

2010 – 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROCESS

The Township of Franklin is undertaking a Five (5) Year 2010-2014 Consolidated Planning process to determine the strategic goals for the Township’s housing and community development needs over the next five years and how make the best use of resources to address those needs. The Township of Franklin is a Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Community, therefore it is anticipated that Federal funding will be provided to the Township as an entitlement community to meet the needs identified as a result of the strategic planning process.

CDBG funded projects must meet national objectives of benefiting low and moderate income citizens directly (i.e. housing rehabilitation program, public services) or benefit an area where the majority of the residents are low and moderate income. Funds may be used in the acquisition of real property; relocation and demolition; rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures; construction of public facilities and improvements; public services with a 15% cap; and provision of assistance to profit-motivated business to carry out economic development and job creation/ retention activities.

The most critical component of the consolidated planning process is the feedback **you** provide us regarding the Township’s (1) affordable housing needs; (2) homeless/special housing needs; and (3) non-housing community development needs. You can provide your input at one of the public input sessions listed below and/or by completing the attached Needs Assessment Survey or by providing formal public testimony at the Township Council Hearings February 23, 2010 and March 23, 2010. Your completed survey can be mailed or faxed to the Township of Franklin (contact info below) OR you can complete the Survey online at www.franklintwpnj.org. The **deadline for submission or completion online is March 22, 2010**. The input you provide will be used to develop the Township’s 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan.

PUBLIC SESSIONS	TIME	LOCATION
March 9, 2010	7PM	Franklin Township Municipal Building 475 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873
March 11, 2010	11AM	Franklin Township Municipal Building 475 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

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**010-2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLANNING
NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

Part 1. COMMUNITY NEEDS-The following is a list of eligible CDBG activities. Under each category, please check the box that most accurately ranks the needs of your neighborhood/community.

Check only one (1) box per category below.

CATEGORIES	HIGH PRIORITY Severe level of need: Should be immediately addressed with current & anticipated resources	MEDIUM PRIORITY High level of need: Should be addresses if additional resources become available	LOW PRIORITY Low level of need: Should be addressed if/when future resources become available
COMMUNITY FACILITIES			
CHILD CARE CENTERS			
COMMUNITY CENTERS			
SENIOR CENTERS			
YOUTH CENTERS			
PARKS & RECREATION			
COMMUNITY SERVICES			
ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMS			
CHILD CARE SERVICES			
HEALTH SERVICES			
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES			
SENIOR ACTIVITES			
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES			
YOUTH SERVICES			
INFRASTRUCTURE			
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS			
STREET IMPROVEMENTS			
STREET LIGHTING			
SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS			
WATER/SEWER			

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES			
CODE ENFORCEMENT			
SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES			
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED			
PERSONS WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS			
PERSONS WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS			
PERSONS WITH ADDITIONS			
PHYSICALLY DISABLED			
PERSONS WITH HIV/AIDS			

HOMELESS FAMILIES			
HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS			
HOUSING SERVICES			
RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION			
FAIR HOUSING			
LEAD-BASED TESTING			
HISTORIC PRESERVATION			
ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS			
FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS			
EMERGENCY HOME REPAIRS			
AFFORDABLE HOUSING			
RENTAL HOUSING			

EDUCATION			
GED TRAINING			
ADULT EDUCATION			
SKILLS TRAINING			
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT			
EMPLOYMENT			
ENTRY LEVEL			
PROGRAM LEVEL			
MANAGEMENT LEVEL			
EXECUTIVE LEVEL			

Fair Housing- The Township of Franklin is required to analyze and address factors that impede fair housing choices. The responses you provide to help the Township determine the level and extent of housing discrimination and develop strategies to overcome fair housing discrimination and develop strategies to overcome fair housing impediments.

1. **DO YOU BELIEVE HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS AN ISSUE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**
 YES NO

2. **HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING?**
 YES NO

3. **WHO DO YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST YOU?**
_____ LANDLORD _____ REAL ESTATE AGENT
_____ MORTGAGE LENDER _____ MORTGAGE INSURER

4. **ON WHAT BASIS DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST?**
_____ RACE _____ GENDER

____ COLOR _____ DISABILITY
____ NATIONAL ORIGIN _____ FAMILIAR STATUS
____ RELIGION _____ AGE
____ OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

5. IF YOU WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, DID YOU REPORT THE INCIDENT?

YES NO

IF YES, TO WHOM? _____

IF NO, WHY NOT? _____

_____ DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO REPORT _____ WOULDNT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE

_____ AFRAID OF RETALIATION _____ TOO MUCH TROUBLE

OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR REASON HERE): _____

Please provide additional comments you feel are important and/or any need(s) that you feel should be addressed that/is are not listed in the survey:

CONGRATULATIONS YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY!

PLEASE MAIL TO:

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