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# **Small Cities Community Development Block Grant**

**Program Section** 

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## Summary Information for State Fiscal Year 2015 Federal Fiscal Year 2014

# **Community Development Block Grant Program**

FFY 2014 Total Allocation: \$5,965,982	
State Administration: \$ 278,879	
FFY 2014 Funds:	\$5,687,003
Emergency Housing Repair	\$ 20,000
Innovative Development	\$ 600,000
Housing Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000
Public Facilities	\$4,067,003

# Application Submission Schedule

Public Facilities Fund	SAGE applications must be submitted no later than Friday, September 5, 2014.
Innovative Development Fund	SAGE applications must be submitted no later than Friday, September 5, 2014.
Housing Rehabilitation Fund	SAGE applications must be submitted no later than Friday, September 5, 2014.
Emergency Housing Repair Fund	Pre-applications accepted throughout the program year, forms are available on the Program's website.

# Objectives

## **State Conformance to National Objectives**

The New Jersey Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is guided by federal rules and regulations. All project activities <u>must meet</u> one of the three national program objectives set forth in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended:

- 1. To undertake community development activities that principally benefit persons of <u>low and</u> <u>moderate income</u>;
- 2. To prevent or eliminate slums and blight;
- 3. To meet urgent community development needs for which no other resources are available.

The State of New Jersey requires that at least 70 percent of the funds will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Low and moderate income is defined in the New Jersey Small Cities CDBG Program as the income of "lower income" families as set forth in the Section 8 Assisted Housing Program of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD). The US HUD provides applicable standards, and the standards are included in application instructions distributed to all **eligible units of local government** (list attached).

## **State Program Objectives**

- Support housing rehabilitation programs that maintain the supply of safe, decent, and affordable housing.
- Support and encourage efficient patterns of community development, redevelopment, and capital funding by giving priority to proposals that address documented health and safety concerns.
- Encourage innovative proposals that improve housing, and other eligible activities to renew designated revitalization areas.
- Encourage the development of facilities needed to support welfare to work programs such as job training and child and elder care.
- Support and encourage neighborhood revitalization efforts identified in locally developed plans and strategies.
- Improve the availability and adequacy of essential public facilities, and remedy serious deficiencies in areas that principally serve people of low or moderate income.
- Ensure that municipalities have the capacity to implement community development programs and maintain community development improvements.
- To support community development projects of particular urgency where existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and where other financial resources are unavailable.

#### **Distribution of Allocation**

Contingent on the US HUD's final approval of the State's Consolidated Plan, the distribution of CDBG funds will be as set forth below.

#### **Administration and Technical Assistance**

Administration and Technical Assistance \$ 278,879

The State is permitted to retain an amount equal to 3 percent of the grant award plus \$100,000 to cover costs associated with the State's administration of the CDBG program.

#### Funds

#### Emergency Housing Repair Fund

The Emergency Housing Repair Fund has been established to correct emergency conditions in owner-occupied housing where the owner is income-eligible and unable to obtain assistance from any other public or private source. Assistance will be provided on a first-come, firstserved basis to the extent funds are available. Only eligible units of local government may apply on behalf of the homeowner.

The maximum grant award in this category will be \$10,000. However, the DCA will consider exceeding this ceiling if the applicant presents compelling reasons to do so. Prospective applicants are required to contact the Small Cities CDBG Program before submitting a proposal for assistance.

#### Innovative Development Fund

This funding category provides assistance for activities that meet one of the three national objectives of the program, but do NOT qualify for funding under the other Small Cities categories. Grants may not exceed \$300,000 unless compelling reasons for exceeding that amount are set forth by the applicant and accepted by the DCA.

#### Housing Rehabilitation Fund

This funding category will be used for activities that improve the condition of affordable housing in New Jersey. County-managed programs may be awarded up to \$400,000. Multijurisdictional programs may receive grants of up to \$300,000. Awards to programs serving only one municipality may not exceed \$200,000. The fund is designed to rehabilitate only single-family owner occupied housing.

#### Public Facilities Fund

This funding category is established to assist units of local government to construct or improve essential public facilities that will primarily benefit people of low and moderate income. The

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maximum grant awarded in this category will be \$400,000. However, this maximum may be exceeded if compelling reasons are presented and accepted by the DCA.

