

# Town of Babylon HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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## Introduction

This Allocation Plan describes how the Town of Babylon intends to utilize funds appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) ("ARP") for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed ARP into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through HOME to perform activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include:

- 1. Development and support of affordable housing;
- 2. Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
- 3. Provision of supportive services; and
- 4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

The program described in this Plan is the HOME-American Rescue Plan or "HOME-ARP."

ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) ("**McKinney-Vento**"); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4) above.

This HOME-ARP Allocation Plan describes how the Town of Babylon will utilize its \$1,561,413 award of HOME-ARP funds to provide assistance to Qualifying Populations. This document has been prepared based on HUD Notice CPD-21-10 (September 13, 2021) – Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program. This Plan includes descriptions of the following:

- Consultation
- Public Participation

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- Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis
- HOME-ARP Activities
- HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals
- HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

The Town of Babylon Community Development Department (CDD) is the administrative agency for HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The Community Development Department is responsible for overseeing, managing and administering projects that receive funding from HUD. Projects include the construction and rehabilitation of parks, streets, sidewalks, roads, senior centers, and handicap accessibility features in various low-mod areas within the Town. The Town of Babylon Community Development Department has the staff, procedures, and systems in place to effectively administer HOME-ARP funds.

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## **Consultation and Public Participation**

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

The Town of Babylon (the Town) engaged in a robust consultation process in the preparation of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The Town met with the Long Island Continuum of Care (CoC), service providers, non-profit organizations, the public, and other regional Participating Jurisdictions to inform the needs assessment portion of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and to assist in determining strategies for using HOME-ARP funding.

The organizations and service providers consulted during the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan process included: the CoC, homeless service providers, domestic violence service providers, veteran's groups, public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities. Public housing agencies were not consulted because there are no public housing agencies within the Town of Babylon.

The Town consulted with the CoC regarding data necessary to perform the Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis, as well as strategies for allocating the HOME-ARP resources, implementing the Allocation Plan, and identifying additional resources.

On February 1, 2022, the CoC hosted a meeting with the Town, other Participating Jurisdictions in Long Island, and service providers. The CoC and service providers provided feedback on several questions specific to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. These questions included, but were not limited to, whether there are other populations not specifically included as a qualifying population who should be included; what are the priority needs and unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, and what are the gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory.

The Town held a public hearing on August 17, 2022, to gather feedback on housing needs and the needs of qualifying populations to inform the Allocation Plan and the Town's Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan. No comments were received at the hearing. The Town's Community Development Department participated in the Town's Homelessness Task Force, headed by the Town's Department of Public Safety, in November, 2022 to gather local needs and institutional gaps related to homelessness and strategies for allocating the HOME-ARP funding.

Feedback provided by these organizations greatly informed the needs assessment portion of the Allocation Plan through first-hand descriptions of the needs of and resources available to the qualifying populations and discussions on how to use the available funding.

## **Organizations Consulted**

List the organizations consulted.

Summarize the feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities.

The table below lists the organizations consulted as part of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan process.

Agency/Organization Consulted	Type of Agency/Organization	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Long Island Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care	Direct communication regarding data needs and collection, organization of and attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided data and feedback during calls, emails, consultation meeting in February 2022.
Long Island Coalition for the Homeless	Homeless	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
The Safe Center Long Island	Domestic Violence	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Retreat, Inc.	Domestic Violence	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Family Service League Long Island	ice League Long and support services for homeless		Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
EOC of Suffolk, Inc.	Rapid rehousing, Veteran's services, housing assistance	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.

#### Table 1Organizations Consulted

Community Housing Innovations Homeless emergency and permanent housing, other housing services		Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Services for the Underserved (SUS)	Veterans, homeless, housing	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Family and Children's Association	Addiction, Mental Health (Residence and services), Youth Emergency Shelter	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Federation of Organizations Housing for individuals with disabilities, community residences		Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
MOMMAS House Homeless		Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Mercy Haven, Inc.	Supportive housing, community residences 2022.		Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Wyandanch Homes and Property Development Corporation	Affordable rental housing and support for low income and homeless families with children	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022 and public hearing in August 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Catholic Charities Mental health, persons with disabilities, senior housing		Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Pax Christi Hospitality/Hope House Ministries	Hospitality/Hope Homeless shelter		Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc (FREE)	Residential programs, disabilities services	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Project Safety Net Mental health, care coordination		Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.

