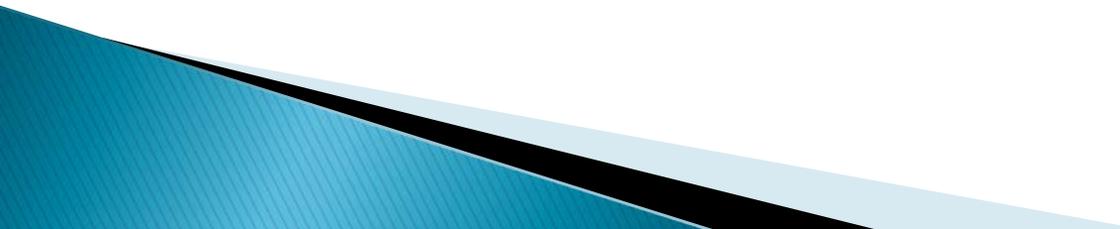


# C.A.P.E.R.

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL  
PERFORMANCE AND  
EVALUATION REPORT 2012



The Consolidated Plan was originally developed in 1995 to provide a comprehensive approach for the use of HUD Entitlement funds. This is the City's fourth 5-year consolidated plan. This report reflects accomplishments for year four (4) of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan. Many of the goals of the individual programs are met through a collaborative effort.

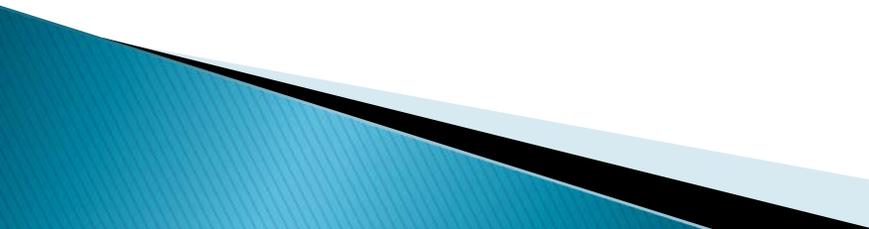


# **ASSESSMENT OF FIVE YEAR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**The Annual Application prepared by the City of Jersey City for 2012 entitlement funds established priorities for:**

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)  
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)  
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

**Each year, the City, through its Division of Community Development, reviews the goals established in the Five Year Plan and establishes priorities for the next year. The following is a synopsis of some of the accomplishments for the past fiscal year.**



# **CDBG – Public Service Accomplishments**

# Youth Services

## Objectives & Accomplishments

- ▶ **Youth Services (up to age 18):** After School Academic Enrichment; Counseling (Conflict Resolution and Substance Abuse); Guidance or Mentoring; Structured Recreation and Educational Workshops.
  - 3,533 youth acquired cultural literacy skills
  - 3,321 youth participate in educational and recreational field trips
  - 525 youth demonstrated improved academic performance
  - 523 youth reduced involvement with the criminal justice system
  - 510 youth improved social and emotional development
  - 247 youth increased academic skills by participating in a before or after school program
  - 189 youth remain out of trouble as a result of participating in an after-school and/or summer program
  - 185 youth gained practical life skills
  - 149 youth maintained a passing grade point average (GPA)
  - 106 youth demonstrated improved behavior in school

# Immigrants

## Objectives & Accomplishments

- ▶ **Immigrants: Information and Referral and Translation Services.**
  - 279 immigrants saw a reduction in doctor's visits as a result from participating in service provided.
  - 179 immigrants saw an improvement in their health
  - 61 senior immigrants reduced feelings of isolation and loss
  - 50 immigrants increased their ability to independently access public and private human services without assistance
  - 49 immigrants became their own advocates
  - 35 immigrants completed outpatient treatment