#### **Matching Requirements**

Units of local government seeking assistance from the Innovative Development Fund, the Public Facilities Fund, and the Housing Rehabilitation Fund are required to commit a percentage of the grant request, based on the applicable Municipal Distress Index ranking (MDI Rank). The matching share is determined as follows:

MDI Rank	Matching Share
0 to 100	5%
101 to 200	10%
201 to 300	15%
301 to 400	20%
401 and above	25%

The MDI rank for each Small Cities-eligible unit of government is provided in the Appendix. Where more than one municipality is participating in the proposed project, the matching requirement will be determined by combining the MDI of each participant and dividing by the number of participating municipalities.

Where costs for professional services will be used, identified costs borne by the applicant must be consistent with established DCA standards as set forth in the applicable application guide in SAGE. Applicants to the Innovative Development Fund may request a reduced matching share percentage with justification. Emergency Housing Repair grants do not require local matching funds.

## **Number of Applications**

Applicants may apply for one (1) Housing Rehabilitation grant, one (1) Public Facilities grant, and one (1) Innovative Development grant per year. Each grant application in SAGE is limited to one specific project. The Department retains discretion to award a single grant per year to each jurisdiction.

## **Open Balances of Prior Awards**

State CDBG programs are nationally ranked on a monthly basis by HUD on expenditure and balance ratios. Since large program balances are detrimental to the State rational rankings, the Department reserves the right not to fund an applicant should a substantial balance exist in prior grant awards at the time of application.

## **Reallocation of Funds**

The Department reserves the right to transfer funds (including those recaptured from cancellations or closeout balances and program income) between funding categories outlined in the Plan based on demand for assistance demonstrated by the number of applications received.

#### **Community Development and Housing Needs Statement**

To be considered for assistance from any Small Cities fund (with the exception of the Emergency Housing Repair Fund and the 108 Loan Program), the applicant must provide a Community Development and Housing Needs Statement. This statement must include at least three components – community development needs, housing needs, and status of applicable land use plans. The proposed project must address in detail at least one of the areas identified in the Statement of Community Development and Housing Needs to be considered for a grant. Instructions for preparing this document are set forth in the SAGE application guide for each Small Cities Fund.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

#### Emergency Housing Repair

Funding to correct emergency conditions in single family owner-occupied housing units may be requested by an eligible local government at any time throughout the funding year and will be evaluated according to the following considerations:

- Compliance with a statutory National Objective.
- Documented needs and costs.
- Certification that other public or private funding sources are not available.

#### Innovative Development

The Small Cities CDBG Innovation Development Fund (IDF) dedicates resources for new, innovative, and/or timely community development projects that fall outside the traditional funding categories of housing rehabilitation or public facility (improvement) projects.

This category is specifically dedicated to fund innovative, small-scale pilot projects under Entrepreneurship (Small Business) Development, Alternative Energy Sources or Energy Conservation or other efforts that provide unique, unmatched benefits to eligible units of local government in New Jersey. The proposed project must be a CDBG eligible activity, meet a CDBG national objective and be designed in accordance with the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. Priority will be given to programs that are designed to provide 100 percent benefit to people of low and moderate-income, or programs that meet one of the national objectives and are designed to create alternative energy sources and encourage energy conservation are eligible.

#### Housing Rehabilitation, Public Facilities and Innovative Development Funds

All applications are subject to a review process that utilizes the Application Review Form (Attachment A). NJDCA staff will review all applications to determine if threshold requirements are met. **Applications must meet minimum threshold requirements to be eligible for funding.** 

#### Threshold Requirements

- **Attachment A:** Refer to the Threshold Requirements in the Small Cities Application Review Form attached, and the SAGE Application Instructions for more details.
- All Federal Compliance Items: (submit the following)
  - 1) Resolution for Citizen Participation Plan
  - 2) Resolution for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
  - 3) Grant Management Plan and resolution

