

# Camden County, New Jersey

Community Development Block Grant Program  
Substantial Amendment of 2020 Annual Action Plan

## Introduction

The County of Camden proposes to amend its 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plans in order to revise the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for previously approved projects. The 2020 Annual Action Plan was approved as part of the 2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, with a budget that included \$2,470,397 in CDBG funds, along with \$19,392 in prior year CDBG funds. The 2021 Annual Action Plan was approved with \$2,532,716 in CDBG funds, along with \$347,177 in prior year CDBG funds.

An amendment of the Annual Action Plan is necessary because the County is proposing a change in funding for two projects: they will not be carrying out the 2020 Lawnside Summer Program, funded for \$30,000, and instead will be redirecting those funds to the 2021 Lawnside Senior Center public facilities project, an eligible CDBG project. This project will be used to replace the roof of the Wayne R. Bryant Senior Center, located at 323 E Charleston Ave, Lawnside, NJ.

Under the County's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, a decision to not "carry out an activity for which funding is approved" and a "change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity" constitute a "substantial change" necessitating a Substantial Amendment to a Five-Year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan as applicable.

## Fiscal Impact

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines each year the CDBG amount the County receives in the form of an entitlement amount. However, if those funds are not all expended in the program year for which they were allocated, the result is the accumulation of unexpended funds in the Township's letter of credit balance with HUD. This reallocation will assist the County in expending CDBG in a timely manner.

## Project Budget

This substantial amendment will reallocate \$30,000 of funding from the 2020 Annual Action Plan to the 2021 Annual Action Plan.

Activity	Description	Original Budget	Revision	Final
<b>Lawnside Summer Program (IDIS #5096)</b>	Summer enrichment program for income eligible families in the Borough of Lawnside.	\$30,000	-\$30,000	\$0
<b>Lawnside Senior Center (IDIS #5149)</b>	Roof improvements for Senior Center.	\$34,000	+\$30,000	\$64,000

## Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the County's Citizen Participation Plan, last revised in 2020.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, Camden County has placed the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning today on the County's website at the following address: [www.camdencounty.com/public-notice](http://www.camdencounty.com/public-notice).

This document will be available to the public for a period of thirty (30) days – from Tuesday, March 29, 2022 until Thursday, April 28, 2022 after which time the Camden County Board of Commissioners will consider a resolution to authorize its submission to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development.

On April 11, 2022 at 12:00PM, the Camden County will conduct a virtual public hearing to solicit comments from the public. All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend this virtual public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment for the FY 2020 and FY 2021 Annual Action Plans. A link to access the virtual public hearing will be posted on the webpage shown above. Written comments as well as requests for special assistance related to limited English proficiency or disabilities should be directed to [tracy.wilson@camdencounty.com](mailto:tracy.wilson@camdencounty.com).

On May 19, 2022 at 12:00PM, Camden County Commissioners will consider a resolution to accept the Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.