Circulo de la Hispanidad	Domestic Violence	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Concern for Independent Living	Affordable rental housing	Attendance at consultation meeting in February 2022.	Provided feedback during consultation meeting in February 2022.
Long Island Housing Partnership	Housing counseling, affordable housing	Attendance at public hearing in August 2022.	No feedback corresponding to HOME-ARP.
Island Harvest	Food bank	Attendance at public hearing in August 2022.	No feedback corresponding to HOME-ARP.
Long Island Housing Services	Fair housing advocacy	Attendance at public hearing in August 2022.	No feedback corresponding to HOME-ARP.
Town of Babylon Department of Public Safety	Public safety, homeless	Community Development Department attended Homelessness Task Force on November 2, 2022.	The Task Force discussed local needs related to homelessness and provided input on strategies for prioritizing funding.

For more information about what was gathered in consultation with the organizations listed above, please see the first attachment on page 24.

## **Efforts to Broaden 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.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation.

To implement an effective public process and to broaden public participation, for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the Town of Babylon followed the subsequent general citizen participation process. Two hearings were held, both of which were open to the general public with notices of the public hearings published in the Suffolk Edition of Newsday, the leading regional daily newspaper, Noticia News, and Able Newspaper. The notices in English and Spanish were posted on the Town's website and mailed to a list of interested parties. Public notice fliers in English and Spanish are mailed to the persons on a database maintained in-house. The mailing list includes all current agencies receiving CDBG and HOME funds as well as anyone else indicating an interest in being on the mailing list. Notices and draft documents are posted on the Town's website.

<u>Access to information and opportunity to comment</u> - Copies of the draft of the Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan, which includes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, are available in the following locations during regular business hours:

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- > Town of Babylon Department of Community Development 200 East Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, NY 11757
- > Town of Babylon Town Clerk's Office 200 East Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, NY 11757
- > Amityville Public Library Corner of Oak & John Street, Amityville, NY 11701
- > Babylon Public Library 24 South Carl Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
- > Copiague Memorial Public Library 50 Deauville Blvd., Copiague, NY 11726
- > Deer Park Public Library 44 Lake Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729
- > North Babylon Public Library 815 Deer Park Avenue, North Babylon, NY 11703
- > West Babylon Public Library 211 Route 109, West Babylon, NY 11704
- > Wyandanch Public Library 14 South 20th Street, Wyandanch, NY 11798
- > North Amityville ACE Center 48 Cedar Road, Amityville, NY 11701
- > Lindenhurst Public Library 1 Lee Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

The Town held its first public hearing on August 17, 2022 to gather feedback on the needs of qualifying populations to inform the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan needs assessment and to assist in determining usage for HOME-ARP funding. Prior to submission of the Allocation Plan, the Town held a public hearing on December 19, 2022, and provided residents with notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed Allocation Plan through a 30-day comment period. The notice was issued on December 12, 2022 and the comment period was open from December 19, 2022 to January 19, 2023.

The intent of the public participation process is to encourage citizens to become involved in the funding process through identification of the needs of the low to moderate income community and qualifying populations. The qualifying populations, funding amounts, eligible activities, and draft plans were described so respondents could make suggestions, identify issues, and provide comments.

## **Comment Summary**

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

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

No comments were received at the public hearings in August 2022 and December 2022, or during the public comment period from December 19, 2022 to January 19, 2023.

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## **Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis**

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis examines the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assesses the unmet needs of those populations. After consulting with the Long Island Continuum of Care, other agencies, and citizens and interested developers of affordable housing, the Town of Babylon has identified the gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. Current census and housing data, including the point in time count, CHAS data, and other data available through the CoC was used to identify the gap of available affordable rental units. The Town of Babylon is located within Suffolk County. The shelter system is a County-wide system, meaning a homeless individual in the Town of Babylon could end up in a shelter or receiving permanent housing in another town within Suffolk County, just as a homeless family elsewhere in the County could receive emergency or permanent housing in the Town of Babylon. Therefore, the data for homeless populations is reported on a County-wide basis.

