

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
ON A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

The Township of Middletown is an Entitlement Community which receives CDBG funds directly from the Federal Government. Middletown Township is proposing to amend its FY2017 One Year Action Plan component of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Middletown Township expects to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD on or before December 31, 2019.

The Annual Action Plan identifies the needs of homeless, low-income and special needs populations and describes activities the Township intends to undertake to address the priorities and specific objectives for housing and community development. The Plan also identifies the public and private funding sources that will be used to carry out the needs and objectives outlined in the Plan.

HUD requires the Township to submit an Annual Action Plan each year, identifying the activities it intends to undertake with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Township is following the Citizen Participation Process outlined in the Township's Citizen Participation Plan. The Township must hold a public hearing and public comment period to obtain citizen input on any proposed changes in projects or funding allocations contained in the Action Plan, whenever the proposed changes meet the definition of a Substantial Amendment as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The Township of Middletown will hold a public hearing on this Amendment on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Middletown Township Court Room, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.

The thirty-day public comment period begins on October 18, 2019 and ends at midnight November 18, 2019. The Township will accept comments from the public on this Amendment during this timeframe.

The Public is hereby notified that comments on the Substantial Amendment should be sent to the Department of Planning and Community Development, 3 Penelope Lane, Middletown, New Jersey, 07728. ATT: Amy H. Sarrinikolaou, PP, AICP, Director of Community Development. Copies of the Substantial Amendment will be available at the Township of Middletown, Department of Planning and Community Development, 3 Penelope Lane, Middletown, New Jersey 07748 between the hours 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No comments will be accepted by telephone.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OVERVIEW:

The Substantial Amendment allows for the programming of available funds to best meet current needs as identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. This Amendment reallocates funds from an existing activity to two new activities and one existing activity. A summary of the changes is outlined below.

Community Development Block Grant Program:

The Township is amending its FY 2017 Action Plan, and reallocating \$28,929.33 in funds currently allocated to the Administration of the Township's Home Rehabilitation Program to two new activities and one existing activity.

Changes to CDBG-Funded Activities:	Prior Allocation	Funding Change	% Change in Allocation
Existing Activity: Middletown Township Administration	\$44,300	\$-28,929.33	-65%
New Activity: Middletown Township Public Facility Improvements for Roosevelt Park	\$0.00	+\$15,000.00	New Activity
New Activity: Middletown Township ADA compliant improvements for Ideal Beach Park	\$0.00	+\$13,929.33	New Activity

Grantee's name: Township of Middletown		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Public Facility Improvements (Roosevelt Park, North Middletown)		Objective Category:	Suitable Living Environment
Location: Port Monmouth Road, Hudson Avenue and Ideal Avenue, North Middletown neighborhood (Block 61, Lot 1)		Outcome Category:	Sustainability
Priority Need: Public Facilities		Project ID: new	Local ID: T-18-56-850-800-300
Census Tract #: 8006.01	Block Group # 4	CDBG Eligible Area: Yes	HUD Matrix Code: 03E
		Type of Recipient: n/a	IDIS Activity #: new
FY2017 Funding Sources:			
CDBG	\$15,000.00	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding Source: Ideal Beach Community Association 501C-3 Non Profit Organization	\$4,800.00
Prior Year Funds:	\$0	Total:	\$19,800.00
<p>Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</p> <p>Middletown Township intends to use CDBG resources towards accessibility improvements at Roosevelt Park. Specifically towards the cost of the equipment and installation of an ADA compliant drinking fountain in Roosevelt Park in the North Middletown neighborhood. Middletown Township expects additional funding resources from the neighborhood organization, known as the Ideal Beach Community Organization (IBCA), a 501C-3 Non Profit Organization, to support the project. Roosevelt Park is located in North Middletown. North Middletown contains concentrations of low- and moderate-income households in Middletown Township. Renovating Roosevelt Park with the addition of an ADA compliant drinking fountain will create drinking water access to the elderly and disabled where no such access exists currently.</p> <p>An ADA compliant water fountain in Roosevelt Park will provide an area benefit and limited clientele benefit to the community where no drinking fountain exists currently. Roosevelt Park is heavily utilized by the IBCA as a hub for community events. The addition of an ADA compliant drinking fountain will allow this public facility to more readily serve all residents of the area. The area served by Roosevelt Park is primarily residential in nature.</p> <p>One of the goals outlined in the Township of Middletown 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is to improve facilities and infrastructure in neighborhoods with concentrations of low- and moderate-income households. This activity will help this public facility more readily serve all residents of the area.</p>			

Grantee's name: Township of Middletown		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Public Facility Improvements to Ideal Beach		Objective Category:	Suitable Living Environment
Location: Bayside Parkway		Outcome Category:	Sustainability
Priority Need: Public Facilities		Project ID: new	Local ID: T-18-56-850-800-300
Census Tract #: 8006.01	Block Group # 1, 2, 4	CDBG Eligible Area: Yes	HUD Matrix Code: 03E
		Type of Recipient: n/a	IDIS Activity #: new
FY2017 Funding Sources:			
CDBG	\$13,929.33	Other Funding:	
Choose an item.		Monmouth County	
Choose an item.		Middletown Township	
Prior Year CDBG Funds:		Total:	\$13,929.33
Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals: Middletown Township intends to use CDBG resources for accessibility improvements at the Ideal Beach waterfront in North Middletown including the purchase and installation of ADA compliance beach mat; and purchase of a beach wheelchair. <p>One of the goals outlined in the Township of Middletown 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is to improve facilities and infrastructure in neighborhoods with concentrations of low- and moderate-income households. This activity will help this public facility more readily serve all residents of the area, where at least 51 percent of the residents are of low or moderate income, and improve accessibility for the elderly and disabled to the beach and waterfront.</p>			

Grantee's name: Township of Middletown		Program: CDBG	
Project Title: Program Administration		Objective Category:	n/a
Location: Township wide		Outcome Category:	n/a
Priority Need: n/a		Project ID: 2017-4	Local ID: T-18-56-850-800-200
Census Tract #: n/a	Block Group # n/a	CDBG Eligible Area: n/a	HUD Matrix Code: 21A
		Type of Recipient: n/a	IDIS Activity #: 98
FY2017 Funding Sources:			
CDBG	\$15,370.67	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year CDBG Funds:	\$0	Total:	\$15,370.67
Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals: CDBG funds will be used to pay salaries, indirect costs, fringe benefits; and other costs association with the administration of the Middletown Township Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.			