

Municipality of Arecibo

HOME ARP Allocation Plan

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As the requirements highlighted in this template are not exhaustive, **please refer to the Notice for a full description of the allocation plan requirements as well as instructions for submitting the plan, the SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and the certifications.** References to “the ARP” mean the HOME-ARP statute at section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2).

I- Introduction

Arecibo is a Municipality of Puerto Rico, Entitlement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG Program) and for the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program). It is also a HOME-ARP fund recipient from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Each of these designations require the preparation and approval of a Consolidated Plan in compliance with 24 CFR Part 91 and in the case of HOME-ARP allocations, the Plan must follow dispositions in the NOTICE CPD-21-10, issued on September 13, 2022.

The HOME-ARP Notice establishes requirements for funds appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) (“ARP”) for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed ARP into law providing over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

This document corresponds to the HOME-ARP Plan per statute at section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). It will be submitted to HUD as a substantial amendment to the FY 2021 Arecibo Annual Action Plan in the eCon Planning Suite (uploaded at the “HOME-ARP Allocation Plan” attachment point and as well the corresponding SF-424; SF-424B; SF-424D; and required certifications for HOME-ARP).

The HOME-ARP funding allocation to the Municipality of Arecibo is in the amount of \$2,009,585.00 and will be used to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services assisting qualifying individuals or families.

HOME-ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) (“McKinney-Vento”); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance

would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4).

Possible activities with HOME-ARP funds may be:

- Supportive services
- Development of affordable rental housing
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Vouchers)
- Acquisition and Development of non-congregated Shelters.

This HOME ARP Plan of the Municipality of Arecibo includes the following:

1. A summary of the consultation process and results of upfront consultation;
2. A summary of comments received through the public participation process and a summary of any comments or recommendations not accepted and the reasons why;
3. A description of HOME-ARP qualifying populations within the jurisdiction;
4. An assessment of unmet needs of each qualifying population;
5. An assessment of gaps in housing and shelter inventory, homeless assistance and services, and homelessness prevention service delivery system;
6. A summary of the planned use of HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities based on the unmet needs of the qualifying populations;
7. An estimate of the number of housing units for qualifying populations the PJ will produce or preserve with its HOME-ARP allocation; and
8. A description of any preferences for individuals and families in a particular qualifying population or a segment of a qualifying population

In general, different from the United States, where homelessness is essentially caused by the inability of households to pay for their housing related costs, in Puerto Rico, the main characteristics of the homeless population are that their supportive services need go far beyond the housing needs and include a series of social and medical needs that require a core group of initiatives to deal with this social problem.

The Municipality of Arecibo approaches the homeless strategies through a collaborative perspective that allows the coordination of services that address fully the barriers faced by homeless people. It also incorporates the homeless strategy led by the Puerto Rico Balance of Commonwealth (CoC- 502). As part of the CoC-PR-502 strategy's to reducing and ending homelessness, the Municipality of Arecibo collaborates with ESG programs, State Government, Non-Profit Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Community based Organizations, Private Sector Organizations and other interested parties, to align basic and essential services and activities to address the needs of the homeless persons and to prevent additional households from experiencing homelessness in a future.

II- Consultation

Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

The Municipality of Arecibo in accordance with Section V.A of the Notice developed a consultation process to assist the development of this HOME-ARP allocation plan. The consultation process was an inclusive one and aims to ensure that entities and organizations that offer services to the homeless and/or people at risk are participants not only in providing information but also in assisting in the establishment of priorities, selection of activities and, if necessary, in the development of projects to be funded.

Consultation included the following:

- CoC 502- Coalition of San Juan which serves the jurisdiction's geographic area,
- homeless service providers,
- domestic violence service providers,
- veterans' groups,
- public housing agencies (PHAs),
- public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and
- public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

Consultation letters were sent during October and November 2022 and no less than 15 days were provided for their requested responses. The consulted entities were notified about the HOME-ARP allocation of funds to the Municipality of Arecibo including the amount and an explanation of the origin of such funds as a special federal allocation included in the American Rescue Plan Act aiming to address the housing needs of the homeless and other at-risk populations. Also, the letters included a list of the eligible program activities, who the beneficiaries were to be (qualified populations as defined in CPD Circular 2021-10), and information on special conditions of receiving the funds.

The municipality of Arecibo consulted service providers to the homeless population and entities that provide services to victims of domestic violence, also requesting that they complete a HOME ARP funds need questionnaire form designed to obtain a detailed view of the need of the clientele they served. This mechanism provided for the establishment of priorities and the definition of activities that should be carried out with the HOME-ARP funds. Access to the questionnaire form was provided through the following QR code.

- El Municipio preparó un cuestionario digital para cumplir con los requisitos de Consulta
- El Cuestionario se puede acceder en el siguiente enlace:



Response to consultation was provided by seven (7) entities, as included in the table below, and in general information was provided by the organizations regarding the population they serve, the needs identified among those receiving services and also on needs identified on other population they would like to reach. Service gaps and the identification of new opportunities to expand outreach and service provision were principal to those that responded.

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration	State Public Housing Agency (PHA) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	2 & 4
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, San Juan Regional Office	Federal agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1
Puerto Rico Department of Health	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4

¹ 1=Homeless, as defined in section 103(a), 2= At-risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401(1), 3=Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, 4=other populations were providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the Act

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Puerto Rico Department of Housing	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	<p>Representatives from the Housing Subsidy Secretariat responded to the online survey. The primary needs identified for the qualifying population are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of affordable rental housing. (Permanent housing with supportive services, rehabilitation of existing units, new construction of affordable housing) 2. Acquisition and development of non-congregated shelters (acquisition of building to be used as non-congregated shelter, conversion of existing building, scattered housing units) 3. Supportive services (life skills, case management, employment counselling) <p>They also identified the single adult as the population with most need.</p>	1,2,3,4
HOPWA Program, at the Municipality of San Juan	Municipality administering a Federal Program that addresses the needs of qualifying populations. Public or private	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
	organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities			
Ryan White Program - Part B / ADAP	Federal Program that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1
San Juan Board of Realtors	Professional Association that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	N/A
Office of the Ombudsman for People with Disabilities	Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	4
Office of the Women's Advocate ("Oficina de la Procuradora de las Mujeres")	Domestic violence service provider	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	<p>Three (3) responses were received from the organization. All of them completed the online survey.</p> <p>1st Response:</p> <p>Homeless need in order of priority are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of affordable housing (rehabilitation of existing units, permanent housing with supportive services, assistance to owners) 2. TBRA 3. Administrative funds <p>Population with most need: Domestic Violence.</p> <p>2nd Response:</p>	3

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
			<p>Homeless need in order of priority are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supportive services 2. Acquisition and development of non-congregated shelter (conversion of existing buildings, acquisition of existing building ready for occupancy, scattered sites) 3. Administrative funds <p>Population with most need: Domestic Violence.</p> <p>3rd Response</p> <p>Homeless need in order of priority are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of affordable housing (assistance to owners, rehabilitation of existing units, permanent housing with supportive services) 2. TBRA 3. Acquisition and development of non-congregated shelter (scattered sites, acquisition of existing building ready for occupancy, and conversion of existing buildings) 	

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
			Population with most need: Domestic Violence.	
Puerto Rico Office for Socioeconomic and Community Development	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
First Bank de Puerto Rico	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	<p>This private sector organization responded to the online survey. The response included the following:</p> <p>Homeless need in order of priority are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supportive services (prevention to persons at risk, employment, housing counseling) 2. Acquisition and development of non-congregated shelters (scattered sites, acquisition and conversion, hotel rooms) 3. Development of affordable housing (rehabilitation of existing units, permanent housing with supportive services.) 4. TBRA <p>Regarding population with most need they identified the elderly population.</p>	N/A
Banco Popular de Puerto Rico	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and online invitation to	No comments received	N/A

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
		complete survey.		
Puerto Rico Landlords Association	Professional Association that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	N/A
Mortgage Bankers Association of PR	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	N/A
“Acción Social de Puerto Rico”	Non-Profit that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Family and Child Administration	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	2,3,4
Puerto Rico Administration for the Socio-Economic Development of the Family	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	2,3,4
Puerto Rico Administration on Addiction and Mental Health Services (ASSMCA)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Child Support Administration (“Administración para el Sustento de Menores”)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	3
Oficina del Procurador del Paciente (“Oficina del Procurador del Paciente”)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Department of Education	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	3
Puerto Rico Department of	State Public Agency that addresses the	Letter and online	No comments received	1

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Corrections and Rehabilitation	needs of qualifying populations.	invitation to complete survey.		
Ayuda legal PR	Non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to individuals and communities	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
ProBono Inc.	Non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to individuals and communities	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Community Legal Office (Legal Assistance Clinic of the Interamerican University School of Law)	A non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to individuals and communities	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Servicios legales de Puerto Rico	A private, not-for-profit corporation that provides free civil legal advice, representation, and education to qualified individuals and underprivileged groups.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Solo por Hoy	A non-profit organization dedicated to assisting families and individuals with limited resources in crisis situations Including, but not limited to, assistance with substance abuse, mental health, disabilities, and homelessness. Administrator of the Coordinated Entry System of the COC	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	CoC Coordinated Entry System
Salvation Army Cuerpo de Arecibo	Non-Profit that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and online invitation to	No comments received	1

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
		complete survey.		
A.M.I.G.O.S	Homeless service provider	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1
Centro Serv. a la Juventud-Hogar Nuevo Amanecer	Homeless service provider	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	No comments received	1
IPVI-ESG Prevención-Arecibo	Homeless service provider	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	<p>The organization was contacted by letter and provided the link to the online survey. They completed the survey with the following information:</p> <p>Recommended Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregated Shelters (acquisition of existing building, scattered sites and conversion of existing building) 2. Administrative Funds to NPO 3. Supportive services (housing counseling, prevention, job employment counseling) <p>The indicated that the population with most need are the domestic violence victims.</p>	3
Programa de Sección 8 Municipio de Arecibo	Public housing agency (PHA) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area.	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	Provided information of occupancy of participants and socioeconomic profile of households in the waiting list.	1,2,3,4
Teen Challenge de P.R. (Arecibo)	Homeless service provider	Letter and online invitation to	No comments received	1

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
		complete survey.		
P.A.C.T.A	Homeless Service Provider	Letter and online invitation to complete survey.	The organization responded to the online survey and indicated that the population with most need is the youth homeless. In addition, they indicated that homeless need in order of priority is: Supportive services Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregated Shelter Development Affordable Rental Housing.	1
Puerto Rico Department of the Family (CoC serving Jurisdiction)	Collaborative Entity CoC 502	Letter and Meeting	On September 9, 2022, the Municipality held a meeting with the Executive Director of the Collaborative Entity of the CoC 502. During the meeting the municipality presented the preliminary finding of the Citizen Participation and Consultation process.	1,2,3,4

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

The data collected from the survey related to the consultation process included a total of 7 responses. Responders were provided with more than 20 days to respond, however the survey was maintained open during 60 days. The Municipality followed up on the organizations to promote the completion of the survey.

Among respondents were representatives of the managerial level of organizations and first line service personnel as case managers and education resources that provide supportive services, shelter, housing (permanent or relocation), developers of affordable housing and community members. Answers provided the following insights:

- The greatest number of responses identified that the priority needs to assist the homeless population in Arecibo were, first, the acquisition and development of non-congregated

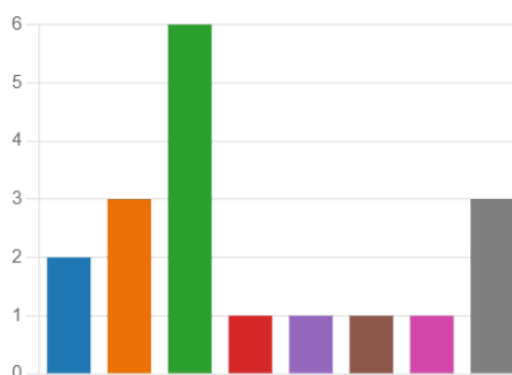
Shelters, second the development of housing for rent, and third, supportive services to this population.

- Prevention services, housing counseling and case management were ranked among the most needed service areas.
- The rehabilitation of existing residential units and buildings was ranked as the most important intervention strategy.
- In terms of population at risk of becoming homeless there is a great concern on victims of domestic violence and second, the situation among the elders and youths.
- Respondents identified that a great positive impact would be achieved if housing counseling was provided at the community level.

The following is a summary of the responses to the key questions:

How does your Organization engage with the following eligible populations: people who are literally homeless, people fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking, veterans, families, or some other population? Indicate if you are a provider of the following services (you can select more than one):

Emergency shelter	2
Permanent Housing or Rapid	3
Supporting services	6
Housing/ Landlord	1
Affordable Housing Developer	1
Grantee	1
Member of the Community	1
Other	3



9. From your perspective as an Organization, what are the most pressing needs to serve the homeless population in Arecibo? Order from most important to least important.



