



FY 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CDBG PROGRAM TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, PA



**OCTOBER 1, 2024 to
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

**The Township of Abington, Pennsylvania
Department of Community Development
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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Township of Abington, Pennsylvania is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; 42 U.S.C.-530.1 et seq. (Source: www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement)

In compliance with HUD regulations, the Township must annually prepare an Annual Action Plan to address how the Township will use CDBG funds to address its affordable housing, community, and economic development needs identified in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan. Abington's FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, the fifth and final Annual Action Plan under the Township's Five Year Consolidated Plan, outlines which activities the Township will undertake during the program year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

The Annual Action Plan is a collaborative effort of the Township, Montgomery County, the community at large, social service agencies, housing providers, community development agencies, and economic development groups. The planning process was accomplished through a series of public meetings, funding requests, statistical data, and review of the Township's strategic plans.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items, or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Township of Abington's FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan has identified the following six (6) priority needs and goals:

Housing Need: There is a need for decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible to homebuyers, homeowners and renters.

Goals:

- HS-1 Housing Support – Assist low- and moderate-income households to access decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible for rent or for sale through housing counseling and down payment/closing cost assistance.
- HS-2 Housing Construction – Encourage the construction of new affordable renter- and owner-occupied housing units.
- HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation – Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters by addressing code violations, emergency repairs and handicap accessibility.

Homeless Need: There is a need for housing, services, and facilities for homeless persons and persons at risk of becoming homeless.

Goals:

- HO-1 Housing – Support the Continuum of Care's efforts to provide emergency shelter transitional housing, rapid rehousing, utility support, permanent supportive housing, and other permanent housing opportunities.
- HO-2 Operation/Support – Support social service programs and facilities for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

Other Special Needs: There is a need for housing, services, and facilities for persons with special needs.

Goals:

- SN-1 Housing – Support an increase in the supply of decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible for the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs, through rehabilitation and new construction of housing units.
- SN-2 Social Services – Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.

Community Development Need: There is a need to improve the community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and quality of life in the Township.

Goals:

- CD-1 Community Facilities and Infrastructure – Improve the Township's public facilities and infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction.

- CD-2 Public Services – Improve and enhance the public and community development services in the Township.
- CD-3 Public Safety – Support the Township’s public safety organizations.
- CD-4 Accessibility – Improve public and common use areas to be readily accessible and usable by persons with disabilities.
- CD-5 Clearance/Demolition – Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions in the Township.
- CD-6 Code Enforcement – Enforce the local building code and zoning ordinance to ensure structures and properties are compliant.

Economic Development Need: There is a need to promote skills training, employment development, connectivity, and economic opportunities in the Township.

Goals:

- ED-1 Employment – Support and promote job creation, retention, and skills training programs.
- ED-2 Redevelopment – Plan and promote the development, redevelopment, and revitalization of vacant commercial and industrial areas.
- ED-3 Financial Assistance – Promote new economic development through local, state, and federal tax incentives and programs.
- ED-4 Access to Transportation – Support the expansion of multimodal transportation services to assist the transportation needs of the Township.

Administration, Planning, and Management Need: There is a need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state, and local funded programs.

Goals:

- AM-1 Overall Coordination – Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing activities, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Annually, the Township of Abington prepares its Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER). This report is submitted within ninety (90) days after the start of the new program year. Copies of the CAPER are available for review at the Township’s Department of Community Development and on the Department’s web page.

The FY 2022 CAPER, which was the third CAPER for the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan, was approved by HUD via letter dated March 19, 2024. During FY 2022, the Township expended 100.00% of its CDBG funds to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The Township expended 0.00% of its funds during the FY 2022 period on public service, which complied with the 15% regulatory cap. The Township obligated 6.00% of its funds during the FY 2022 period on Planning and Administration, which complied with the 20% regulatory cap. The Township's expenditure ratio on August 2, 2024 was 2.80, which exceeded the 1.5 expenditure ratio maximum.

The Township did not make any changes to its Five Year Priorities or Goals during the previous plan year. The following substantial amendments were made.

The following CDBG-CV activities were amended under the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan:

- Reduced CV-Small Business Assistance by \$20,000 and reallocated the CDBG-CV funds to the existing CV-LMI High Speed Internet Connectivity project for a new budget total of \$40,000.
- Reduced CV-Small Business Assistance by \$90,000 and reallocated the CDBG-CV funds to the existing CV-Food Pantry project for a new budget total of \$180,000.
- Reduced CV-Small Business Assistance by \$45,000 and reallocated the CDBG-CV funds to a new project CV-Hedwig House FSIP for a budget total of \$45,000.
- Reduced CV-Small Business Assistance by \$90,000 and reallocated the CDBG-CV funds to a new project CV-Redeemer Valley Farm Facility Expansion for a budget total of \$90,000.

The following CDBG activities are amended under the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan:

- Reduced Old Welsh Road Sidewalks by \$75,000 and reallocated the CDBG funds to a new project Salem Baptist Gymnasium ADA Improvements for a budget total of \$75,000.

The following CDBG activities are amended under the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

- Reduced "Infrastructure Improvements (Rubicon Avenue Pedestrian and Stormwater Improvements)" by \$200,000 for a new budget total of \$300,000 in CDBG funds and created a new activity, "Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program" with \$200,000 in CDBG funds.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Township of Abington followed its Citizen Participation Plan in the planning and preparation of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan. The Township maintains a stakeholder contact list for the CDBG program. All stakeholders received emails notifying the listees of all public hearings, meetings, and funding opportunities. The Township held its first public hearing on the needs of the community and its residents on February 15, 2024. The public hearing provided residents, agencies, and organizations with the

opportunity to discuss the Township’s CDBG Program and to provide suggestions for future CDBG Program priorities and activities. Open applications for CDBG funding were advertised to the public and a training session was conducted on January 22, 2024. Applications for CDBG funding were due on March 15, 2024. A copy of the “Draft FY 2024 Annual Action Plan” was placed on display at the Abington Township Municipal Office, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 and online at: www.abingtonpa.gov/departments/community-development-dept from May 1, 2024 until May 31, 2024 for review and comment. The Township held its second public hearing on May 15, 2024. The public hearing provided residents, agencies, and organizations with the opportunity to discuss the Township’s proposed CDBG funded activities.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The Township of Abington held its Needs Public Hearing on February 15, 2024 at 10 AM. The following comments were received:

- There is a need for supportive services.
- There is a need for emergency shelter housing.
- There is a need for affordable housing.

The Township of Abington held its Second Public Hearing on May 15, 2024 at 10 AM. The following comments were received:

- There is a need for supportive services.

The following comments were received during the draft plan display period:

- CDBG funded projects should consider ongoing maintenance costs when choosing projects.

A complete list of the comments received at the public hearings are included in the Appendix.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments and views were incorporated into this plan.

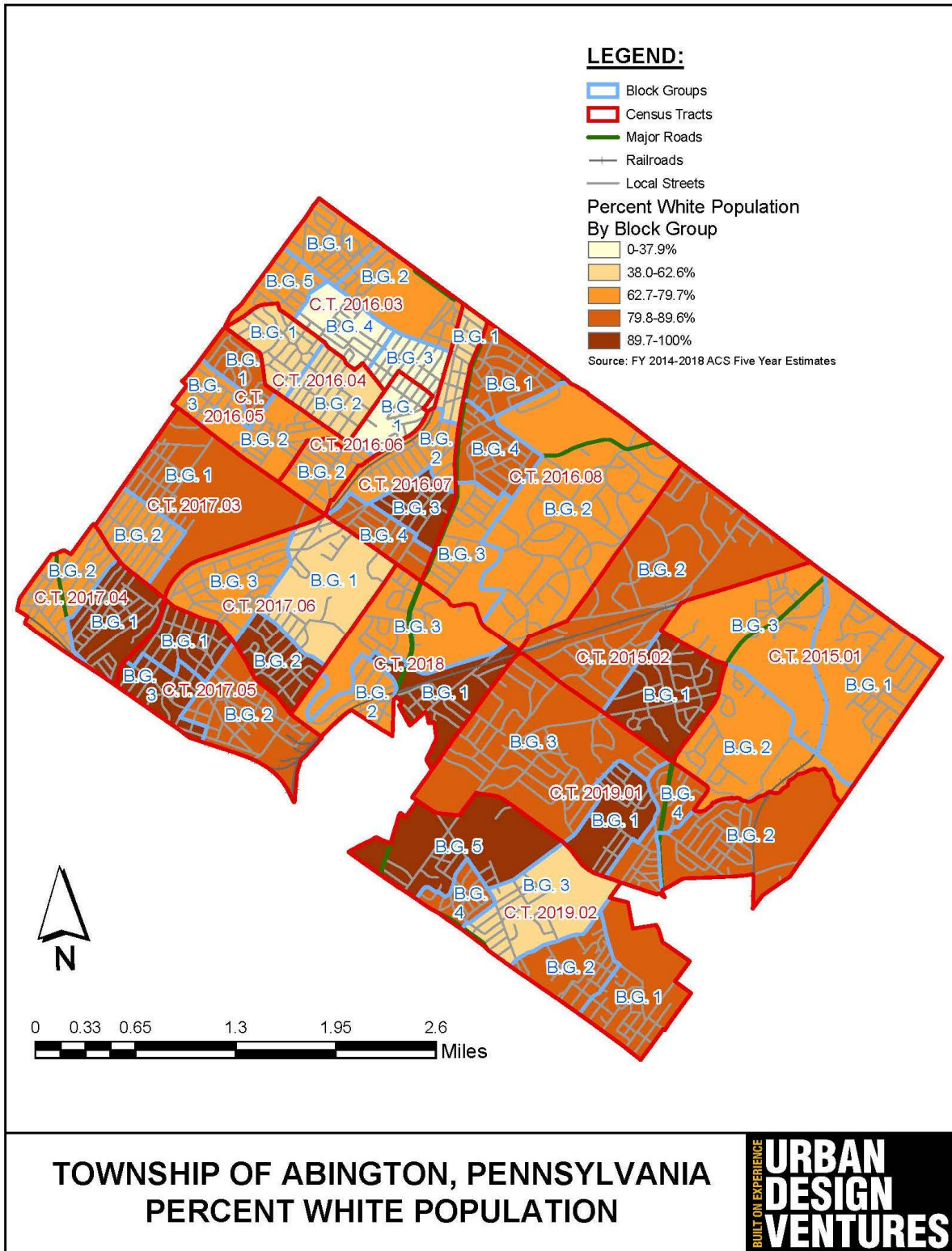
7. Summary

The overall goal of the Five Year Consolidated Plan is to improve the living conditions for all residents in the Township of Abington, to create a suitable and sustainable living environment, and to address the housing and community development needs of the Township. The Annual Action Plan planning process

