

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Toms River Township has participated in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program since 1986, as a municipal member of the Ocean County Entitlement Program. In 1989, Toms River became an entitlement community after reaching and exceeding the HUD population threshold of 50,000 residents. Toms River Township receives Community Development Block Grant funding but not HOME funding. However, Toms River Township is a member of the Ocean County Consortium, which does receive HOME funding. As such, the Township residents benefit from HOME funds.

The Community Development Block Grant Program is implemented by Township CDBG staff. Township staff has sought input from the Township Community Development Division, Administration, Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee, and the public in the preparation of the five-year consolidated Plan.

Toms River Township's allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funding has fluctuated since the completion of the 2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The funding level from fiscal year 2015 at \$370,066.00 has fluctuated over the years with a fiscal year 2021 level of \$420,305.00. This figure does not include CDBG-CV funding awarded to the Township as part of the CARES Act. The average year to year funding for Fiscal Years 2015 to 2020 was \$395,185.50

The Township anticipates funds to continue to remain stable in future fiscal years based upon recent trends.

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 Township has identified the following needs has high and medium priority for the next five years.

High Priority:

- Residential energy efficient emergency improvements
- Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation/rent-occupied Housing rehabilitation
- Emergency housing for homeless
- Accessibility improvements ADA (handicapped ramps)
- First-time homebuyer assistance
- Permanent housing for homeless/rental assistance
- Infrastructure (street, drainage, sidewalk improvements)
- ADA Accessibility to public facilities
- Economic Development
- Abused, abandoned & neglected children services
- Youth services
- Transportation services
- Senior Services
- Homeless Services

Medium- High Priorities:

- Substance abuse services
- Battered and abused spouses services
- Food banks
- Child care services
- HIV/AIDS services

Medium

- Fair Housing
- Rental Assistance
- Residential lead based pain testing/removal
- New or renovated playgrounds in low/mod areas only

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The Township has met its 1.5 timeliness ratio every year from 2015-2020. The Township has assisted a total of 7,265 individuals/households with various services in FY2020.

Housing Rehab. – 68 households (this includes the Township, Hands for All, Ocean Inc & Habitat)

Youth –255 youths.

Senior Services – 4,715 individuals

Homeless - 85

Total Assisted – 7,265 people/households

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Mayor’s Affordable and Fair Housing Committee met on February 18, 2021 to review priorities and to solicit public input. The meetings this year were virtual due to the pandemic but were well attended. The Committee offered recommendations and suggestions regarding funding priorities and also provided useful feedback regarding the current trends and issues.

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.

A public notice was published asking the public for their comments with regard to our FY2021 Action Plan at the February 22, 2021 public hearing. The last day for comments was April 14, 2020 and no comments were received verbally, in writing or by electronic mail. Comments from the Mayor's Affordable & Fair Housing Committee were taken and documented and followed as they requested. The Committee asked that additional funding be given to the organizations assisting the homeless as well as those in danger of losing their housing.

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

7. Summary

The Township took into account all comments from the Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee before finalizing their budget. A public notice was published in the newspaper for the public to comment. As stated above, the comment period ended on April 14, 2020 and no additional comments were received from the public by phone, in writing or in emails.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	Toms River	David Roberts

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Toms River Township (formally Dover Township) occupies 41.62 square miles of the northeastern portion of Ocean County. According to the 2006 Master Plan, Toms River Township occupies seven percent (7%) of the land area in Ocean County.

In 1850 Toms River Township was selected to be the County seat for the newly established Ocean County due to its central location. Toms River is located in close proximity to New York City and Philadelphia. New York City is approximately 60 miles to the north and Philadelphia is roughly 50 miles to the west. Atlantic City is located approximately 50 miles to the South.

Toms River Township is bordered by twelve municipalities, which include Lakewood and Brick Townships to the north; Jackson and Manchester Townships to the west; and Berkeley Township, South Toms River and Island Heights Boroughs to the south. The Toms River lies on the southern border of the Township and separates the Township from the Boroughs of Beachwood, Pine Beach and Ocean Gate. Barnegat Bay separates the barrier island portion of the Township from the mainland of Toms River. Brick Township, Lavallette Borough and Seaside Heights Borough border Toms River Township along the eastern barrier island.

