
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 75 Longport residents with ambulatory difficulties. As a seaside resort community, those benefitting from these improvements are several times the resident population, however.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements to various intersections, including crosswalks and curb ramps
9	<b>Project Name</b>	Pleasantville Projects - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible low-mod residential areas

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$214,500.00
	<b>Description</b>	Support for 4 projects in low-mod areas of Pleasantville, specifically improvements to Clematis Park and Tilton Road Park, installation of bike paths and equipment for the Pleasantville Rec Center.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	<p>Improvements are planned in the following low-mod areas. Some will benefit the entire Pleasantville community, which is more than 55% low-mod. Data below taken from 2020 5-year ACS, effective August 1, 2024.</p> <p>Clematis Park - Census Tract 121, Block Group 2 - 1,610 residents, 74.20% low-mod</p> <p>Tilton Road Park - Census Tract 122, Block Group 2 - 1,520 residents, 49.70% low-mod, above the County exception rate of 45.1%</p> <p>Pleasantville Rec Center - Census Tract 119.02, Block Group 2 - 2,605 resident, 72.20% low-mod</p> <p>Bike paths - Census Tract 122, Block Group 1 - 2,100 residents - 62.60% low-mod</p> <p>Total = 7,835 residents.</p>
	<b>Location Description</b>	<p>Clematis Park - 1300 Clematis Avenue</p> <p>Tilton Road Park - 127 Tilton Road</p> <p>Pleasantville Rec Center - 400 Brighton Avenue</p> <p>Bike paths - Vicinity of Decatur Avenue, west of Main Street</p>
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Support for 4 projects in low-mod areas of Pleasantville, specifically improvements to Clematis Park and Tilton Road Park, installation of bike paths and equipment for the Pleasantville Rec Center.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Weymouth Township - ADA Improvements 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$91,562.00

	<b>Description</b>	ADA improvements to the Belcoville Fire Hall in Weymouth Township. Improvements to include ADA compliant parking spots and doorways.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The most recent (2022) American Community Survey (ACS) from the U.S. Census Bureau estimates there are 247 Township residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	1201 Loretta Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	ADA improvements to the Belcoville Fire Hall in Weymouth Township. Improvements to include ADA compliant parking spots and doorways.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Atlantic County ADA - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,159.00
	<b>Description</b>	ADA improvements at a County facility. Specific site to be determined.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey estimates that there are 21,094 Atlantic County residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	ADA improvements at a County facility. Specific site to be determined.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Galloway Seniors - 2024
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Diverse & viable public services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Support for Galloway Township's senior services, including bus purchase and operation plus programming at Senior Center.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2026

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 150 senior residents of Galloway Township.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Senior Center is located at 621 W. White Horse Pike, Egg Harbor City, NJ. Senior bus operates throughout the Township.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Support for Galloway Township's senior services, including bus purchase and operation plus programming at Senior Center.

## **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. Projects were awarded on a competitive basis with scoring weighted for number of low-mod individuals benefitting, past performance in completing CDBG-funded projects and the relative need for the proposed project.

The table below reflects the fact that many CDBG and HOME funded activities are available throughout the Urban County while others are limited to a particular geographic area.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Urban Countywide	53
Eligible low-mod residential areas	23
Otherwise eligible geographic area	24

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

#### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Projects were awarded on a competitive basis with scoring weighted for number of low-mod individuals benefitting, past performance in completing CDBG-funded projects and the relative need for the proposed project.

#### **Discussion**

In transitioning this year to a competitive process for awarding municipal allocations, the Urban County's intent is to improve the efficiency and impact of project delivery.

## 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, and which 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	36
Special-Needs	0
Total	36

**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	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	25
Total	36

**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 \$30,000 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 the current 5-year Consolidated 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 specifically for Housing Authority residents, but the homebuyer program and some of the infrastructure projects are expected to impact some Housing Authority residents.

