



**Public Hearing for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan
City of Trenton, NJ
June 15, 2022 | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm via Teams**

The following provides an overview of the public hearing meeting for the FY 2022 City of Trenton Annual Action Plan and summarizes public comments made by attendees during the hearing. There were approximately 12 attendees.

The meeting began at 5:30pm with a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of the Annual Action Plan (CDBG, HOME, ESG), project listing and allocations and next steps for Council approval and HUD submittal.

Currently the plan is on display for 30-day public review. All comments were encouraged either at the public hearing or provided to the city by email, phone or mail.

After overview the overview presentation the meeting was opened to public comment. The following public comments were documented:

- Natalie Tung, HomeWorks Trenton commented on their program and need for additional funding for building rehabilitation costs. HomeWorks is a free, community-based, after-school residential program that provides academic and social-emotional enrichment activities while empowering marginalized high school girls in their community. The City commented, at this time, the City is focused on completing improvements to existing community centers and infrastructure projects. Additionally, the city discussed future funding opportunities from other funding sources including CDBG CARES Act funds.
- Lawrence Boyd, HelpSelf organization inquired about their funding needs to implement established programs. HelpSelf strives to transform families by providing them with educational, nutritional and emotional support. Funding is needed for their Summer Camp Program, Early Learning Program and or School Aged Day Programs. The City commented, at this time, the City is focused on completing improvements to existing community centers and infrastructure projects. Additionally, the city discussed future funding opportunities from other funding sources including CDBG CARES Act funds.
- Fareeda Stokes, Harkes Realty, talked about the need for affordable housing in the City, inquired about housing rehabilitation opportunities for investors, and was pleased to see this was a priority of the City. She offered to promote the Trenton Urgent Rehabilitation Program (TURP) and First Time Homebuyer's Program. The City discussed the possibility of HOME funds for housing rehabilitation needs and those applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The meeting concluded at 6:30 pm. The attendees were also informed that the PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the City's website and any additional comments on need would be accepted prior to Council approval, set for July 7, 2022.