

**2019 APPLICATION FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

Available Funds

The Township will be accepting applications for 2019 federal fiscal year the exact amount of funds available has not been determined, last year the Township received \$255,415 in funding. The program year will start September 1, 2019. A maximum of 20% of the grant can be allocated for planning and administration, the remainder available for housing rehabilitation, public improvements, facility improvements and public services (limited to 15% of the grant).

Program Information

Most eligible activities must either benefit low/moderate income persons directly (i.e. housing rehabilitation program, public services) or benefit an area where a majority of the residents are low and moderate income. HUD Income Guidelines for Franklin Township for 2018 are as follows, please note applicants will be provided with the 2019 income limits when published by HUD:

<i>Persons in Family</i>	<i>Extremely Low Income Category A</i>	<i>Very Low Income Category B</i>	<i>60% Income Limits Category C</i>	<i>Low Income Limits Category D</i>
1	22,650	37,890	45,360	53,100
2	25,900	43,201	51,840	60,700
3	29,150	48,600	58,320	68,300
4	32,350	53,950	64,740	75,850
5	34,950	58,300	69,960	81,950
6	37,550	62,600	75,150	85,200
7	40,150	66,900	80,280	94,100
8	42,750	71,250	85,500	100,150

Funds may be used for the following activities which include, but are not limited to:

- acquisition of real property;
- relocation and demolition;
- rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- construction of public facilities and improvements;
- public services, within a 15% cap;
- Provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.

Eligible applicants must be incorporated as New Jersey-based non-profit organizations, as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. s.501(c)(3)) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. s.501 (a)).

Criteria for funding: Applications will be evaluated based on the following:

- Eligibility of the activity under CDBG;
- Compliance with a CDBG national objective;
- Consistency with the community development priorities and objectives of the Township;
- Prior experience with CDBG and other grant programs;
- Prior experience in the type of project/activity being proposed;
- Organization’s administrative and financial capacity to carry out the proposed activity, and
- Appropriateness of the design of the project or delivery approach.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following outlines the information required to apply for 2019 CDBG funds. Applicants are advised to read the information on the Township's website and distributed by the Township concerning the block grant program, eligible activities and the application process. This information is also available at the Franklin Township at the Municipal Complex on DeMott Lane. *Applicants are strongly advised to discuss their projects with the CDBG Grants Consultant (deborah.mitchell@twp.franklin.nj.us) to predetermine eligibility for funding before developing a lengthy application.*

Please complete the application package with cover sheet and submit original and one copy of the package unbound. **ALL APPLICANTS MUST CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE TOTAL BUDGET WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CDBG GRANT ACTIVITY.**

*Applications are available at www.franklintwpnj.org and may be submitted on-line to deborah.mitchell@twp.franklin.nj.us or in person or via mail to the Township Clerk, Franklin Township Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset NJ 08873 **BY 4 PM, MARCH 14, 2019.***

*A public hearing is scheduled for **MARCH 26 2019 AT 7 PM.** While attendance is not required, during the hearing applicants will have an opportunity to present their proposed projects to the Township Council.*