### **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 Housing Authority in the Urban County is 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**

The Atlantic County Continuum of Care operates under a Board and by-laws with staff support provided by the Atlantic County Department of Family and Community Development. A single point of entry is used to coordinate homeless support activities. The Atlantic Homeless Alliance is composed of the Atlantic County Department of Welfare, Jewish Family Services and the Pleasantville Housing Authority. The SPOE employs 11 staff to facilitate the coordination of care of those who present as homeless in Atlantic County.

#### **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 cost of housing here, with much of the County on or near the shore and some municipalities close to being completely built out.

**Funding:** This impediment involves the lack of Federal and State resources for affordable housing initiatives. Though Federal and State funding sources are available to subsidize affordable housing projects, the cost of land and the limited number of both for-profit and non-profit developers 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 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.

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 expects to continue its homebuyers program throughout the five years covered by this Consolidated Plan. 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:**

This section summarizes by various category the anticipated benefits and impacts of the activities contained in this Annual Action Plan. The individual goals and aims of these activities are described in AP-35 the Projects Section, but this section shows how multiple activities reinforce each other in address broad areas of community development.

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

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, infra-structure, and economic development – and county and municipal resources go only so far.

The County, through both staff and consultants, is constantly looking for additional funding sources to address the unmet needs identified in our community. We routinely attract state, federal, regional and private funding for improvements and services that aide the community at large and lower income neighborhoods and residents in particular. Those efforts will certainly continue during 2024.

The development of more and better jobs for low and moderate income persons would help reduce the scale or scope of needs as well. In this vein, the County undertakes economic development projects to attract and retain employers and works with local and regional job training entities to enhance residents' work skills.

### **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 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 \$30,000 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.

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

Lead hazards are addressed during housing rehabilitation efforts. All homes built before 1978 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 current program year. In addition, Atlantic County has initiated another tool for economic development. Specifically, a 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 Consolidated Plan and 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:**

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.

## 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 2024 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.	98.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)**  
**Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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 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 uses HOME funds for two types of homebuyer activities. They are

- 1) homebuyer purchase assistance, which provides loans to help with down payments and closing costs, and
- 2) direct buyer subsidy for houses constructed or rehabbed, in whole or in part, with HOME funds, generally built or rehabbed by the County's non-profit partners, both CHDO and non-CHDO alike.

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

Repayments are in the amount of the direct subsidy, subject to availability of net proceeds. For the homebuyer down payment assistance program, all HOME funds are considered the direct subsidy. In the construction/rehab sale properties, the direct subsidy is the amount of HOME funds used to reduce or help reduce the sales price from market value to an amount affordable to the buyer.

In the event that net proceeds – defined as sales price less other debt on the property – is insufficient to repay the entire direct subsidy, the recaptured amount shall be determined by the following formula: HOME direct subsidy/Total project cost x net proceeds = Recapture amount.

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.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Atlantic County intends to use HOME funds for homebuyer assistance and for rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family housing and will use the HOME affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD.

Eligible applicants for all HOME-assisted activities will consist of households with annual incomes of 80% or less of the Area Median Income. Applications will be solicited by way of public notices, postings on County and municipal websites and word of mouth. Applications for homeownership assistance and owner-occupied rehabilitation will be processed as received, that is, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications from affordable housing developers will be competitive based on criteria consisting of the

developer's experience is producing quality affordable housing, past performance (if any) when partnering with the Atlantic County HOME program and project leveraging.

Atlantic County does not intend to limit the beneficiaries of any HOME-assisted activity to any segment(s) of the low-income population nor does it intend to give preference to any segment of the low-income population.

## Attachments

# **Atlantic County Improvement Authority**

## **HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

FY 2024 Kick-off Meeting  
CDBG and HOME Programs



March 19, 2024



## 2024 ALLOCATIONS – Release in May

- Expected to be similar to 2023
- 2023 CDBG - \$1,160,741
  
- HOME funding may drop slightly
- 2023 HOME -\$706,089 = HOME
  
- Applications and proposals shall:
  - meet one of three National Objectives  
AND
  - meet eligibility criteria





## **MAJOR CHANGE**

To deal with recurrent federal timeliness issues and after discussion with County Administration, beginning with this FY2024 grant year, the CDBG funds will no longer allocated by formula and will be awarded instead to between three and seven projects a year competitively.

