

# Bristol Township 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan 2020 Annual Action Plan August 14, 2020

# **Executive Summary**

# ES-05 Executive Summary – 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

# 1. Introduction

The Bristol Township Office of Community Development (BTOCD) is committed to making Bristol Township and its neighborhoods a better place to live, work and play. The Township strives to provide safe, decent and affordable housing, a suitable and stimulating living environment, and economic opportunities especially for low- to moderate-income individuals and communities.

BTOCD supports the local economy by providing resources and opportunities for growth to residents, businesses and community organizations. It administers grant funds and ensures compliance, increases and stabilizes home ownership, and builds neighborhood capacity. Partnerships with neighborhoods and organizations allows it to improve the quality of life.

Bristol Township is located in Bucks County and is the 13th largest municipality in Pennsylvania. As of 2017, the Township had a population of 53,803. The township has been experiencing a population decline since the 1970's and saw a 1.4 percent decrease from 2010 to 2017 (54,582 to 53,803).

# 2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

Bristol Township has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in this plan and the community participation and stake holder consultation process. Through these efforts, the Township has identified three priority needs and associated goals to address those needs. The priority needs include:

# **Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities**

1A Expand Public Facilities & Infrastructure

# **Preserve Existing Housing Stock**

2A Preserve Existing Homeownership Housing

# **Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements**

3B Provide Public Services for Community Needs

# 3. Evaluation of past performance

The Township and all of the community and services organizations that work with its residents and businesses strive to improve the standards within the township across all aspects of life. With the help of federal, state and local grant funds, we have been able to make significant contributions to the provision of safe and affordable housing, to the improvement of public facilities for the safety and enjoyment of all residents, and to community and economic development opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals. As is the case in many low to moderate income municipalities, affordable housing remains one of the greatest needs of our township.

For a majority of the past five years, the township has been concentrating on public facilities by creating and improving parks and recreational facilities in majority low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. We have significantly completed five of seven parks to the joy of the residents in those neighborhoods. We have also made great strides in improving existing affordable housing for homeowners throughout the township through our emergency repair program. By repairing or replacing roofs, heaters, plumbing and sewer lines for low- and moderate-income homeowners, we create safe living environments and preserve those affordable housing options. Over the past five years the township has repaired close to 60 homes.

# 4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Bristol Township is engaged in ongoing efforts to increase coordination amongst the complex network of public, private, and non-profit organizations that deliver housing and social services to the community. As the administrators of HUD's CDBG program, BTOCD acts as a hub for community and economic development in the area. Open lines of communication are maintained between the Township and the area's many non-profit and social service agencies. BTOCD held a community meeting in order to gain insight from the public on their views about housing and economic development in the township. The township also consulted with local and regional service providers, agencies, and planning organizations by way of interviews and meetings.

For a detail of consultation and citizen participation outreach efforts made by the Township, please see sections PR-10 Consultation and PR-15 Citizen Participation.

# 5. Summary of public comments

All comments were accepted.

# 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments were accepted.

# 7. Summary

Primary data sources for the Consolidated Plan include: 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), and local data sources.

# The Process

# PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BRISTOL TOWNSHIP	Community Development
		Department

Table 1- Responsible Agencies

# **Narrative**

Bristol Township's Office of Community Development (BTOCD) is the administrating agency for the CDBG program. BTOCD prepares the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Environmental Review Records (ERR's), the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), monitoring, pay requests, contracting, and oversight of the programs on a day to day basis. In addition, the Township has a consulting firm available to assist the Office.

# **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

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# PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(l) and 91.315(l)

# 1. Introduction

Bristol Township coordinates and refers residents to the Bucks County Housing Authority, Bucks County Opportunity Council, housing providers, fair housing organizations, community and youth social services, Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County and Bucks County Community Development Department. Input from these consultations were used in the development of the specific goals and strategies to be addressed in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

Bristol Township is engaged in efforts and initiatives to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers, as well as private and governmental health, mental health, and social service agencies. The Township works with the following agencies to enhance funding and service allocations to address the housing and community development needs of the Township:

Bucks County Housing Authority: Manages the Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, creates improvements to public housing communities, and develops affordable housing.

Bucks County Opportunity Council: Provides services to reduce poverty and promote economic self-sufficiency.

Family Service Association: Manages the Bucks County Homeless Shelter located in Bristol Township, as well as other social services programs available to Bristol residents.

Social Services Agencies: Provides services to address the needs of low and moderate-income residents.

Housing Providers: Rehabilitates and develops affordable housing for low and moderate-income families and individuals.

Bucks County CoC: Oversees the Continuum of Care Network for Bucks County.

Bristol Township Senior Center: Provides services and meals for Township Seniors.

No Longer Bound: Provides services to address the needs of low and moderate-income residents.

Collaboration and coordination with these entities will continue throughout the remaining Consolidated Plan period to capitalize on potential future funding opportunities.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

Bucks County Housing Services Department is the lead agency for the Housing Continuum of Care of Bucks County (CoC), the organization responsible for the planning and implementation of housing and homeless programs in Bucks County. The CoC membership includes representation by housing providers, mental health and drug and alcohol treatment providers, emergency shelters and outreach organizations, faith-based organizations, youth services, and other interested organizations. The Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development is an active partner in the creation and implementation of the Bucks County Housing Link, the central point of information, assessment, and referral services for all Bucks County residents experiencing a housing crisis. Recently, Housing Link has undergone a thorough evaluation and upgrade to make it more responsive to the needs of the clients and the process Bucks County utilizes to address those needs.

As the Lead Agency, the Bucks County Housing Services Department submits the annual CoC Program application for funding on behalf of the CoC-funded agencies and regularly evaluates program performance.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

The Bucks County Housing Services Department also collaborates with the CoC Executive Committee to implement and evaluate Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded programs.

Data from the Housing Link is used by the CoC to identify and serve the highest need populations. The Bucks County Housing Services Department and CoC regularly evaluate performance measures and outcomes for programs funded through the CoC and ESG programs. This evaluation assists the Bucks County Housing Services Department to determine the needs of homeless persons, identify system and service gaps, and allocate limited resources.

The Bucks County Housing Services Department actively provides leadership and coordinates with the CoC in the implementation of the ESG program. The Bucks County Housing Services Department administers and monitors all ESG-funded projects including those funded through the ESG entitlement program and those that are awarded through Pennsylvania's competitive ESG program. ESG funding is used to provide emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing, and homeless prevention services. The application, review and ranking process for ESG funding is facilitated by the Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development. ESG funding announcements are coordinated through the CoC and include a discussion of eligible activities, available funding, and a timeline for application and implementation. Bristol Township does not receive ESG funding.

Bristol Township participates in the CoC, attends meetings, and regularly receives information about programs and developments with service providers. That information helped inform this Plan.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2- Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Tab	e 2– Agencies, groups, organizations who participated	1		
1	Agency/Group/Organization	BRISTOL TOWNSHIP		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development		
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Bristol Township and its Office of Community Development is the lead agency of the Consolidated Plan.		
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Bucks County Housing Authority		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development		
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Bucks County Housing Authority was consulted to determine the housing and community development needs in Bristol Township.		
3	Agency/Group/Organization	BUCKS COUNTY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Services-Fighting poverty		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development		
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Bucks County Opportunity Council was consulted to determine the housing and community development needs in Bristol Township.		

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Bucks County Housing Services Department and the Office of Community and Economic Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Bucks County Housing Services Department and the Office of Community and Economic Development were consulted to determine the housing and community development needs in Bristol Township.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Service Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Counseling
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Bristol Township consulted with Family Service Association on homeless shelter and community development needs.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Bucks County Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Bristol Township consulted with the Bucks County Planning Commission on economic development.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Bristol Township Senior Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Bristol Township consulted with the Bristol Township Senior Center on senior and community development needs.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	NO LONGER BOUND
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services-Fair Housing Services - Victims Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Bristol Township consulted with the No Longer Bound on programming needs for low/mod income residents on life skills, health, education and employment related topics, and after school programming.

# Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

There were no agency types intentionally not consulted. All comments were welcome.

# Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the	
		goals of each plan?	
Continuum of	Bucks County	The CoC is the primary provider of housing and supportive	
Care	Housing &	services for the areas homeless and at risk of being	
	Community	homeless. The goals of the Strategic Plan are strategically	
	Development	linked and mutually supportive with the following goals of	
		the CoC Strategic Plan.	

Table 3– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

The strategy of the Township of Bristol's Annual Action Plan is to develop a viable community by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for profit and nonprofit organizations. The Annual Action Plan is an application for FY 2020 CDBG funds under HUD's formula grant program. The Annual Action Plan combined with the 5-Year Consolidated Plan act as a strategic vision to be followed by the Township in carrying out federal programs that primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons.

Bristol Township coordinates frequently with Bucks County and the Bucks County Housing Services
Department with the Office of Community and Economic Developmentto meet the homeless population
needs in the Township as well as the Bucks County Planning Commission for economic development
activities.

# **Narrative**

N/A

# PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Bristol Township encourages participation by all citizens with special emphasis on persons of low- to moderate-incomes and those with special needs to participate in the Consolidated Planning process. The Township follows its HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan and has developed a formal process for soliciting citizens' input into the Consolidated Plan process. A public hearing and a 30-day public comment review period allows the public an opportunity to review the Plan.

