

NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDING BLOCKS FUND

Invitation to Submit Proposals

The Delaware Department of Justice (“DOJ”), the Office of the Governor, the Delaware State Housing Authority (“DSHA”), and the Delaware Economic Development Office (“DEDO”) invite neighborhood revitalization programs, neighborhood associations, community groups, law enforcement, local governments or other stakeholders for community development to apply for funding from the Neighborhood Building Blocks Fund. The Fund consists of monies allocated from the DOJ Settlement Agreement with JP Morgan Chase & Co. to remedy harm caused by the securitization of mortgage loans.

The Neighborhood Building Blocks Fund is intended to support crime reduction, neighborhood revitalization, and economic development programs statewide, including programs in and around Downtown Development Districts and communities that are part of DOJ’s Building Blocks Initiative. Improving the quality and availability of housing is an essential component of any strategy to build and maintain strong neighborhoods. However, building and maintaining strong neighborhoods requires more than improving housing opportunities for residents. It also requires thoughtful and coordinated efforts of state and local governments, neighborhood associations, nonprofit and community organizations, and other stakeholders to enhance economic development, reduce crime, and otherwise improve the quality of life of residents in our communities. This application process is designed to maximize the resources available to the Fund for the purpose of building stable communities and neighborhoods.

An Application may be obtained by visiting The Delaware Economic Development Office website at <http://www.dedo.delaware.gov/> or by contacting:

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The procedures for review of the Applications are outlined in the *Delaware Register of Regulations*. Please note that Applicants may designate certain information as law enforcement sensitive, proprietary or otherwise confidential pursuant to the Delaware Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”). Consistent with FOIA, DEDO and any Reviewing Agency will take such measures as are appropriate to limit disclosure of such information.