4) Environmental Review Record (ERR), one of the following may be submitted:

a. Complete <u>draft</u> of the environmental review record (ERR) for the level of review required (completed to the point before publishing a public notice) and include a draft Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds, (NOI/RROF), or combined notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and NOI/RROF, and comments on potential problems encountered with the ERR

b. Final or completed ERR, the final ERR must include proof of official public notice, NOI/RROF or combined notice FONSI and NOI/RROF, and letters documenting findings, a phase I environmental site assessment if required, (Refer to the Small Cities ERR Handbook section on the Program's web page or contact the Small Cities Program for more information)

5) Professional Services Agreement drafts specific to the project

- 6) Third party cooperative agreement draft for ID projects
- 7) Policies and Procedures Manual for housing programs
- 8) Matching Funds Certification
- 9) Municipal/County Resolution to apply and accept grant funds.

All items above, except for the ERR, must be current (no older than 6 months from time of application), specific to the application, complete and executed before submitting the application. Applicants that do not complete and submit the above items with the application

<u>may not be eligible for funding</u>. Please refer to the Program's web page at <u>http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/cdbg.html</u> for more information.

• All Housing Rehabilitation Applications: Housing programs must establish a revolving loan fund and include such provision in an adopted policies and procedures manual. At least 50 percent of the funds provided to homeowners must in the form of a loan.

#### **Rated Criteria**

Applications that meet all threshold requirements will then be scored based upon the following criteria:

• *Municipal Distress:* The relative need of an applicant will be evaluated by using the Statewide Municipal Distress Index (MDI), which appears in the attached table. The indices are used by State agencies in allocating need-based assistance to municipalities. Applicants may receive up to 5 points as follows:

MDI Rank	Score
0 to 100	5 Points
101 to 200	4 Points
201 to 300	3 Points
301 to 400	2 Points
401 and above	1 Point

- Readiness to Proceed: Applicants must demonstrate that they can complete their proposed project within the two year grant period. The degree to which an applicant is ready to proceed with the proposed project will be evaluated as follows: Housing Rehabilitation applications that include a list of three or more income-eligible households with work write-ups that can go out to bid. Public Facilities and Innovative Development applications that include plans and specifications will receive 10 points.
- **Balance Ratio:** Applicants will be rated on the remaining balance of grant awards received in a funding category over a three year period, including all open grants at the time of application. Applicants with ratios of .50 or less will receive 30 points and applicants with ratios above .50 will receive zero points.
- **Program Impact:** It is important that public facility project serve an acceptable critical mass. A public facility application that indicates serving a population of low to moderate income people from 30 to 99 will receive 5 points. An application having a project which serves more than 100 low and moderate income people will receive 10 points. Applications with projects that serve a low/mod population less than 30 people will receive zero points.
- **Past Performance:** Past performance will affect an applicant's overall rated score. A past performance rating of "Good" will indicate that the grantee submits timely reports, spends grant funds on schedule, completes the project within the two-year grant term and has no "administrative findings" during monitoring visits. However, multiple instances of poor

performance in managing grants, e.g., where concerns and findings were documented as a result of monitoring visits and failure to adhere to reporting requirements and policies will lower the overall rated score.

<ul> <li>Past</li> <li>Performance</li> <li>Rating</li> </ul>	Range of Score
Good	20 to 25 Points
<ul> <li>Fair</li> </ul>	10 to 20 Points
Poor	0 to 10 Points

The Department reserves the right not to fund an applicant based on the past performance, competency and experience of the management team including the project coordinator, which may be an employee or consultant. Slow progress, multiple and repetitive instances of noncompliance with program requirements will weigh heavily in the decision-making process.

• **Discretionary Points:** Maximum 5 points awarded based on the overall viability of proposed project and how it addresses the applicant's Community Development and Housing Needs Statement.

# • Eligible CDBG Activities

Activities assisted under the Small Cities CDBG Program are limited to the following:

- 1. Acquisition of real property that is blighted, appropriate for rehabilitation, appropriate for preservation as a historic site, or used for provision of public works or other public purposes.
- 2. Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works or facilities (except buildings for the general conduct of government) and site and other improvements.
- 3. Code enforcement in deteriorated or deteriorating areas in which such enforcement may arrest the area's decline.
- 4. Clearance, demolition, removal, and rehabilitation of buildings.
- 5. Special projects directed to the removal of architectural barriers that restrict the accessibility of the elderly and handicapped.
- 6. Payments to housing owners for losses of rental income incurred in holding units for relocated individuals and families displaced by activities under the program.
- 7. Disposition of real property acquired pursuant to the program.
- 8. Provision of public services if the local government has not provided such services during the 12-month period immediately preceding implementation of the program.
- 9. Payment of the non-Federal share required in connection with a Federal grant-in-aid program undertaken as part of this program.
- 10. Payment of the cost of completing a project funded under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949.