### **Benefits to Communities:**

- Less risk of losing funds due to low spend rate.
- No annual application and documentation requirements.
- Allows for longer term planning rather than forced yearly spending.
- Opportunity for larger projects in every community.
- Removes duplicative paperwork from payments from multiple grant years.

Info sheet on application scoring will be separately distributed.



## Lesser Change

Municipalities choosing to apply for FY2024 funding, applications will now be accepted electronically through the ACIA's Neighborly link.

<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/acia/participant>

Don't worry for this year only we will also accept PDF applications via email to Bob or Kayla.

Kayla Rivera - [rivera\\_kayla@aclink.org](mailto:rivera_kayla@aclink.org)

Bob McGuigan – [mcguigan\\_bob@aclink.org](mailto:mcguigan_bob@aclink.org)



# CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Each activity must meet one of the  
Three National Objectives



**Benefit Low &  
Moderate  
Income Persons**



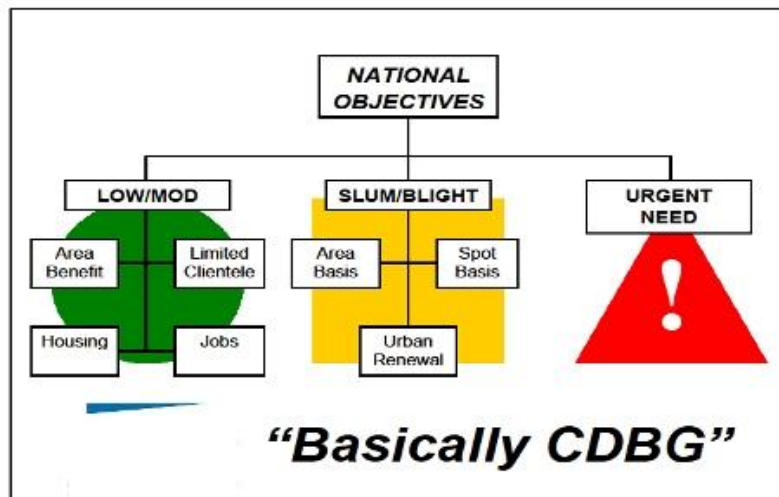
**Prevent or Eliminate  
Slum/Blight**



**Meet Urgent  
Need**



## National Objectives can be met in multiple ways . . .



# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

## ➤ Is it an INELIGIBLE ACTIVITY?

- **NO** Political activities
- **NO** Construction of housing units by a unit of local government
- **NO** Operation and maintenance of public facilities/improvements
- **NO** General government expenses including construction or repairs of general government buildings like City Hall, public works garages and police stations
- **NO** Purchase of equipment (except fire equipment)
- **NO** Direct income payments

## ➤ Does it meet a National Objective?



**BUT**

A minimum of 70% of funds  
must go to benefit low-mod  
income residents

2023 Income Limits for Atlantic County

Family size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LOW INCOME	31,200	35,650	40,100	<b>44,550</b>	48,150	51,700	55,250	58,850
MOD INCOME	49,950	57,050	64,200	<b>71,300</b>	77,050	82,750	88,450	94,150

For Atlantic County, income statistics come from the  
Atlantic City-Hammonton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)



# LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

## LIMITED CLIENTELE:

Income – Income limits established by HUD based on Area Median Family Income (AMFI)

- Low-moderate income household is 80% or less of AMFI
- Requires income documentation ---- UNLESS...

## Presumed Benefit Groups:

Seniors	Homeless persons	Abused children
Battered spouses	Illiterate adults	Severely disabled <b>ADULTS</b>
Persons living with AIDS		Migrant farmworkers

## AREA BENEFIT:

Must serve a primarily residential geographic area which is at least 51% low/moderate income persons per Census Bureau or a door-to-door survey.