# Size and Demographic Composition of Qualifying Populations

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

## **Homeless**

According to the 2021 Point in Time (PIT) counts from the CoC, there were 350 sheltered families with 1,225 sheltered persons in families, 486 sheltered single adults, and an estimated 225-300 unsheltered individuals in Suffolk County.

The racial breakdown of homeless individuals for all of Long Island (Suffolk and Nassau Counties) show that approximately 57% identify as Black or African American, 35% as White, 5% as Multiple Race, 2% as American Indian, and less than 1% for Asian and Native Hawaiian. Approximately 80% of homeless on Long Island identify as Non-Hispanic and 20% as Hispanic/Latino.

Trends in homelessness show that family homelessness continues to decrease while single adult homelessness continues to increase. Individuals exiting jail or prison to homelessness continues to remain a leading cause of homelessness amongst single adults. Unsheltered/street homelessness has continued to increase. The population of unsheltered/street homeless is primarily single adults.

## **At-Risk of Homelessness**

The definition of the at-risk of homelessness qualifying population per Notice CPD-21-10 is as follows:

- An individual or family who:
  - o Has an annual income below 30% AMI
  - o Does not have sufficient resources or support networks
  - Meets housing instability criteria set forth in Notice CPD-21-10, such as frequent moving because of economic reasons, living in someone else's home, being evicted, self-paying to live in a hotel or motel, living in crowded housing, or exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care.
- A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under Notice CPD-21-10 but qualifies as "homeless" per other federal programs as identified in Notice CPD-21-10

Per 2015-2019 CHAS data, there are 10,598 households earning 30% or less of AMI. Approximately 4,079 households are earning 30% or less of AMI and living in renter-occupied housing with one or more severe housing problems.

According to the CoC, those considered most at-risk of homeless in Suffolk County, including the Town of Babylon, are households that have previously been homeless and the re-entry population. Formerly homeless households that are at the greatest risk of housing instability include single adults previously unsheltered with undiagnosed mental illness and/or with alcohol/substance use disorders, single adults placed in temporary housing situations without ongoing case management, and households that fled domestic violence but returned to their abusers. The demographics of those most at-risk are families that identify as Black/African American or Latino (especially mother and child/children with mother in the generational range mostly born in 1980s-1990s), single adults that identify as Black/African American and single adults that identify as Black/African American or 1950s-1970s), and single adults that identify as Black/African American or prisons (generational range is mostly born 1970s-1990s).

## Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

Comprehensive data is not available for the number of individuals or families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services reports on domestic violence statistics on a County-wide basis. In Suffolk County there were 4,845 domestic violence victims reported in 2021, including 4.073 victims of simple assault, 489 victims of violated protection order, 242 victims of aggravated assault, and 41 victims of sex offense. It is noted that within the Village of Amityville Police Department, which

serves the Village of Amityville in the Town of Babylon, there were 18 domestic violence victims reported in 2021, including 15 victims of simple assault, 2 victims of violated protection order, and 1 victim of sex offense.

There were 57 individuals residing in domestic violence shelters in Suffolk County per the 2021 point in time count. There are no domestic violence shelters located in the Town of Babylon, therefore, victims of domestic violence use facilities in other parts of the County.

Per HUD Notice CPD-21-10:

For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This population includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. In the case of sexual assault, this also includes cases where an individual remains within the same dwelling unit that the individual is currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-day period preceding the date of the request for transfer.

## **Other Populations**

Other Populations refers to other populations, not included in the Qualifying Populations described above, where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability. This population must meet one of the following criteria:

- Other individuals or families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, such as individuals or families who have previously been qualified as homeless, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.
- 2) Individuals or families at greatest risk of housing instability, defined as having an annual income less than or equal to 30% AMI and is experiencing severe cost burden, or has annual income less than or equal to 50% AMI and meets one of the conditions defined for the At-Risk of Homelessness qualifying population.

