

**Community Development Block Grant  
DRAFT 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan  
Bayonne, NJ**

**Executive Summary**

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

**1. Introduction**

The City of Bayonne, NJ has prepared a Five-Year Consolidated Plan to identify housing and community development needs and to develop specific goals and objectives to address those needs over a five-year period. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the City covers the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024. The Annual Action Plan presented here covers the second year of this 5-year period, specifically from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The Annual Action Plan sets forth the goals and objectives for the period and is a continuation of efforts begun in the first year of the 5-year cycle to address needs identified in the current Consolidated Plan. More specifically, this Annual Action Plan details the City's planned use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan stipulates that the City's Department of Community Development will administer the CDBG Program.

The FY 2021 Annual Action Plan describes to HUD and to our stakeholders how the City of Bayonne intends to use CDBG funds to meet community needs. The funds are intended to provide low and moderate-income households with viable communities by addressing one of HUD's three objectives; 1. Provide decent housing, 2. Create a suitable living environment, and 3. Create economic opportunities. Eligible activities include community facilities and improvements, roads and infrastructure, housing rehabilitation and preservation, development activities, public services, economic development, planning and administration.

Program outcomes are designed to show how each activity benefits the community or people served. All activities must provide one of the following benefits; 1. Improved Availability / Accessibility, 2. Improved Affordability or 3. Improved Sustainability.

Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to Bayonne in 2021 to address the needs outlined in this Plan are \$1,511,913.

## **2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

All activities funded in the 2021 Program Year will support at least one objective from the following list:

1. Preserve existing affordable housing through the Housing Rehabilitation Program
2. Maintain and improve the infrastructure, including water, sewer, streets, sidewalks, storm water facilities that impact homeowners
3. Maintain and improve public facilities, including parks and recreation facilities; make handicap accessibility improvements as needed
4. Maintain and improve non-profit facilities that serve low-mod and at-risk residents, including food pantries and facilities for victims of domestic violence
5. Ensure that quality public services in support of youth development, public health, employment and housing needs are available to low-income residents
6. Continued support of provision of services to those individuals and groups with special needs, such as disabled adults and the elderly
7. Support activities that address the needs of the Homeless and Non-homeless Special Needs Populations, especially in the areas of prevention and of transitioning to independent living
8. Execution of anti-poverty efforts that support and build upon existing programs, relate to economic development efforts and integrate job training and placement, welfare to work initiatives and other programs aimed at improving opportunities for economic self-sufficiency
9. Continue Administration and Management activities, including Fair Housing

## **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

Bayonne's CDBG program has remained compliant with spending deadlines by focusing efforts of the City and its partners on the timely and compliant use of CDBG funds. That focus will continue in the 2021 Program Year.

Successful and popular services from previous years have been continued in 2021. Examples include the Senior Bus program, support for youth programs operated by the Jewish Community Center and Bayonne Family Community Center, and support for special needs populations, including United Cerebral Palsy and Victory Hall. A program to improve facilities of non-profits serving the low-mod income population has also been continued from previous years.

Bayonne continues their commitment to further affordable housing by continuing their Housing Rehabilitation Program, support services to address homelessness and funding fair housing activities. i

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Bayonne administration maintains an ongoing dialogue with its constituents and organizations representing various groups within Bayonne. One of the benefits of doing so is an ongoing awareness on the part of the City of the needs of Bayonne's residents. Some of those needs fall within the parameters of the CDBG program and are reflected in this Annual Action Plan.

In addition to this ongoing, sometimes informal, community assessment process, there are, of course, more formal channels for citizens to provide input into this Plan. Typically, the City would hold Public Hearings in City Hall, a totally accessible facility, that would be attended by individuals and representatives of community organizations. In 2020 and 2021, given the risks and realities of the Coronavirus pandemic, City Hall has been closed to the public. The City has remained committed to public participation despite necessary Coronavirus restrictions, moving all CDBG-related documents online and hosting virtual public hearings and focus groups as part of their annual planning process.