EXAMPLES: Parks, fire stations, streets, possibly public services



# LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

## HOUSING:

- Housing Rehab Program
- Homebuyer Assistance
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance



## JOB CREATION/RETENTION:

- The activity must involve creation or retention of jobs, a majority of which are filled by **or made available to** low and moderate income people.





# ELIMINATION OF SLUM & BLIGHT

**Area Basis** - Only for an area designated as blighted per state or local law. Designation can't be more than 10 years old.

**Spot Basis** - Not in a blighted area but is detrimental to public health and safety (per local health/code official). Can only be used to address the imminent hazard.

Can be demo  
OR  
rehab



## PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Facilities can be owned by government or non-profit & open to public
- Infrastructure – roads, water, sewers, etc.
- MUST BENEFIT AN ELIGIBLE POPULATION - either by area or limited clientele
- NOT CITY HALL – except for ADA improvements
- NOT FOR MAINTENANCE/REPAIR – no potholes, no grass mowing, no snow removal
- Examples of possibly eligible facilities/infrastructure
  - Park Improvements
  - Fire Station
  - Boys & Girls club – soup kitchen – homeless shelter
  - Street Reconstruction (not just resurfacing or overlays)



# PUBLIC SERVICES

## CAPPED AT 15% OF TOTAL CDBG GRANT

Can be provided by government or non-profit. MUST BENEFIT AN ELIGIBLE POPULATION - either by area or limited clientele

Examples of possibly eligible services:

- Credit Counseling
- Employment services (job training)
- Health services
- Education programs
- Child care
- Recreational services
- Senior services




## **CDBG SUMMARY**

### **Eligible activities\_(not all inclusive)**

- Housing Rehabilitation
- Removal of Architectural Barriers
- Public Facilities and Improvements (infrastructure)
- Acquisition/Disposition of Real Property
- Public Services
- Blight Removal / Site Clearance
- Code Enforcement
- Economic Development



## HOME Investment Partnerships Program

- Purpose – Preservation and production of Affordable Housing
  - Eligible activities include:
    - Rental housing rehab
    - Owner-occupied housing rehab
    - New construction of for sale or rental units
    - Down payment assistance
    - Tenant-based rental assistance
  - 15% of the County's grant must go to non-profit housing developers known as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
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# Important Contacts

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609-343-2390

➤ **Bob McGuigan**, CDBG Director, ACIA  
609-343-2163

➤ **Kayla Rivera**, CDBG Coordinator, ACIA  
609-343-2159

➤ **Melissa Walsh**, Triad Associates  
856-690-9590  
[mwalsh@triadincorporated.com](mailto:mwalsh@triadincorporated.com)



## **AGENDA**

### **ATLANTIC COUNTY URBAN COUNTY MEETING**

#### **CDBG FY2024 Kickoff**

**March 19, 2024                      10:00 AM**

**Via Teams: [Click here to join the meeting](#)**

- I)     Introductions
- II)    Background and Function of the Committee:
  - CDBG History
- III)   Overview of CDBG Program:
  - Schedule for Plan Submission
  - Power Point Presentation
  - Application
  - Scoring System
- IV)   Plan Process Overview and Project Approval and Implementation
- V)    Questions and Answers
- VI)   Adjournment

CDBG/2021/ Kickoff

## Public Notices

### COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NJ PUBLIC NOTICE

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2024 PROGRAM YEAR

The County of Atlantic, through the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, proposes to initiate planning for the FY 2024 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 2024 allocation is estimated at \$1,161,000. The HOME program allocation is \$706,100. 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 County Commissioners in the preparation of the 2024 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, May 8, 2024** at the following times at the following local libraries:

**1 pm – Atlantic County Library EHT Branch - 1 Swift Ave., Egg Harbor Township, NJ**  
**3 pm – Atlantic County Library Mays Landing - 40 Farragut Ave., Mays Landing, NJ**  
**5 pm – Northfield Public Library - 241 W Mill Rd, Northfield, NJ 08225**

A second set of hearings will be held at the same times on **Wednesday, June 26, 2024**, via the same number above, on the 2024 draft Annual Action Plan.

