

ATLANTIC COUNTY

HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)

ALLOCATION PLAN

Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan March 2023





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Participating Jurisdiction: Atlantic County, NJ

Date: March 28, 2023

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing over 1.9 trillion dollars to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation. Of those funds, \$5 billion was earmarked for homelessness assistance and supportive services for individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include the development and support of affordable housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), the provision of supportive services, and the acquisition and development of congregate and non-congregate shelter units (NCS). Atlantic County received a HOME-ARP allocation of \$2,434,422. The County has completed the required consultation, public participation, analysis of community needs and inventory of resources in the development of this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

CONSULTATION

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

Atlantic County began the HOME-ARP planning process by first consulting with Atlantic County Continuum of Care (CoC) on April 21, 2022. The CoC has consistently been involved in conversation around HOME-ARP, for both the City and the County. HOME-ARP was discussed at the meetings held on April 21, June 9, June 28, August 11, September 27, December 8 and December 13.

In addition, HOME-ARP was discussed at the Atlantic County Homeless Consortium: COC Plan for Unsheltered Homeless Meeting on November 18th, which included the following agencies:

Atlantic City Police Department - Monarch Housing Associates

Atlantic City Rescue Mission - NJ Department of Community Affairs

Atlantic County
 Covenant House
 Jewish Family Service
 South Jersey Legal Services
 Sunflower Life Skills Center
 Volunteers of America

Lastly, the County held a specific HOME-ARP meeting Service Providers on February 2, 2023, which included the following agencies:

- Covenant House - Monarch Housing

AtlantiCare - Atlantic County Government

Pleasantville Housing Authority

List the organizations consulted:

There were 24 agencies consulted through the HOME-ARP Allocation Planning Process.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Atlantic City Health Department	City Government, Health Department	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Atlantic City Police Department	City Government, Law Enforcement	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Atlantic County	County Government	CoC Meetings, County Provider Meeting	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Atlantic County OEM	County Government	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
City of Atlantic City	City Government	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
HR Recovery Initiative	Non-Profit, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Services	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
NJ Department of Community Affairs	State Government	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
AtlantiCare	Health/Substance Abuse	CoC Meetings and County Provider Meeting	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Covenant House	Non-Profit, Homeless Service Provider	CoC Meetings and County Provider Meeting	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Avanzar	Non-Profit Service Provider,	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Adelaide's Place	Non-Profit, Homeless Service Provider	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Volunteers of America	Non-Profit, Homeless Service Provider	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Atlantic City Rescue Mission	Non-Profit, Homeless Service Provider	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
South Jersey Legal Services	Non-Profit, Legal Service, Fair Housing	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Hope One of Atlantic County	County Government; Mental Health/Substance Abuse	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Monarch Housing Associates	Non-Profit, Housing Consultant	CoC Meetings and County Provider Meeting	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Jewish Family Service	Mental Health/Substance Abuse; Non-Profit- Homeless Service Provider	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Sunflower Life Skills Center	Educational; Non- Profit	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas

Pleasantville Housing Authority	Housing Authority	County Provider Meeting	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
City of Pleasantville	Government	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
NJ Housing Mortgage Finance Agency	Government	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Catholic Charities	Mental Health/Substance Abuse; Non-Profit- Homeless Service Provider	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Salvation Army	Social Service Provider, Mental Health/Substance Abuse; Non-Profit	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas
Acenda Integrated Health	Healthcare	CoC Meetings	Discussion of community needs/project ideas

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

There was a lot of discussion and feedback received. The consistent themes included the need for affordable housing; the need for supportive services, especially case management and mental health and interest in expanding non-congregate shelter in the county. Mental health services are a need that is being seen across the board in all sectors.

There is a need for flexible vouchers with supportive services in order to sustain people in their rental homes, many of whom are paying well above Fair Market Rent (FMR). The vouchers should have case managers attached as well as a strategy on bridging the cost gap between the unit and the voucher.

There was a call for looking at a housing acquisition and rehab strategy to revitalize the community and development additional affordable units. The group was also looking at non-profit ownership of units to prevent frequent or large rent increases. The folks at the Provider Meeting recommended consideration of the CoC relaunching the Permanent Housing Committee.

Lastly, there was a need expressed for additional non-congregate shelter (NCS) development, and overall improvement in the emergency shelter system in the county. An alternative to development of additional NCS would be to transition those in NCS into housing vouchers with wraparound services for longer term supportive housing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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:

- Date(s) of public notice: Saturday, February 25, 2023
- Public comment period: start date 3/3/2023 end date 3/17/2023
- Date(s) of public hearing: 3/15/2023

Describe the public participation process:

The public review process and the public hearing were noticed in the local paper, in accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan. The HOME-ARP Public Hearing was held on March 15, 2023. The hearing was held as a virtual hearing, The County was prepared to provide an overview of HOME-ARP, including the County's allocation amount and the range of possibly eligible activities. No members of the public were in attendance. The County posted the draft of the Allocation Plan on their website for public review. There were no public comments submitted.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

Atlantic County, as a HOME Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), followed their adopted Citizen Participation process. The public notice for the hearing was run in the local paper and posted to the County's website. The public notice included instructions on how the public can request reasonable accommodations and meaningful access to the plan in accordance with the County's citizen participation plan. Although willing to consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan; none have been submitted.

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

No comments have been submitted.

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

No comments have been submitted.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAPS ANALYSIS

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing over 1.9 trillion dollars to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation. Of those funds, \$5 billion was earmarked for homelessness assistance and supportive services for individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include the development and support of affordable housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), the provision of supportive services, and the acquisition and development of congregate and non-congregate shelter units (NCS). Current inventory of these resources is considered in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan as well as affordable and permanent supportive rental housing. ARP authorizes the Secretary of HUD to waive or specify alternate requirements for any provision of the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) or regulation for the administration of the HOME-ARP program, except requirements related to fair housing, civil rights, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that the waiver or alternate requirement is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of HOME-ARP funds. Reasonable preferences among qualifying populations may be established to prioritize applicants for HOME-ARP projects or activities based on the Participating Jurisdiction's (PJ) needs and priories.

This Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis evaluates the size, demographic composition, and priority needs of qualifying populations in Atlantic County as identified in 24 CFR 91.5, 24 CFR 5. 2003, 42 U.S.C. 12742(a), and by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These include the following:

- Individuals or families who are homeless
- Individuals or families who are at risk of homelessness
- Individuals or families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of the aforementioned.

This document identifies the existing shelter and housing inventory in Atlantic County as well as the service delivery system. Additionally, a gap analysis is provided to explore the need for additional housing, shelter, and/or services by using current data, including Point in Time count (PIT), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), data provided by the Continuum of Care (CoC), and consultations with service providers. Additional consideration is provided for the identification of housing characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness. Unless otherwise specified, information presented in this report is provided by the NJ Counts Report compiled by Monarch Housing Associates and The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

In this analysis it is important to consider the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the nation. HUD and the CDC issued a number of safety measures for all communities conducting the 2022 PIT Count. These included but were not limited to the following:

- Decrease face-to-face interactions with clients;
- Decrease the number of volunteers who would need to work in physical proximity
- Providing PPE to all volunteers; and
- Designing a process that minimizes close contact

Additional precautions were taken in NJ in the following ways:

- Elimination or changes to Project Homeless Connect events
- 7-day outreach and service-based count
- Reduction in use of volunteers to support the unsheltered count
- Increased connection with community-based services providers such as day-centers, soup kitchens and medical facilities to identify and connect with unsheltered persons

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD gave communities the option to cancel or modify the unsheltered portion of the PIT count based on the potential risk of transmission associated with conducting an inperson survey. Thus, it is important to note that there are significant differences between the 2022 PIT count and that of 2021 as vaccines had not been widely distributed at the time, and outreach restrictions were issued on both the state and federal level. Though most of the report 2022 is utilized, some consideration is given to 2021 data when compared to 2019 data in the interest of evaluating the early impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SIZE AND DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

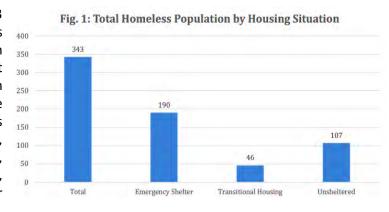
Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

The Point In-Time (PIT) Count of the Homeless is an analysis of the sheltered an unsheltered population experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. Continuums of Care (CoCs) are required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct an annual PIT Count of the population experiencing *sheltered homelessness*, staying in emergency shelters, safe havens, or transitional housing programs. An additional count of the *unsheltered homeless* is conducted every other year on odd numbered years.

