

COUNTY OF OCEAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Three-Year (2025-2027) Priority Needs & Objectives

The Ocean County Board of Commissioner Director received written notification that the County of Ocean has been qualified for participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program as an Urban County for fiscal years 2025-2027 based on the cooperation agreements previously executed between the County of Ocean and twenty-nine (29) local governments.

As specified in the cooperation agreement, a Community Development Block Grant Committee shall be established annually. The Committee shall consist of one representative from each governing body and one alternate, for the purpose of substituting in the absence of the regular representative, and two representatives from the County, each to be appointed for one-year periods coinciding with the calendar year.

Further, the Committee shall study and discuss the community development needs of the County, which affect the participating local governments and shall determine the most effective and acceptable utilization of Community Development Block Grant funds available to the County of Ocean.

To address the primary objective of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, which is "the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, all proposed project activities must meet one of the three year objectives contained in this plan.

The County and the Committee reserves the right to modify the Three-Year Comprehensive Plan during the organization meeting for each fiscal year.

The priority code labeling in the table is the following:

- H = High priority
- M = Medium priority
- L = Low priority

Adopted: March 11, 2025

Three-Year (2025-2027) Objectives

Priority

- H** **1.** Rehabilitation of substandard housing units presently occupied by lower income households.
- M** **2.** Rehabilitation of privately owned commercial facade improvements for the stabilization and revitalization of low and moderate neighborhood businesses.
- M** **3.** Provision of economic development assistance to facilitate job creation and retention for lower income individuals.
- M** **4.** Provision of economic development assistance in the County's older central business districts.

- H** **5.** Removal of material and/or architectural barriers, which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped individuals to public facilities.
- M** **6.** Construction or reconstruction of necessary infrastructure systems in lower income areas throughout the County.
- H** **7.** Installation of curbing and sidewalks in areas where vehicular and pedestrian traffic conflict.
- H** **8.** Construction or reconstruction of drainage and roadway improvements in various older neighborhoods throughout the County.
- M** **9.** Provision of sufficient senior citizen facilities and resources, primarily for senior usage, to meet the growing needs of this segment.
- M** **10.** New or expansion of existing public services including health facilities/services which benefit the County's low- and moderate-income population, as well as, individuals with disabilities and veterans.
- H** **11.** Relocation of assistance for lower income residents who will be displaced by revitalization and economic development activities.
- L** **12.** Addition to or rehabilitation of facilities to house or continue to house public services which benefit the County's lower income population, including handicapped individuals and disabled veterans.
- L** **13.** Supportive facilities and services for homeless individuals and other individuals with special needs.
- L** **14.** Supportive services for renters and homeowners with very low- and low-income households.
- M** **15.** Construction and/or rehabilitation of existing parks and playgrounds located in a very low and low-income neighborhood.
- M** **16.** Acquisition of property for future purpose of constructing a building, which shall serve as a community center, senior center and/or day care facility, located in a very low- and low-income neighborhood.
- M** **17.** Construction or upgrading on necessary neighborhood facilities in low- and moderate-income areas.