Citizens are invited to submit written or verbal comments at or prior to the hearings. Comments may also be sent by email to [kayla@aclink.org](mailto:kayla@aclink.org) or by mail to:  
Kayla Rivera, ACIA 600 Aviation Research Blvd Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

The draft Annual Plan, developed after the first hearing, will be available for public review for a 30 day comment period starting June 7, 2024.

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

Publication Fee: \$402.75  
Pub Date: March 23, 2024

Order# 0000209893



<b>Project:</b>	CDBG/HOME 2024 Citizen Participation First Public Hearing	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	05/08/2024 1:00 PM
		<b>Place/Room:</b>	EHT Library

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## MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

<b>Project:</b>	CDBGHOME 2024 Citizen Participation First Public Hearing
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**Meeting Date:** 05/08/2024 3:00 PM

**Place/Room:** Mays Landing Library

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## MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

<b>Project:</b>	CDBG/HOME 2024 Citizen Participation First Hearing Public Hearing
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**Meeting Date:** 05/08/2024 5:00 PM

Place/Room: Northfield Library

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## Public Notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISPLAY AND PUBLIC HEARING ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2024 ATLANTIC COUNTY, NJ

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Federal regulations at 24 CFR, Part 91 and Atlantic County's Plan for Citizen Participation, Atlantic County has prepared an Annual Action Plan for F.Y. 2024 for Community Planning and Development Programs. The Annual Plan covers program period from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 and will provide a list of projects intended to be undertaken in the program year. The plans are available for at least 30 days for public comment and review.

Atlantic County will hold 3 public hearings on Wednesday June 26, 2024. The hearings will be held at the following times and locations.

- 11 a.m. - Atlantic County Library - EHT Branch - 1 Swift Ave., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
- 2 p.m. - Atlantic County Library - Mays Landing Branch - 40 Farragut Ave., Mays Landing, NJ 08330
- 4 p.m. - Northfield City Public Library - 241 W Mill Rd, Northfield, NJ 08225

The purpose of the hearings is to solicit citizen comments on the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan. The same information will be presented at each of these three times and locations. The three time format is used in order to maximize the opportunity for citizen participation. Any requested

Copies of the Annual Action Plan for F.Y. 2024 are available for public inspection and review for a greater than thirty day period from June 26th, 2024 through August 1, 2024 by request via email to [riviera\\_kayla@aclink.org](mailto:riviera_kayla@aclink.org) or on [www.acianj.org](http://www.acianj.org). Requests for accommodations at any of the public hearings may also be made.

A list of FY 2024 projects have been tentatively identified and municipal allocations estimated. These will be available with the plan. The total county allocation is \$1,214,651.00 for the Community Development Block Grant and \$618,584.90 for the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Any more or less money allocated will be added or subtracted equally among the selected projects.

Atlantic County intends to submit the Annual Action Plan for F.Y. 2024 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or about August 11, 2024. Interested persons are encouraged to express their views on the Annual Action Plan for F.Y. 2024 at the public hearing or in writing to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, Community Development Office, 600 Aviation Research Blvd., Egg Harbor, NJ 08234 or via email to [riviera\\_kayla@aclink.org](mailto:riviera_kayla@aclink.org).

Publication Fee: \$436.53

Pub Date: June 13, 2024

Order# 0000210706

## MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

<b>Project:</b>	CDBG/HOME 2024 Citizen Participation Second Public Hearing	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	06/26/2024 11:00 AM
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**Meeting Date:** 06/26/2024 11:00 AM

Place/Room: Library

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## MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

**Project:** CDBG/HOME 2024 Citizen Participation Second Public Hearing

**Meeting Date:** 06/28/2024 2:00 PM

Place/Room: Mays Landing Library

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## MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

**Project:** CDBG/HOME 2024 Citizen Participation Second Public Hearing

**Meeting Date:** 08/26/2024 4:00 PM

**Place/Room:** Northfield Library

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2024 Public Hearing Comments:

- Support Public Libraries – Mr. McGuigan explained that we often use CDBG to remove architectural barriers at Libraries and other public buildings. Citizen who did not want to give their name approved of this and asked we continue.