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HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, AS DEFINED IN 24 CFR 91.5

The 2022 PIT count identified 343 persons in 323 homeless households in Atlantic County on January 25, 2022. Alarmingly, most of these individuals were from Atlantic County (291; 86%). The other 47 homeless persons surveyed were from Absecon (4), Egg Harbor City (10), Galloway (3), Hamilton (1), Pleasantville (2), Somers Point (26), and Ventnor City (1).



Municipality	Total Homeless Persons	% of Total Homeless Persons	Sheltered Homeless Persons	% of Sheltered Homeless Persons	Unsheltered Homeless Persons	% of Unsheltered Homeless Persons
Absecon	4	1.2%	2	0.9%	2	1.9%
Atlantic City	291	86.1%	198	84.6%	93	89.4%
Egg Harbor City	10	3.0%	8	3.4%	2	1.9%
Galloway	3	0.9%	2	0.9%	1	1.0%
Hamilton	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Pleasantville	2	0.6%	1	0.4%	1	1.0%
Somers Point	26	7.7%	23	9.8%	3	2.9%
Ventnor City	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Total	338*		234*		104*	

^{*}Does not reflect total homeless persons counted as some survey responses may not have included municipality.

Out of the 343 homeless individuals identified, 118 were "chronically homeless" and 107 were "unsheltered". Of the sheltered population, 190 were in Emergency shelter and 46 were in Transitional Housing.

Out of the 323 homeless households counted in 2022, 10 (3%) households (30 persons) had at least one child under the age of 18. None of these households were unsheltered, 8 (80%) were in emergency shelters, and 2 (20%) families were in transitional housing. According to the 2022 PIT count, 29 (8%) of those surveyed identified as homeless adults between the ages of 18 and 24, and 22 (6%) as children under 18 years old.

Additionally, 72% (249) of the homeless population identified as male, and 23.3% (80) identified as female. Out of the homeless respondents in Atlantic County, 25% reported that their last permanent address prior to becoming homeless was outside of the United States.

Out of the homeless respondents in Atlantic County, 25% reported that their last permanent address prior to becoming homeless was outside of the United States. This alarming statistic showcases the impact that migration has on the homeless population.

The 2022 PIT Count showed a strong correlation between poverty and homelessness, marking poverty as a key indicator to the issue. However, upon a closer examination of the racial breakdown of the general population, disparate impacts along racial lines are evident.

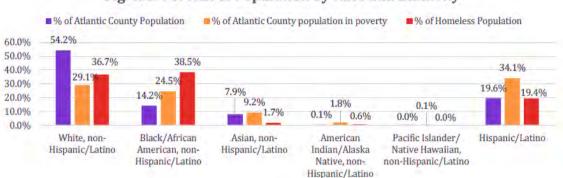


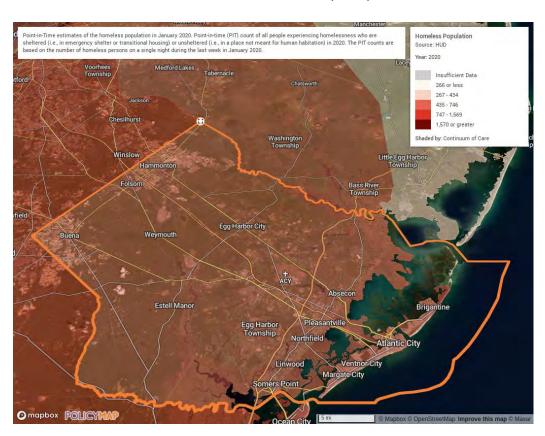
Fig. R.1: Percent of Population by Race and Ethnicity

The Black or African American non-Hispanic community is overrepresented in the homeless population. While only 14.2% of the population in Atlantic County, persons identifying as Black or African American made up 24.5% of the population experiencing homelessness. Of the sheltered homeless population, 41.2% identified as Black or African American, and 40.2% of the unsheltered population identified in the same manner. As shown in the maps bellow, race is a critical component of the conversation of homelessness; in Atlantic County in particular, both the homeless and the Black/African American populations are concentrated in west side of the COUNTY. Therefore, it appears that race rather than poverty is the more accurate predictive indicator as to whom will experience homelessness.

The next largest racial subgroup of the homeless population in Atlantic County identified as White (36.6%; 126 persons), followed by the Asian population (1.7%; 6 persons), and lastly the multi-Racial population (0.9%; 3 persons). Regarding ethnicity, 16.6% of those counted identified themselves as Hispanic/Latino. Given the impact that race so clearly has on homelessness, it is important that homeless service systems make efforts to both understand and address the racial disparities in Atlantic County to better serve their constituents.



Predominant racial or ethnic group, between 2017-2021 Source – US Census: American Community Survey Estimate



Source - HUD PIT Count Estimates

AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AS DEFINED IN 24 DFR 91.5

In Atlantic County on the night of the PIT count, 38.9% of the households experiencing homelessness had no source of income. Of those surveyed, 14% reported having a source of earned income. The most common of these were Social Security Income (15.8%), followed by General Assistance/Welfare Programs, and Work Income/Wage (14%).

Other sources of income reported included Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Unemployment, Child Support, and Veteran's Pension. The average monthly income among households in Emergency Shelter was \$516.17, \$1,525.91 for those in Transitional Housing Programs, and \$274.02 for the unsheltered. Additionally, out of those surveyed, 12.1% reported having received non-cash benefits such as Medicaid (39%), and Food Stamps aka. SNAP (35.9%).

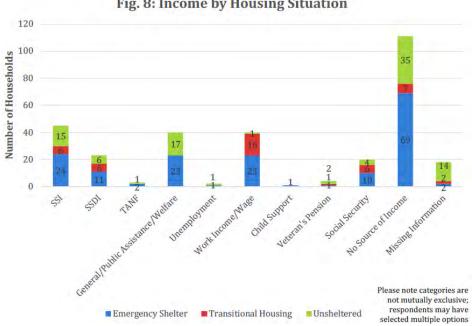


Fig. 8: Income by Housing Situation

Cost burden is the ratio of housing costs to household income. It serves as an indicator of housing need, and the need for reduced rental costs. For renters, housing costs is gross rent (contract rent plus utilities). Renter households who spend more than 30% of their income in rent and utilities are considered "cost burdened". Per HOME ARP Guidance, households at risk of homelessness are those whose income falls below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI) that do not have resources or family, friend, or faith-based support networks to prevent homelessness.