As of the 2021 point in time count, there are 451 people residing in permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing in the Town of Babylon. Approximately 830 households are currently using Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers in the Town. These populations may quality under this Qualifying Population.

Per CHAS data, there are 8,209 households with an annual income less than or equal to 30% AMI who are experiencing severe housing cost burden, which represents approximately 77% of all households in this income bracket. Of these households, 55% live in owner-occupied housing and 45% reside in renter-occupied housing. There are 12,808 households earning 50% AMI or less living with one or more severe housing problems. Many of these households may qualify under this Qualifying

Population. For an expanded description of this population, see the At-Risk of Homelessness description above.

## **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.

## **Homeless**

Resources available to homeless individuals and families in the Town of Babylon are the same as those available to any individual and family in all of Suffolk County because there is one coordinated shelter system for the County, which includes the Town of Babylon. In Suffolk County, there are a total of 2,045 emergency shelter beds (in 83 projects), 20 supportive housing units (in one project), 67 temporary housing units (in three projects), 470 rapid re-housing units (in six projects, not including ESG-CV rapid re-housing), and 1,831 permanent supportive housing units (in 53 projects). Of emergency shelter beds: 1,377 beds are for families, 547 beds are for single adults, 18 beds are for youth, and four beds are for parenting youth households. Of rapid re-housing units: 389 beds are for families and 24 beds are for single adults. The inventory for homeless veterans includes 43 emergency shelter beds, 20 supportive housing units, 54 units of transitional housing, 33 rapid re-housing units, and 749 units of permanent supportive housing in Suffolk County.

These resources that are specifically located within the Town of Babylon include: 14 emergency shelter projects with 93 beds for families, 54 beds for single adults, and eight beds for youth (located in a shelter for runaway and homeless youth); one rapid re-housing project with 226 beds for families, 33 beds for single adults, and 23 beds for veterans; and, six permanent supportive housing projects with 106 beds for families, three beds for single adults, 67 beds for veterans, five beds for individuals with HIV, and three beds for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness.

Families and individuals in imminent danger of residing in shelters, or being unsheltered, in the Town of Babylon have access to emergency housing via one of Suffolk County's Social Services Centers, which are located throughout the County, or after business hours through the 24 hour, seven day a week emergency hotline established by the County's Department of Social Services. This centralized County-wide unit matches client needs with available bed space in accordance with Federal and local guidelines. Each service center is staffed with Housing Specialists who assess client needs, offer permanent housing resources or arrange for emergency placements, if necessary. Homeless clients who appear to have a need for special services are referred to a caseworker screener who works at each center.

## **At-Risk of Homelessness**

Per CHAS 2015-2019 data, there are approximately 66,000 housing units in the Town of Babylon, of which 50,195 (76%) are owner occupied and 15,790 (24%) are renter occupied. Of the renter occupied

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housing units, approximately 2,083 (13%) are affordable to households earning 30% of AMI, or the atrisk population. Another 2,689 (17%) rental units are affordable to households earning between 30% and 50% AMI.

Within the Town of Babylon, there are approximately 830 Section 8 vouchers administered through by the Town of Babylon's Housing Assistance Agency.

In 2021 the Town of Babylon received Cares Act funding, and allocated a portion of it towards the Town of Babylon Rental Assistance Program—opening in February of 2021, and administered by the Community Development Corporation of Long Island (CDCLI). Tenants whose incomes were negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic could apply for up to three months of rental arrears, although this was later extended to up to 15 months. The program is still open, though the stipulation requiring tenants to be specifically and directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a reduction in approved applications. Still, the program continues to receive applications, and is steadily expending it's funding of \$1.4 million. So far, this program has helped 128 Town of Babylon residents.

New York State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) opened in June of 2021. In this program, tenants behind on their rent could apply for up to 15 months-worth of rental payments to be made on their behalf. The Town of Babylon's arrears fund budget was set at \$6,233,080. By March of 2022, NYS had earmarked all of the arrears funds to be disbursed to applicants (though residents were encouraged to continue to apply, as some tentatively accepted applications were found to be incomplete). Despite the program being exhausted of funds, the Town of Babylon's Department of Community Development continues to receive inquiries about rental assistance on an ongoing basis. So far, this program has helped 1,973 Town of Babylon tenants.

## Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

As with homeless facilities, resources for those fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, are County based and available to Town of Babylon citizens though no resources are located with the Town. Suffolk County facilities for domestic violence households includes 19 emergency shelter beds, five temporary housing units, and six rapid re-housing. Domestic violence shelter and services are provided through:

- Brighter Tomorrows
- Long Island Against Domestic Violence
- Retreat, Inc.
- Empowerment Collaborative of Long Island/Vibes

## **Other Populations**

Other populations are currently served by permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, supportive housing, and resources available to the At-Risk of Homelessness Qualifying Population. This population is also served by some of the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs such as public services, homebuyer down payment assistance, home improvement program, and production of new affordable housing units.

# Unmet Housing and Service Needs of Qualifying Populations

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations.

## **Homeless**

As previously noted, homeless individuals and families in the Town of Babylon use the resources of Suffolk County for emergency shelter and permanent housing through the County's coordinated shelter system. The table below shows the current inventory of homeless housing and homeless population in Suffolk County along with a gap analysis of permanent beds for families and adults (not including veteran, domestic violence, or other specialized housing inventory or population). The gap analysis is based on the CoC's ideal ratio for system flow of 200% total permanent housing beds to total shelter beds, with permanent housing consisting of rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing and shelter defined as emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Haven (Low Demand Homeless Program) housing. The County has a total of 2,132 permanent housing beds and 2,301 shelter beds for a total ratio of 92.7% permanent housing beds to shelter beds, which is well under the ideal ratio of 200%. This translates into a gap of 2,470 permanent housing beds.

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	Current Inventory		Homeless Population		Gap	Analysis
	Family	Adults Only	In Family Household	In Adult Household	Family Beds	Adults Only Beds
	# Beds	# Beds	(at least 1 child)	(without child)		
Emergency Shelter	1,377	547				
Transitional Housing & Safe Haven	0	0				
Rapid Re-Housing	389	24				
Permanent Supportive Housing	501	51				
Ratio Permanent to Shelter	65%	14%				
Sheltered Homeless			1,225	486		

### Table 2 Homeless Housing Gap Analysis

Unsheltered Homeless		225-300*		
Ratio of Permanent to Shelter Beds			65%	14%
Gap in Permanent Beds per Ideal Ratio of Permanent to Shelter Beds			1,864	1,019

\* This data combines both and adult households.

The table above breaks down the gap in ratio for family and adult household permanent housing to shelter. Per this analysis, the County needs another 1,864 permanent housing beds for families and 1,019 permanent housing beds for single adults. It is noted that emergency shelter occupancy is 85% and temporary housing occupancy is 63%, therefore, the system may need fewer shelter or temporary housing beds. However, a substantial number of permanent housing beds are needed. During the consultation process it was recognized by service providers that the need for additional permanent housing for single adults and families exiting homelessness is one of the most significant needs of this population.

Service needs in the Town of Babylon are the same as those in Suffolk County and include supportive services, health care, transportation, job training and placement, substance abuse programs, child care and other services. Service providers identified more long-term services, on-going rental assistance, transportation, and case management as particular needs for this population.

## **At-Risk of Homelessness**

As shown in the table below, there is a gap of approximately 662 housing units for at-risk households, estimated using CHAS data for rental units affordable at incomes of 50% AMI and lower and renter households with one or more severe housing problems earning incomes at or below 50% AMI.

According to the Town's 2020 Consolidated Plan, the most common housing problem is housing cost burden. Housing cost burden affects households at all income levels but disproportionately impacts households who rent and households with lower income.

	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	15,790		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	2,083		
Rental Units Affordable to HH AT 50% AMI (Other Populations)	2,689		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,079	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		1,355	
Current Gaps			±662 rental units for households at-risk of homelessness

#### Table 3 At-Risk of Homelessness Housing Gap Analysis

The Town's 2020 Consolidated Plan identified the top needs for low-income individuals and families who are close to homelessness or formerly homeless as:

- Increased availability of stable, affordable housing, including rental units and units where vouchers are accepted as payment;
- Increased case management services provided in connection with housing;
- Expanded public transportation service, specifically, buses that run on nights and weekends;
- Affordable and accessible child care; and
- Access to higher education opportunities.

