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## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan for FY-2018 provides an overview of the projects and the manner in which they are consistent with the priorities of the HUD approved 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Despite revitalization of portions of Asbury Park, many Asbury Park households demonstrate substandard low income, housing and employment characteristics indicating the need of continued support and more focused services. The Community Development Department collaborating with the Monmouth County Office of Community Development, will continue strategies that address the needs of the underserved and the challenges of redeveloping long-deteriorating areas in the southwest quadrant. This document recognizes the need to continue providing funding in the Southwest quadrant and other areas of Asbury Park to benefit low-moderate income residents. The Department of Community Development will continue to provide utility assistance, road improvement/infrastructure projects, community events, and public facility improvements.

#### 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.

Specific activities identified within the 2018 Annual Action Plan will continue to work towards implementing the 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The City is focusing on the following objectives:

- **Balanced:** Balance City-wide issues with specific neighborhood and target area needs.
- **Citizen Participation:** Provide opportunities for all citizens and program them in plan development, implementation and evaluation.
- **Proactive:** Anticipate and respond to community needs, current emerging trends and citizen values.
- **Collaborative:** Encourage public, private and non-profit sector collaboration and reduce program duplication.
- **Priority assistance to Lower Income residents:** Ensure that no one is left behind, especially the very poorest in our community.

- Comprehensive: Engage comprehensive strategies to address the holistic needs of a neighborhood, individual or household.
- Measurable: Produce and evaluate measurable outcomes and results.
- Leveraged: Leverage the involvement of private sector organizations and resources.
- Positive: Emphasize and build upon available and realistic community assets, resources, plans and market forces.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City of Asbury Park continues to receive and use federal entitlement funds for the benefit of its citizens. In the face of reductions in funding from Congress, the City evaluated projects and associated expenditures to determine that funding was spent in the most productive manner and assisting the largest number of residents possible.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

### **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.

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

### **7. Summary**

The City of Asbury Park Community Development Department will implement strategies addressing the needs of the under-served and the working towards redeveloping long deteriorating areas in the southwest quadrant to benefit all residents.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

<b>Agency Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
CDBG Administrator	ASBURY PARK	Community Development

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative**

Through a shared services agreement The City of Asbury Park has designated the Monmouth County Office of Community Development with the responsibility of administering the CDBG program. The City participates with Monmouth County's CDBG consortium, and receives funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City also participates within the County's HOME investment Partnership Consortium. The City will be actively involved with the day to day grant administration.

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## **AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

The entire Annual Plan planning process involved continued communication and feedback with local residents.

**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(l)).**

Monmouth County is the lead entity for the community Development Program. Asbury Park is responsible for administering programs covered by this plan, and continues its relationships for on-going consultations.

The City continues to pursue the development of affordable housing and the improvement of life for all its residents. Additionally Asbury Park will continue to find strategies to identify housing issues, and is dedicated to working with local and regional non-profit organizations and developers in order to address those needs.

The Department of Community Development continues to use mechanisms for ongoing citizen involvement to foster and enhance citizen participation. The City uses both formal and informal input methods towards developing this plan. There were two hearings to provide information to the community about the City's priorities and to receive community input for local services and activities. In addition to the two hearings, a Technical Assistant meeting was held to update the community about the progress of the city's programs and to answer any specific questions.

The City continues to strengthen its relationships with the Community Affairs Resource Center through the Latino Liaison for its help with the Spanish community and with the Good News Foundation with the Haitian Community.

**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.**

There is a Continuum of local and regional providers who contribute payments toward utilities and rental assistance through Homelessness Prevention Projects. These providers are

- Interfaith Neighbors, Inc.
- Mercy Center
- Jewish Family and Children Services

- Community Affairs Resource Center
- Monmouth Housing Alliance
- Rescue Mission

**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**

The City of Asbury Park doesn't receive ESG funds. However the city actively partners with Monmouth County for homeless and emergency shelter grant activities. The Committee members collaborate to establish uniform procedures for rapid re-housing programs within both the Division of Social Services, and non-profit entities.

**2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ASBURY PARK
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Department of Social Services
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Departments of Community Development, Social Services and the City Manager's Office, gathered information to determine what the City can do to help any individuals that are homeless and or facing other emergent needs. The Social Services Department finds that homelessness is the largest need and those individuals are referred to the Monmouth County Department of Social Services. The Department of Community Development has improved its consulting with other local agencies for referrals, mentoring and rental assistance as needed.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MONMOUTH COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County

<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

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

**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		

**Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative**

## **AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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**

In addition to formal hearings and informal discussions with local community leaders and neighborhood groups, the City of Asbury Park has determined that engaging young people and their families during social productive activities and asking for input how CDBG grants can better serve their neighborhoods, continues to be effective. Such community development activities involve other City Departments in this outreach, including:

1. Asbury Park Police Department-Community Policing Unit
2. Recreation Department-Programs
3. National Night Out
4. Black History Month Celebration
5. Movies in the Park

The City has complied with citizen participation requirements by:

1. Publishing notice of public hearings in and in the Asbury Park Press.
2. Preparing, and following a CPP
3. Holding public meetings at convenient times and locations
4. Providing a summary of the Plan and a notice describing the location where the Plan may be viewed.
5. Making the Plan available for public examination and comment for 30 days before submission to HUD
6. Considering views and comments of citizens and providing a summary of comments for consideration in the Plan.