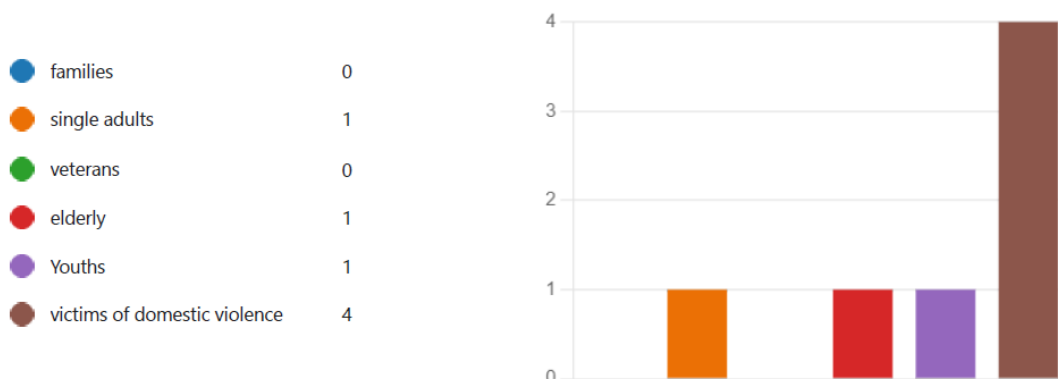
11. From your Organizational Perspective, please rank Non-Congregate Sheltering activities from most important to least important.



12. From your perspective as an organization, please rank the following Affordable Rental Housing development activities (from most important to least important):



14. The following questions are designed to identify the population that is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. From the list below, identify the population with the greatest need based on your Organization's experience.



Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

The HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process.

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 11/4/2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 1/17/2023 end date - 2/2/2023***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 11/18/2022***

Describe the public participation process:

The preparation of this Arecibo HOME-ARP Plan included a process through three (3) participative mechanisms: First, a public hearing, second, consultation letters sent to interested parties and third, a survey on community needs took place. Through these efforts the municipality provided information on the amount of HOME-ARP the PJ will receive, and the range of activities the PJ may undertake. Second, an information survey provided for the collection of important inputs on, needs, services and gaps. Third, reasonable notice is given to the public for the revision of the HOME-ARP allocation Plan Draft providing a period of 15 calendar days for the submission of comments to the document. Pertaining the public hearing process, the Municipality of Arecibo encouraged the citizens and interested parties to provide inputs for the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan in accordance with Section 24 CFR 91.105(b)(3) which requires the jurisdiction to hold public hearings for the preparation of the Plan. Reasonable notice and opportunity to comment occurred and throughout the participation process the PJ followed the applicable fair housing and civil rights provisions, as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115. The implemented procedures guaranteed effective communication, accessibility, and

reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and provided meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

Arecibo published a notice on November 4, 2022, in compliance with its Citizen participation Plan, which establishes that the notice is to be available for 15 days prior to the celebration of public hearings. Two hearings were celebrated both took place on November 18, 2022, the first at 10:00 a.m. and the second at 1:30 p.m. A total of 26 persons (13 persons a.m., and 13 persons p.m.) participated in the hearing process. The exposition made by municipal officials included information on the objectives of the HOME ARPA allocation to Arecibo, the eligible population, the possible use of funds and the type of entities to execute programs and most important the eligible clientele. During the hearing the Plan process was explained, the amount of the allocation to Arecibo was divulged and guidance was provided on eligible populations and activities, also the Municipality emphasized on the ways that effective participation can take place among the impacted population and service entities. Emphasize was given to the importance of receiving inputs from the communities and individuals of low and moderate-income, identifying needs, urgencies, priorities, and aspirations, while seeking opportunity and solutions aligned with the goals of the Arecibo Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan of the years 2020 to 2024.

The public hearings celebrated allowed active participation of the interested parties and provided opportunity to expose opinions and ideas pertaining the existing needs and possible solutions that can be sought through the use of HOME ARPA funding. In accordance with the protocols established because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Municipality carried out these public hearings virtually. Also, a QR code was provided to access a survey and participants were exhorted to fill in the questionnaire that is accessed through the code, an email and postal address for posting questions or written comments were also provided. Comments would be addressed to Mr. Hector E. Maldonado Rivera, h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com, P.O. Box 1086, Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00612.

The hearings transcripts can be accessed at the following addresses:

Hearing 10:00 a.m.

<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/f401f3a29bc5dda365d2dfa774027b826994bb192bb3db36a6ac7a320604d30e>

Hearing 1:30 p.m.

<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/21f252381cfb7c407b8e0b857d2daf2fed95f5446c9c90e56af97f438150b8ca>

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

During the morning hearing Mrs. Nilsa López, representative of CETI College, asked about the interest of presenting a project for property rehabilitation and about the selection process. Also asked if the Municipal Administration of Arecibo was already considering a project. She explained about the project of Programa Vida that they administer and operate and the difficulties in finding owners willing to rent units to the population they assist.

She presented an example of a successful project called Hostal Getsemaní in Mayaguez. She was oriented in terms of the presentation of proposals and was exhorted to participate.

During the afternoon hearing Mr. Jonathan Camacho, representative for the organization PACTA, Inc, entity serving HIV/AIDS population and he exposes about the challenge to rent homes for this population and the social disadvantages of this population due to social perception about their health condition.

Responses from the citizen participation process identified as a priority additional non-congregate shelter as well as ongoing case management and supportive services in connection with new housing programs development, and development of additional affordable rental housing. This included a range of services from counseling, financial planning, legal, employment, education/training, food, medical, etc.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

All comments from the public through the participative methods developed through the preparation of this HOME-ARP Plan were evaluated and taken into consideration.

III- Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Requirement:

In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of **all four** of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. If the PJ does not evaluate the needs of one of the qualifying populations, then the PJ has not completed their Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.

Template:

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	25	10	92	0	0								
Transitional Housing	102	33	218	0	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	256	90	954	0	0								
Other Permanent Housing	68	24	345	0	0								
Sheltered Homeless **						5	85	4	11				
Unsheltered Homeless **						#	#	#	#				
Current Gap										241	367	1519	0

Suggested Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

** Data published by the 2022 PIT Count did not provide information about the homeless population living in sheltered or unsheltered environments at the municipal.

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	10,775		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	2,520		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	735		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		1,070	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		1,415	
Current Gaps			2,485

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The most recent PIT Census, conducted from March 3-4, 2022, reported that there are 2,215 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals and families across the island; 7.1 % of individuals are living in the streets with another adult or family member. Forty– six (46%), 1,026 of the total homeless population are located within the PR-CoC-502 jurisdiction of which the Municipality of Arecibo is part of the service providers that assist the homeless people.

The CoC PR 502 homeless counts of recent years have shown a decrease in the number of persons identified. As opposed to PIT 2019 count in which 1,345 homeless individuals were identified, a reduced number of 1,026 persons were counted in 2022. Even though the homeless counts conducted have shown a decrease in the number of people accounted for , the homeless situation is becoming increasingly complex and those who remain on the streets are the most vulnerable. Of the 1,026 persons counted in 2022, 67.7% are unsheltered, a percentage that has grown substantially in recent years. In 2009, the percentage of unsheltered persons was 51.1%, which represents an increase of over 16.4 percentage points. On the other hand, nearly eight out of every ten unsheltered persons (76.5%), present high levels of vulnerability, including the problematic use of drugs or alcohol, mental health problems or a physical impairment that prevents them from maintaining stable housing. Some of the reasons associated to these facts are the shortage of housing inventory and other problems associated with the housing market.

In reference to ethnicity, the PR-CoC-502 PIT census shows that of a total of 1,026 homeless individuals, 43% identified themselves as White, 30% as Multiple Races, and 27% as Black or African American. The results of the 2022 PIT show that an average of 95 % are from Latino origins. At a local level, the homeless population identified as 67 % white, 24 % Multi-Racial and 9% Black / Afro- American. No data was available about ethnicity for the Municipality of Arecibo.

For planning purposes, following is an outline of the homeless population of the Municipality of Arecibo.

The most current PIT places the Municipality of Arecibo as the second Municipality with more homeless individuals within the PR-CoC- 502 jurisdiction. The PIT 2022 census, identified 90 homeless individuals in the Municipality of Arecibo, including five (5) families, eleven (11) victims of domestic violence and four (4) veterans; 60% were unsheltered. The census also revealed that 51% of the total population experienced homelessness for the first time. The median of a homeless person living in the streets is three years while sheltered homeless

spent an average of 13 months. Homelessness is mostly experienced by men (82%) as opposed to 17% in women, 1% transgender and 87% of the population were over the age of 25. The survey also shows that homelessness is related to substance abuse (75%), health conditions (51%) or having a disability (13.3%). In conclusion, ninety (90) persons including adults and children, from which four (4) are veterans are in need of housing assistance in the Municipality of Arecibo.

The description above represents the most recent official data of the number and characteristics of the homeless population in Puerto Rico and the CoC-502 and the Arecibo's jurisdiction. This data provides the foundation to plan services for the homeless population for the next years.

The Point in Time Survey shows a total of 90 homeless persons. Of those persons 6 (7%) are sheltered and 84 (93%) unsheltered. Based on the above information we can conclude that there is a gap (need) for 84 persons. The data demonstrate that 93% of the homeless in Arecibo are unsheltered and at this time there is no facility that provides non congregated shelter to the population. During the meeting with the CoC they indicated that there is a need for non-congregated shelter in Arecibo and that resources shall be allocated to fund the development of a non congregated shelter. The following table summarizes the need and the type of housing needed:

Point in Time Survey Need Assessment and Gap Analysis			
Homeless Category	Gap	Type of Housing Needed	Supportive Services
Homeless	73	Non Congregated Shelter	Yes
Families	5	Affordable Housing	Yes
Domestic Violence	4	Affordable Housing	Yes
Veterans	2	Shelter	Yes

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to 24 CFR 91.5, an individual or family is considered at-risk of homelessness if their income is below 30% area median family income, they do not have sufficient resources or support networks, and they have experienced housing instability. The other risk factor of persons at risk of homelessness are:

- Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance,

- Lives in the home of another because of economic hardship,
- Has received a 21-day eviction notice,
- Lives in a hotel or motel, not paid for with assistance from a charitable organization or government,
- Lives in overcrowded conditions as defined by HUD, OR
- Are exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care.

HUD published data (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html>) shows that in Arecibo, there are 6,205 households with income below 30% of the Median Family Income. The same data also shows that 2,315 of those households has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems². For this analysis we used the term substandard housing for households living in units that has at least 1 of the 4 housing problems.

Individuals or families with extremely low incomes (income below 30%) often work in the service sector and earn minimum wage. Without support from the Municipality, State or Federal governments, individuals or families at risk of homelessness often rely on their family and friends to provide housing support over extended periods of time, placing strain on social networks who are also struggling to keep up with the cost of living. Households in Arecibo are facing increased housing cost and risk of homelessness. A recent study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York concluded that Low-income households are being hit hardest by inflation because surging food and housing costs make up more of their spending³.

Cost burden is an indication of housing need, and the need for reduced rental costs. Households are considered to be cost burdened if they spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing and severely cost burdened if they spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing (Cost burden is the fraction of a household's total gross income spent on housing costs. For renters, housing costs include rent paid by the tenant plus utilities). Cost-burdened households have little left over each month to spend on other necessities such as food, clothing, utilities, and health care and are considered at risk of homelessness. CHAS data for Arecibo shows that a total of 1,070 renter households are facing cost burden and 925 are severely cost burdened. Regarding the risk elements, no official data was available to determine the number of persons with the specific risks. Taking that into consideration we will use the total number of renters households with cost burden and severe cost burden as the one homeless risk.

Data from the Housing Choice Voucher Program also shows a need for affordable housing. The waiting list shows the following:

- 200 households
 - 118 families with children
 - 15 Elderly

² The four housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1 person per room, and cost burden greater than 30%.

³ <https://libertystreeteconomics.newyorkfed.org/2023/01/inflation-disparities-by-race-and-income-narrow/>

- 3 Families with disabilities
- Need by housing size.
 - 66 for 1bdr
 - 80 for 2bdr
 - 52 for 3bdr
 - 2 for 4bdr

The following table shows the need assessment and gap analysis for persons at risk of homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5:

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 Need Assessment and Gap Analysis			
Burden	Gap	Housing Assistance	Supportive Services
Cost Burden	1,070	Affordable Housing	Yes
Severe Cost Burden	925	Affordable Housing	Yes
Total	1,995	Affordable Housing	Yes

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

Individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence (DV), dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking are considered eligible under the HOME ARP program. It includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit.

Domestic Violence data and statistic is not widely available. Most of the information available regarding domestic abuse during the pandemic was published by non-profit organizations that provides services to victims. According to a report by the Coordinadora Paz para la Mujer, domestic violence in Puerto Rico rose to 83% during the COVID-19 pandemic. A report published by Pavement Pieces⁴, concluded that the rise of cases during the pandemic to the lockdowns that forced many victims to stay at home with their abusers. The conditions made

⁴ https://pavementpieces.com/lockdown-in-puerto-rico-puts-victims-of-domestic-violence-at-risk/?fbclid=IwAR0RPcb-iVWYT_oaQhUp50m87AGtGB8v-39JJTfyUpS5iFt9ieEYKY4Cj24

it more difficult for victims to reach out to support groups or shelters, which left many cases unreported until the situations escalated.