The Town's Department of Community Development also regularly receives inquiries about rental assistance programs from at-risk households, demonstrating a need for these programs.

The CoC has also noted that formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid rehousing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance often need social services aimed at gaining employment or reducing their costs so they can continue to afford housing payments.

## Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

The housing and services needs of this Qualifying Population include access to safe, sanitary, and affordable housing and services such as counseling, access to food, health services, rental assistance, legal advocacy, employment training and opportunities, and other services. Per conversations with the CoC and consultation with domestic violence organizations that serve the region, housing supply for this qualifying population is adequate to serve regional needs. Although there was an increase in domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, the domestic violence housing capacity increase that occurred through CoC domestic violence set aside funds generally matched the new need.

## **Other Populations**

Other Populations need access to services to remain permanently housed. Needed services may include rental assistance, employment benefits, daycare for children, mental health care, transportation, job training and placement, medical care, substance abuse programs and other services. This population may also need access to permanent affordable housing. Deeply affordable housing is scarce in the Town and in the region.

## Gaps within the Current Shelter and Housing Inventory and Service Delivery System

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

The Suffolk County Department of Social Services (DSS), CoC, and non-profit organizations work within a coordinated system in providing services for homeless individuals and families. The existing facilities, including homeless shelters and the service centers operated by DSS are well used and well operated. However, getting services to the unsheltered population has been a challenge for the County and for the Town's Department of Public Safety Department. The Town has specifically noted a gap in short-term support, including interim shelter before DSS is able to intervene, and assignment of case workers. The Town has also identified a gap in funding for the non-profit organizations and programs that serve the Qualified Populations in the Town. The Town's Community Development Department receives more applications for CDBG public services funding than it can fund, and the applications often request significantly more funding than the Town can provide.

Other gaps in the system include a lack of funding for production of new affordable housing units and supportive housing units, as well as high housing and construction costs. The Town is highly developed with little land available for new construction. The existing housing stock is older, with more than half of owner-occupied housing built before 1960, making the preservation of affordable housing more costly. Also, the Town's Rental Assistance Program has been successful but needs additional funding to meet current demand.

# Additional Characteristics if Further Refining Definition of "Other Populations"

A PJ may provide additional characteristics assosicated 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 Town does not plan to refine its definition of the Other Populations Qualifying Population. All program beneficiaries assisted as Other Populations will meet one of the two required definitions in CPD Notice 21-10, Section IV(A)(4).

## **Priority Needs for Qualifying Populations**

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Priority needs for the qualifying populations center around the need for more permanent affordable housing units and rental assistance. Supportive and homelessness prevention services, such as job training, legal services, access to food, housing counseling, and child care are also priority needs for all qualifying populations.

## Methodology

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.

This Allocation Plan follows the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan template provided by HUD and uses data from the CoC (collected through HMIS) and CHAS 2015-2019 data. Consultation with the CoC, service providers, and the public provide qualitative information and assist in providing a full assessment of the needs of the qualifying populations in the Town of Babylon and Suffolk County.

# 4

## **HOME-ARP** Activities

## **Method for Soliciting Applications**

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

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly.

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.

The Town's current Rental Assistance Program is administered by CDCLI. It is anticipated that HOME-ARP funds used for rental assistance will also be administered by an approved and experienced organization. The Town will issue a Request for Proposals and award the contract based on federal and New York State procurement guidelines.

For supportive services, the Town of Babylon intends to circulate applications to all not-for-profit agencies that serve any HOME-ARP qualifying populations. A mailing to all of these agencies will feature an application coupled with a letter describing both HOME-ARP and the Town of Babylon HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The Town will follow all requirements for tenant-based rental assistance as outlined in Notice CPD-21-10.