See the following table for details of citizen participation outreach efforts.

# **Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If
			response/attendance	comments received	not accepted	applicable)
					and reasons	
1	30-Day Public	Non-	A public review	All comments were	All comments were	
	Comment Review	targeted/broad	period was open	accepted.	accepted.	
	Period	community	from July 13, 2020 to			
			August 11, 2020 to			
			give the public an			
			opportunity to review			
			and make comments			
			to the draft plan.			

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-	A public hearing was	All comments were	All comments were	
		targeted/broad	held on August 13,	accepted.	accepted.	
		community	2020 at the Bristol			
			Township Council			
			Meeting to discuss			
			the Consolidated Plan			
			and first year Action			
			Plan.			

Table 4– Citizen Participation Outreach

# **Needs Assessment**

# **NA-05 Overview**

# **Needs Assessment Overview**

The Needs Assessment for Bristol Township consists of the non-housing community development needs (NA-50) as identified through the citizen participation process and consultation with community stakeholders.

The non-housing community development needs section focuses on three key areas of need in Bristol Township. These needs are public facilities, public infrastructure and public services for LMI households. Specific needs are identified through the citizen participation process and consultation with stakeholders.

# NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

# Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

Bristol Township has identified the need for improved access to public facilities and has included a goal in the Strategic Plan:

1A Expand Public Facilities & Infrastructure

The Township will expand and improve access to public facilities through development activities for LMI persons and households and for special needs population (elderly, homeless, persons with a disability, victims of domestic abuse, etc.). Public facilities may include neighborhood facilities, community centers and senior centers.

# How were these needs determined?

The needs for improved public facilities in the Township was determined through the citizen participation process and meetings with community stakeholders. Community Development Department staff was then able to prioritize improvements to public facilities in the township and associate goals and outcomes to address the need.

# Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Bristol Township has identified the need for the expansion and improvements of public infrastructure and has included a goal in the Strategic Plan:

1A Expand Public Facilities & Infrastructure

The Township will expand and improve public infrastructure through development activities for LMI persons and households. Activities can include renovations for a new senior center and improvements to Neighborhood community centers.

# How were these needs determined?

The needs for public infrastructure improvements in the Township was determined through the citizen participation process and meetings with community stakeholders. Community Development Department staff was then able to prioritize improvements to public infrastructure in the township and associate goals and outcomes to address the need.

# Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

Bristol Township has identified the need for public services for special needs and low/mod income population and has included these as goals in the Strategic Plan:

3A Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs Populations

3B Public Services and Quality of Life Improvements

For this goal, the Township will provide supportive services for low income and special needs populations. Public services will target LMI citizens and may include services to address homelessness, senior center operations for the elderly. and low moderate income residents.

# How were these needs determined?

The needs for public services for LMI and special needs populations in the Township was determined through the citizen participation process and meetings with community stakeholders. Community Development Department staff was then able to prioritize public services to LMI and special needs populations in the township and associate goals and outcomes to address the need.

Based on the needs analysis above, describe the State's needs in Colonias

# **Housing Market Analysis**

# **MA-05 Overview**

# **Housing Market Analysis Overview:**

This housing market analysis for Bristol Township looks at non-housing community development assets such as details on employment, commute and educational attainment in the township. An analysis is also made on the concentration of households with multiple housing problems, racial/ethnic populations, and low-income families. As the internet and reliable highspeed services have become an increasing necessity to thrive in the modern economic environment, the broadband needs of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households is discussed. As well, hazard mitigation and the vulnerability of housing due to climate change occupied by low- and moderate-income households in the township is also analyzed. The analysis is supplemented by GIS maps to provide geographical visualization of the data.

# MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

# Introduction

This section provides insight into the economic development landscape of Bristol Township. The table below details the extent of business sector employment throughout the Township. Unemployment, commuting times, and educational attainment are also analyzed in this section.

# **Economic Development Market Analysis**

# **Business Activity**

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	71	1	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,406	1,060	9	5	-4
Construction	2,406	1,406	9	7	-2
Education and Health Care Services	5,898	3,982	21	20	-1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,603	437	6	2	-4
Information	374	375	1	2	1
Manufacturing	3,844	4,298	14	21	7
Other Services	1,516	1,022	5	5	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	2,426	2,407	9	12	3
Public Administration	967	152	3	1	-2
Retail Trade	4,110	1,636	15	8	-7
Transportation and Warehousing	1,590	1,326	6	7	1
Wholesale Trade	930	2,286	3	11	8
Total	28,141	20,388			

# **Table 5 - Business Activity**

**Alternate Data Source Name:** 

2013-2017 ACS (Workers), 2017 LEHD (Jobs)

Data Source Comments: The most recent year available for LEHD data was 2017. The 2013-2017 ACS was used for time period consistency.

# **Employment by Sector**

The "Educational services, and health care and social assistance" business sector provides the highest percentage of all jobs in the Township with 21.0% of all jobs coming from this sector (5,898 workers). This is followed by the "Retail Trade" business sector comprising 14.6% of the jobs throughout the Township (4,110 workers). The next largest is the "Manufacturing" business sector with 13.7% (3,844 workers).

# **Labor Force**

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	30,130
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	28,182
Unemployment Rate	4.70
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	12.20
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	5.60

Table 6 - Labor Force

**Alternate Data Source Name:** 

2014-2018 ACS

**Data Source Comments:** 

Data for the unemployment rate is from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), October 2019, Not seasonally adjusted. All other data including unemployment rates for age groups are from the ACS.

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4.6	4.6	4.4	3.8	4.0	4.1	5.0	5.4	4.5	4.7

Table 7 - Unemployment Rate from January 2019 to October 2019

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 2019, Not seasonally adjusted

Date Note: 2019 BLS unemployment rates were available from January 2019 to October 2019

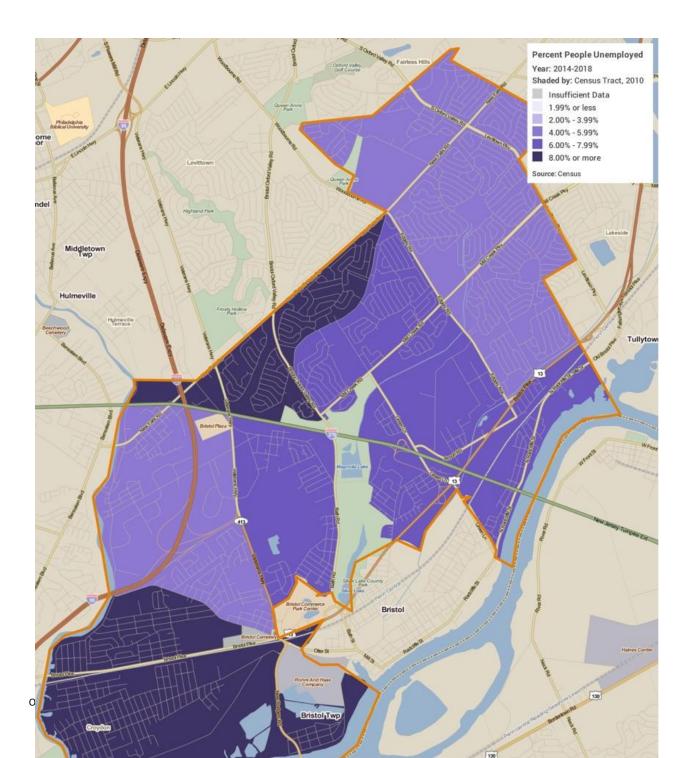
# **Unemployment Rate**

Unemployment data was taken from two sources, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the American Community Survey (ACS), and using both together provides a clearer understanding of unemployment in the township. The US Census collects annual ACS unemployment data by census tract, which allows for a geographic comparison of the unemployment rate across the township, however the data is generally two or more years old. Unemployment data gathered by the BLS is not collected by census tract, only by city/towns or larger jurisdictions, however they are more up to date and released monthly.

The following map displays unemployment throughout the City using data provided by the 2014-2018 ACS. The highest unemployment rates in the Township are Census tract 42017100401 with 8.7% in the northwest border and Census tracts 42017100307 (8.4%) and 42017100302 (9.1%) in the southwest corner.

As data is as yet unavailable for 2020, the covid-19 pandemic may significantly affect the unemployment rate for the township and may alter planning for uses of funding going forward.

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



# **Unemployment Rate**

Occupations by Sector	
Management, business and financial	7,290
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	14
Service	5,460
Sales and office	7,384
Construction, extraction, maintenance and	
repair	2,870
Production, transportation and material	
moving	5,164

Table 8 – Occupations by Sector

**Alternate Data Source Name:** 

2014-2018 ACS

**Data Source Comments:** 

# **Occupations by Sector**

The Occupations by Sector table above identifies how prevalent certain jobs are across industries. This differs from the table found earlier in this section that showed how common all jobs were in certain sectors. For example, the managers of both a fast food restaurant and a construction company would both fall under "Management, Business, and Financial" in the above table but would be in different categories in the first table "Business by Sector".

In Bristol Township, the largest occupation sector is "Sales and office" with 7,384 jobs followed closely by the "Management, Business, and Financial" sector with 7,290. The next two largest are "Service" and "Production, transportation and material moving" with 5,460 and 5,164 jobs, respectively.