As established before there was no data available of domestic violence reported specifically for Arecibo. It was estimated that the number of domestic violence victims in the Municipality, establishing a ratio based on the regional data (Oficina de la Procuradora de la Mujeres) would be an approximation of 253 households. There was no information available on the specifics of Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking.

Regarding other needs, a study by the University of Puerto Rico (Centro Mujer y Salud, Recinto Ciencias Medicas) disclosed that victims of domestic violence are in need of multiple supportive services including, counseling, legal services, ambulatory services among other.

Domestic Violence Need Assessment and Gap Analysis		
Gap	Housing Assistance	Supportive Services
253	Non Congregated Shelter, TBRA (Rapid Rehousing), Affordable Housing	Yes

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice

CPD Notice 2021-10 defines other populations requiring services as individual or family with income between 30% -50% area median income that does not have sufficient resources or support networks, and they have experienced housing instability.

HUD published data (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html>) shows that in Arecibo, there are 3,265 households with income between 30% -50% of the Median Family Income. The same data also shows that 680 of those households has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems⁵. For this analysis we used the term substandard housing for households living in units that has at least 1 of the 4 housing problems. The main housing problem suffered by those households is Cost Burden and Severe Cost Burden. As established before cost burden is an indication of housing need, and the need for reduced rental costs. CHAS data for Arecibo shows that a total of 645 renter households with income between 30-50% AMI are facing cost burden and 445 are severely cost burdened. Regarding the risk elements, no official data was available to determine the number of persons with the specific risks. Taking that into consideration we will use the total number of renters households with cost burden and

⁵ The four housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1 person per room, and cost burden greater than 30%.

severe cost burden as the one homeless risk. The following table shows the need assessment and gap analysis for persons other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability:

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability. Need Assessment and Gap Analysis			
Burden	Gap	Housing Assistance	Supportive Services
Cost Burden	645	Affordable Housing	Yes
Severe Cost Burden	445	Affordable Housing	Yes
Total	1,415	Affordable Housing	Yes

Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):

Shelters and Services to the homeless:

According to 2021 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) a total of 2,072-year-round beds are available in the CoC-502 geographic area. Seventy-eight (78%) are designed for adults only (N=1,621) while 451 are family beds. From the total of beds, 22% are available for emergency shelters, safe haven or transitional housing. Data also shows that a total 757 permanent housing beds are available for chronic homeless, 193 for veterans and 32 for youth under the age of 18. The homeless facilities services consist of 2,072 beds including: 117 beds for emergency shelters, 12 for Safe Haven, 320 beds for transitional housing for individuals and families, 1,210 beds for permanent housing and 158 beds for rapid re-housing for individuals and families and 255 for other permanent housing.

The following are some of the organizations and facilities that provide housing and supportive services activities to homeless population within the Arecibo's jurisdiction:

- Casa Protegida Luisa Capetillo -provides case management and legal counseling services to homeless persons.
- Hogar Crea provides shelter and detox treatment and services to homeless persons.
- Hogar Colegio La Milagrosa- shelter and substitute home for girls of 6 to 15 years old. Supportive services provided include social behavior counseling, educational services and psychological services.

- Hogar Infantil Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús: provides shelter for abused children from 2 to 7 years old. Supportive services provided include pre-scholar education, psychology and social work services.
- Instituto Pre Vocacional e Industrial (CAPROMUNI): provides shelter to abused women. Supportive services provided include legal orientation and counseling.
- Betesda, Inc.: provides shelter, nutrition, hygiene, detox, case management, health, and job referrals and placement services to homeless population.
- Posada San Felipe: basic hygiene services to homeless persons through a daycare facility administered by the Municipality of Arecibo

Additionally, the Municipality coordinates services with a variety of housing facilities and services are offered to homeless individuals by organizations within the CoC-502 from state agencies, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and health service. Also, it will coordinate with the Department of the Family the following essential services for the homeless population:

- Nutritional Assistance Program (PAN Spanish Eponymous) Provides supplemental income to families in need in to address their nutritional needs.
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Provides economic assistance to none and low-income persons and families to help them fulfill basics needs.
- Services to the Families and Children Provides care and protection to children for their constructive development. Also, provide support to individuals and families who offer social work services and intervention in child adoption, abuse, domestic violence and care and protect the elderly and the disabled. Furthermore, to work in community development, emphasizing prevention.
- Child Support Ensures that the father and mother provide alimony to their child.
- Elderly Support Ensures that people aged 60 years or more that are in need of sustenance or livelihood obtain alimony from their legally responsible direct descendants.
- Establishes alimony orders by the administrative procedures of mediation or court proceedings.
- Locates descendants whose whereabouts are unknown and require them to comply with their obligation to provide sustenance to their relatives
- Child Care To assist low- income families with childcare in order to: Promotes parental choices that empower working parents to make their own decisions on the type of childcare that best suits their needs, Provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about childcare. Provides childcare to parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance.
- Head Start Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs that serve children from birth to age 5, as well as pregnant women and their families. They are child-focused programs that aim to improve school readiness of young children in low-income families.

- Disability Determination Determines the eligibility of handicapped persons who request Social Security benefits.

Public and assisted housing

Public and assisted housing in Arecibo according to HUDs report titled *A picture of Subsidized Households* there were 2,407 subsidized units in Arecibo. Approximately 12% of the households are recent movers (moved during 2019) and they waited 7 months before being admitted. A total of 5,398 persons reside in subsidized housing and the average number of persons per household is 2.2. The average annual household income is \$3,329, and 80% of them are extremely low income (<30% AMI). Most of the households receive a utility allowance of \$72. The report indicates that 25% of the households are overhoused.

Public Housing

The Public Housing projects were established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families and special needs populations, such as the elderly and persons with disabilities. In Puerto Rico, the State Government is responsible for establishing the local public policy and administering the public housing systems. The Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration (PR-PHA) is the State Government agency undertaking the programs and activities designed to address the needs of the projects residents. The Municipality of Arecibo provides basic and essential services to address the needs of the public housing residents as to its general population, and in these terms acts as a partner of the PR-PHA.

Data from 2022, as published by the Puerto Rico Public Housing Authority on their website there are 1,536 public housing units in Arecibo. Projects are 8: Ramon Marín Solá Antonio Márquez Arbona, La Meseta, Villa Los Santos I, Villa Los Santos II, Trina Padilla de Sanz, Bella Vista and Manuel Zeno Gandía. The units are administered by American Management, and Cost Control Company, Inc. & M Contract Inc. As part of the special population groups of the Municipality, the public housing residents receives local health services, public safety programs, sports and recreational activities, pre-scholar and educational services, job training activities, solid waste disposal services, among other basic and essentials programs offered by the Municipality to the general population.

Section 8 Program

In addition to the public housing units the City Government of the Municipality of Arecibo, acts as a Public Housing Agency (PHA) for its local Section 8 Program and administers 936 vouchers (data as of 2022). The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing

assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants can find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects. Per the Statistics Report of the Program for the period beginning 6/1/2022, the average wait for selected applications to the Program is 93 days and the 2022 waiting list has 200 applications of which 118 are families with children, 15 elderly families and 3 are families with disabilities. In terms of income 68% are of extremely low income and 17.5 % are of very low income. The average annual income of Section 8 tenants was \$4,348. The program had no identified participants with HIV/AIDS, nor affected by Domestic Violence. The majority of the Section 8 assisted households (75%) are extremely low income (<30% AMI). All of the households receive an average utility allowance of \$107. In 2019, 21% of the Arecibo Section 8 households were overhoused.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The CoC has established the following needs and goals, with the purpose of addressing the needs of the homeless population and contributing to the reduction of unsheltered homelessness in the PR 502 geographic area:

1. **Need:** More projects to provide permanent housing and supporting services. The CoC is promoting seeking opportunity for new permanent housing projects with Supporting Services and Rapid Rehousing, especially projects that have the capacity to maximize and leverage CoC funds with other funding sources. In addition, the CoC seeks to capitalize on previous efforts of collaboration that have been established with other housing-related funding recipients, including HOME, Public Housing and HOPWA grantees, among others.
2. **Need:** Replicable and scalable approaches aimed at addressing systemic barriers that have led to disparities in the communities served.
3. **Need:** Increase coordination with a greater variety of stakeholders. Outreach to include affordable housing developers, mainstream service providers, the business community, victim service providers, political leaders, and healthcare providers to present the homeless population with permanent housing alternatives and the necessary supporting services to address their needs, while maximizing available resources.
4. **Need:** Coordinated approaches grounded in the Housing First Model and public health principles, with the objective of providing permanent housing and services that contribute to improving the health outcomes of unsheltered homeless persons and persons fleeing domestic violence.

5. **Need:** Promote the use of promising practices and data-driven decision making in outreach and housing activities to better focus resources on communities and sub-populations with the highest levels of vulnerability and needs.

An unmet need for the homeless population that the community identified as a priority for funding was Non-Congregate shelters. This need was identified during the survey and most of the responders ranked this as the main need for Arecibo. It is recommended to use HOME-ARP funds to develop non congregated shelter to all types of homeless population.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The primary unmet need for the at-risk of homelessness population that the community identified as a priority for funding is the lack of affordable rental housing to match with clients holding vouchers that are ready to rent. Since early 2021 the housing market in Arecibo shifted to rental. The elimination of the COVID 19 curfew coincided with a demand for housing units in short term rental platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo. Landlords seeking profit from their units remove them from the affordable rental housing market. This trend triggered gentrification, created housing affordability and availability problems due to the fact that housing units are turned into vacation rentals and the rent for the remaining units has increased making them unaffordable to the low-income population and the homeless.

According to CHAS data there is a need of 1,070 units for families at risk of becoming homeless. This need was also identified as a primary need in the survey. Market data also shows a lack of affordable rental housing to match with clients holding vouchers that are ready to rent. It is recommended to focus HOME-ARP funds to develop additional affordable rental housing units to address risk of homelessness.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

When asked in the stakeholder and public surveys if funding should be targeted to any of the thirteen subpopulations, the subpopulation of victims/survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking was identified as the most important by stakeholders. The recommended use for HOME-ARP resources to address the unmet needs for those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking is the provision of shelter, rapid rehousing and supportive services. The gap for services is 253 units.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

According to CHAS data there is a need of 1,415 units for other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of

housing instability. Market data also shows a lack of affordable rental housing to match with clients holding vouchers that are ready to rent. It is recommended to focus HOME-ARP funds to develop additional affordable rental housing units to address the need of other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability.

Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

According to the most recent gap analysis conducted by the CoC PR 502, approximately 410 new beds are required in the geographic area to meet the demand for housing services and 25 DV beds. Based on this situation and the needs identified by the participants of the consultation process, the following subpopulations were established as a priority:

- Unsheltered persons who face one or more mental health conditions or who have other disabilities or health conditions, including HIV
- Unsheltered homeless persons who have a substance abuse problem
- Persons fleeing domestic violence
- Unsheltered persons experiencing chronic homelessness

Market data also shows a gap for affordable housing for qualifying population.

The survey also shows a need for supportive services.

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of “other populations” that are “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

The Municipality of Arecibo is not suggesting expanding the program eligibility beyond the populations noted above and those at greatest risk of housing instability (under 30% AMI and severely cost burdened) as provided by HUD in CPD Notice 21-10.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Based on the data described above regarding qualifying population demographics, current resources, and unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, the primary needs for the qualifying populations are:

1. Non Congregated Shelters
2. Development of affordable housing
3. Provision of Supportive services.

Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:

Towards the elaboration of this Plan Arecibo examined and analyzed social and economic data published by Puerto Rico state agencies and by the U.S. Census,

Also, the Information used for the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis in this HOME-ARP Plan corresponds to data used for the Arecibo 2020 to 2024 Consolidated Plan which corresponded to the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by the Census Bureau for HUD. The data obtained through the 2022 Point in Time (PIT) Census as conducted by the two Continuum of Care in Puerto Rico: PR-CoC-502 and PR-CoC-503, the Homeless Housing Inventory Reports that include data collected through the HMIS and examining available information on needs, risk and vulnerabilities among homeless persons, and among those at risk of homelessness on the Island. The gaps identified are a result of contrasting the information about the HOME-ARP qualified populations and the services provided to them, as identified through inventories, reports and assessments published by entities servicing these population groups. Additional data was obtained through the public participation process developed for this Plan, which included consultation letters, public hearings and a survey specifically developed for this objective.

