REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
TOWNSHIP OF EDISON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
To All Interested Persons, Agencies, Organizations and Groups

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the governing body of the Township of Edison is holding a Public Hearing on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 2:00pm. Given the current public health crisis, a virtual hearing is being held in lieu of an in-person hearing. The log-in information for the Virtual Public Hearing is below:

Visit this address to enter via computer:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82147424418?pwd=bFlEejYyMkR4NHFNVzFncOQxNkhhdz09

Dial in to enter via phone:
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

The Meeting ID is 821 4742 4418 and Passcode is 006657.

Funding availability for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020 begins July 1, 2020. The Township of Edison expects to receive $594,016.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and $349,440.00 in CDBG CV1 CARES Act funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To receive the funds, a Five-Year Consolidated Plan that includes a housing and homeless needs assessment, a housing market analysis, and a strategic plan must be completed and filed with HUD. The One-Year Action Plan for PY 2020 will also be included and will reflect the resources and activities that address Edison’s housing and community development needs that are identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and the plan will also reflect the activities that the Township will be undertaking to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus-related needs in the community. In addition, the Township is also preparing updates to their Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, Language Access Plan and Citizen Participation Plan.

Two public meeting dates will be available to allow citizens and interested groups an opportunity to learn about the CDBG Program, and additional CDBG CARES Act funding, and to provide a forum for public comment on the Township’s community development programs and needs. A focus group with community stakeholders will be held to gather input on Edison’s community needs from relevant departments, agencies and organizations. Technical Assistance will also be provided to assist groups and agencies in the completion of the CDBG funding applications.

Drafts of the PY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, PY 2020 Annual Action Plan, update to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Language Access Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan will be prepared based on the findings of the community outreach sessions. The draft of the PY 2020 Annual Action Plan will list the allocations for the approved eligible activities. These drafts will be on public review for comment from October 12, 2020 to October
19, 2020. A second virtual public hearing will be held on October 19, 2020 at 4pm to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on all drafts, including the 2020 Annual Action Plan and budget.

In accordance with waivers granted through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136; two public meetings will be held virtually and the required 5-day public comment period will precede the submission of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the One-Year Annual Plan to HUD.

All interested individuals and organizations are invited and encouraged to attend these public hearings. Persons interested in attending the hearings who require interpretive assistance (i.e. – hearing impaired or non-English speaking), or other accommodation, shall notify the Edison Township Division of Housing & Community Development at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting in order to make the appropriate arrangements, notify Joann Morado at 732-248-7359 or jmorado@edisonnj.org.

Written comments may be provided via email to Joann Morado, Division of Housing & Community Development, at jmorado@edisonnj.org. Written comments must be received by October 19, 2020.

For CDBG Program Applicants: All CDBG activities must primarily benefit moderate- and low-income persons or households; therefore, applications for program funding should reflect a direct or indirect benefit to income-eligible persons and households. Examples of eligible activities include social service programs that serve the elderly, homeless or disabled persons, residential housing rehabilitation, economic development and infrastructure improvements, such as street repairs in designated low-/moderate-income level areas.

**First Public Hearing, Technical Assistance, Community Planning Sessions and Application Due Date will be as follows:**

A. **First Virtual Public Hearing:** Friday, September 11, 2020 2pm, at which time applications for PY 2020 funding will be available. Applications will also be available upon request by calling 732-248-7359 or by e-mailing jmorado@edisonnj.org

B. **Technical Assistance** for grant preparation will be provided by appointment only by calling (732) 248-7359.

C. **Consolidated Planning Outreach Session/Focus Group:** A virtual session will be held for all applicants on Tuesday, September 19, 2020 at 11:00am. Log in information will be sent directly all existing and new applicants.

D. **Application Due Date:** Two copies of the completed application form must be submitted with one set containing all of the required supporting documents to the attention of Ms. Joann Morado, Township of Edison, 100 Municipal Boulevard, Edison, NJ 08817 no later than the close of business (4:00pm) on **Friday, October 2, 2020.**