**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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, others if requested  Persons with disabilities  Non-targeted/broad community  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No responses were recieved	No responses were recieved.		

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)
2	Public Meeting	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, others if requested  Persons with disabilities  Non-targeted/broad community  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No members of the public attended the hearing held February 26, 2018	No commentary was recieved.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	387,416	0	0	387,416	387,416	

**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**

Due to the limitations on the availability and use of CDBG funds, allocated funds will be leveraged by the City of Asbury Park's general funds and the resources of nonprofit organizations, private developers and private donors. All will contribute to the achievement of this plan's goals and objectives.

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

The City's Recreation Department will continue to use the public parks (3) and beach areas for its summer recreation program. Additionally the Recreation Department will allow other local groups to use the new Springwood Avenue Park to host activities serving local residents. The Springwood Center will continue to house the Asbury Park Senior Center serving the needs of the local Senior population; Additional departments that work towards achieving the established objectives within this plan are: the City's public library, the boardwalk, 7 public schools; 9 Social and Community Services agencies; 1 Health Care agency (VNA); 17 Churches; 4 Grocery/Farmer's Markets and the NJ Transit affiliated Train Station.

**Discussion**

Despite overall decreases in allocated funding, and the delays in receiving allocated funds, The City of Asbury Park working with Monmouth County will continue to use the allocated federal entitlement funds for the benefit of its citizens. City staff will continue to evaluate projects and expenditures to determine that allocated funding is spent in the most productive manner, and correspondingly, the largest number of residents can be assisted.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Suitable Living Environment	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development Redevelopment	CITY WIDE Southwest Quadrant	Code Enforcement in low and moderate income areas Facility Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$17,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 25 Persons Assisted
2	Healthy Living Environment for Rental Units	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	CITY WIDE Southwest Quadrant	Code Enforcement in low and moderate income areas	CDBG: \$10,000	Homelessness Prevention: 25 Persons Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

#### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Healthy Living Environment for Rental Units
	<b>Goal Description</b>	



## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

### Introduction

Asbury Park's 2018 Annual Action Plan contains funding for projects totaling \$387,416 to be undertaken in the City in response to community needs.

#	Project Name
1	Homeless Prevention & Tenant Services
2	Road Improvement/Infrastructure/Parks
3	Community Events
4	Administration
5	Homebuyer Assistance
6	Rehabilitation Program
7	Community Facility improvements

Table 7 – Project Information

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

Characteristics that constitute the basis for prioritizing investment in the neighborhoods in the Southwest Quadrant are:

- Highest Concentration of Labor Force Unemployed
- Most Densely Populated
- Largest Household Size
- Greatest Incidences of Overcrowding
- Lowest Median Income
- Highest Concentration of Poverty Populations
- Aged & Dilapidated Housing Stock
- Lack of Active Playing Field Area for Recreation.

Despite significant progress toward the revitalization of the city, the southwest neighborhood has consistently over the years been determined to have the greatest need for redevelopment and revitalization and for support and intervention. Currently, the Springwood Park is now open for the public and plans for three (3) housing developments are underway.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Homeless Prevention & Tenant Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY WIDE Southwest Quadrant
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Suitable Living Environment Healthy Living Environment for Rental Units
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Facility Rehabilitation Development of affordable housing units Code Enforcement in low and moderate income areas
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Providing assistance to low income residents of Asbury Park facing suspension of utility services. Relocation is provided to individuals faced with homelessness as a result of a code enforcement violation. In the event that the owner is unable to find housing for the tenants, the City will provide assistance until the code violation is abated.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	According to past years in which similar amounts were allocated to this CDBG program, approximately 28-30 low/moderate income families, faced with suspension of utility services were assisted. The current maximum allowance of assistance is \$400. Relocation assistance was provided to approximately 15 families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Throughout the City.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Providing utility payments to residents potentially facing homelessness as a result of suspension of services. Relocation services are provided to individuals facing potential homelessness as a result of a code enforcement violation. In the event that the owner is unable to find housing for the tenants, the City will provide assistance until the code violation is abated.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Road Improvement/Infrastructure/Parks
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY WIDE Southwest Quadrant
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Facility Rehabilitation Code Enforcement in low and moderate income areas
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$159,933

