



CITY OF OCEAN CITY

DRAFT 2023 ACTION PLAN

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AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Ocean City receives funding annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Manager of Capital Planning is the City's staff responsible for the federal grant program. One of the requirements for receiving these funds is the development of a five-year Consolidated Plan (CP) for Housing and Community Development to provide policy direction for the five-year period funding decisions. In general, the CP is guided by three overarching goals that are applied according to a community's needs. The goals are:

- To provide decent housing by preserving the affordable housing stock, increasing the availability of affordable housing, reducing discriminatory barriers, increasing the supply of supportive housing for those with special needs and transitioning homeless persons and families into housing.
- To provide a suitable living environment through safer, more livable neighborhoods, greater integration of low and moderate-income residents throughout the City, increased housing opportunities and reinvestment in deteriorating neighborhoods.
- To expand economic opportunities through more jobs paying self-sufficient wages, homeownership opportunities, development activities that promote long-term community viability and the empowerment of low- and moderate-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency.

The FY 2019-2023 CP corresponds to the five fiscal years, which began September 1, 2019, and will end August 31, 2024. The primary federal funding resource in the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The primary objective of this program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate- income levels. Funds can be used for a wide array of activities, including: housing rehabilitation, construction or rehabilitation of public facilities and infrastructure, removal of architectural barriers, public services, rehabilitation of commercial or industrial buildings and loans or grants to businesses. The Ocean City has received an allocation of \$273,151 for PY 2023.

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.

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3. Evaluation of past performance

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During the period from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021, Ocean City received a \$ 287,573 CDBG entitlement allocation and \$284,843 in CDBG-CV funds.

During the 2021 Program Year, Ocean City's primary focus was to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic particularly with regard to mental health services and with efforts to make the community accessible to all. The City utilized \$148,151.60 for ADA improvements for beach access at 861 Asbury Avenue and an additional \$24,593.01 for mental health services. Additionally, the City completed the CV funded installation of wifi, at the Wesley by the Bay Senior Affordable Housing Complex, giving every apartment and common area wifi access. The City's CV-Tabernacle's Remote Learning Program, which is a result of Coronavirus and less in school instruction, continued to function with and additional \$37,030.00 expended in the 2021 program year.

During the 2022 program year, the City continued to make investments in mental health services and ADA access in beach ramps and mats.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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The Ocean City CDBG program includes outreach to local organizations on an annual basis to inform the local public organizations of the opportunity to apply for CDBG funding and to attend the public hearings. The process consists of the following:

- 1) A public notice was published in the Sentinel Ledger on April 8, 2023 advertising the first public hearing.
- 2) The first public meeting was held on April 19, 2023.

3) A public notice for the second public hearing will be published in the newspaper and a second hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

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No members of the public attended the first public hearing; therefore, no public comments were received.

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

No public comments were received in the first public hearing.

7. Summary

The City of Ocean City sought to prepare a 2023 Annual Action Plan that will guide progress in addressing the needs of the community by providing a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities principally for low and moderate-income persons through public services. The plan is based on input from City staff and the priorities of the Consolidated Plan, informed by needs as identified by data and by conversations with community stakeholders.

An approved Citizen Participation Plan was used to gather public comments through public meetings and the consultation process provided additional input.

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

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

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	OCEAN CITY	Manager of Capital Planning

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Manager of Capital Planning, under the direction of the City Chief Financial Officer is the lead agency responsible for the preparation of the Ocean City Annual Action Plan and administration of the annual CDBG program.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Ocean City actively consults with a variety of non-profits, social service providers, community citizens, and other governmental agencies on an on-going basis.

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(I))

Coordination begins with communication and the City maintains open channels of communications among a varied network of service providers - including health and mental health providers - and the various representatives of low-mod income residents, including public and assisted housing.

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.

Cape May County takes the lead agency role with the Southern New Jersey Continuum of Care (COC). Ocean City participates in the process through its Neighborhood and Social Services Director. The City administers state funds to assist homeless individuals with emergency shelter, food, and homeless prevention services. Homeless families must be referred to the County for assistance.

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

See above.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Ocean City Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City and OCHA already have a very strong working relationship and share a desire to expand the supply of affordable housing.