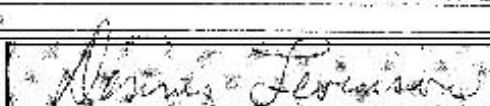


## Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4840-0044  
Expiration Date: 11/30/2026

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<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
First Name: <input type="text" value="McGuigan"/>		Last Name: <input type="text" value="McGuigan"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		Suffix: <input type="text"/>
Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Director - ACIA"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="601-545-2595"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="mcguigan_b@acolink.org"/>		

<b>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</b>		
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* Other (specify):		
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:		
HHS Department of Health and Human Services		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:		
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CFDA Title:		
Community Development Block Grant		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:		
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* Title:		
Community Development Block Grant		
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CDBG program will be used to improve housing and neighborhoods and foster economic development for low and moderate income persons. Details in 2024 Annual Plan.		
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<b>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</b>	
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* a. Start Date: <u>08/01/2024</u>	* b. End Date: <u>08/31/2025</u>
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* a. Federal	<u>1,241,950.00</u>
* b. Applicant	<u>0.00</u>
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<b>21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I AGREE * The list of certifications and assurances, or an informal discussion you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
<b>Authorized Representative:</b>	
Prefix: <u>Ms.</u>	* Full Name: <u>Dennis</u>
Middle Name: <u>                    </u>	
* Last Name: <u>Sevenson</u>	
Suffix: <u>                    </u>	
* Title: <u>Atlantic County, County Executive</u>	
* Telephone Number: <u>609 345 1234</u>	* Fax Number: <u>                    </u>
* Email: <u>dennis.sevenson@atlanticnj.org</u>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <u>09/07/2024</u>

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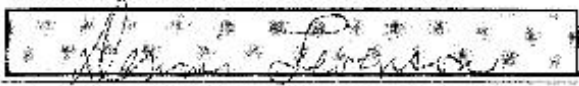
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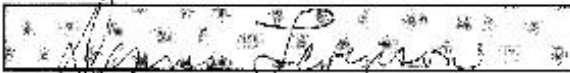
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Atlantic County 3023	07/31/2021

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## CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** – The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** – It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601–1655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

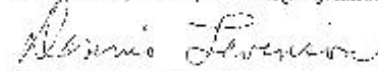
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3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards or all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** – The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** – The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** – It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

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### Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Jurisdiction Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program years: 2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

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In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

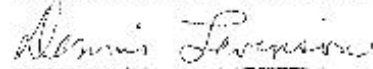
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**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, D, I, K and R.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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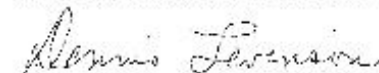
#### Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

  
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## APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

County of Atlantic, New Jersey



Resolution No.: 396

Approved as to Form and Legality

*Paula E. Flynn*  
Assistant County Counsel

Submitted By:

*Gerald Del Rosso*  
Gerald Del Rosso, County Administrator

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SUBMIT THE ATLANTIC COUNTY FY 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic has entered into agreements with twenty municipalities in the County to create an Urban County and with twenty-two municipalities in the County to create a HOME Consortium under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic has been advised by HUD that its Urban County has been allocated \$1,214,651.00 by the Department for eligible FY 2024 CDBG activities and its Consortium has been allocated \$618,584.90 by the Department for eligible FY 2024 HOME Program activities; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the CDBG and HOME grants, it is necessary that the County of Atlantic submit an Annual Action Plan for FY 2024 in accordance with HUD CDBG

I, Tava Silipena, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

on the 6 day of August  
Signed *Tava Silipena*  
Clerk of the Board

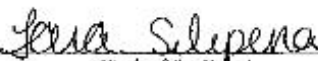
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BYRNES		✓	✓					RISLEY					✓
COURSEY							✓	KERN, Chairwoman			✓		
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Urban County and HOME Consortium regulations, and to enter into agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development with regard to any such grants which may be offered to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Atlantic that:

1. The County Executive shall submit the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan for the HUD CDBG Urban County Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program in accordance with all pertinent terms, conditions, and requirements which may be established for such program and further, shall accept, and agree to comply with and fulfill, each of the understandings and assurances contained in said application.
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Clerk of the Board



Executive of Atlantic County is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant agreement(s) and any other necessary grant documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the County for the amount of the grant.