	<b>Description</b>	Playground & park improvements, installation of new traffic signals, improvements to local roadways and sidewalks.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 5,300 low/moderate income residents reside within the Southwest quadrant.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The specific locations for road and city infrastructure improvements have yet to be determined at this time.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Events
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY WIDE Southwest Quadrant
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Suitable Living Environment Healthy Living Environment for Rental Units
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Job training Development of affordable housing units Home buying assistance for moderate and low income
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	The city hosts annual events for local residents. Proposed FY2018 events include National Night Out, Black History Month Celebration, Energy Fair, and Kwanzaa Celebrations.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approxiamtley 600 low low/moderate income residents attend these annual community events.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Asbury Park Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park Senior Center Springwood Avenue.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planned activities include a Black History Month Celebration, National Night Out and the Energy Fair and an annual Kwanzaa event. During several of these events, there are vendors providing information on various local topics and services benefitting residents. : job training and health screening opportunities, homebuyer's assistance, rental assistance information, home repairs, educational information provided by local community agencies; and assistance with utility services from local agencies (NJ Natural Gas Company, Jersey Central Power and Light Company, NJ Water Company).
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Suitable Living Environment Healthy Living Environment for Rental Units
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Facility Rehabilitation Job training Development of affordable housing units Code Enforcement in low and moderate income areas Home buying assistance for moderate and low income
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$77,483
	<b>Description</b>	Oversight and coordination of activities comprising the Community Development Block Grant Program in both the Asbury Park and Monmouth County offices.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimate of 10,000 very low, low-moderate income people benefit annually from the CDBG program.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To oversee and coordinate the CDBG program.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Homebuyer Assistance
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Suitable Living Environment Healthy Living Environment for Rental Units
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Development of affordable housing units Home buying assistance for moderate and low income

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Down payment assistance to low/moderate income home buyers in Asbury Park.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 15 families will be assisted with through the Asbury park homebuyer assistance program.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Downpayment assistance to local homebuyers within Asbury Park.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Rehabilitation Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY WIDE Southwest Quadrant
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Suitable Living Environment Healthy Living Environment for Rental Units
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Job training Development of affordable housing units Code Enforcement in low and moderate income areas
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$60,000
	<b>Description</b>	Providing funds to residents to rehabilitate their homes. Maximum grant amounts per individual homeowner will be determined by Asbury Park Community Development officials.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated this program will assist 35 income qualified families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City wide.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funding is allocated to income qualified home owners to make improvements to their homes.
	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Facility improvements

7	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY WIDE Southwest Quadrant
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Facility Rehabilitation Job training Home buying assistance for moderate and low income
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$40,000
	<b>Description</b>	Improving local facilities that provide numerous benefits to the surrounding community. Current approved applications are for the Community Resource Center
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The Community Affairs Resource Center through a multi linguil and multi cultural approach serves as proactive agent for individuals and families whose needs may otherwise go unmet due to language barriers, discrimination and lack of cultural competency.
	<b>Location Description</b>	913 Sewell Avenue, Asbury Park
<b>Planned Activities</b>	HVAC upgrades in the Communtiy Affairs Resource Center changing from window aire to central air and ductless units.	

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)**

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

In accordance with the CDBG criteria, the City continues to target the southwest quadrant (Census tracts 8072 and 8073) as the point of focus for revitalization and service activities as a priority area, as well as a citywide geographic focus.

The west side has a population of 5,275 residents, with a poverty rate of 36% in a .38 square mile radius. According to the most recent census statistics the demographics break down as follows:

- 13% other nationality
- 29% Hispanic;
- 50% Black and
- 37% White.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
CITY WIDE	30
Southwest Quadrant	70

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The neighborhoods in the southwest quadrant reflect these general characteristics as demonstrated by recent census data releases:

- Highest Concentration of Labor Force Unemployed
- Most Densely Populated
- Largest Average Household Size
- Greatest Incidences of Overcrowding in residences
- Lowest Median Income
- Highest Concentration of Poverty Populations
- Aged & Dilapidated Housing Stock
- Lack of Active-Playing Field Areas for Recreation

These characteristics constitute the basis for a continued allocation of investments in the southwest quadrant of the City. This area consistently over the years has been determined to have the greatest need for redevelopment and revitalization. The southwest neighborhood continues to be economically and socially disadvantaged, which diminishes the quality of life for these households. This area

continues to need support and intervention.

## **Discussion**



## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction**

Escalating housing costs and property values are major deterrents to the continued development of affordable housing. As

**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**

Asbury Park will continue to streamline the city's permit process, making city owned land available at a nominal cost for non-profit developers. Additionally the city's

Governing body and Administration will continue to host/hold programs assisting low-income residents, the unemployed, the unskilled labor force and small businesses.

### **Discussion**

## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

Asbury Park will continue to utilize allocated CDBG funds to invest in programs needed by the residents and local businesses.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

This plan continues to consider needs to improve the priorities of the southwest quadrant as the main focus area.