# **Travel Time**

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	17,579	65%
30-59 Minutes	7,010	26%
60 or More Minutes	2,581	9%
Total	27,170	100%

**Table 9 - Travel Time** 

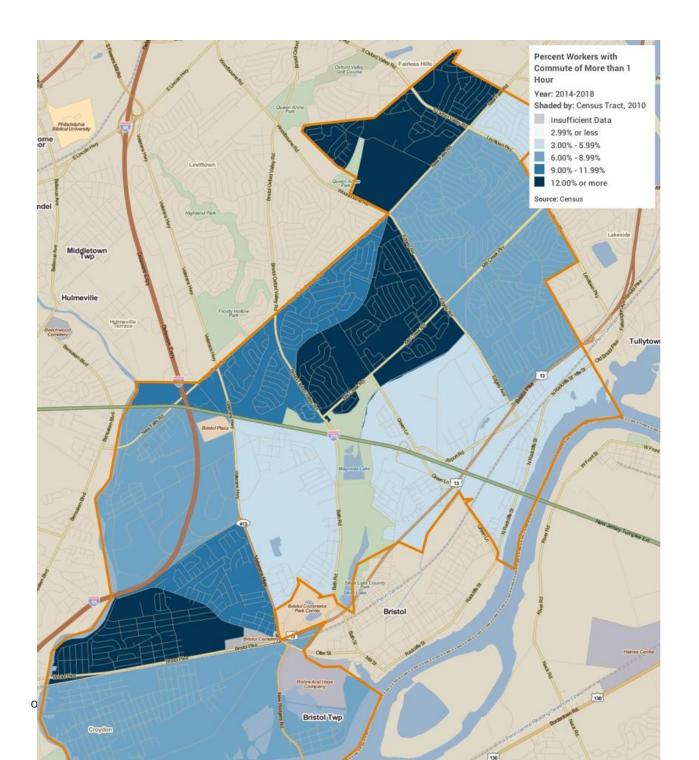
Alternate Data Source Name:

2014-2018 ACS

**Data Source Comments:** 

# **Commute Travel Time**

Approximately 65% of all persons commuting to work have a commute of less than 30 minutes each way. Almost one-in-ten workers who commute to work have to travel more than 60 minutes to and from work each day (9%). Workers with commute times more than one hour are much more likely in the north (42017100406) and north central (42017100402) tracts as well as in the southwest (42017100307) than anywhere else in the township.



# **Commute Time More Than 1 Hour**

# **Education:**

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labo		
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force
Less than high school graduate	1,734	231	1,002
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	8,823	725	2,695
Some college or Associate's degree	7,160	515	2,695
Bachelor's degree or higher	4,574	225	558

Table 10 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Alternate Data Source Name:

2014-2018 ACS

**Data Source Comments:** 

# Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	38	39	139	363	320
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	432	396	515	1,434	922
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,474	2,013	2,649	7,425	3,637
Some college, no degree	1,495	1,748	1,456	3,092	1,228
Associate's degree	237	635	776	1,322	456
Bachelor's degree	518	1,260	943	1,429	585
Graduate or professional degree	15	565	395	770	361

Table 11 - Educational Attainment by Age

Alternate Data Source Name:

2014-2018 ACS

**Data Source Comments:** 

# Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	31,211
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	37,014
Some college or Associate's degree	40,890
Bachelor's degree	53,194
Graduate or professional degree	56,380

Table 12 - Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Alternate Data Source Name: 2014-2018 ACS

**Data Source Comments:** 

# **Median Earnings by Educational Attainment**

The median earnings of individuals in the Township are closely tied to educational attainment. Median earnings increase as individuals attain higher education. A person with a Bachelor's degree can expect to earn over 1.5x that of a person without a high school degree. A person with a graduate or professional degree can expect to earn almost 1.4x what somebody with only some college or an Associate's degree can.

# Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The largest employment sector in the area is the Education and Health Care Services. Approximately 19.5% of jobs (3,982) and 21% of workers (5,898) are in this sector. The second largest sector is the Retail Trade sector with 8% of jobs (1,636) and 14.6% of workers (4,110) are in this sector. Lastly, the third most common sector is Manufacturing with 21.1% of the jobs (4,298) and 13.7% of workers (3,844).

# Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Across all ages, 16.3% of the working population, or 6,841 persons 18 years old and older have at least a Bachelor's degree. That leaves over 35,000 persons with only education attainment of Some college or an Associate's degree or less. Currently, the township has more workers than

jobs, which indicates a competitive job field. In order to position for a higher paying job or one that suits the skills of the worker, there is a need for the development of job skills in selected industries, workforce training and higher educational attainment.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

Planned regional initiatives include the Transportation and Community Development Initiative, which focuses on linking land use and transportation planning by: Improving the overall character and quality of life; Enhancing the existing transportation infrastructure capacity; Promoting and encouraging the use of transit, bike and pedestrian transportation modes; Building capacity in older suburbs and neighborhoods; Reinforcing and implementing improvements in designated centers; and Protecting the environment.

Aligning with these initiatives will strengthen and improve the infrastructure of Bristol Township with the greater area. The Township has identified the need for expanded infrastructure to meet this need as outlined in the Strategic Plan.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

According to the Business Activity table above in this section, there are over 7,700 more workers than there are jobs in Bristol Township. Only the manufacturing and wholesale business sectors have more jobs available than workers.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The Bucks County Workforce Development Board's (BCWDB) initiative to strengthen the economy in the area is to create Industry Partnerships. BCWDB recognizes that the region needs highly skilled workers and top-quality companies. According to the development board:

Industry Partnerships are a particular kind of "workforce intermediary," that bring together multiple employers and workers in the same industry cluster to address common or overlapping human capital needs. Industry Partnerships are a key innovation for meeting the skills needs of businesses, the career goals of workers, and the economic development goals of the Bucks County workforce area.

Target industry clusters consists of groups of industries that are closely linked by common products, workers, technology, supply chains or other economic ties. These industry clusters were defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and are: Agriculture and Food Processing BioMedical **Building and Construction Business and Financial Services** Education Energy Healthcare **Information and Communication Services Logistics and Transportation** 

- Lumber, Wood and Paper

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Bristol Townships participates in the wider area economic development strategy through the Bucks County Planning Commission in the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI). TCDI is an initiative through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), which coordinates the Greater Philadelphia Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). In 2017 the Bucks County Planning Commission was awarded a grant to complete the Bristol Township Economic Development Analysis in this initiative.

The Transportation and Community Development Initiative focuses on linking land use and transportation planning by:

- Improving the overall character and quality of life
- Enhancing the existing transportation infrastructure capacity
- Promoting and encouraging the use of transit, bike and pedestrian transportation modes
- Building capacity in older suburbs and neighborhoods
- Reinforcing and implementing improvements in designated centers
- Protecting the environment

# Discussion

N/A

# MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

HUD identifies four specific data points that constitute "housing problems": cost burden, overcrowding, lack of complete plumbing facilities and lack of complete kitchen facilities. In Bristol Township, housing problems are fairly rare, except for being cost burdened. According to the 2014-2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the jurisdiction-wide rate of each is:

Cost Burden: 38.7%Overcrowding: 2.3%

Lack of Complete Plumbing Facilities: 0.0%
Lack of Complete Kitchen Facilities: 0.1%

In order for an area to be concentrated with multiple housing problems it must include two or more housing problems that are substantially higher than the jurisdiction-wide average. For this analysis, HUD's definition of "disproportionate" will be used to identify areas substantially higher: 10 percentage points higher than the jurisdiction as a whole. In Bristol Township that translates to cost burden greater than 48.7%, overcrowding greater than 12.3%, lack of plumbing facilities greater than 10.0%, and lack of kitchen facilities greater than 10.1%.

While there are two tracts with a concentration of cost burden (42017100306 & 42017100307), there are no tracts with multiple housing problems.

# Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

For the purposes of this analysis a "racial or ethnic concentration" will be any census tract where a racial or ethnic minority group makes up 10 percent or more of the population than the Township as a whole. According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates the racial and ethnic breakdown of Bristol Township's population is:

• White: 82.9%

Black or African American: 9.3%

• American Indian and Alaska Native: 0.2%

Asian: 3.0%

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic: 0.0%

• Other Race, non-Hispanic: 1.8%

Two or More Races, non-Hispanic: 2.8%

• Hispanic or Latino: 9.8%

Within the Township, there are several tracts that meet the definition of "racial or ethnic concentration". Only racial or ethnic groups with a concentration are highlighted.

For tracts with a concentration of Black or African Americans:

42017100306 - 20.1%

42017100303 - 22.5%

42017100403 - 36.2%

For tracts with a concentration of Hispanics:

42017100303 - 20.9%

A "low-income concentration" is any census tract where the median household income for the tract is 80% or less than the median household income for Bristol Township. According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the Median Household Income (MHI) in Bristol Township is \$63,335. A tract is considered to have a low-income concentration if the MHI is \$50,668 or less.

For tracts with a concentration of LMI households (MHI less than \$50,668):

42017100304 - MHI \$50,250

42017100306 – MHI \$44,250

See map below Concentration Black Population

See map below Concentration Hispanic Population

See map below Concentration of LMI Households

# What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

Below are the characteristics of the four identified concentration areas (Census Tracts). Data was provided by the 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Census Tract 42017100303 has a total population of 5,201 people of which 22.5% is Black and 20.9% is Hispanic. Between 2000 and 2018, the tract had a 0.1% growth in population. The MHI in the tract was \$57,083 which is lower than the township MHI. The median home value in the tract was \$190,000 and median rent was \$1,011.