Until the most current census, Toms River Township was the most populated municipality within Ocean County. Now the Township is the second most populated municipality in the County, second only to Lakewood Township. The Township has a total of 91,239 residents as of the 2010 census.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

Toms River Township strives to collaborate with various agencies that provide social services, public services, affordable housing assistance, and develop affordable housing. Input from these agencies allows the Township to develop a holistic approach to developing its goals and objectives for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

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

Toms River Township created a Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee consisting of members from affordable housing advocates, affordable housing developers, Ocean County Board of Social Services, and nonprofit agencies that service low and moderate income clients. The nonprofit agencies included Ocean Inc. which provides counseling, educational services, affordable housing services, housing rehabilitation and other services to assist low-moderate income clientele. The Township has several representatives, including Just Believe Inc. and the Hope Center, that advocate for the needs of the homeless. Previously, a representative from Garden State Equality that represents the gay and transgender community.

The Township also attends Ocean County's CHAC meetings. The County Housing Advisory Committee consists of representatives from the entitlement communities that make up the Ocean County Consortium, Ocean County Human Services representative, Ocean County Board of Social Services, affordable housing advocates, and affordable housing providers.

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 Ocean County Continuum of Care is run through the Ocean County Department of Health. Toms River attends all meetings with the Ocean County Housing Advisory Committee (CHAC). The Ocean County Department of Health sends a representative to the CHAC meetings. In addition, the Township has invited a member of the Ocean County Department of Health to participate in its Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee. Input from the CHAC meeting is utilized to form policies to present to the Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee.

These service agencies assist chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and unaccompanied youth, and persons at risk of homelessness. Toms River has funded STEPS, Ocean Inc., CONTACT, Ocean Harbor House, Providence House, Just Believe, Inc., and Interfaith Hospitality. These organizations cater to homeless individuals, persons at risk of becoming homeless, veterans, domestic violence victims, and abused and neglected children.

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

The Township does not receive ESG funds. The Ocean County Continuum of Care is run through the Ocean County Department of Health. Toms River attends all meetings with the Ocean County Housing Advisory Committee (CHAC). The Ocean County Department of Health sends a representative to the CHAC meetings. In addition, the Township has invited a member of the Ocean County Department of Health to participate in its Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Just Believe, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Just Believe, Inc. had a representative attend the Township Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee Meetings. Just Believe Inc. provided a comprehensive overview of the needs of extremely low income to moderate income households.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Northern Ocean Habitat For Humanity, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity had a representative attend the Township Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee Meetings. Just Believe Inc. provided a comprehensive overview of the needs of extremely low income to moderate income households
3	Agency/Group/Organization	SOLUTIONS TO END POVERTY SOON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	STEPS had a representative attend the Township Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee Meetings. STEPS provided a comprehensive overview of the needs of extremely low income to moderate income households.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Homes For All, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hands for All had a representative attend the Township Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee Meetings. Homs for All provided a comprehensive overview of the needs of extremely low income to moderate income households.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Providence House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Providence House was consulted via phone call and provided Housing Needs Survey. They provided knowledge about the needs of the domestic violence population and assisted the Township in identifying sources for projecting domestic violence victims and the potential need for housing and homelessness assistance.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY SERVICES- MEALS ON WHEELS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Community Services was provided the Housing Needs Survey. They assisted the Township in identifying the needs of the elderly housebound population.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Ocean County Department of Human Services	There is no continuum of care plan that we are aware. However they try to assist the most vulnerable populations which the Township has prioritized.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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

The Mayor's Affordable and Fare Housing Committee met on February 18, 2021 to review the various submission for the FY2021 CDGB Grant process. Members reflected on the priorities for the year and reviewed the applications to ensure that the goals and objectives outlined in the current Consolidated Please were addressed. A virtual public meeting was held on February 22, 2021 that permitted the public to comment on the proposal and discuss the current priorities. This meeting was advertised 10 day in advance in the Asbury Park Press in both English and Spanish. The Township accepted public comments for the next 30 days and will include those comments in the FY2021 Action Plan.