Along with the programs that the Department of Community Development will carry out to address the needs of the underserved, other community agencies will be addressing those issues as well.

The Community Affairs Resource Center (CARC) provides services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families throughout the City with the goal of revitalizing the communities served. CARC is one of the very few service providers that can effectively provide bilingual/bicultural diversity in its services. CARC continues to provide to an increasing number of clients services for advocacy, case management, protective services, domestic violence, information and referrals, translation and interpretations, immigration consultations, assistance with required documentation for filing tenant/landlord disputes, child support, divorce and other legal matters, income tax preparation, soliciting Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN), notary public, career assessment, job readiness and employment placement, NJ Family Care applications, Food Stamp (SNAP) and NJ Shares Energy Assistance applications. Facility rehabilitation funded through CDBG will continue to allow the facility to provide the above services to the community while being a safe center and meeting Code Enforcement standards.

In addition, CARC will provide a shared service agreement for Lead Base Paint with the City.

Through this agreement CARC and the City of Asbury Park agrees to partner to strengthen community outreach to inform clients about the resources available in the program, as well as increase the number of client referrals to the program in the City of Asbury Park.

The City's Homelessness Prevention program is designed to prevent individuals/families from being homeless by providing financial assistance when utility services are facing termination; the Home Emergency Loan Program is designed to assist the homeowner with emergent home repairs; Relocation assistance is provided to individuals faced with homelessness as a result of a code enforcement violation. In the event that the owner is unable to find housing for the tenants, the City will provide

assistance until the code violation is abated.

For over seventy-five years the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monmouth have been providing a safe and fun environment for the most vulnerable children in the community. The City will fund the rehabilitation of the building in order for the club to continue its dedication for the community.

The Department of Social Services will continue to operate the Senior Center in order to provide the Senior Citizen population with resources and activities needed.

The Asbury Park Police Department will continue to assist the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry by providing awareness to those with physical and mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities due to a physical and or intellectual disability. The goal is to ensure all Monmouth County residents who may be in need of special assistance are able to get the help and support they need in a time of emergency or during interaction with Law Enforcement, Fire or EMS personnel.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Currently the Renaissance Village Project, located on a four acre lot has broken ground and started construction. The 64 residential units will consist of 32 townhomes and 32 multi family units with retail space and a multipurpose community room, management offices and a health suite. The Boston Way Village project will feature 104 mixed-income townhouse style units. The Park View residences (previously called Turf Club) will provide affordable for sale unit with 20 units. Ten titled owners will own a unit and have one available to rent. All three projects involve collaboration with the city of Asbury Park, local non profit groups.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City will continue its efforts to reduce lead-based paint hazards by focusing on education. We will continue to distribute informational lead-based paint brochures to any person or family receiving weatherization or other assistance from the City. Lead based paint hazard information will continue to be available at Municipal events, in the City's Department of Community Development and the Code Enforcement Department. In addition, the Code Enforcement inspectors will provide brochures during inspections upon their discretion.

The City will continue to identify its stock of lead-free housing to which families may be relocated to while their own homes undergo lead abatement. City programs provide temporary relocation housing for families with lead-poisoned children, and work with agencies to provide financial assistance for

remediation in affordable housing units.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City of Asbury Park will continue to work with non-profit, State, Federal and County agencies in order to reduce the number of poverty level families and continue its CDBG programs for low-moderate income households. Current CDBG programs include: Homelessness Prevention and Relocation.

In addition, the City will continue to refer residents to the Community Affairs Resource Center, Mercy Center, Interfaith Neighbors and Faith Based Initiative Group for additional support. These agencies are just a few of the resources for Asbury Park residents to seek assistance with employment, job training, mentoring and job counseling.

The City along with the Affordable Housing Alliance, Interfaith Neighbors and Coastal Habitat for Humanity will continue to collaborate in the constructing and or purchasing of affordable housing for low-moderate income residents.

The City will continue its strategy to address job skills and employment opportunities by coordinating with major developers on the waterfront, in the downtown and on Springwood Avenue, to make jobs available to city residents.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

City staff will continue to provide and develop expertise to address and, where possible, change conflicting rules, regulations and time frames inherent in complex institutional structures.

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

The Department of Community Development continues to connect public and private housing agencies with social service agencies in the community through both direct communications and publicly through community events. As a result of its coordination between the Asbury Park Housing Authority, the City received \$7,870,000 from the third round of Community Development Block Grant funding for the

Boston Way Village Housing Project.

**Discussion**

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction

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 if applicable.

#### 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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%

## **Discussion**

The Homelessness Prevention, Road Improvement/Infrastructure, Public Facility Improvements, Relocation are not documented as urgent need.

All CDBG funds will be used for activities that will address and benefit persons of low and moderate income.

