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## Mayor Fulop & Community Development Host Community Workshops to Mark National Community Development Week

April 11, 2022 – April 15, 2022

**JERSEY CITY** – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Division of Community Development** (DCD) announce today that Jersey City will join communities across the nation in honor of *National Community Development Week*, *April 11-15*. All this week, the City will host resource fairs at multiple locations to inform the community on how and where federal funds are being utilized to assist low- and moderate-income residents.

The DCD funds a variety of community organizations that provide crucial services with a goal of strengthening Jersey City through fostering strong partnerships and responsibly investing resources into the community. Affordable housing, sustainable living environments, public spaces, public services, and expanded economic opportunities are at the forefront of the City's mission.

"As an administration, we strive to further develop Jersey City as a viable community by promoting integrated approaches that focus on the community's direct needs," said **Mayor Fulop**. "We are incredibly grateful for the Community Development Block Grants we have received over the years, which have bolstered our efforts in supporting our most vulnerable residents."

National Community Development Week aims to bring awareness to the powerful work already underway and to educate the public on future opportunities as these efforts build stronger communities.

<u>Jersey City's Resource Fairs</u> are free and open to the public from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 12, 2022
  Mary McLeod Bethune Life Center
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022
  Hudson County Community College
- Thursday, April 14, 2022
  Pershing Field Community Center



"Countless people in our community have benefited from these projects – the majority of whom are low- and moderate-income persons," said **Deja Anderson, Director of the Division of Community Development.** "With the support of the community, influential stakeholders, and elected officials, we can build a better community!"

Community Development Block Grant (CGBD) funds touch various community efforts such as providing rental assistance during the pandemic, finding temporary housing for households displaced after a fire, supporting workforce development, and assisting countless small businesses. CDBG is a versatile funding source that helps revitalize our neighborhoods and improve our citizens' lives. Locally, every \$1 of CDBG funding leverages \$4 in additional investment.

## **About the CDBG Coalition**

The CDBG program has been funded through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG Coalition consists of 31 national organizations representing local elected officials, housing and community development professionals, and a wide array of nonprofit organizations. The Coalition is dedicated to the preservation of the CDBG program and works to increase awareness and the need for increased program funding.

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