

PUBLIC NOTICE
Somerset County, New Jersey

Combined Summary of the Draft 2010-14 Consolidated Plan and
2010 Annual Action Plan
Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

Background - The County of Somerset is the recipient of federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. As a condition of receipt of these funds, the County must prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Available Funds - The County has been advised by HUD that it will receive an entitlement grant allocation of \$1,369,889 in CDBG funds and \$761,072 in HOME funds. In addition, the County is amending its Action Plan for fiscal year 2006 in the amount of \$2,802.74 and Fiscal Year 2007 in the amount of \$87,197.26.

Range of Eligible Activities - Funds available under the CDBG Program may be used for a wide range of activities including acquisition, disposition, public facilities and improvements, clearance activities, public services, interim assistance, payment of non-federal share of grants, relocation, loss of rental income, housing services, utility construction, home ownership assistance, economic development, provision of technical assistance, certain educational institution assistance, rehabilitation and preservation activities, special assistance to community based development organizations and related planning, environmental and administrative activities. Funds available under the HOME Program may be used to provide incentives to develop and support housing affordability through rental assistance payments, acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation by funding of eligible hard and soft costs and certain related counseling services, and activities for eligible low and moderate income persons.

Program Limitations - Both the CDBG and the HOME Programs have certain legislative and regulatory limitations on the uses of funds which restrict the types of projects and activities which may be funded under these programs, including the requirement that funds must principally benefit persons of low or moderate-income. As a result, the range of eligible activities under these programs is subject to these legislative and regulatory limitations. The County has prepared a draft Annual Action Plan as summarized below. Based on the projects and activities proposed the County anticipates that 100% of both the CDBG and HOME Program funds will be used in a manner which will benefit low and moderate income-persons as defined by federal regulations.

Proposed Annual Action Plan - The County will submit to HUD its 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan. The Draft Action Plan is based on a review of project proposals submitted to the Somerset County Community Development Office and the County's experience in the administration of prior year grants. The draft Annual Action Plan is summarized as follows:

2010 CDBG Program		
Applicant	Proposed Project	Award
ADTI Corporation	ADA Accessible Path to Companies	\$18,870
Adult Day Center of Somerset County	New Facility Construction	\$50,000
Arc of Somerset	Accessible Laundry Room	\$60,000
Arc of Somerset	Jerry Davis Early Childhood Center	\$29,668
Bridgewater Township	Youth Development Program	\$7,776
Bound Brook Borough	Sanitary Sewer Basin 6 Rehab	\$10,000
Community Hope	Hope for Veterans Employment	\$25,740
Cooperative Housing	Senior Affordable Supportive Housing	\$9,213
Curbing Hunger, Inc.	Annual Summer Food Collection	\$2,200
Delta Community Supports, Inc	Kitchen and Bath Renovations	\$35,000
HomeSharing Inc	HomeSharing Match Program	\$18,750
Interfaith Hospitality Network	Sunrise House/Phase 2 & 3	\$20,003
Borough of Manville	Sidewalk Improvements	\$50,000
Martin Luther King Youth Center, Inc.	Kitchen Waste Line Installation	\$39,500
Matheny Medical & Education Center	Emergency Exit Road Resurfacing & Driveway	\$20,000
Middle Earth	Community Youth Centers	\$40,000
North Plainfield Borough	Leland Avenue Sewer Replacement	\$75,911
Raritan Borough	Improvements - Third Street	\$55,000
Resource Center For Women	Transitional Housing	\$6,600
Somerset County	Admin/Salary	\$273,977.80
Somerset County	Housing Rehab	\$250,000
Somerset Hills YMCA	Melissa Riggio Residence	\$57,610
Somerset Home TDC	Brahma House	\$29,250
Somerset Home TDC	Pathways Education Program	\$10,800
Somerset Valley YMCA	Handicapped Access of Showers, Toilets, Sink	\$30,000
Somerville Borough	Second Street - Improvement Project	\$55,000
Borough of South Bound Brook	Park Playground Equipment Improvements	\$44,755
Valley Brook Veterans	Veterans Permanent Supportive Housing Development	\$44,265
	Total	\$1,369,889

2006/2007 Action Plan Amendments		
Program Year 2006		
Raritan Borough	Sanitary Sewer Rehab	-\$2,802.74
	Total	-\$2,802.74
Bound Brook Borough	Sanitary Sewer Basin 6 Rehab	\$2,802.74
Program Year 2007		
PeopleCare	Parking Lot	-\$5,757.96
Raritan Borough	Basilone Pool	-\$51,439.30
Raritan Borough	Sanitary Sewer Rehab	-\$30,000
	Total	-\$87,197.26
Bound Brook Borough	Sanitary Sewer Basin 6 Rehab	\$87,197.26

2010 HOME Program		
Applicant	Proposed Project	Award
ADTI Housing Corp	Von Steuben	\$98,330
ADTI Housing Corp	CHDO Operating	\$15,625
Community Hope	Supportive Housing	\$200,000
SCCOAH	First Time Homebuyer Grant	\$121,010
Somerset County	Admin/Salary	\$76,107
Somerset Hills YMCA/Bethel Ridge	Somerset Hills YMCA/Bethel Ridge Group Home	\$150,000
Valley Brook Village	Supportive Housing	\$100,000
	Total	\$761,072

Availability of Draft Plan - Pursuant to the provisions of federal regulations and the County's Citizen Participation Plan, the County is providing notice that the complete Draft 2010 Annual Action Plan is available for review between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Somerset County Community Development Office, Human Service Building, located at 27 Warren Street, Somerville, NJ. CD Staff can be reached at 908-541-5756.

Citizen Comments - Persons wishing to comment on the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan should respond to the County during the comment period which extends for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning on June 1 and ending on July 1. All comments should be addressed to Ms. Kimberly Cowart, Director, Somerset County Community Development Office, PO Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876-1262. Comments may also be presented at the public hearing on the Annual Action Plan to be held June 3, 2010 at 6:00 PM in Conference Room 1-A at the Somerset County Human Services Building located at 27 Warren Street, Somerville, NJ.

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