



2023 Annual Action Plan

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),
HOME Investments Partnerships (HOME), and
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AP-05 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - 91.200(C), 91.220(B)

1. Introduction

Morris County receives funding annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The County is the lead in a consortium for the HOME program which includes the Township of Parsippany – Troy Hills and the Town of Dover.

The primary federal funding resources in the County's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan include:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):**

The primary objective of this program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income levels. Funds can be used for a wide array of activities, including housing rehabilitation, homeownership assistance, lead-based paint detection and removal, construction or rehabilitation of public facilities and infrastructure, removal of architectural barriers, public services, rehabilitation of commercial or industrial buildings, and loans or grants to businesses.

- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):**

The HOME Program provides federal funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental and ownership housing for low- and moderate-income households. HOME funds can be used for activities that promote affordable rental housing and homeownership by low- and moderate-income households, including reconstruction, moderate or substantial rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance.

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):**

The Emergency Solutions Grant Program recognizes the need to end homelessness through support of traditional shelters, transitional housing that is grandfathered from 2010 funding, supportive services, rent and utility payments and security deposits to prevent homelessness or to rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, street outreach, and management of a homeless management information system (HMIS).

For the purpose of its Five-Year Strategic Plan, the County assumed its allocations each year over the five-year period would remain approximately the same and in line with the 2022 program year allocation. The Annual Action Plans submitted in each of the subsequent years

would reflect actual allocation amounts received. This FY 2023 Annual Action Plan represents the third year of the County's Consolidated Plan and associated Strategic Plan, which was submitted to HUD for FY 2020 through FY 2024. Morris County anticipates receiving the following grant amounts in fiscal year 2023:

- CDBG: \$1,906,537
- HOME: \$1,033,320
- ESG: \$168,904

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

For FY 2020-2024, Morris County has identified the following goals and outcomes:

- Creation and preservation of rental housing for low-income households
- Creation and preservation of affordable homeownership housing
- Support activities that prevent homelessness
- Support the ongoing operation and preservation of shelter facilities for homeless
- Support activities that move persons experiencing homelessness to permanent housing
- Improve and expand public facilities to serve low-income populations
- Improve and expand infrastructure to serve low-income populations
- Support public services for children and homeless and special needs populations

3. Evaluation of past performance

The following evaluation of past performance is from the Program Year 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation (CAPER) report. FY 2021 activities, particularly CDBG, met the needs of the low-income community by providing infrastructure and facility improvements, housing for low income and special needs populations and services for the homeless.

There were two(2) HOME funded activities underway in 2021:

- Nouvelle Supportive Housing – 12 completed units
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) – 14 completed units

It generally takes more than a year to complete these types of projects which slows the recording of accomplishments.

ESG funding was used to provide shelter support at: 1) The emergency shelter operated by Homeless Solutions, Inc., 2) Jersey Battered Women's Services, and 3) The voucher program administered by the Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance. In addition, ESG funds were utilized to support the efforts of the CoC, which includes 9 shelter facilities and 2 voucher bed programs with capacity of 247 beds and overflow to accommodate 101 additional people.

During 2020, the COVID pandemic forced many changes in program management, not the least of which was the added \$6 million in resources that had to be allocated to activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. Multiple community meetings were held, the Citizen Participation Plan had to be rewritten to allow for virtual hearings and notices, the Substantial Amendments prepared, presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval, and new contracts written. Then we undertook several amendments to move funds to new activities as other funding sources became available and new needs emerged.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Morris County updated the Citizen Participation Plan for 2021 to comply with HUD requirements of 24 CFR Part 91 to undertake virtual hearings. Two hearings were held to encourage citizen input from residents of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, public housing, assisted housing, and non-English speaking residents. The County's Human Services Advisory Committee consults with the Continuum of Care in development of recommendations for funding from the Emergency Solutions Grant. The Community Development Revenue Sharing (CDRS) Advisory Committee reviews all the requests for funding from the CDBG and HOME programs and makes funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Both hearings were held during the development of the Annual Plan. The first set of meetings were orientation/application meetings where groups and municipalities could learn how to prepare a funding request. The first hearing was held on March 15, 2023, at 11 a.m.

An advertisement in the newspaper as well as by direct mailing to all municipalities in the County providing notification of the meeting date, and the tentative schedule of other important program year dates. Each municipality was also asked to name a representative to the CDRS committee. An email was also sent to previous applicants and any organization who had expressed interest in applying for funding to notify them of the orientation meeting. County staff held one-on-one meetings with brand new applicants that had never applied before to discuss the process in more detail and review their potential application. Municipalities also referred interested organizations directly to the County.

A second public hearing was/will be held in person on May 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for those who were not applying for funds but who wished to provide input for the Consolidated Plan. The meeting date will be advertised in the local newspaper and through non-profit agencies and Morristown area churches.

5. Summary of public comments

[To be updated following public display period.]

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

[To be updated following public display period.]

7. Summary

This plan outlines the goals of Morris County for its CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. Following outreach and public input, the 2023 Annual Action Plan clearly outlines programs and activities that will address the identified needs to maximize the investment of federal resources.

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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	MORRIS COUNTY	Morris County Dept of Human Services, CD Office
HOME Administrator	MORRIS COUNTY	Morris County Dept of Human Services, CD Office
ESG Administrator	MORRIS COUNTY	Morris County Dept of Human Services, CD Office

TABLE 1 – RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Narrative

The lead agency for the Annual Allocation Plan (AAP) is the Office of Community Development under the Morris County Department of Human Services. The Office serves the 39 municipalities of Morris County through its administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

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1. Introduction

Morris County developed an outreach effort to maximize input from a large cross-section of stakeholders. This outreach effort included public meetings, published meeting notices, stakeholder meetings, in-person interviews, and telephone interviews.

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)).

Administration of Morris County's federal grants programs were moved from the Department of Planning to the Department of Human Services in 2013. This move was made to better facilitate coordination between human services programs and these important federal funding resources. The network of partnerships between the County and regional organizations such as the Continuum of Care, the Fair Housing Committee of the Morris County Human Relations Commission, and the Housing Alliance of Morris County strengthen the impact that the federal funds have in the communities.

The County has entered into inter-local Cooperation Agreements with 37 municipalities to form the Urban County. Of the remaining municipalities, Parsippany-Troy Hills and Dover, are part of the HOME Consortium. Each of the 37 municipalities may apply for CDBG funding through the County, and housing activity through the HOME Program can be delivered anywhere in the County.

