**CITY OF BAYONNE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**2021 PROGRAM YEAR ANNUAL PLAN**

The City of Bayonne proposes to initiate planning for the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. The CDBG Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Community Development Block Grant allocation for Fiscal Year 2021 is estimated to be $ 1,575,000. The City’s proposed plan allocates funding for housing rehabilitation, improvements to public facilities and support for public services that benefit low- and moderate-income residents, seniors and disabled adults.

A Public Hearing is being held to receive community input toward the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan. The hearing will address housing, community and economic development needs, development of proposed activities and review of program performance. During the Hearing, information will be made available regarding application procedures, timing, eligible activities and other regulations related to the Community Development program.

The Public Hearing on housing and community development needs will take place on **5:30pm on January 14, 2021**. Given the current public health crisis, a virtual hearing is being held in lieu of an in-person hearing. The log-in information for the Virtual Public Hearing will be posted on the City’s website at the following address: bayonnenj.org.

In addition to verbal comments at the virtual Public Hearing, interested persons are invited to submit written comments at or prior to the hearing. Written comments should be addressed to Samantha Howard, City of Bayonne, at the above address or by e-mail to CDBG@baynj.org. All comments received by May 1, 2021 will be considered.

General questions regarding the Annual Action Plan or proposed programming as well as requests for special assistance related to limited English proficiency or disabilities should be directed to Samantha Howard at CDBG@baynj.org.

This notice is issued in accordance with the CDBG and HOME regulations.

**POLICY ON DISCRIMINATION**

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 James M. Davis, Mayor