Renter households who spend more than 50% of their income on the same are considered "severely cost burdened". Those who fall under the severely cost burdened category are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Unless otherwise specified, the information provided in this section is gathered from the CHAS (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) database based on 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates. This data, broken down by Continuum of Care regions, demonstrates the extent of the housing problems and housing needs in the area of interest, particularly for low-income households.

		ensive Housing Affordability Strategy by Housing Problems 2015-2019	
	Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems	Household has none of 4 Housing Problems OR cost burden not available no other problems	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	10,395	2,725	13,120
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	10,120	1,465	11,585
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	11,625	5,290	16,915
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	4,580	5,365	9,945
Household Income >100% HAMFI	6,465	41,825	48,290
Total	43,180	56,670	99,850
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	6,890	2,225	9,115
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	5,420	905	6,330
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	4,865	2,035	6,900
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	1,170	1,855	3,025
Household Income >100% HAMFI	845	6,615	7,460
Total	19,190	13,635	32,825
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	3,505	500	4,005
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	4,700	560	5,255
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	6,760	3,255	10,015
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	3,410	3,510	6,920
Household Income >100% HAMFI	5,620	35,210	40,830
Total	23,990	43,035	67,025

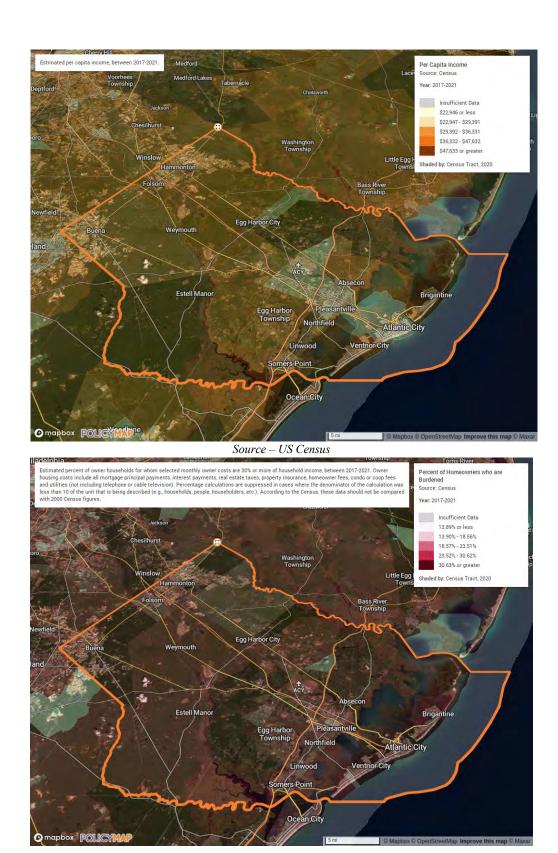
Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordibility Strategy Data (CHAS) for 2015-2019
* HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI)

A household is said to have a housing problem if they have any 1 or more of these problems:

- 1. housing unit lacks complete kitchen facilities
- 2. housing unit lacks complete plumbing facilities
- 3. household is overcrowded
- 4. household is cost burdened

According to CHAS, out of 32,825 renters in Atlantic County, it is estimated that 19,190 (58.5%) have a housing problem. Of those with a housing problem, 6,890 (35.9%) fall under the 30% HAMFI threshold, and 5,420 (28.2%) fall under the 50% HAMI threshold.

There is a significant overlap between income and those households in Atlantic County which are cost-burdened. When compared to the racial distribution/concentrations of the homeless populations in Atlantic County as exemplified in the map of the previous section, one point is evident. The African American community is overrepresented in both the low-income and cost burdened sections of this plan.



Source - US Census

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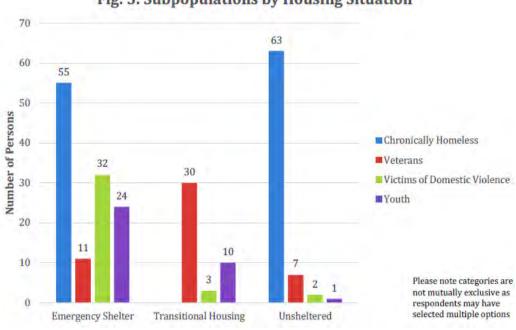


Fig. 5: Subpopulations by Housing Situation

HOME ARP guidelines identify victims of domestic violence as a qualifying population eligible to receive assistance. Specifically, those individuals "Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking". Individuals whom fleeing, or attempting to flee other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member are also included as part of this qualifying population.

Out of the 323 individuals who identified as homeless on January 25, 2022, 37 (10.8%) were victims of domestic violence. Out of those identified as victims of DV, 46% were under 18, 24.3% identified a disability, and 48.6% identified as Black/African American. The majority of DV victims were in emergency shelter (32) on the night of the count, some were in transitional housing programs (3), and two were unsheltered.

From our consultation with HR Recovery Initiative, we understand that the need for assistance among those who have experienced DV/human trafficking has increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. According to HR Recovery, the demand for their services quadrupled when COVID hit the community. They now have a roster of approximately 100 clients and have opened a second location in Atlantic City, within Atlantic County, located directly in Atlantic City. Their Executive Director notes that the agency numbers "pale in comparison to the need that is out there."

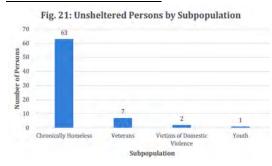
OTHER POPULATIONS REQUIRING SERVICES OR HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER POPULATIONS AT GREATEST RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY, AS DEFINED BY HUD IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS:

Chronically homeless households, as defined by HUD, are those with a long-term disabling condition who have been continually homeless for a year or more, or at least four times in the past three years where the length of time in those episodes add up to a year or more. Supportive services and enhanced case management are required for the chronically homeless once housing is secured.

Of 323 surveyed, 118 (34.4%) individuals were chronically homeless, and 70.3% had been homeless for more than one year. The majority of the chronically homeless were unsheltered (63), the rest were at emergency shelter programs (55). Out of those who identified as chronically homeless, 45.8% also identified as Black / African American, and 81.4% identified as male.

UNSHELTERED HOMELESS:

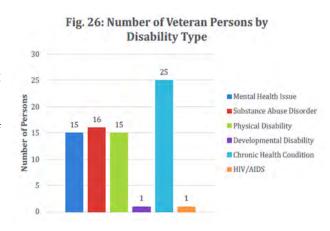


HUD identifies the unsheltered homeless population as any individual or family ""with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground."

The unsheltered are especially vulnerable in extreme weather conditions; thus, it is imperative to understand why some of the homeless remain unsheltered. Of the unsheltered identified in the 2022 PIT count, 63 were chronically homeless, 7 were veterans, 2 were victims of domestic violence, and 1 was an unsheltered youth. It is also important understand that these categories are not mutually exclusive as one respondent may identify with one or more of these classifications.

VETERANS:

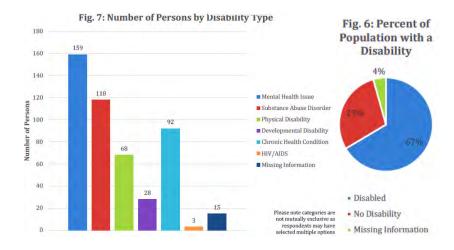
The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) has prioritized ending homelessness among veterans. Thus, veterans are identified as a qualifying population in the HOME ARP guidelines. Veterans are those persons at or above the age of 18 who have served in any branch of the US Armed Forces. For the PIT count this definition also includes those whom have served but are not eligible for services through the U.S Department of Veteran Affairs.



Out of the 323 individuals who identified as homeless on January 25, 2022, 48 (15.4%) were homeless veterans. The majority of veterans were in transitional housing programs (30), some were in emergency shelter (11), and 7 were unsheltered. Of the homeless veterans identified, 38% were over the age of 65, and 70.8% identified a disability. Out of the 48 homeless veterans whom responded to this question, an overwhelming amount (48) identified themselves as having a "chronic health condition".