The Office of Community Development collaborates with the Community Development Revenue Sharing (CDRS) Committee, consisting of municipal representatives and other municipal officials in coordinating efforts to meet public facility needs, infrastructure improvements, public service needs, accessibility needs, economic development needs and housing needs. The CDRS Advisory Committee recommends which projects receive funding annually. Funding resources and homeless assistance programs are coordinated through the Human Services Advisory Committee and the Morris County Continuum of Care.

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 Department of Human Services had been the lead agency for the Continuum of Care since its inception. Representatives of the Human Services Department continue to provide staff support to the primary organizational entity, the Morris County Continuum of Care (CoC). The Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) continues to play a large role in directing county resources to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness. The

HSAC makes funding recommendations on the use of ESG funds to the Board of County Commissioners and vets those recommendations with the CoC.

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 Morris County Department of Human Services consults with the Continuum of Care (CoC) Executive Committee to develop the funding plan for the use of ESG funds as well as the development of the performance standards, outcome measures, and policies and procedures.

According to their bylaws, the CoC Executive Committee shall ensure that the CoC participates in the development of the Morris County 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. The CoC Lead agency will obtain and share the public hearing schedule for the consolidated plan with the Executive Committee and the CAS committee. In addition, the CoC Lead Agency will coordinate a presentation on the elements in the consolidated plan for both the Executive Committee and CAS Committee.

The CoC Lead Agency shall work with the County to identify all areas of the plan that relate to homeless planning. The CoC Lead Agency shall provide the required information related to the homeless planning process as implemented through the CoC Executive Committee.

Upon selection of projects for funding through the annual Continuum of Care competition, the CoC Lead agency shall prepare all information required by the County for review of consistency with the consolidated plan. The CoC Lead Agency shall secure signatures on the certificate of consistency with the consolidated plan, for all supported projects, in accordance with the requirements identified by HUD in the NOFA process. The CoC Executive Committee shall coordinate the monitoring of all CoC programs receiving HUD funding on an annual basis.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Morris County Human Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations. Consultation will result in an improved understanding of the community development needs throughout the county.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Morris County Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary. The County and the Housing Authority have an identity of interest in providing housing for Morris County residents.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Madison Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process and telephone conversations, as necessary. The County and the Housing Authority have an identity of interest in providing housing for Morris County residents.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Dover Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process and telephone conversations, as necessary. The County and the Housing Authority have an identity of interest in providing housing for Morris County residents.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Morristown Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process and telephone conversations, as necessary. The County and the Housing Authority have an identity of interest in providing housing for Morris County residents.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	Morris County Division of Public Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Health Services - Education Services - Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband and Internet Service Providers
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Covid-19 Social Support Manual (https://www.preventioniskey.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Morris-County-Social-Support-Manual-.pdf) describes community vulnerabilities for individuals in need, including resources for housing, health, education, and broadband needs.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Hope House and Catholic Charities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	211 and Coordinated Entry
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Public Service
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Homeless and other special needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Child and Family Resources
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Children Other government – Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Monarch Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Affordable Housing End Homelessness
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless and other special needs Affordable Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Legal Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Barriers to affordable housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary.

19	Agency/Group/Organization	Morristown Medical Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Healthcare
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless and other special needs Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Norwescap
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Affordable Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Affordable Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Share Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Barriers to affordable housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
22	Agency/Group/Organization	New Bridge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Mental Healthcare Job Creation Supportive/Affordable Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
23	Agency/Group/Organization	JBWS (Jersey Battered Women’s Shelter)

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Domestic Violence Shelter
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Morris Housing Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Affordable Housing Government – Other/Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Affordable Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Integrated Health Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Healthcare
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
26	Agency/Group/Organization	Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Social Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non- Homeless Special Needs Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
27	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Promise of Morris County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Vision and Pathway
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Social Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Homeless Solutions
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless and Other Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Arc/Morris
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Special Needs
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless and Other Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Morris County Office of Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Social Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless and Other Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Longhill Township Social Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Social Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless and Other Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Morris County Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Affordable Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Affordable Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
34	Agency/Group/Organization	Child and Family Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Social Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless and Other Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
	Agency/Group/Organization	Chatham Borough
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Local Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless and Other Special Needs

How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through the stakeholder process, in-person interviews and follow-up telephone conversations, as necessary
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

There were no types of agencies that the County did not consult.

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	Morris County	The goals of the CoC were used in the development of the Strategic Plan.
Morris County Master Plan	Morris County	Master Plan directs growth in Morris County and are used to inform location decisions for housing projects
Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE)	United Way of Northern NJ	Data and trends from this report influenced the Strategic Plan funding allocations. It identifies the needs of households who are low income and the types of work they do and where they live.
Morris County Hazard Mitigation Plan	Morris County Office of Emergency Management	The Strategic Plan implementation will acknowledge the HMP goals and not place new housing in the flood plain or vulnerable sites.
Local Area Plan and 2019 Update	Morris Sussex Warren Workforce Development Board	This plan identified local needs and initiatives for employment
Covid-19 Social Support Manual (https://www.preventioniskey.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Morris-County-Social-Support-Manual-.pdf)	Morris County Division of Public Health	Describes community vulnerabilities for individuals in need, including resources for housing, health, education, and broadband needs.

TABLE 2 – OTHER LOCAL / REGIONAL / FEDERAL PLANNING EFFORTS

Narrative

The citizen participation process in Morris County ensures that local municipal officials are engaged in the planning process. Representatives of the municipalities constitute the CDRS Committee, which develops the spending allocation plan each year in the AAP.

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1. Summary of citizen participation process/ Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal setting

On February 3, 2021, HUD issued a waiver allowing public hearings to be held virtually to allow for social distancing and limited public gatherings during a public health emergency. The County revised its Citizen Participation Plan to allow for virtual public meetings during public health emergencies. Morris County is continuing to follow local, state, and federal recommendations to limit public gatherings during the COVID-19 public health emergency. As such, the County is utilizing the waiver during the development of its 2023 AAP and will solicit public comments and conduct public hearings in a virtual way in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan. Accommodation will be/were made for persons with disabilities and LEP persons. Documents for public review will be/were shared via the County's website.

Two hearings were held to encourage citizen input from residents of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, public housing, assisted housing, and non-English speaking residents. The County's Human Services Advisory Committee consults with the Continuum of Care in development of recommendations for funding from the Emergency Solutions grant. The Community Development Revenue Sharing (CDRS) Advisory Committee reviews all the requests for funding from the CDBG and HOME programs and makes funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Both hearings were held during the development of the Annual Plan. The first meeting was an orientation/application meeting where groups and municipalities could learn how to prepare a funding request. The first session was held on March 15, 2023, at 11 a.m.

An advertisement in the newspaper as well as by direct mailing to all municipalities in the County providing notification of the meeting date, and the tentative schedule of other important program year dates. Each municipality was also asked to name a representative to the CDRS committee. An email was also sent to previous applicants and any organization who had expressed interest in applying for funding to notify them of the orientation meeting. County staff held one-on-one meetings with brand new applicants that had never applied before to discuss the process in more detail and review their potential application. Municipalities also referred interested organizations directly to the County.