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	One attended public hearing	none	none	
2	Public Hearing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	two attended public hearing	none	none	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	two attended meeting	none	none	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Toms River Township anticipates receiving a total of \$420,305 in CDBG allocations For the 2020 Fiscal Year.

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	420305	0	0	420305	0	FY2021 is the second year in Con Plan

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 Township of Toms River does not require a matching fund, although the ranking process rewards projects that provide leveraging

sources. Most of the Township's subrecipients leverage private donated funds, other CDBG awards, state grants, and donated materials. Most applicants do not receive state grants but a few such as Ocean's Harbor House receive assistance from the state. Harbor House receives assistance from NJ Division of Youth and Family Services.

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

The Action Plan does not call for construction of new dwellings. Affordable Housing construction is addressed in the Toms River Township Housing Master Plan Element. All Affordable Housing units must be affirmatively marketed and meet income eligibility in accordance with the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations. The Township's Affordable Housing Plan was approved by the courts for certification in mid-December of 2016, since COAH has been inactive. The Township Planning Board and Township Council has adopted in the New Housing Master Plan Element and has adopted new land use ordinances to ensure implementation of the plan. In addition, the Township approved and adopted a new Affirmative Marketing Plan and Affordable Housing ordinances as directed by the Court Master. The new Affordable Housing ordinances require all new multi-family housing complexes with six or more units to provide onsite affordable housing and does not allow a payment in lieu of construction. In addition, the new ordinance requires a certain percentage of the low income dwelling units to be reserved for very low income individuals.

Discussion

Toms River Township maximizes its CDBG funding by ensuring that it complies with the needs that were identified in the 5-year Consolidated Plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Emergency Housing for Homeless Permanent housing for homeless/rental assistance Rental Assistance	CDBG: \$36,140	Homelessness Prevention: 73 Persons Assisted
2	Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024			Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$100,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
3	Public Facilities	2020	2024			ADA Accessibility to Public Facilities	CDBG: \$15,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Affordable Child Care services Abused, abandoned & neglected children Senior Services Substance Abuse Services Battered and abused spouses services Food Banks	CDBG: \$58,742	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3890 Households Assisted
5	Planning & Administration	2020	2024				CDBG: \$76,000	
6	Fair Housing Services	2020	2024			Fair Housing	CDBG: \$11,000	
7	Special Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development	CDBG: \$12,000	Jobs created/retained: 10 Jobs

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Assistance
	Goal Description	

2	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Planning & Administration
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Fair Housing Services
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	Special Economic Development
	Goal Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Toms River Township is anticipating an allocation of \$420,305.00 for the fiscal year 2021. The funds were allocated to four housing rehabilitation agencies: Hands for All, Ocean In., Habitat for Humanity and Toms River Township Housing Rehabilitation Program. Funds were distributed to 14 non-profits including the Hope Center and Just Believe to provide homelessness assistance public service programs.

All program income received from the Township Housing Rehabilitation Program is automatically provided to the currently active housing rehabilitation program fiscal year.

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
2	Hands for All
3	Ocean, Inc.
4	Habitat for Humanity
5	Housing Technical Personnel
6	Administration/Personnel
7	Big Brothers Big Sisters
8	Caregivers, Inc. of Central Jersey
9	Community Services
10	Contact of Ocean County
11	Interfaith Hospitality Network
12	Just Believe
13	Ocean's Harbor House
14	Providence House
15	Solutions to End Poverty Soon
16	The Arc
17	The Hope Center
18	Toms River Youth Services
19	Toms River Senior Services
20	True Vine Community Services

Table 7 – Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Housing Rehabilitation to income qualifying households
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 14 single family homes are rehabbed per fiscal year.
	Location Description	Most of the Housing Rehab homes are located in our senior citizen developments. However, we do receive several applications outside of the senior developments.
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	Hands for All
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provides emergency housing rehabilitation to income qualifying households
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	expected to assist 25 to 36 households
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	Ocean, Inc.
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	

	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide emergency housing rehabilitation to income qualifying households
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide emergency rehabilitation to income qualifying households
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 households will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
5	Project Name	Housing Technical Personnel
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide partial salary for staff involved in Housing Rehabilitation Program