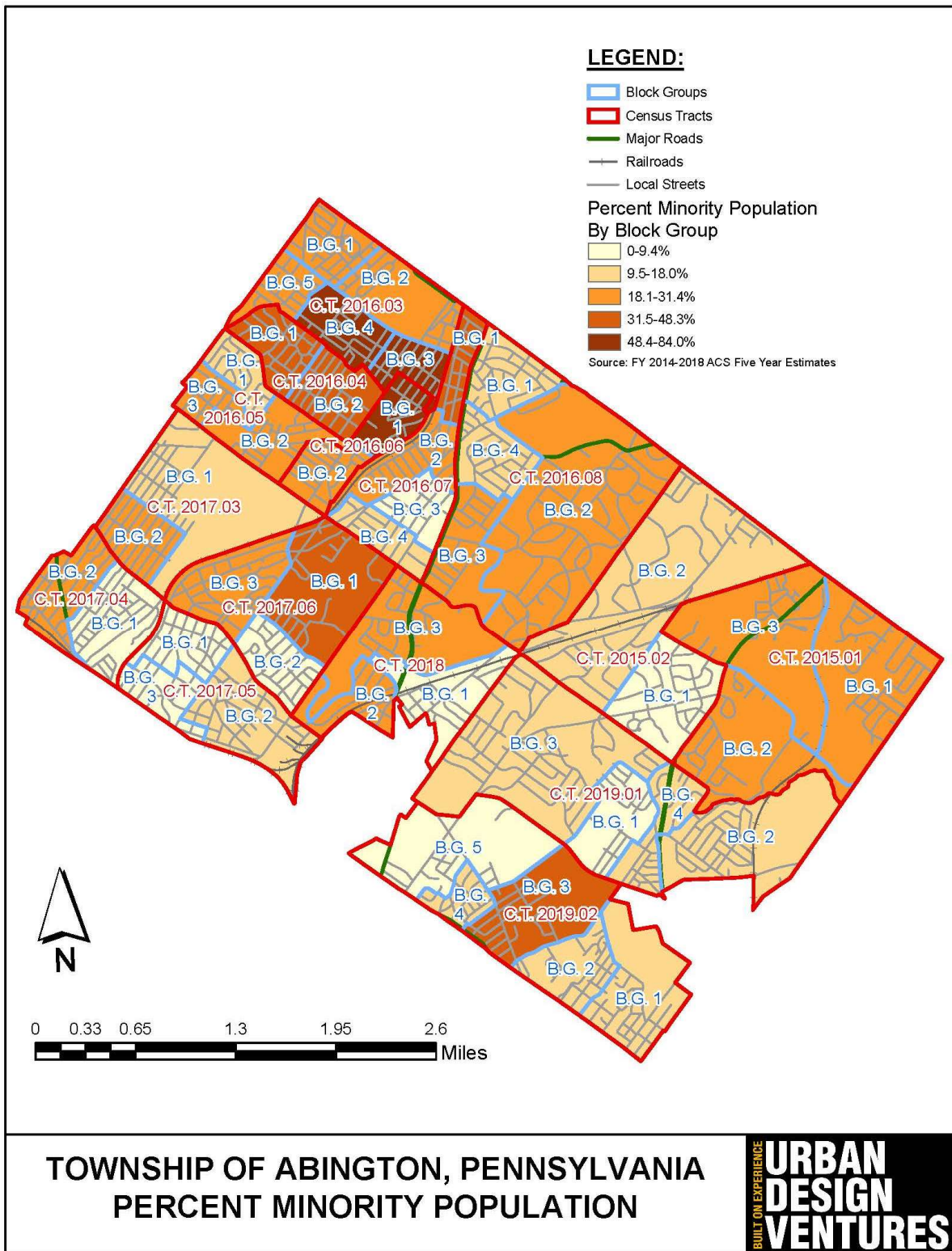
requires the Township to state in a single document its strategy to pursue goals for all housing, community development, and planning programs. The Township will use the Consolidated Plan's goals and strategies to allocate CDBG funds over the next five (5) years, as well as provide direction to partners addressing the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons. HUD will evaluate the Township's performance under the Five Year Consolidated Plan against these goals.

The following demographic maps are included at the end of this section:

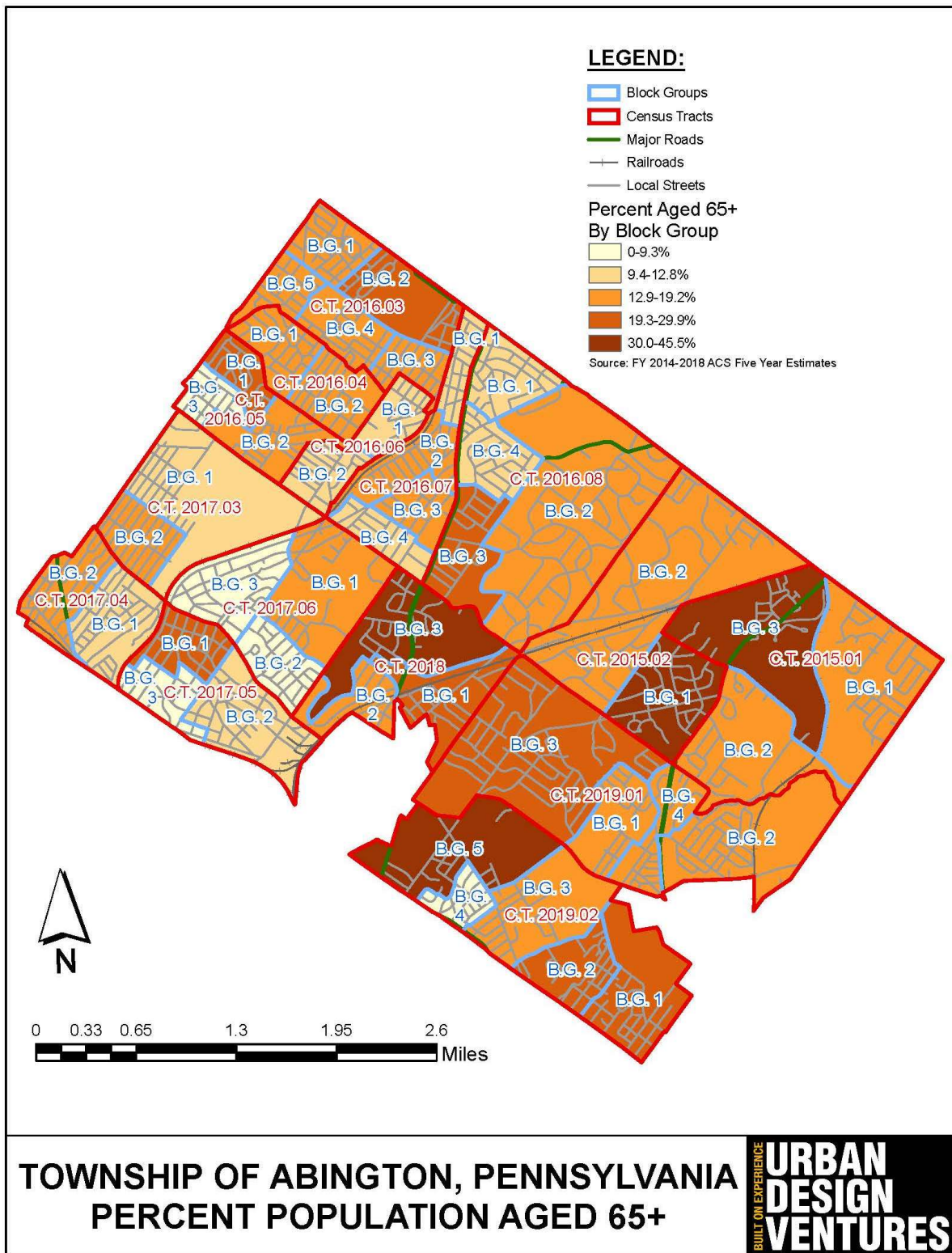
1. Percent White Population by Block Group
2. Percent Minority Population by Block Group
3. Percent Population Age 65 and Over by Block Group
4. Population Age 65 and Over by Block Group
5. Percent Owner Occupied Housing Units by Block Group
6. Percent Renter Occupied Housing Units by Block Group
7. Low- and Moderate-Income Percentage by Block Group