A second public meeting was/will be held in person on May 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for those who were not applying for funds but who wished to provide input for the Consolidated Plan. The meeting date was advertised in the local newspaper and through non-profit agencies and Morristown area churches.

Each of the hearings were advertised in *The Daily Record* and posted on the Human Services website. A copy of the public display version of the plan is made available upon request. All CDRS members and several community organizations were sent copies of the plan to review and to inform their constituents that the plan was available. These organizations included the Housing Authority, the Continuum of Care, and the Housing Alliance.

The public hearing notices for each meeting were provided to public service agencies to post in their facilities in both English and Spanish. Each notice included a statement that, should it be requested, the plan would be provided in a way that it could be translated to Spanish and/or an accessible format for those who were visually impaired. There is no local Spanish-language media; providing flyers is the only way to communicate with the County's Spanish-speaking population. In addition, public service agencies are also the best way to communicate with the lower-income community at large who might not subscribe to the local newspapers.

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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 01/05/23, 03/01/23, 04/04/23	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	No attendance	None received	Public notice for public hearing did not result in any comments	
2	Direct Mailings/E-mails	Community Groups Local and Adjacent Municipalities	Emails and flyers for public hearings were sent to community groups. Letters were mailed directly to all municipalities within Morris County, as well as to all counties adjacent to Morris County	None received	NA	
3	Public Hearing #1: March 15, 2023	Non-targeted/broad community Applicants	Orientation meetings are well advertised and promoted as it is mandatory for groups and municipalities wishing to make an application for funds.	None received	NA	
4	Public Hearing #2: May 3, 2023	Non-targeted/broad community	Two members of the public attended the hearing.	None received	N/A	

TABLE 3 – CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OUTREACH

EXPECTED RESOURCES

AP-15 EXPECTED RESOURCES - 91.420(B), 91.220(C) (1,2)

Introduction

The County of Morris expects to receive the following funding amounts for its FY 2023 Program Year:

- CDBG: \$1,906,537
- HOME: \$1,033,320
- ESG: \$168,904

These funds will be combined with the available prior year CDBG and HOME funds. The FY 2023 funding awards were determined by the Community Development Revenue Sharing (CDRS) Advisory Committee to meet overall county needs and local and national objectives. Of the total available for 2023 activities exclusive of program administration, 100% of grant funds will be used for activities that benefit low/moderate income persons.

Anticipated Resources

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Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public federal	Acquisition, Admin and Planning, Economic Development, Housing, Public Improvements, Public Services	\$1,906,537	\$0	\$0	\$1,906,537	\$3,813,074	Funds for housing and non-housing community development needs. Remainder is approx. 3 times total allocation.
HOME	Public federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$1,033,030	\$0	\$387,564.18	\$1,420,884.18	\$3,229,622	Funds for housing and non-housing community development needs. Remainder is approx. 3 times total allocation.
ESG	Public federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	\$168,904	\$0	\$0	\$168,904	\$164,068	Funds for housing and non-housing community development needs. Remainder is approx. 3 times total allocation.

TABLE 4 - EXPECTED RESOURCES – PRIORITY TABLE

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

Other resources from private and non-federal public sources that will be available to meet the needs identified in the Annual Plan include state and municipal funds, County grant-in-aid, weatherization funds, private foundations, private donations, volunteer labor, and private loans from lending institutions. The federal funds, in most cases, will complement other resources rather than leverage these funds.

The Emergency Solutions Grant Program and the HOME Program require matching funds. All applicants to these programs must identify the match in the applications for funding from the Office of Community Development. All matching sources are verified prior to commitment of any federal funds. The County has not committed any funds specifically to provide a monetary match to any activity but may provide the match for Emergency Solutions activities through local grant-in-aid to homeless service providers. Sponsors of HOME activities are responsible for providing their match.

Specific matching requirements are:

HOME: Anticipated sources of match will be provided by activities requiring match - the total value of which will meet or exceed 25% of the total HOME award, with the exception of program administration activities which do not require match. Sources will include waiver of fees, in-kind donations, donations of land, private, state and local government funds.

ESG: Each grantee must provide a 1:1 match for funding provided from the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Most of the match comes from private non-profits with fund raising activities, state grants and other foundation grants.

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

The County is not involved with land banking and has a limited amount of resources available to acquire, assemble, and dispose of sites for the purpose of expanding affordable housing and employment opportunities.

ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

AP-20 ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - 91.420, 91.220(C)(3) &(E)

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve and expand infrastructure	2023	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	County-wide	Infrastructure and Facilities	CDBG: \$274555	Public Facility or Infrastructure other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3151 persons
2	Improve and expand public facilities	2023	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	County-wide	Infrastructure and Facilities	CDBG: \$200000	Public Facility or Infrastructure other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20510 persons
3	Public services	2023	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	County-wide	Supportive Services	CDBG: \$285980	Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1787 persons
4	Creation and preservation of rental housing	2023	2024	Affordable Housing	County-wide	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$163718	Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 15
5	Creation and preservation of homeownership opportunities	2023	2024	Affordable Housing	County-wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$306000 HOME: \$426850	Homeowner Housing Added: 10 housing units Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 21 housing units
6	Housing for persons who are homeless	2023	2024	Homeless	County-wide	End to Homelessness		Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid

							ESG: \$156237	Rehousing: 12 households Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 17 persons Homelessness Prevention: 100 persons
7	Non-homeless special needs housing	2023	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	County-wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$458695 HOME 726984	Rental Units Constructed: 2 housing units Rental Units rehabilitated: 132 housing units Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 13 housing units
8	Administration	2023	2024	Other	County-wide	Administration	CDBG: \$381307 HOME: \$103332 ESG: \$12667	Other: 3 Other

TABLE 5 – GOALS SUMMARY

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve and expand Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Infrastructure in the low-income areas of the county must be improved or expanded to improve the quality of life for lower-income residents.
2	Goal Name	Improve and expand public facilities
	Goal Description	Improve public facilities serving low-income residents including parks, libraries, and social service agencies require capital improvements including handicap accessibility.
3	Goal Name	Public Service
	Goal Description	Expand and continue non-housing community development supportive services.
4	Goal Name	Housing for Persons who are Homeless
	Goal Description	Preservation of short- and long-term homeless facilities and housing including the provision of Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to end homelessness. ESG funding includes Shelter and Homeless Prevention.
5	Goal Name	Creation and preservation of rental housing
	Goal Description	Creation and preservation of affordable rental housing through use of HOME and CDBG funding.
6	Goal Name	Non-homeless Special Needs Housing
	Goal Description	Creation and preservation of special needs facilities and housing.
7	Goal Name	Creation and preservation of homeownership opp.
	Goal Description	Creation and preservation of affordable homeownership housing opportunities including housing rehabilitation assistance and creation of new homeownership units.
8	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Program oversight, public outreach and on-going management of the federal grant's programs - CDBG HOME and ESG

