

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
ON A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE  
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

The Township of Middletown is an Entitlement Community which receives CDBG funds directly from the Federal Government. Middletown Township is proposing to amend its FY2018 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 one new activity. A summary of the changes is outlined below.

**Community Development Block Grant Program:**

The Township is amending its FY 2018 Action Plan, and reallocating \$40,000 in funds currently allocated to the Administration of the Township's Home Rehabilitation Program to one new activity.

<b><u>Changes to CDBG-Funded Activities:</u></b>	<b><u>Prior Allocation</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Change</u></b>	<b><u>% Change in Allocation</u></b>
Existing Activity: Middletown Township Administration	\$40,000	-\$40,000	-100%
New Activity: Middletown Township Public Facility Improvements Tonya Keller Community Center	\$0.00	+\$40,000	New Activity

<b>Grantee's name:</b> Township of Middletown		<b>Program:</b> CDBG	
<b>Project Title:</b> Improvements to Tonya Keller Community Center and Site		<b>Objective Category:</b>	Suitable Living Environment
<b>Location:</b> Port Monmouth Road, Bray Avenue and Bergen Street, North Middletown neighborhood (Block 53, Lot 1)		<b>Outcome Category:</b>	Sustainability
<b>Priority Need:</b> Public Facilities		<b>Project ID:</b> new	<b>Local ID:</b> T-18-56-850-800-350
<b>Census Tract #:</b> 8006.01	<b>Block Group #</b> 2	<b>CDBG Eligible Area:</b> Yes	<b>HUD Matrix Code:</b> 03E
		<b>Type of Recipient:</b> n/a	<b>IDIS Activity #:</b> new
<b>FY2015 Funding Sources:</b>			
CDBG	\$40,000	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:	\$0	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
<b>Description &amp; Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:</b> Middletown Township intends to use CDBG resources towards building and infrastructure improvements at the Tonya Keller Community Center and Site. The community center is public facility located in a low/moderate income neighborhood and offers a range of programs and services for adults and children including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middletown Preschool Program – structured classes for children from 18 months to Pre-K including arts &amp; crafts, stories, music and many other activities (state licensed program)</li> <li>• Meeting facility for the Ideal Beach Community Association, Girl Scouts and other community groups</li> <li>• Daily after school program for grade school children</li> <li>• Drop-in activity center for teens</li> <li>• Kitchen providing culinary experience to youth and used for the Middletown Preschool Program</li> <li>• Youth sport programs</li> <li>• Summer Recreation program – A fun camp environment for children ages four and five (Pre-K and K) where participants partake in enjoyable recreational activities while also having valuable skills reinforced by the experienced Just for Toddlers preschool teachers.</li> <li>• Pool tables, basketball courts and other indoor and outdoor facilities providing flexible space for recreation and community activities</li> <li>• Upcoming community programs envisioned by the new facility director include a sustainable community garden, cooking classes and aerobic youth activities.</li> </ul> <p>Building and infrastructure improvements will provide an area benefit and are essential at the community center. Improvements will allow this public facility to more readily serve all residents of the area, where at least 51 percent of the residents are of low or moderate income. The area served by the community center is primarily residential in nature. Public facility improvements includes rehabilitation of the existing basketball court. This includes sealing the cracks to prevent weeds from growing through, resurfacing, new uprights and backboards, and benches around the area. This will also possibly include the additional lines painted on the court to include other games such as four square and hop scotch. 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.</p>			