# ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA



SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO:

FY 2021 and FY 2022 CDBG PROGRAM



#### SUBMITTED BY:

Office of Community Development Township of Abington 1176 Old York Road Abington, PA 19001

#### SUBMITTED TO:

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development The Wanamaker Building 100 Penn Square East Philadelphia, PA 19107



FOR FY 2021 and FY 2022 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR

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#### A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY –

It is necessary for the Township of Abington to process a "Substantial Amendment" to the Township's FY 2021 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plans for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. In accordance with the CDBG Program's Regulations, the Township is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Annual Plans and Budgets in accordance with the Township's Citizen Participation Plan.

The Township has determined that it is necessary to amend previously approved CDBG program years' budgets as some of these activities are completed with a remaining balance, cancelled, changed budget amounts, or create new projects.

The Township of Abington is substantially amending its FY 2021 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plan to reallocate CDBG funds to existing activities. This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the Township's Citizen Participation Plan since the following applies: (e.) deletion or elimination of a previously approved activity; and (f) a change of 50% of more of a line item amount of an approved activity, either increased or decreased.

The following CDBG activities are amended under the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan:

- Cancel Public Facilities Improvements Grove Park \$260,000.
- Increase Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program by \$260,000 to a new budget total of \$364,070.

The following CDBG activities are amended under the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

- Cancel Spot Blight Residential Demolition \$20,385.
- Increase Emergency Repairs Program by \$20,385 to a new budget total of \$92,385.



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#### B. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION -

The Township of Abington held a Public Hearing on February 15, 2024. Attached is a copy of the advertisement that appeared in the local newspaper, as well as the meeting sign-in sheet and meeting notes.





#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FY 2024 CDBG NEEDS HEARING AND FY 2021/FY 2022 SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Township Building, 1176 Old York Road, First Floor Conference Room, Abington, PA 19001 and by virtual conference call. There are two ways for the public to virtually participate in the meeting. Residents can access the meeting online, by a computer, iPad, iPhone or Android at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85422837760. This link will enable residents to hear the meeting and see presentations. There will be no video capabilities. Residents, who are unable to join online, can listen to the meeting by calling +1 929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID number 854 2283 7760 when prompted. If special arrangements are needed to accommodate any resident in order for them to participate in this public hearing, please contact the Community Development Department at (267) 536-1000 ext. 5, or by email at communitydevelopment@AbingtonPA.gov, or hearing-impaired persons may call Pennsylvania Relay at 711, to make such arrangements. Cualquier persona que no habla Inglés que deseen asistir a la audiencia pública deben comunicarse con el Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario y un intérprete de lenguaje se proporcionará.

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the housing, community, and economic development needs for the Township's FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, which the Township must submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Funds Program.

The Township of Abington anticipates a CDBG entitlement grant in the amount of \$730,982 for FY 2024. In order to receive these funds, the Township of Abington must prepare a One Year Annual Action Plan for the use of the CDBG funds. At least 70% of the CDBG funds must benefit low to moderate income persons living in the Township of Abington. In preparing its CDBG application, the Township intends to afford residents, local agencies, and interested parties the opportunity to become involved in the planning process.

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the needs of the Township of Abington and the use of CDBG funds to address those needs over the next year. Written comments may be addressed to the Township of Abington, Community Development Department, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 or email at to communitydevelopment@AbingtonPA.gov.



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Additional notice is hereby given that the Township of Abington has prepared an amendment to its FY 2021 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plan. In accordance with the regulations and requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the plan will be on public display for a period of 30 days, beginning January 29, 2024 until March 1, 2024 at the following locations:

PHYSICAL COPY: The Township of Abington Department of Community Development 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001

ELECTRONIC COPY: https://www.abingtonpa.gov/cd

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- FY 2021 Increase Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program by \$260,000 to a new budget total of \$364,070.
- FY 2022 Cancel Spot Blight Demolition \$20,385.
- FY 2022 Increase Emergency Repairs Program by \$20,385 to a new budget total of \$92,385.

The plan is available for public inspection during normal business hours of operation. An electronic copy may be obtained by emailing <u>communitydevelopment@AbingtonPA.gov</u>. Written or oral comments will be accepted until March 1, 2024. Comments may be directed to Township of Abington, Community Development Department, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 or emailed to <u>communitydevelopment@AbingtonPA.gov</u> or phone at (267) 536-1000 ext. 5.

Honorable Thomas Hecker, President Board of Commissioners



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#### C. RESOLUTION -

The Township of Abington's Board of Commissioners approved the Substantial Amendment on March 14, 2024.