Introduction

For 2023, Morris County has allocated funds to the following projects for CDBG, HOME and ESG:

#	Project Name
1	NewBridge Services
2	Madison Housing Authority
3	Allegro School & Programs
4	Mendham Area Senior Housing, Inc. (MASH)
5	YCS
6	Morris Habitat for Humanity – Aging in Place
7	Borough Victory Gardens - Improvements of Roosevelt Ave - Paving
8	Borough of Lincoln Park
9	Borough of Rockaway
10	Town of Morristown
11	Township of Jefferson
12	Township of Long Hill - Rehabilitation of Low-Income Housing
13	Morris Habitat for Humanity Stonewall Court
14	Pillar Care Continuum - Berkshire Valley Supportive Housing
15	Morris County Tenant Based Rental Assistance
16	Future CHDO Project
17	HOME Administration
18	CASA

19	Deirdre O'Brien Child Advocacy Center Clinical Counseling Program
20	HSI Childcare Scholarships
21	Family Promise Community Outreach
22	JBWS Children's Program
23	Children on the Green: Homeless Shelter Scholarship Program
24	Roots and Wings Case Management & Counseling for Aged-Out Foster Youth
25	Employment Horizons
26	CDBG Administration
27	CDBG Rehab Program Service Delivery
28	CDBG Morris County Housing Rehabilitation
29	ESG 2023
30	Vision & Pathways
31	Advancing Opportunities Hiawatha Boulevard Supportive Housing

TABLE 6 – PROJECT INFORMATION

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

Funding awards are based on need and activity eligibility. Assistance is spread throughout the consortium with actual locations determined by applications received and funding availability. Activities have been recommended for funding in areas of minority concentrations in the Borough of Victory Garden, Township of Jefferson, Town of Morristown, Township of Pequannock, Borough of Rockaway and Borough of Lincoln Park.

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs include:

- Limited funds for all programs (HOME, CDBG and ESG)
- Diminishment and disappearance of State funds
- Diminishment and disappearance of local funds
- Diminishment and disappearance of private funds
- Increased competition for diminishing pool of funds
- Lack of affordable childcare services
- Lack of transportation
- Lack of employment training and opportunities
- Lack of affordable housing; severe shortage of affordable rentals
- Lack of employment training for veterans
- Lack of affordable permanent supportive housing for veterans
- Lack of land for construction of facilities and residential units
- Lack of societal 'will' to address the need of the underserved
- Dwindling capacity on the part of providers due to layoffs
- Severe financial stress at the municipal level
- Severe financial stress on the part of non-profits

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	New Bridge Services, Inc.
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Non-homeless Special Needs Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$58,820
	Description	Disability Kitchen improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 group home serving disabled persons.
	Location Description	182 Lakeside Ave, Rockaway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehab
2	Project Name	Madison Housing Authority
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Non-homeless Special Needs Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
	Description	Rexford Tucker Senior Apartments Flood Mitigation
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 units of senior housing.
	Location Description	15 Chateau Thierry Avenue Madison, NJ 07940
	Planned Activities	Multi Family Rehab
3	Project Name	Allegro School & Programs
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Non-homeless Special Needs Housing

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Andrea Group Home Roof/Furnance and Replacement/- Franklin Group Home Septic Tank Replacement and Security Camera
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 Housing Units Serving Disabled Persons.
	Location Description	5 Franklin Drive, Randolph, NJ 07869
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehab
4	Project Name	Mendham Area Senior Housing Corp (MASH)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Non-homeless Special Needs Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$54,875
	Description	Bldg & Property improvements to improve safety and energy conservation at Apt Complex for Low Income Seniors and Disabled Adults
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low-income senior apartment units.
	Location Description	1 Heritage Manor Drive, Mendham, NJ, 07945
	Planned Activities	Multi-Family Rehab
5	Project Name	YCS
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Non-homeless Special Needs Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Pamela House Generator - Group Home
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 housing unit serving disabled young men.
	Location Description	17 Pamela Drive Randolph, NJ
	Planned Activities	Install new generator for group home.
6	Project Name	Morris Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Aging In Place Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Non-homeless special needs housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Rehab of senior housing units.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 seniors.
	Location Description	274 S. Salem Street, Randolph, NJ 0786
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of senior homeowners with installation of roofs, heating systems, energy efficient home improvements. New windows, leveling stairways and installing and leveling of ramps where needed
7	Project Name	Borough Victory Gardens - Improvements of Roosevelt Ave - Paving
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and expand Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$91,519
	Description	Improvements to Roosevelt Ave
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1516 low mod persons assisted.
	Location Description	Roosevelt Ave, Victory Gardens Borough

	Planned Activities	Milling and paving of Roosevelt Ave, pavement base repairs, inlet repairs, curb replacement, speed table replacement, and pavement stripping.
8	Project Name	Borough of Lincoln Park- Lincoln Park- Multi-Intersection ADA Compliance Upgrades
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and expand Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$91,518
	Description	Lincoln Park- Multi-Intersection ADA Compliance Upgrades
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 low- mod persons.
	Location Description	Multiple Locations
	Planned Activities	The Borough of Lincoln Park proposes to reconstruct seven (7) intersections, including but not limited to the removal of sidewalk and curb and replaced with new concrete sidewalk, concrete vertical curb, granite curb, and detectable warning surfaces.
9	Project Name	Borough of Rockaway - West Flagge Street Watermain Improvement
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and expand Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$91,518
	Description	West Flagge Street Watermain Improvement
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1085 low- mod persons.
	Location Description	33 West Flagge Street Rockaway NJ 07866
	Planned Activities	Replace existing watermain.