As far as consulting with other entities, the City maintains an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. Again, this continuous, if sometimes informal, interaction allows Community Development staff to stay abreast of community needs and opportunities. Again, this process is supplemented with a more formal information gathering effort, specifically through the public hearings and through the inclusion of a needs assessment portion of the City's application that service providers use to request CDBG funding.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

The public comments that the City received have received as part of this process were all through the public hearing held on January 14, 2021. The consensus of comments received at the public hearing and through the needs assessment portions of applications for CDBG funding, is that there continue to be unmet needs in the Bayonne community. These include needs for public services, improvements to the facilities in which those services are provided, need for more available affordable housing, the need to improve the City's housing stock through their Housing Rehabilitation Program and the need for additional fair housing information and resources. In addition, there are increased needs in the community due to the impacts of Coronavirus on the rate of unemployment, social isolation and educational youth programming; yet at the same time there are restrictions on agencies able to provide services to meet these needs, which creates a challenging environment.

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

All comments were accepted and considered in the preparation of this plan.

**7. Summary**

Through familiarity with the community, consultation with residents and organizations and knowledge of the parameters of the CDBG program, the City of Bayonne has developed a plan that directs CDBG resources to activities that address needs in a compliant, efficient and effective manner.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

<b>Agency Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Lead Agency	BAYONNE	
CDBG Administrator	BAYONNE	Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative**

The City Council, through the Department of Community Development, has the ultimate responsibility in assuring that the priority needs of the Consolidated Plan are met. The Department provides the funding and technical assistance to the non-profit housing developers and service providers, and City agencies and authorities for projects that meet the needs documented in the plan. The City’s housing and community development programs are administered by the Department of Community Development, working with a number of other City agencies, county offices, and not-for-profit service providers.

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

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Bayonne developed this Annual Action Plan with input from public, private, non-profit and for-profit organizations, the same components that come together to implement plans and provide benefits to Bayonne's low- and moderate-income residents. The collaborative approach employed by the City has proven to be a valuable tool in eliciting input that would not otherwise be available. This development process synthesized diverse ideas and approaches into a comprehensive and coherent planning document and set of strategies that address the community needs of the City in a clear and logical fashion.

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

The City's housing and community development programs are administered by the Department of Community Development, working with a number of other City agencies and not-for-profit service providers. The Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation, Bayonne Family Community Center, Bayonne Mental Health, Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation and more all provide various public services, including mental health, case management/service referrals and emergency assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness. The City has worked closely with local non-profit organizations to actively encourage cross-sector collaboration and innovation in providing housing and services for low- and moderate-income persons.

Both the City and the Bayonne Housing Authority coordinate their efforts and activities to ensure adequate and efficient service in the areas of public housing and housing assistance. The Bayonne Housing Authority manages the public housing units and Section 8 program on a day-to-day basis. Also, the City Department of Community Development maintains a positive relationship with the builders, developers and financial institutions in the County and the region. This collaborative approach has assisted in the creation of affordable housing projects throughout the City.

A number of other agencies, organizations and programs are consulted with respect to providing services and assistance to the City's low- and moderate-income residents. The NJ Department of Community Affairs provides technical and financial assistance through various housing programs. The Hudson County Board of Social Services and the Department of Human Services provide counseling programs for homeless persons and emergency assistance. The Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) Committee coordinates homeless strategies and programs countywide. Though these entities and the CEAS in particular, work well together, there are opportunities for improved coordination and communication. All agencies involved in these efforts are seeking new ways to better serve their target populations and the general public.

The City of Bayonne, as the administrator of the CDBG funds, works closely with non-profit organizations, the school and college districts, private sector organizations, such as banks, contractors and developers, and other government entities to address the community objectives outlined in this plan. These organizations also contributed to this plan in various ways:

- Participation in the focus group and public hearing.
- Individual conversations were held with various stakeholders who were unable to attend a public hearing or focus group.

The Bayonne Community Development Program maintains ongoing relationships with its municipal, agency and community-based partners through ongoing dialogues, application processes, formal meetings and less formal settings. This frequent interaction with the varied components of the City allows the CD Program to complete both big picture, long-term planning and to assist in day-to-day implementation of those plans.

**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.**

In New Jersey, the state requires that each county establish a Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) to coordinate the provision of all human/social services in the county. The state further requires that a Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) subcommittee be established in each county, specifically to coordinate the provision of services and housing to the homeless.