Attached is a copy of the resolution that was approved by the Township's Board of Commissioners and authorized the filing of the Amendment with HUD.





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#### TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION NO. 24-\_\_\_\_

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania amending the FY 2021 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plans.

**Whereas,** the Township of Abington, Pennsylvania is a recipient of grant funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**Whereas**, the Township of Abington had previously approved an Annual Action Plans for the FY 2021 and FY 2022 CDBG Program years; and

**Whereas**, HUD permits grant recipients to revise and amend its previous budgets and Annual Action Plans; and

**Whereas,** in accordance with the Federal Regulations governing the CDBG Program certain changes and revisions to the Annual Action Plans may be considered a substantial amendment as outlined in the Township of Abington's Citizen Participation Plan; and

**Whereas,** it has been determined that the proposed changes and revisions to the FY 2021 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plans are a substantial amendment and the Township's Citizen Participation Plan has been followed.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

- **Section 1.** The amended FY 2021 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plans are approved as presented, and as shown in the budgets for each program year which is attached and marked "EXHIBIT A".
- **Section 2.** The President of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign and submit the amended FY 2021 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## ADOPTED INTO A RESOLUTION THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2024 BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA



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#### **APPROVED:**

#### ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date

Thomas Hecker, President

ATTEST:





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#### EXHIBIT A

The Township of Abington is substantially amending its FY 2021 and FY 2022 Annual Action Plan to reallocate CDBG funds to existing activities. This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the Township's Citizen Participation Plan since the following applies: (e.) deletion or elimination of a previously approved activity; and (f) a change of 50% of more of a line item amount of an approved activity, either increased or decreased.

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The following CDBG activities are amended under the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

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- Increase Emergency Repairs Program by \$20,385 to a new budget total of \$92,385.





#### D. FY 2021 CDBG PROGRAM

#### 1. Budget

The following line item adjustments to the FY 2021 CDBG program budget will be:

Activity Name	Previous Budget	Adjustment	Proposed Budget
Public Facilities Improvements – Grove Park	\$ 260,000	(\$ 260,000)	\$0
Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$ 104,070	\$ 260,000	\$ 364,070

#### 2. Narrative

The amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan will cancel the public facility improvements to Grove Park activity and reallocate \$260,000 in FY 2021 CDBG funds an existing activity, Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, for a new budget total of \$364,070. This action is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the Township's Citizen Participation Plan since the following applies: (e.) deletion or elimination of a previously approved activity; and (f) a change of 50% of more of a line item amount of an approved activity, either increased or decreased.

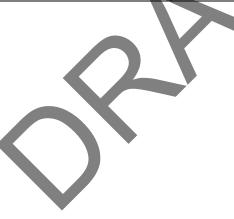
#### 3. IDIS Project Sheet

CD-21- AM	Project Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Areawide
	Goals Supported	HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Need
	Funding	CDBG: \$364,070



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Description	Housing Rehabilitation assistance for LMI households.
Target Date	9/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6 LMI households
Location Description	Township of Abington
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 14A Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential 24 CFR 570.202(a)(1) National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities carried out for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by low- and moderate-income households. 570.208(a)(3)





#### E. FY 2022 CDBG PROGRAM

#### 1. Budget

The following line item adjustments to the FY 2022 CDBG program budget will be:

Activity Name	revious Budget	Ad	justment	oposed Budget
Spot Blight Residential Demolition	\$ 20,385	(\$	20,385)	\$ 0
Emergency Repairs Program	\$ 72,000	\$	20,385	\$ 92,385

#### 2. Narrative

The amendment to the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan will cancel the Spot Blight Residential activity and reallocate \$20,385 in FY 2022 CDBG funds an existing activity, Emergency Repairs Program, for a new budget total of \$92,385. This action is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the Township's Citizen Participation Plan since the following applies: (e.) deletion or elimination of a previously approved activity.

#### 3. IDIS Project Sheet

CD-22- AM	Project Name	Emergency Repairs Program	
	Target Area	Areawide	
	Goals Supported	HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation	
	Needs Addressed	Housing Need	
	Funding	CDBG: \$92,385	
	Description	Emergency repair housing rehabilitation assistance for LMI households.	



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Target Date	9/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 LMI households
Location Description	Township of Abington
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 14A Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential 24 CFR 570.202(a)(1) National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities carried out for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by low- and moderate-income households. 570.208(a)(3)