The Point in Time (PIT) Census is conducted every two years by the two Continuum of Care in Puerto Rico: PR-CoC-502 and PR-CoC-503. The Municipality of Arecibo is covered by the Puerto Rico Balance of Commonwealth Continuum of Care (PR-CoC- 502) comprised by twenty-four (24) Municipalities. In Puerto Rico every two (2) years a Homeless Count is conducted and annually a bed inventory takes place. These counts are part of Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements to ESG and COC participating jurisdictions and its purpose is to obtain non-duplicated data on the number of homeless people, their characteristics and needs; and provide information for the planning of services to the state, municipalities, and community entities. During the data assessment the count includes individuals and families who on the night of the PIT Census met the following characteristics:

- Unhoused: An individual or family with a primary overnight residence that is a public place, or not designed for or normally used by humans as a regular lodging place to sleep, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus station, airport, or campground.
- Sheltered: An individual or family living in a shelter supervised, operated by a public or private entity, designated to provide temporary housing (including congregate shelters, emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels and motels paid for by charities or by local, state, or federal government programs, for low-income individuals. It includes shelters and transitional housing paid for by HUD or other federal homeless programs that are part of HIC.).

Individuals and families who slept in the following locations on the night of the count are not counted: Permanent housing projects with supportive services, including HUD VASH; permanent housing projects, including rapid rehousing projects not included in the HIC; housing of family or friends; Institutions (youth institutions, foster homes, hospitals or detox centers)

As part of the CoC-PR-502 strategy's to reducing and ending homelessness, the Municipality of Arecibo collaborates with ESG programs, State Government, Non-Profit Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Community based Organizations, Private Sector Organizations and other interested parties, to align basic and essential services and activities to address the needs of the homeless persons and to prevent additional households from experiencing homelessness in a future.

Also, as a reference Arecibo considered the information in the Proposal presented by the COC-PR-502, dated 11/01/2022. in response to the Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness that was developed through a participatory process involving a wide range of stakeholders, including people with lived experience of homelessness, and representatives from communities who are underserved or overrepresented among people experiencing homelessness. Activities for the development of the COC PR-502 proposal, included: meetings with the membership to discuss the Special NOFO and plan requirements: meeting with the homeless committee of the CoC to learn about its priorities and the types of services that they understand should be promoted to address the needs of the unsheltered population, consultation through a meeting with stakeholders, including CoC representatives and other stakeholders, related to health, housing (HOPWA, HOME, Section 8, among others), mental health, and civil rights, and submission to CoC membership for comments and references.

The information collected from the participative process is described in the Consultation and Public Participation section above in this document.

IV- HOME-ARP Activities

Template:

Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

RESPONSE:

The Municipality of Arecibo will issue one or more requests for proposals (RFPs), or other solicitations allocate fundings for the undertaking of some activities. Activities to be undertaken by the Municipality will not be competed. The Municipal Development Department will be responsible of drafting and publishing the RFP. Solicitation publication, review, and selection will follow standard municipalities policies that promote diversity in applicants and timely and cost-effective implementation. The RFP will be promoted via email to the members of the 502 CoC and to all stakeholders that participated in the HOME-ARP planning process – including homeless service providers; providers that serve victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking; veterans' groups; all local Housing Authorities; agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations; organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities; and affordable housing developers.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

RESPONSE:

Arecibo will administer the activities to be funded with HOME-ARP allocations and will use the allowable portion of 15% of the funds assigned to the jurisdiction for such purposes. The Municipality will utilize HOME-ARP to convert an existing facility suitable to serve as a non-congregate shelter. The shelter will operate as an emergency shelter for households and individuals experiencing homelessness. In addition, the Municipality intends to fund the development of affordable rental housing with HOME-ARP to increase the stock of units available to qualifying populations. These funds may be utilized by the City for acquisition only without rehabilitation and acquisition with rehabilitation. The Municipality will administer the facilities developed with the HOME ARP.

If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

RESPONSE:

No portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds were provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. However, the Municipality conducted an RFP process to identify and select a qualified contractors to provide consulting services. The selection of the contractor followed the requirements of 2 CFR 200.317-326. The contractor selected was Harrison Consulting Group (HCG).

HCG was contracted to conduct the planning necessary to complete the allocation plan, no transfer of funds will occur until the allocation plan is approved by HUD. The contractors is seasoned local firm with ample experience in the provision of services to Public Jurisdictions. The firm have two Certified HOME Specialist and one subject matter expert in CoC. HCG has experience in the HOME and CoC programs and supported the CoC 503 Collaborative Entity. The tasks contracted with the independent contractor include:

- Preparation of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.
- Revise the Citizen Participation plan (as needed).
- Prepare program designs for the activities to be undertaken.
- Provide technical assistance to the Municipality and subrecipients.
- Assists in the preparation of the annual performance report and any other required reports.
- Prepare progress reports.

Requirement:

In accordance with Section V.C.2. of the Notice (page 4), PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.

Template:

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$600,000	29.86%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$400,000	19.90%	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0.00	0.00%	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$708,148	35.24%	
Non-Profit Operating	\$0.00	0.00%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0.00	0.00%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$301,436.00	15.00%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$2,009,585.00		

Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:

The Arecibo PJ will use the HOME-ARP allocation to undertake three eligible activities: 1) to acquire, rehabilitate existing housing units to be offered for rent to qualified populations, 2) the conversion of existing facilities to be use as non-congregated shelters to assist stabilizing individuals/families that are homeless and need assistance to return to the community and, 3) to provide supportive services. The three projects were identified during the citizen participation and consultation process and were selected based on the best data available and the input from the stakeholders.

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis included section 3 of this document demonstrates the need for the proposed activities. According to the data increased investment is needed to provide rental housing, shelter and supportive services for the qualifying population. Through the investments in HOME-ARP funding, paired with other funding sources, the Municipality will increase the capacity of to serve the qualifying population and will connect people with housing options, and eventually exit homelessness to permanent housing, contributing to a decrease in the identified gap.

The projects to be undertaken are described below:

ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF HOUSING FOR RENT

Funds to be allocated \$708,148

Goal: 4 units

Rental Housing Goal: 4 rental housing units

As a result of the citizen participation and consultation process it was identified that there is a shortage of affordable housing that is preventing people with housing vouchers to obtain an affordable housing unit. The Municipality of Arecibo has in recent years been affected by a transition of property development into housing for temporary stays following the model of Airbnb. This has increased the need for housing leading to a lack of residential properties and a problem of an increasing risk of homelessness. The federal programs provide funding to assist population in need of housing, yet there is a shortage of available units for rent. This project or assignment will be carried out by acquiring housing units (standard and substandard) to convert them into rental housing. The housing characteristics of the units will range from 1 to 3 bedrooms, private bathroom (s) and kitchen.

Among the strategies to guarantee project success are the following:

- Produce a regulation for harmonious cohabitation of families within the project,
- Perform home inspections periodically to ensure that the home is kept in optimal conditions,
- Maintaining effective and productive relationship between the landlord and tenant to ensure property maintenance.

The location of these homes will be anywhere in the municipality of Arecibo, except in areas susceptible to flooding or landslides for the safety of the inhabitants. The goal is to acquire four (4) housing units.

HOMELESS SHELTER TO BECOME AN NON-CONGREGATED SHELTER

Funds to be allocated \$400,000

Goal: 6 beds

The consultation process concluded (including a confirmation with the CoC) that there is a need for non-congregated shelter in Arecibo. The Municipality is proposing to provide funds for the development, rehabilitation or conversion of a structure to be used as a Non Congregated shelter that will serve the qualifying population of Arecibo. The project will provide temporary shelter to homeless populations and provide services through referrals to address the daily life needs of participants, as for example, those with health, mental health or drug abuse conditions will be referred to the different service provider entities that will treat and stabilize the participant. In

addition, other supportive services will be provided. The purpose of the project is to provide shelter and to assist participants to obtain stabilization and permanent housing.

Non-congregate shelters provide private rooms for people seeking shelter, as opposed to traditional shelters that have many people in one large room. Private rooms allow for more privacy and help with social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The need and gap analysis concluded that there is a need for shelters in the Municipality of Arecibo. Aligned with this result the municipality is allocating resources for the development of additional non congregated shelter beds. However, the CoC 502 indicated during the consultation meeting that shelters have a high cost of operation and that the units to be developed should respond to the need of individuals and families currently seeking that type of housing. They also recommended taking into consideration the cost of operating the facility. Taking this recommendation into consideration, funds were allocated to add shelter housing units based on available funds and need. Although shelter was identified as a priority, data for other qualifying populations demonstrate greater need for the development of affordable housing and supportive services. Based on the above the allocation provided to non-congregated shelter is consistent with need and comments received during consultation.

The Allocation of \$400,000 is sufficient to address the housing gap of non congregated shelter.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Funds to be allocated \$600,000

During the consultation process the organizations indicated that there is need for supportive services that need to be provided to the qualifying population. Based on the identified need the Municipality is allocating HOME ARP resources for the provision of a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities. The services that are needed include:

- Child Care
- Educational Services
- Employment Assistance and job training
- Food
- Housing search and counseling
- Legal Services
- Life Skills training
- Mental Health
- Outpatient health
- Outreach

- Substance abuse treatment
- Transportation
- Case Management
- Mediation
- Credit Repair
- Services to Domestic Violence Victims
- Financial Assistance
 - Security deposit
 - Utility deposit
 - Utility Payment
 - Moving cost
 - First and last month rent
 - Payment of rental arrears
- Short-term and medium-term financial assistance for rent

The services will be provided in accordance with the requirements of Section D (page 42) of CPD Notice 2021-10. Supportive services may be provided to individuals and families who meet the definition of a qualifying population who are not already receiving these services through another program. The Municipality will develop policies and procedures for the undertaking of the activity.

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Funds to be allocated \$301,436

The Municipality will use 15% of the HOME ARP grant for eligible Administration and Planning. In accordance with CPD Notice 2021-10 the Municipality will use the Administration and Planning Cost for:

- Salaries, wages, and related costs of the PJ's staff
- Travel costs incurred for official business in carrying out the HOME-ARP program.
- Administrative services performed under third party contracts or agreements, including.
 - such services as general legal services, accounting services, and audit services.
- Other costs for goods and services required for administering the HOME-ARP program.
- Costs of administering HOME-ARP supportive services programs
- Staff and overhead costs of the PJ directly related to carrying out a HOME-ARP project.
- The provision of information and other resources to residents and citizen organizations
- Activities to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH).
- Preparation of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.
- Costs of complying with the applicable Federal requirements.
- Provide all or a portion of its HOME-ARP administrative funds to subrecipients and contractor.

The cost incurred will comply with the Cost Principles contained in subpart E of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 CFR part 200.

Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

- The population living in Arecibo, has been experiencing socio-economic challenges due to economic instability in Puerto Rico.
- The high rate of low- income households with a severe housing cost burden indicates a need for affordable housing, particularly for small families, with children and elders.
- Of the 1,026 persons counted in the 2022 PIT Census, 67.7% are unsheltered, a percentage that has grown substantially in recent years. This is due, in part, to the shortage of inventory and other problems associated with the housing market.
- When comparing the maximum affordable rents, the home prices in Arecibo and the market conditions, the median home price (\$96,600) is out of reach for Arecibo low and moderate-income households. The affordability problem also persists in the rental market.
- The housing stock in Arecibo is not in good condition and is aging. From the housing universe 26.6% of the housing units presents housing problems and 48.93% of the housing stock is at risk of having lead-based paint.
- Observations and comments received during the participation process of this HOME-ARP Plan reinforced the need for housing rehabilitation due to deterioration of the housing stock and the need to assist the homeless with temporary housing and services that will assist their reinsertion in the community.

All of the above support the HOME-APR projects that the Municipality of Arecibo will invest in, yet unfortunately grant fund continue to be insufficient to really make a change to stabilization of the life conditions of the qualifying population groups as a whole.

V- HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Template

Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

RESPONSE:

The Municipality will allocate HOME ARP resources to support the following housing activities:

1. The acquisition and rehabilitation of rental housing - \$600,000 - The Municipality estimates that the HOME ARP resources will facilitate the acquisition and rehabilitation of four (4) affordable housing units for the qualifying populations outlined in our plan.

Goal 1- The acquisition and rehabilitation of rental housing
Expected units: Four (4) units

2. The rehabilitation of existing shelter to be used as non-congregated shelters- \$400,000 – The Municipality estimates that the HOME ARP resources will facilitate the creation of six (6) units for the qualifying populations outlined in our plan.

Goal 2- The rehabilitation of existing shelter to be used as non-congregated shelters
Expected units: 6 units

Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the PJ's priority needs:

RESPONSE:

The following paragraphs shows how the HOME ARP Investment will support the two housing goals established in this plan.

Goal 1- The acquisition and rehabilitation of rental housing:

As established in this document there is ample need for the affordable housing in the Arecibo Market. In Arecibo the housing need is affected by the cost burden housing problem, primary by severe cost burden, which forces families to spend over 50% of their income in household related costs. In Arecibo, this cost burden fact presents that

approximately 3,285 households are at risk of becoming homeless. There are 2,290 renters and 3,007 owners having a 30% or greater cost burden and may either move to housing that results in a larger cost burden or become homeless. To address the lack of affordable housing the Municipality will use the HOME Resources to acquire existing housing in the housing market (with and without rehabilitation needs) and will make them available to be rented by qualifying population.