Bayonne is a participant in the Jersey City-Bayonne-Hudson County Continuum of Care, known as the Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness (HCAEH).

HCAEH is a consortium of homeless housing, shelter, consumers, advocates and government representatives working together to shape countywide planning and decision making. The HCAEH is led by the Hudson County Division of Housing and Community Development.

**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 City of Bayonne does not receive ESG funds but consults with Hudson County through the CoC and CEAS organizations to help the County determine how best to use ESG resources.

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

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Bayonne Planning Department
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversations with various City departments to continually evaluate relevant needs.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	The City of Bayonne, Department of Community Development
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversations with various City departments to continually evaluate relevant needs.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WINDMILL ALLIANCE, INC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Urban Enterprise Zone
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversations with various City departments to continually evaluate relevant needs.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bayonne Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Day Nursery
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bayonne Family Community Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	United Cerebral Palsy
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.

9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Jewish Community Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bayonne Youth Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities.
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bayonne Community Mental Health Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bayonne Department of Health
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversations with various City departments to continually evaluate relevant needs.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HUDSON MILESTONES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Wallace Temple
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Sunflower Adult Day
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bayonne PAL Day Care Center Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	The Waterfront Project, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Services
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.
19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Garden State EPISCOPAL CDC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public services
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.

20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Victory Hall
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	In addition to consultation via meetings, e-mails and less formal conversation; the City held one public hearing, a community stakeholder meeting and a community survey to solicit input on community needs and priorities. This organization's application for CDBG funding also included a description of community needs.

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

To the best of its ability, the City has been in contact with all known agencies and organizations involved in activities that are relevant to CDBG activities and programs.

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Hudson County Department of Community Development	Goals are the same.

**Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative**

## **AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

This Annual Action Plan resulted from a process of consultation and citizen participation. Citizens, not-for-profit organizations and other interested parties were afforded a variety of opportunities to: receive information about the meetings, participate in virtual public hearings, comment upon the plan and its amendments, and register complaints about the plan and its amendments.

The City of Bayonne complied with the citizen participation requirements of the regulations by doing the following: Following a Citizen Participation Plan; Publishing informational notices about the Action Plan prior to public hearings; Holding a public meeting in an accessible place at a convenient time after providing reasonable notice; Publishing a summary of the Action Plan; Making the Action Plan available for public examination and comment for a period of at least thirty (30) days; Providing citizens, public agencies and other interested parties reasonable access to records regarding any uses of CDBG funds in prior years; and considering the views and comments of citizens, and preparing a summary of those views for consideration with the Annual Action Plan submission.

A public hearing of the participants and interested parties was held on January 14, 2021, following a published public notice. The meeting was held virtually. The floor was opened for comments and questions. All questions are responded to at the meeting.

The City also made the draft Action Plan available to the public on the City website.

On April 1, 2021 the draft Plan was made available to the public for review on the City's website. The City did not receive any citizen comments during the 30-day public review period, which was from April 1, 2021 through May 1, 2021.

The public is further informed through local media descriptions of the program and possible usage of funds. The Mayor discussed the CDBG program in his regularly published column in the local newspaper. Council hearings are broadcast on local cable television, as are discussions with program officials or service providers on occasion.

## 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	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Held on Jan 14, 2021 on the virtual meeting platform Zoom	There were a few questions regarding the funding process and facility rehab projects, but little input regarding community needs.	All questions were answered and all comments accepted.	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	None	None	None	
3	Other – Public Review	Non-targeted/broad community	TBD	TBD	TBD	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The City of Bayonne's CDBG allocation for 2019 is estimated to be \$1,400,000. The use of program income in the amount of \$100,00 that was received during 2018 is also included in this plan.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$1,511,913		0	\$1,511,913	\$4,535,739	This is the second year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City provides only a portion of the cost of activities: affordable housing, public facilities/infrastructure or public services. CDBG funds for public services activities is matched with numerous state funding sources and local donations. Most public facilities /infrastructure projects are primarily funded through state grants and City Bonds with CDBG being local match or providing for a funding gap.