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

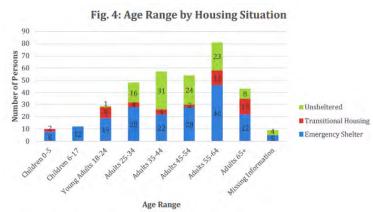
Out of those individuals whom identified as homeless during the PIT count in January of 2022, 66.5% reported having some type of disability; additionally, 72.4% of adults of 18 years of age or older reported having some disability. The most common disabilities identified included mental health issues (69.7%) and substance abuse disorder (46.4%).



HOMELESS YOUTH:

Youth are defined as persons under the age of 25 whom are not accompanied by a parent or guardian. Homeless youth can include individual youth (18-24 years old), unaccompanied minors (17 years old or younger), households of 2 or more youth presenting together as a household, and pregnant or parenting youth who are the legal guardians of one or more children. Of those surveyed, 35 (10.2%) were homeless youth (individuals and families with heads of household under 24 years old or younger).

Of those identified, 17% were under 18 and 51.4% were African American. The majority of homeless youth were in emergency shelter (24) and transitional housing programs (10), one homeless youth was unsheltered.



In Atlantic City, within Atlantic County, Covenant House provides a variety of services to homeless youth including but not limited to meals, clothing (as available), access to computers with free Wi-Fi, and access to the Dove Learning Center for education, employment, and more. Unfortunately, while homeless youth are those ages 18-24 under the HUD Guidelines, these services are only available at Covenant House to youth ages 18-21. Further consideration is needed on the services required for homeless youth ages 22-24.

CURRENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

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):

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory if provider programs within a CoC that provides beds and units for people experiencing homelessness.

Congregate and Non-Congregate Shelter Units

As of 2021, Atlantic County's homeless system had a total of 261 year-round beds available for people experiencing homelessness in its congregate and non-congregate shelters; 178 (68.2%) beds for "households with no children" and 83 (31.8%) beds for "households with children". Of these, 45 were reserved for homeless veterans and 46 for homeless youth.

Affordable and Permanent Supportive Rental Housing

As of 2021, Atlantic County's homeless system had a total of 292 year-round beds available through Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs; 208 (71.2%) beds were for "households with no children" and 84 (28.8%) beds are for "households with children". Of these total year-round beds, 74 were reserved for veterans and 10 for homeless youth. There are other shelters for individuals Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking.

Supportive Services

Atlantic County has a range of supportive service agencies that serve the County, including but not limited to Atlantic City. There are organizations that provide medical services, mental health services, homeless services and prevention, housing counseling, domestic violence services, youth programs and more. These agencies include the following:

- Adelaide's Place - South Jersey Legal Services - AtlantiCare - Sunflower Life Skills Center - Atlantic City Rescue Mission - Volunteers of America

- Atlantic County - Veterans Multiservice Center

- Avanzar - Cross Roads

Catholic Charities
 Covenant House
 Jewish Family Services
 John Brooks Recovery Center
 Rise Up Atlantic City

Housing Inventory Count for 2021 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

(SH) Total Beds
261
242
229
21
83
178
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45
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0
86
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t Housing Total Permanent Housing
292
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Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

Housing Inventory Count Change "Pre & Post" COVID-19 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

	I	mergency SI	ielter (ES)			Transitional I	Housing (TH)			Safe Ha	even (SH)	
	2019	2021	Change	96	2019	2021	Change	96	2019	2021	Change	96
Total Year-Round Beds	273	183	-90	-33.0%	93	78	-15	-16.1%	0	0	0	
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	235	164	-71	-30.2%	93	78	-15	-16.1%	0	0	0	
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	235	164	-71	-30.2%	48	65	17	35.4%	0	0	0	
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds	86.08%	89.62%	3.5%	4.1%	51.61%	83.33%	0.3172	61.5%	0.00%	0.00%	0	
Total Units for Households with Children	17	21	4	23.5%	0	0	0		Ó	0	0	
Total Beds for Households with Children	69	83	14	20.3%	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Total Beds for Households without Children	204	100	-104	-51.0%	93	78	-15	-16.1%	0	0	0	
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
Dedicated Veteran Beds	0	0	0		48	45	-3	-6.3%	0	0	0	
Dedicated Youth Beds	28	26	-2	-7.1%	12	20	8	66.7%	0	0	0	
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
Total Overflow Beds	59	86	27	45.8%	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed		0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
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	R	pid Re-Hou	sing (RRH)				ive Housing	(PSH)			nt Housing (Ol	2H)
Total Year-Round Beds	1309	107	-1202	-91.8%	176	185	9	5.1%	0	0	0	
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	1309	107	-1202	-91.8%	176	185	9	5.1%	0	0	0	
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	1309	107	-1202	-91.8%	122	131	9	7.4%	0	0	0	
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds	100.00%	100.00%	0	0.0%	69.32%	70.81%	0.0149	2.1%	0.00%	0.00%	0	
Total Units for Households with Children	744	25	-719	-96.6%	5	20	15	300.0%	0	0	0	
Total Beds for Households with Children	832	38	-794	-95.4%	9	46	37	411.1%	0	0	0	
Total Beds for Households without Children	477	69	-408	-85.5%	167	139	-28	-16.8%	0	0	0	
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
Dedicated Veteran Beds	5	20	15	300.0%	54	54	0	0.0%	0	0	0	
Dedicated Youth Beds	2	2	0	0.0%	31	8	-23	-74.2%	0	0	0	
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0		0	0	0	1000000	0	0	0	
Total Overflow Beds	O.	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	0	0	0		176	156	-20	-11.4%	0	0	0	
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	2019 2021	Change	96						2019	2021	Change	96
Total Year-Round Beds	366 261	-105	-28.7%				Total Yea	ur-Round Beds	1485	292	-1193	-80.3%

	Total	Beds	
2019	2021	Change	96
366	261	-105	-28.7%
328	242	-86	-26.2%
283	229	-54	-19.1%
17	21	4	23.5%
69	83	14	20.3%
297	178	-119	-40.1%
0	0	0	
48	45	-3	-6.3%
40	46	6	15.0%
0	0	0	
59	86	27	45.8%
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		Total Perma	ment Housing	
	2019	2021	Change	96
Total Year-Round Beds	1485	292	-1193	-80.3%
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	1485	292	-1193	-80.3%
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	1431	238	-1193	-83.4%
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds				
Total Units for Households with Children	749	45	-704	-94.0%
Total Beds for Households with Children	841	84	-757	-90.0%
Total Beds for Households without Children	644	208	-436	-67.7%
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0	
Dedicated Veteran Beds	59	74	15	25,4%
Dedicated Youth Beds	33	10	-23	-69.7%
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0	
Total Overflow Beds	0	0	0	
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	176	156	-20	-11.4%
	6903	1399	-5504	

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Housing Inventory and Services for the Homeless

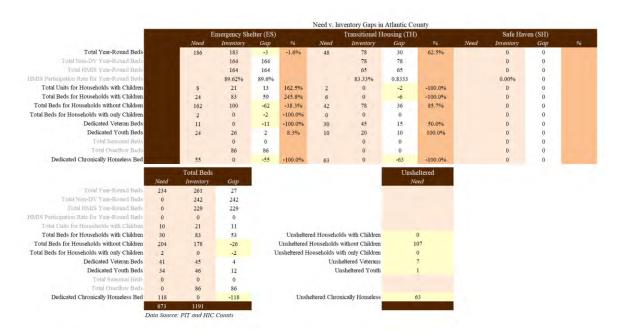
The COVID-19 pandemic had a notable impact on the homeless population as well as the services available to them. In Atlantic County the following programs were reduced and converted to serve a broader array of homeless individuals: Emergency Shelter, Traditional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Permanent Housing. Services impacted included the amount of HMIS round beds at Emergency Shelters, though this service was then replaced by increased HMIS services at Transitional Housing. The number of services available for households without children and veterans at Emergency Shelters and Traditional Housing was reduced and re-allocated for households with children; this was the offset by an increase in veteran-specific services within the Rapid Re-Housing program. The rest of the resources available were used for "overflow services".