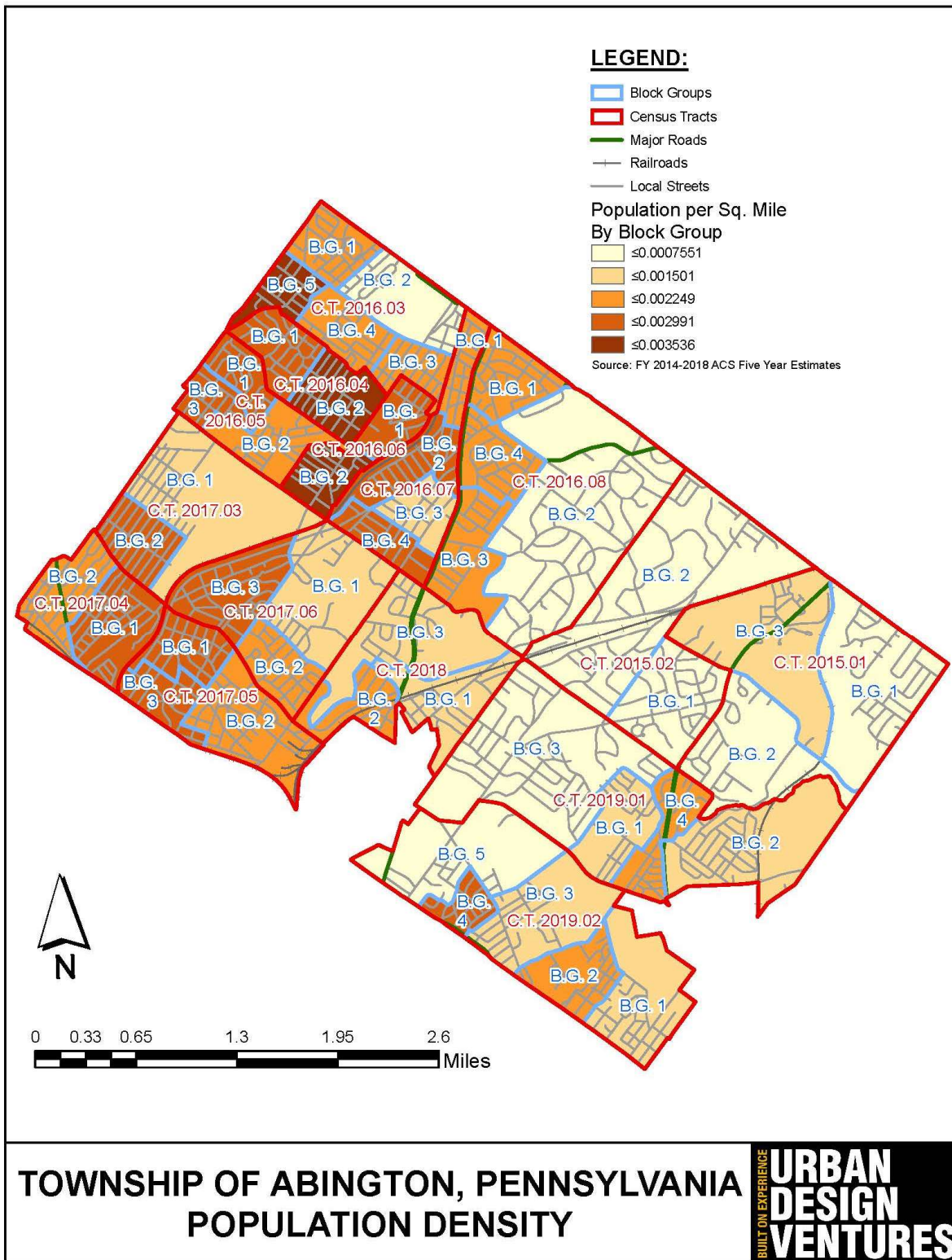
Percent White Population by Block Group



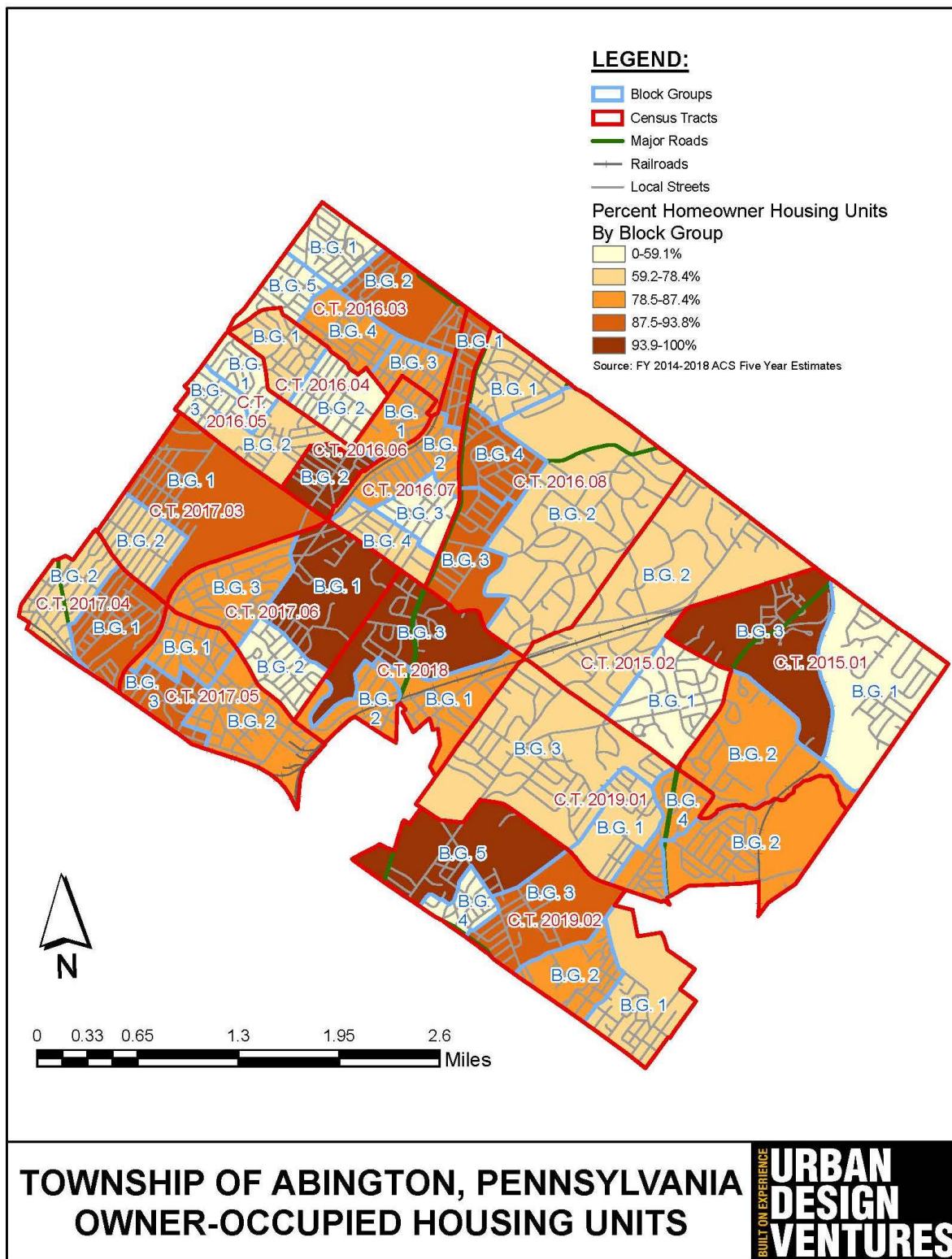
Percent Minority Population by Block Group



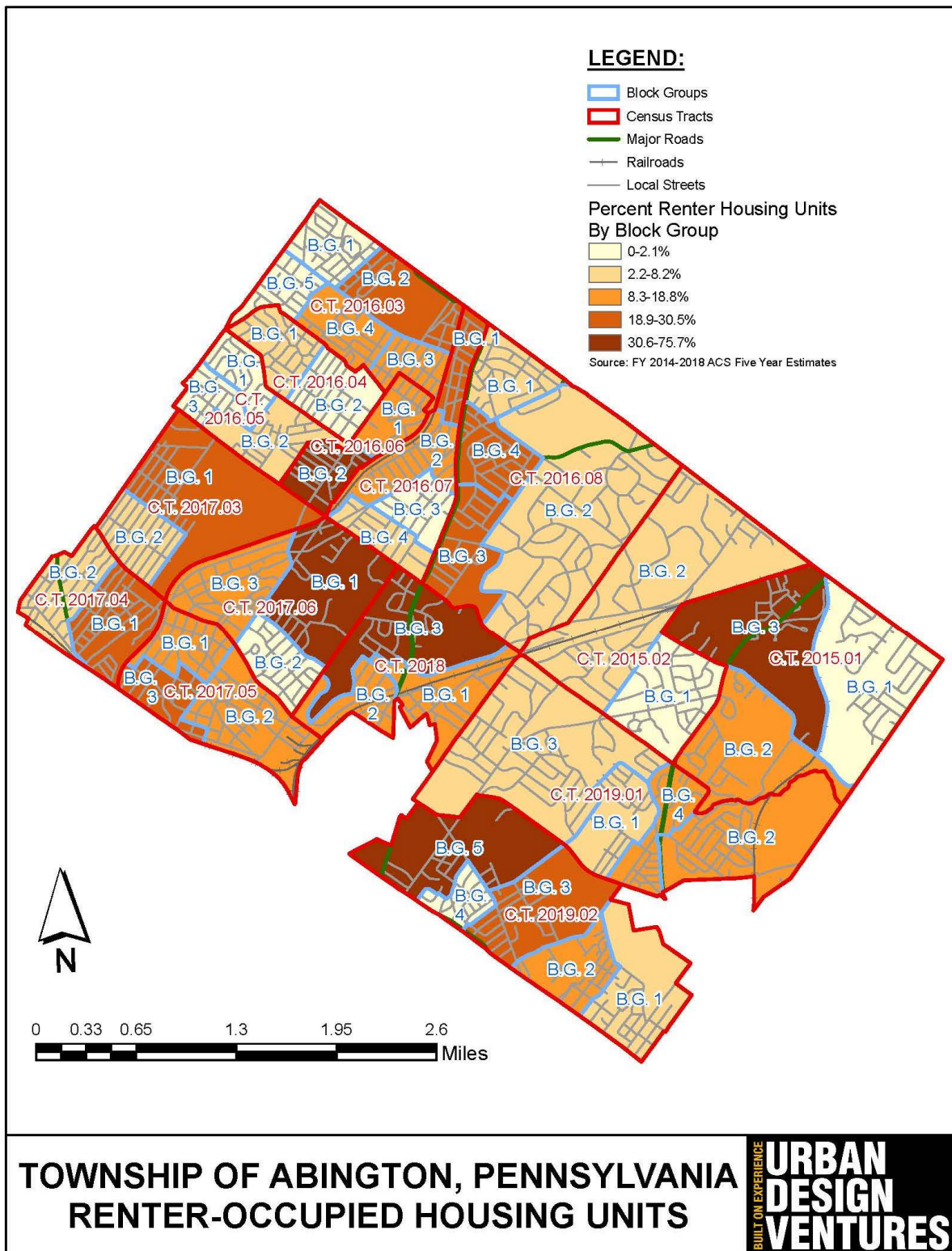
Percent Population Age 65 and Over by Block Group