Even the City’s housing rehabilitation program guidelines require that homeowners pay for any rehabilitation costs in excess of the program limits. Housing Rehabilitation program repayments are used to enhance program resources.

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

Publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that will be used to address the needs identified in this plan consists of right-of-way’s that are part of the street reconstruction activity and city parks in eligible residential areas.

**Discussion**

While available resources are insufficient to meet all needs, careful monitoring, diligent leveraging and ongoing coordination helps the City of Bayonne assure that its residents receive the most benefit from the CDBG funding received.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

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

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Provide Safe, Affordable Housing Opportunities	CDBG: \$180,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
2	Public Service Programs	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Service Programs	CDBG: \$226,787	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
3	Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$346,975	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1500 Persons Assisted
4	Public Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Low/mod areas Citywide	Facility Repair related to Code Enforcement Public Facilities Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$455,768	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1500 Persons Assisted
5	Fair Housing	2020	2024	Fair Housing	Citywide	Fair Housing	CDBG: \$65,000	Other: 1 Other
6	Administration	2020	2024	Program Administration	Citywide	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$237,383	Other: 1 Other

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Affordable housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Necessary repairs to residential units occupied by income-eligible households, both owner-occupied and rental.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Through a combination of City departments and private, non-profit partners, the City of Bayonne will use 2021 CDBG funds to help provide a wide variety of services to seniors, youth and other low-moderate income residents.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Improvements, including accessibility improvements, to public facilities, including facilities owned by non-profits that serve primarily low-mod income residents.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Improvements, including accessibility improvements, to public facilities, including facilities owned by non-profits, that serve primarily low-mod income residents and street reconstruction in eligible residential areas.
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Fair Housing programs and services provided as part of the program administrative cost

6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Program Administration other than Fair Housing, which is an administrative cost but listed separately. General administration to include program planning, outreach, recordkeeping and reporting.

**Table 7 – Goal Descriptions**

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## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

### Introduction

With input from a variety of stakeholders, with data from a variety of sources and with hands-on experience in front-line services to the most vulnerable populations in the City, Bayonne plans a mix of activities in FY 2021 to address a wide range of challenges for those populations. Housing rehab, recreation and child care programming and support for public facilities improvements are just some of the approaches to improving neighborhoods, houses and, most importantly, families in Bayonne.

#	Project Name
1	Planning & Administration 2021
2	Fair Housing 2021
3	Community Day Nursery - 2021
4	Senior Bus program - 2021
5	Head Start - 2021
6	HIGHWAYS Counseling and Crisis Intervention - 2021
7	United Cerebral Palsy - 2021
8	Trinitas - 2021
9	Trinitas Addiction Counseling - 2021
10	Bayonne Youth Center - 2021
11	Bayonne Family Community Center - 2021
12	Victory Hall - 2021
13	PAL - 2021
14	Waterfront Project - Housing counseling - 2021
15	Wallace Temple Food Pantry - 2021
16	Garden State Episcopal - Homeless outreach - 2021
17	Church World Service - 2021
18	Residential rehab - 2021
19	Non-profit facilities fund - 2021
20	Infrastructure Improvements - 2021

**Table 8 – Project Information**

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

In allocating CDBG funds, the City endeavored to fund activities that were deemed to have the greatest benefit to residents in a timely, efficient manner. The aim was to provide benefits in coordination with other support structures so as to avoid redundancy.

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

following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory and regulatory requirements of the CDBG Program.

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs are addressed in Section AP-85 Other Actions.

- Meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income residents
- Focusing on low- and moderate-income areas or neighborhoods
- Coordination and leveraging of resources
- Response to expressed needs
- Sustainability and/or long-term impact, and
- The ability to demonstrate measurable progress and success.

