

2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN NOTICE

Under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, jurisdictions receiving federal funds for housing and community development activities must prepare a Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The programs covered under the Plan are the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and the Emergency Shelter Grant programs. The Bucks County Department of Community and Business Development (the Department) is the lead agency in the preparation/implementation of the Consolidated Plan.

Housing Strategies: The County's housing strategy centers on creating affordable housing options for individuals, families, and the elderly, in a manner that renovates older housing units, creates community assets, and helps combat poverty. The County's efforts will target low/moderate income persons, with the objective of increasing the supply of affordable ownership and rental units (particularly for those with disabilities); assisting homeowners repair and bring their properties up to Housing Quality Standards; supporting first-time homebuyers with downpayment and closing costs; building the capacity of Community Housing Development Organizations; supporting housing services targeting the transition from poverty to self-sufficiency; and, affirmatively promoting equal access to decent, quality, and affordable housing, without regard to race, gender, color, national origin, age, familial status, or disability.

The Homeless And Special Needs Populations: Bucks County seeks to bring together organizations, to implement a comprehensive strategy on addressing the factors and conditions affecting both population groups, through its Continuum of Care. The Continuum calls for increased communication and coordination among all participants in addressing homeless prevention activities, homeless services, and development of transitional and permanent housing.

Community Development Strategies: Community Development encompasses physical, economic and social improvement projects. The County is committed to improving access to quality public and private facilities serving populations at greatest risk; the maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure in low/moderate income areas; the provision of public services for seniors, disabled, and persons with HIV/AIDS; and, the use of financial tools (e.g., CDBG, Section 108) to revitalize blighted areas, provide financial and technical assistance to private enterprises to create jobs and business opportunities for low/moderate income persons, while promoting self-sufficiency, and stable and safe neighborhoods and communities.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be conducted on the proposed Consolidated Plan on Monday, December 20, 2004. The hearing will be held 3:30 PM at the 4th Floor Conference Room, at 1260 Almshouse Road in Doylestown.

Comments on Plan: Copies of the proposed Consolidated Plan can be obtained free of charge by contacting the Bucks County Department of Community and Business Development at 215/345-3840 (e-mail: business@co.bucks.pa.us). Copies of the plan are also available at public libraries. Citizen participation and anti-displacement plans are included as attachments to the Consolidated Plan. Written comments on the Plan and/or the County's performance in carrying out past activities should be submitted to the Department of Community and Business Development, 1260 Almshouse Road, Doylestown, PA 18901, no later than January 14, 2005. All comments will be considered by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners before adoption of the final Plan.

2005 PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

The following is Bucks County's program for the use of \$2.858 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the year beginning April 1, 2005.

Statement Of Objectives

1. Conservation and expansion of the housing stock for all persons, but principally those of low and moderate income.
2. Expansion and improvement of the quantity and quality of community facilities and services benefiting low/moderate income.
3. Promotion of economic development and the creation and retention of jobs for low/moderate income persons.
4. Elimination of slums and blight and prevention of blighting influences.
5. Elimination of conditions, which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare.
6. Preparation of plans for a better utilization of land and other natural resources.
7. Restoration and preservation of properties of historic value.

Projected Use Of Funds

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Funding Recipient</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05-01	BC Community & Business	Program Administration	\$482,300