Goal 2- The rehabilitation of existing shelter to be used as non-congregated shelters

The most recent Point in Time Survey shows that the number of unsheltered homeless persons in Arecibo total 84. During the consultation process it was found that no homeless shelter exists in the jurisdiction to provide shelter to the population. The consultation with the CoC identifies shelter as one of the top needs for the homeless population. The result of the consultation questionnaire also identified the creation of non-congregated shelter as a top need. Based on the identified need the Municipality will promote the use of HOME ARP resources for a non-congregated shelter that will provide 6 units.

VI- Preferences

Requirement:

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A *preference* permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A *method of prioritization* is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

Please note that HUD has also described a method of prioritization in other HUD guidance. Section I.C.4 of Notice CPD-17-01 describes Prioritization in CoC CE as follows:

“Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term “Prioritization” to refer to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

If a PJ is using a CE that has a method of prioritization described in CPD-17-01, then a PJ has preferences and a method of prioritizing those preferences. These must be described in the HOME-ARP allocation plan in order to comply with the requirements of Section IV.C.2 (page 10) of the HOME-ARP Notice.

In accordance with Section V.C.4 of the Notice (page 15), the HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether the PJ intends to give a preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- The PJ must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

While PJs are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, the PJ must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if the PJ intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive eligibility requirements of another project funding source. **If a PJ fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until the PJ amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan.**

For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

Template:

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

RESPONSE:

The Municipality will not give preference to any qualifying population or subpopulation. The Municipality will select eligible households from a chronological waiting list for each of the eligible activities.

If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

RESPONSE:

Not Applicable

VII- Referral Methods

Requirement:

PJs are not required to describe referral methods in the plan. However, if a PJ intends to use a coordinated entry (CE) process for referrals to a HOME-ARP project or activity, the PJ must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

A PJ may use only the CE for direct referrals to HOME-ARP projects and activities (as opposed to CE and other referral agencies or a waitlist) if the CE expands to accept all HOME-ARP qualifying populations and implements the preferences and prioritization established by the PJ in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. A direct referral is where the CE provides the eligible applicant directly to the PJ, subrecipient, or owner to receive HOME-ARP TBRA, supportive services, admittance to a HOME-ARP rental unit, or occupancy of a NCS unit. In comparison, an indirect referral is where a CE (or other referral source) refers an eligible applicant for placement to a project or activity waitlist. Eligible applicants are then selected for a HOME-ARP project or activity from the waitlist.

The PJ must require a project or activity to use CE along with other referral methods (as provided in Section IV.C.2.ii) or to use only a project/activity waiting list (as provided in Section IV.C.2.iii) if:

1. the CE does not have a sufficient number of qualifying individuals and families to refer to the PJ for the project or activity;
2. the CE does not include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations; or,
3. the CE fails to provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE

If a PJ uses a CE that prioritizes one or more qualifying populations or segments of qualifying populations (e.g., prioritizing assistance or units for chronically homeless individuals first, then prioritizing homeless youth second, followed by any other individuals qualifying as homeless, etc.) then this constitutes the use of preferences and a method of prioritization. To implement a CE with these preferences and priorities, the PJ **must** include the preferences and method of prioritization that the CE will use in the preferences section of their HOME-ARP allocation plan. Use of a CE with embedded preferences or methods of prioritization that are not contained in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation does not comply with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

RESPONSE:

The Municipality will not describe the describe referral methods in the plan. When projects are evaluated for funding the Municipality will ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice.

VIII- Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

Requirement:

Limiting eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project is only permitted under certain circumstances.

- PJs must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.
- A PJ may not exclude otherwise eligible qualifying populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.
- Within the qualifying populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). A PJ must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap identified by the PJ in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.
- For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan.
- PJs may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:

RESPONSE:

The Municipality is proposing the undertaking of two housing activity: 1) The Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Rental Housing and 2) Non-Congregated Shelter. The Municipality has not adopted any preferences among the qualified populations in soliciting proposals for development of affordable units and non-congregate shelter. For any selected housing project, the Municipality will ensure that the tenant selection policy complies with the Fair Housing Act.

Arecibo will not limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population for the HOME-ARP rental housing to be developed. The homes will be available to assist any qualified participants with identified need per the categories as defined by the Non Congregated Shelter (NCS) project identified in section IV.A of the Notice.

If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in

the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

RESPONSE:

The Municipality will not implement a limitation.

If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

IX- HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

SECTION NOT APPLICABLE IN THIS ARECIBO – HOME-ARP PLAN

Requirement:

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)](#). The guidelines must describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

RESPONSE:

The Municipality of Arecibo will not use HOME ARP to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated.

- ***Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity***

RESPONSE:

The Municipality will not use HOME ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated.

- ***Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.***

RESPONSE:

Not Applicable, see above.

- ***State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.***

RESPONSE:

Not Applicable, see above.

- ***Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.***

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, see above.

- ***State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.***

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, see above.


- ***Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:***

RESPONSE:


Not applicable, see above.

X- **Attachments**

Attachment 1- Public Notice



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INVITATION TO VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Autonomous Municipality of Arecibo will prepare the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that will be submitted in compliance with the federal regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), per Notice CPD-21-10 issued on September 13, 2021 establishing the requirements for funds appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) ("ARP") for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

The HOME-ARP funding allocation to the Municipality of Arecibo is in the amount of \$2,009,585.00, and will be used to provide homeless assistance and support services that assist qualifying individuals or families. HOME-ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) at risk becoming homeless, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where provision of support services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the (1) to (4) criteria.

Possible activities with HOME-ARP funds may be:

1. Supportive services.
2. Development of affordable rental housing.
3. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Vouchers).
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregated shelters.

This Plan will include the strategy for the distribution of the HOME-ARP funds to address the identified priorities; the activities that the Municipality may accomplish; describe the method requesting funds and/or selecting developers, service providers, sub recipients and/or contractors and whether the Municipality will manage eligible activities directly or will provide any portion of its HOME-ARP administrative funds to a sub recipient or contractor.

Section 24 CFR 91.105(b)(3) requires the Municipality to hold public hearings throughout the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan public participation process, following its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility and reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities and providing meaningful access to the participation of citizens with limited English proficiency (LEP) that are in the current Citizen Participation Plan.

In accordance with the protocols established because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Municipality will carry out these public hearings virtually on the following dates, hours and using the electronic address indicated below:

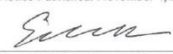
Date	Hearing	Time	Electronic Address (link to the hearing)
November 18, 2022	Hearing 1	10:00 a.m.	https://meet.goto.com/471677581
	Hearing 2	1:30 p.m.	https://meet.goto.com/632461197

Interested citizens are encouraged to connect to these virtual public hearings, so that they can actively participate in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan public participation process. If any resident of the Municipality, public agency or legal personnel has any questions about this notice, they can contact Mr. Hector E. Maldonado Rivera, Director, Municipal Development Department at the following email or postal address:


Mr. Hector E. Maldonado Rivera
h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com
P.O. Box 1086
Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00613

Persons with disabilities and/or special needs who are interested in participating in the Public Hearing should communicate prior to the day of the hearing with Mr. Hector E. Maldonado Rivera, director of the Municipal Development Department to the following telephone number (787)333-2022. In compliance with the laws of fair housing and accessibility, during the public hearings, subtitles will be provided to the presentation and the ability to receive questions through a chat in the same internet application.


Notice Published: November 4, 2022


Ernesto G. Gonzalez Rodriguez, Esq.
Municipal Secretary

This notice is published in compliance with 24 CFR 91.105 and the Citizen Participation Plan of the Municipality.



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INVITACIÓN A VISTA PÚBLICA

El Municipio Autónomo de Arecibo preparará el Plan HOME-ARP, que se presentará de conformidad con las regulaciones federales del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD), según el Aviso CPD-21-10 emitido el 13 de septiembre de 2021 y que establece los requisitos para los fondos asignados bajo la sección 3205 de la Ley del Plan de Rescate Americano de 2021 (P.L. 117-2) ("ARP") para el Programa HOME (HOME).

La asignación de fondos de HOME-ARP al Municipio Autónomo de Arecibo es de \$2,009,585.00, y se utilizará para proporcionar asistencia para personas sin hogar y servicios de apoyo que ayuden a individuos o familias que califiquen. HOME-ARP define a individuos o familias calificados como aquellos que: (1) no tienen hogar, como se define en la sección 103 (a) de la Ley de Asistencia para Personas sin Hogar McKinney-Vento, según enmendada (42 U.S.C. 11302 (a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar, como se define en la sección 401 de McKinney-Vento; (3) huir o intentar huir de la violencia doméstica, la violencia en el hogar, la agresión sexual, el acoso o la trata de personas; (4) parte de otras poblaciones donde la prestación de servicios de apoyo o asistencia evitaría la falta de vivienda de una familia o serviría a aquellos con el mayor riesgo de inestabilidad de vivienda; o (5) veteranos y familias que incluyen un miembro de la familia veterano, que cumple con alguno de los criterios del (1) al (4).

Las posibles actividades con fondos HOME-ARP pueden ser:

1. Servicios de apoyo.
2. Desarrollo de viviendas de alquiler asequibles.
3. Asistencia de alquiler para inquilinos elegibles ("Tenant Based Rental Assistance").
4. Adquisición y desarrollo de albergues no congregados ("Non-congregated shelters").

Este Plan incluirá la estrategia para la distribución de los fondos HOME-ARP para atender las prioridades identificadas; las actividades que el Municipio puede llevar a cabo; describir el método para solicitud de fondos y/o seleccionar desarrolladores, proveedores de servicios, sub receptores y/o contratistas y si el Municipio administrará actividades elegibles directamente o proporcionará cualquier parte de sus fondos administrativos de HOME-ARP a un sub receptor o contratista.

La Sección 24 CFR 91.105 (b) (3) requiere que el Municipio celebre vistas públicas durante todo el proceso de participación pública del Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP, siguiendo sus requisitos y procedimientos aplicables de vivienda justa y derechos civiles para una comunicación efectiva, accesibilidad y adaptación razonable para personas con discapacidades y proporcionando acceso significativo a la participación de residentes con dominio limitado del inglés (LEP) que están en su Plan de Participación Ciudadana actual.

De acuerdo a los protocolos establecidos por la pandemia del COVID-19, el Municipio llevará a cabo estas vistas de forma virtual, en la fecha, horas y enlaces que se indican a continuación:

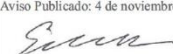
Fecha	Vista Pública	Hora	Enlace
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Se exhorta a los residentes de Arecibo a que asistan a estas vistas públicas, para que puedan participar activamente en la preparación del Plan HOME-ARP. Si algún residente del Municipio, agencia pública o persona jurídica tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso, pueden comunicarse con el señor Héctor E. Maldonado Rivera, director del Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal, al siguiente correo electrónico o dirección postal:

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Personas con discapacidad y/o necesidades especiales que interesen participar de la Vista Pública deberán comunicarse, previo al día de la vista, con el señor Héctor E. Maldonado Rivera, director del Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal, al siguiente teléfono (787)333-2022. En cumplimiento con las leyes de vivienda justa y accesibilidad, durante la vista del Municipio Autónomo de Arecibo se proporcionarán subtítulos a la presentación y la posibilidad de poder recibir preguntas a través de un chat en la misma aplicación de internet.

Aviso Publicado: 4 de noviembre de 2022


Lcdo. Ernesto G. Gonzalez Rodriguez
Secretario Municipal

Este aviso se publica en cumplimiento con el 24 CFR 91.105 y el Plan de Participación Ciudadana

Attachment 2- Public Hearing Presentation

HOME - American Rescue Plan Act HOME-ARP

Municipio de Arecibo
Vista Pública
18 de noviembre de 2022



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INVITATION TO VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Autonomous Municipality of Arecibo will prepare the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that will be submitted in compliance with the federal regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), per Notice CPH-21-10 issued on September 13, 2021, establishing the requirements for funds appropriated under section 1202 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (PL. 117-243) ("ARP") for the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME).

The HOME-ARP funding allocation to the Municipality of Arecibo is in the amount of \$2,000,585.00, and will be used to provide homeless assistance and support services that assist qualifying individuals or families. HOME-ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11502(a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) at risk of becoming homeless, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where provision of support services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the (1) to (4) criteria.

Possible activities with HOME-ARP funds may be:

1. Supportive services.
2. Development of affordable rental housing.
3. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (vouchers).
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters.

This Plan will include the strategy for the distribution of the HOME-ARP funds to address the identified priorities; the activities that the Municipality may accomplish; describe the method regarding funds and to selecting developers, service providers, sub recipients and contractors and whether the Municipality will manage eligible activities directly or will provide any portion of its HOME-ARP administrative funds to a sub recipient or contractor.

