

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
ON A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

The Township of Middletown is an Entitlement Community which receives CDBG funds directly from the Federal Government. Middletown Township is proposing to amend its FY2019 One Year Action Plan component of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Middletown Township expects to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD on or before July 15, 2020.

The Annual Action Plan identifies the needs of homeless, low-income and special needs populations and describes activities the Township intends to undertake to address the priorities and specific objectives for housing and community development. The Plan also identifies the public and private funding sources that will be used to carry out the needs and objectives outlined in the Plan.

HUD requires the Township to submit an Annual Action Plan each year, identifying the activities it intends to undertake with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Township is following the Citizen Participation Process outlined in the Township's Citizen Participation Plan. As per waiver guidance issued by the HUD Community Planning and Development Field office, a five day public comment period is required for all substantial amendments to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan. The Township must hold a public hearing and public comment period to obtain citizen input on any proposed changes in projects or funding allocations contained in the Action Plan, whenever the proposed changes meet the definition of a Substantial Amendment as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The Township will be holding a public hearing to invite public comment and input on the proposed expenditures of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocation on Wednesday June 24, 2020, 7PM. Please be advised this will be a web conference public hearing. Please click [here](#) to access the meeting.

The five day public comment period begins on June 22, 2020 and ends at midnight on June 26, 2020. The Township will accept comments from the public on this Amendment during this time period.

The Public is hereby notified that comments on the Substantial Amendment will be accepted by mail to: Township of Middletown, Department of Planning and Community Development, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748, ATT: Amy Sarrinikolaou, Community Development Director or by email asarrinik@middletownnj.org.

The Substantial Amendment is available on the Township Community Development page of the Township of Middletown website at www.middletownnj.org. No comments will be accepted by telephone.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OVERVIEW:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed on March 27, 2020 in response to the growing effects of the public health crisis. In response to COVID-19, the United States Congress has authorized the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding to entitlement communities such as Middletown Township.

Community Development Block Grant Program:

The Township is amending its FY 2019 Action Plan, and allocating \$156,171.00 in funds as outlined below.

Grant Administration (20%)	\$0
Child care grants to low and moderate income households	\$156,171.00

CDBG-CV

Middletown Township Child Care Assistance Grant Program

Middletown Township would like to propose to utilize the CDBG Covid 19 funding for a child care grant program for low and moderate income households. Most municipalities in Monmouth County have cancelled their summer camp programs due to Covid 19 causing a lot of difficulty and stress for full time working parents. Due to lack of child care, they are unable to return to work full time without losing part or all of their working income. There are private summer camps opening July 6 but these camps are much higher in cost than the municipal option, sometimes double and triple the cost.

Utilizing the CDBG Covid 19 funding, Middletown’s Child Care Grant Program would offer grants to households using HUD’s income limits to help pay for private day care. The household must provide documentation that they lost child care due to Covid 19, and documentation of the alternative child care they will be using. The grant funding would be provided directly to the private child care center or Camp, not the individual family.

These funds will be made available as a direct payment to the child care facility where the eligible household sends their child or children up to eighth grade.

Grantee's name: Township of Middletown		Program: CDBG-CV	
Project Title: Child Care Grant Program		Objective Category:	LMI Limited Clientele
Location: Township wide		Outcome Category:	Sustainability
Priority Need: Public Service		Project ID: new	Local ID: T-19-56-850-800-350
Census Tract #:	Block Group #	CDBG Eligible Area:	HUD Matrix Code: 5
		Type of Recipient: LMC	IDIS Activity #: new
FY2019 Funding Sources:			
CDBG	\$156,171.00	Assisted Housing	
Choose an item.		PHA	
Choose an item.		Other Funding	
Prior Year Funds:	\$0	Total:	\$156,171.00
Description & Links to Consolidated Plan Goals:			
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