

# Millville, New Jersey

Community Development Block Grant Program

Substantial Amendment of 2018, 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plans

## Introduction

The City of Millville proposes to amend its 2018, 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plans in order to revise the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for previously approved projects to create a new 2021 project. The 2021 Annual Action Plan was approved with \$2,532,716 in CDBG funds, along with \$347,177 in prior year CDBG funds.

An amendment of the Annual Action Plan is necessary because the City is proposing a change in funding for four projects: they will be utilizing the remaining balances in the property improvements projects in 2018 and 2020, and will be redirecting those funds to a 2021 Blight Remediation project, an eligible CDBG project. In addition, the City will also be utilizing existing 2017, 2019 and 2021 Blight Elimination project balances for this project as well. This project will be used to demolish an eligible blighted property, located at 300 Columbia Ave, Millville, NJ.

Under the City's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, a decision that requires "changes in the use of CDBG funds from one eligible activity to another when the amount of funds being re-allocated is more than one half (50%) of the originally allocated amount" necessitates a Substantial Amendment to a Five-Year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan as applicable.

## Fiscal Impact

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines each year the CDBG amount the City receives in the form of an entitlement amount. However, if those funds are not all expended in the program year for which they were allocated, the result is the accumulation of unexpended funds in the City's letter of credit balance with HUD. This reallocation will assist the City in expending CDBG in a timely manner.

## Project Budget

This substantial amendment reallocates \$90,889.69 of funding from the 2018 -2021 Annual Action Plan Property Improvement activities to the 2021 Annual Action Plan Blight Remediation activity. In addition, noted here is the \$181,454.39 in previous year Blight Remediation funds that will be used for the 2021 Blight Remediation project as well.

Activity	Description	Remaining Balance	Revision	Final
<b>2018 Property Improvements</b>	Funds are to be used for removal of architectural barriers in privately owned non-residential properties, primarily commercial properties with public access (e.g. retail establishments).	\$38,182.69	-\$38,182.69	\$0
<b>2020 Property Improvements</b>	Funds are to be used for removal of architectural barriers in privately owned non-residential properties, primarily commercial properties with public access (e.g. retail establishments).	\$52,707	-\$52,707	\$0
<b>2017 Blight Elimination</b>	Blight elimination on an area or spot basis, consisting of clearance or rehab of eligible properties.	\$13,395	-\$13,395	\$0
<b>2019 Blight Elimination</b>	Blight elimination on an area or spot basis, consisting of clearance or rehab of eligible properties.	\$29,044	-\$29,044	\$0
<b>2020 Blight Elimination</b>	Blight elimination on an area or spot basis, consisting of clearance or rehab of eligible properties.	\$55,000	-\$55,000	\$0
<b>2021 Blight Elimination</b>	Blight elimination on an area or spot basis, consisting of clearance or rehab of eligible properties.	\$43,000	+\$90,889.69 in amended funding, and +\$97,439 in previous year blight elimination funding	<b>\$231,328.69</b>

## 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, last revised in 2020.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, Millville has placed the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning today on the City's website at the following address: <http://www.millvillenj.gov/138/Housing-Community-Development>

This document will be available to the public for a period of thirty (30) days – from Friday, July 1, 2022 until Monday, August 1, 2022 after which time the City of Millville Board of Commissioners will consider a resolution to authorize its submission to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development.

On July 21 at 4:00PM the City will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public. All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend this public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment for the FY 2018, 2020 and 2021 Annual Action Plans. This hearing will take place in City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 12 S. High Street, Millville, NJ.

Citizens are invited to submit written or verbal comments at or prior to the hearings. Written comments as well as requests for special assistance related to limited English proficiency or disabilities should be directed to [william.davis@millvillenj.gov](mailto:william.davis@millvillenj.gov)