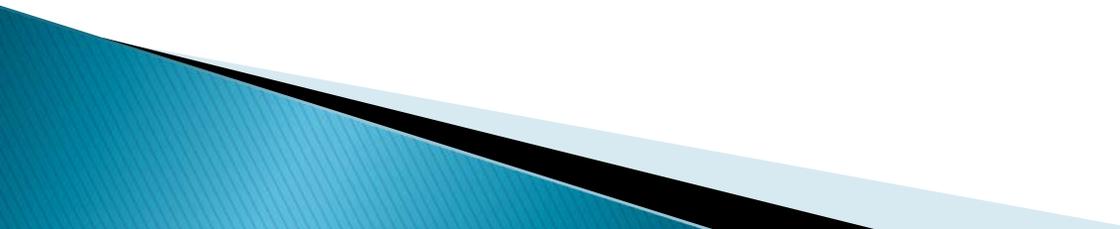
Recognized Need: Translation Services



# Senior Citizens Objectives & Accomplishments

- ▶ **Senior Citizens: General Social Services; Health Services and Basic Needs (Housing, Health Care and Food).**
  - 227 senior citizens saw a reduction in doctor or medical visits
  - 177 senior citizens' health issues were addressed or remediated as a result of health services and/or activities
  - 132 senior citizens reduced their use of psychotropic drugs
  - 87 senior citizens remained active in their community through supportive services
  - 39 senior citizens with disabilities maintained independent living for at least 90 days

Recognized Need: Housing



# Disabled Persons Objectives & Accomplishments

- ▶ **Disabled Persons: Basic Needs (Housing, Health Care, and Food), Educational Training and Skills Development.**
  - 43 families acquired necessary skills, knowledge and capacity to care for their child(ren).
  - 30 disabled youth demonstrated improved academic performance
  - 30 disabled youth increased athletic and social skills
  - 30 disabled youth improved their physical health and development
  - 21 disabled youth achieved age appropriate developmental milestones
  - 21 disabled youth transitioned from early intervention programs to appropriate pre-school programs.
  - 21 disabled infants and toddlers are better able to travel safely in their environment as a result of improved vision and mobility and developmental skills

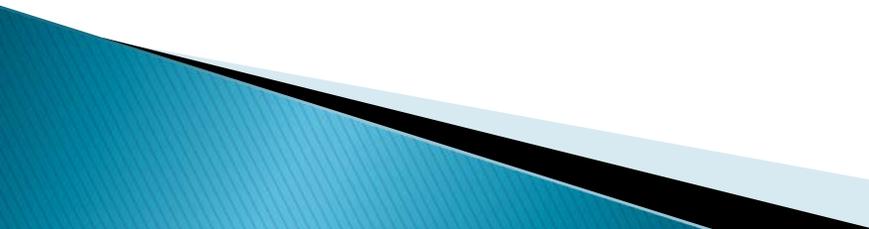
Recognized Need: Housing



# Formerly Incarcerated Persons Objectives & Accomplishments

- ▶ **Formerly Incarcerated Persons:** Employment Training geared for available jobs; Counseling (Mental Health Care, Substance Abuse); Basic Needs (Housing, Health Care and Food) and Parenting Skills. Agencies that have documented success in placing clients will be viewed more favorably.
  - 16 individuals demonstrated a measureable increase in skills/competencies required for employment.
  - 9 individuals received assistance with obtaining permanent rental housing
  - 5 individuals received minimum wage employment within the community
  - 3 individuals received legal assistance referrals

