

March 28, 2014

FY 2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 10:30 AM

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has scheduled a conference call to obtain public input on the housing and community development needs throughout the State; the comments received will assist DCA in developing its FY 2014 Action Plan.

The conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 10:30 AM. This forum will allow anyone desiring to make a comment or discuss policy to participate directly from their home, business etc.

Anyone interested in participating in the call must register in advance; please contact Lisa Downes via e-mail lisa.downes@dca.state.nj.us or phone (609) 292-8548 at least 24 hours prior to the conference call for instructions on how to access the conference call.

For those persons who are unable to attend the conference call, written comments on the needs of the State may be submitted to Sheri Malnak, NJ Department of Community Affairs PO Box 051, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0051 or emailed to sheri.malnak@dca.state.nj.us until May 1, 2014.

Background:

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the State of New Jersey must prepare a Consolidated Plan in order to receive federal funding for the following housing and community development programs:

- 1. Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)** which provides funds to rehabilitate housing, create suitable living environments and enhance economic opportunities in non-entitlement areas throughout the State.
- 2. Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)** which provides grants to create, expand or improve the quality of shelters and transitional housing facilities. The program also provides temporary financial assistance and services to prevent households from becoming homeless; divert people who are applying for shelter into other housing; and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.
- 3. HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)** which provides funds to develop affordable housing units and provide rental assistance to victims of domestic violence and disabled households.
- 4. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDs (HOPWA)** which provides housing assistance to low- income persons with HIV/AIDS.

FFY 2014 Allocations

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS				
	CDBG	HOME	HOPWA	ESG
FFY 2013	\$6,039,582	\$4,087,636	\$1,120,158	\$2,219,274
FFY 2014	\$5,965,982	\$3,839,607	\$1,125,514	\$2,487,873
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 2013 to 2014	-\$73,600	-\$248,029	\$5,356	\$268,599

The 2014 Action Plan is the annual update to the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan which was approved by HUD on August 24, 2010. The 2014 Action Plan will provide a summary of actions and activities that will occur next fiscal year to address the goals and objectives identified in the 5 year Consolidated Plan.

The following are the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan's Five Year Goals:

1. Expand the availability and supply of safe, decent, affordable, and accessible rental housing for very-low and low-income individuals and families.
2. Improve and preserve the existing affordable housing stock and neighborhoods.
3. Increase homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income households.
4. Assist homeless households, households at risk of becoming homeless and special needs households obtain and maintain permanent housing, with needed support services to become self-sufficient.
5. Support local jurisdictions' planning process to reduce and end homelessness.
6. Promote lead-based paint education and abatement efforts.
7. Preserve and maintain safe and decent housing stock to assure a mix of housing options in all neighborhoods, including temporary and permanent housing.
8. Support community and economic development programs that expand business enterprises and increase job opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.
9. Promote fair housing practices and educate the public about the benefits and the need for affordable housing.