- 11. Relocation payments for displaced individuals, families, businesses, and organizations as a result of activities under the program.
- 12. Activities necessary to develop a comprehensive community development plan and to develop a policy-planning-management capacity to enable the recipient to more effectively administer the program.
- 13. Payment of reasonable administrative costs.
- 14. Activities carried out by public or private non-profit organizations including:
  - a. Planning
  - Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), site improvements, and utilities and commercial or industrial buildings or structures.
- 15. Assistance to non-profit organizations serving non-entitlement areas, local development corporations or entities organized under the Small Business Investment Act of 1985 to carry out a neighborhood revitalization or community economic development or energy conservation projects, including the development of shared housing opportunities for the elderly (other than by construction of new facilities).
- 16. Activities necessary to the development of a comprehensive community-wide energy-use strategy.
- 17. Assistance to private, for-profit entities, when the assistance is appropriate to carry out an economic development project.
- 18. Rehabilitation or development of housing assisted under Section 17 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.
- 19. Assistance to facilitate the substantial reconstruction of housing owned and occupied by low- and moderate-income persons.
- 20. Technical assistance to increase the capacity of public or non-profit entities to carry out eligible neighborhood revitalization or economic development activities.
- 21. Housing services designed to assist homeowners, tenants, and others seeking to participate in eligible housing activities.
- 22. Assistance to institutions of higher education capable of implementing eligible activities.
- 23. Assistance to public and private organizations (for-profit as well as non-profit) to facilitate the development, stabilization, and expansion of micro-enterprises.
- 24. Assistance to facilitate and expand homeownership by subsidizing interest rates, financing acquisition, guaranteeing mortgages, paying up to 50% of down payments, or paying reasonable closing costs for income-eligible people.
- 25. Activities necessary to repair and operate housing units acquired through tax foreclosure to prevent abandonment and deterioration.

# Grant Funds Recaptured and Other Recaptured Funds (Program Income)

#### **CDBG Grants**

Recaptured grant funds may be retained by the grantee if they demonstrate, as determined by the Department, that recaptured funds can be distributed in a timely way to carry out the same activity for a specific project in accordance with a reuse plan that has been approved by the State.

The State of New Jersey interprets the phrase "the same eligible activity" to mean that the grantee must use the recaptured funds for the same activity for which it was originally funded, as taken from the list of eligible activities. For example, if the recaptured funds were derived from a loan to a private firm, it must be used again for loans to private firms. This does not mean that the income may only be used for an additional loan to the same firm. Nor can "continuing the activity" be so broadly defined as to mean use for the same general purpose, such as economic development.

The State will consider exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis. However, in the event a grantee fails to demonstrate an acceptable reuse of recaptured funds, the State will recapture program funds and distribute such funds in accordance with the provisions set forth in the applicable plan for **Distribution of Allocation**.

#### **Recaptured Funds Statement**

A recaptured funds statement must be included in the application documenting the balance of all previous grant funds recaptured by applicant as of the date of application. The Department reserves the right not to fund a new project should a substantial balance exist that is not obligated in a particular funding category.

Applicants are required to submit a summary statement each year on the balance of the revolving loan funds. The funds must be in separate accounts that are based on the original activity of the local program from the Housing Rehabilitation, Innovative Development, and Employment Development funds. Refer to the Small Cities Program Handbook, Grant Management Section, and Revolving Loan Fund Reporting Procedures for further guidance.

#### Displacement

The Small Cities CDBG Program will seek to minimize involuntary displacement of persons from their neighborhoods and homes and to mitigate the adverse effects of any such displacement on low-and moderate-income persons. The State will require applicants to assess all feasible alternatives to any activity resulting in involuntary displacement.