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

All relevant agency types serving Ocean City were consulted.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	South Jersey COC	The Cape May COC merged with other COCs in the region to form the Southern New Jersey COC. The five-year plan reflects the goals of the Cape May COC.
Fair Share Plan	City of Ocean City	The Plan also sees supplying affordable housing as a goal. The Fair Share Plan indicates how Ocean City will meet its affordable housing obligations.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 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 2023 Annual Action Plan has been developed pursuant to the requirements of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City of Ocean City, was responsible for preparation of this Plan under the direction of the Chief Financial Officer, Mayor and City Council. The City retained the consulting firm of Triad Associates to assist in the preparation of the Annual Action Plan. This Plan resulted from a process of consultation and citizen participation.

In keeping with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the City conducted two public hearings to solicit input into the preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan and to solicit comments and concerns relative to the proposed Plan and the activities and budget for 2023. The hearings were advertised in the local paper and were held in person.

A draft of the PY 2023 Action Plan will be available to the public on the City website and will be available in-person viewing at City Hall. A notice of Plan availability was published in the local paper notifying residents that the Plans would be available for a 30-day period from June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 and where comments could be sent.

The Financial Management Department presented the 2023 Action Plan at the City Council meeting for City Council review and approval. The Resolution of Authorization will be placed on the Board agenda and the document will be authorized for submission at the July 6, 2023 meeting.

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 Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The first, public hearing took place in-person on April 19, 2023. The meeting was advertised in the local newspaper, and no members of the public attended.	None received.	N/A	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The second, public hearing will take place in-person on June 14, 2023. The meeting will be advertised in the local newspaper in accordance with the public participation plan.	To be determined.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1,2)

Introduction

The City has been allocated \$273,151 in CDBG funds for 2023.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	273,151	0	0	273,151	273,151	Expected amount for the remainder of Con Plan is based upon the current allocation. 2023 is the final year for the current Con 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

While there is no required match for CDBG funds, the City expects to partner with the Housing Authority, service providers and its own Housing Trust Fund to leverage resources and maximize outcomes in housing and community development. Virtually all planned activities have some degree of leveraging from non-federal sources. The source of these funds ranges from municipal capital funds to state grants to private contributions.

Ocean City will continue to leverage funds from the state and regional sources, effectively multiplying the impact of CDBG funds.

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

Improving access to City beaches will be used to address needs in this plan.

Discussion

See above.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration	2019	2023	Administration	Citywide	Program administration	CDBG: \$54,630	Other: 1 Other
2	Non-Housing Community Development	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements Support public services	CDBG: \$218,523	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 800 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Program Administration

2	Goal Name	Non-Housing Community Development
	Goal Description	OCHA Mental Health Services ADA Beach Ramps and Mat Improvements

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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Ocean City is funding two projects in 2023 in addition to program administration.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration
2	ADA Beach Ramps and Mat Improvements
3	Housing Authority Mental Health Services-2023

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$54,630
	Description	Program Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	ADA Beach Ramps and Mat Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Non-Housing Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$196,671
	Description	ADA Improvements/Removal of Architectural Barriers for the City's beach ramps
	Target Date	8/31/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 800 people will be assisted, this is the number of ambulatory disabled citizens of Ocean City, according to the 2016-2020 American Community Survey.
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	ADA Improvements/Removal of Architectural Barriers for the City's beach ramps
3	Project Name	Housing Authority Mental Health Services-2023
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Non-Housing Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Support public services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,852
	Description	Assistance to the Ocean City Housing Authority in providing mental and emotional health services for their residents, especially seniors.
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 5 residents of public housing, primarily seniors.
	Location Description	Ocean City Housing Authority is at 204 4th St. in Ocean City. Services will take place either in residences or off-site, as appropriate.
	Planned Activities	Mental and emotional health assessments and assistance for Housing Authority residents, primarily seniors.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

All activities for 2022 will be throughout the City. All will primarily benefit low-mod residents.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Eligible Census areas	
Citywide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All projects will benefit low-mod population citywide

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

There are no affordable housing activities in the 2023 Annual Action Plan. However, Ocean City is using non-CDBG resources to further affordable housing aims.

OCHA has constructed Speitel Commons 32 units of senior housing on a site formerly used as a parking lot at Bayview Manor (635 West Avenue). Further, OCHA is working on creating more density within the Peck’s Beach development through the demolition of the senior units and creation of additional housing on that site.