10	Project Name	Town of Morristown - Restroom Facilities at Lidgerwood Park Project
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and expand facilities
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Restroom Facilities at Lidgerwood Park Project
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1080 low – mod persons.
	Location Description	Lidgerwood Park – 7-47 Lidgerwood Parkway, Morristown NJ 07960
	Planned Activities	Improvements will provide a safe and accessible public restroom building that includes new doors, accessible bathroom fixtures, plumbing upgrades, changing benches, interior and exterior lighting upgrades, interior and exterior surface upgrades, and other needed upgrades to provide high functioning restrooms that are accessible to all residents.
11	Project Name	Township of Jefferson
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and expand public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
	Description	Municipal Bldg ADA Entry Improvements
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20,495 low – mod persons
	Location Description	1033 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
	Planned Activities	Install pushbutton swingout doors and adjust the handicap ramp.
12	Project Name	Township of Long Hill - Rehabilitation of Low-Income Housing
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Creation and preservation of rental housing
	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Special Needs Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$483,132
	Description	Rehab of general occupancy affordable housing rental development
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	52-unit senior community.
	Location Description	Township of Long Hill, Morris County, NJ
	Planned Activities	Rehab of 52-unit senior community.
13	Project Name	Morris Habitat for Humanity Stonewall Court
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Creation and preservation of homeownership opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$426,850
	Description	Construction of 10 HOME assisted units for homeownership.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 housing units for low mod persons.
	Location Description	Mount Olive Township
	Planned Activities	Construction of affordable housing for homeownership.
14	Project Name	Pillar Care Continuum - Berkshire Valley Supportive Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Creation and preservation of rental housing
	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Special Needs Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$180,000
	Description	Rental housing for individuals with developmental disabilities.
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 unit for with 4 bedrooms for individuals with disabilities.
	Location Description	900 Berkshire Valley Road, Jefferson, NJ
	Planned Activities	Construct one unit group home with four bedrooms for individuals with developmental disabilities.
15	Project Name	Morris County Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Creation and preservation of rental housing
	Needs Addressed	End to homelessness
	Funding	HOME: \$163,718
	Description	Tenant Based Rental Assistance provided to homeless families to move the families to permanent housing. Supportive services provided to realize housing stability.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 15 households will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	County-wide at multiple locations
	Planned Activities	Rental assistance to homeless families.
16	Project Name	Future CHDO Project
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Creation and preservation of homeownership
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$ 154,988
	Description	Future CHDO Project
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity will be determined at a later date.

	Location Description	To be determined.
	Planned Activities	Development of affordable housing by designated Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
17	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$103,332
	Description	HOME Program planning and administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	HOME Program administration activities.
18	Project Name	CASA Child Advocacy Positions
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Funding for two Case Supervisor Salary Positions
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 persons assisted
	Location Description	18 Cattano Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960
	Planned Activities	Funding for Case Supervisor Positions to mentor Morris County abused and neglected foster youth who are part of the court system presently living in foster homes and residential facilities.
19	Project Name	Deirdre O'Brien Child Advocacy Center Clinical Counseling Program
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Salary program will be used to maintain existing counselors as well as an additional bilingual clinician to the Clinical Counseling Program, which would provide counseling to child victims. The program offers individual therapy, crisis intervention, and case management
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	65 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	8 Court Street, Morristown, NJ 07960
	Planned Activities	Salary program will be used to maintain existing counselors as well as an additional bilingual clinician to the Clinical Counseling Program, which would provide counseling to child victims. The program offers individual therapy, crisis intervention, and case management
20	Project Name	HSI Childcare Scholarships
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Provision of childcare services and summer camp scholarships for children that are in the Family and Transitional Housing Programs
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	34 Persons Assisted.
	Location Description	540 West Hanover Street and 4 Jean Street, Morristown, NJ 07960
	Planned Activities	Activities include provision of childcare services (before and after school programs) and summer camp scholarships for children that are in the Family and Transitional Housing Programs
	Project Name	Family Promise Community Outreach

21	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services End to homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Community outreach and case management services
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1400 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	County wide
	Planned Activities	Activity will support staffing for outreach programs, case management for families and the needed continuum of services.
22	Project Name	JBWS Children's Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Provision of counseling services for children of battered women while at the JBWS residential facilities
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	9 children of DV survivors assisted
	Location Description	Suppressed
	Planned Activities	Activities involve provision of counseling services for children of battered women
23	Project Name	Children on the Green: Homeless Shelter Scholarship Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Children on the Green's childcare scholarships for low-income families living/working in the Morristown area
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	50 South Park Place, Morristown, NJ
	Planned Activities	Childcare scholarships for low-income families living/working in the Morristown area. First priority is given to families leaving a homeless shelter. Subsidized tuition assistance to qualified families and those who have temporarily lost their voucher.
24	Project Name	Roots and Wings Case Management & Counseling for Aged-Out Foster Youth
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Roots and Wings provision of case management and counseling services for foster youth who have aged out of the system
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	Provision of case management and counseling services for foster youth who have aged out of the system.
25	Project Name	Employment Horizons
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000

	Description	Box truck to provide work for adults with significant disabilities
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	119 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	10 Ridgedale Ave, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927
	Planned Activities	Purchase of a 26 ft. box truck to pick up and deliver to/from area manufacturers in support of extended employment program.
26	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$381,307
	Description	CDBG planning and program administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Planning and administration will occur for activities county-wide.
	Planned Activities	CDBG planning and program administration.
27	Project Name	CDBG Rehab Program Service Delivery
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Creation and preservation of homeownership opp.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$156,000
	Description	Rehab Program Service Delivery
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A

	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	Rehab Program Service Delivery
28	Project Name	Morris County Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Creation and preservation of homeownership
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Morris County Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 household units
	Location Description	Rehabilitation activities will occur countywide.
	Planned Activities	Homeowner rehabilitation activities
	29	Project Name
Target Area		Countywide
Goals Supported		Housing for Persons who are Homeless
Needs Addressed		End to homelessness
Funding		ESG: \$168,904
Description		2023 Federal Fiscal Year allocation of ESG funds will be used to provide shelter operations for the homeless, provide utility assistance and emergency rental assistance to prevent homelessness, implement rapid re-housing and outreach strategies, and for program administration and data collection through HMIS.
Target Date		6/30/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		An estimated 216 persons will benefit from the proposed activities.
Location Description		These activities will occur county-wide.

	Planned Activities	Activities include providing shelter operations for the homeless, utility assistance and emergency rental assistance to prevent homelessness, implementation of rapid re-housing and outreach strategies, and program administration and data collection through HMIS.
30	Project Name	Visions & Pathways
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,980
	Description	Prosperity Independent Life Skills Program
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 persons assisted
	Location Description	175 Washington Street, Morristown, NJ 07960
	Planned Activities	Funding Prosperity Independent Life Skills Program.
31	Project Name	Advancing Opportunities Hiawatha Boulevard Supportive Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Creation and preservation of rental housing
	Needs Addressed	Non - homeless special needs housing
	Funding	\$63,852.18
	Description	Rental housing for individuals with developmental disabilities.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 unit for with 4 bedrooms for individuals with disabilities.
	Location Description	112 Hiawatha Blvd, Parsippany-Troy Hills
	Planned Activities	Construct one unit group home with four bedrooms for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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

The County does not target specific geographic areas when allocating CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars. Generally, proposed activities occur in Census Tracts and Block Groups where there is a majority of low-income persons/households. Affordable housing activities are operated countywide, but traditionally have been located in urban centers in an effort to locate affordable housing near public transportation, increase property values, and eliminate slum/blighting influences.