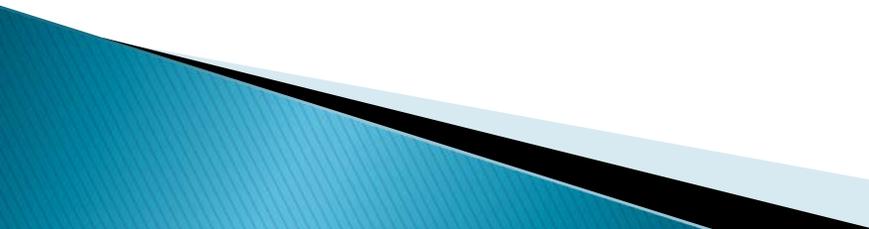
Recognized Need: Employment Training



# Adults (Working Poor/ Low Income)

- ▶ **Adults (Working Poor/ Low Income):** Basic Needs (Housing, Health Care and Food); Skills Training /Literacy; Counseling (substance abuse and conflict resolution) and Child Care Services.
  - 1,479 individuals alleviated hunger through a soup kitchen, pantry and/or referral services.
  - 860 individuals independently accessed community services
  - 708 individuals saw a reduction in domestic violence incidences through case management, group counseling and individual counseling
  - 151 individuals improved parenting skills
  - 75 individuals acquired knowledge from Anger Management, Conflict Resolution and Substance Abuse workshops
  - 75 individuals remain drug free for at least six (6) months
  - 75 individuals obtained a certificate or degree from an educational or vocational program

# Adults (Working Poor/ Low Income)

- 69 individuals completed a G.E.D. program and obtained a certificate or diploma
  - 63 households have other emergency needs ameliorated
  - 33 individuals participated in life skills training
  - 29 individuals obtained childcare directly by an agency
  - 26 individuals obtained mental health services
  - 23 parents employed as a result of obtaining childcare
  - 20 children were reunited with their families
  - 15 adults improve academic skills and enter other educational or training programs.
  - 14 individuals demonstrated a measurable increase in skills/competencies required for employment
  - 14 individuals obtained full-time employment above minimum wage
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# **CDBG – Rehabilitation**

# CDBG– Public Facilities

- ▶ Funds are used to assist various public facilities and for capital improvement projects. Following is a description of non-profit and city capital improvement projects completed and/or underway during the fiscal year.

# Non-Profit Agencies

- ▶ Hudson Milestones, Inc.: 365–381 Clendenny Avenue
  - This agency provides services for developmentally challenged individuals.

Accomplishment: CDBG funds were used to convert a laundromat into program space that will allow the agency to serve an additional 20–25 developmentally challenged students.

**HUDSON MILESTONES**



# HUDSON MILESTONES

Serving People with Developmental Disabilities  
Throughout their Lifetimes.



Established in 1950



# Non-Profit Agencies (Cont'd)

- ▶ Hudson Community Enterprises: 68–70 Tuers Avenue
  - This agency operates a program for high school students with disabilities.

Accomplishment: CDBG funds were used to expand the agency's microfilming operation to create additional jobs for disabled adults.



HUDSON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

SIAMESE CONNECTION  
FOR FIRE DEPT



**NO PARKING**  
← →  
**2** HR  
PARKING  
8 AM - 5 PM  
MON - FRI  
**TOW-AWAY  
ZONE**  
ANY VEHICLES  
WITHOUT  
ZONE 2 PERMIT  
PARKED  
OVER 2 HRS

# Non-Profit Agencies (Cont'd)

- ▶ Team Walker, Inc.: 373-377 Communipaw Avenue
  - This agency provides educational and recreational services for youth.

Accomplishment: CDBG funds were used to acquire vacant land and to develop an educational center that will serve approximately 150 youth ages 8 to 18.



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CUMMINGS

The Future Home of  
The Team  
Willoughby  
Learning  
Center

# City Capital Improvements Projects

- ▶ J.C. Dept. of Public Works (DPW) – Muhammad Ali Park (Armstrong & Van Nostrand Avenues)
  - CDBG funds were used to rehabilitate this pocket park.
- ▶ J.C. Dept. of Public Works (DPW) – ADA Curb Cuts (Citywide)
  - CDBG funds were used to construct ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps at intersections throughout the City.