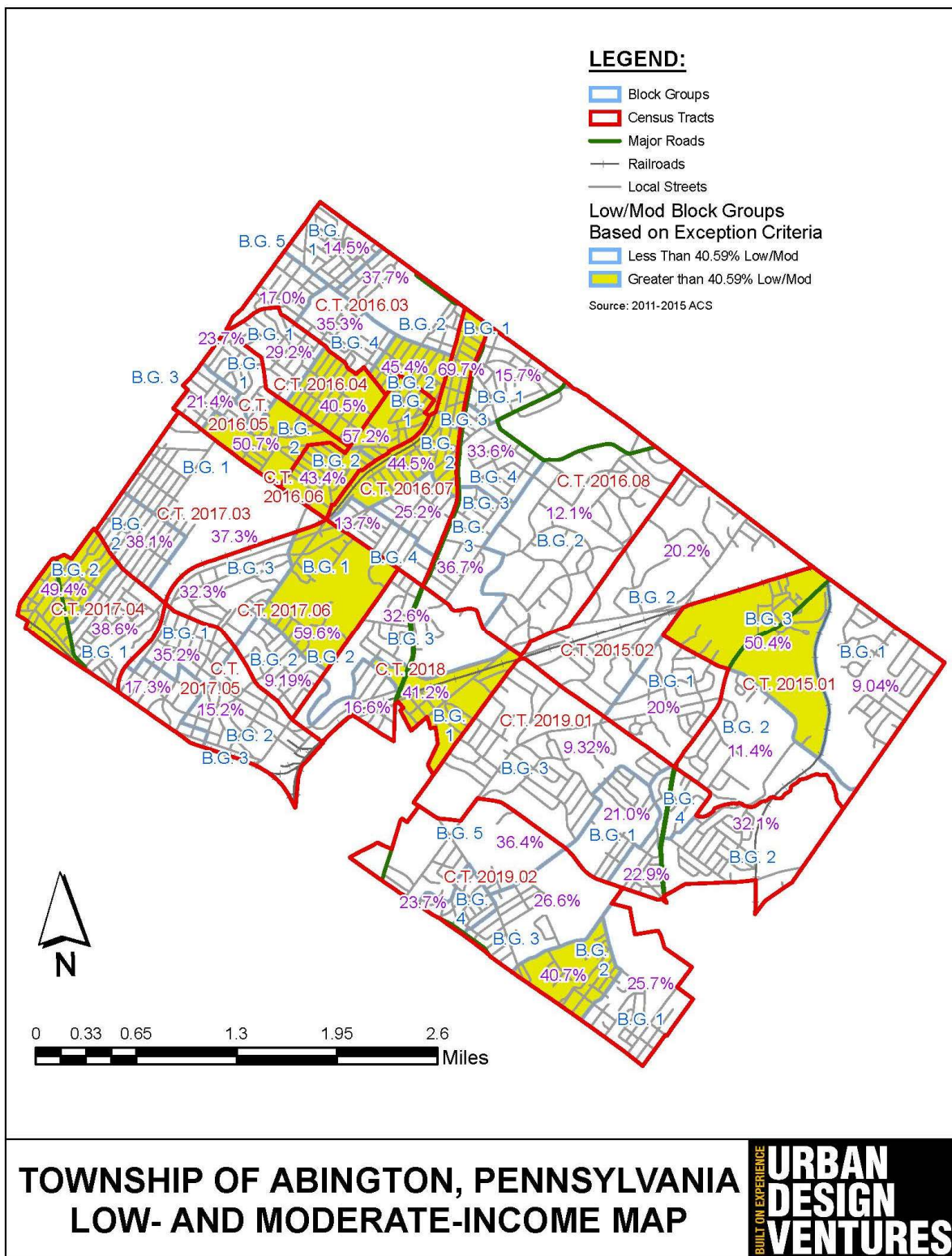
Population Density by Block Group



Percent Owner Occupied Housing Units by Block Group



Percent Renter Occupied Housing Units by Block Group



Low- and Moderate-Income Percentage by Block Group

PR-05 Lead and Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ABINGTON TOWNSHIP (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)	Department of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Township of Abington's Department of Community Development is the administrating agency for the CDBG program. The Department of Community Development prepares the Five Year Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, Environmental Review Records (ERR's), the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPER), monitoring, pay requests, contracting, and oversight of the programs on a day to day basis. In addition, the Township has a private planning consulting firm available to assist the Office on an as needed basis.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

While preparing the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, the Township of Abington held a series of meetings and consultations with local housing providers, social service agencies, community and economic development organizations, Montgomery County Housing Authority, members of the Continuum of Care, Township Department Directors, and surrounding jurisdictions. Input from the meetings, public hearings, and consultations were used to develop the Annual Action Plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The Township of Abington acts as the single point of contact to coordinate efforts between public and assisted housing providers, as well as private and governmental health, mental health, and social service agencies. The Township works with the following agencies to enhance funding and service allocations to address the housing and community development needs of the Township:

- Township of Abington Department of Community Development - Oversees the CDBG program and administers competitive HOME grants offered through DCED.
- Montgomery County Housing Authority - Manages the Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, creates improvements to public housing communities, and develops affordable housing.
- Social Services Agencies - Provides services to address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons.
- Housing Providers - Rehabilitates and develops affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.
- Montgomery County CoC - Oversees the Continuum of Care Network for Montgomery County.

Collaboration and coordination with these entities will continue throughout the five-year period in order to capitalize on potential future funding opportunities, as well as potential project partnerships, that would result in increased benefits to low- and moderate-income households.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Township of Abington is a member of the PA-504 Montgomery County Pennsylvania Continuum of Care which is also known collectively as Your Way Home Montgomery County. Your Way Home (YHW) is the County's unified and coordinated housing crisis response system for families and individuals

experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness. Montgomery County Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) submits the annual CoC Consolidated Application for funding on behalf of the CoC. The Township works with the CoC, OHCD, and YWH to address homelessness by collaborating to develop a framework to deliver housing and services to the homeless.

The 2024 Annual HUD Point-in-Time (PIT) Count identified 435 individuals sleeping in the County's emergency shelters (including hotel rooms paid for with public funding), transitional housing projects, or outdoors. Specifically, the 2024 PIT Count found the following:

- 334 people sleeping in a site-based emergency shelter on the night of the Count, including active Code Blue shelters and transitional housing facilities, a 27% increase from 2023.
- 101 people found unsheltered on the night of the Count, an 8% decrease from the 110 people found in 2023.

The increase in sheltered individuals encountered in the 2024 PIT Count in Montgomery County reflects an increase in Code Blue sheltering capacity in 2024, which allowed more individuals to access shelter during a cold night in January.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

Your Way Home is a public-private partnership that engages nonprofits, government, philanthropy, residents, businesses, and other community partners to meet its vision of making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. Stakeholders from all geographic areas ("Lower Merion/Abington/Norristown/Montgomery County) of the County are involved with YWH. These partners are knowledgeable about homelessness and include CoC and ESG funded agencies. These agencies are represented on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) and Action Teams. The CAB meets regularly and is comprised of business, healthcare, educational and faith leaders, as well as elected officials, service providers, consumers, law enforcement, educators, housing developers, property managers/landlords, and advocates. The CAB reviewed progress and provides feedback on YWH initiatives. Action Teams are short term, cross-sector volunteer teams focused on systems change and service innovation. Members include experts in each relevant subject area, which work together to make recommendations to the Your Way Home Leadership Council. They measure success by the number of residents for whom homelessness and its devastating consequences have been prevented or ended quickly and more effectively. The ultimate goal is for families and individuals to achieve housing and financial stability as well as food security, better health outcomes a higher quality of life, and lasting independence.

The Your Way Home 2021-2025 Strategic Plan set the following goals:

1. Advance racial equity.
2. Center the voices of people with lived expertise.
3. Make the experience of homelessness rare, brief, and one-time only.
4. Promote housing affordability.
5. Address the root causes of housing instability and homelessness.
6. Strengthen and expand multi-sector partnerships.

The Montgomery County Office of Housing and Community Development coordinates public funding sources, including Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grants, First Time Homebuyers Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Housing Reinvestment Program (in partnership with the Office of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities), and performance-based contracts for shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing providers, as well as rapid rehousing assistance. OHCD is also the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC and is the HMIS Lead Agency. In its capacity as the lead for the CoC and HMIS Lead Agency, OHCD has policies and procedures for the HMIS that are in conformance with HMIS Data Standards and all related HUD notices.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

1	Agency/Group/Organization	ABINGTON TOWNSHIP (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Abington Township Departments were consulted on the housing, homeless, other special, community development, economic development and administration needs of the Township.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Montgomery County Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Montgomery County Housing Authority was consulted to determine the housing and community development needs in the Township of Abington.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Your Way Home
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Your Way Home was consulted to determine the homeless needs in the Township of Abington, as well as information on publicly funded institutions and systems of care that may discharge persons into homelessness.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Equality Center was consulted to determine the housing and community development needs in the Township of Abington.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Rights Center in SEPA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Fair Housing Rights Center was consulted to determine the housing and community development needs in the Township of Abington.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	CADCOM
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Regional organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Economic Development Community Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CADCOM was consulted to determine the housing, community, and economic development needs in the Township of Abington.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	ACLAMO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Planning organization Latino
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	ACLAMO was consulted to determine the housing and community development needs in the Township of Abington.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Lenders
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Community Development Financial Institution

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community Lenders was consulted to determine the housing, community, and economic development needs in the Township of Abington.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	GENESIS HOUSING CORP.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Genesis was consulted to determine the housing, community, and economic development needs in the Township of Abington.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Business and Civic Leaders Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Habitat was consulted to determine the housing, community, and economic development needs in the Township of Abington.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	INTER-FAITH HOUSING ALLIANCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Alliance was consulted to determine the housing and homeless needs in the Township of Abington.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Laurel House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Laurel House was consulted to determine the needs of victims of domestic violence in the Township of Abington.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Montgomery County Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Montgomery County Planning Commission was consulted to determine the housing, community, and economic development needs in the Township of Abington.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Pennsylvania Department of Health was consulted to determine the lead-based paint strategy for the Township. The Childhood Lead Surveillance Annual Reports were reviewed, as well.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	HEDWIG HOUSE INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hedwig House was consulted for information on publicly funded institutions and systems of care that may discharge persons into homelessness.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Visiting Nurse Association Community Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	VNA was consulted to determine the needs for community-based programs that address family health and social service needs and that support individual and family capacity, as well as information on publicly funded institutions and systems of care that may discharge persons into homelessness.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	MONTGOMERY COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Montgomery County Departments were consulted on the housing, homeless, other special, community development, economic development and administration needs of the Township.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Comcast
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Comcast was consulted on the broadband needs of the Township.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting.

All agencies were consulted.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Montgomery County Office of Housing and Community Development	The CoC is the primary provider of housing and supportive services for the area's homeless and at-risk of being homeless population. The goals of the Township and the CoC are complementary.
Your Way Home Montgomery County Strategic Plan	Montgomery County Office of Housing and Community Development	Your Way Home Montgomery County updated its Strategic Plan in 2019. The goals in this plan were incorporated in the Five Year Consolidated Plans and the Annual Action Plans.
Five Year Plan and Annual Action Plan	Montgomery County Housing Authority (MCHA)	The Montgomery County Housing Authority is the lead agency providing public housing assistance and Section 8 vouchers in the Township of Abington. The goals of the Township and MCHA are complementary.
Vision2035 Abington's Comprehensive Plan Update	Abington Township Planning Department	The Township's Comprehensive Plan is in the process of being updated to define the goals and objectives for the future of the Township. The goals of the plans are complementary.
HUD Climate Action Plan	U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development	The Township addresses the following HUD Climate Action Goals with CDBG and HOME funded activities: 2.5 Align Incentives with Efficiency; 3.3 Encourage Equitable Community Planning and Engagement; 3.4 Prevent Residential Lead Poisoning; and 3.5 Minimize Residential Radon Exposure.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The Vision of the Township of Abington's Five Year Consolidated Plan seeks to develop a viable community by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The

primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations. The Annual Action Plan is an application for FY 2024 CDBG funds under HUD's formula grant program. The Plans combined act as a strategic plan to be followed by the Township in carrying out federal programs.

Consultations during the planning process included information from the following stakeholders:

- Housing Services and Assisted Housing
- Health Services
- Social and Fair Housing Services
- Continuum of Care
- Public and Private Agencies that address housing, health, social service, victim services, employment, and education needs
- Publicly Funded Institutions and Systems of Care that may discharge persons into homelessness
- Corrections Institutions
- Business and Civic Leaders
- Child Welfare Agencies concerned with lead poisoning
- Adjacent Units of general Local Government and Regional Government Agencies
- Broadband Internet Service Providers
- Natural Hazard Risk Assessors

Consultation with persons, especially low-income persons, living in areas designated by the local jurisdiction as a revitalization area, areas designated by either a local jurisdiction or as a slum and blighted area and areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used.

The Township prioritizes CDBG projects located in Census Tracts and Block Groups that are supported by LMI Census data. The Township has not designated any revitalization or blighted areas. Meetings, communications, and announcements are directed at these areas in the Township to consult and educate the LMI population of their housing and community development needs. Additionally, consultations with stakeholders that serve the LMA eligible areas were consulted on the prioritization and availability of CDBG funding.