Per Morris County’s 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the areas with the highest concentration of non-White residents are Dover, Wharton, and Parsippany-Troy Hills. These areas have more than 25.82% persons who are non-White for the period 2014-2018. Dover and Wharton also have the highest concentration of Hispanic residents with more than 27.42%. Part of Morristown also has a high percentage (more than 27.42%) of Hispanic residents. Mount Olive, Butler Borough, Riverdale Borough, Kinnelon, Mine Hill and Rockaway Borough also have higher percentages (11.16% to 27.41%) of Hispanic residents.

The Dover and Netcong areas have the greatest concentrations of poverty in Morris County. The Town of Dover and the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills are not CDBG participating jurisdictions; however, these areas are part of the HOME Consortium.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Countywide	100%

TABLE 7 - GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The County does not target specific geographic areas of the County when allocating CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars. Generally, proposed activities occur in Census Tracts and Block Groups where there is a majority of low-income persons/households.

CDBG and HOME funds are intended to provide low and moderate-income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities to be funded with CDBG funds include public improvements, housing rehabilitation and preservation, affordable housing development activities, public services, economic development, planning, and administration.

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program.
- Meeting the needs of very-low, low-, and moderate-income residents.
- Focusing on low- and moderate-income persons, areas, or neighborhoods.
- Coordinating and leveraging of resources.
- Responding to expressed needs.
- Achieving sustainability and/or long-term impact.
- Having the ability to measure or demonstrate progress and success.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AP-55 AFFORDABLE HOUSING - 91.420, 91.220(G)

Introduction

The County will use HOME funds and a portion of CDBG funds for new affordable housing and to rehabilitate existing housing units. The special needs population will be served through the rehabilitation of an existing homeowner housing and creation of a new group home. The homeless population will be served through Tenant-based Rental Assistance, Rapid Re-housing, and Street Outreach. Homeowners will be assisted through the Morris County Homeowner Rehabilitation program and rental housing will be assisted through the Madison Housing Authority rehabilitation project.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	15
Non-Homeless	177
Special Needs	6
Total	201

TABLE 8 - ONE YEAR GOALS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY SUPPORT REQUIREMENT

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	15
The Production of New Units	11
Rehab of Existing Units	132
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	198

TABLE 9 - ONE YEAR GOALS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY SUPPORT TYPE

Discussion

- Homeless households to be supported includes 15 persons assisted through rental assistance.
- Non-homeless households to be supported includes the addition of 111 new housing units and rehabilitation of 132 non-homeless rental- and 13 owner-units.
- Special needs households supported include the rehabilitation of 2 existing units and development of 2 new units.

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The Housing Authority of the County of Morris (MCHA) has developed and managed housing for low- and moderate-income residents of the County since 1972. For nearly 50 years, the Housing Authority has played a major role in providing affordable housing options to low- and moderate-income senior citizens, families, and people with disabilities. MCHA currently manages 304 public housing units, 120 Farmer's Home Rural (USDA) units, 634 tenant based Housing Choice Vouchers, and 33 Mainstream Vouchers.

The mission of the MCHA is to enhance the lives of the citizens of the County by creating and sustaining decent, safe, and affordable living environments that foster stability and self-sufficiency for low- to moderate-income seniors, families, and people with disabilities. They assist approximately 1,050 County residents annually.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs of public housing

CDBG funds were requested by the Madison Housing Authority for the Rexford Tucker Senior Apartments Flood Mitigation. This project was awarded \$125,000 CDBG funds for 2023.

MCHA also plans to increase their relationship with the CoC through the appointment of their executive director on the executive committee of the CoC and the creation of subcommittees to bring major players together to address the needs of the homeless population. Madison and Dover Housing Authority are combining efforts to collaborate beyond the administrative boundaries. The Housing Authorities are setting aside a percentage of their vouchers to address homelessness. During COVID – 19 MCHA was awarded 33 mainstream Vouchers for non – elderly disabled families at risk for homelessness or institutionalized. MCHA also held COVID - 19 vaccination clinics at the elderly housing complexes.

MCHA created two additional programs to address the needs of the public housing communities. The Congregate Housing Services Program introduced a weekend meal program which coordinates with local food pantries to provide 20 residents hot lunch on Saturday and Sunday and 1040 meals to frail elderly residents. There is also a housekeeping service for elderly residents aimed at keeping the senior population independent.

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

MCHA has a Resident Advisory Board which provides input to its annual plan. Senior Citizen groups are active at each of the elderly developments. MCHA also has a Family Self-sufficiency program that currently works with 75 households to become economically independent and look forward to homeownership goals. 7 households participate in the MCHA homeownership

program.

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

Not applicable: The Morris County Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

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The County is a partner with the Continuum of Care to address homelessness and the priority needs of homeless individuals and families, including homeless subpopulations.

DESCRIBE THE JURISDICTION'S 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 CoC Coordinated Entry Process requires that all participants and collaborating partner agencies use the NJ 2-1-1 system to make referrals. NJ 2-1-1 provides a safety assessment, prevention, diversion, and tiered rating tool to inform the referral process. Pre-screening and assessment will determine the need for immediate services or housing. For callers who require referral for prevention or diversion from shelter, a referral is made to appropriate service providers. A Master List is maintained that prioritizes households for housing and services consistent with CoC's policies. The list is reviewed and maintained by Housing Stability Liaisons at the two drop-in Centers. Liaisons facilitate the connections to services and shelter.

The Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. (MHA) operates a street outreach program for the CoC through the PATH program. MHA teams cover the full geographic region by targeting known locations. The teams work closely with local police and hospitals to respond to unsheltered homeless persons identified by those agencies. MHA tracks outreach interactions in the HMIS. In addition, there are two-day centers that connect unsheltered households to mainstream benefits, services, and shelter. The MHA and the drop-in centers work closely with community shelters and connect people to safe havens and emergency shelter programs. They also connect people to GA, TANF, and SSI.

Outreach teams work to identify and serve those least likely to seek assistance. Outreach staff have access to bi-lingual Spanish speakers and other translation services for those with limited English proficiency. They also print documents in English and Spanish.

