

City of Ocean City

Community Development Block Grant Program
Substantial Amendment of 2021 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

This document serves as the First Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan published previously in June 2021 and authorized for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by the City of Ocean City. The 2021 Annual Action Plan was approved with \$289,836 in CDBG funds. An amendment of the Annual Action Plan is necessary because the City is proposing a change in funding for one existing project and adding a new project.

Cancelled & New Projects

The 2021 Annual Action Plan created a project to make public facility improvements at the Bayside Center, which services eligible low- mod residential areas of Ocean City. The project, known as Bayside Center 2021, was funded by CDBG in the amount of \$188,847. This substantial amendment will cancel the 2021 Bayside Center project entirely and reallocate the \$188,847 to a new activity, 2021 ADA Beach Ramp infrastructure project. This project is an eligible CDBG project that will convert beach ramps in the City to meet ADA accessibility standards

Summary of Substantial Amendment

Project	Initial Budget	Revised Budget	Change
Bayside Center 2021	\$188,847	\$0	(\$188,847)
ADA Beach Ramp Project 2021	\$0	\$188,847	\$188,847

Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the City's Citizen Participation Plan which was recently amended to incorporate allowances under the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and is currently under revision.

Citizens will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment on proposed amendments. In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, Ocean City has placed the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning March 30, 2022 on the City's website at the following address: ocnj.us

This document will be available to the public for a period of thirty (30) days – from Thursday, March 31, 2022 through Friday, April 29, 2022 after which time the City Council will consider a resolution to authorize its submission to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development.

On April 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM the City 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 on the proposed changes should be addressed to Christine D. Gundersen, Manager of Capital Planning 861 Asbury Avenue Ocean City, NJ 08226 or via e-mail to cgundersen@ocnj.us.