

Final Notice and Public Explanation of Proposed Activities in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Atlantic City has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The following activities are funded under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Community Development Block Grant Program, and Community Project Funding Program and are located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain as determined using the FVA approach. All projects are located in the 100-year floodplain according to FIRM Panel 3452780001D, Panel 3452780002D, Panel 3452780004D, and Panel 3452780005D effective on 8/15/1983, and Panel 3452780003E, effective on 2/1/1985.

Bangladesh Association of South Jersey Community Center Upgrade: On behalf of the Bangladesh Association of South Jersey, the City of Atlantic City is requesting the use of \$250,000.00 in CPD Congressional Grants Division funding for the proposed property improvement to the Bangladesh Community Center located at 2709 Fairmount Avenue in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Proposed activities include improvements to the ground floor (raising floor and finishing with commercial tiles), upgrades to the parking lot (concrete construction and the removal and replacement of paving with new materials), replacement of the 2nd floor stairwell (replace wood with carpeting), electrical service upgrades on the 2nd floor, installation of a new fire escape, repairs to the interior walls on the 1st and 2nd floors (replace wood, insulation, tiles, and other finishing work), and the installation of new fencing surround the parking lot and left side of the building. Activities also include upgrades and extension of plumbing, replacement of building roof, replacement of ten (10) windows, repairs stucco on exterior of the building, installation of a new structural wall, replacement of HVAC, and replacement of front and back entrance doors.

Bus Shelters: The City of Atlantic City proposes the use of \$383,366.25 in CDBG funding for the purchase and installation of new bus shelters throughout the City of Atlantic City.

Birthing Center: The City of Atlantic City proposes the use of \$X in CDBG funding for the development of a birthing center located at 1325 Baltic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ. The Center will effectively address the lack of labor and delivery services in maternity care in the City and improve access to outpatient ambulatory care for OB/GYN services in the area.

Midtown Kentucky Ave: The City of Atlantic City proposed the use of \$153,000.00 in HOME funding for the development of affordable housing at 26 S. Kentucky Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ.

ADA Accessibility Improvements to Chicken Bone Beach: The City of Atlantic City proposes the use of CDBG funding not to exceed \$380,284.00 for ADA accessibility improvements at 726 Indiana Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ. The proposed is a mixed-use, multi-family building. The

ground floor is a commercial unit while the second and third floors are residential and will consist of one unit each. HOME funds will be used in combination with Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit dollars to fund repairs to the property.

The City of Atlantic City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

Alternatives considered were choosing another location for each project located in the floodplain, modifying the project to eliminate impact on the FFRMS floodplain, and the alternative of no action. The first two alternatives were considered impractical due to the fact that each project is site specific, as they involve the rehabilitation of existing properties or infrastructure or new construction of properties or infrastructure at previously specified locations. Should new locations be identified, the goals of each project would not be met. The third alternative, No Action, is unacceptable as this course of action would result in not being able to provide safe, decent, accessible, and affordable housing and public facilities and infrastructure for the City of Atlantic City's low- and moderate-income residents. Mitigation measures include: implementation of flood proofing and elevation standards consistent with Federal, State, and local requirements for construction activities in the floodplain, activities undertaken will be in conformance with sound engineering practices to assure resistance to flood of the FFRMS floodplain, and compliance with Federal Flood Insurance purchase requirements in case of development of the sites.

The City of Atlantic City has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps three (3) through (6) of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important education tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Atlantic City at the following address on or before September 10, 2025: City of Atlantic City, 1301 Bacharach Blvd—Suite 510, Atlantic City, NJ and 609-347-5330 ext. 7285, Attention: Lance T. Smith, Assistant Director, Department of Community and Economic Development/CDBG. A full description of the projects may also be

reviewed during regular business hours at the address stated above. Comments may also be submitted via email at lsmith@acnj.gov.

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