

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT  
Gloucester County, New Jersey  
Department of Economic Development  
Office of Housing and Community Development

The County of Gloucester proposes to initiate planning for the FY2024 Annual Action Plan, which directs the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds received by the County from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 has not been officially allocated. Funding for the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 was \$1,964,558.00.

To obtain the views and proposals of interested citizens and community stakeholders on community development, economic development and housing needs and priorities, an in-person public hearing and a virtual public hearings are being scheduled in the initial stage of the Annual Action Plan.

The information received from interested persons at the hearings will assist the County in the preparation of Gloucester County's Fifth Year Annual Action Plan, which is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The hearings will provide information regarding application procedures, timing, eligible activities, and other regulations related to the CDBG and HOME Programs. They will also include information on the County's performance in its use of CDBG and HOME funds. Representatives of the County will be available to answer questions. Gloucester County citizens are encouraged and welcome to provide written or verbal comments at the hearings.

The in-person and virtual public hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 3PM and 5PM, respectively. The in-person hearing (3PM) will be held at Rowan College of SJ – Gloucester Campus, Business and Corporate Center, 1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ. Details to participate in the virtual public hearings can be found on the County's website at the following location: <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/580/Fair-Housing-Citizen-Participation>.

A final draft of the Annual Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 will be prepared following the Public Hearings and will be made available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days in order to meet the timing and submission requirements established by HUD. A future notice will announce the availability of the draft, the public display period, and inform the public of additional public hearings.

**Substantial Amendment**

The County is also using this notice and the public hearings to inform the public of a Substantial Amendment to its 2020 Annual Action Plan. Specifically, the County is canceling the CDBG-funded Borough of National Park public facilities project and reallocating those funds to the Housing Rehabilitation Program:

Activity	Current Budget	Proposed Change	New Budget	Funding Source
Borough Of National Park (PY 2020)	\$50,000	-\$50,000	\$0	CDBG
Housing Rehabilitation (PY 2020)	\$256,245	+\$50,000	\$306,245	CDBG

Comments or questions regarding the substantial amendment or proposed programming, as well as requests for special assistance related to limited English proficiency or disabilities, should be directed to Christina Velázquez, Supervising Program Development Specialist, by emailing [cvelazquez@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:cvelazquez@co.gloucester.nj.us) or calling (856) 307-6664. Comments regarding the substantial amendment must be received by April 29, 2024.

On Tuesday, May 8 at 5 PM, the Gloucester County Commissioners will consider a resolution to accept the Substantial Amendment (as may be amended by the citizen participation process) and authorize its submission on or about Thursday, May 10 to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. In addition, Gloucester County encourages the participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all County residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the Division of Disability Services at (856) 384-6842/New Jersey Relay Service 711 or the EEO office at (856) 384-6903.

Gloucester County Board of Commissioners  
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