Public Notice Bergen County

Division of Community Development Consolidated Plan PY 2025-2029 and One-Year Action Plan PY 2025-2026

The Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco III hereby announces an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The application will fund Bergen County's One-Year Action Plan for PY2025-2026, to meet the identified needs and objectives outlined in the new Five-Year Consolidated Plan for PY2025-2029. A copy of the draft Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be made available at the Community Development office, One Bergen County Plaza 4th Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey.

The Consolidated Plan input of the community assists Community Development in making decisions on behalf of the citizens of Bergen County. The One-Year Action Plan consists of the proposed use of funds to address those needs through the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The mission of the plan is to enhance the development of viable communities by assisting in the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for people who have low or moderate-income.

Bergen County proposes to fund the following projects, totaling \$ 12,644,688.65 for FY2025-2026. Included in this amount is \$8,974,151 in new CDBG funds, HOME program \$2,545,738.41 in HOME funds and \$323,343.24 in HOME program income, totaling \$2,869,081.65 and ESG funds \$801,456.

• The CDBG Program provides funds for community development activities including, but not limited to, public infrastructure improvements, housing activities, economic development, job training programs and public service activities.

Public Facilities & Infrastructure	4,832,004
Public Service	824,925
Public Housing Modernization	604,673
Housing Rehabilitation	281,475
Homeowner Rehabilitation Program	636,244
Planning & Administration	1,794,830
TOTAL	8,974,151

• The HOME Program provides funds for down payment and/or closing cost assistance for homebuyers, the construction or rehabilitation of single or multi-family housing units along with other types of housing assistance, principally for low-and moderate-income residents or for special needs housing.

New Construction	1,400,000
Rental Rehabilitation	750,000
Direct Rental Assistance	430,000
Direct Homebuyer Assistance	34,507.65
HOME Administration	254,574
TOTAL	2,869,081.65

• The ESG Program provides funds for emergency shelters, homeless prevention/rapid rehousing activities, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administration, and other activities for homeless individuals and families.

Emergency Shelter	300,000
Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing	366,597
Homeless Management Information System	24,750
Outreach	50,000
ESG Administration	60,109
TOTAL	801,456

The Annual Action Plan, as with the new 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan, is an integrated document that describes the interdependent yet collaborative strategies of each entitlement jurisdiction within the context of the entire County. The specific investments are presented according to the five-year goals that they are intended to impact. Housing and Homeless goals and strategies are presented countywide. Other community development strategies specific to each municipality are presented independently, allowing each municipality to respond to the individual needs within the community with its CDBG funds.

The allocations presented here are the result of a community wide notification, application, and review process by the regional committees. The process has been unique to each committee, such as application review, presentations and recommendations of funding.

The Bergen County Division of Community Development will hold a public hearing for comments on the Draft Action Plan FY2025-2026 proposed projects on the following date:

Date: June 23, 2025 Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Bergen County Division of Community Development

One Bergen County Plaza (4th Floor) Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

The Division of Community Development will be accepting public comments for a period of 30 days, beginning June 23, 2025, and concludes on July 24, 2025. Please notify the Division if you need an interpreter or other assistance to comment at the public hearing. Also, contact Angela Drakes at the Division of Community Development at 201-336-7225, if you should have any questions. You may email comments adrakes@bergencountynj.gov or mail to:

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