The COC is creating new permanent supportive housing beds through re-allocation and by securing new vouchers to serve chronically homeless high utilizers of health care services.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

No CDBG funds are allocated for affordable housing activities this year.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Ocean City is supportive both financially and otherwise to the Ocean City Housing Authority's plans to improve and increase its senior and family housing units. The OCHA recently built 32 units of senior housing next to existing senior units; 6 handicapped units and all units can be converted to accessible as needed. The 20 senior units on Fourth Street will be demolished and replaced with 40 family units (2 & 3 bedroom mostly, with 2,3 or 4-bedroom). In addition to these new construction projects, OCHA is also planning 10 scattered-site rental duplexes that will help Ocean City meet state Affordable Housing requirements.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The use of 2023 CDBG funds is included to help with supportive services for current Housing Authority residents. Specifically, mental and emotional health services are deemed to be in demand and CDBG funding has been allocated to help procure those services for Housing Authority residents, especially seniors.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

OCHA has a Resident Advisory Board and provides information on home ownership opportunities.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The OCHA is not a troubled PHA.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Services such as outreach, intake information, and referral for the homeless and other special needs populations are primarily handled on a countywide or regional basis, though the City's Social Services Department fills a supportive role.

There are no plans at this point to provide CDBG funding for any of these activities for 2023, though the City remains open to that possibility moving forward through the five-year Consolidated Plan cycle.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Cape May County COC and the Social Services Department of the City of Ocean City provide outreach to persons who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The PATH program administered by Cape Counseling Services does street outreach to persons who are unsheltered and have mental health issues. The COC is working on the development of a Coordinated Assessment tool which will allow for more uniformity in understanding the needs of persons who are at-risk of homelessness or who are homeless.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Cape May County COC works through the service providers to deliver quality case management and intervention services to prevent and end homelessness as quickly as possible. Monthly workgroup meetings identify emerging issues and the COC works to address these concerns. In the past, the County received Emergency Solutions (ESG) funds from the NJ Department of Community Affairs to provide rapid re-housing services. Referrals are made to Catholic Charities SSVF program for homeless veterans. The COC will explore options with the Board of Social Services to use GA and TANF for re-housing as well.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

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intervention services to prevent and end homelessness as quickly as possible. Monthly workgroup meetings identify emerging issues and the COC works to address these concerns. In the past few months, the County received Emergency Solutions (ESG) funds from the NJ Department of Community Affairs to provide rapid re-housing services. Referrals are made to Catholic Charities SSVF program for homeless veterans.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

There are prevention programs located in the County which provide rent and utility assistance. The Board of Social Services provides rent and utility assistance. Gateway Community Action Partnership, as the Community Action Agency for the County, also operates such programs. The Native American Advancement Corporation provides weatherization as well as heater repair/replacement services. Catholic Charities also administers homeless prevention programs providing utility assistance, rental assistance, and security deposits to households at risk of homelessness.

The City of Ocean City provides SSH funds for prevention services for individuals who are at-risk of homelessness. Families are referred to the County Board of Social Services.

Discharge planning from institutions is very important in preventing homelessness. Each institution has a discharge policy that places people in housing situations upon release. To achieve these plans, the COC will work to increase affordable housing options.

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

While fair housing and affordable housing are not the same, they are undeniably inter-related.

Ocean City has completed a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The results of that analysis helped shape the activities of the Consolidated Plan as a whole and this Annual Action Plan.

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 does not believe that it has any 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.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

With this 2023 Annual Action Plan, Ocean City is seeking to maximize the impact of its CDBG allocations by focusing on needed activities, leveraging other funds and partnering with other entities.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

With a CDBG budget of less than \$300,000, there is a limited amount that can be done to bridge the gap between available resources and community needs. Nevertheless, Ocean City is addressing those obstacles by implementing new activities and joining with other organizations to leverage and optimize resources.

Specifically, partnerships with the Ocean City Housing Authority and the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund will meet needs identified in the planning process.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

OCHA has constructed Speitel Commons a new 32 units of senior housing on a site formerly used as a parking lot at Bayview Manor (635 West Avenue). Further, OCHA is working on creating more density within the Peck's Beach development through the demolition of the senior units and creation of additional housing on that site. Additionally, the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund money, will be used for additional rehabs, scattered site rental development and to assist income-eligible families acquire and rehab market to affordable units.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

As of 2010, all contractors in the nation who work in homes constructed prior to 1978 must have an EPA Certification and have at least one person on each job site that has taken the EPA Certification 8-hour class on lead-based paint safety. The City will make available through the Construction Code office the EPA Paint, Renovate, Repair, and Painting booklet available for interested residents.

The Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative sponsors a free day-training on Lead-Safe Building Maintenance Practices. This training is funded by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Lead Education and Outreach Program. Under the New Jersey Multiple Dwelling Property Maintenance Code (N.J.A.C. 5:10), all persons who perform work on pre-1978 housing are required to become certified in Lead Safe Building Maintenance Practices; this training satisfies the requirement.

In support of identifying and treating lead blood poisoning in children, New Jersey State law requires

every physician, nurse practitioner, and health care facility to screen all children under six years of age who come to them for care. Parents have the right to refuse to have the test done for any reason. Free screenings are available to Ocean City residents through the Cape May County Health Department.

When a child is identified with an Elevated Blood Lead Level, the State of New Jersey offers Lead-based paint remediation through the Lead-Safe Remediation Pilot Program. Lower income households (both renter and owner) can qualify for assistance from the Department of Community Affairs. The City Department of Health refers households to this program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Ocean City's economic development efforts will continue to focus on extending the tourist season and the jobs related to it, to attracting more full-time year-round jobs in Ocean City and connecting residents to job centers outside of Ocean City.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Ocean City's Office of Capital Planning, which implements the CDBG program, has begun educating the other City departments to the purposes of the CDBG program. The goal is to present better strategic plans that improve services/infrastructure and work with other grant programs, such as NJDOT.

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

The provision of mental and emotional health services for Ocean City Housing Authority residents, especially seniors is addressed by the funding of a Mental Health Coordinator for the Authority.

Discussion:

Ocean City believes it has developed a plan for the use of CDBG funds that provides a broad range of benefits given the limited amount of resources.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The activities planned for 2023 are described in detail in Sections AP-35 and AP-38.

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
Total Program Income:	0

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%



CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF OCEAN CITY
2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
APRIL 19, 2023

WELCOME & GETTING STARTED

➤ **Purpose**

- Input on community needs for 2023 Annual Action Plan

➤ **Format**

- Short Presentation
- Comments/Discussion

➤ **Getting Started**

- Please sign-in and include your name and whether you are a resident or work with an agency (include agency name).
- Introductions

CDBG OVERVIEW

- Established 1974
- One of the longest-running programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, funds local community development activities with the stated goal of providing affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development
- Annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Ocean City 2023 Allocation = \$273,151**

CDBG PLANNING & REPORTING

➤ Planning

- Every 5 years = Consolidated Plan (next due in 2025)
- Every year = Annual Action Plan due to HUD July 15th
 - Elements of Plan Process Include:
 - Public Hearings
 - Advisory Committee Meetings
 - Public Review
 - Approval by Commissioners
 - Submission to HUD via IDIS Reporting Data System

➤ Reporting

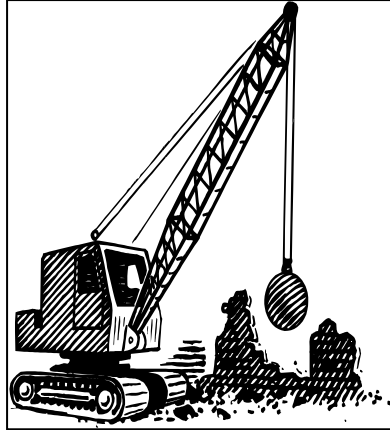
- Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- Requires public display period
- Due to HUD by November 30th

CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Each activity must meet one of the
Three National Objectives



**Benefit Low &
Moderate Income
Persons**



**Prevent or Eliminate
Slum/Blight**



**Meet Urgent
Need**

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- **Housing**
- **Slum/Blight**
- **Economic Development (Job Creation/Retention)**
- **Public Facilities & Infrastructure**
- **Public Services**

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- *NO* Political activities
- *NO* Construction of housing units by a unit of local government
- *NO* Operation and maintenance of public facilities/improvements
- ***NO* General government expenses including construction or repairs of general government buildings like City Hall, public works garages and police stations**
- *NO* Purchase of equipment (except fire equipment)
- *NO* Direct income payments

Ocean City 2023 Proposed Annual Action Plan Budget

OPEN-Suggestions/Infrastructure	\$196,671
Public Service (OCHA) 8%	\$ 21,852
Administration 20%	\$ 54,630
Total	\$273,151

BUT

A minimum of 70% of funds must go to benefit low-mod income residents

2023 Limits for Ocean City

Family size

LOW INCOME (50% AMI)

MOD INCOME (80% AMI)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LOW INCOME (50% AMI)	33,250	38,000	42,750	47,450	51,250	55,050	58,850	62,650
MOD INCOME (80% AMI)	53,150	60,750	68,350	75,900	82,000	88,050	94,150	100,200

LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

LIMITED CLIENTELE:

Income – Income limits established by HUD based on Area Median Family Income (AMFI)

- Low-moderate income household is 80% or less of AMFI
- Requires income documentation ---- UNLESS...