No subrecipient or contractor will be provided with HOME-ARP funds prior to HUD acceptance of the Town of Babylon HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

## **Use of HOME-ARP Funding**

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

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 Town plans to use 32% (\$500,000) of the HOME-ARP allocation for supportive services, 58% (\$905,271.70) of funds for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and 5% (\$78,070.65) of funds for non-profit operating costs. The remaining 5% (\$78,070.65) of funding will be used for administration and planning activities in accordance with the HOME-ARP Notice.

Activity	Funding Amount	Percent of Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$500,000	32%	-
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	-	-	-
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$905,271.70	58%	-
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	-	-	-
Non-Profit Operating	\$78,070.65	5%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	-	-	5%
Administration and Planning	\$78,070.65	5%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$1,561,413	100%	-

#### Table 4 Use of HOME-ARP Funding

Through the consultation process, public participation process, and based on local experience of the Town's Department of Community Development, it has been determined that the most impactful use of HOME-ARP funds is to provide rental assistance, supportive services, and operating costs for the non-profit organizations who will assist the Town in carrying out these services. The Town's current rental assistance program is rapidly expending funds though additional demand remains. The provision of supportive services and non-profit operating costs compliments rental assistance by addressing the other myriad reasons leading households to homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, and helps to address a current gap in funding for local organizations that are serving the Qualified Populations.

The development of new affordable housing units remains a priority for the Town, however, the pace of new development is slow with a lack of developable land and funding. HOME-ARP will assist the Town in preserving existing affordable housing while it uses other resources to develop new units.

## **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.

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

The Town is not proposing to use HOME-ARP funding for new rental housing construction.

The Town will use approximately 58% of its HOME-ARP allocation for TBRA, which is estimated to assist approximately 90 households.

## **Preferences and Limitations**

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

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

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.

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 it HOME-ARP program. (Optional)

The Town of Babylon does not intend to give preference to or limit eligibility to any qualifying populations or subpopulations.

## **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines**

The Town does not anticipate using HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.

# Attachments

Town of Babylon HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

## LI CoC Long Island Coalition for the Homeless Zoom Meeting 2/1/22 12 noon

#### **Attendance List**

Greta Guarton – LICH, COC Lead for NY-603 Mike Giuffrida – LICH Jessica Labia – LICH Amanda Kane – LICH Rose M. Cicchetti – LICH Thanh Pham – LICH Edna White – LICH

Kevin Crean - Nassau County Nancy Nunziata – Nassau County HHS

Alison Karppi – Town of Brookhaven

Salvatore Matera – Town of Islip CDA James Bowers – Town of Islip CDA Robert Kuri – Islip CDA Julia Macgibbon – Islip CDA

Justin Hornung - Suffolk County Community Development Rosemarie Pforr - Suffolk County Community Development Matthew Kapell – Suffolk County Community Development Stephanie Rosen - Suffolk County Community Development

Suzy Boltz – Town of Babylon Community Development Cathy Wuertz – Town of Babylon Victoria Marotta - Town of Babylon Max Jacob - Town of Babylon

Victoria Roberts – The Safe Center Long Island (TSCLI) Nicole Maggiotta – The Safe Center Long Island

Romarie McCue – Retreat, Inc.

Peggy Boyd – Family Service League Valerie Chamberlain – Family Service League Long Island

Robert O'Donnell - EOC of Suffolk, Inc.

Alida Quinones-Reyes – Community Housing Innovations

Savitri Choon – Community Housing Innovations (emergency, transitional and permanent housing with supportive services for homeless)

Jill Gallant – VHB Gina Martini – VHB

Gabrielle Fasano – SUS

Kim Livingston – Family and Children's Association

- Terry Morris Community Advocate
- Tamara Guilliams Federation of Organizations

Deirdre Trumpy – MOMMAS House

Donna O'Hearon – Mercy Haven, Inc.