**PARK RULES**

- NO DOGS ALLOWED
- NO BARBECUE GRILLING
- NO LOOSE WHEELS
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED IN PARK
- NO LITTERING

**PARK HOURS**

8am - 10:30pm



# Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

# Special Needs Population – Homeless

## Continuum of Care (CoC)

Jersey City Division of Community Development and the Hudson County Division of Housing and Community Development serve as the lead agencies for the Continuum of Care planning and development process for the Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness (HCAEH) under the Super Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

- FY 2011 SuperNOFA allocation \$5,043,388 (new & renewal projects)
- FY 2012 SuperNOFA allocation \$2,470,459 (renewal projects)
  - As of June 21<sup>st</sup> HUD has not provided allocation for new projects

# CoC Process

- Maintain ongoing dialogue regarding homelessness and chronic homelessness
  - Continually tailor focus of services to reflect government requirements and community needs
  - Use NOFA and other government funding sources to provide permanent & transitional supportive housing, case management, substance abuse programs
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# Special Needs Population Homeless (Cont'd)

**New** - Three (3) pending HUD approval

**Renewal** - Eleven (11) approved inclusive of Shelter, Permanent Housing and Transitional Housing programs

## Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

ESG is used primarily to support existing homeless shelters, outreach efforts and recently homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services.

ESG is an important component to HCAEH services as a collaborative tool of services and facilities for homeless individuals and families.

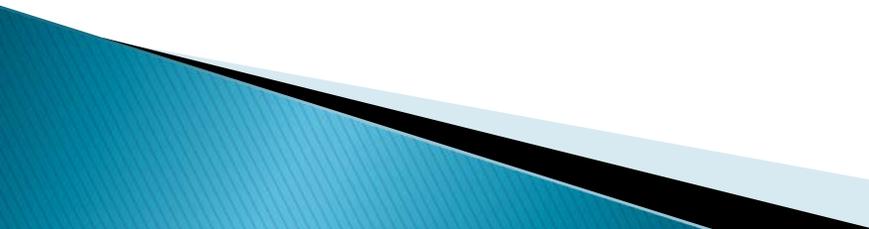


# Emergency Solutions Grant Accomplishments

The following accomplishments were achieved by Emergency Shelters:

- 577 homeless persons received employment assistance.
- 476 homeless persons received case management services.
- 383 persons received housing placement services.
- 222 homeless persons were moved to permanent housing.
- 79 homeless persons obtained full-time employment.
- 39 homeless persons had a medical emergency/crisis addressed.

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) launched in November 2012. The Garden State Episcopal CDC is currently providing the following assistance:

- Rental assistance to prevent homelessness.
  - Housing assistance for those who are literally homeless.
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# **Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)**



# Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids (HOPWA)

- Only City administered grant available to Hudson County residents
- Provides housing and supportive services for HIV/AIDS population
- Grantee HOPWA eligible activities are Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short Term Rental, Mortgage, & Utility Assistance (STRMU), Permanent Housing Placement (PHP), Permanent Housing Facilities, Transitional/Short-term Facilities, and Supportive Services

