## CITY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY PUBLIC NOTICE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) DRAFT 2020-2024 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN & 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN & ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

The City of Camden is seeking public comment on the City's draft 2020-2024 5-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP), as well as the City's draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. The draft Consolidated Plan describes housing and community development needs, and strategies and objectives to meet those needs over the next 5-year period through the utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program funds, as allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan includes: an Executive Summary; a Citizen Participation Plan; a Housing & Homeless Needs Assessment; a Housing Market Analysis; and a Strategic Plan, all of which will be prepared in accordance with 24 CFR 91. An update to the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice will also be prepared in conjunction with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

As an entitlement community under the CDBG program, the City anticipates a consolidated formula allocation from HUD for the 2020 AAP (Program Year 2020-2021). These funds may be used for eligible activities, as authorized by Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974, as amended. In Program Year 2020-2021, it is estimated that the City will receive the following allocations:

1. **CDBG:** \$2,538,702.00 2. **HOME:** \$834,900.00 3. **ESG:** \$209,702.00 4. **HOPWA:** \$1,105,706.00

The City also anticipates \$42,000.00 in Program Income funds in addition to the allocations above.

## **CONSOLIDATED PLAN PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The City of Camden will hold an initial public hearing on the City's draft 2020-2024 5-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 AAP on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 3:30 PM at Camden City Hall, City Council Chambers located at 520 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Camden, NJ 08102.

Additionally, the City will hold a final public hearing on the City's 2020-2024 5-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 AAP on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the Camden City Hall, City Council Chambers located at 520 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Camden, NJ 08102.

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 Camden City Department of Planning & Development at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting in order to make the appropriate arrangements.

## **PUBLIC REVIEW & CITIZEN COMMENTS**

The City's draft 2020-2024 5-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 AAP will be available for public review from Wednesday, April 1, 2020 through Friday, May 1, 2020. These plans will be available for public review at the Camden City Hall located at 520 Market Street, Room 224 in Camden, New Jersey 08101 and on the following website: <a href="https://www.ci.camden.nj.us">https://www.ci.camden.nj.us</a>. All citizens are encouraged to offer comments at the public hearings or by writing to the Camden County Department of Planning & Development, 520 Market Street, PO Box 95120, Camden, NJ 08101-5120, ATTN: Dr. Edward Williams, PP, AICP, CSI, Director. Comments may also be provided via fax at (856) 968-4705 or via email at <a href="mailto:development@ci.camden.nj.us">development@ci.camden.nj.us</a>. Written comments must be received by Friday, May 1, 2020.