Census Tract 42017100304 has a total population of 2,589 people and has a concentration of LMI households. Between 2000 and 2018, the tract had a 5.7% growth in population. The MHI in the tract was \$50,250 which is less than 80% of the township MHI. The median home value in the tract was \$193,400 and median rent was \$950.

Census Tract 42017100306 has a total population of 3,239 people of which 20.1% is Black and has a concentration of LMI households. Between 2000 and 2018, the tract had a -10.4% change in population. The MHI in the tract was \$44,250 which is less than 80% of the township MHI. The median home value in the tract was \$199,000 and median rent was \$902.

Census Tract 42017100403 has a total population of 2,247 people of which 36.2% is Black. Between 2000 and 2018, the tract had a 4.5% growth in population. The MHI in the tract was \$52,112 which is lower than the township MHI. The median home value in the tract was \$201,000 and median rent was \$1,097.

# Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Below are a few community assets in the four identified concentration areas (Census Tracts).

Census Tract 42017100303: Located in the southern part of the tract is Lower Bucks Hospital. The tract is also the location of Silver Lake County Park and the Silver Lake Nature Center. Running east and west in the northern part of the tract is I-276. Bucks County Community College is also located in the tract.

Census Tract 42017100304: The tract has a variety of businesses that are located along Ford Rd. Running north and south through the tract is I-95.

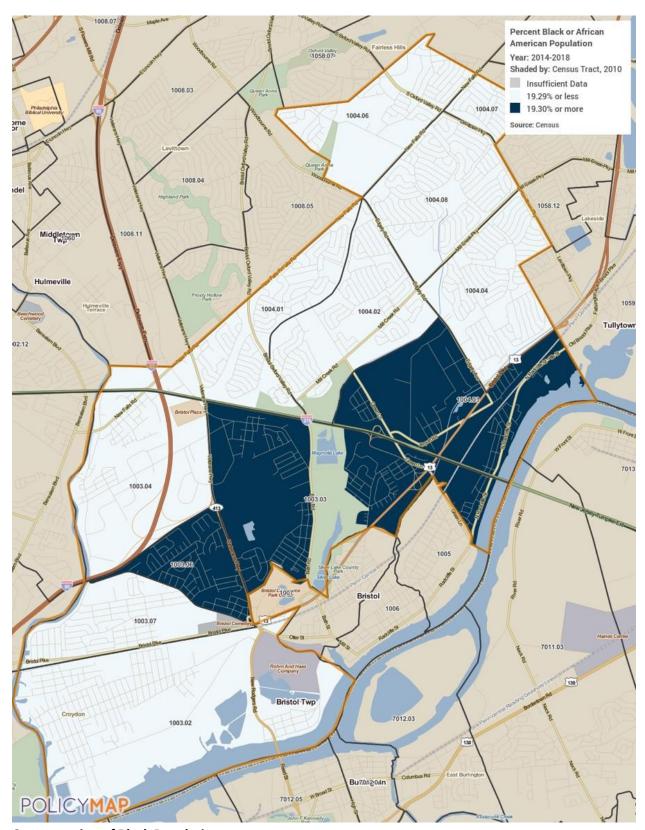
Census Tract 42017100306: The tract is a residential area surrounding Roosevelt Middle School. Veteran Highway borders the east side of the tract.

Census Tract 42017100403: The tract is home to commercial areas and several large distribution businesses. To the south of the tract is the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

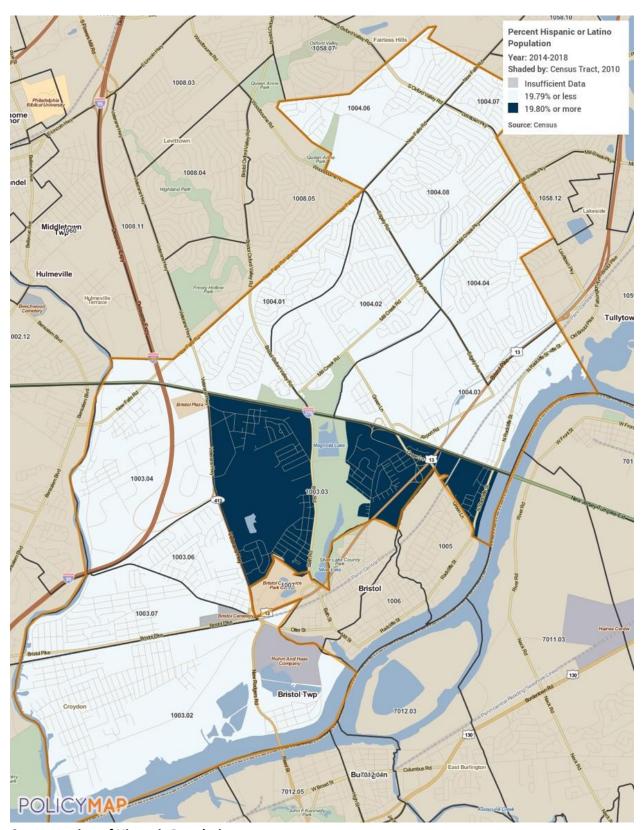
# Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Bristol Township works closely with the County with homeless activities and economic development within the Township. The Bucks County Housing Services Department is the lead agency for the Housing Continuum of Care of Bucks County (CoC), the organization responsible for the planning and implementation of housing and homeless programs in Bucks County. The CoC membership includes representation by housing providers, mental health and drug and alcohol treatment providers, emergency shelters and outreach organizations, faith-based organizations, youth services, and other interested organizations. The Bucks County Planning Commission works with the Township to study and

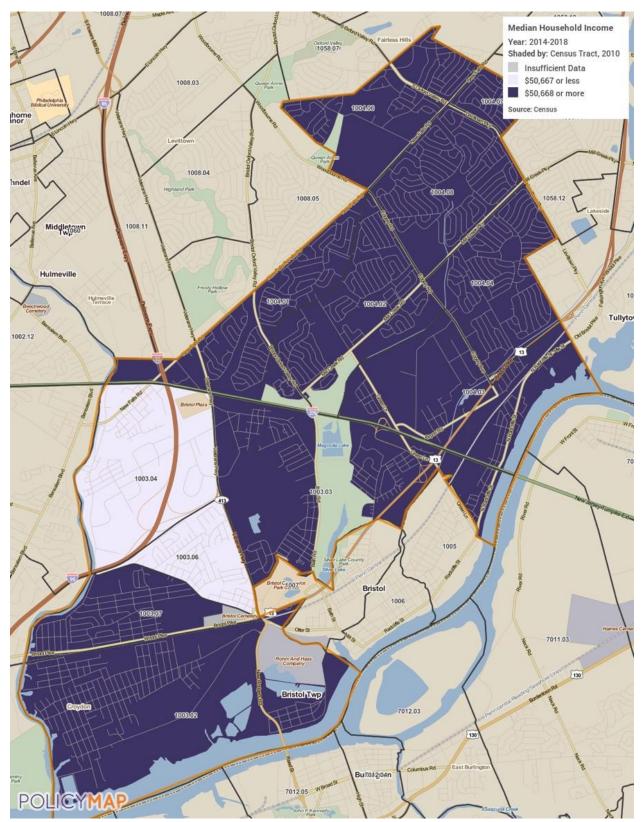
work on economic development activities that will improve the quality of life for residents in the Township.



**Concentration of Black Population** 



**Concentration of Hispanic Population** 



**Concentration of LMI Households** 

# MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

Internet is an essential communications and information platform that allows users to take advantage of the increased interconnectedness of business, education, commerce, and day to day utility. Reliable access to the internet is becoming a necessity to thrive in the modern economic environment. Communities that lack broadband access struggle to keep pace with the country. Locations without broadband access impedes its population's ability to take advantage of the educational and entrepreneurial opportunities available online. This is particularly problematic for LMI areas where economic opportunities are already often lacking. Studies suggest a strong correlation between increased high-speed internet access and increased education and employment opportunities, especially in small cities and rural areas.

Bristol Township does not have significant gaps in broadband coverage. Most of the township has multiple options of internet providers, to include LMI areas. The average Bristol Township household has at least three (3) options for broadband-quality Internet service; and less than one percent (1%) of locals still do not have access to more than one provider and may have to rely on low-grade wireless.

The following map shows broadband access throughout the Township. Broadband access is defined as advertised internet speeds of 768 kilobits per second or higher. FCC data shows three major infrastructure options within Bristol Township: cable, DSL, and fiber.