In the event that involuntary displacement is the only feasible alternative, the State will require that grantees comply with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended; and the statutory amendments implementing regulations (CFR Part 24). In addition, the State will require that grantees comply with the requirements of

the New Jersey Relocation Assistance Acts (P.L. 1971, c.362 and P.L. 1967, c. 79) and the New Jersey Regulations for Provision of Relocation Assistance (N.J.A.C. 5:40-1 et seq.).

#### **Notice of Awards**

DCA will announce the 2015 Small Cities CDBG awards on the Department and Small Cities' website page.

#### **Additional Awards**

The NJ Small Cities CDBG Program may consider funding additional awards throughout the year as funds become available through cancellations or projects which were completed under budget. Innovative Development applications as well as applications which did not receive an award during this funding cycle because their score fell below the amount of funding available, may be considered for an award.

# ATTACHMENT A: Small Cities CDBG Application Review Form

# Final Plan SFY 2015

APPLICANT:		\$	request
Application No			
Proposed SC CDBG Project: 🗌 Public I	Facilities (P	PF) Housing Rehabilitation (HR) Innovative Develo	pment (ID
Reviewer:		FINAL Score	
SC CDBG Threshold		Comments	
Requirements			
Does application meet one (01) of the National Objectives set forth in the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA), and are the activities permitted by the HCDA? Where Benefit to Low/Moderate Income	☐ Yes ☐ No	Benefit to Low/Moderate Income People         Prevention or Elimination of Slums & Blight         Urgent Need         Comment(s):         Census       Survey         Housing Rehabilitation	
people is claimed, indicate the source of the claim and whether the claim is Area-Wide or targeted at a Special Population or HR.		Area-Wide Special Population Housing Rehabilitation	
Provide total number of person(s) served, and #number of low/moderate (L/M) income person(s) served and the percent (%) L/M.		Total number of people served by project: Population #Number of L/M %Percent L/M Comment(s)?	
Does application address at least one of the State Program Objectives?	Yes No Refer to the Plan.	Indicate Objective:	
Does application include a Public Notice (display ad) in compliance with Citizen Participation Requirements?	Yes No	Date:	
Does application include evidence that required Local Match of grant funds will be met?	Yes No	Source:	
Does application establish a revolving loan fund, and include provision for same in the HR Policy and Procedures Manual? (HR applications only)	☐ Yes ☐ No	Indicate location/page(s) in HR P&P manual:	
Does application include evidence that the Compliance Items have been completed? Note: An application may be rejected if applicant failed to complete the required compliance items and failed to establish a revolving loan fund (for HR program only).	Yes No	Compliance Items: 1 Citizen Participation Resolution 2 Fair Housing Resolution 3 Matching Funds Certification 4 Grant Management Plan & Resolution 5 Professional Services Agreements (Drafts) 6 Complete Draft Environmental Review Record, OR 100 % Complete Final ERR ( <i>circle one</i> ) 7 Policy & Procedure Manual & Resolution (HR Only) 8 Cooperative Agreement (ID Only - Draft)	
Does application meet ALL SC CDBG Threshold Requirements?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If YES- Continue to next page. If NO- application is ineligible for funding.	