UNMET HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations

HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, AS DEFINED IN 24 CFR 91.5

The Point-In-Time Count of 2022 reported a total of 343 homeless individuals in Atlantic County, 118 of which were "chronically homeless". Just a few months prior in 2021, the Home Inventory Count for Atlantic County reported a year-round bed inventory of 261 total year-round beds. Of these, some beds are reserved for specific populations such as veterans or victims of domestic abuse. While the need for beds for homeless individuals staying in emergency shelters and transitional housing falls under that amount at 234, the actual total need is far beyond that with the count of the unsheltered homeless population (115). The vast majority of the unsheltered population are unsheltered households without children and the unsheltered chronically homeless.



AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AS DEFINED IN 24 DFR 91.5

Cost burden serves as an indicator of housing need, and the need for reduced rental costs. Renter households who spend more than 30% of their income in rent and utilities are considered "cost burdened" and are at risk of homelessness, especially those that do not have resources or family, friend, or faith-based support networks to prevent homelessness. Renter households who spend more than 50% of their income on the same are considered "severely cost burdened" and are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

According to CHAS, out of 32,825 renters in Atlantic County, it is estimated that 19,190 (58.5%) have a housing problem. Of those with a housing problem, 6,890 (35.9%) fall under the 30% HAMFI threshold, and 5,420 (28.2%) fall under the 50% HAMI threshold.

FLEEING, OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS DEFINED BY HUD IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE

Out of the 323 individuals who identified as homeless on January 25, 2022, 37 (10.8%) were victims of domestic violence; they were fleeing, or attempting to flee other dangerous or lifethreatening conditions that relate to violence against the themselves or a family member. The majority of DV victims were in emergency shelter (32) on the night of the count, some were in transitional housing programs (3), and two were unsheltered.

Those individuals who fall under this qualifying population, require the assistance of intervention services such as counseling, human resources, employment assistance programs and other workplace support services. When access to these services is readily available, DV victims are proven to have a more positive outlook on life and a greater drive to achieve their goals.

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 HOME-ARP NOTICE

VETERANS:

According to the 2022 PIT count, 11 homeless veterans were taking shelter at emergency shelters in Atlantic County that had no dedicated beds for veterans. While there is increased availability of programming at Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Transitional Housing programs for homeless veterans there is also a need for more dedicated beds at emergency shelters with a specific dedication to homeless veterans.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, UNSHELTERED, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Out of those individuals whom identified as homeless during the PIT count in January of 2022, nearly half were unsheltered and 66.5% reported having some type of disability. The most common disabilities identified included mental health issues (69.7%) and substance abuse disorder (46.4). Currently, there are no safe haven programs available in Atlantic County. The Safe Haven model prioritizes harm reduction and takes a housing-first approach to addressing the needs of the homeless populations. Safe havens serve hard-reach homeless persons who reside on the streets or places not meant for human habitation who have severe and persistent mental illness. Typically, these individuals are unable or unwilling to participate in housing or supportive services and thus little to no precondition on established sobriety and documentation is required.

GAPS WITHIN CURRENT SHELTER AND HOUSING INVENTORY AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

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

Through both the data analysis and also the consultation process, it is clear that there is an overall need for affordable housing, expanded mental health services, additional services for victims of domestic

violence/human trafficking and more non-congregate shelter units. Overall, there are strong organizations providing needed services, however there are more resources needed so these organizations can provide increased and more specified service delivery. In addition,

While there is increased availability of programming at Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing programs for households without children, there is a visible gap for more temporary and immediate beds at emergency shelters and transitional housing. As noted throughout this assessment, the chronically homeless are quite underserved. There is no dedicated programming for the chronically homeless population while the majority of the homeless population in Atlantic County is either chronically homeless and/or unsheltered chronically homeless.

Throughout the consultation process, there was a consistent demand need for additional social services, specifically mental health services, focused on those who are homeless and at risk of homelessness. Law enforcement and AtlantiCare called for more services, including case management and mental health services, for the homeless. There is a specific need for more clinicians. This is a consistent theme across the region, as the demand for mental health services has skyrocketed regionally and nationally since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS ASSOCIATED WITH INSTABILITY AND INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

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 PJ does not plan to formally adopt a definition of "other populations". However, in looking at the city as a whole, the Atlantic County Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in 2023 highlights a list of other factors as contributors to fair housing issues/impediments. These issues impact all residents in the area, including those at risk of housing instability and homelessness.

- 1. <u>Fair Housing</u>: There is an opportunity to increase fair housing practices among Atlantic County officials as well as housing services throughout the community. The same impediments that were found at the time of the last analysis in 2012 are still relevant today.
- 2. **Affordable Housing**: There continues to be a shortage of affordable housing in Atlantic County with the Council on Affordable Housing reporting the need for affordable housing in the County outside of Atlantic City. Households that are minorities, female-headed and members of other protected classes are often of low-income, making their affordability problem a fair housing problem.

PRIORITY NEEDS FOR QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, AS DEFINED IN 24 CFR 91.5

Data and consultation point to the priority needs of this population to increased affordable housing, improvements in the emergency housing system, mental health services and rental assistance with supportive services.

AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AS DEFINED IN 24 DFR 91.5

For those at-risk of homelessness, finding affordable rental units post-quarantine has become even more challenging than the data would suggest. According to consultation, eviction processes have begun and there are not enough available affordable rental units in the area. Affordability is more of an issue now, as many landlords are coming off an extended period of lost rent and many folks are not back to work. Even those with mobile housing vouchers are having a challenging time finding rental units in the area because landlords are asking for rental rates far above the "Fair Market Rate" of the voucher. Priority needs for this population include affordable units, vouchers that are greater than FMR, and security/utility deposit assistance.

FLEEING, OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS DEFINED BY HUD IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE

Those individuals who fall under this qualifying population, require the assistance of intervention services such as counseling, human resources, employment assistance programs and other workplace support services. According to the consultation process, these individuals are most in need of vouchers that are greater than FMR, security/utility deposit assistance, credit repair, mental health service and food resources.

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 HOME-ARP NOTICE

VETERANS:

The data shows us the need for more dedicated beds at emergency shelters with a specific dedication to homeless veterans and consultation tells us that veterans are a high need population that need specialized delivery of the same services as the overall homeless and at-risk of homelessness populations.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, UNSHELTERED, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Out of those individuals whom identified as homeless during the PIT count in January of 2022, nearly half were unsheltered and 66.5% reported having some type of disability. The most common disabilities identified included mental health issues (69.7%) and substance abuse disorder (46.4). Currently, there are no safe haven programs available in Atlantic County. There is a need for supportive services for homeless that continue through until after a person is permanently housed and stabile.

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF NEED AND GAPS IN SHELTER AND HOUSING INVENTORY AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

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.

The level of need and gaps in shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems was determined by a thorough analysis of the available data as well as through community outreach efforts including but not limited to an online survey, public hearings, and stakeholder interviews. The data presented and discussed in this assessment was collected from the U.S. Census, ACS, CHAS, PIT Count, HIT Counts, and the data from the existing Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Stakeholders consulted included the following: the public, the Continuum of Care, homeless service providers, veterans' groups, domestic violence agencies, the public housing agency, and other public or private organizations that address fair housing and the needs for persons with disabilities.

HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

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

The County will be issuing an RFP for non-profits to implement homeless services and homeless prevention services. The County will also be following public procurement regulations for the acquisition/rehab of existing housing stock for supportive housing.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The County will look to partner with subrecipients for all activities and will monitor subrecipient's ability to implement in an effective and compliant manner. All contractors will be monitored for Davis Bacon compliance as needed.

