

# City of Ocean City

Community Development Block Grant Program  
Substantial Amendment of 2019 Annual Action Plan

## Introduction

This document serves as the First Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan published previously in June 2019 and authorized for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by the City of Ocean City. The 2019 Annual Action Plan award represented \$278,423 CDBG funds. This Substantial Amendment intends to reallocate CDBG funds from two (2) projects established in previous Annual Action Plans and create a new project. It is the creation of this new project that constitutes a substantial amendment as outlined in the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

## Reduced & Cancelled Projects

The 2019 Annual Action Plan created a project to supply housing rehab services to low- and moderate-income households in Ocean City. The project would assist at least three low- or moderate-income households making at or less than 80% of the area median income. The project, known as Housing rehab, was funded in the amount of \$40,976. This substantial amendment will cancel the 2019 Housing Rehab project entirely and reallocate the \$40,976.

The 2019 Annual Action Plan also created a project to make Infrastructure improvements in eligible low-mod residential areas of Ocean City. The project, known as Infrastructure improvements, was funded by CDBG in the amount of \$140,000. This substantial amendment will cancel the 2019 Infrastructure improvements project entirely and reallocate the \$140,000.

In total these amendments will recover \$180,976 in CDBG funds.

## Amended & New Projects

This substantial amendment creates the following new project and appends them to the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

1. ADA Beach Access Ramps and Mats

This new project will allocate \$180,976 in CDBG funds to engineer and construct ADA Compliant Ramps and Forced Mats on some of the City's beaches in order to improve the ability for people with disabilities to use the City's beaches by allowing them easier accessibility to go over the dunes. The ramps and mats will be engineered to meet ADA ratios and will benefit the Low-Mod limited clientele of the disabled by eliminating barriers for them to access the beach.

## Summary of Substantial Amendment

| Project                                      | Initial Budget | Revised Budget | Change      |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Housing Authority Mental Health Services     | \$41,763       | \$41,763       | \$0         |
| Housing Rehab                                | \$40,976       | \$0            | (\$40,976)  |
| Infrastructure Improvements                  | \$140,000      | \$0            | (\$140,000) |
| ADA Improvements Beach Access Ramps and Mats | \$0            | \$180,976      | \$180,976   |
| Administration                               | \$55,684       | \$55,684       | \$0         |

## 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 which was recently amended to incorporate allowances under the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Citizens will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment on proposed amendments. This will be accomplished through notification of a public hearing in the nonlegal section of a newspaper with general circulation within the City and notification on the City's website. These notices will be published *at least two weeks* prior to the hearing. However, in accordance with the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), in emergency circumstances, expedited procedures must include at least (5) five days' notice prior to the hearing and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than (5) five days. The 5-day period can run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendment and amended citizen participation plans. This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

Citizens will have not less than **30 days (or 5 days in accordance with the CARES Act)** to make comments about the proposed amendment(s) prior to any amendment implementation.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, the City will place the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning Wednesday, June 10, 2020 on the City's website at the following address: [ocnj.us](http://ocnj.us) . This document, along with the revised Citizen Participation Plan, will be available to the public for a period of at least thirty (30) days until Thursday July 9, 2020, after which time the Substantial Amendment will be considered by Council for submittal to HUD for approval.

Given the current public health concerns, a virtual Public Hearing on the Grant Amendment will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The following Instructions on how to access the meeting will be posted on the City's website at [ocnj.us](http://ocnj.us) .

## **Instructions to Join Virtual Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82497930701?pwd=QTFJTtBnL1hrZTR2ZDNDUzZTallxZz09>

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Written comments on the amendments must be received by July 9, 2020. Comments to be addressed to:

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