	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
6	Project Name	Administration/Personnel
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide partial salaries for Administrative CDBG Staff, supplies, legal fees, etc.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
7	Project Name	Big Brothers Big Sisters
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	one to one youth mentoring
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 individuals will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River

	Planned Activities	
8	Project Name	Caregivers, Inc. of Central Jersey
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide support services for the home bound elderly
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2000 clients will be assisted through this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
9	Project Name	Community Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide meals on wheels to home bound elderly
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	280 senior citizens will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	Contact of Ocean County
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:

	Description	24 hour crisis intervention - suicide prevention - information and referral hot line
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3000 individuals will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
11	Project Name	Interfaith Hospitality Network
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide support for homeless families with children
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	36 families will be assisted through this program
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
12	Project Name	Just Believe
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide code blue emergency shelter
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals will benefit from this program

	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
13	Project Name	Ocean's Harbor House
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide shelter and support services to at risk youth
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 individuals will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
14	Project Name	Providence House
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide shelter and support to abused women and their children
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 individuals will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
15	Project Name	Solutions to End Poverty Soon
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	

	Funding	:
	Description	provide a homelessness intervention program by providing up to 3 months of rent to households
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 families will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
16	Project Name	The Arc
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide employment training to handicapped adults
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	24 individuals will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	The Hope Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide emergency housing assistance
	Target Date	12/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 individuals will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
18	Project Name	Toms River Youth Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide reduced rate for income qualifying families for after school and summer camp day care
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 families benefit from the program in general - 10 families will benefit from the reduced rate
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
19	Project Name	Toms River Senior Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide transportation to seniors to the senior center where they can have social interaction, physical fitness activities, health screenings also transportation to doctor appointments and for shopping
	Target Date	6/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5500 individuals benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	
20	Project Name	True Vine Community Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	provide a shelter for abused women and their children
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	190 individuals will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Toms River
	Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

The Township did not fund any projects located in a low moderate income area.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The township did not fund any projects located in a low moderate income area. Projects assisting low/moderate income clientele were selected and the clientele can be located anywhere within the Township so long as they meet the income criteria.

Discussion

No funds were directed specifically to a low/moderate income area. When low/moderate income area benefiting project are selected they benefit HUD identified low/moderate income census tracts and blocks as provided in the Township's 5-year Consolidated Plan.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The Township is committed to affirmative marketing procedures. In fact, the New Jersey Department of Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) requires that the Township affordable housing units comply with affirmative marketing procedures. The Township employs a management service to ensure all Townships affordable housing (owner and rental) complies with affirmative marketing procedures.

In addition, the Toms River Township Division of Community Development employs a Fair Housing Officer who is responsible for promoting fair housing practices throughout the Township. The Fair Housing Officer is in charge of in-taking fair housing complaints, which includes initial investigation and follow-up actions to resolve complaints. Follow-up actions include ensuring that rental apartments are complying with fair housing laws and local procedures that protect tenants. The Township will try its best to resolve problems internally, but when such complaints require actions outside the scope of the Township's services residents will be forwarded to Ocean Monmouth Legal Services and Legal Services of New Jersey. All complaints are documented. In addition, if such actions require the attention of HUD the Township will forward fair housing complaints to the Newark HUD office.

The Township has prepared an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, which is being utilized to resolve and prevent impediments to Fair Housing. The Township's Analysis of Impediments was submitted to HUD on July 31, 2011. As of 2020, the Township included addressing barriers to fair housing in its 2020 5-year Consolidated Plan and completed a new Analysis of Impediments. The Township has held several meetings with the Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing and the public to determine the needs of the community as they have changed drastically in the past 5 years and are ever changing at this time. New objectives and goals have been set in place for Toms River Township with the help of the Mayor's Affordable and Fair Housing Committee and the public's input.

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. The Township has approved a new Housing Plan Element as part of the Township's 2017 Master Plan. The Housing Plan element identifies all

existing and proposed affordable housing locations. In addition, the Township has amended its ordinance provisions that regulate the provision of affordable housing to incorporate the current standards for Moderate, Low and Very Low income households and expanded its manual for its housing rehabilitation program to include multifamily rehabilitation. The Township's Spending Plan has also been revised to enable affordable housing assistance to be provided to fund the rehabilitation of Group Homes, which typically provide housing to Very Low income persons/households and prevent homelessness.

