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Jersey City Awarded More than \$13.5 Million in Federal Housing Funds Monies to be Used for Non-Profits, Affordable Housing & More

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy announced today that the City of Jersey City has been awarded more than **\$13.5 million in federal grants** through the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**.

The funding includes a **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** for **\$7,105,628**, an **Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)** for **\$286,419**, a **HOME** award for **\$3,258,765**, and the **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)** award for **\$2,926,790**.

“Once again, we are grateful for the hard work of our federal delegation, including Senators Robert Menendez and Frank Lautenberg, Congressmen Albio Sires, Donald Payne, and Steven Rothman, for continually bringing home Jersey City’s share of federal funding for important programs such as these,” said **Mayor Healy**. “With this funding we will be able to continue and expand our aid to non-profit organizations throughout the city, as well as for affordable housing initiatives and services for seniors, the disabled, and others.”

The funding is administered through the **Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce, Division of Community Development**, and in the CDBG allocation will be used to fund approximately 60 non-profit programs ranging from youth services (Boys and Girls Club and various base ball leagues) to senior services (St. Anne’s Home and Visiting Homemakers of Hudson County).

Additionally, CDBG funds will be used to **rehabilitate housing for low/moderate income households**, improve facilities where services are provided for low/moderate income persons and to pave the way for the **redevelopment of low/moderate income areas** such as **MLK Drive and Ocean Avenue**.

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The City is also planning to utilize CDBG monies to fund two economic development initiatives, which will be carried out by **Rising Tide Capital**, an entrepreneurship training program, and **Hudson Community Enterprises**, an employment training program for disabled adults.

The City will use HOME funds to support the creation of affordable housing units for families and senior citizens. It is estimated that approximately 120 affordable housing units will be subsidized as a result of this year's HOME grant, as the grant funding will be used to leverage additional funds. ESG funds will be used to support the operation of St. Lucy's Shelter and Hope House.

HOPWA funds are used to provide housing assistance for persons living with HIV/AIDS. HOPWA funds are primarily used to provide rental assistance. The City administers HOPWA funds for all of Hudson County.

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