Section 24 CFR 91.105(b)(3) requires the Municipality to hold public hearings throughout the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan public participation process, following its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility and reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities and providing meaningful access to the participation of citizens with limited English proficiency (LEP) that are in the current Citizen Participation Plan.

In accordance with the protocols established because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Municipality will carry out these public hearings virtually on the following dates, times and using the electronic address indicated below:

Date	Hearing	Time	Electronic Address (link to the hearing)
November 16, 2022	Hearing 1	10:00 a.m.	https://meet.goto.com/471677541
	Hearing 2	1:30 p.m.	https://meet.goto.com/832441197

Interested citizens are encouraged to connect to these virtual public hearings, so that they can actively participate in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan public participation process. If any resident of the Municipality, public agency or legal personnel has any questions about this notice, they can contact Mr. Hector E. Maldonado Rivera, Director, Municipal Development Department at the following email or postal address:

Mr. Hector E. Maldonado Rivera
h.maldonado@arecibo.pr.gov
P.O. Box 1086
Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00613

Persons with disabilities and/or special needs who are interested in participating in the Public Hearing should communicate prior to the day of the hearing with Mr. Hector E. Maldonado Rivera, Director of the Municipal Development Department at the following telephone number (787)333-2022. In compliance with the laws of fair housing and accessibility, during the public hearings, citizens will be provided to the presentation and the ability to receive questions through a chat in the same online application.

Notice Published: November 4, 2022

[Signature]
Luis E. González Rodríguez, Eng.
Municipal Secretary

This notice is published in compliance with 24 CFR 91.105, and the Citizen Participation Plan of the Municipality.

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Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal
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P.O. Box 1086 - Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00613
Teléfono (787) 333-2022

INVITACIÓN A VISTA PÚBLICA

El Municipio Autónomo de Arecibo preparará el Plan HOME-ARP, que se presentará de conformidad con las regulaciones federales del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD), según el Aviso CPH-21-10 emitido el 13 de septiembre de 2021 y que establece los requisitos para los fondos asignados bajo la sección 1202 de la Ley del Plan de Recurso Americano de 2021 (PL. 117-243) ("ARP") para el Programa HOME (HOME).

La asignación de fondos de HOME-ARP al Municipio Autónomo de Arecibo es de \$2,000,585.00, y se utilizará para proporcionar asistencia para personas sin hogar y servicios de apoyo que ayuden a individuos o familias que califican. HOME-ARP define a individuos o familias calificadas como aquellas que (1) no tienen hogar, como se define en la sección 103 (a) de la Ley de Asistencia para Personas sin Hogar McKinney-Vento, según enmendada (42 U.S.C. 11502(a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar, como se define en la sección 401 de McKinney-Vento; (3) huir o intentar huir de la violencia doméstica, la violencia en el hogar, la agresión sexual, el acoso o la trata de personas; (4) parte de otras poblaciones donde la prestación de servicios de apoyo o asistencia evitaría la falta de vivienda de una familia o serviría a aquellas con el mayor riesgo de inestabilidad de vivienda; o (5) veteranos y familias que incluyen a miembros de la familia veteranos, que cumple con alguno de los criterios del (1) al (4).

Las posibles actividades con fondos HOME-ARP pueden ser:

1. Servicios de apoyo.
2. Desarrollo de viviendas de alquiler asequibles.
3. Asistencia de alquiler para residentes elegibles ("Tenant-Based Rental Assistance").
4. Adquisición y desarrollo de albergues no congregate ("Non-congregate shelter").

Este Plan incluirá la estrategia para la distribución de los fondos HOME-ARP para atender las prioridades identificadas; las actividades que el Municipio puede llevar a cabo; describir el método para seleccionar fondos y seleccionar desarrolladores, proveedores de servicios, sub receptores y contratistas y si el Municipio administrará actividades elegibles directamente o proporcionará cualquier parte de sus fondos administrativos de HOME-ARP a un sub receptor o contratista.

La Sección 24 CFR 91.105(b)(3) requiere que el Municipio celebre vistas públicas durante todo el proceso de participación pública del Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP, siguiendo sus requisitos y procedimientos aplicables de vivienda justa y derechos civiles para una comunicación efectiva, accesibilidad y adaptación razonable para personas con discapacidades y proporcionando acceso significativo a la participación de residentes con dominio limitado del inglés (LEI) que están en su Plan de Participación Ciudadana actual.

De acuerdo a los protocolos establecidos por la pandemia del COVID-19, el Municipio llevará a cabo estas vistas de forma virtual, en la fecha, hora y enlace que se indican a continuación:

Fecha	Vista Pública	Hora	Enlace
16 de noviembre de 2022	Vista Pública 1	10:00 a.m.	https://meet.goto.com/471677541
	Vista Pública 2	1:30 p.m.	https://meet.goto.com/832441197

Se solicita a los residentes de Arecibo y a que asistan a estas vistas públicas, para que puedan participar activamente en la preparación del Plan HOME-ARP. Si algún residente del Municipio, agencia pública o persona jurídica tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta aviso, pueden comunicarse con el señor Hector E. Maldonado Rivera, director del Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal, al siguiente correo electrónico o dirección postal:

Señor Hector E. Maldonado Rivera
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Personas con discapacidad y/o necesidades especiales que deseen participar de la Vista Pública deberán comunicarse, previo al día de la vista, con el señor Hector E. Maldonado Rivera, director del Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal, al siguiente teléfono (787)333-2022. En cumplimiento con las leyes de vivienda justa y accesibilidad, durante la vista del Municipio Autónomo de Arecibo se proporcionará asistencia a la presentación y la posibilidad de poder recibir preguntas a través de un chat en la misma aplicación de acceso.

Aviso Publicado: 4 de noviembre de 2022

[Signature]
Luis E. González Rodríguez
Secretario Municipal

Este aviso se publica en cumplimiento con el 24 CFR 91.105 y el Plan de Participación Ciudadana

Agenda



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Aprobada el pasado 11
de marzo de 2021

Ley de recuperación
que atiende la
recuperación Post
COVID 19

Asigna recursos sin
precedentes a los
Municipios

Todos las Jurisdicciones
Participantes de Fondos
HOME recibieron una
asignación especial

Arecibo Recibió
2,009,585

Objetivos de los Fondos HOME-ARP

1. Atender la necesidad de
Vivienda de las Personas Sin
Hogar y otras poblaciones en
riesgo

2. Proveer recursos para el
Desarrollo de Vivienda a
dicha población

3. Proveer recursos para la
Prestación de Servicios de
Apoyo

Requisitos para solicitar los fondos (HOME-ARP Allocation Plan)



HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

- Para poder utilizar los fondos el Municipio tiene que preparar un plan conocido como el HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
- El Plan es una enmienda al Plan Anual 2021
- Análisis de la necesidad de las personas sin hogar y las brechas de servicio que existen en el municipio
- HUD proporcionó un template con las secciones que debe contener el Plan

Proceso de Planificación y Aprobación del Plan



Consulta

- Propósito de la consulta es:
 - Identificar Necesidad de la clientela
 - Identificar brechas en el sistema de servicios
 - Identificar actividades que se llevan a cabo en el Municipio
 - Oportunidades de colaboración y administración de las actividades
 - Obtener información para la selección de actividades ARP

Consulta

- CoC(s)
- Proveedores de servicios para personas sin hogar y violencia doméstica;
- Grupos de veteranos;
- Agencias de vivienda pública (PHA);
- Agencias públicas que atienden las necesidades de las poblaciones calificadas;
- Organizaciones públicas/privadas que atienden vivienda justa, los derechos civiles y las necesidades de las personas con discapacidad.

Necesidad, Prioridad y Brecha de Servicios

- El Plan tiene que establecer la necesidad de las poblaciones calificadas, cuales tienen prioridad y que servicios son necesarios
- Estimar el número de unidades de vivienda de alquiler asequible necesarias para la población calificada y las que se producirán.
- Justificar las actividades planificadas (a partir del inventario de vivienda, el sistema de prestación de servicios, y las necesidades identificadas en el análisis de brechas).
- Indicar la cantidad de fondos HOME-ARP, para cada tipo de actividad elegible, incluyendo Administración y Planificación.

Vista Pública

**Brindar oportunidad a los ciudadanos para comentar sobre
necesidad y actividades elegibles**

Similar a la vista del Plan Anual

Cumplir con requisitos de Accesibilidad

Contenido del Plan

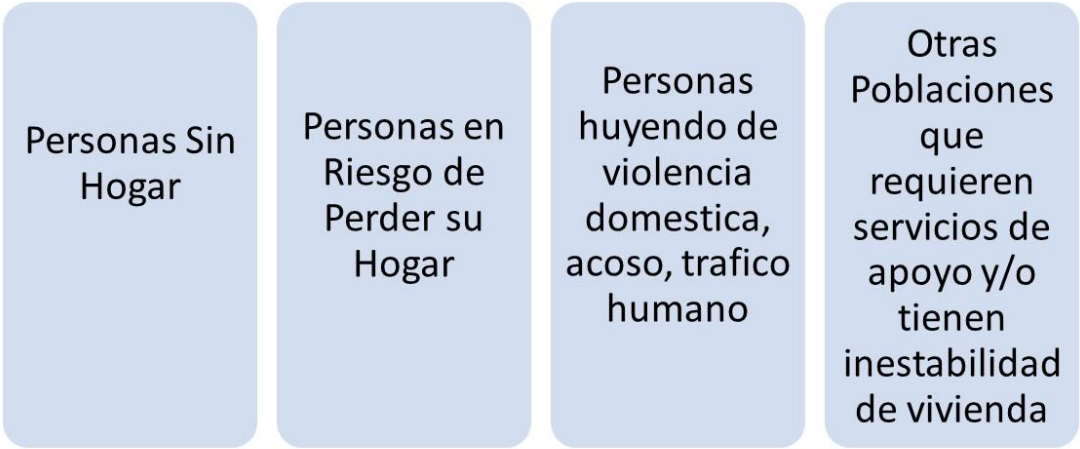
- Resumen del Proceso de Consulta y sus resultados
- Resumen de Comentarios recibidos y determinación del municipio sobre adopción de los mismos
- Descripción de las poblaciones calificadas en el Municipio
- Análisis de la necesidad de cada población calificada
- Brecha en el inventario de Vivienda de personas sin hogar y descripción del Sistema de prestación de servicio
- Usos propuestos fondos HOME-ARP
- Numero de unidades de Vivienda que ser producirán o se subsidiaran con los fondos
- Preferencias a utilizarse (si alguna)
- Certificaciones y SF-424

Población Eligible

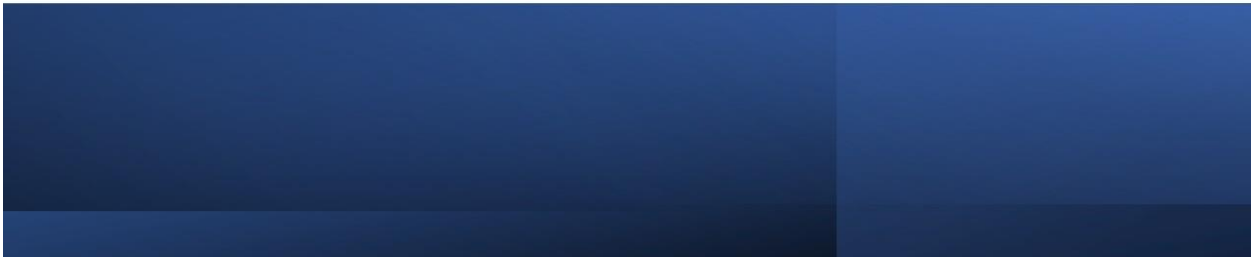
Población Elegible – Población Calificadas

- 4 Categorías de elegibilidad
- Criterio principal ser una persona sin hogar o estar en riesgo de perder su hogar
- Personas tiene que cumplir con requisitos de ingresos
- El 100% de los fondos HOME-ARP deben beneficiar individuos y familias en Poblaciones Calificadas.
- Clientes Elegibles pueden ser asistidos por una o más de las actividades elegibles de HOME-ARP
- No menos del 70% de las unidades de vivienda de alquiler asequible adquiridas, rehabilitadas o construidas deben estar ocupadas por Poblaciones Calificadas.
- 30% de las unidades pueden ser ocupadas por otras poblaciones elegibles con ingreso menor al 80% de la mediana (solo para garantizar viabilidad del proyecto)

Quienes cualifican bajo HOME-ARP
(Poblaciones Calificadas-Qualified Populations)



Actividades Elegibles



Actividades Elegibles



Tenant Based Rental Assistance
(Vouchers)



Desarrollo de viviendas de alquiler
asequibles



Prestación de servicios de apoyo



Adquisición y desarrollo de albergues no
congregados (Non Congregated Shelter).

1- Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Se permite:

- Pagos de alquiler, depósitos de seguridad, depósitos y pagos de utilidades. (hasta el 100% de los costos).
- Renta = FMR o Payment Standard de Sección 8
- La familia puede seleccionar la unidad en el mercado siempre y cuando el alquiler sea razonable y cumpla con los estándares de propiedad aplicables (HQS).
- Se puede limitar la ayuda a un grupo en particular (Personas VIH/SIDA)

Flexibilidad y otros requisitos

- Terminación del contrato (multi-año)
- Si se otorga a unidades HOME o HOME-ARP no hay que inspeccionar las unidades
- El costo de las inspecciones de HQS se puede cargar a la actividad
- Permite continuar asistiendo a personas que se encuentran ocupando unidades (no es requerida la inspección de HQS)

2- Desarrollo de Vivienda de Alquiler asequible

Se permite:

- Adquisición de vivienda de alquiler estándar
- Construcción de viviendas de alquiler
- Rehabilitación de viviendas de alquiler
- Incluye la conversión de edificios no residenciales a vivienda

Costos elegibles y otros requisitos

- *Hard and Soft costs*
- Costos operacionales del Proyecto

Otros requisitos

Aplican los *Property Standards* de HOME
15 años afluencia

Se requiere *layering y underwriting* de los proyectos

Proponentes son responsable de garantizar la viabilidad a largo plazo del proyecto (Subsidio de alquiler)

3- Servicios de Apoyo

Se permite:

- Opción 1- brindarlos como una actividad elegible Por si sola
- Opción 2- Brindarlos en apoyo a una actividad de HOME-ARP
- Tres Categorías de servicios
 - Permitidos por el McKinney Vento Act
 - Servicios de Prevención (similares a ESG)
 - Consejería de vivienda

Ejemplos de Servicios de Apoyo

- Alimentos
- Cuido de Niños
- Outreach
- Tratamiento de Abuso drogas / alcohol
- Transportación
- Manejo de Casos

4- Adquisición y/o desarrollo de albergues no congregados

Uno o más edificios que:

- Proporcionan unidades de vivienda privadas o habitaciones para albergue temporero
- Que sirven a individuos/familias de poblaciones calificadas
- Donde **NO** se exige a los ocupantes firmar un contrato de arrendamiento u ocupación

Se permite

- Adquisición de estructuras listas para ocupación
- Nueva Construcción, con o sin adquisición de terrenos
- Rehabilitación de estructuras existentes

Costos elegibles

- Costos de adquisición
- Costos de Desarrollo (“hard and soft costs”)
- Reserva para gastos de remplazo de sistemas mayores durante la vida del proyecto

4- Adquisición y/o desarrollo de albergues no congregados – Tiempo Mínimo de Uso

- Adquisición solamente- 3 años
- Rehabilitación Moderada (TDC <75% del valor de Tasación)- 5 años
- Rehabilitación Sustancial (TDC >75% del valor de Tasación)- 10 años
- Nueva Construcción – 10 años

5- Administración

Se permite

- 15% del grant puede ser utilizado para administración y planificación del HOME-ARP
- Pueden ser delegados a CHDO o entidades sin fines de lucro*

Costos elegibles

- Salarios (incluyendo diferenciales) y beneficios marginales
- Información pública
- Costos de Ofrecer Vivienda Justa
- Costos Indirectos
- Preparación del HOME-ARP Plan

***Además se pueden delegar 5% adicional a CHDO y Entidades sin fines de lucro para desarrollo de capacidad.**

Preferencias, Referidos y Subpoblaciones

- El Municipio podrá establecer preferencias para ciertas poblaciones para los proyectos a ser llevados a cabo (Ej. Violencia Domestica, VIH/SIDA, etc.)
- Clientela de los proyectos:
 - Puede ser referida por el sistema coordinado del CoC
 - Puede ser manejada con una lista de espera en el proyecto
 - Combinación de Ambos
- Elegibilidad de Subpoblación
 - El Municipio podrá limitar un proyecto a una población particular (Violencia, Personas con Discapacidad) siempre y cuando no discrimine contra otras poblaciones protegidas.

Cuestionario

- El Municipio preparó un cuestionario digital para cumplir con los requisitos de Consulta
- El Cuestionario se puede acceder en el siguiente enlace:



Preguntas y Respuestas

Cada persona tiene un máximo de 5 minutos para su ponencia o presentación.

HOME - American Rescue Plan Act HOME-ARP

Municipio de Arecibo
Vista Pública
18 de noviembre de 2022



Municipio de Arecibo-Vista Pública HOME ARP Attendees

Summary

Meeting Date	Meeting Duration	Number of Attendees	Meeting ID
November 18, 2022 8:53 AM EST	42 minutes		471-677-13 581

Details

Name	Email Address	Join Time	Leave Time	Time in Session (minutes)
Daniel Colon Colon	dcolon.arecibo@gmail.com	9:04 AM	9:35 AM	30
Desarrollo Municipal		8:59 AM	9:35 AM	36
ELSA TORRES	etorres.contd.hud@gmail.com	9:08 AM	9:35 AM	26
Edgardo Perez		9:02 AM	9:35 AM	32
Eileen Poueymirou		9:17 AM	9:34 AM	17
HCG Harrison	harrison@hcgpr.com	8:53 AM	9:35 AM	42
Héctor E. Maldonado Rivera (Arecibo)	h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com	8:53 AM	9:34 AM	41
MARIA J. MEDINA	mmedina13munarecibo@gmail.com	8:55 AM	9:35 AM	40
Nilsa López Rivera	lpvipr@yahoo.com	8:53 AM	9:35 AM	41
Rehabilitación De Vivienda		9:08 AM	9:35 AM	27
Rosemary	munarecibopedgardo@gmail.com	8:53 AM	9:35 AM	42
Vanessa Rivera		8:53 AM	9:34 AM	41
wrMartorell		9:07 AM	9:35 AM	28

Municipio de Arecibo-Vista Pública HOME ARP 2 Attendees

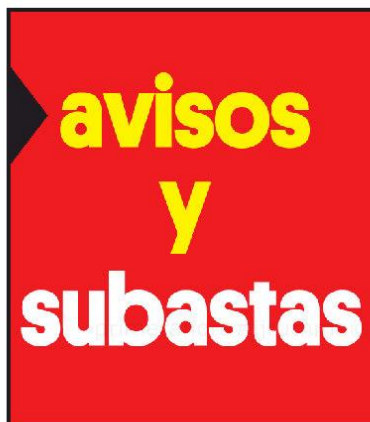
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Details

Name	Email Address	Join Time	Leave Time	Time in Session (minutes)
Carlos Elie Rodriguez	carlos.elie.garrisons@gmail.com	12:39 PM	12:59 PM	19
Desarrollo Municipal		12:31 PM	12:59 PM	28
Edgardo Perez		12:32 PM	12:59 PM	27
Elizabeth		12:42 PM	12:59 PM	17
Hector Maldonado		12:40 PM	12:59 PM	18
Jonathan Camacho		12:33 PM	12:38 PM	4
Jonathan Camacho-PACTA, Inc.	dmejiasmjps@gmail.com	12:38 PM	12:59 PM	21
Joseph Harrison	harrison@hcgpr.com	12:24 PM	12:59 PM	34
MARIA J. MEDINA PORTALATIN	mmedina13munarecibo@gmail.com	12:24 PM	12:59 PM	34
Rehabilitación De Vivienda		12:45 PM	12:59 PM	13
Rosemary		12:39 PM	12:59 PM	20
Vanessa Rivera		12:26 PM	12:59 PM	33
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Attachment 2- Public Notice Availability of Draft Plan



COLEGIO DE ÓPTICOS DE PUERTO RICO, INC.
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Tel: 787-467-1343 Fax: 787-467-7344
Email: carre@colegiodeopticospr.org

**CONVOCATORIA
ASAMBLEA ORDINARIA ANUAL 2023**
DOMINGO 05 DE MARZO DE 2023 HORA: 1:00 pm
HOTEL MARRIOTT, AGUADILLA, PR.

La Junta de Gobierno del Colegio de Ópticos de Puerto Rico y su presidente Ldo. Melvin Casillas convoca a los socios COLEGIADOS a su Asamblea Anual 2023.

Temas a presentar:

1. Informe de trabajos realizados por la Junta 2022-2024
2. Informe Anual: Ingresos y Gastos 2022-2023
3. Elecciones de la Nueva Junta de Gobierno del Colegio de Ópticos de Puerto Rico, (2024-2026)

Dirigiremos la Asamblea utilizando las reglas parlamentarias **ROBERT RULE OF ORDERS**, según establece nuestro reglamento. Asistencia compulsoria según reglamento.

Ldo. Melvin Casillas
Presidente COPR 2022-2024

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AVISO DISPONIBILIDAD ENMIENDA SUSTANCIAL AL PLAN ANUAL 2021-2022

El Municipio Autónomo de Arecibo ha preparado una enmienda sustancial al Plan Anual 2021-2022 que incluye los cambios requeridos para poder recibir y utilizar los fondos HOME-ARP. Esta enmienda ha sido preparada en cumplimiento con los requisitos de la circular CPD 21-10, el 24 CFR 91.105 y el Plan de Participación Ciudadana del Municipio. La enmienda reconoce los fondos HOME-ARP delegados al Municipio que totaliza \$2,009,585.00. Estos fondos se han distribuido de la siguiente manera:


Actividad	Cantidad Asignada
Servicios de Apoyo	\$600,000.00
Adquisición y Rehabilitación de Vivienda para Alquiler	\$708,148.00
Albergue no Congregado	\$400,000.00
Administración	\$301,437.00
Total	\$2,009,585.00

La circular CPD 21-10 y el 24 CFR 91.105 le requieren al Municipio la publicación de este aviso público para que los residentes, las agencias públicas, entidades de base Comunitaria y otras partes interesadas puedan revisar la enmienda, comentar y reaccionar a la petición de enmienda del plan anual 2021-2022. El documento conocido como "HOME ARP Allocation Plan" estará disponible para ser revisado por las partes interesadas en:

Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal
Edificio Santiago Cabán
Avenida José de Diego #158, Arecibo
Horario: lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.
Atención: Sr. Héctor E. Maldonado Rivera
h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com
Tel.: 787-333-2022

La enmienda y los documentos de apoyo estarán disponibles por 15 días calendario para que el público pueda hacer sus comentarios de forma escrita al correo electrónico: h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com. Los comentarios serán evaluados, contestados e incorporados a la enmienda y luego se tramitará a la Oficina del Caribe del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano Federal (HUD) para evaluación y aprobación final. Las personas con discapacidad podrán acceder la enmienda propuesta del plan en el Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal, Edificio Santiago Cabán Avenida José de Diego #158 una facilidad pública que está libre de barreras arquitectónicas. Si algún residente del municipio, agencia pública o persona jurídica tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso público, puede comunicarse con Sr. Héctor E. Maldonado Rivera en horas y días laborables y/o a través del correo electrónico arriba indicado.

Aviso Publicado: 17 de enero de 2023.


Ldo. Ernesto G. González Rodríguez
Secretario Municipal

Este aviso se publica en cumplimiento con el Código de Reglamentos Federales en el 24 CFR 91.105, la Circular CPD 21-10 y el Plan de Participación Ciudadana.



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OFICINA DE SECRETARÍA MUNICIPAL
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RFP Núm. 006 Serie 2022-2023
SOLICITUD DE PROPUESTAS
SERVICIOS DE ARQUITECTURA E INGENIERÍA PARA EL DISEÑO
DE LA PLAZA INTERACTIVA Y EL DISEÑO DEL CENTRO COMUNAL
ANTIGUA ESCUELA WALTER MCK JONES

Aviso Público:

17 de enero de 2023

Disponibilidad de Documentos:

Desde: 17 de enero de 2023 a las 8:30 a.m.

Reunión Pre Subasta:

27 de enero de 2023 a las 2:00 p.m.

Lugar: Centro de Bellas Artes Adrián Rosado Guzmán

Presentación de preguntas y solicitud de aclaraciones:

Hasta: 3 de febrero de 2023 hasta las 4:00 p.m.

Respuestas a preguntas y solicitud de aclaraciones:

Hasta: 9 de febrero de 2023

Fecha límite para la presentación de propuestas:

En o antes del 16 de febrero de 2023

La Oficina de Secretaría Municipal del Municipio de Villalba (Municipio) recibirá Propuestas (RFP, por sus siglas en inglés) en pliegos cerrados, un (1) original, una (1) copia y una (1) copia en formato digital USB para los servicios de Arquitectura e Ingeniería para el Diseño de la Plaza Interactiva y el Diseño del Centro Comunal Antigua Escuela Walter McK Jones del Municipio de Villalba. La asistencia a la reunión Pre Subasta es requisito de licitación. Los interesados deberán radicar sus documentos a:

Atn: Orlando Javier Negrón García, Secretario Municipal
Oficina de Secretaría Municipal
Casa Alcaldía, Calle Muñoz Rivera #39
Villalba, Puerto Rico

Toda información necesaria, así como los documentos de RFP podrán obtenerse en la Oficina de Secretaría Municipal, ubicada en la Casa Alcaldía, P1 Calle Muñoz Rivera #39, a partir del 17 de enero de 2023.