Outreach and assessment for people who are homeless and living on the street is provided by several other agencies including

- Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center
- The Faith Kitchen in Dover
- The Market St. Mission
- Homeless Solutions, Inc.
- Our Promise – drop in center
- Edna's Haven – drop in center

- Morris County Office of Veterans Affairs
- Community Hope (Veterans)
- Lyons VA Hospital
- The New Jersey AIDS Services
- Morristown Memorial Family Health Center (AIDS)
- Roots and Wings (youth)
- Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) Hotline (youth)

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Morris County has an active and coordinated Continuum of Care system to address the needs of the County's homeless and "at risk" populations. The CoC includes 5 shelter facilities and programs with capacity of 129 beds and overflow to accommodate 101 additional people and 5 transitional housing programs with 149 beds. There is also a Safe Haven with 20 beds, and the County makes motel/hotel placements with vouchers. ESG funding will be used to provide shelter support at the emergency shelter operated by Homeless Solutions, Inc. and Jersey Battered Women's Service. Although a wide variety of housing resources and programs are offered to meet the needs of various homeless sub-populations, continued integration of resources and programming and the development of additional housing accommodations are needed.

Each year, the CoC conducts a Point-in-Time count of the persons residing in emergency shelters, transitional housing facilities, and places not meant for human habitation. This information is used to understand the emergency needs of homeless persons so that they can be addressed adequately and efficiently. The County will use the information generated by the PIT and other studies conducted by the CoC to inform its ESG budget and planning process. The County will also target ESG dollars to support street outreach activities in an effort to identify the unsheltered homeless population.

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 homeless services providers continue to move toward rapid rehousing and Housing First as an effective means of shortening a household's time experiencing homelessness and/or in an emergency shelter. Several initiatives have been implemented by

the CoC to decrease the length of homelessness for families:

1. Expanded rapid re-housing opportunities through creation of a CoC funded program that works in conjunction with the ESG funded rapid re-housing program.
2. Family Promise has implemented the following initiatives that have impacted the length of homelessness and stability in housing:
 - A. The Community Support Program provides in-home case management services to stabilize participants in housing.
 - B. The Landlord/Tenant Program provides incentives to landlords to serve those experiencing homelessness.
 - C. A Housing Locator with property management and realtor experience identifies landlords and negotiates rents for households. A team of volunteers offer incentives to participating landlords such as free repairs, painting and unit upgrades.

Increasing the inventory of permanent housing with supportive services is a priority for the County. A majority of chronically homeless persons have severe mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. They require long-term, affordable housing options with supportive services to make the transition to residential stability. Outreach for homeless youth - Roots and Wings provides shelter and transitional housing to youth while Visions and Pathways conducts street outreach.

The County will continue to prioritize the use of its ESG funds for support services for the homeless through various programs. HOME dollars will continue to be utilized for the creation of new affordable units while ESG funds will be used for rental and financial assistance to rapidly rehouse the homeless, effectively shortening the time spent experiencing homelessness. In addition, ESG dollars will be used for homeless prevention activities aimed at ensuring the at-risk of homelessness remain stably housed and preventing recidivism among those rapidly rehoused.

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 County prioritizes its ESG dollars for homelessness prevention activities such as rental assistance and utility arrearage payments, as well as support the existing agencies that provide such resources. Further, creation of new affordable units will aid in preventing instances of

homelessness for those exiting institutions or the criminal justice system by providing available units upon discharge and appropriate wraparound services to prevent recurring episodes of homelessness/institutionalization. The CoC coordinates with legal services, prevention programs, and affordable housing providers to ensure all agencies serving as entry points are aware of the system resources and can help direct those seeking assistance appropriately. In addition, NJ 2-1-1 and participating agencies complete a diversion process where short term phone and in-person case management services are offered with a focus on repairing relationships and providing donated in-kind items.

The CoC has developed a process where every household served by programs in the homeless system are connected to the Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance (OTA) which manages the mainstream benefits programs. Through this process those experiencing homelessness are connected to the cash and non-cash benefits for which they are eligible. For those individuals applying for SSI/SSDI, the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc., has SOAR trained staff that assist individuals in successfully connecting with those benefits.

Members of the CoC participate in the Morris County Youth Services Advisory Committee (YSAC) which addresses the needs of youth with social/emotional and juvenile justice issues. The YSAC develops, reviews, and revises the children's service system through a collaborative decision-making process. Members of the YSAC include LEA representatives, mental health, child welfare, health, corrections, juvenile justice and developmental disabilities agencies serving youth. Several CoC members participate in the YSAC meetings working to develop strategies to address the full scope of needs of youth with social and emotional issues including homelessness and education. Outreach providers in the County, such as the Street Outreach Team of Visions & Pathways, are identifying homeless youth earlier in the process and connecting them with services to prevent them from becoming homeless on the street.

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Morris County has conducted a full Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, which was finalized during the 2022 program year; this document will identify impediments and create an action plan for overcoming those impediments. The narrative below details findings of the previous AI published in 2016

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

The county lacks direct legislative authority to act on building codes, zoning, and policies at the municipal level. However, the County can encourage local governments to take actions that positively impact on the ability of developers to build new affordable housing.

Specific recommendations related to affordable housing actions taken by the County include:

- Provide technical assistance for developers interested in using federal or state funds for affordable housing development.
- Morris County will work with the Housing Alliance to monitor the database of expiring affordable housing units, assess when any units could be lost due to expiring contracts, and determine what actions the County can take to preserve these units.
- Use HOME funds to support rehabilitation, mixed use, or redevelopment with the explicit goal of increasing local affordable housing inventory.
- Continue and expand existing housing rehabilitation programs.
- Provide pre-development funding to non-profit developers operating in higher opportunity neighborhoods, to help underwrite high upfront affordable housing development costs.

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Morris County has developed the following actions to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structures, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary impediment to the County's ability to meet underserved needs is the limited amount of funding to address identified priorities. The County will continue to seek public and private resources to leverage its entitlement funds in assisting with implementation of policies and programs. To address the obstacles identified in the Five-Year plan, the County will seek other funding and maximize the use of existing funding by coordinating efforts with the Housing Alliance of Morris County, Fair Housing Committee, Foreclosure Taskforce, the County's Human Services Advisory Council, and the Continuum of Care.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County will continue to support its goals of maintaining and expanding affordable housing for owners, renters, and special needs populations. In FY 2023, the County will allocate CDBG and/or HOME funds for rehabilitation of both homeowner and renter-occupied units, including units for low- and moderate-income households, the elderly, and disabled.

Further, Tenant Based Rental Assistance will be used to maintain the supply of affordable housing by assuring owners of rental housing an adequate stream of income, coupled with an inspection program, which will enable them to maintain the housing in safe and decent condition.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The housing rehabilitation program incorporates all aspects of lead safe work practices and abatement as required. Further, educational presentation on the hazards of lead-based paint to participants in the Step-by-Step first-time homebuyer education classes makes them more aware of possible dangers as they prepare for homeownership. The EPA material on lead-based paint is distributed.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding is integrated into the programs that address poverty and homelessness by participating agencies that are served by the Morris County Continuum of Care, the Fair Housing Committee of the Morris County Human Relations Commission, and the Housing Alliance of Morris County.