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## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Planning & Administration 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$237,383
	<b>Description</b>	Planning and administration of the CDBG program, including planning, outreach, monitoring, recordkeeping, reporting and affordable housing efforts.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Properly implementing the City's CDBG program will benefit thousands of low and moderate-income residents, as specified within each project that follows.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Administration is from 555 Kennedy Boulevard in Bayonne as well as 630 Avenue C in Bayonne but the benefits are citywide.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planning and administration of the CDBG program, including planning, outreach, monitoring, recordkeeping, reporting and affordable housing efforts.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000

	<b>Description</b>	Provide Fair Housing counseling services to low- and moderate-income individuals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 100 residents are expected to benefit from the Fair Housing component of program administration.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Administration is from 555 Kennedy Boulevard in Bayonne as well as 630 Avenue C in Bayonne but the benefits are citywide.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Fair Housing Counseling
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Day Nursery - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$35,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for a program that provides day care to pre-school children from low- and moderate-income families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 low-moderate income families
	<b>Location Description</b>	593 Broadway, Bayonne
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for a program that provides day care to pre-school children from low- and moderate-income families.
	<b>Project Name</b>	Senior Bus program - 2021

4	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$24,786.95
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for a senior bus that operates throughout the City.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 500 unduplicated senior or disabled Bayonne residents from throughout the City will benefit from this service.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Bus travels throughout Bayonne, providing seniors with transportation to medical appointments, shopping and more.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for a senior bus that operates throughout the City.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Head Start - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$18,000
	<b>Description</b>	Support for operations of Head Start centers.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	150 children from low- and moderate-income households.

	<b>Location Description</b>	Head Start centers are located at 21 W. 8th Street and 557 Kennedy Boulevard with an imminent move to 239 Avenue A, all in Bayonne, NJ.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Support for operations of Head Start centers, including possible addition of security personnel.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HIGHWAYS Counseling and Crisis Intervention - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Assistance Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs Homeless Activities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for a program that assists homeless shelters, victims of domestic violence and food pantries as well as counseling and employment training and opportunities for the clients of those facilities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 300 individuals, including homeless, those at risk of homelessness and victims of domestic violence.
	<b>Location Description</b>	184 Hobart Ave., Bayonne, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Windmill Alliance's HIGHWAYS program supports various homeless shelters, food pantries and shelters for domestic violence victims as well as providing counseling and employment training and opportunities for the clients of those facilities.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	United Cerebral Palsy - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$22,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for an organization that assists severely disabled adults.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5 severely disabled adults.
	<b>Location Description</b>	721 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for an organization that assists severely disabled adults.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Trinitas - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$12,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for organization that provides counseling services to emotionally disturbed children and their families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 15 residents from low- and moderate-income households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	601 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for organization that provides counseling services to emotionally disturbed children and their families.
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Trinitas Addiction Counseling - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$12,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for organization that provides addiction counseling services.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 10 residents from low- and moderate-income households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	601 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for organization that provides addiction counseling services.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Bayonne Youth Center - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for after-school programming for youths from low- and moderate-income families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 youths from low- and moderate-income households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	524 Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for after-school programming for youths from low- and moderate-income families.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Bayonne Family Community Center - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for a program that provides child care services for income-eligible families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50 low and moderate-income families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	259 Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for a program that provides child care services for income-eligible families.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Victory Hall - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,000

	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for a program that provides activities for developmentally disabled adults.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	40 developmentally disabled adults and their families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	74 W. 46th St., Bayonne, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for a program that provides activities for developmentally disabled adults.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	PAL - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	Support for a day care center operated by the Bayonne PAL and serving primarily low- and moderate-income families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 150 children, primarily from low- and moderate-income households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	550 Avenue A, Bayonne, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Support for a day care center operated by the Bayonne PAL and serving primarily low- and moderate-income families.
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Waterfront Project - Housing Counseling - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for a housing counseling program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 10 residents of Bayonne.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Operated from 830 Bergen Ave., Jersey City with educational workshops and client meetings at senior housing sites, community centers and other locations in Bayonne.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for a housing counseling program.
15	<b>Project Name</b>	Wallace Temple Food Pantry - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$2,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for a food pantry and soup kitchen that provides nutritional education along with food.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	100 low and very low-income residents of Bayonne, including homeless individuals.
	<b>Location Description</b>	392 Avenue C, Bayonne, NJ

