

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX**

RESOLUTION NO. _____ **AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(n)

PROPOSED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE **AUTHORITY FOR ACTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36(i)

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, & EMPLOYMENT,
DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – EXTENSION OF SUB
RECIPIENT AGREEMENTS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the County Executive of its receipt of an entitlement available through the Community Development Block Grant Program as outlined in its One Year Action Plans for PY 2018, PY 2019 and PY 2020, and;

WHEREAS, extensions may be granted to sub recipients funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program One Year Action Plans for PY 2018, PY 2019 and PY 2020, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is empowered by N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(n) to approve by Resolution, contracts presented by the County Executive;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Essex County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. That the extensions of the current sub recipient agreements with the sub recipients funded with Community Development Block Grant funds, as described in the matrix attached hereto, are accepted and that the County Executive is authorized to enter into extensions with the sub recipients.
2. These sub recipient agreement extensions shall be effective retroactively to December 31, 2022 and shall terminate on August 31, 2023.
3. That three (3) executed copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Craig Lombardi, Housing Coordinator, Division of Housing and Community Development.

Approved as to form and legality _____ Date _____


ESSEX COUNTY COUNSEL

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner _____

Second by Commissioner _____

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
Cooper					Mercado				
Gill					Pomares, V.P.				
Graham					Richardson, Pres.				
Johnson					Sebold				
Luciano									

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____.

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Wayne L. Richardson, President

CDBG Extensions
2/7/2023



COUNTY OF ESSEX

DECISION MEMORANDUM

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Robert D. Jackson

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Robert D. Jackson
County Administrator

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development,
Training & Employment

DIVISION: Community Development

THRU: Anibal Ramos, Jr., Department Director
Director of Economic Development, Training & Employment

FROM: Craig Lombardi, Housing Coordinator
Division of Housing & Community Development

DATE: February 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Sub recipient Contract Agreement Extensions between the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development and various Sub Recipients through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

INTRODUCTION

Under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, the County of Essex and 18 participating municipalities are eligible to receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

On December 15, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the extension of various sub recipient contracts, including three for the City of Orange (Central Park improvements), 1st Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey (HVAC system), and the Village of South Orange (ADA improvements to Minelli Center). At this time these sub recipients are requesting that their contracts be extended from the previously approved date of December 31, 2022.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The Division of Housing & Community Development proposes to extend the contracts with these municipal and service agency sub recipients for 8 months out to August 31, 2023 to allow these projects to be completed and fully funded. See the attached matrix for an updated status of each project. Failure to complete these projects by the proposed extension deadline may result in the recapture and reprogramming of funds.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed contract extensions as outlined above and described more fully in the attached matrix. Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the Division will amend the existing contracts to reflect a new expiration date of August 31, 2023.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. The approval of the CDBG contract extensions is based upon a request by certain municipal and service agency sub recipients and would be necessary to complete the projects.
2. The projects described in the attached matrix will provide benefits to Essex County residents, which is consistent with the currently approved action plan.
3. The activities covered by these contracts may be continued immediately upon approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The CDBG program is funded totally by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Therefore, there will be no fiscal impact experienced by the County of Essex.

CONCLUSION

This action will result in the completion of various public improvements and public facilities that will benefit low/moderate income residents of Essex County. The funds derived from the Community Development Block Grant Program will provide physical improvements and enhanced public facilities that will benefit Essex County and the participating municipalities. Furthermore, these funds leverage State, local, and private dollars above that of the federal grant allocation.

If additional information is required, please contact Craig Lombardi at (973) 873 9344.

Enclosures

CDBG Projects with expiring contracts on December 31, 2022 – Status as of December 31, 2022

Activity	Grant Award	Program Year	Status as of 12.31.22
1 st Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey	\$300,000	2020	Project completed; processing vouchers
South Orange Minelli Center	\$102,900	2019	May have to rebid project as contractor that won award is trying to renegotiate his bid amount
Orange Central Park playground	\$120,000	2018	Work started; to be completed in 2023
Total Balances	\$522,900		