05-02	Redevelopment Authority	Low/Income Housing Rehab	\$211,809
05-03	Human Services Division	Homeless Mgmt. Information System	\$107,000
05-04	BC Public Works	Disabled Access	\$100,000
05-05	BC Parks & Recreation	Restoration of Erwin Stover House	\$50,000
05-06	BC Planning Commission	Planning	\$100,000
05-07	Aldie Foundation	Rehab - Transitional Housing	\$10,000
05-08	American Red Cross	Shelter Operations	\$126,000
05-09	BARC	Renovation of Six Group Homes	\$26,000
05-10	Council Rock Senior Center	Utility Costs	\$30,000
05-11	Delta Community Works	Bathroom Renovations	\$40,000
05-12	Good Friends, Inc.	Floor Replacement	\$8,960
05-13	Habitat for Humanity	Predevelopment Costs	\$25,000
05-14	Heritage Conservancy	Lindsay Farm Bldg. Exterior Stabilization	\$25,000
05-15	Historic Langhorne Assoc.	Disabled Access	\$30,000
05-16	Housing Group	Rehab - 3 Shelters	\$20,000
05-17	Housing Group	Rental Counseling	\$40,000
05-18	Housing Group	Milford Square Shelter Operations	\$33,500
05-19	Interfaith Housing	Scattered Site Acquisition/Renovation	\$25,000
05-20	Libertae, Inc.	Fire System Upgrades	\$14,364
05-21	Livengrin Foundation	Installation Deck/Patio	\$25,000
05-22	NOVA	Disabled Access	\$25,000
05-23	Penndel Mental Health	Bathroom Renovations	\$9,000
05-24	Today Inc.	Replace 49 Windows	\$10,000
05-25	Warminster Heights	Roofs, Gutters, and Downspouts	\$50,000
05-26	Bucks County Consumer Protection	Counseling	\$10,000
05-27	Bucks County Employment & Training	Conseling	\$10,000
05-28	Legal Aid	Counseling	\$10,000
05-29	Family Services	Building Acquisition, Furnishings, and Equipment	\$33,000
05-30	Lenape Valley	Group Home Rehab	\$15,000
05-31	St. Mary Medical Center	Clinic Equipment	\$22,000
05-32	Bristol Borough	Borough Bldg. Restrooms Accessibility	\$36,800
05-33	Dublin Borough	Sidewalk Construction Main Street	\$32,900
05-34	Falls Township	Birch Drive Road Reconstruction	\$90,600
05-35	Hilltown Township	Pearl S. Buck Driveway Reconstruction	\$32,600
05-36	Middletown Township	Curb Cuts (various locations)	\$92,500
05-37	Morrisville Borough	Acquisition/Clearing/Improvements	\$109,200
05-38	Penndel Borough	Roof of Restroom at Recreation Field	\$28,300
05-39	Perkasie Borough	Disabled Access	\$69,900
05-40	Quakertown Borough	Resurface Streets	\$36,900
05-41	Richland Township	Sidewalk, Storm Water Sewers	\$10,800
05-42	Sellersville Borough	Street Reconstruction	\$46,600
05-43	Telford Borough	Storm Water Sewers	\$18,300
05-44	U. South. Township	Storm Water Facility Improvements	\$3,200
05-45	West Rockhill Township	Road and Storm Water Sewers	\$29,100
05-46	Warminster Township	Road Milling and Overlay	\$160,700
05-47	Warrington Township	Storm Water Sewers	\$98,800
05-48	Bedminster Township	Comprehensive Plan Update	\$20,000
05-49	Bridgeton Township	Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Ctr.	\$9,500
05-50	Buckingham Township	Lindquist Property-Roof & Cornice	\$30,642
05-51	Chalfont Borough	Train Station Historic Preservation	\$20,000
05-52	Haycock Township	Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Ctr.	\$20,000
05-53	Hulmeville Borough	Parking Low Milling & Paving	\$27,000
05-54	Ivylnd Borough	Benjamin Wilson Senior Ctr.	\$20,000
05-55	Lower Makefield Township	Elm Lowne/Patterson Farm Historic Preservation	\$20,000
05-56	Newtown Borough	Newtown Theatre Façade Rehabilitation	\$25,000
05-57	Plumstead Township	Rehab of Gardenville Chapel	\$22,000

05-58	Rigelsville Borough	Planning	\$11,000
05-59	Solebury Township	Planning	\$9,500
05-60	Tinicum Township	Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center	\$9,500
05-61	Yardley Borough	Borough Bldg. Disabled Access	\$20,000

Approximately 73 percent of this funding will be used for activities benefiting low or moderate-income persons. In addition to the new grant, Bucks County expects to receive approximately \$400,000 in program income from its economic development programs and its owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. This program income will be re-spent for the same purposes.

Bucks County will act to affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of housing and community development in the public and private sectors.

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