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for a food pantry and soup kitchen that provides nutritional education along with food.
16	<b>Project Name</b>	Garden State Episcopal - Homeless Outreach - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Assistance Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs Homeless Activities, including Homeless Prevention
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	Operating support for a program that conducts street outreach activities for unsheltered homeless individuals and families throughout Hudson County, including Bayonne.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 50 homeless individuals in Bayonne.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Office is at 118 Summit Ave., Jersey City but program activities will take place in areas of Bayonne known to be frequented by the homeless.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operating support for a program that conducts street outreach activities for unsheltered homeless individuals and families throughout Hudson County, including Bayonne.
17	<b>Project Name</b>	Church World Service - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low/mod areas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000

	<b>Description</b>	Employment and job readiness services Public Services
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	29 Bayonne low- and moderate-income residents
	<b>Location Description</b>	Office is located at 26 Journal Square in Jersey City, but services will be provided in Bayonne.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Employment and job readiness services provided by an Employment Coach for refugees and asylees.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Residential Rehab - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide Safe, Affordable Housing Opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$180,000
	<b>Description</b>	Loans for repairs to housing units, both owner-occupied and rental, inhabited by income-eligible residents. Funding includes amounts for all types of loans plus project delivery costs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10 families, all at or below 80% Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Program available throughout Bayonne.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Loans for repairs to housing units, both owner-occupied and rental, inhabited by income-eligible residents. Funding includes amounts for all types of loans plus project delivery costs.
	<b>Project Name</b>	Non-Profit Facilities Fund - 2021

19	<b>Target Area</b>	Low/mod areas Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$346,975
	<b>Description</b>	Facility-improvement grants to local non-profit organizations that are open to the public and serve as a venue for services to the City's low- and moderate-income residents, either by virtue of being located in a low-mod area or from a limited clientele standpoint of presumed benefit or documented income.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Exact numbers won't be determined until the facilities are selected but at least 500 low- and moderate-income residents will benefit from improvements to the non-profit facilities that provide them with services.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Facility-improvement grants to local non-profit organizations that are open to the public and serve as a venue for services to the City's low- and moderate-income residents, either by virtue of being located in a low-mod area or from a limited clientele standpoint of presumed benefit or documented income.
20	<b>Project Name</b>	Infrastructure Improvements - 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low/mod areas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$455,768
	<b>Description</b>	Street reconstruction and park improvements in eligible low-mod areas of the City.

<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2021
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	While the location of the improvements has not been determined yet, it is reasonable to assume that it will be an eligible service area with at least 1,000 residents, the majority of whom will be low-mod income.
<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Street reconstruction and park improvements in eligible low-mod areas of the City.

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

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

It is expected that all activities except for Infrastructure Improvements will benefit eligible Bayonne residents from throughout the City. This is reflective of the fact that seniors, income-eligible homeowners, youth and other beneficiaries reside all across the City. The only other potential exception is the non-profit facilities fund, which could potentially benefit the residents of a low-mod service area rather than eligible residents from throughout the City. This won't be known until specific non-profits are selected for assistance.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Low/mod areas	23
Citywide	77

**Table 9 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The geographic distribution described above allows Bayonne to adhere to its funding allocation principals, specifically:

- \* abiding by CDBG regulations
- \* putting the most resources where the greatest need is
- \* using resources in the most efficient and effective manner.

### **Discussion**

See above.

## **AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing -91.420, 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction**

The City has identified a number of barriers to affordable housing, including the deteriorated condition of some housing units, environmental problems and the high cost of remediating them, and low-income levels that make affordability a major concern. The City is attempting to address these issues through community and economic planning initiatives, as well as by providing financial assistance for housing repairs.

### **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 City plans to continue funding and marketing the rental component of its residential rehab program. Rental housing was included in the program starting in 2016 and it will take continued efforts to make rental property owners aware of the program and the benefits of participation.

### **Discussion**

Bayonne's proximity to New York City and recent indications of gentrification combine to keep property values very high, often placing homeownership beyond the reach of even those whose income is well above the low-mod range. This makes renting the only viable option for many and the addition of rental properties into the City's residential rehab program is intended to help provide decent, affordable housing to meet continued need among low and moderate-income households.