Consultation with residents of public and assisted housing developments (including any resident advisory boards, resident councils, and resident management corporations).

The Department of Community Development works closely with the Montgomery County Housing Authority to address the housing and community development needs of HUD assisted housing residents. The Department participates in Housing Authority planning meetings and posts notices at Crest Manor, a public housing community located in the Crestmont neighborhood of Abington Township, concerning housing and community development activities.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal setting.

The Township of Abington, in compliance with the Township's Citizen Participation Plan, advertised and held two (2) public hearings on the Township of Abington's CDBG Program that provided residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss the Township's housing and community development needs and priorities. The public hearings were advertised in The Intelligencer on January 28, 2024 and April 28, 2024. Additionally, all planning activities were announced through the Township's social media accounts, such as: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and eNewsletter.

The needs public hearing was held in person and virtually on February 15, 2024 at 10 AM and the draft plan public hearing was held in person and virtually on May 15, 2024 at 10 AM. The "Draft FY 2024 Annual Action Plan" was placed on display at the Abington Township Municipal Office, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 and online at: www.abingtonpa.gov/departments/community-development-dept from May 1, 2024 until May 31, 2024 for review and comment.

Comments received during the planning process are included in the Attachment section of the Annual Action Plan. By following the Township's Citizen Participation Plan, the Township receives input from stakeholders and residents to fund activities that address the Township's housing and community development needs identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan. The following comments were received:

- There is a need for supportive services.
- There is a need for public facilities improvements.
- There is a need for affordable housing.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on February 15, 2024 at 10 AM to discuss the housing and community development needs of the Township. There were five (5) attendees.	The following comments were received: there is a need for supportive services; there is a need for emergency shelter housing; and there is a need for affordable housing.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on May 15, 2024 at 10 AM to discuss the draft FY 2024 Annual Action Plan. There were two (2) virtual attendees.	The following comments were received: there is a need for supportive services; and CDBG funded projects should consider ongoing maintenance costs when choosing projects.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Township of Abington will receive a total allocation of \$724,467 in CDBG funds for the FY 2024 program year. The Township’s FY 2024 CDBG program year starts on October 1, 2024 and concludes on September 30, 2025.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Admin and Planning Housing Public Improvements	724,467	0	0	724,467	0	The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The Township is funding seven (7) CDBG projects in FY 2024.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied.

The Township will not leverage FY 2024 CDBG funds for other grants during the program year.

CDBG sub-recipients are encouraged to leverage additional resources (such as private, state and local funds) for projects. Subrecipients are required to submit matching fund sources in the subrecipient contracts. The Township assists sub grantees to match federal grants with the following private, state, and other sources:

- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC)
- Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PFHA)
- HUD Section 202 Housing for the Elderly
- HUD Section 811 Housing for the Disabled
- Section 8 Rental Assistance Program
- Shelter Plus Care
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)
- Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)
- Financial Institutions – Several local financial institutions have developed flexible underwriting criteria to encourage homeownership

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The Township has not designated any publicly owned land or property within the jurisdiction that will be used for future development to address the needs identified in the Plan.

Discussion

During the FY 2024 CDBG Program Year (October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025), CDBG funds will be used to address the following priority needs:

- Housing Needs
- Community Development Needs
- Administration, Planning, and Management Needs

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	AM-1 Overall Coordination	2020	2024	Administration, Planning, and Management	Areawide	Administration, Planning, and Management Need	CDBG: \$144,893	Other: 2 Other
2	CD-1 Community Facilities and Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Areawide	Community Development Need	CDBG: \$334,574	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1,297 Persons Assisted
3	CD-2 Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Areawide	Community Development Need	CDBG: \$25,000	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Persons Assisted
4	HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Areawide	Housing Need	CDBG: \$220,000	Owner Units Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Goal Description	Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing activities, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

2	Goal Name	CD-1 Community Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improve the Township's public facilities and infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction.
3	Goal Name	CD-2 Public Services
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance the public and community development services in the Township.
4	Goal Name	HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters by addressing code violations, emergency repairs and handicap accessibility.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b)

It is estimated that the Township will provide owner-occupied housing rehabilitation assistance to five (5) low-income households.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In order to address the housing and community development needs in the Township of Abington, the proposed FY 2024 Annual Action Plan proposes the following activities:

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Fair Housing
3	Public Service: Visiting Nurses Association of Abington Navigate Program
4	Public Facility Improvement: Rockwell Park Playground
5	Public Facility Improvement: Grove House Rehabilitation
6	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program
7	Emergency Repairs Program

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs.

The allocations and priorities were established through discussions with Township decision makers, meetings with stakeholders, survey responses, and public meetings. The largest obstacle to addressing the Township's underserved needs are financial in nature; there is a need for additional federal, state, and local funding to undertake additional housing and community development projects.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	Areawide
	Goals Supported	AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Need
	Funding	CDBG: \$143,893
	Description	CDBG program administration.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	54,780 people 2011-2015 ACS Total Population Abington
	Location Description	Township of Abington, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 21A General Program Administration 570.206
2	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	Areawide
	Goals Supported	AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Need
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,000
	Description	Fair housing training, seminars, outreach and education.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	54,780 people 2011-2015 ACS Total Population Abington
	Location Description	Township of Abington, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 21 D Fair Housing Activities 570.206(c)
3	Project Name	Public Service: Visiting Nurses Association of Abington Navigate Program

	Target Area	Areawide
	Goals Supported	CD-2 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Need
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	The Personal Navigator Program of VNA-Community Services, Inc. is a benefits access program committed to helping connect individuals and families to benefits that improve health, increase food security and economic stability through program eligibility determination, application assistance and utilization support.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 LMI households
	Location Description	Visiting Nurse Association Community Services, 1421 Highland Ave, Abington, PA 19001
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05M Health Services 24 CFR 570.201(e) National Objective - LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income 570.208(a)(2)(A)
4	Project Name	Public Facility Improvement: Rockwell Park Playground
	Target Area	Areawide
	Goals Supported	CD-1 Community Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Need
	Funding	CDBG: \$275,000
	Description	Construction of an inclusive park and playground in Rockwell Park. CDBG funds will be used to provide ADA improvements to the existing park playground.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	297 children under the age of 18 with any disability 2011-2015 ACS

	Location Description	Rockwell Park, Rockwell Road and Stratford Avenue, Abington, PA 19001
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03Z Other Public Improvements Not Listed in 03A-03T 24 CFR 570.201(c) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities which benefits a limited clientele, at least 51 percent of whom are low- or moderate-income persons. 570.208(a)(2)
5	Project Name	Public Facility Improvement: Grove House Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Areawide
	Goals Supported	CD-1 Community Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Need
	Funding	CDBG: \$59,574
	Description	The Grove House, located in Grove Run Park, is currently used as administrative space by Abington's Shade Tree Commission. Following the rehabilitation of this house, this building will contain space for administrative offices for various community-based Township initiatives, including the Shade Tree Commission, Environmental Action Committee, and others that may be added in the future. Additionally, the first floor will become a community meeting space and Township information outpost for residents in the neighborhood. The design of the building will address accessibility issues and bring it up to code standard for public occupancy. This stage will serve as funding to engage design professionals to ensure that all rehabilitation goals are met.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,000 LMI households
	Location Description	Grove House, 1383 Easton Rd Roslyn, PA 19001
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03E Neighborhood Facilities 24 CFR 570.201(c) National Objective - LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income 570.208(a)(2)(A)
6	Project Name	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Areawide

	Goals Supported	HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Need
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	Housing Rehabilitation assistance for LMI households.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 LMI households
	Location Description	Township of Abington
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 14A Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential 24 CFR 570.202(a)(1) National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities carried out for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by low- and moderate-income households. 570.208(a)(3)
7	Project Name	Emergency Repairs Program
	Target Area	Areawide
	Goals Supported	HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Need
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Emergency housing rehabilitation assistance for LMI households.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 LMI Household
	Location Description	Township of Abington
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 14A Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential 24 CFR 570.202(a)(1) National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities carried out for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by low- and moderate-income households. 570.208(a)(3)

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

The Township of Abington will direct CDBG funds areawide.

HUD defines an Area of Minority Concentration as, “A neighborhood in which the percentage of persons of a particular racial or ethnic minority is at least 20 points higher than that minority's percentage in the housing market as a whole; the neighborhood's total percentage of minority persons is at least 20 points higher than the total percentage of minorities for the housing market area as a whole; or in the case of a metropolitan area, the neighborhood's total percentage of minority persons exceeds 50 percent of its population.”

The racial and ethnic demographics of the total population of the Township of Abington according to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey was: 75.95% White; 12.58% Black or African American; 0.03% Native American; 4.99% Asian; 0.00% Pacific Islander; 0.06% from other races; 2.20% from two or more races; and the Hispanic or Latino population of any race was reported as 4.21%. Based on the HUD definition there are three (3) areas in the Township that have a minority population over 32.58%. The areas are: CT 2016.06 (50.98% minority), CT 2016.03 (48.77% minority), and CT 2016.04 (39.91% minority). These CTs border each other and are located in the northwestern corner of the Township.

The following Census Tracts and Block Groups qualify as low- and moderate-income based on the Upper Quartile Exception Criteria established by HUD for the Township of Abington: CT 201607 BG 1 69.78%; CT 201706 BG 1 59.62%; CT 201606 BG 1 57.21%; CT 201605 BG 2 50.77%; CT 201501 BG 3 50.41%; CT 201704 BG 2 49.42%; CT 201603 BG 3 45.45%; CT 201607 BG 2 44.56%; CT 201606 BG 2 43.45%; CT 201800 BG 1 41.23%; CT 201902 BG 2 40.74%; and CT 201604 BG 2 40.59%. The Township of Abington has an overall low- and moderate-income percentage of 30.80% and an upper quartile limit of 40.59%.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Areawide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The Township of Abington has allocated its CDBG funds for FY 2024 based on which activities will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The public facilities and infrastructure projects have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or

clientele.

The housing activities have an income eligibility criterion; the income requirement restricts funds only to low- and moderate-income households in the Township.

Discussion

Under the FY 2024 CDBG Program, the Township of Abington will receive a grant in the amount of \$724,467 for activities during the program year. The Township allocated its FY 2024 CDBG allocation to \$144,893 for General Administration and Fair Housing activities. The balance of funds (\$579,574) will be allocated to: activities which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons in the amount of \$334,574 for public facilities improvements, \$25,000 for public services, and \$220,00 for housing rehabilitation.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Township of Abington will utilize its CDBG funds to provide owner-occupied housing rehabilitation assistance for eligible low- and moderate-income households.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	5
Special-Needs	0
Total	5

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	5

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

During the FY 2024 CDBG program year, the Township of Abington does not plan to fund any projects that will produce new units or acquire existing units. The Township of Abington will fund the following project to sustain affordable housing to five (5) LMI owner households:

- CD-24-06 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
- CD-24-07 Emergency Repairs Program

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Montgomery County Housing Authority (MCHA) is the public housing agency that serves all 62 municipalities in Montgomery County, including the Township of Abington. The Housing Authority supports 550 units of public housing under and owns and manages 526 units of public housing. Additionally, the Housing Authority is authorized to administer up to 2,814 Housing Choice Vouchers for low- to moderate-income households for rental units in the County. The Housing Authority also administers Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), and Family Unification Program (FUP) and Non-Elderly Disabled Vouchers. The MCHA is also a partner in the mixed finance development of two Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties, Crest Manor and North Hills Manor. Crest Manor is located in Abington Township. The property consists of 46 affordable rental units: 24 public housing units; 16 project-based voucher units; and 6 non-subsidized affordable housing units.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing.