ATTACHMENT A	FY2015	SC APPLICATION REVIEW FORM		
SC Application Rated Criteria		Comments	Eligible Score	Review Score
What is the applicant's Municipal Distress Index rank (MDI)? See MDI Ranking Table on p.7 of SC-RFP	MDI Rank:	Score(s) for MDI Rank: 0 to 100- 100pts- (5pts) 101-200 80pts- (4pts) 201 to 300, 60pts- (3pts) 301 400, 40 pts- (2pts) 401 and above 20 pts. (1pt)	1-5 points	
<b>Statement of Needs</b> : Does the proposed project outlined in the application accurately reflect the applicant's Statement of Needs?		Justification:	15 points max.	
Does the Application claim " <b>Readiness to</b> <b>Proceed</b> "? <i>Reviewer may justify a partial score with</i> <i>written justification</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	<ul> <li>1 A minimum of three (03) income-eligible housing units to be improved including bid ready work write-ups and resolution for property maintenance code (HR Only). Note: Existing HR programs with a balance of funds greater than 50 percent will not receive readiness points.</li> <li>2 Bid-Ready (within 45 days) Plans and Specifications (PF &amp; ID Only)</li> </ul>	10 points max.	
<b>Balance Ratio:</b> Is Applicant's balance ratio equal to or less than .50? The balance ratio is the total of the past three (3) years of an applicants' open balances of SC CDBG grant funds, divided by the past three years of the total SC CDBG grant funds awarded of the applicant.	Calculate: 3yr Balance / 3yr Total = Balance Ratio Ratio Score %:	<ul> <li>Ratio of .50 or less will receive 30 points</li> <li>Ratio of .50 or more will receive 0 points</li> <li>2013 Open Grant Balance :\$</li> <li>2013 Total Award Amount:\$</li> <li>2012 Open Grant Balance :\$</li> <li>2012 Total Award Amount:\$</li> <li>2011 Open Grant Balance :\$</li> <li>2011 Total Award Amount:\$</li> <li>TOTAL Three (3) years. Open Grant Balance : Amount \$</li> <li>TOTAL Three (30 years Total Grant Award : Amount:\$</li> </ul>	30 points max.	
<b>Program Impact:</b> How many L/M income people will benefit? Scoring: $30 \text{ to } 99 = up \text{ to 5 points}$ $\geq 100 = 10 \text{ points.}$	☐ 30 to 99 □ ≥ 100	JUSTIFICATION/Comments for scores:	10 points max.	

ATTACHMENT A	FY2015	SC APPLICATION REVIEW FORM		
Applicant Past Performance		Comments	Eligible Score	Review Score
1.Review the next four (4) items. Check the box that best describes the applicant's past grant management performance. Provide a brief justification for each category. Scoring Criteria: Good = 17-25 points Fair =9-16 points Poor = 0 to - 8 points	Good     Good     Fair     Poor     Poor	JUSTIFICATION for Past Performance:	25 points max.	
2.Indicate any past monitoring visit deficiencies for Applicant:	☐ Yes ☐ No	Dates and description of Monitoring Visit deficiencies:		
3.Indicate any Applicant Audit findings:	☐ Yes ☐ No	Dates and description of Audit deficiencies:		
4. Does application include evidence that an experienced and competent management team/coordinator will implement the application?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Indicate the Grant Management Consultant/ Manager/ Comments:		
Was application prepared as per the Guidelines set forth in the SC CDBG RFP? Are there any missing components?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Final Comments:		
Additional Application Considerations		Comments		
Will other funds be leveraged (beyond the required match) if an award is made?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, provide the amount \$ and source:		
For Housing Rehabilitation (HR) Applications, is a "Recaptured Funds" statement provided?	Yes No	Balance of Recaptured Funds  \$ Additional Comments?		

ATTACHMENT A	FY2015	SC APPLICATION REVIEW FORM		
SUMMARYOF SC-CDBG APPLICATION REVIEW		COMMENTS	Eligible Score	Review Score
<b>Reviewer Discretionary Score:</b> Based upon review of the application package, past experience with applicant, the viability of the project, ability to complete project in the grant term.		COMMENTS:	5 points max.	
Based on the Threshold Requirements and rated criteria, Is this Application: Eligible? Provide justification.	☐ Yes ☐ No	COMMENTS:		
Based on the Threshold Requirements and Rated criteria, Is this Application: Fundable? Provide justification. Grant Amount Requested: \$ Grant Amount Recommended: \$	☐ Yes ☐ No	COMMENTS:		
	TOTAL S	C CDBG APPLICATION SCORE:	95-100 points Max.	
Date:	<b>Reviewer</b> :	:		

Additional Commentary on SC Application, if needed:

2015 NJ Eligible Small Cities Municipalities & Counties With Municipal Distress Index (MDI) Ranking (as of May 23, 2014)

Atlantic County	MDI Rank	<b>Cumberland County</b>	<u>MDI Rank</u>
Egg Harbor City	73	Commercial Township	23
Hammonton Town	124	Deerfield Township	28
		Downe Township	55
<b>Burlington County</b>	MDI Rank	Fairfield Township	83
		Greenwich Township	21
Beverly City	36	Hopewell Township	184
Burlington City	101	Lawrence Township	30
North Hanover Township	209	Maurice River Township	49
Palmyra Borough	109	Shiloh Borough	44
Pemberton Borough	63	Stow Creek Township	100
Pemberton Township	76	Upper Deerfield Township	80
Riverside Township	96		
Wrightstown Borough	114		
		Hunterdon County	MDI Rank
<b>Camden County</b>	MDI Rank	Alexandria Township	504
		Bethlehem Township	500
Gloucester City	15	Bloomsbury Borough	380
Pine Valley Borough	473	Califon Borough	484
Tavistock Borough	557	Clinton Town	498
		Clinton Township	524
		Delaware Township	479
<u>Cape May County</u>	MDI Rank	East Amwell Township	521
		Flemington Borough	219
Avalon Borough	421	Franklin Township	357
Cape May City	202	Frenchtown Borough	306
Cape May Point Borough	343	Glen Gardner Borough	301
Dennis Township	259	Hampton Borough	233
Lower Township	223	High Bridge Borough	325
Middle Township	144	Holland Township	375
North Wildwood City	170	Kingwood Township	356
Sea Isle City	370	Lambertville City	418
Stone Harbor Borough	455	Lebanon Borough	511
Upper Township	350	Lebanon Township	403
West Cape May Borough	309	Milford Borough	436
West Wildwood Borough	310	Raritan Township	524
Wildwood City	29	Readington Township	515
Wildwood Crest	254	Stockton Borough	458
Woodbine Borough	86	Tewksbury Township	510
		Union Township	541
		West Amwell Township	416

<u>Mercer County</u>	MDI Rank	Sussex County	MDI Rank
East Windsor Township	342	Andover Borough	269
Hightstown Borough	90	Andover Township	302
Hopewell Borough	431	Branchville Borough	334
Hopewell Township	531	Byram Township	437
Lawrence Township	472	Frankford Township	326
Pennington Borough	438	Franklin Borough	158
Princeton Borough	374	Fredon Township	385
Princeton Township	446	Green Township	423
Robbinsville Township	556	Hamburg Borough	267
West Windsor Township	535	Hampton Township	409
		Hardyston Township	320
		Hopatcong Borough	298
		Lafayette Township	316
<u>Morris County</u>	MDI Rank	Montague Township	266
		Newton Town	110
Dover Town	27	Ogdensburg Borough	250
		Sparta Township	442
		Sandyston Township	292
		Stanhope Borough	225
Salem County	<u>MDI Rank</u>	Stillwater Township	187
		Sussex Borough	57
Alloway Township	347	Vernon Township	369
Carneys Point Township	72	Walpack Township	195
Elmer Borough	118	Wantage Township	311
Elsinboro Township	167		
Lower Alloways Creek Twp.	181		
Mannington Township	99	Warren County	<u>MDI Rank</u>
Oldmans Township	162		401
Penns Grove Borough	6	Allamuchy Township	401
Pennsville Township	215	Alpha Borough	125
Pilesgrove Township	304	Belvidere Town	75
Pittsgrove Township	169	Blairstown Township	379
Quinton Township	58 24	Franklin Township	244
Salem City	34	Frelinghuysen Township	389
Upper Pittsgrove Township	262 69	Greenwich Township Hackettstown Town	360
Woodstown Borough	09	Hardwick Township	153 353
		1	196
		Harmony Township Hope Township	235
Somerset County	MDI Rank	Independence Township	383
Somerset County	MDI Kalik	Knowlton Township	210
Far Hills Borough	534	Liberty Township	303
	<i>JJ</i> <del>1</del>	Lopatcong Borough	287
		Lopationg Dolough	207
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# Warren County - Continued MDI Rank

Mansfield Township	242
Oxford Township	87
Phillipsburg Town	24
Pohatcong Township	201
Washington Borough	135
Washington Township	340
White Township	327

# **Eligible Counties**

# **MDI Rank**

Cape May County	262
Cumberland County	56
Hunterdon County	427
Mercer County	373
Salem County	151
Sussex County	290
Warren County	248

excluding Ocean City
excluding Bridgeton, Millville, Vineland
excluding Ewing, Hamilton, City of Trenton