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

### **Introduction**

This section summarizes by various category the anticipated benefits and impacts of the activities contained in this Annual Action Plan. The individual goals and aims of these activities are described in AP-35 the Projects Section, but this section shows how multiple activities reinforce each other in addressing broad areas of community development.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of funds. There are many needs in all of the areas - public facilities, public services, infrastructure, and economic development – and municipal resources go only so far. In addition, the impacts of Coronavirus have exacerbated the community needs, including underserved needs, and the costs to properly address them.

The City, through both staff and consultants, is constantly looking for additional funding sources to address the unmet needs identified in our community. We routinely attract state, federal, regional and private funding for improvements and services that aide the community at large and lower income neighborhoods and residents in particular. Those efforts will certainly continue during 2021. This will also include seeking out funding for Bayonne from Coronavirus-related funding currently coming down from the American Rescue Plan bill, and continuing to stay abreast of new sources of Coronavirus-related funding that might be available in the future.

The development of more and better jobs for low- and moderate-income persons would help reduce the scale or scope of needs as well. In this vein, the City undertakes economic development projects to attract and retain employers and works with local and regional job training entities to enhance residents' work skills.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The City has addressed its zoning and land use regulations in an attempt to make them as equitable and open as possible. Development standards, though they sometimes add costs to construction or rehabilitation, are necessary for the safety and health of residents. Efforts have been made to streamline and facilitate the permitting process locally.

It is most important to note that: (1) the City has instituted a requirement that is applicable to residential redevelopment projects whereby the redeveloper is required to provide a minimum of 10 percent of the residential units as affordable, whether they are sales or rental units, and (2) the City Council has adopted an ordinance that establishes an "Affordable Housing Trust Fund" that requires

residential developers to make a payment to the trust fund that is equal to one percent of the project's cost and non-residential developers to make a payment that is equal to two percent of the project's cost. Bayonne has adopted a Fair Share Housing Plan pursuant to the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing's (COAH) regulations which include a spending plan for the Affordable Housing Trust Funds.

The City continues to use all available resources including CDBG, HOME, New Jersey State housing programs and Federal tax credits to develop affordable housing.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

Bayonne has approximately 26,800 housing units of which, due largely to the overall age of the housing stock, as many as 20,400 units could contain lead-based paint.

The City has made progress in evaluating and reducing lead-based paint hazards. As a member of the Hudson County HOME Consortium, the City has worked with County staff and has incorporated cooperative efforts in the program design to test for lead-based paint. The Community Development Office continues to contract with Matric New World Engineering, Inc. to perform (1) lead based paint risk assessments on effected properties being rehabilitated with CDBG funds and (2) follow-up with final clearance reports.

Abatement work is currently undertaken by qualified contractors who have completed US HUD and EPA lead training courses and outreach is being undertaken to bring in additional contractors.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

Poverty is very clearly a concern in Bayonne. Despite a strengthening economy and low levels of unemployment at the national and state levels, the City continues to have relatively high unemployment (9.8%), and the latest poverty figures indicate that 13.5 percent of the City's population lives in poverty.

The City has historically taken advantage of all programs that provide assistance to persons living below the poverty level and looks to place potential job applicants in entry level positions with various businesses that receive financial assistance from CDBG under the Urban Enterprise Zone Program.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City Council, through the Department of Community Development, has the ultimate responsibility in assuring that the priority needs of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are met.

The Department provides the funding and technical assistance to the non-profit housing developers and service providers, and City agencies and authorities for projects that meet the needs documented in the plan. The City's housing and community development programs are administered by the Department of Community Development, working with a number of other City agencies, county offices, and not-for-profit service providers. The City is also a member of the Hudson County Consortium. Both the City and

the Bayonne Housing Authority coordinate their efforts and activities to ensure adequate and efficient service in the areas of public housing and housing assistance. The Housing Authority manages the Section 8 program.

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

As a common partner with so many of the public and private housing and social service providers, the Bayonne Community Development Program has been a natural conduit for communication and interaction among these entities. The CD Program will continue to serve in that capacity while respecting the autonomy and uniqueness of each partner.

**Discussion**

See above.

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## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

The City of Bayonne has identified all CDBG activities to be undertaken in FY 2019 in the Projects Section, PR-35 and PR-38, including administrative, public services, public facilities and housing rehabilitation.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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

#### 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%

#### Discussion