

**EWING TOWNSHIP CDBG VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING
AGENDA**

**Review of draft of HUD CDBG 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020 Action Plan and
Amendment to 2019 Action Plan
Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 2:15 p.m.**

**Revisión del borrador del Plan consolidado HUD CDBG 2020-2024 y el Plan de acción 2020
y Enmienda al Plan de Acción 2019
Miércoles 3 de junio de 2020 a las 2:15 p.m.**

Welcome to the Township of Ewing's public meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 2:15 pm. **To promote social distancing as advised by Governor Murphy, this is a virtual, call-in meeting.**

***The number for the call is 1-559-671-2862.
El número de la llamada es 1-559-671-2862.***

Translation assistance is available for this meeting by contacting Ted Forst, Director of Community Affairs, Ewing Senior and Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628, 609-883-1776 ext. 6203 or tforst@ewingnj.org in advance of the call. We will do our best to provide translation services for persons requesting it. Haremos todo lo posible para proporcionar servicios de traducción a las personas que lo soliciten.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the Township's CDBG 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan, to amend the 2019 Action Plan and to solicit public input. These plans outline strategies to address the Township's community development, housing and fair housing needs, including the needs of low and moderate-income persons and to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus.

During the period June 3, 2020 through July 3, 2020 public comments may be given orally at the public meeting or submitted in writing to: Ted Forst, Director of Community Affairs, Ewing Senior and Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628, 609-883-1776 ext. 6203 or by email to tforst@ewingnj.org.

The Township of Ewing anticipates receiving approximately \$200,000 per year in CDBG funds for the 2020 through 2024 program years and an additional \$143, 248 to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. The plans do not have to be amended if the actual amount received is different than anticipated.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Purpose of Meeting
- Application and Development Process
- Review of community needs, LEP plan, proposed projects and activities
- Anticipated Time Frame
- Plan to address Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

- Public Participation / Comments
- Closing Comments and Adjournment

Summary of the Plans: Activities funded through CDBG will focus on the needs of the low-and-moderate income community. The activities will focus on:

- Rehabilitation of the Hollowbrook Community Center located at 320 Hollowbrook Drive, Ewing Township and Rehabilitation of the Ewing Senior and Community Center located at 999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing Township, NJ
- Collaboration with Mercer County’s Housing and Community Development department to assess houses in need of rehabilitation.
- Promotion of Fair Housing practices in the township.
- Administration of the CDBG grant.
- Preventing, preparing for and responding to coronavirus

Details of the Plans: Proposed Activities for the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan:

The Township anticipates that the following five activities will be undertaken using CDBG funding:

Activity #1. Rehabilitate the Hollowbrook Community Center (HCC), and the Ewing Community and Senior Center (ESCC), as needed, which are hubs for social services, education, and recreation for low-and-moderate income residents and senior citizens. This work includes, but is not limited to:

1. Installation of an elevator in the ESCC
2. Installation of a chair lift in the HCC
3. Automatic door openers to improve access for persons with disabilities
4. Push-bars on doors
5. Replacing AC units
6. Signage in English, Spanish, Mandarin and other languages as needed to improve mobility for citizens with disabilities
7. Upgrades to heating and cooling systems of both centers, including but not limited to replacing the boiler seepage tank, roof-top AC units and AC units in the senior pool hall and senior office at ESCC;
8. Fire detection system upgrades;
9. Pool and pool area renovations, replacements and repairs;
10. Overlay and re-stripe parking lots
11. New flooring and flooring repairs as needed;
12. Plumbing improvements and repairs
13. Landscaping;
14. New LED lighting, fixtures and painting;
15. Renovation of the roofs of both centers, if needed;
16. Renovating rooms, hallways and other sections of both centers, as needed;
17. Engineering, architectural and other services needed for the rehabilitation of the centers;
18. The township may ask HUD to allow us to use CDBG funds for debt service;
19. Security improvements for the centers;
20. Addressing flooding, drainage and rotting for exterior and interior areas of the centers;
21. Upgrades to the kitchens and food-handling areas of the centers.

Activity #2. Facilitation and supplies needed for an enhanced collaboration between the township of Ewing and Collaboration with Mercer County’s Housing and Community Development department to assess houses in need of rehabilitation.

Activity #3. Promotion of Fair Housing practices in the township, including but not limited to the creation of new promotional brochures, fliers and complaint forms.

Activity #4. Administration - Administrative services for the planning, preparation, and implementation of the CDBG-funded activity.

Activity #5. Use of Community Development Block Grant Funding and CARES Act Funding to assist the township in its efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus, including but not limited to:

-Air sanitizers in the community centers

-Disinfectant spray for the community centers

-Gloves for the community centers

-Masks for the community centers

-Thermometers for the community centers

-Arrows and directional signage for the floors of the community centers to ensure social distancing

-Commercial subscriptions for Zoom, FreeConferenceCall.com and other services to ensure social distancing of the staff and users of the community centers.

-Upgrades to the telephone system for the community centers

-Laptop computers with cameras and microphones for Community Affairs staff in the ESCC and in the Hollowbrook Center to allow social distancing between the staff and the community organizations that use the Centers.

- Cameras and mics for the PCs of the Community Affairs staff offices in the ESCC and in the Hollowbrook Center to allow social distancing between the staff and the community organizations that use the Centers.

-Purchasing of food distributed and to be distributed to the LMI community.

-Nurses' overtime salaries for time spent helping the low- and moderate-income community and the staff that serves the LMI community.

-Thermometers to take temperatures at the entrance to the community centers

-Contractors to do COVID tracing.

-Hiring a company to train community center staff and the staff of the organizations/houses of worship that use the community centers on best practices and enforcement of social distancing for seniors and other LMI users of the community centers

-Hiring a security company to provide enforcement of social distancing rules in the community centers.

- Hiring contractor nurses to take the temperatures of people entering the community centers.
- Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, additional items may be added to this list.

The public is welcome to provide comments on the plans in the 30-day period ending July 3, 2020 by contacting: Ted Forst, Director of Community Affairs, Ewing Senior and Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628, 609-883-1776 ext. 6203 or tforst@ewingnj.org.

If you would like a copy of the draft of the plans or if you require translation assistance, please contact Mr. Forst.

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