

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

The Township of Lower, New Jersey will hold a public hearing on February 4, 2026 at 1:00 PM in the Lower Township Municipal Building, Meeting Room, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, New Jersey 08251.

The purpose of the hearing is as follows: (1) to explain federal and state guidelines, (2) to review eligible and proposed program activities, (3) to consider proposals for an application under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, and (4) to receive citizen comments and recommendations.

Total funds available: \$6,672,195

At least 70 percent of the funds available must be used for activities that primarily benefit people of low and moderate income. None of the funds requested will result in displacement or relocation of people.

Eligible activities include:

1. Acquisition of real property;
2. Acquisition, construction, or installation of public facilities;
3. Code enforcement in deteriorated or deteriorating areas;
4. Clearance, demolition, and rehabilitation of buildings;
5. Special projects to remove architectural barriers which restrict accessibility of the elderly and handicapped;
6. Provision of public services;
7. Activities necessary to develop:
 - a comprehensive community development plan; and
 - policy planning management capacity to enable the recipient to more effectively administer the program.
8. Payment of reasonable administrative costs;
9. Activities carried out by public or private non-profit organizations.

Lower Township is considering a Public Facilities application in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to facilitate ADA compliant access to Delaware Bay beaches in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

All citizens are encouraged to offer comments at the public hearing or by writing to Township of Lower, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, NJ 08251 ATTN: Michael Laffey, Township Manager. Within ten days following the public hearing, written comments may also be sent to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, NJ Small Cities CDBG Program, P.O. Box 806, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0806, ATTN: Administrator.