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: Not applicable.

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.

USE OF HOME-ARP FUNDING

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Wraparound Supportive Services	\$ 1,551,870		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 517,289		
TBRA Rental Assistance	\$		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$#		
Non-Profit Operating	\$#	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$#	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 365,263	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,434,422		

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

The County will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with identified priority needs as the need for additional social services and more affordable rental housing were priorities throughout the consultation and needs assessment.

Deploying dollars for social services, specifically case management services for those who are homeless and at-risk of becoming homeless, allows the County to quickly deploy assistance for individuals and

families in the most need. This is especially important given the reported increase in mental health struggles that has emerged since COVID-19.

Additionally, the development of a small non-congregate shelter with supportive services responds to the need for improvements in the emergency housing system, and do so in a way that provides services and support that will transition with the residents when the move on to more permanent housing.

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 funding of social services, specifically case management, will provide those who are homeless and atrisk of homeless with immediate and comprehensive support. Though there are strong social services present in the county, there is a need to fund additional case management, an activity that is often hard to fund through traditional sources.

The non-congregate shelter will provide those who are homeless with the housing stability they need so that they can focus on other social service needs — hopefully establishing stability for those at-risk populations and special populations (such as DV) and offering supportive transitions to long-term rental assistance.

HOME-ARP PRODUCTION HOUSING GOALS

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

Not applicable.

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:

Not applicable.

PREFERENCES

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).

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:

There will be no preferences utilized in this project. 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. This project will operate in accordance with all fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements.

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

There was no preference identified.

REFERRAL METHODS

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 <u>established by the PJ in its HOME-ARP allocation plan</u>. 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).

Identify the referral methods that the PJ intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):

The PJ will utilize the Coordinated Entry process.

If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional): All qualifying populations will be eligible for a project or activity. There will be no preferences.

If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):

All qualifying populations will be eligible for a project or activity. There will be no preferences.

If the PJ intends to use both a CE process established by the CoC and another referral method for a project or activity, describe any method of prioritization between the two referral methods, if any. (Optional):

There will be no prioritization. Clients will be served on first-come, first-served basis.

LIMITATIONS IN A HOME-ARP RENTAL HOUSING OR NCS PROJECT

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:

The PJ does not intend to limit eligibility.

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:

The PJ does not intend to 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):

There was no limitation identified.

HOME-ARP REFINANCING GUIDELINES

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 with the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

 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

Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

 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.

Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

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

Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

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

Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

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

Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

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

Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

APPENDIX A

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Not Hispanic or Latino: Population of one race: White alone Black or African American alone American Indian and Alaska Native alone Asian alone Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone Some Other Race alone Population of two or more races: Population of three races: Population of fure races:	81.27%	7.286.419	21.36%	55,715	19.57%
Population of one race: White alone Black or African American alone American Indian and Alaska Native alone Asian alone Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone Some Other Race alone Population of two or more races: Population of three races:	77.18%		78.44%	220,821	80.43%
White alone Black or African American alone American Indian and Alaska Native alone Asian alone Asian alone Islander alone Some Other Race alone Population of two or more races: Population of two races: Population of furee races:		6,996,948	75.33%	211,225	76.94%
Black or African American alone American Indian and Alaska Native alone Asian alone Asian alone Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone Some Other Race alone Population of two or more races: Population of two races: Population of furee races:	74.93%	4,816,381	68.84%	148,858	70.47%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone Asian alone Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone Some Other Race alone Population of two or more races: Population of two races: Population of three races:	15.61%	1,154,142	16.49%	39,022	18.47%
Asian alone Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone Some Other Race alone Population of two or more races: Population of two races: Population of fure races:	0.88%	11,206	0.16%	357	0.17%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone Some Other Race alone Population of two or more races: Population of two races: Population of three races:	7.67%	942,921	13.48%	21,563	10.21%
Some Other Race alone Population of two or more races: Population of two races: Population of three races: Population of four races:	0.24%	1,944	0.03%	82	0.04%
Population of two or more races: Population of two races: Population of three races: Population of four races:	%99.0	70,354	1.01%	1,343	0.64%
Population of two races: Population of three races: Population of four races:	4.09%	289,471	3.12%	9,596	3.50%
Population of three races: Population of four races:	3.81%	272,852	2.94%	8,962	3.26%
Population of four races:	0.25%	14,950	0.16%	581	0.21%
	0.02%	1,449	0.02%	50	0.02%
Population of five races: 9,103	0.00%	197	0.00%	3	0.00%
Population of six races: 1,004	0.00%	23	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total: 331,449,281		9,288,994	994	274,534	34
Source: 2020 Decennial Census					

Point - On - Time Count for 2021 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

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	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
Unsheltered Homeless				122
Sheltered Chronically Homeless	4	0	0	4
Sheltered Chronically Homeless Individuals	53	0	0	53
Sheltered Chronically Homeless People In Families	49	0	0	49
Sheltered Homeless	164	40	0	204
Sheltered Homeless Individuals	135	40	0	175
Homeless Family Households	6	0	0	6
Sheltered Homeless People In Families	29	0	0	29
Sheltered Homeless Veterans	2	24	0	26
Sheltered Unnacompanied Youth	13	6	0	22
Sheltered Homeless Children of Parenting Youth	4	0	0	4
Sheltered Homeless Parenting Youth	3	0	0	33

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

The Estimated Population of Atlantic County, New Jersey by Age and Sex

AGE	ed Population of Tota		Mal		Fema	Jo.
			6,977			
Under 5 years	14,217 16,710	5.20% 6.10%	8,510	5.20%	7,240	5.10%
5 to 9 years 10 to 14 years	16,710	6.10%	8,405	6.40% 6.30%	8,200 8,287	5.80% 5.90%
15 to 19 years	16,350	5.90%	9,058	6.80%	7,292	5.20%
•		6.40%		6.60%		
20 to 24 years	17,528		8,773		8,755	6.20%
25 to 29 years	16,922	6.20%	8,047	6.00%	8,875	6.30%
30 to 34 years	14,995 17,904	5.50%	7,350	5.50% 7.30%	7,645	5.40%
35 to 39 years	17,904	6.50% 5.50%	9,759 7,198	5.40%	8,145	5.80% 5.70%
40 to 44 years	The state of the s				8,042	
45 to 49 years	15,853	5.80%	7,538	5.60%	8,315	5.90%
50 to 54 years	17,784	6.50%	8,100	6.10%	9,684	6.90%
55 to 59 years	19,439	7.10%	9,301	6.90%	10,138	7.20%
60 to 64 years	22,434	8.20%	10,887	8.10%	11,547	8.20%
65 to 69 years	17,541	6.40%	7,956	5.90%	9,585	6.80%
70 to 74 years	14,614	5.30%	6,908	5.20%	7,706	5.50%
75 to 79 years	9,140	3.30%	4,115	3.10%	5,025	3.60%
80 to 84 years	5,974	2.20%	2,233	1.70%	3,741	2.70%
85 years and over	5,629	2.00%	2,727	2.00%	2,902	2.10%
SELECTED AGE CATEGORIES	22 402	12 100/	16.015	12 (00/	16.497	11.700/
5 to 14 years	33,402	12.10%	16,915	12.60%	16,487	11.70%
15 to 17 years	9,867	3.60%	5,230	3.90%	4,637	3.30%
Under 18 years	57,486	20.90%	29,122	21.80%	28,364	20.10%
18 to 24 years	24,011	8.70%	12,601	9.40%	11,410	8.10%
15 to 44 years	98,939	36.00%	50,185	37.50%	48,754	34.50%
16 years and over	224,620	81.70%	108,705	81.20%	115,915	82.10%
18 years and over	217,480	79.10%	104,720	78.20%	112,760	79.90%
21 years and over	208,704	75.90%	99,902	74.60%	108,802	77.10%
60 years and over	75,332	27.40%	34,826	26.00%	40,506	28.70%
62 years and over	65,816	23.90%	30,831	23.00%	34,985	24.80%
65 years and over	52,898	19.20%	23,939	17.90%	28,959	20.50%
75 years and over	20,743	7.50%	9,075	6.80%	11,668	8.30%
SUMMARY INDICATORS	10.0	(TT)	40	(77)	10.6	(77)
Median age (years)	42.2	(X)	40	(X)	43.6	(X)
Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	94.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Age dependency ratio	67.1	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Old-age dependency ratio	32.1	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Child dependency ratio	34.9	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
PERCENT ALLOCATED						
Sex	(X)	0.001	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Age	(X)	0.011	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Total population	274,966.00	(X)	133,842.00	(X)	141,124.00	(X)