6. The County is also authorized to accept the above-mentioned funds, totaling an amount not to exceed \$1,833,235.90.

ADOPTED: 8-6-24  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC.

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*Jana Silipena*  
Clerk of the Board

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
<div> <div> * 1. Type of Submission:  <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application  <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application </div> <div> * 2. Type of Application:  <input type="checkbox"/> New  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation  <input type="checkbox"/> Revision </div> <div> * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):  <input type="text"/>  * Other (Specify):  <input type="text"/> </div> </div>		
* 3. Date Received: 08/15/2024		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: M-24-DC-34-0229
<b>State Use Only:</b>		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
*a. Legal Name: County of Atlantic		
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 21-6000049		*c. UEI: ND6LMY3HN8U5
<b>d. Address:</b>		
* Street1: 1331 Atlantic Ave Street2: <input type="text"/> * City: Atlantic City County/Parish: <input type="text"/> * State: NJ: New Jersey Province: <input type="text"/> * Country: USA: UNITED STATES * Zip / Postal Code: 08401-7212		
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>		
Department Name: ACIA		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Robert Middle Name: <input type="text"/> * Last Name: McGuigan Suffix: <input type="text"/> Title: Community Development Director - ACIA Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/> * Telephone Number: 609-343-2390 Fax Number: <input type="text"/> * Email: mcguigan.bob@aclink.org		



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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:		
B: County Government		
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type		
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type		
* Other (Specify):		
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:		
DE Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Coast Guard		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:		
14-719		
CFDA Title		
Border Enforcement and Immigration Program		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:		
11-208		
* Title:		
ECHE Construction Performance Project		
13. Competition Identification Number:		
Title		
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):		
	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/>
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:		
Affordable housing initiatives in Atlanta community. Details in 120 Action Plan.		
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.		
<input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/>	<input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>

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<b>16. Congressional Districts Of:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="NJ-2"/></div> <div>* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="NJ-2"/></div> </div>															
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </div>															
<b>17. Proposed Project:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="09/01/2024"/></div> <div>* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="08/31/2025"/></div> </div>															
<b>18. Estimated Funding (\$):</b> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">* a. Federal</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">618,584.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>* b. Applicant</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>* c. State</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>* d. Local</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>* e. Other</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>* f. Program Income</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>* g. TOTAL</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: right;">618,584.90</td> </tr> </table>		* a. Federal	618,584.90	* b. Applicant	0.00	* c. State	0.00	* d. Local	0.00	* e. Other	0.00	* f. Program Income	0.00	* g. TOTAL	618,584.90
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<b>* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.           </div> </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.         </div>															
<b>* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No         </div> <div>           If "Yes", provide explanation and attach <input type="text"/> </div> </div>															
<b>21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE         </div> <div>           ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.         </div> </div>															
<b>Authorized Representative:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/> </div> <div>           * First Name: <input type="text" value="Dennis"/> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           Middle Name: <input type="text"/> </div> <div>           * Last Name: <input type="text" value="Levinson"/> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           Suffix: <input type="text"/> </div> <div>           * Title: <input type="text" value="Atlantic County, County Executive"/> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           * Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="609-143-2201"/> </div> <div>           Fax Number: <input type="text"/> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           * Email: <input type="text" value="deweess_jacque@aclink.org"/> </div> <div>           * Signature of Authorized Representative:  </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           * Date Signed: <input type="text" value="08/07/2024"/> </div> </div>															