

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE
County of Cape May
Application for Community Development
Block Grant CV1 and CV2 Funds

The purpose of this Public Notice is to announce to its residents that the County of Cape May intends to apply to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for \$397,191 in Community Development Block Grant CV1 and \$1,140,271 in CDBG CV2 funds which were made available through the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136.

In accordance with NJ DCA rules and CDBG program regulations, the County must conduct a public meeting: (1) to explain federal and state guidelines, (2) to review eligible and proposed program activities, (3) to consider proposals for an application to NJ DCA, and (4) to receive citizen comments and recommendations.

The County has determined that best and most effective way to address community needs and prepare, prevent and respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is to establish the following implementation strategies to address the immediate needs of its low-and moderate-income residents and small businesses.

The proposed projects and budgets for **CDBG CV1** funding are as follows:

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
Small Business and Non-Profit Assistance Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-enterprise COVID-19 Assistance Grant • County Forgivable Micro-Loan Program 	Cape May County Small Business Assistance Programs to provide working capital funds (loans or grants) to local small businesses including retail, restaurants, entertainment, hospitality, and non-professional service businesses including seasonal businesses that have been severely impacted by COVID-19 pandemic	Micro-Enterprise Grant Program: \$132,332 Forgivable Micro-Loan Program: \$65,000
Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program	Short Term Emergency Mortgage and Rental Assistance Grant Program will provide temporary mortgage or rental assistance to low-and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income or became unemployed due the COVID-19 pandemic	\$180,000
Program Administration	Funds to support the County's program administrative costs	\$19,859
CDBG-CV1 TOTAL ALLOCATION	CDBG CV1 funds available to residents/businesses located in the following municipalities: Cape May City, Cape May Point Borough, Townships of Dennis, Lower, Middle, North Wildwood City, Borough of West Cape May, West Wildwood, Wildwood City, Wildwood Crest and Woodbine Borough	\$397,191

The proposed projects and budgets for **CDBG CV 2** funding are as follows:

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
Small Business and Non-Profit Assistance Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-enterprise COVID-19 Assistance Grant • County Forgivable Micro-Loan Program 	Cape May County Small Business Assistance Programs to provide working capital funds (loans or grants) to local small businesses including retail, restaurants, entertainment, hospitality, and non-professional service businesses including seasonal businesses that have been severely impacted by COVID-19 pandemic	Micro-Enterprise Grant Program: \$398,258 Forgivable Micro-Loan Program: \$235,000
Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program	Short term emergency Mortgage and Rental Assistance to provide temporary mortgage or rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income or became unemployed due the COVID-19 pandemic	\$450,010
Program Administration	Funds to support the County's program administrative costs	\$57,003
CDBG-CV2 TOTAL ALLOCATION	CDBG CV2 funds available to all residents and businesses located in Cape May County	\$1,140,271

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, Cape May County will post a summary of its project proposals on public display beginning March 8th on the County's website at the following address: <https://www.capemaycountynj.gov/432/Planning-Department>. This document will be available to the public for a period of no less than five (5) business days until March 17th.

On Wednesday, March 10th at 10:00 am, the Cape May Department of Planning will conduct a Virtual Public Hearing to consider the proposed substantial changes to the FY 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan. Given the current public health crisis, a virtual hearing is being held in lieu of an in-person hearing. Members of the public will be given the opportunity submit their public comment. The log-in information for the Virtual Public Hearing will be posted on the County's website at the following address: <https://www.capemaycountynj.gov/432/Planning-Department>

All citizens, groups, and organizations are encouraged to either attend this public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or provide written testimony concerning the proposed application for NJ DCA CDBG-CV funding.

If you have a disability and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations to participate in the proceedings, please contact Leslie L. Gimeno, Director of Planning at (609) 465-6875 or leslie.gimeno@co.cape-may.nj.us to determine how the County can accommodate your needs.

All general questions and public comments regarding this Substantial Amendment or proposed programming should be directed to Leslie L. Gimeno, Director of Planning at (609) 465-6875 or leslie.gimeno@co.cape-may.nj.us by 4:00 pm on March 17th.