The Montgomery County Housing Authority plans to allocate the following FY 2024 funds (\$1,778,594) for its public housing units:

- Operations \$346,321
- Administration \$173,160
- General Capital Activity \$1,212,124

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.

The Montgomery County Housing Authority encouraged and supported Resident Advisory Boards and provided advisory and counseling services to its residents. The MCHA continues to implement the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Programs. Through the Self-Sufficiency Programs, the MCHA has successfully graduated a number of families into home ownership opportunities.

MCHA works closely with the Township of Abington and local social service providers to offer residents opportunities by connecting the residents to available housing programs.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance.

According to HUD guidelines and standards and their annual assessments tools, the MCHA is classified as a 'High-Performing' Public Housing Authority. Therefore, no assistance was needed to improve the

operations of this Public Housing Authority.

Discussion

The Township of Abington has identified that there is a need for decent, safe, and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible to address the households affected by housing problems, severe housing problems, and housing cost burdens. The largest income group affected by housing problems is the extremely low-income households. The Montgomery County Housing Authority is an important part of the Township of Abington's housing strategy. MCHA is the primary assisted housing provider of housing for extremely low income, very low income, and lower income residents of Montgomery County and the Township of Abington.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Montgomery County Office of Housing and Community Development is the Collaborative Applicant responsible for facilitating Your Way Home Montgomery County's PA-504 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition issued by the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the review, rating, and ranking of new and renewal projects that provide housing and services for residents experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness using these federal dollars.

Abington will support the efforts of human service agencies, social service providers, and other organizations that provide services and assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The Township of Abington does not receive Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds to assist with homeless needs.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Your Way Home (YWH) Call Center is a centralized system for screening and intake for Montgomery County residents in need of housing. Instead of calling individual shelters, those experiencing homelessness or those at risk of becoming homeless can call one toll-free number and may be connected to appropriate services. Calls to the Center are answered by operators at NJ 2-1-1, which has access to up-to-date data about which providers have space available, if the caller needs emergency shelter.

The 2024 Annual HUD Point-in-Time (PIT) Count identified 435 individuals sleeping in the County's emergency shelters (including hotel rooms paid for with public funding), transitional housing projects, or outdoors. Specifically, the 2024 PIT Count found the following:

- 334 people sleeping in a site-based emergency shelter on the night of the Count, including active Code Blue shelters and transitional housing facilities, a 27% increase from 2023.
- 101 people found unsheltered on the night of the Count, an 8% decrease from the 110 people found in 2023.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

For individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, emergency shelters offer temporary housing, often for a maximum of 30 days. There are several emergency shelters in Montgomery County.

Individuals experiencing homelessness, call the Your Way Home Call Center.

The CoC has set up three (3) Housing Resource Centers (HRC) that serve as a central location for coordinated response to housing crises for the most vulnerable families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk for homelessness in Montgomery County.

Families and individuals referred to an HRC from the Your Way Home Call Center work with a Housing Stability Coach to develop and achieve a personalized Housing Stability Plan based on their own goals, strengths and assets.

A Housing Locator Specialist with deep knowledge and relationships in the local rental housing market will then connect HRC clients to suitable housing.

In addition, HRCs will connect these families and individuals with mainstream and community resources, including food, shelter, childcare, primary and behavioral healthcare, budget counseling, career counseling and educational opportunities as needed. The Township of Abington is served by the North Penn HRC.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The member agencies of the CoC provide supportive services to homeless persons to prepare them to make the transition from homelessness to permanent housing. The CoC, through the Your Way Home (YWH) Permanent Housing Subcommittee, is working with landlords, builders and other housing providers to formulate policies and implement strategies for increasing permanent and PSH opportunities. The CoC has found that the first year after moving into permanent housing is the most critical in the program to end homelessness. Using the Coordinated Assessment System to make timely, appropriate referrals as vacancies become available, the team will increase the number of PSH beds for persons experiencing chronic homelessness. It is imperative that supportive services be provided on an intensive case management basis to ensure the success of permanent housing.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services,

employment, education, or youth needs.

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides referral services and case management to persons being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care, such as state mental institutions, health care facilities, foster care and correctional facilities. Cases are also referred to local social service agencies for follow-up and additional services available in the community.

Discussion

Abington Township is funding the following FY 2024 activities that will address homeless and other special needs:

- CD-24-01 Administration
- CD-24-02 Fair Housing
- CD-24-06 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
- CD-24-07 Emergency Repairs Program

Abington does not receive an ESG entitlement, but Montgomery County is an ESG direct entitlement grantee. Montgomery County will receive \$291,218 in FY 2024 ESG funds and has allocated ESG funding to the following activities:

- Rapid Re-Housing (ESG \$94,648) – Funds will support Rapid Re-housing Rental Subsidies and case management services to homeless individuals and families referred through the Your Way Home program.
- Short Term Housing (ESG 174,730) – To provide emergency shelter operation funding for Montgomery County residents experiencing homelessness.
- Administration (ESG \$21,840) – For administration of the ESG program.

AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The Township will monitor and review public policies for discriminatory practices and/or impacts on housing availability. The Township of Abington completed an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice concurrent with the preparation of the Consolidated Plan.

The Township is committed to removing or reducing barriers to the development of affordable housing whenever possible. A variety of actions include, among others, to reduce the cost of housing to make it affordable:

- Provide developers with incentives for construction of affordable housing.
- Restructuring of fees for construction, tap-ins, plan review, etc.
- Consider changes to the Zoning Code to increase affordable housing development.
- Modifying development standards to increase density.
- Reuse of the 2nd and 3rd floors in the business district to promote new residential housing units.

From the Township's AI, the following impediment, goal, and strategies were identified in respect to public policies:

Impediment 4: Public Policy - The Township, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Planning Department, has been working on revising its Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the latest model codes. The Township needs to continue to move forward and complete this major revision to its Zoning Ordinance to bring it into compliance with the Federal Fair Housing Act, Section 504, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and related statutes, regulations, and executive orders.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment.

Goal: Complete the work on the revisions to the Township's Zoning Ordinance to promote and affirmatively further fair housing by revising its purposes, definitions, and land use regulations. The strategies to achieve this goal include:

4-A: Revise the Zoning Ordinance to include additional definitions, statements, and revisions.

4-B: Adopt a written Reasonable Accommodation Policy for housing developers and the Planning/Zoning Commission to follow when reasonable accommodation requests are made concerning zoning and land

use as it applies to protected classes under the Fair Housing Act.

4-C: Develop financial incentives to encourage developers and housing providers to offer more affordable housing options in the Township.

4-D: Encourage LMI, minority, and protected class resident participation in the various Township Boards and Commissions.

The Township will continue to undertake the following actions through CDBG and HOME funding:

- Leverage its financial resources and apply for additional public and private housing funding.
- Continue to provide funds for housing rehabilitation for both owner and renter occupied housing units.
- Use of state funds to abate housing units from lead-based paint hazards.
- Encourage higher density new housing construction in commercial areas with access to transportation.

Discussion:

The Township of Abington will fund the following affordable housing projects with FY 2024 CDBG funds:

- CD-24-01 Administration
- CD-24-02 Fair Housing
- CD-24-06 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
- CD-24-07 Emergency Repairs Program

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The Township of Abington has developed the following actions to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structures, and enhance coordination between public, private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

The primary obstacle to meeting the underserved needs in the Township of Abington is the limited financial resources available to address the priorities identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the lack of affordable housing. The Township of Abington is not a HUD entitlement jurisdiction under the HOME program. Therefore, resources for housing activities are limited. Under the FY 2024 CDBG Program the Township will take the following actions:

- Continue to leverage its financial resources and apply for additional public and private funds.
- Continue to provide financial assistance for housing rehabilitation.
- Continue to provide funding for public service activities.
- Continue to do provide public facility improvement.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.

The Township of Abington will fund the following affordable housing projects with FY 2024 CDBG funds:

- CD-24-01 Administration
- CD-24-02 Fair Housing
- CD-24-06 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
- CD-24-07 Emergency Repairs Program

The Montgomery County Housing Authority will continue to fund the following activities to foster and maintain affordable housing in the Township of Abington:

- Continue to provide Housing Choice Vouchers and public housing units.
- Continue to rehabilitate and make improvements to public housing units.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

The Township of Abington will continue to comply with Title 24 Part 35: Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures (Current Rule) for its Housing Rehabilitation Program. In order to meet the requirements of the new lead-based paint regulations, the Township of Abington will take

the following actions regarding housing rehabilitation:

- Applicants for rehabilitation funding receive the required lead-based paint information and understand their responsibilities.
- Staff properly determines whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead-based paint requirements.
- The level of Federal rehabilitation assistance is properly calculated and the applicable lead-based paint requirements determined.
- Properly qualified personnel perform risk management, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance services when required.
- Required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures are incorporated into project rehabilitation specifications.
- Risk assessment, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance work are performed in accordance with the applicable Standards established in 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart R.
- Required notices regarding lead-based paint evaluation, presumption, and hazard reduction are provided to occupants and documented.
- Program documents establish the rental property owner's responsibility to perform and document ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.
- Program staff monitors owner compliance with ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

Based on 2015-2019 American Community Survey data, approximately 5.0% of the Township of Abington's residents lived in poverty, which is less than Montgomery County's poverty rate of 6.0%. It was estimated that 1,442 persons living below poverty level were families and 1,306 persons living below poverty level were non-families. Families with female householder, no spouse present, were the cohort most affected by poverty at 40.9% estimated living below the poverty level. The Township's goal is to reduce the extent of poverty by actions the Township can control and through work with other agencies and organizations. During this program year, the Township will fund:

- CD-24-01 Administration
- CD-24-02 Fair Housing
- CD-24-06 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
- CD-24-07 Emergency Repairs Program

Actions planned to develop institutional structure.

The Township of Abington Department of Community Development will coordinate activities among the public and private agencies and organizations in the Township. This coordination will ensure that the goals and objectives outlined in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan will be effectively addressed by more than one agency. The staff of the Department of Community Development will facilitate and

coordinate the linkage between these public and private partnerships and develop new partnership opportunities in the Township.

This coordination and collaboration between agencies is important to ensure that the needs of the residents of Abington are being addressed. The main agencies that are involved in the implementation of the Plan, as well as additional financial resources that are available are the following:

Public Agencies - Township of Abington Department of Community Development – is responsible for administration of the CDBG program. Montgomery County Housing Authority – is responsible for administering Housing Choice Vouchers and public housing units.