See map Broadband Access below.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

Once broadband access has been obtained, it is important to ensure there is competition among service providers. Any provider that has a defacto monopoly on an area may not be incentivized to provide standard and consistent services. Bristol Township has a total of five (5) Internet providers offering residential service. Xfinity and Verizon (fiber) are the strongest providers in Bristol Township so far as coverage. The average Bristol Township household has at least three (3) options for broadband-quality Internet service. These providers frequently overlap around the township:

Verizon (Fiber and DSL)

xfinity (Cable)

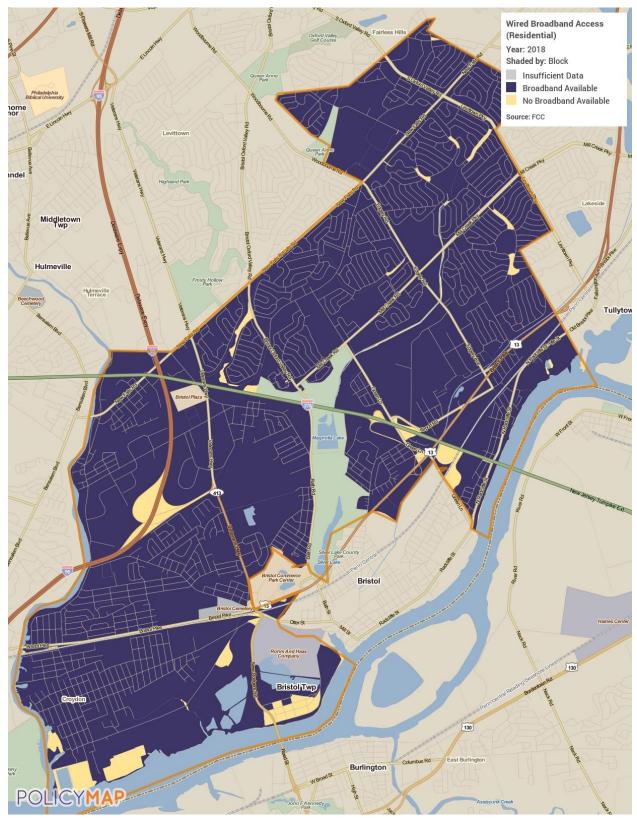
Earthlink (DSL)

Viasat Internet (formerly Exede) (Satellite)

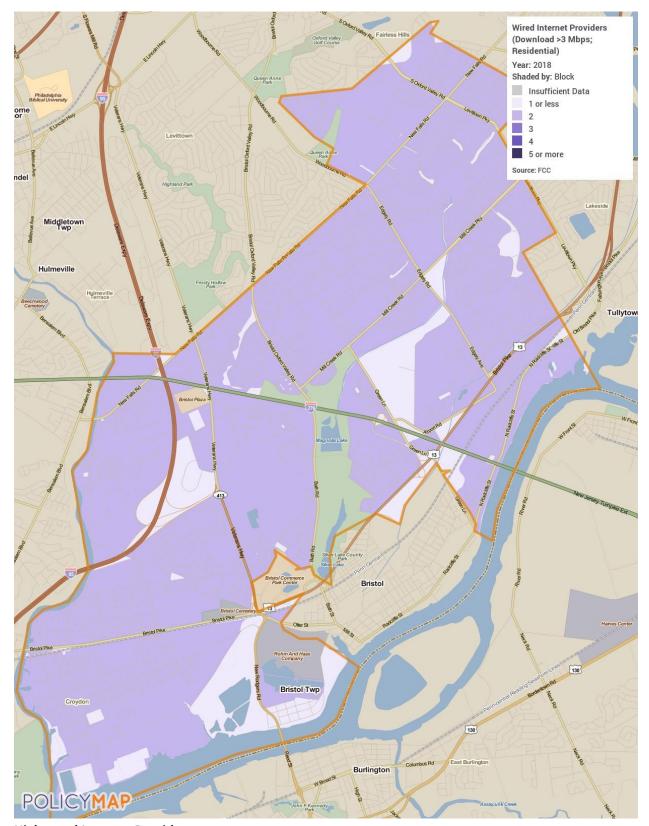
HughesNet (Satellite)

The following map shows the number of broadband service providers by census tract. Most of the township has at least three options of high-speed internet with competitive providers, though there are some tracts with lower populations that only have access to one provider.

See map Highspeed Internet Providers below.



**Broadband Access** 



**Highspeed Internet Providers** 

## MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

#### Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

Threats include earthquakes, flooding, hail, thunderstorm winds, extreme cold, winter weather including heavy snow, extreme heat, drought, wildfire and others. The potential impacts of climate change—including an increase in prolonged periods of excessively high temperatures, more heavy precipitation, more severe storms or droughts—are often most significant for vulnerable communities. The Township is not located near the coast, but it is still impacted by secondary effects. By the middle of the century the average summer temperature is expected to rise four degrees. This rise in temperature could lead to altered weather and precipitation patterns, a rise in severe storms, an increased risk of catastrophic floods, increased electricity costs, and ruined crops. Additionally, any increase in the ocean levels or increased storm activity will lead to people moving from the coast. An increase of people could come into the Township which may drive up housing costs, reduce the availability of jobs, and tax resources.

# Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

Low- and moderate-income residents are at particular risk due to having less available resources to combat the impacts of natural disasters. A dramatic rise in electricity or housing costs could put them at imminent risk of homelessness or living in substandard conditions. Residents in rural communities will have less access to public support in case of emergencies and will have fewer resources to repair or prevent damage to their homes.

Bristol Township strives to inform and prepare the general public for multi-hazard mitigation There are online venues (including the township website and Facebook page, the Bristol Township Office of Emergency Management website, Bucks County Emergency Management website and social media pages, and the Bucks County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) website and Facebook page) that disseminate numerous informational guidebooks, videos, alert messages, and emergency resources to build disaster resiliency in the community.

# **Strategic Plan**

#### **SP-05 Overview**

# **Strategic Plan Overview**

Bristol Township's Strategic Plan outlines the Townships overall vision for housing and community development and addresses the Township's response to identified needs and priority areas over the next five years. The Plan specifically addresses how the Township intends to use its CDBG funds toward furthering HUD's statutory goals of decent housing and a suitable living environment.

# **SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)**

# **Geographic Area**

**Table 13 - Geographic Priority Areas** 

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1 Area	a Name:	Area Wide
Area	а Туре:	Area Wide
Oth	er Target Area Description:	Area Wide
HUE	O Approval Date:	
% of	f Low/ Mod:	
Revi	ital Type:	
Oth	er Revital Description:	
	ntify the neighborhood boundaries this target area.	Bristol Township jurisdiction
	ude specific housing and commercial racteristics of this target area.	This information is included in the MA-45 and MA-50.
part	v did your consultation and citizen cicipation process help you to identify neighborhood as a target area?	Bristol Township will target its activities Area Wide throughout the Township. Through consultation and the citizen participation process there was a general need to assist the LMI and special needs population in the area.
Iden	ntify the needs in this target area.	Through the assessment in the plan and citizen participation process, the Township identified three priority needs; 1) Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities, 2) Preserve Existing Housing Stock, and 3) Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements.
	at are the opportunities for rovement in this target area?	Working towards the goals of expanding and improving public facilities and infrastructure, preserving existing homeownership and providing supporting services for special needs populations such as the homeless and elderly will help improve the quality of life for citizens in the Township.
	there barriers to improvement in this et area?	Limited funding is a barrier to improvements throughout the area.

#### **General Allocation Priorities**

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

Bristol Township does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements. When the project or planned activities are intended to serve individuals or households directly, those individuals or households must meet income qualifications, as well as residency requirements, in order to receive assistance from the program. In these instances, Township staff and/or one of its partner agencies shall complete an in-take and eligibility status review of the applicant individual, or household, before the project/activity is initiated.

# SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

# **Priority Needs**

Table 14 - Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Area Wide
	Associated Goals	1A Expand Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Description	Expand and improve public infrastructure through activities for LMI persons and households. Improve access to public facilities that will benefit LMI persons and households. Funds will be used to improve public facilities, community centers and senior centers.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through community participation and consultation of local stakeholder partners and organizations the need to Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities was identified. Adequate public facilities and infrastructure improvements are essential to addressing the needs of the LMI population, including the homeless, elderly and disabled. Facilities and improvements include neighborhood/community centers, the homeless shelter and neighborhood parks.
2	Priority Need Name	Preserve Existing Housing Stock
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	Area Wide

	Associated Goals	2A Preserve Existing Homeownership Housing
	Description	Preserving the existing housing stock with Homeowner Rehabilitation remains one of the highest priorities in the jurisdiction.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through community participation and consultation of local stakeholder partners and organizations the need to Preserve the Existing Housing Stock was identified. Through the needs assessment housing cost burden is by far the largest housing problem in the jurisdiction.
3	Priority Need Name	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Families with Children Elderly Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Area Wide
	Associated Goals	3A Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs 4A Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Description	Provide supportive services for LMI households and also the special needs populations in the jurisdiction. Public services will target LMI citizens and may include services to address homelessness, persons with physical and mental health, and senior center operations for the elderly.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Through community participation and consultation of local stakeholder partners and organizations the need for Public Services for LMI and Special Needs was identified. Public Services offered by the township and partner non-profit organizations provide for vital and essential services for LMI households and families throughout the jurisdiction. Public services will also help to enhance education and improve living situations of LMI individuals and households in the jurisdiction.
4	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Area Wide
	Associated Goals	5A Provide for Small Business Assistance
	Description	Provide for economic development opportunities that will help assist small businesses. Economic development initiatives that provide assistance for local businesses will include help for small businesses (micro-enterprises and, minority and women owned business enterprises.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through community participation and consultation of local stakeholder partners and organizations the need for economic development opportunities was identified. Unemployment and economic opportunities vary throughout the jurisdiction and the city will work to assist LMI areas with economic development opportunities.