Post" COVID-19 CoC	Sheltered Homeless Individuals	Change	0	-11	-46		0	4	-	0	-43	-40	-17	-57	-41	-14	4	-2	7	-3
Point-In-Time Count Change "Pre & Post" COVID-19 NJ-500 Atlantic County CoC	Sheltered Home	2021	0	22	153		41	133	1	0	175	163	12	175	73	91	7	1	0	3
Point-In-Time Coi NJ-50		2019	0	33	199		55	177	0	0	232	203	29	232	114	105	3	8	-	9
			%0.0	-28.6%	-22.6%		-19.4%	-23.3%	100.0%			-22.6%	-16.1%		-26.8%	-17.9%	133.3%	-66.7%	-100.0%	-30.0%
	Iomeless	Change	0	-10	-47		-14	4	-	0	-57	-52	5-	-57	-34	-21	4	-2	7	-3
	Sheltered Homeless	2021	18	25	161	204	58	145		0	204	178	26	204	93	96	7	1	0	7
		2019	18	35	208	261	72	189	0	0	261	230	31	261	127	117	3	3	-1	10

Under 18 Age 18 to 24 Over 24

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-33.3%

-44.4%

					Post" COVID-19	Point-In-Time Count Change "Pre & Post" COVID-19 NI-500 Atlantic County CoC	Point-In-Time C					
HIC	D Exchange - PIT and	Data Source: HU										
										204	261	
	0	4	4	-50.0%	-3	3	9	-30.0%	-3	7	10	Multiple Races
	0	0	0	-100.0%	7	0	1	-100.0%	7	0	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021
	0	0	0	-66.7%	-5	1	3	-66.7%	-2	1	3	American Indian or Alaska Native
	0	0	0	133.3%	4	7	3	133.3%	4	7	8	Asian
	-1	5	12	-13.3%	-14	91	105	-17.9%	-21	96	117	Black or African American
	7	20	13	-36.0%	-41	73	114	-26.8%	-34	93	127	White
		29	29				232			204	261	
	12	14	2	-58.6%	-17	12	29	-16.1%	-5	26	31	Hispanic/Latino
	-12	15	27	-19.7%	-40	163	203	-22.6%	-52	178	230	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
	0	29	29		-43	175	232		-57	204	261	
	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	Gender Non-Conforming
	0	0	0	100.0%	1	1	0	100.0%	1	1	0	Transgender
	0	12	12	-24.9%	4	133	177	-23.3%	4	145	189	Male
	0	17	17	%0.0	0	41	55	-19.4%	-14	85	72	Female

					N	NJ-500 Atlantic County CoC	CoC					
		Sheltered Units	Sheltered Unnacompanied Youth			Sheltered Homeless Parenting Youth	s Parenting Youth			Sheltered Hon	Sheltered Homeless Veterans	
	5019	2021	Change		2019	2021	Change		2019	2021	Change	%
Under 18	0	0	0		0	0	0					
Age 18 to 24	33	22	17-	-33.3%	2	3	1	20.0%				
Under 25	33	22	77	-33.3%	2	3		20.0%				
	99	44	-22		4	9	2					
Female	8	22	14	175.0%	2	3	1	20.0%	0	1	1	
Male	25	00	-17	-68.0%	0	0	0		39	25	-14	-35.9%
Transgender	0	14	14		0	0	0		0	0	0	
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
	33	44	п		2	3	-		39	26	-13	
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	28	0	-28	-100.0%	2	3	1	20.0%	35	25	-10	-28.6%
Hispanic/Latino	5	3	-2	-40.0%	0	0	0		4	1	6-	-75.0%
	33	3	-30		2	3	1		39	26	-13	
White	9	9	0	%0.0	0	1	1	100.0%	22	13	6-	-40.9%
Black or African American	22	16	9	-27.3%	-1	2	1	100.0%	16	10	9-	-37.5%
Asian		0	7	-100.0%	0	0	0		0	2	2	
American Indian or Alaska Native		0	7	-100.0%	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
Multiple Races	3	0	ę	-100.0%	-1	0	-	-100.0%	1	1	0	%0.0
	33	22	-11		2	3	1		39	26	-13	
		Sheltered Chro	Sheltered Chronically Homeless			Sheltered Chronically Homeless Individuals	Homeless Individuals		Shelt	Sheltered Total Chronically Homeless People in Families	Homeless People in F	amilies

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

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Sheltered Total Homeless Family Households
2021
Change

40 2019

Sheltered Homeless Point-In-Time Count for 2021 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

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	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
Under 18	18	0	0	18
Age 18 to 24	16	9	0	25
Over 24	130	31	0	161
	164	40	0	204
Female	56	2	0	58
Male	107	38	0	145
Transgender	1	0	0	1
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0	0
	164	40	0	204
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	141	37	0	178
Hispanic/Latino	23	3	0	26
	164	40	0	204
White	75	18	0	93
Black or African American	77	19	0	96
Asian	5	2	0	7
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	0	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	6	1	0	7
	164	40	0	204
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Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

Sheltered Homeless Individuals Point-In-Time Count for 2021 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
Under 18	0	0	0	0
Age 18 to 24	13	9	0	22
Over 24	122	31	0	153
	135	40	0	175
Female	39	2	0	41
Male	95	38	0	133
Transgender	1	0	0	1
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0	0
	135	40	0	175
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	126	37	0	163
Hispanic/Latino	9	3	0	12
	135	40	0	175
White	55	18	0	73
Black or African American	72	19	0	91
Asian	5	2	0	7
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	0	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	2	1	0	3
	135	40	0	175

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

Sheltered Homeless People In Families Point-In-Time Count for 2021 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
Under 18	18	0	0	18
Age 18 to 24	3	0	0	3
Over 24	8	0	0	8
	29	0	0	29
Female	17	0	0	17
Male	12	0	0	12
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0	0
	29	0	0	29
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	15	0	0	15
Hispanic/Latino	14	0	0	14
	29	0	0	29
White	20	0	0	20
Black or African American	5	0	0	5
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	4	0	0	4
	29	0	0	29

Sheltered Homeless Veterans Point-In-Time Count for 2021 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
Female	1	0	0	1
Male	1	24	0	25
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0	0
	2	24	0	26
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	2	23	0	25
Hispanic/Latino	0	1	0	1
	2	24	0	26
White	1	12	0	13
Black or African American	1	9	0	10
Asian	0	2	0	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	1	0	1
	2	24	0	26

Sheltered Homeless Unnacompanied Youth Point-In-Time Count for 2021 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES) Transitional Housing (TH) S		Safe Haven (SH)	Total
Under 18	0	0	0	0
Age 18 to 24	13	9	0	22
Under 25	13	9	0	22
Female	7	1	0	8
Male	6	8	0	14
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0	0
	13	9	0	22
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	11	8	0	19
Hispanic/Latino	2	1	0	3
	13	9	0	22
White	3	3	0	6
Black or African American	10	6	0	16
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
	13	9	0	22

Sheltered Homeless Parenting Youth Point-In-Time Count for 2021 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
Under 18	0	0	0	0
Age 18 to 24	3	0	0	3
Under 25	3	0	0	3
Female	3	0	0	3
Male	0	0	0	0
Transgender	0	0	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	0	0
	3			3
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	3	0	0	3
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0	0
	3	0	0	3
White	1	0	0	1
Black or African American	2	0	0	2
Asian	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	0	0	0
	3	0	0	3

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Housing Cost Burden 2015-2019

	Owner	Renter	Total
Cost Burden <=30%	43,360	14,315	57,675
Cost Burden >30% to <=50%	12,985	9,380	22,365
Cost Burden >50%	10,275	8,630	18,905
Cost Burden not available	405	500	905
Total	67,025	32,825	99,850

^{*} Cost burden is the ratio of housing costs to household income. For renters, housing cost is gross rent (contract rent plus utilities). For owners, housing cost is "select monthly owner costs", which includes mortgage payment, utilities, association fees, insurance, and real estate taxes.

Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordibility Strategy Data (CHAS) for 2015-2019

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Income Distribution 2015-2019

	Owner	Renter	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	4,005	9,115	13,120
Household Income $>$ 30% to $<=$ 50% HAMFI	5,255	6,330	11,585
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	10,015	6,900	16,915
Household Income $>$ 80% to $<$ =100% HAMFI	6,920	3,025	9,945
Household Income >100% HAMFI	40,830	7,460	48,290
Total	67,025	32,825	99,850

Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordibility Strategy Data (CHAS) for 2015-2019 * HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI)

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Housing Problems 2015-2019

	Owner	Renter	Total
Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems	23,990	19,190	43,180
Household has none of 4 Housing Problems OR cost burden not available no other problems	43,035	13,635	56,670
Total	67,025	32,825	99,850
Household has at least 1 of 4 Severe Housing Problems	11,255	10,320	21,575
Household has none of 4 Severe Housing Problems OR cost burden not available no other problems	55,770	22,505	78,275
Total	67,025	32,825	99,850

^{*} The four severe housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1.5 persons per room, and cost burden greater than 50%.

Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordibility Strategy Data (CHAS) for 2015-2019

APPENDIX B

The following pages of Appendix B contains documentation of the public participation process, including:

- 1. Public notice
- 2. Public Hearing PowerPoint Presentation



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February 25, 2023

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Date: 02/25/2023

Celene Duckworth

Celene Duckworth

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Atlantic County Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan HOME-ARP Allocation Plan 3/15/2023 10 AM

County of Atlantic hereby announces that it will be submitting a Substantial Amendment Request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requesting substantial changes to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP). The Amendment consists of the changes to the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

These proposed changes have been identified in the corresponding FY 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment and can be found on the Atlantic County website at https://acianj.org/public-information.asp

Pursuant to HUD's regulations, the substantial change amends the AAP to include the current HUD program waivers and increases the HOME fund allocation to reflect the additional funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2 to the FY 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) – HOME ARP.

The County will be receiving \$2,434,422 in HOME-ARP funding under the ARP Act funding allocation. The HOME-ARP funding can be used for Development of Rental Housing, Non-Congregate Shelter, Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Social Services, (for those at greatest risk of instability/cost-burdened), for the following priorities: 1) those at greatest risk of housing instability/cost-burdened, 2) at-risk of homeless, 3) homeless, and eligible costs up to 15% for Administration.

On 10 am on March 15th 2023, the Atlantic County will hold Virtual Public Hearings via the Zoom platform to consider the proposed substantial changes to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. Given the current public health crisis, a virtual hearing is being held in lieu of an in-person hearing. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak during this hearing to verbally submit their public comment. The log-in information for the Virtual Public Hearing will be posted on the County's website at the following address: https://acianj.org/public-information.asp

The meeting URL is: <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDE5Nml5ZTAtNzcxNC00MWVmLTkxN2ltZjE4Mzg1YzdhZWU1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%226420fb18-e275-4ecb-869c-f34ec35184f9%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2283d84803-5992-4bb9-a49c-3abab41e87dd%22%7d

Citizens are encouraged to review the draft substantial amendment information on the County's website and copies of the documents will be available for review and comment during the 15-day public review period commencing on 3/3/2023. Please provide comments to Bob McGuigan at 609-343-2390 or mcguigan bob@aclink.org

All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend the public hearings and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment for the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this hearing, please contact Bob McGuigan at 609-343-2390 or mcguigan_bob@ aclink.org to determine how the County can accommodate your needs.

Translation and/or interpretation services are available upon request. If you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP), please notify the Bob McGuigan at 609-343-2390 or mcguigan_bob@aclink.org

All general questions and public comments regarding this Substantial Amendment or proposed programming should be directed to Bob McGuigan at 609-343-2390 or mcguigan_bob@aclink.org by 03/18/2023.



Wednesday, March 15th 10am



- The HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) is an entitlement grant program funded and administered by U.S. HUD.
- The HOME Program focuses exclusively on affordable housing. Eligible activities include:
 - New construction
 - Rehabilitation
 - First time homebuyer assistance, and
 - Tenant based rental assistance.



- The American Rescue Plan awarded every HOME community additional funds to address anticipated housing impacts from COVID-19 -- known as HOME ARP funds.
- Atlantic County received \$2.4M in HOME ARP funding.
- All funds must be fully expended by 2030.



- Public Hearing to share draft plan and receive public comment
- Public Review 3/3 -3/17 for review and public comment, document posted on County website
- Please provide comments to:

Bob McGuigan

CDBG Director

Atlantic County Improvement Authority

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DEVELOPMENT OF NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER



TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

HOME ARP QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Must occupy 70% of the HOME-ARP assisted units

Homeless as defined at 24 CFR 91.5

At risk of homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 91.5

Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking

Other households requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness

Other households at greatest risk of housing instability

Veterans and families that include a veteran family member Low-income households, who are not otherwise qualifying populations, may occupy up to 30% of the HOME-ARP assisted units





Consultation with non-profits including through multiple meetings including Continuum of Care

24 Organizations were engaged

Need and Gaps Data Analysis

Public Hearing

Public Review



Need for more affordable housing units

Improve and expand emergency shelter

High Need for social services and case management for homeless and at-risk of homelessness

Need for security/utility deposit assistance

- Wraparound Supportive Services (\$1,551,870)
 - Case Management
 - Direct Services/Programs
 - Security Deposit/Utility Assistance
- Acquisition/Development of NCS (\$517,289)
 - Small NCS, 4-5 units
 - Will include services
- Administration & Planning (\$365,263)



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Melissa Walsh:

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* 10. Name of Federal Agency:
US Department of Housing and Urban Development
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
14.239
CFDA Title:
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:
14.239
* Title:
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
13. Competition Identification Number:
Title:
HOME-ARP
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):
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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:
HOME-ARP Programs - activities to improve housing and neighborhoods for low and moderate income persons. Specific activities are specified in the FY2021 Annual Action Plan.
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant:, I certify that the applicant:

- 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 costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General
 of the United States and, if appropriate, the State,
 the right to examine all records, books, papers, or
 documents related to the assistance; and will establish
 a proper accounting system in accordance with
 generally accepted accounting standards or agency
 directives.
- 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.
- 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.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- 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.

- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of 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).
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED	
County of Atlantic, New Jersey	03/30/2023	

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- 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.
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Geral Del Posso for	Atlantic County County Executive
	Dennis Levinson
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
County of Atlantic, New Jersey	03/30/2023

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

Atlantic County County Executive

Title

03/30/2023

Date