Presumed Benefit Groups:

Seniors

Battered spouses

Persons living with AIDS

Homeless persons

Illiterate adults

Abused children

Severely disabled **ADULTS**

Migrant farmworkers

AREA BENEFIT:

Must serve a **primarily residential** geographic area which is at least 51% low/moderate income persons per Census Bureau or a door-to-door survey.

EXAMPLES: Parks, fire stations, streets, possibly public services

LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

HOUSING:

- Housing Rehab Program
- Homebuyer Assistance
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

JOB CREATION/RETENTION:

- The activity must involve creation or retention of jobs, a majority of which are filled by or **made available to** low and moderate income people.



ELIMINATION OF SLUM & BLIGHT

Area Basis - Only for an area designated as blighted per state or local law. Designation can't be more than 10 years old.

Spot Basis – Not in a blighted area but is detrimental to public health and safety (per local health/code official). Can only be used to address the imminent hazard.

Can be demo
OR
rehab



PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Facilities can be owned by government or non-profit & open to public
- Infrastructure – roads, water, sewers, etc.
- MUST BENEFIT AN ELIGIBLE POPULATION - either by area or limited clientele
- NOT CITY HALL – except for ADA improvements
- NOT FOR MAINTENANCE/REPAIR – no potholes, no grass mowing, no snow removal
- Examples of possibly eligible facilities/infrastructure
 - Park Improvements
 - Fire Station
 - Boys & Girls club – soup kitchen – homeless shelter
 - Street Reconstruction (not just resurfacing or overlays)

PUBLIC SERVICES

CAPPED AT 15% OF TOTAL CDBG GRANT- \$40,972 for \$ 273,151 grant

Can be provided by government or non-profit. MUST BENEFIT AN ELIGIBLE POPULATION - either by area or limited clientele

Examples of **possibly** eligible services:

- Credit Counseling
- Employment services (job training)
- Health services
- Education programs
- Child care
- Recreational services
- Senior services



PUBLIC INPUT: COMMUNITY NEED

What are the City's greatest housing needs?

In your opinion, what are the major supportive service needs across the city?

What are the major public facilities and infrastructure needs in the city?

How has community need changed in the last year?



Please send any additional comments to:

Christine Gundersen at
CGundersen@OCNJ.US

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COUNTY OF
CAPE MAY, }

Melissa Rasner, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, on her oath says that she is the

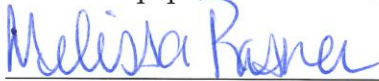
City Clerk of the
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Cape May County, New Jersey, and that the notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF OCEAN CITY, NJ
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM 2023 PROGRAM
YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

of which the annexed is a true copy was published in the
SENTINEL LEDGER

Said newspaper on the 8TH day **APRIL A.D. 2023.**



Melissa Rasner
City Clerk

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 8TH day of
APRIL A.D. 2023, at Ocean City, New Jersey



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF OCEAN CITY, NJ
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
2023 PROGRAM YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The City of Ocean City proposes to initiate planning for the Program Year 2023 (September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023) Annual Action Plan. The CDBG Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ocean City's CDBG allocation for PY 2023 is \$ 273,151.

A Public Hearing is being held **Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 3:30 pm** in Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 861 Asbury Avenue to receive community input toward the development of the 2023 Annual Action 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 Block Grant (CDBG) program.

In addition to verbal comments at the Public Hearing, interested persons are invited to submit written comments at or prior to the hearing. Written comments 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.

The City of Ocean City does not discriminate based on disability. Persons requiring special accommodations to facilitate participation in the public hearing should call Ms. Gundersen, Office of Capital Planning (609) 525-9360 preferably no later than Monday, April 17, 2023, 4:30 pm to make such request.

Ocean City intends to submit the 2023 Annual Action Plan on or about July 15, 2023.

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