### **Narrative (Optional)**

Bristol Township has assigned priorities based on the housing market analysis, community needs assessment, and community input with the overarching goal to provide affordable housing opportunities, revitalize neighborhoods and provide for vital public services. In addition, strategies and objectives were reviewed from various studies and development plans covering areas within its municipal limits. Based on the overall assessment, the Township's four (4) priority needs are:

1) Expanding and Improving Public Infrastructure and Facilities,

- 2) Preserving the Existing Housing Stock,
- 3) Enhancing Public Services and Improving the Quality of Life in the Township, and
- 4) Economic Development to help create and retain jobs.

### SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

Bristol Township will receive \$636,294 as its CDBG allocation for the FY 2020 Program Year. In addition, \$714,024 in prior year resources will be available. The Township does not expect to receive any Program Income during the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan period. The Township's FY 2020 CDBG program year starts on July 1, 2020 and concludes on June 30, 2021. The following financial resources are identified for the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan and will be used to address the following priority needs: Housing; Public Facilities; Public Services; and Administration, Planning, and Management. The accomplishments of these projects/activities will be reported in the FY 2019 CAPER.

#### **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	ected Amour	nt Available Ye	ar 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public -	Acquisition						Expected Amount Available
	federal	Admin and						Remainder of Con Plan is for 4
		Planning						more years of the plan.
		Economic						
		Development						
		Housing						
		Public						
		Improvements						
		Public Services	636,294	0	714,024	1,350,318	2,012,512	

**Table 15 - Anticipated Resources** 

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

In addition to the funds noted above, the Township has been fortunate to receive/implement:

ACT 902 Recycling Grant— DEP \$166,862 2018. Grant awarded from previous years total tonnage of recycling reported. We will be applying for a grant, due in May for additional green recycling containers for our residents. We had received a grant for containers in 2018.

Township is milling and resurfacing an additional 3.5 miles of eligible areas in the Green Lawn, Marie Lowe and Schumacher neighborhoods, Bristol Township in total is paving 12.70 miles of roadway for a total contract price of \$1,945,356.27.

Bristol Township has also contracted and will begin next month construction on 114 ADA curb ramps intersections for a contract price of \$563,310

Bristol Township received a Multi Modal Transportation Grant PennDOT Grant for Route 13 Beautification Phase III for new sidewalks, curbs, installation of ADA curb ramps and pedestrian crossings, street lighting and stormwater management in the amount of \$884,600 with a 30% Township match.

The Township, working with the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County, has also budgeted \$400,000 for the removal of blighted abandoned dwellings and buildings throughout the Township.

The Township received six traffic signal upgrade improvement grants awarded through PennDOT in the amount of \$1,423,900.

The Township utilized our \$1 million Bucks County Open Space Grant to purchase four adjacent properties to the Municipal Complex and built a \$6.5 million dollar Municipal Park with a walking trail, amphitheater, turf field for Wardogs Football, softball field, spray park, ADA playground, and concession stand. A \$265,000 grant was received from DCED for the spray park.

# If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the state that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The Township has embarked upon an ambitious municipal park complex with the help of several grants from Bucks County Open Space and PA DCED. One of the properties purchased will become the new Bristol Township Senior Center and funds from the 2020 allocation will be used for the renovation of that space.

### Discussion

The program year goes from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. These funds will be used to address the following priority needs:

- Public Facility Improvements
- Housing
- Public Services
- Administration

## SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
BRISTOL TOWNSHIP	Government	Economic	Jurisdiction
		Development	
		Non-homeless special	
		needs	
		Ownership	
		Planning	
		Rental	
		neighborhood	
		improvements	
		public facilities	
		public services	
Bucks County Housing		Public Housing	Region
Authority			
Bucks County Housing	Continuum of care	Homelessness	Region
Services Department			
and the Office of			
Community and			
Economic Development			

**Table 16 - Institutional Delivery Structure** 

### Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

Bristol Township has a strong connection to agencies located within the Township providing services to area residents and businesses. There are several service providers located within and around Bristol Township with the capacity and reach to skillfully help those experiencing homelessness, those with special needs, and those in economic distress. Continuing to partner with these organizations will greatly further the limited resources the Township receives for community development.

# Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
	<b>Homelessness Prevent</b>	tion Services	
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	Х	
Mortgage Assistance			

Homelessness Prevention	Available in the	Targeted to	Targeted to People	
Services	Community	Homeless	with HIV	
	<b>Homelessness Prevent</b>	ion Services		
Rental Assistance	X	X		
Utilities Assistance	X	X		
	Street Outreach S	ervices		
Law Enforcement				
Mobile Clinics				
Other Street Outreach Services	Х	Х		
	Supportive Serv	vices	<u>.</u>	
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Χ			
Child Care	Х			
Education	Х			
Employment and Employment				
Training	Χ	X		
Healthcare	Х			
HIV/AIDS	Х	Х		
Life Skills	Х			
Mental Health Counseling	Х	Х		
Transportation	Х			
	Other		<u> </u>	

**Table 17 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary** 

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

Bristol Township provides CDBG funding support to several public service organizations that in-turn provide mental health services, transportation services, substance abuse counseling and treatment as well as employment and housing services for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. The Township is involved in the CoC and receives information on the service system and the needs and accomplishments of the providers.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

Due to a lack of funding, especially HOME, ESG and HOPWA, the Township is unable to dedicate significant funding to the support of organizations and/or programs that serve special needs populations, including homeless persons, within the jurisdiction.

# Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

Bristol Township will continue to work with the County, the Bucks County Continuum of Care, the Housing Authority, and area service providers to reach our targeted populations. Given the coronavirus pandemic that occurred during the creation of this Consolidated Plan, the needs of the Township's residents and businesses are more acute than ever and the Township will continue to strive to meet those needs through partnerships with the various organizations and agencies on the front line of the crisis. The connections made through this pandemic to both those in need and partner agencies should carry the Township through the five years of this plan and beyond.

# SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

## **Goals Summary Information**

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
1	1A Expand Public	2020	2024	Non-Housing	Area Wide	Expand/Improve	CDBG:	Public Facility or
	Facilities &			Community		Public Infrastructure	\$1,407,615	Infrastructure Activities
	Infrastructure			Development		& Facilities		other than Low/Moderate
								Income Housing Benefit:
								7500 Persons Assisted
2	2A Preserve Existing	2020	2024	Affordable	Area Wide	Preserve Existing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	Homeownership			Housing		Housing Stock	\$60,000	Rehabilitated:
	Housing							100 Household Housing Unit
3	3A Provide	2020	2024	Homeless	Area Wide	Public Services &	CDBG:	Public service activities other
	Supportive Services			Non-Housing		Quality of Life	\$301,700	than Low/Moderate Income
	for Special Needs			Community		Improvements		Housing Benefit:
				Development				1500 Persons Assisted
								Homeless Person Overnight
								Shelter:
								500 Persons Assisted
4	4A Public Services &	2020	2024	Non-Housing	Area Wide	Public Services &	CDBG:	Public service activities for
	Quality of Life			Community		Quality of Life	\$477,220	Low/Moderate Income
	Improvements			Development		Improvements		Housing Benefit:
								1165 Households Assisted

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
5	5A Provide for Small	2020	2024	Non-Housing	Area Wide	Economic	CDBG:	Jobs created/retained:
	Business Assistance			Community		Development	\$200,000	80 Jobs
				Development				
								Businesses assisted:
								20 Businesses Assisted

Table 18 – Goals Summary

# **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	1A Expand Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Expand public facilities and infrastructure through development activities for LMI persons and households. Activities can include adding ADA compliance for curb ramps and sidewalks, roadway expansion projects and neighborhood facilities and community centers.
2	Goal Name	2A Preserve Existing Homeownership Housing
	Goal Description	Provide for owner occupied housing rehabilitation in target areas of the jurisdiction. These activities will benefit LMI households.
3	Goal Name	3A Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs
	Goal Description	The Township will provide supportive services for special needs populations such as senior services for the elderly, and homeless services for persons experiencing homelessness.
4	Goal Name	4A Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Goal Description	Provide PS for low/mod income residents. These include, after school programs, job training, leadership programs, health and life skills programing and prevention education.

5	Goal Name	5A Provide for Small Business Assistance
	Goal	Provide economic development support using funds to assist small businesses to create and retain jobs.
	Description	

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

Through the Emergency Repair Program and the Rental Assistance Program anticipated under the CARES Act funding, the Township is projected to provide or preserve housing for over 100 households.

## SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

### Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Bristol Township will continue its efforts to reduce the harmful effects of lead-based paint over the next five years. Partnering with Bucks County, the Township will advertise and refer homes at risk of containing lead-based paint to the County program for remediation.

#### How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

Homes accepted into the Emergency Repair Program will be given an informational flier for the County program.

#### SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

#### Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The strategies outlined in Bristol Township's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan are intended to serve as the Township's anti-poverty strategy by planning for expanded housing, economic development, and community development opportunities for low- to moderate-income persons. It is only by improving citizens' living conditions, employment opportunities, and access to services that they may emerge from poverty.

# How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

In the 5-Year Plan, the Township will work towards the goals outlined in SP-45 Goals. These goals will be homeowner housing rehab to preserve housing for LMI households. More activities planned by the Township to alleviate poverty through economic development is detailed in AP-85 Other Actions.