# HOPWA (Cont'd)



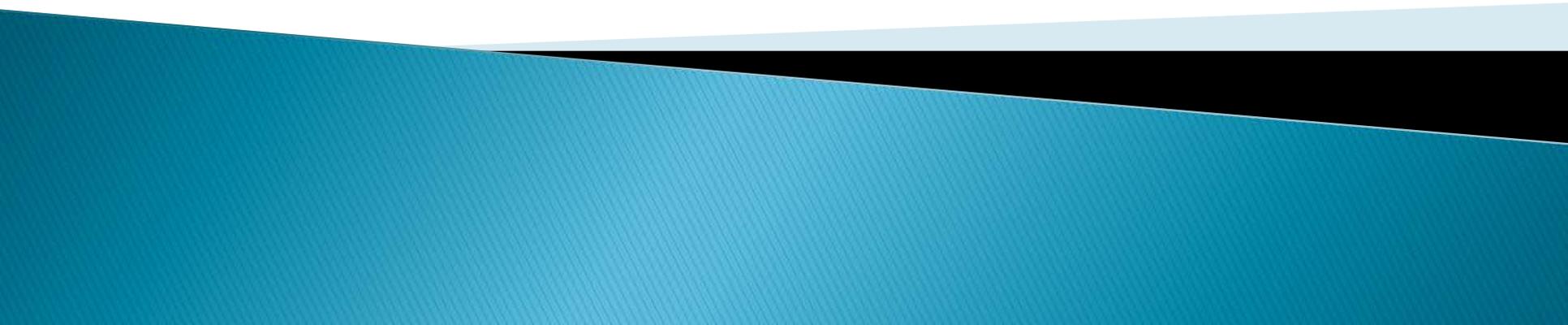
## Overview

- FY 2012–2013 HOPWA allocation \$3,002,370 subcontracted among five (5) non-profit organizations
- As of 3/31/2013 \$2,809,414.80 (94%) were expended among HOPWA funded activities
- Projected households served 213; actual households served 211

## Expenditures (FYE)

- ▶ TBRA \$1,626,718 (58%)
- ▶ STRMU \$161,184 (6%)
- ▶ PHP \$21,853 (<1%)
- ▶ Permanent Housing Facilities \$62,459 (2%)
- ▶ Transitional/Short-term Facilities \$351,907 (13%)
- ▶ Supportive Services \$425,759 (15%)
- ▶ Administrative \$159,532 (6%)

# Economic Development



# Economic Development (Cont'd)

The following are the reported accomplishments from Hudson Community Enterprises and Rising Tide Capital:

- ▶ **Hudson Community Enterprises**

- 22 disabled persons participated and completed an employment training program
- 14 full time jobs were created
- 8 part time jobs were created

# Economic Development (Cont'd)

## ▶ Rising Tide Capital

- 77 persons graduated from a program where they received entrepreneurial management and planning assistance. Of which, 14 persons started a new business, 31 expanded an existing business and 37 strengthened an existing business
- 120 persons received business consultation and technical assistance
- 33 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs were created
- 53 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs were retained

# Economic Development (Cont'd)

- ▶ The City has four (4) open Section 108 loans.

## Loan

Hyatt Hotel

MLK Hub Development

Tramz Hotel\*

Daily News

## Status

Current

Outstanding Payments

Paid in Full

Current

\* Vertical construction of hotel is scheduled to begin in 2014.

# MONITORING

Methods used:

- ▶ Draw-Down Requests
  - ▶ Site Visits
  - ▶ Risk Assessments
  - ▶ Quarterly Reports
  - ▶ Annual Reports
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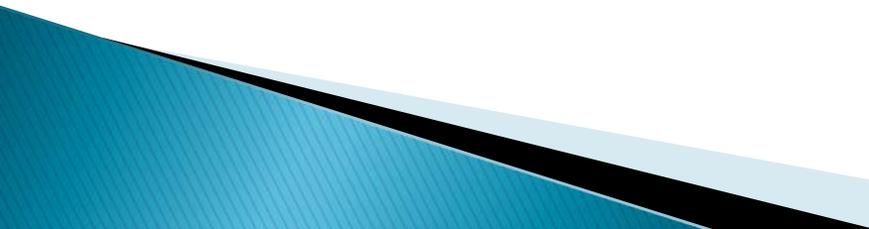
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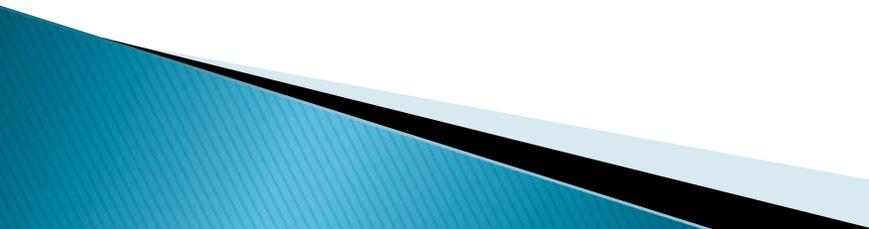
- ▶ July 2011 the City submitted its updated AI to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The full report is available on the City's website.
- ▶ The AI is a review of Jersey City's laws, regulations, administrative policies, procedures and practices affecting the location, availability and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions, both public and private, affecting fair housing choice.

# Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) (Cont'd)

## **COMMUNITIES RECEIVING CDBG ENTITLEMENT FUNDS ARE REQUIRED TO:**

- Examine and attempt to alleviate housing discrimination within their jurisdiction
  - Promote fair housing choice for all persons
  - Provide opportunities for all persons to reside in any given housing development, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin
  - Promote housing that is accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities
  - Comply with the non-discrimination requirements of the Fair Housing Act.
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# AI Observations to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

1. The need for increased language accommodations to ensure that all residents can access city programs and services.
  2. Members of the protected classes are under-represented on city boards and commissions that address housing issues.
  3. There is an inadequate supply of affordable rental housing that is accessible to disabled city residents.
  4. Black and Hispanic households have greater difficulty becoming and remaining homeowners because of lower incomes.
  5. The supply of decent, affordable housing remains inadequate
  6. Relative absence of fair housing organizations that provide training, education, outreach and enforcement on a regular basis
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# AI Recommendations to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

- ▶ Increase meaningful access to persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

Status: In the process of finalizing draft a LAP.

- ▶ Insure that members of the protected classes are represented equitably on select appointed boards and commissions.

Status: No progress.

- ▶ Increase the Supply of accessible housing units that are affordable to people with disabilities, especially residents of public and assisted housing communities.

Status: The City has supported projects that contain special needs housing units. DCD monitors assisted housing units to ensure ADA compliance.

# AI RECOMMENDATIONS (Cont'd)

- ▶ Increase home ownership rates among minority households by continuing to offer financial incentives toward new ownership opportunities with CDBG and HOME funds, targeting minority households.

**Status:** Plans are underway to reevaluate the City's first time homebuyer program. The City assisted five (5) first time homebuyers during this period.

- ▶ Increase the supply of housing units that are affordable to LMI households and improve the quality of the existing housing stock where feasible.
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# AI RECOMMENDATIONS (Cont'd)

▶ **Status:** Affordable housing units:

Completed	<u>17</u> units
Under Construction	<u>347</u> units
In- Planning	<u>278</u> units

**Status:** Assisted 18 housing units through HORP/SHRP programs.

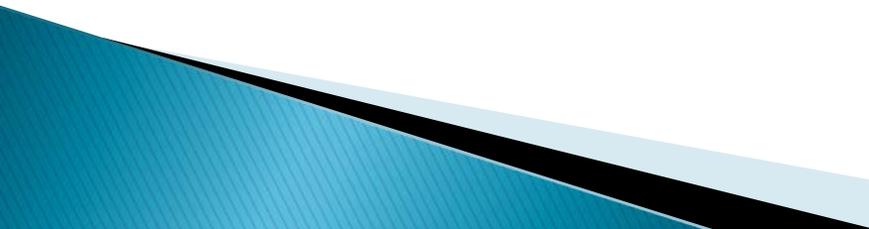
- ▶ Increase fair housing education, outreach, training and enforcement by possibly contracting with a Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) to provide training, produce and distribute fair housing awareness literature and develop and distribute a Fair Housing Guide for Jersey City.

**Status:** No progress.

# LEVERAGING/ MATCH

- ▶ Home funds in the amount of \$5,877,853 leveraged \$16,077,334
- ▶ As of Sept. 30, 2012, the City had excess match credit of \$17,311,983.71\*

\*This is not actual money in the bank. It is a credit to meet future match obligations.



# AUDIT FINDINGS/ TIMELINESS

- ▶ No outstanding audit findings.
  - ▶ Continue to work on improving timeliness of expenditure of funds. City did not pass the FY2012 CDBG timeliness test.
  - ▶ City is well poised to pass the FY2013 CDBG timeliness test.
  - ▶ The City is in compliance with HOME timeliness requirements.
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# CLOSING

In addition to a narrative, the CAPER includes various U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reports.

Most reports are generated through a HUD reporting system called:

**Integrated Disbursement Information System  
(IDIS)**



**QUESTIONS???**