These agencies, and others, provide much needed services to assist residents that are living in poverty. Further programs such as job training, childcare, transportation assistance and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) reduce the impact of poverty and provide income growth for families living in poverty. The varied activities help create job opportunities, reduce burdens (e.g., housing cost burden), and educationally/economically empower County residents, all of which will prevent or alleviate poverty in the community.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The County has entered into inter-local Cooperation Agreements with 37 municipalities to form the Urban County. Two municipalities, Parsippany-Troy Hills and Dover are part of the HOME consortium. Each of the 37 municipalities may apply for CDBG funding through the County, and housing activity through the HOME Program can be delivered anywhere in the County. The network of partnerships between the County and regional organizations such as the Fair Housing Committee of the Morris County Human Relations Commission and the Housing Alliance of Morris County strengthen the impact that the federal funds have in the communities.

The Office of Community Development collaborates with the Community Development Revenue Sharing (CDRS) Committee, consisting of municipal representatives, and other municipal officials in coordinating efforts to meet public facility, infrastructure improvements, public service needs, accessibility needs, economic development needs, and housing needs. The CDRS Committee determines which projects receive funding. Funding resources and programs for the homeless are coordinated through the CoC.

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

Public and non-profit agencies that are critical to the institutional structure must work cooperatively, and agency staff have the ability and expertise to deliver services efficiently and effectively, often with years of expertise in their respective fields. The County will also continue to coordinate its housing efforts with a variety of development entities. Housing rehabilitation is provided in-house by the County. Several organizations provide group homes which have received support from both HOME and CDBG funding. Other organizations, such as Morris County Habitat for Humanity and Morris County Affordable Housing Corporation, construct new units for homeownership and or rental housing.

The County will continue to strengthen its working relationships with local social service agencies, through participation in efforts regional efforts such as the Housing Alliance of Morris County, the Housing Committee of the Morris County Human Relations Commission, and the Morris County Continuum of Care (CoC). The County anticipates continued coordination of human service funding with other social service agencies and charitable organizations to better target the limited amount of human service dollars available in the community.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

AP-90 PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - 91.420, 91.220(L) (1,2,4)

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The following information provides an overview on the program specific requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME program and Emergency Solutions Grant program.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) REFERENCE 24 CFR 91.220(L)(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 priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

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

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)
REFERENCE 24 CFR 91.220(L)(2)

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

No forms of investment will be used outside of those activities listed in 24 CFR 92.

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:

Morris County will provide HOME funds to a CHDO to create affordable for-sale units. HOME funds used for homebuyer programs will be subject to resale restrictions during the affordability period. A mortgage and note will be signed and filed as the mechanism to impose these resale restrictions. The resale provisions to be used mirror the state's provisions in the calculation of the limit of funds a homeowner may retain upon sale of a unit over the initial purchase price. (See NJ Fair Housing Act and NJ 5:80-26.1 et Seq.) Resale values are tied to income at 72% of median income as determined by the state at a 28% debt ratio to income.

The amount of the resale price is restricted but allows for return of capital expenditures by the owner during the control period for improvements and upgrades that expand living space or number of bathrooms. Other improvements may be sold to a subsequent buyer separately.

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:

Acquisition with HOME funds are not anticipated in this program year. However, if used, the same resale provisions as stated above would apply. The resale provisions used mirror the state's provisions in the calculation of the limit of funds a homeowner may retain upon sale of a unit over the initial purchase price. (See NJ Fair Housing Act and NJ 5:80-26.1 et Seq.) Resale values are tied to income at 72% of median income as determined by the state at a 28% debt ratio to income.

The amount of the resale price is restricted but allows for return of capital expenditures by the owner during the control period for improvements and upgrades that expand living space or number of bathrooms. Other improvements may be sold to a subsequent buyer separately.

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:

The County will not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

ESG standards are included in the Unique Appendix. [To be inserted]

2. If the Continuum of Care has established a centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Morris County CoC has a Coordinated Entry system tool for use by all agencies. The coordinated system provides a better, more efficient access, assessment, and referral process for diversion/prevention, shelter and/or other related housing and services, to ensure that those who are homeless/at risk of homelessness are connected to the most accurate services.

The Coordinated Entry system provides for a single point of entry (NJ 2-1-1) that is free to the caller, 24/7, multi-lingual and accessible statewide via phone, internet, and text. Homeless individuals and families may call from anywhere in the geographical area served by the CoC and access the range of local resources based on need and vulnerability. Additionally, drop-in centers - one in Morristown (Family Promise) and another in Dover (Mental Health Association) - will have case managers available to assist clients while they await housing placement.

The Coordinated Entry Committee is creating its own version of the VI-SPDAT after reviewing a number of tools. The Committee is modifying the tool relative to the specific needs of the homeless in Morris (i.e., transportation) and the specific screening requirements of the homeless service providers, to focus on inclusion rather than exclusion (i.e., no or modified background checks as one example).

The assessment tool will be universally applied. Assessment outcomes will be used by the CoC to establish a Prioritization Policy; ensuring that populations that have the highest needs and options available are prioritized when housing providers are seeking referrals. A priority list will be created and managed by the Coordinated Assessment agency (NJ 2-1-1) and referrals for housing placement will be made exclusively from the list.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation is available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The County publishes a Notice of Funding Availability in the fall each year. This notice is advertised in the newspaper and County website and distributed to the CoC, prior ESG recipients and anyone expressing an interest in the program. Funding priorities that were established by the CoC are part of the application package.

The CoC provides policy guidance to the HSAC which is used throughout the funding process. The Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) reviews the applications and

makes a funding recommendation. Their review considers the funding priorities set by the CoC and the written standards developed by the CoC for the program. The HSAC makes a funding recommendation to the County. This recommendation is sent to the CoC for review and comment.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

Pursuant to 24 CFR 576.405(a), the recipients of ESG funds must provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policy-making entity of the recipient, to the extent that the entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any facilities, services, or other assistance that receive funding under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The CoC board includes a formerly homeless person. This board member is engaged in the board, attends CoC General Meetings, CoC Board Meetings, and votes in board decisions. By providing a leadership role in establishing policy that is used by the County through the HSAC, the CoC exerts its influence in the decision making for grant awards.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The CoC has adopted the HUD performance measurement standards for all the programs including ESG. These measures cover housing stability, economic improvement, and successful placement in permanent housing.