Non-Profit Agencies - There are several non-profit agencies that serve low-income households in the Township. The Township continued to collaborate with these agencies.

Private Sector - The private sector is a key collaborator in the services and programs associated with the Five Year Consolidated Plan. The private sector brings additional financial resources and expertise that can be used to supplement existing services in the Township. Examples of these private sectors are: local lenders, affordable housing developers, business owners, community and economic development organizations, healthcare organizations, and others. The Township will continue to collaborate with local financial institutions, private housing developers, local realtors, etc.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

The Township of Abington is committed to continuing its participation and coordination with social service agencies, housing agencies, community and economic development agencies, county, federal, and state agencies, as well as with the private and non-profit sectors, to serve the needs of target income individuals and families in the Township of Abington. The Township solicits funding requests for CDBG funds annually. The Department of Community Development staff provides help and assistance as needed to assist these public agencies that receive CDBG funding.

During this program year, the Township funded Project CD-24-01 Administration in the amount of \$143,893 to accomplish this.

Discussion:

The Department of Community Development has the primary responsibility for monitoring the Township's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The department maintains records on the progress toward meeting the goals and the statutory and regulatory compliance of each activity. Service area documentation is achieved through scheduling activities, drawdown of funds, and maintenance of budget spread sheets which indicate the dates of expenditures. Program modifications are considered if project activities are not able to be completed within the allowable time limits of the grant. The department is

also responsible for the on-going monitoring of any sub-recipients for similar compliance.

The Department of Community Development has a "monitoring process" that is directed to the following:

- Program Performance
- Financial Performance
- Regulatory Compliance

The Township responsibility is to ensure that Federal Funds are used in accordance with all program requirements, determining the adequacy of performance under sub-recipient agreements; and taking appropriate action when performance problems arise. The Department of Community Development developed a "monitoring checklist" that is utilized when programs and activities are reviewed. A checklist was developed in accordance with Sub-Part J of 24 CFR, Part 85 "Uniform administrative Requirement for Grants and Cooperative Agreements of State and Local Governments.

CDBG funded activities are monitored periodically, during the construction phase and a final inspection is performed which details the cost benefit and benefit to low/moderate income persons. During the on-site inspections, compliance with the local building and housing codes are reviewed. The Township also reviews all affordable housing projects it has funded to ensure compliance with all CDBG Program requirements. Copies of financial statements and audit reports are required and kept on file. For those activities, which trigger Davis-Bacon Wage Rates, employee payrolls are required prior to payment and on-site employee interviews will be held.

These monitoring standards are required for all administered projects and sub-recipient activities. For each activity authorized under the National Affordable Housing Act, the department has established fiscal and management procedures that will ensure program compliance and fund accountability. The monitoring process is an ongoing system of planning, implementing, communicating and following up.

In the planning stage, sub-recipients are required to submit "proposals for funding". These proposals are reviewed by the department for eligibility, recommendations, and are then forwarded to the Township's Manager and Township Board of Commissioners for final funding approval. After a sub-recipient is approved for funding, the Community Development staff conducts "orientation" meetings to provide agencies with information on their regulatory, financial and performance responsibilities. In addition, the monitoring process is outlined for the groups who are then guided into the "implementation" phase of the project. The scope of services and budget are finalized and the contract with each agency is executed.

The Township monitors its performance by meeting its goals and objectives with its Five Year Consolidated Plan. It reviews its goals on an annual basis in the preparation of its CAPER and makes adjustments to its goals, as needed.

The Township has a Section 3 Plan that to the greatest extent possible provides job training, employment,

and contract opportunities for low- or very low-income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The Township of Abington will receive an allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$724,467 for FY 2024 and does not anticipate receiving program income during the program year. Since the Township receives a CDBG allocation, the questions below have been completed as applicable.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan. | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities | 0 |
| Total Program Income: | 0 |

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 100.00% |

Under the FY 2024 CDBG Program, the Township of Abington will receive a grant in the amount of \$724,467. The Township budgeted \$144,893, or 20%, for General Administration and Fair Housing activities. The balance of funds (\$579,574) will be allocated to: activities which principally benefit low- and

moderate-income persons in the amount of \$334,574 (57.73%) for public facilities and infrastructure improvements, \$25,000 (4.31%) for public services, and \$220,000 (37.96%) for housing rehabilitation.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):***** Other (Specify):***** 3. Date Received:**

05/08/2024

4. Applicant Identifier:**5a. Federal Entity Identifier:****5b. Federal Award Identifier:**

B-24-MC-420001

State Use Only:**6. Date Received by State:****7. State Application Identifier:****8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:***** a. Legal Name:** Township of Abington*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

23-6000025

*** c. UEI:**

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d. Address:*** Street1:** 1176 Old York Road**Street2:***** City:** Abington**County/Parish:**

Montgomery County

*** State:** PA: Pennsylvania**Province:***** Country:** USA: UNITED STATES*** Zip / Postal Code:** 19001-3713**e. Organizational Unit:****Department Name:**

Community Development

Division Name:**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:****Prefix:** Mrs.*** First Name:** Kimberly**Middle Name:***** Last Name:** Hamm**Suffix:****Title:** Director of Community Development**Organizational Affiliation:**

Township of Abington

*** Telephone Number:** (267) 536-1019**Fax Number:***** Email:** khamm@abingtonpa.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

CPD-24-01

* Title:

Guidance on Submitting Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024

13. Competition Identification Number:

Not Applicable.

Title:

Not Applicable.

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Township of Abington FY 2024 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

4th

* b. Program/Project

4th

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

10/01/2024

* b. End Date:

09/30/2025

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	724,467.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	724,467.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Thomas

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Hecker

Suffix:

* Title:

President, Board of Commissioners

* Telephone Number:

(215) 688-6235

Fax Number:

* Email:

thecker@AbingtonPA.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

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Thomas Hecker

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* Date Signed:

06/13/2024

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

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Signature of Authorized Official

June 13, 2024

Date

President, Board of Commissioners

Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

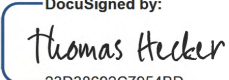
Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

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Signature of Authorized Official

June 13, 2024

Date

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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy — The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

- 1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
- 2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

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PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
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Maureen Schmid

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FY 2024 CDBG NEEDS HEARING
AND FY 2021/FY 2022 SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM

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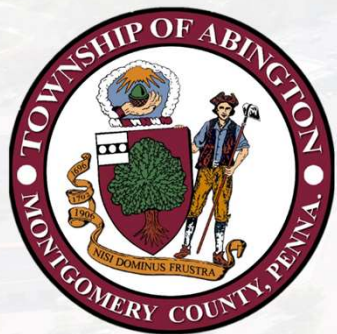
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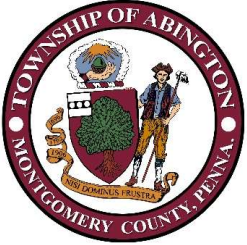
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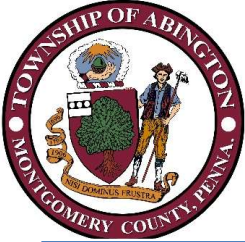
ABINGTON'S CDBG PROGRAM

- What is the Community Development Block Grant Program?
 - 2022 Annual Action Plan
 - 2022 CAPER
 - Community Input for the 2024 Annual Action Plan
 - Review of Schedule for the 2024 Annual Action Plan
 - Conclude
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WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM?

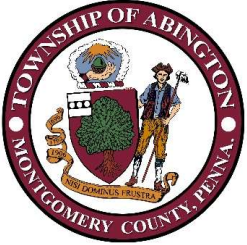
- Funded by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
 - Abington is an “entitlement community”
 - Supports community development activities to build stronger and more resilient communities and improve the quality of life
 - Projects include economic development, municipal public improvements, housing and human services projects and programs
 - Principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons
 - Targeted to neighborhoods with the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents
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NEEDS & GOALS FOR ABINGTON

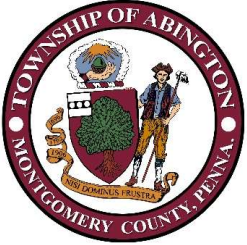
Need	Goal
Housing Need	There is a need for decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible to homebuyers, homeowners and renters.
Homeless Need	There is a need for housing, services, and facilities for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless
Other Special Needs	There is a need for housing, services, and facilities for persons with special needs.
Community Development Need	There is a need to improve the community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and quality of life in the Township.
Economic Development Need	There is a need to promote skills training, employment development, connectivity, and economic opportunities in the Township.
Administration, Planning, and Management Need	There is a need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state, and local funded programs.

from the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan Submitted to HUD in 2021



2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Activity	Explanation	FY20 Funding
Administration, Planning & Management	CDBG Program Administration	\$148,000
Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements	Rubicam Pedestrian and Stormwater Improvements	\$500,000
Housing Assistance	Emergency Home Repairs Program	\$72,000
Spot Blight Residential Demolition		\$20,385
TOTAL FY2022 Funds		\$740,385



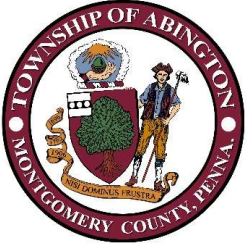
2022 CAPER

- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
 - October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023
 - Provides information on how the funds received by the Township through HUD programs were used
 - Focused opportunities on reuse and rehabilitation projects maintaining the housing stock:
 - Owner-occupied and Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs
 - Projects to improve existing Public Facilities and Infrastructure
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COMMUNITY INPUT FOR 2024

- Comments limited to the 2024 Annual Action Plan
 - Comments taken by phone, email, letter, and during this hearing:
 - Community partners?
 - Program ideas?
 - Community challenges?
 - Opportunities?
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2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SCHEDULE

Date	Milestone
Jan. 15, 2024	Application Released for Completion
Jan. 22, 2024	Application Training Session for Prospective Applicants
Feb. 15, 2024	Public Hearing #1 “Needs Hearing”
Mar. 15, 2024	Applications Due for Grant Consideration
April 2024	Recommendations on grantee awards circulated to the Board of Commissioners
May 1-31, 2024	Public Display of Draft
May 15, 2024	Public Hearing #2
June 13, 2024	Presentation of Final Plan for Approval by the Board of Commissioners
Aug. 15, 2024	Submission to HUD



THANK YOU

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Cc: Melissa Schofield
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Attachments: Abington Township Needs Statement.pdf; PY24AAPNeedsHearing02152024.pptx

Hello,

Here's a summary of the public comments from today's needs hearing:

- Sandy Devine of the Visiting Nurses Association noted the high user ship by and outcomes for Abington Residents of their Personal Navigator and SOAR programs. (written statement provided and attached)
- Jerome Mitchell of the Willow Grove CDC noted the continued need and requests for affordable housing in the Township. He also noted that he's seen an increase in the number of requests for emergency and short term shelter in our area—a service his organization does not provide.