Specific actions the Township will take are as follows:

- (1) Provide additional and improved housing by engaging in the rehabilitation and creation of housing;
- (2) Through collaborative partnerships with area non-profits, support programs that provide educational and job-training opportunities and economic development programs;
- (3) Provide persons who are at risk of becoming homeless with rental, mortgage and/ or utility assistance through non-profit partners funded for that purpose;
- (4) Using the benefits of the Opportunity Zone, recruit new businesses to the Township to increase job opportunities.
- (5) Work with other Township departments to create new small business ventures.

#### **SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230**

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

As an entitlement community, Bristol Township will continue to prepare its annual Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and maintain records documenting progress. With respect to individual sub-recipients, Bristol Township has a Monitoring Plan in place, which provides interim and final monitoring of each year's funding to sub-recipients. Monitoring is based on the Subrecipient Agreement in force and involves interviews with the key individual(s) and staff responsible for carrying out the project and a review of project files for required documentation. The Monitoring Plan includes detailed information for the sub-recipient about the monitoring and reporting processes including the purpose of monitoring and reporting, timeliness, scheduling, and instructions for record keeping and reporting. The Monitoring Plan is provided to all sub-recipients as part of their executed Funding Agreement paperwork.

Full, on-site, in-depth monitoring is planned to occur every other year for each sub-recipient or partner agency. However, interim, informal monitoring occurs each year and allows the Township to spot any issues with the activity delivery. Furthermore, Township staff is able to assist the sub-recipient with taking corrective actions before a problem becomes unmanageable.

Upon completion of both the interim and the full monitoring activities, Township staff provides written follow-up when findings occur and penalties for noncompliance as well as a specific timeline for responses and corrective measures.

## **Expected Resources**

## AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

Bristol Township will receive \$636,294 as its CDBG allocation for the FY 2020 Program Year. In addition, \$714,024 in prior year resources will be available. The Township does not expect to receive any Program Income during the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan period. The Township's FY 2020 CDBG program year starts on July 1, 2020 and concludes on June 30, 2021. The following financial resources are identified for the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan and will be used to address the following priority needs: Housing; Public Facilities; Public Services; and Administration, Planning, and Management. The accomplishments of these projects/activities will be reported in the FY 2019 CAPER.

#### **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			ar 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public -	Acquisition						Expected Amount Available
	federal	Admin and						Remainder of Con Plan is for 4
		Planning						more years of the plan.
		Economic						
		Development						
		Housing						
		Public						
		Improvements						
		Public Services	636,294	0	714,024	1,350,318	2,012,512	

**Table 19 - Expected Resources - Priority Table** 

# Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

In addition to the funds noted above, the Township has been fortunate to receive/implement:

ACT 902 Recycling Grant— DEP \$166,862 2018. Grant awarded from previous years total tonnage of recycling reported. We will be applying for a grant, due in May for additional green recycling containers for our residents. We had received a grant for containers in 2018.

Township is milling and resurfacing an additional 3.5 miles of eligible areas in the Green Lawn, Marie Lowe and Schumacher neighborhoods, Bristol Township in total is paving 12.70 miles of roadway for a total contract price of \$1,945,356.27.

Bristol Township has also contracted and will begin next month construction on 114 ADA curb ramps intersections for a contract price of \$563,310

Bristol Township received a Multi Modal Transportation Grant PennDOT Grant for Route 13 Beautification Phase III for new sidewalks, curbs, installation of ADA curb ramps and pedestrian crossings, street lighting and stormwater management in the amount of \$884,600 with a 30% Township match.

The Township, working with the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County, has also budgeted \$400,000 for the removal of blighted abandoned dwellings and buildings throughout the Township.

The Township received six traffic signal upgrade improvement grants awarded through PennDOT in the amount of \$1,423,900.

The Township utilized our \$1 million Bucks County Open Space Grant to purchase four adjacent properties to the Municipal Complex and built a \$6.5 million dollar Municipal Park with a walking trail, amphitheater, turf field for Wardogs Football, softball field, spray park, ADA playground, and concession stand. A \$265,000 grant was received from DCED for the spray park.

# If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The Township has embarked upon an ambitious municipal park complex with the help of several grants from Bucks County Open Space and PA DCED. One of the properties purchased will become the new Bristol Township Senior Center and funds from the 2020 allocation will be used for the renovation of that space.

#### Discussion

The program year goes from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. These funds will be used to address the following priority needs:

- Public Facility Improvements
- Housing
- Public Services
- Administration

# **Annual Goals and Objectives**

# AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

## **Goals Summary Information**

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
1	1A Expand Public	2020	2024	Non-Housing	Area Wide	Expand/Improve	CDBG:	Public Facility or
	Facilities &			Community		Public Infrastructure	\$1,397,104	Infrastructure Activities other
	Infrastructure			Development		& Facilities		than Low/Moderate Income
								Housing Benefit: 1500 Persons
								Assisted
2	2A Preserve Existing	2020	2024	Affordable	Area Wide	Preserve Existing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	Homeownership			Housing		Housing Stock	\$120,000	Rehabilitated: 20 Household
	Housing							Housing Unit
3	3A Provide	2020	2024	Homeless	Area Wide	Public Services &	CDBG:	Public service activities other
	Supportive Services			Non-Housing		Quality of Life	\$47,222	than Low/Moderate Income
	for Special Needs			Community		Improvements		Housing Benefit: 300 Persons
				Development				Assisted
								Homeless Person Overnight
								Shelter: 100 Persons Assisted
4	4A Public Services &	2020	2024	Non-Housing		Public Services &	CDBG:	Other: 1165 Other
	Quality of Life			Community		Quality of Life	\$477,220	
	Improvements			Development		Improvements		

Table 20 – Goals Summary

## **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	1A Expand Public Facilities & Infrastructure				
	Goal Description	Expand public infrastructure through development activities for LMI persons and households and limited clientel seniors.				
2	Goal Name	2A Preserve Existing Homeownership Housing				
	Goal Description	Provide for owner occupied housing rehabilitation in target areas of the jurisdiction. These activities will benefit LMI households.				
3	Goal Name	3A Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs				
	Goal Description	The Township will provide supportive services for special needs populations such as senior services for the elderly, and homeless services for persons experiencing homelessness.				
4	Goal Name	4A Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements				
	Goal Description	Provide PS for low/mod income residents. These include, after school programs, job training, leadership programs, health and life skills programing and prevention education.				

### AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

In order to address the priority needs of Bristol Township, the proposed FY 2020 Annual Action Plan proposes the following:

#	Project Name				
1	CDBG: Administration (20%)				
2	CDBG: Public Facilities & Infrastructure				
3	CDBG: Public Services				
4	CDBG: Housing Programs				

**Table 21 – Project Information** 

# Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

CDBG funds are intended to provide lower and moderate-income households with viable communities, including decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities included in the allocation proprieties include public facility improvements, housing rehabilitation, affordable housing, public services, economic development, and planning and administration.

# **AP-38 Project Summary**

# **Project Summary Information**

1	Project Name	CDBG: Administration (20%)
	Target Area	Area Wide
	Goals Supported	1A Expand Public Facilities & Infrastructure 2A Preserve Existing Homeownership Housing 3A Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Preserve Existing Housing Stock Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$127,259
	Description	Administration of the CDBG program throughout the Township in PY 2020.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Area Wide
	Planned Activities	Staff salaries, planning, general admin
2	Project Name	CDBG: Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Target Area	Area Wide
	Goals Supported	1A Expand Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities

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	Funding	CDBG: \$1,397,104
	Description	Expand public infrastructure through development activities for LMI persons and households. Expand and improve access to public facilities through development activities for LMI persons and households and for special needs population (elderly, persons with a disability, victims of domestic abuse, etc.).
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facility or Infrastructure: 1500 LMI Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Area Wide
	Planned Activities	Public facilities, public parks, senior center, homeless shelter
3	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services
	Target Area	Area Wide
	Goals Supported	3A Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$95,444
	Description	Provide support for homeless shelter operations, senior center operations and non profit after school programs, leadership skills, prevention education, women's assistance and job training.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities: 1465 Persons Assisted  Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 100 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Area Wide

	Planned Activities	Provide support for homeless shelter operations, senior center operations and non profit after school programs, leadership skills, prevention education, women's assistance and job training.
4	Project Name	CDBG: Housing Programs
	Target Area	Area Wide
	Goals Supported	2A Preserve Existing Homeownership Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve Existing Housing Stock
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	Provide for owner occupied housing rehabilitation in target areas of the jurisdiction. These activities will benefit LMI households.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Owner-occupied rehab: 20 LMI households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Area Wide
	Planned Activities	Housing rehab in the Township.

# AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

# Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Bristol Township will direct CDBG funds areawide for housing needs meeting the required low- and moderate-income eligibility and target low- and moderate-income areas for public facility improvements.

The following Census Tracts and Block Group qualify as low and moderate income for Bristol Township and will be included in the proposed activities: CT 1003.06, BG 2, 66.67%.

### **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Area Wide	100

**Table 22 - Geographic Distribution** 

## Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Bristol Township has allocated its CDBG funds for FY 2020 based on activities that will principally benefit low and moderate-income persons. The Community Development activities are either located in a low and moderate-income census area or have a low and moderate-income service area benefit or clientele. The Housing activities have an income eligibility requirement and will be awarded to qualifying low and moderate-income households throughout the Township.

