



PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS



Notice is hereby given that the City of Elizabeth will receive and open proposals on Thursday, March 2, 2023, for the following programs:

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
for the period of
July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 (PY2023-Year 49)**

Proposals received after the deadline (**12:00 pm on 3/21/2023**) 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 municipal, nonprofits, and other eligible public and private entities for participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 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, 2023, through June 30, 2024 (PY2023-CD49)**. The city anticipates receiving nearly \$2,500,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Approximately \$1,500,000 for CDBG and approximately \$1,000,000 for HOME. The CDBG Funds will be used for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and public services. 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 & HOME programs.

Application will be available on Thursday, March 02, 2023. You can access application at, <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/ELIZABETHNJ/Participant>, take notice, the minimum amount you may apply for will be **\$20,000**, (any application below the minimum amount will not be considered).

A Mandatory Informational Meeting will be held as follows:

- **CDBG Funds- Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, at 10:00AM
City Hall-(Council Chambers), 50 Winfield Scott Plaza, 3rd Floor, Elizabeth, NJ 07202**

A Virtual Informational Meeting for HOME Funds will be held as follows:

- **HOME Funds-Thursday, March 9th, 2023, at 1:00PM, (link to attend meeting will be sent 2 days prior)**

Please note: A representative from entity applying must participate in this important meeting. A variety of topics will be discussed including: 2023 municipal priorities, overview of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), and/or 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 **March 2nd - March 20th**, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 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. **Online applications must be received by 12:00PM on Tuesday, March 21, 2023**, an original application must be provided no later than, **Friday, March 24th, 2023**.

The City of Elizabeth reserves the right to reject 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.

If applicants need translation, please contact our office at 908-352-8450. Si los solicitantes necesitan traducción, comuníquese con nuestra oficina al 908-352-8450.

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