Fran Earley of the North Hills Community Association was in attendance; an additional person attended by phone but did not identify themselves or make comment.

The slide presentation (attached) will be posted online at Abingtonpa.gov/cd later today and comments on needs will continue to be accepted through March when recommendations are made to the commissioners for a draft AAP.

Thanks!

Kim

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Needs Statement for Public Hearing

The mission of VNA-Community Services, Inc. is to support the integrity and independence of vulnerable individuals and families in the community. The agency's goals are to identify and respond to unmet health and social service needs, to work cooperatively in the greater community, to use resources wisely, and to make a clear and direct difference in the lives of people served with interventions that will increase capacity, self-esteem and self-sufficiency. VNA operates programs that offer results and that positively impact the community and improve the lives of over 3000 individuals each year across Montgomery County, 319 of those residing in Abington Township.

The VNA's Personal Navigator Program is a public benefits access program designed to improve health, and increase food and economic security to Montgomery County residents, including those in Abington Township. Through this best-practice benefit access program, VNA's Personal Navigator team uses a one-portal approach to efficiently link residents in need to all benefits and supports for which they are eligible. The Navigator Program focuses its efforts on low-income marginalized, and oppressed members of the township. These are the most vulnerable residents of the township with many having limited access to services and benefits because they are not easily connected to the safety net without professional support. At the present time, the people served by the VNA struggle with higher prices, stagnant wages, and increased housing costs. This population struggles to meet their most basic needs related to health, nutrition, housing and other basic essentials.

VNA's Personal Navigator team works to connect these residents with up to 23 separate health, nutrition, housing, utility, and financial benefits that will improve their health and well-being. The Personal Navigator work includes assisting clients in accessing and utilizing benefits. Over the last 12 months the Personal Navigator Program has served more than 200 Abington Township residents in connection with \$1.1M in public benefit dollars.

An example of the work the VNA provides is described below.

Mr. S, a 53 year old Abington resident, was referred to the VNA Personal Navigator Program by his local representative's office. Mr. S had been self-employed for most of his life and did not carry any health insurance. During the meeting with his Personal Navigator, Mr. S was told he was eligible for Medicaid, but needed to have a form signed by a treating physician to support the Medicaid application. Since Mr. S did not have an established physician, he was referred to the VNA Family Health Center. Later that week, Mr. S was seen by a VNA Nurse Practitioner who determined that he was exhibiting concerning symptoms and directed him to go to the emergency room immediately.

Several days later the Navigator received notification from Mr. S's wife that he had a diagnosis of brain cancer and had received brain surgery to remove a sizable tumor. Not only was the family devastated by this health news, she was extremely concerned about the hospital bills they were responsible for since Mr. S still didn't have health insurance. Additionally, Mr. S would not be returning to work after his diagnosis, dramatically changing the household income.

In the end, the Personal Navigator was able to secure retroactive health insurance for Mr. S, saving him hundreds of thousands in hospital bills. Additionally, the SOAR Program was able to work with the family in getting him Social Security Disability benefits. Because of the terminal nature of the diagnosis, he received his SSA benefits in just five days, alleviating the household of their financial stress related to the diagnosis.

Though the VNA could not prevent the health outcomes for Mr. S, we were able to provide financial security and systems navigation in his time of need. The S family received benefits valued at \$502,400 in Social Security, Medicaid, SNAP and low-cost health services across VNA Programs. Without the professional support offered by the VNA teams, this household would have been left to navigate the complexities of these systems during their most trying days.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAUREEN SCHMID, Notary Public
Montgomery County
My Commission Expires March 31, 2025
Commission Number 1248132

Sworn to the subscribed before me this 4/29/24.

Maureen Schmid

Notary Public, State of Pennsylvania
Acting in County of Montgomery

**NOTICE OF DISPLAY OF PLAN AND PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CDBG PROGRAM
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, PA**

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PHYSICAL COPY: The Township of Abington
Department of Community Development
1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001

ELECTRONIC COPY: <https://www.abingtonpa.gov/cd>

These plans are available for public inspection during normal business hours of operation. An electronic copy may be obtained by emailing khamm@abingtonpa.gov. Written or oral comments will be accepted until May 31, 2024. Comments may be directed to Ms. Kimberly Hamm, Director of Community Development, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001, or emailed to khamm@abingtonpa.gov, or phone at (267) 536-1019.

A public hearing will be held on May 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Township Building, 1176 Old York Road, First Floor Conference Room, Abington, PA 19001 and by virtual conference call. There are two ways for the public to virtually participate in the meeting. Residents can access the meeting online, by a computer, iPad, iPhone or Android at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81894640032>. This link will enable residents to hear the meeting, see presentations, and make public comments. There will be no video capabilities. Residents who are unable to join online can listen to the meeting by calling 1-929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID number 818 9464 0032 when prompted.

Any person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Ms. Hamm at least five-(5) calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. In addition, hearing-impaired persons may call Pennsylvania Relay at 711. Any non-English speaking person wishing to participate the public hearing should contact Ms. Hamm at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. Cualquier persona que no habla Inglés que deseen asistir a la audiencia pública deben comunicarse con la Sra Hamm cinco (5) días calendario antes de la reunión y un intérprete de lenguaje se proporcionará.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the estimated amount of \$715,000. The Township intends to submit the Annual Action Plan to HUD on or before August 15, 2024.

The following CDBG activities are proposed for funding under the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan:

1. Administration - \$142,000*
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4. Public Facility Improvement: Rockwell Park Playground - \$275,000
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7. Emergency Repairs Program - \$20,000

TOTAL \$715,000*

* This is only an estimate. The Township has not received its final allocation from HUD. When the Township receives its final CDBG allocation for FY 2024 the Township will either increase or decrease Administration to equal 20% of the grant and either increase or decrease Grove House Rehabilitation by the remaining amount of the difference.

The plans will be submitted to the Township's Board of Commissioners on June 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM, at which time these documents will be presented for approval at the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend this public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed plans and use of Federal funds.

Honorable Thomas Hecker, President
Township of Abington Board of Commissioners
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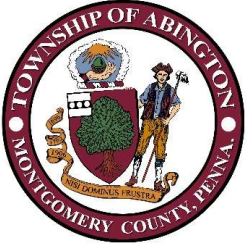
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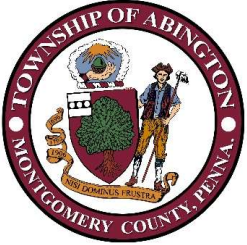


***2024 DRAFT
CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN***



2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SCHEDULE

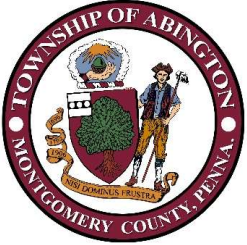
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PROPOSED PY2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES

Activity	Amount
Administration (20% cap)	\$142,000
Fair Housing	\$1,000
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*Estimated Allocation Based on 2023 Allocation



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THANK YOU

Jon Haglund

From: Jon Haglund
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 4:26 PM
To: Jon Haglund
Subject: FW: CDBG Draft Plan Hearing

From: Kimberly Hamm
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 1:13 PM
To: Jon Haglund <jon@urbandesignventures.com>
Cc: Melissa Schofield <mschofield@AbingtonPA.gov>
Subject: CDBG Draft Plan Hearing

Hi Jon,

We held the public hearing for our draft AAP this morning in a hybrid format starting at 10am. No one attended in-person. 2 folks attended virtually: Sanda Devine Saia and "T". The hearing was concluded by 10:13am.

Ms. Saia made comments thanking the Township for including the Abington VNA as a grantee in the draft plan and noted that they serve 200-300 vulnerable residents access entitlement and other benefits each year.

A comment received by email from Lauren Ellenberg was read into the record. This comment requested that on-going maintenance and repair costs be included in the CDBG budget. The inability to include maintenance and repair costs due to CDBG ineligibility was noted by the Township.

To date, no other comments have been received.

Thanks!
Kim

Kimberly Hamm, MBA
Director
Department of Community Development
Township of Abington
1176 Old York Rd.
Abington, PA 19010
(267)536-1019
khamm@abingtonpa.gov

Jon Haglund

From: Lauren Ellenberg <laellenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 1:24 PM
To: Community Development; Kimberly Hamm
Subject: Comment on CDBG Program

Some people who received this message don't often get email from laellenberg@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi,

I am an Abington resident and I would like to make a comment on the Community Development Block Grant program.

When we allocate funding from this program to projects, we should ensure that part of the allocation is set aside for ongoing costs associated with that project.

All projects have ongoing costs, such as repairs, landscaping, property maintenance, supplies, employees, etc. All projects should be required to state these costs up front and account for them. Projects for which ongoing costs exist should be required to put part of their funding aside to pay for ongoing costs for at least a year, preferably longer.

The projects we fund through this program are important to our community, and it is important that the facilities and services are funded properly and maintained over time. Ongoing costs are often much more expensive than initial costs, and we tend to ignore them until it's too late. We should think of ongoing costs in the beginning so that the projects can be maintained.

Thank you,

Lauren Ellenberg

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 24-025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, approving the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan for the use of Federal CDBG Funds.

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities in the prevention or elimination of slums or urban blight, or activities which will benefit low- and moderate-income persons, or other urgent community development needs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the Township of Abington that under Federal Fiscal Year 2024, the Township is eligible to apply for an entitlement grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the amount of \$724,467; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Office of Community Development has prepared an Annual Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2024, that the Township expects to initiate on October 1, 2024, which proposes how the entitlement grant funds will be expended to address the housing and community development needs identified in the Township's Five Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan was on public display from May 1, 2024 until May 31, 2024 and the Township held a series of public hearings on the said Plan and the comments of various agencies, groups, and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Annual Action Plan for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 CDBG Program is hereby in all respects APPROVED and the Township Manager is hereby directed to file a copy of said Annual Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 with the Official Minutes of this Meeting of this Board.

SECTION 2. That the Township is COGNIZANT of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of the Community Development Block Grant Program with Federal financial assistance, including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and other assurances as set forth under the certifications.

SECTION 3. That the President of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Township of Abington, Pennsylvania, is AUTHORIZED to file an Application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which has indicated its willingness to make available funds to carry out the CDBG Program in the amount of \$724,467 in CDBG funds attached as EXHIBIT A; and its further AUTHORIZED to act as the authorized representative of the Township of Abington to sign any and all documents in regard to these programs.

SECTION 4. That the President of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Township of Abington, Pennsylvania, is AUTHORIZED to provide assurances and/or certifications as required


by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and any other supplemental or revised data which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may request in review of the Township's Application.

ADOPTED INTO A RESOLUTION THIS 13TH DAY OF JUNE 2024 BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

APPROVED:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

6/13/2024
Date


Thomas Hecker, President

ATTEST:


Richard J. Manfredi,
Township Manager & Secretary

ADOPTED: 6/13/2024

EXHIBIT A

The following CDBG activities are proposed for funding under the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan:

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TOTAL \$724,467