#### Discussion

N/A

# AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

#### Introduction

This section outlines actions planned by the Township to address the needs of underserved populations, maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty level households as well as the improvement of the institutional delivery structure.

## Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

#### Assistance to an Aging Population:

- Housing rehabilitation.
- Creation of a new Senior Center.
- Support for the Senior Citizens Center and its programs.
- Institution of LERTA to encourage the development of non-residential tax rate tables, reducing reliance on residential tax revenues by local government and the schools.

#### Assistance to Disabled and Disadvantaged:

- Support for the mentally and physically challenged through education, facilities, social services and the removal of architectural barriers.
- Support for Veteran's associations serving the needs of disabled veterans.
- Support for social service organizations providing direct support to disadvantaged populations.

### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Due to a lack of available resources, the Township is not able to fund residential new construction. Our inclusion in the Bucks County HOME Consortium however not only increases the funding available to Bucks County, but also allows Bristol Township to encourage the development of affordable housing with that source of gap financing. The current Action Plan will provide funding to assist in the rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied units for low/moderate income families.

Furthermore, the Township works with developers and the local housing authority to avoid the displacement of current residents by not approving projects which require demolition of standard units or units that are capable of being rehabilitated to a standard condition without comparable replacement.

## Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Due in part to very limited funding and based on the Township's experience through the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, it is estimated that a significant number of all units occupied by extremely low, very low, and other low-income households may be contaminated with lead-

based paint. Given this expectation, it is a policy of the Department to avoid disturbing paint. Indeed, our Emergency Repair Program does work on systems where paint is not disturbed, such as heaters and sewer systems. If lead based paint is detected and when feasible, efforts will be made to encapsulate the hazardous materials. Unfortunately, encapsulation is not always a sufficient remedy for the removal of lead-based paint hazards. In such cases, homeowners are referred to the Bucks County Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program. All homeowners involved in the township program are provided with a HUD approved pamphlet which outlines the hazards and risks associated with lead-based paint. Problems that are above and beyond avoiding lead-based paint or encapsulating such problems are referred to the Bucks County Program.

## Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Economic development and the alleviation of poverty, as well as the reduction of housing problems, go hand in hand. Bristol Township has been actively pursuing methods which will bring more employment opportunities to the Township. When assistance is provided by the Township in these endeavors, new and/or expanding enterprises are strongly encouraged to consider Township residents first in the hiring procedures and those persons who reside in low/moderate income areas of the Township or who may be considered low income. The Township has undertaken or will undertake the following activities:

- Opportunity Zone: Parts of Bristol Township are included in the Opportunity Zone and the Township expects to capitalize on these zones. We will work with any developer coming in to take advantage of this program.
- <u>TCDI Report</u>: The Bucks County Planning Commission, with a grant from the Delaware Valley
  Planning Commission, recently completed and Transportation and Community Development
  Initiative report, which helps the Township understand the economic impacts of the I-95/PA
  Turnpike interchange connection and develop an economic vision to reinvigorate the industrial
  and retail base of the Township.
- <u>Department of Community and Economic Development</u>: Bristol Township will continue to seek the support and grant assistance available through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.
- Enterprise Zone: Bristol Township has participated with the County of Bucks and the County Redevelopment Authority in identifying more than a 1,000 acres of Township land as an Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone includes numerous former industrial areas which are now considered brownfield sites. In addition, several areas of the Township, including the nearly 100-acre property owned by the Coca Cola Company once vacant but has recently been the site of development and employment. Also, in the process of development in the Keystone Industrial Park is the Action Manufacturing Company maintaining 175 jobs that would have been lost to Pennsylvania.
- <u>LERTA</u>: Bristol Township has partnered with Bucks County and the Bristol Township School District to adopt a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA") which authorizes local taxing authorities to exempt from real estate taxation, for specific periods, the assessed valuation of improvements to industrial, commercial and other business property. Bristol

Township's LERTA will allow the increase in real estate taxes to be phased in over a five-year period (first year - 20% of the increase; second year -40%, etc.). These taxing bodies have successfully worked together to assign LERTA status to 631 commercial and industrial parcels.

#### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Bristol Township Office of Community Development will coordinate activities among the public and private agencies and organizations in the Township. This coordination will ensure that the goals and objectives outlined in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan will be effectively addressed by more than one agency. The staff of the Office of Community Development will facilitate and coordinate the linkage between these public and private partnerships and develop new partnership opportunities in the Township.

This coordination and collaboration between agencies is important to ensure that the needs of the residents of Bristol Township are being addressed. The main agencies that are involved in the implementation of the Plan, as well as additional financial resources that are available:

Public Agencies: Bristol Township Office of Community Development is responsible for administration of the CDBG program and Bucks County Housing Authority is responsible for administering Housing Choice Vouchers and public housing units

Non-Profit Agencies: There are several nonprofit agencies that serve low income households in the Township. The Township continued to collaborate with these agencies.

Private Sector: The private sector is a key collaborator in the services and programs associated with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The private sector brings additional financial resources and expertise that can be used to supplement existing services in the Township. Examples of these private sectors are; local lenders, affordable housing developers, business owners, community development organizations, healthcare organizations, and others.

The Township will continue to collaborate with local financial institutions, private housing developers, local realtors, etc.

# Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

As Federal funding allocations continue to decline it has become imperative that the Township work closely with Bucks County, the Bucks County Public Housing Authority and the Bucks County Continuum of Care. As such, Township staff will continue to work closely with these organization in an effort to improve agency coordination and reduce the duplication of programs and services offered across the

county.

#### Discussion

The Office of Community Development has the primary responsibility for monitoring the Township's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The department maintains records on the progress toward meeting the goals and the statutory and regulatory compliance of each activity. Service area documenta tion is achieved through scheduling activities, drawdown of funds, and maintenance of budget spread sheets which indicate the dates of expenditures. Program modifications are considered if project activities are not able to be completed within the allowable time limits of the grant. The department is also responsible for the ongoing monitoring of any subrecipients for similar compliance.

The Township's responsibility is to ensure that Federal Funds are used in accordance with all program re quirements, determining the adequacy of performance under subrecipient agreements; and taking appropriate action when performance problems arise. The Office of Community Development developed a "monitoring checklist" that is utilized when programs and activities are reviewed.

CDBG funded activities are monitored periodically, during the construction phase and a final inspection is performed which details the cost benefit and benefit to low/moderate income persons. During the onsite inspections, compliance with the local building and housing codes are reviewed. Copies of financial statements and audit reports are required and kept on file. For those activities, which trigger Davis Bacon Wage Rates, employee payrolls are required prior to payment and on-site employee interviews will be held.

# **Program Specific Requirements**

# AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction

Bristol Township will receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$636,294 for FY 2020. Since the Township receives a CDBG allocation, the questions below have been completed as applicable. Bristol Township anticipates no program income for the year.

# Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the ne.	ΧL			
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0			
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year	to			
ddress the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.				
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0			
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has r	ot			
been included in a prior statement or plan	0			
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0			
Total Program Income:	0			
Other CDBG Requirements				
1. The amount of urgent need activities	0			
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period				
of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall				
benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate				
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income. Specify the years covered that include this Alliadi Action Flan.	.00.0070			

Discussion

## **Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources**

Data Source Name

2014-2018 ACS

List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.

**US Census Bureau** 

Provide a brief summary of the data set.

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey that provides data every year -- giving communities the current information they need to plan investments and services. Information from the survey generates data that help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year. The ACS is accessed through the American FactFinder website, which provides data about the United States, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.

#### What was the purpose for developing this data set?

Information from the ACS help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year to help communities, state governments, and federal programs.

How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?

Bristol Township, PA

What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?

2014-2018 ACS

What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?

Complete

2 Data Source Name

2013-2017 ACS (Workers), 2017 LEHD (Jobs)

List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.

2013-2017 ACS and 2017 Longitudinal Employee-Household Dynamics: United States Census Bureau

Provide a brief summary of the data set.

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey that provides data every year -- giving communities the current information they need to plan investments and services. Information from the survey generates data that help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year. The ACS is accessed through the American FactFinder website, which provides data about the United States, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.

The Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program is part of the Center for Economic Studies at the U.S. Census Bureau. The LEHD program produces new, cost effective, public-use information combining federal, state and Census Bureau data on employers and employees under the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Partnership.

#### What was the purpose for developing this data set?

**ACS:** Information from the ACS help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year to help communities, state governments, and federal programs.

**LEHD:** Information from the LEHD help state and local authorities who increasingly need detailed local information about their economies to make informed decisions. The LEHD Partnership works to fill critical data gaps and provide indicators needed by state and local authorities. LEHD's mission is to provide new dynamic information on workers, employers, and jobs with state-of-theart confidentiality protections and no additional data collection burden.

How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?

Bristol Township, PA

What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?

2013-2017 ACS (Workers), 2017 LEHD (Jobs)

What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?

Complete

#### Data Source Name

Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019

List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.

US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

#### Provide a brief summary of the data set.

BLS unemployment rates are from the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). This program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for Census regions and divisions, States, counties, metropolitan areas, and many cities, by place of residence.

## What was the purpose for developing this data set?

The purpose of the BLS data is to collect, analyze, and disseminate essential economic information to support public and private decision making.

How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?

Bristol Township, PA

What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?

2018-2019

What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?

Complete