

**Public Notice - AMENDED  
Consolidated Plan Conference Call  
March 16, 2017 at 1:00 PM**

The State of New Jersey is in the process of developing its FY 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan (2017 Action Plan). The 2017 Action Plan outlines how the State will allocate its funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018).

**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:

- Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

\*HUD is currently being funded by a Federal Continuing Resolution. Until a new budget is passed, DCA's federal 2017 formula allocation will be based on last year's (FY 2016) allocations for the following programs:

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>ALLOCATION</b>
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program	\$6,227,296
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	\$2,772,454
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$3,620,072
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program	\$1,199,113
<b>*Total Federal FY 2017 Funds</b>	<b>\$13,818,935</b>

The 2017 Action Plan is the annual update to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan which was approved by HUD on September 30, 2015. The 2017 Action Plan will provide a summary of actions and activities that will occur next fiscal year to address the goals identified in the 5-year Consolidated Plan.

The following are the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan's Five Year Goals:

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Increase the supply of affordable housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The State will provide funding for new construction and rehabilitation of rental and owner units. These activities will help increase the supply and quality of affordable housing including accessible housing for very low-income and low-income households
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Assist homeless households
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The State will provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing funds to those in or at risk of becoming homeless and tenant-based rental assistance to individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDs. Also, the State will provide funds to emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities to address life safety issues and improve the living conditions of the residents. The State will also support local jurisdictions' planning process to reduce and end homelessness
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Revitalize municipalities (small cities)
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The State will provide funding to support the replacement or reconstruction of deteriorating infrastructure and the construction of essential community facilities such as youth centers
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Neighborhood rehabilitation
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The State will provide funding to rehabilitate low-income homeowners housing
<b>5</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Expand homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income families
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The State will provide funds to increase housing options for low- and moderate-income families. The funding for this goal is from the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency's 100% Financing Program. The program's five year allocation is \$50 million.

<b>6</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Foster community economic development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The State will support community and economic development programs that expand business enterprises and increase job opportunities for low- and moderate-income households
<b>7</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Sandy Revitalization
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Superstorm Sandy disaster recovery and rebuilding activities.

**Conference Call:**

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 and identify the priorities that should be addressed next fiscal year utilizing federal funding; the comments received will assist DCA in developing its 2017 Action Plan.

The conference call which is scheduled for **March 16, 2017 at 1:00 PM** 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 Ray Rivera via e-mail at [Ray.Rivera@dca.nj.gov](mailto:Ray.Rivera@dca.nj.gov) or phone (609) 633-6268 at least 24 hours prior to the conference call for instructions on how to access the conference call. Please inform Ray if you will be providing comments or just listening.

For those persons who are unable to attend the conference call, written comments on the needs of the State may be submitted to Terence Schrider, NJ Department of Community Affairs PO Box 0806, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0806 or emailed to [Terence.Schrider@dca.nj.gov](mailto:Terence.Schrider@dca.nj.gov) until March 17, 2017.