



PUBLIC NOTICE



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Elizabeth will receive and open proposals on Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 at 12:00P.M., in the Elizabeth City Hall, Room 114, 50 Winfield Scott Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey for the following programs:

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
for the period of
July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (CD45- PY2019).**

Proposals received after the deadline (**12:00 pm on 2/13/2019**) will not be accepted. All proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4.

The City of Elizabeth, Department of Planning & Community Development, is hereby requesting proposals from nonprofits, and other eligible public and private entities for participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period of July, 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (Year 45). The City anticipates receiving nearly \$4,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Approximately \$2,735,308 for CDBG, \$160,000 for ESG and \$1,000,000 for HOME. The CDBG Funds will be used for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, improved community facilities and public services. ESG funds will be used to provide rental assistance and support services for the homeless, and HOME funds will be used for the creation & preservation of affordable rental & owner-occupied units and for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). All activities must benefit very low to low income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet other community development needs that present a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. The RFP is part of the HUD Consolidated Plan process and will result in the submission to HUD of a one-year action plan, which will include funding requests under the CDBG, ESG, & HOME programs.

Application Packages will be available on Friday, January 11, 2019, in Elizabeth City Hall - Room 114 for pick-up, they can also be mailed or e-mailed upon request, and can also be downloaded from the City's Website www.elizabethnj.org. Take notice, the minimum

A **Mandatory Informational Meeting** will be held on **Friday, January 18, 2019** from 1:00P.M. to 3:00P.M., at the Elizabeth Council Chambers, Elizabeth City Hall, 50 Winfield Scott Plaza, 3rd floor. A representative from every applicant agency must participate in this mandatory meeting. A variety of topics will be discussed including: 2019 municipal priorities, overview of (CDBG), (ESG), and the HOME program. We will review the program parameters, application forms, evaluation criteria, award/denial timetables, etc.

Individual Technical Assistance will be provided by appointment only, weekdays from **January 22nd through February 11th**, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to review application forms, program restrictions, and evaluation criteria for each program.

Submission Deadline: All information requested in the RFP must be provided or the proposal may be disqualified. Proposals must be **sealed and labeled** in accordance with the instructions contained in the RFP. Proposals must be made on the form required by the specifications and **one (1) original and three (4) copies of the Application Package must be received by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13th, 2019.** Proposals submitted after 12:00pm and/or by fax/ e-mail will not be processed, no exceptions.

Packages may be received prior to due date and should be addressed to:

City of Elizabeth - Department of Planning & Community Development
50 Winfield Scott Plaza -Room 114, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Attn: Mrs. Victoria Rivera, Coordinator Federal & State Aid, Dept. of Planning & Community Development

The City of Elizabeth reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, and to accept any proposals which, in their judgment, are most advantageous, price and other factors considered, and will best serve the interest of the City of Elizabeth.

Proposers are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:27.

The Honorable J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor
City of Elizabeth

Eduardo J. Rodriguez, Director
Dept. of Planning & Community Development