2. The Township has been certified by the Courts as compliant with NJ's Fair Housing Laws and COAH regulations. As part of the court order the Township is required to provide housing for moderate income, low income, and very low income households. The Township must revised its zoning ordinance to reflect this requirement in 2017.
3. The Township must submit its Affirmative Marketing Plan for approval by the court 90 days after the Court has approved the Township's plan. The Township has revised its affirmative marketing plan and is in compliance with court order.
4. The Township will outreach to STEPS' Fair Housing Officer to have them provide a list of Fair Housing complaints they have received to ensure that they are addressed.
5. The Township will maintain zoning for mobile home parks (even though the Township does not receive affordable housing credits for these units).
6. The Township will intake, follow-up with Fair housing complaints. This follow-up may entail coordinating with Township Law Department, forwarding to NJ Legal Services, Attorney General's Office, and filing a complaint with HUD if warranted.
7. The Township will continue to fund Housing Rehabilitation programs to bring existing dwellings of low to moderate income individuals in compliance with building codes. The Township has no authority to modify building codes, since only the state adopts building codes. The Township will also continue to provide funding for emergency housing assistance.
8. The Township will continue to waive homeowner fees for ADA ramps and/or chair lifts in locations where lots cannot accommodate ADA ramps for zoning permits.
9. The Township has removed language pertaining to minimum square footage for dwelling in zoning ordinance. This language was not

enforced (and it is not enforceable in NJ as per NJ Courts). The language was removed as part of updates to the Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Toms River Township continually tries to collaborate and coordinate with its nonprofit communities to offer services to its residents in need.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The data analysis performed during the 5-year Con Plan creation indicated that there is a need for rental housing rehabilitation. The Township was informed that OCEAN Inc. operates a program that provides housing rehabilitation to renters. The Township approached Ocean Inc. to modify their CDBG application scope of work to include rental housing rehabilitation. They agreed and the Township selected Ocean Inc. to provide both homeowner and rental housing rehabilitation to low/moderate income households.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Township has approved a new Housing Plan Element as part of the Township's 2017 Master Plan. The Housing Plan element identifies all existing and proposed affordable housing locations. In addition, the Township has amended its ordinance provisions that regulate the provision of affordable housing to incorporate the current standards for moderate, low and very low income households and expanded its manual for its housing rehabilitation program to include multifamily rehabilitation. The Township's Spending Plan has also been revised to enable affordable housing assistance to be provided to fund the rehabilitation of group homes, which typically provide housing to very low income persons/households and prevent homelessness.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Township will continue to test for lead-based at the completion of the project to ensure that lead dust/paint chips are not left behind.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Township will continue to provide funding to nonprofits to offer various public services to its

poverty-level families such as food pantries, youth services, etc.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Township will continue utilize subrecipient agreements that have listed the federal requirements, provide assistance to its subrecipients with eligibility questions and reimbursement submittals, and monitor subrecipients for compliance.

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

The Township will continue to meet with its Affordable and Fair Housing Committee consisting of affordable housing advocates, affordable housing developers, and some service agencies.

Discussion

Toms River Township does not have public housing, however provides funding assistance to several housing programs to assist its residents. Programs assist a wide variety of residents in need from the homeless, elderly, youth, victims of domestic violence, veterans, and low/moderate income households.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The Township of Toms River sporadically receives program income from its Housing Rehabilitation program. This program income is received if the home sells prior to the 10 year lien date placed on it after the construction has been completed. When the program income is received it is allocated to the current active fiscal year so funds are not sitting around. Township anticipates receiving from \$0 - \$25,000 program income annually.

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.

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 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. | 80.00% |

Discussion

Township utilizes all their CDBG allocation to benefit low/moderate income clientele or to benefit low/moderate income areas. Percentage was placed at 80% because I'm not sure how administrative costs are calculated in the percentage. At the time that this plan was written, no program income has been received from the sale of any properties that took part in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The fiscal year still has several months left and funds could be received.