La Oficina de Secretaría Municipal se reserva el derecho de aceptar o rechazar las propuestas y de recomendar al Honorable Alcalde la adjudicación del RFP bajo las condiciones que considere más favorables al Municipio.

Orlando Javier Negrón García
Presidente Junta de Subastas
Municipio de Villalba



Municipio Autónomo de Arecibo
Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal
Edificio Santiago Cabán – Avenida José de Diego #158 – Arecibo, P.R.
PO Box 1086 - Arecibo, Puerto Rico 00613
Teléfono (787) 333-2022



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL PLAN

The Autonomous Municipality of Arecibo in compliance with the federal regulations and provisions of 24 CFR 91.105, CPD Notice 2021-10 and its Citizen Participation Plan, announces the availability of a substantial amendment to the 2021- 2022 Annual Action Plan. The amendment recognizes HOME-ARP funds delegated to the Municipality of Arecibo in the amount of \$2,009,585. These funds have been distributed as follows:

Activity	Allocated Amount
Supportive Services	\$600,000.00
Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Rental Housing	\$708,148.00
Not Congregated Shelter	\$400,000.00
Administration	\$301,437.00
Total	\$2,009,585.00

CPD Circular 21-10 and 24 CFR 91.105 require the Municipality to publish this public notice to provide residents, public agencies, Community-Based Entities, and other interested parties the opportunity to review the amendment, comment on, and react to the 2021-2022 plan amendment. The document "HOME ARP Allocation Plan" will be available for review by stakeholders in:

Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal
Edificio Santiago Cabán
Avenida José de Diego #158 Arecibo
Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Att: Mr. Héctor E. Maldonado Rivera
h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com
Tel: 787-333-2022

The Amendment and its supporting documents will be available for public review for 15 calendar days. Comments may be submitted in writing to the following email: h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com. Comments will be evaluated, addressed, and incorporated into the amendment. The final amendment will be submitted to the Caribbean Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval. Persons with disabilities will be able to access the proposed amendment of the plan at Departamento de Desarrollo Municipal, Edificio Santiago Cabán Avenida José de Diego #158 a public facility that is accessible and free of architectural barriers. If any resident of the municipality, Public Agency or Legal Entity has any questions about this public notice, you can contact Mr. Héctor E. Maldonado Rivera, during working hours and days and / or through the email indicated above.

Notice Published: January 17, 2023.

Ernesto G. González Rodríguez, Esq.
Municipal Secretary

This notice is published in compliance with the
Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR 91.105, CPD Circular 21-10 and the Citizen Participation Plan.

Attachment 3- Consultation Letters

Consultation letters are available for review on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-Osu8lu7nMY1xCYcLwhpR-A6v9i5Bjra?usp=sharing>

Attachment 4- Results of Survey

Municipality of Arecibo

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Responses

20:34

Average time to complete

Closed

Status

1. Please indicate the Name of the entity that you represent:

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Responses

Latest Responses

" Housing Department "

" Pre-Vocational and Industrial Institute of PR Inc. (IPVI of PR) "

" PACTA, Inc. "

2. Please enter your Name and Surname

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Responses

Latest Responses

" Nivia B. Diaz Pacheco "

" Nilsa López Rivera "

" Jonathan Camacho Escobar "

3. Please indicate what position you hold in the entity.

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Responses

Latest Responses

" Assistant Secretary of Living Aid "

" Founding President and CEO "

" Case Manager "

4. Enter your email

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Responses

Latest Responses

"ndiaz@vivienda.pr.gov"

"codevys@yahoo.com // ipvipr@yahoo.com"

"Pactainc95@gmail.com "

5. Enter your phone number

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Responses

Latest Responses

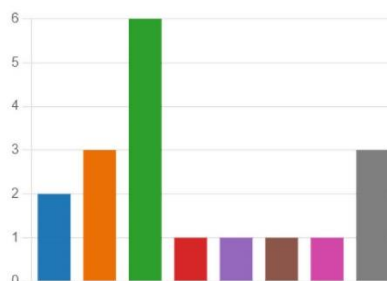
"(787)630-1943"

"(787) 879-3300 // (787) 659-3333"

"787-650-8777"

6. How does your Organization engage with the following eligible populations: people who are literally homeless, people fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking, veterans, families, or some other population? Indicate if you are a provider of the following services (you can select more than one):

- Emergency shelter 2
- Permanent Housing or Rapid Re... 3
- Supporting services 6
- Housing/ Landlord/ Property M... 1
- Affordable Housing Developer 1
- Fund Provider 1
- Member of the Community of I... 1
- Other 3



7. Is your Organization a member of Continuum of Services for the Homeless Population?

- PR CoC 502 2
- PR CoC 503 1
- Not a member of any Coalition 5



8. In which Municipalities does your Organization provide services? (Indicate the Municipalities):

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Responses

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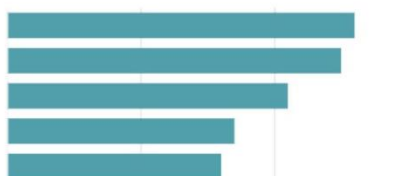
"Arecibo Barceloneta Barranquitas Bayamón Carolina Cataño Dorado Lares ...

"En cuatro (4) regiones, cubriendo 48 pueblos de la Isla."

"Principalmente todos los municipios de la región de Arecibo del Departame...

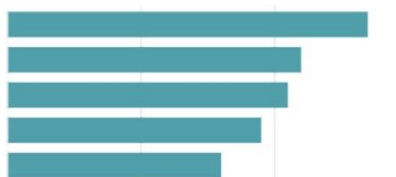
9. Desde su Perspectiva como Organización, ¿Cuáles son las necesidades más apremiantes para atender a la población de personas sin hogar en Arecibo? Ordene del mas importante al menos importante.

- 1 Adquisición y Desarrollo de Alb...
- 2 Desarrollo de Renta de Vivienda...
- 3 Servicios de Apoyo
- 4 Asistencia de Renta al Inquilino ...
- 5 Fondos administrativos para la ...



10. Desde su Perspectiva como Organización, ordene los siguientes servicios de apoyo del más importante al menos importante

- 1 Servicios de Prevención para pe...
- 2 Servicios de Manejo de Casos
- 3 Consejería de Vivienda (por eje...
- 4 Preparación para el Empleo
- 5 Adiestramiento en Destrezas de...



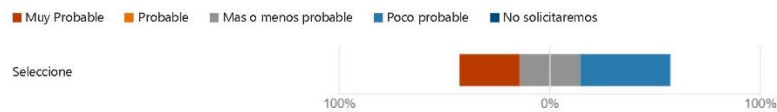
11. Desde su Perspectiva como Organización, ordene las actividades de Albergue no Congregados de la más importante a la menos importante.



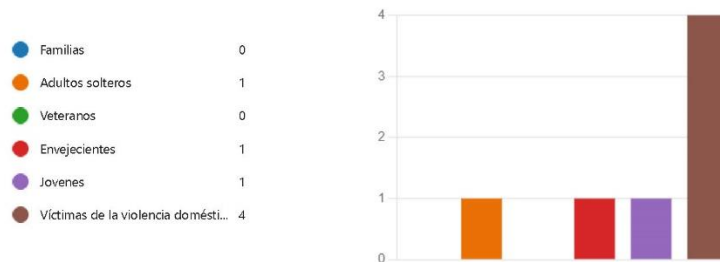
12. Desde su perspectiva como organización , ordene las siguientes actividades de desarrollo de Vivienda Renta Asequible (de la más importante a la menos importante)



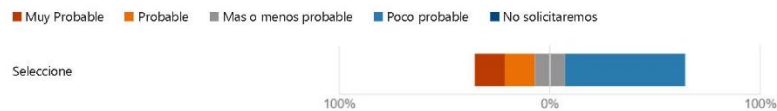
13. Qué probabilidad hay de que su entidad solicite los fondos de Prevención de Deambulación



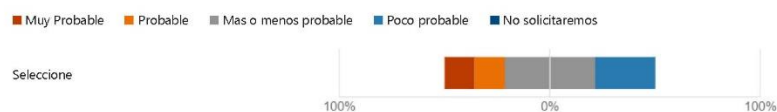
14. Las siguientes preguntas están diseñadas para identificar a la población sin hogar o en riesgo de convertirse en una persona sin hogar. De la siguiente lista, identifique la población con la mayor necesidad tomando en cuenta la experiencia de su Organización.



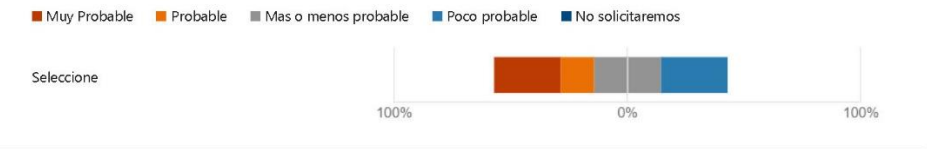
15. ¿Qué probabilidad hay de que usted solicite los fondos para Consejería de Vivienda?



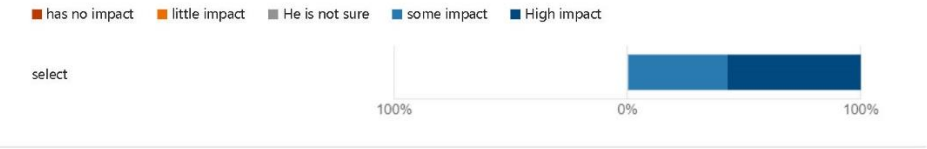
16. ¿Qué probabilidad hay de que usted solicite los fondos para Preparación para Empleo?



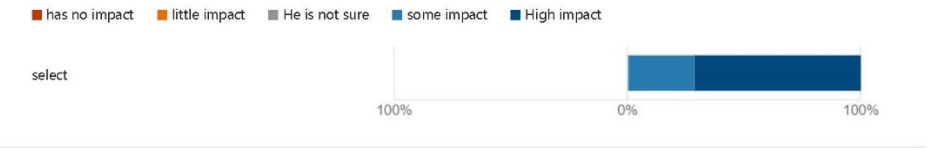
17. ¿Qué probabilidad hay de que usted solicite los fondos para desarrollar o capacitar en las Destrezas de Vida?



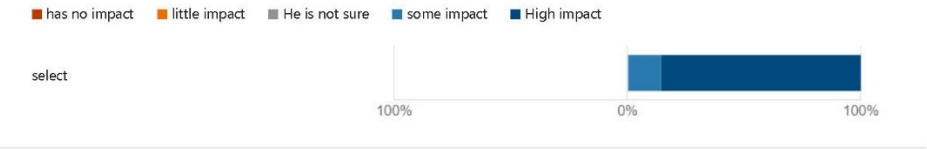
18. Do you believe that housing counseling services such as housing search, landlord and tenant rights, budget management, and credit repair counseling have a significant impact in the community?



19. Do you think that Homelessness Prevention has a significant impact in our community?



20. Do you think employment preparation and/or life skills training have a significant impact in our community?




Attachment 6- SF424 and Certifications

Municipality of Arecibo, Puerto Rico
HOME ARP Allocation Plan

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
<div> <div> * 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application </div> <div> * 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision </div> <div> * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/> </div> </div>		
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Municipality of Arecibo"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="66-0433519"/>		* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="KDZ6TG5JZ6G6"/>
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text" value="P.O. Box 1086"/>		
Street2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: <input type="text" value="Arecibo"/>		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: <input type="text" value="PR: Puerto Rico"/>		
Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="00613-1086"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Municipal Development Office"/>		Division Name: <input type="text" value="HOME Program"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>		* First Name: <input type="text" value="Héctor"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="E."/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Maldonado Rivera"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text" value="Municipality of Arecibo"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="787-612-3191"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
<p>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</p> <p>C: City or Township Government</p> <p>Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:</p> <p>Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:</p> <p>* Other (specify):</p>		
<p>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</p> <p>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p>		
<p>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</p> <p>14.239</p> <p>CFDA Title:</p> <p>HOME Investment Partnership Program - ARP</p>		
<p>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <p>14.239</p> <p>*Title</p> <p>Home Investment Partnership Program-ARP</p>		
<p>13. Competition Identification Number:</p> <p>Title:</p>		
<p>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</p> <p>Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment</p>		
<p>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</p> <p>Municipality of Arecibo HOME ARP</p>		
<p>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.</p> <p>Add Attachments Delete Attachments View Attachments</p>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant	PR
* b. Program/Project	PR
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date:	07/01/2021
* b. End Date:	06/30/2030
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	2,009,585.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	2,009,585.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	Hon.
* First Name:	Carlos
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Ramirez Irizarry
Suffix:	
* Title:	Mayor
* Telephone Number:	787-882-2770
Fax Number:	
* Email:	h.maldonadomunarecibo@gmail.com
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	AS. 8, 2023

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

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9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Municipality of Arecibo	DATE SUBMITTED February 8, 2023

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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Municipality of Arecibo	February 8, 2023

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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

Section 3 --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

HOME-ARP Certification --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.


Signature of Authorized Official

February 8, 2023
Date

Mayor
Title