

CITY OF TRENTON

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Consolidated Plan is designed to help states and local jurisdictions to assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the CPD formula block grant programs: [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Program](#), [HOME Investment Partnerships \(HOME\) Program](#), and [Emergency Solutions Grants \(ESG\) Program](#).

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through **Annual Action Plans**, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.



PURPOSE

The City receives Federal funds through programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program
- HOME Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Con Plan is to:

- Assess the City's affordable housing and community development needs
- Analyze the City's housing markets
- Articulate the City's priorities, goals, and strategies to address identified needs, and
- Describe the actions the City will take to implement strategies for affordable housing and community development.



PROCESS

To develop the goals and objectives of the Plan , the City undertook an extensive outreach process consisting of:

1. Outreach meeting – to inform agencies with the process of applying for funds
2. Stakeholder Meetings – 3 days of meetings on a variety of topics – March 3 -5
3. Public Meeting – March 3, 2020
4. Survey in English and Spanish - 69 responses



Five Year Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Affordable Housing:

Continue the housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer, and new housing construction activities to maintain existing housing and to support an increase in the number of affordable units in the City of Trenton.

- Support and improve partnerships and programs that reduce housing vacancies and strengthen neighborhoods.
- Expand affordable homeownership opportunities for all households by maintaining and expanding existing homeownership opportunities.
- Support City-wide emergency repair for owner-occupied income-qualified owners throughout the City.

Diversify the City's housing stock, including the development of rental housing, to low anyone to make Trenton their home.

Objectives:

- Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 250 Housing Units
- New Homeowner housing units constructed: 5 units
- New rental units: 44 units
- Rehabilitated Rental units: 10 units
- Homebuyer: 25 units
- Provide lead line replacement assistance to low to moderate income residents



Five Year Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal 2: Blight Removal

The City of Trenton will promote neighborhood revitalization and activities to enhance the quality of life for residents in low- and moderate-income areas. The City of Trenton seeks to improve the sustainability of suitable living environments by acquiring strategically located buildings for redevelopment.

Objectives:

- Demolish 40 units



Five Year Plan Goals and Objectives

Goals 3: Improve Public Infrastructure

The City of Trenton will enjoy a system of reliable and efficient infrastructure tailored to meet local needs provided by the City, non-profit organizations, and other local partners in a coordinated and collaborative manner.

- Develop a well-maintained and efficient network of roads and streets to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of vehicles. Repair and right-size key neighborhood infrastructure to increase resident safety, quality of life, and efficiency.
- Leverage green technology to reduce energy costs, improve air quality, and increase long-term sustainability.

Objectives:

- Benefit the approximately 84,000 Trenton residents



Five Year Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal 4: Improve Public Facilities

The City of Trenton will have a network of comprehensive community facilities and services provided by the City, non-profit organizations, and other local partners in a coordinated and collaborative manner.

- Provide parks, open space, and recreation infrastructure that both meets the needs of the community and is maintainable by the City and its community partners.

Objectives:

- Undertake activities in each of the 5 years of the plan with the City's 84,000 residents benefiting each year



Five Year Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal 5: Support Public Services

Support non-housing community development supportive services

- Provide operating support for the Trenton Senior Centers
- Strengthen the educational attainment of youth.
- Promote literacy programs.
- Provide services to residents to improve skills and increase access to employment opportunities.

Objectives:

- Undertake activities in each of the 5 years of the plan to benefit 1,100 residents



Five Year Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal 6: Provide Housing And Services To Persons who are Homeless

- Increase housing stock/options that are affordable to extremely low-income households.
- Develop an inventory of interim housing units for those whom a “Housing First” strategy is inappropriate
- (such as the chronically homeless, people in recovery or families fleeing an immediate domestic violence situation).
- Increase permanent supportive housing with appropriate and available services and supports.
- Link interim housing consumers to placement in permanent housing as soon as is practical for the client

Objectives:

- Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted
- Persons provided overnight shelter: 7,700



Five Year Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal 7: Provide facilities/services for COVID-19 Recovery

In light of the increasing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Trenton will make available CDBG funding for eligible projects and activities. To assist in providing public facilities (new, expanded, retrofitted, etc.), special economic development assistance to businesses, and public services that could enhance our community's response to the impact of the pandemic, our community will place a high priority on providing facilities and services in support of a coordinated pandemic response.

Objectives:

- to be determined



2020 Annual Plan

2020 Annual Plan Funding

- CDBG: \$2,960,002
- HOME: \$819,060
- ESG: \$241,269

Annual Objectives:

- Affordable Housing: \$1.6 million CDBG and HOME
 - Rental units constructed: 15 Housing Units
 - Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Housing Units
- Public Facilities: \$987,377 CDBG
 - Recreation Center Rehab
 - Park Improvement
 - 84,630 Persons benefited
- Public Services \$250,000 CDBG
 - Senior Center Operations
 - 100 Seniors assisted
- Homeless Assistance \$223,174 ESG
 - Rapid Rehousing: 14 Households Assisted
 - Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 1500 Beds
- Administration \$542,280 CDBG; \$81,900 HOME; \$18,095



2020 Annual Plan

2020 Activities

Senior Center Operations 2020	\$ 250,000
Urgent Rehabilitation Program	\$ 932,000
Park Improvements – Location TBD	\$ 300,000
Riverfront Park – Engineering and Planning	\$ 150,000
Carver Y Community Center - Rehab	\$ 537,377
HOME Rental Development	\$ 737,154
ESG 2020	\$ 223,173
Administration 2020	CDBG \$ 542,280 ESG \$ 18,095 HOME \$ 81,906
Contingencies	\$ 248,345



COMMENTS

Comments can be emailed to gadouglas@trentonnj.org by September 4, 2020