Chanee Hammonds – Wyandanch Homes and Property Development Corp Ayesha Alleyne – Wyandanch Homes and Property Development Corp (affordable rental housing to homeless, low income, Suffolk County families and support services)

Christine Lai – Catholic Charities

Bishop Br. Mark D'Alessio - Pax Christi Hospitality Center/Hope House Ministries

Holly Richards Mosby – Family Res (FREE)

Christine Velia - Concern for Independent Living

Jennafer Spedaleri – Project Safety Net

Andrea Ramirez – Domestic Violence Program, Circulo de la Hispanidad

631-669-5355

#### **Slides/Responses to Questions:**

## Question 1 - Are there other populations not specifically included as a qualifying population who should be included?

- Young adults 18-25. I'm sure there is overlap. but specific to this group
- Re-entry population
- Re-entry in recovery looking to get back into the workforce
- Recently homeless and in rapid re-housing
- Disabled

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### Question 2 - What are the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations?

- Service need for homeless families: Child Care that includes transportation (pick up / drop off).
- Affordable permanent housing to stabilize individuals at least to help them get back on their feet

### Question 3 - What are the priority needs of qualifying populations?

- Permanent affordable housing need more units
- Studio apartments with supportive services (not rooms with shared living space)
- Housing without restrictions
- More long term services
- On-going rental assistance
- Smaller number of people need intensive support services
- Communities need a collective resource map and note pad of resources in each community and have better access to that information
- Acquisition and maintaining those units as affordable
- Development and support of affordable supportive housing

### Question 4 - What do you see as gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory?

- Not enough affordable units
- Racism but no system to penalize
- Temporary housing and moving homeless individuals every 1-3 weeks to a different temporary location is not conducive to stability or mental health
- Amount of money provided by DSS isn't enough to find proper housing

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* Email: rschaffer@townofbabylon.com							
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**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.

Nh

Signature of Authorized Official

1/23/23

Date

Babylon Town Supervisor

### **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.

- 11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
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- 15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of

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- Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
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- 20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
mh	Babolon Town Supervisor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Town of Babylon	DATE SUBMITTED 1/25/23

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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.
- 4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- 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).
- 9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-10. discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29) U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps: (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statue(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statue(s) which may apply to the application.

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
Mh	Babylon Town Supervisor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION TOwn of Babylon	DATE SUBMITTED 1/25/23

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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 cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- 2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
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- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to:

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   which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C.§§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## TOWN OF BABYLON DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 200 E. Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Babylon will hold a Public Hearing at the <u>Town of</u> <u>Babylon Town Hall Board Room, 200 E. Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, on</u> <u>Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.</u> to discuss development of the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan, and to make available funding applications.

The Public Hearing has been scheduled to gather citizen input on development of this plan, for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) and Home Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). In addition, Fiscal Year 2022 performance under these programs will be discussed. The hearing will be coordinated by the Town of Babylon's Department of Community Development.

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## AVAILABILITY OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION RELATED AND PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS:

FOR ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS: Applications for construction related projects and Public Service applications are available for the FY 2023 funding period and must be returned by <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 2, 2022</u>. Applications can be found on the Town of Babylon website: <u>www.townofbabylon.com</u> or, by calling the Department of Community Development at 631-957-3051 for email or pick up of the application, starting August 17, 2022. Completed applications are to be submitted at the above-cited address.

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Monday

December 12, 2022

Ciara Woodin By:

Suffolk

Ciara Woodin Print Name:

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to before me this SWORN 12 Day of December, 2022.

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Re: Legal Notice 839258

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I, Silvana Diaz, being duly sworn, depose and say: that I am the Authorized Designee of Noticia, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in the counties of Nassau and Suffolk, State of NY; that a notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been duly published in Noticia's Suffolk edition once for 1 week; and that the date of the publication were as follows: 12/09/2022.

By:

Silvana Diaz Sworn to me on this 24th day of January 2023

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town of Babylon has prepared its draft Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Programs (HCD) and is making it available to the public. The Plan is the annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) and as approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, represents a collaborative effort of Town government in consultation with public and private agencies and local citizens to plan for meeting housing and community development needs in the Town of Babylon (TOB). In addition, it addresses the allocation of funds available from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. These programs provide primary benefit to low and moderateincome persons, but also serve to eliminate blighting conditions throughout the Town.

The HCD Plan includes a listing of projects for Fiscal Year 2023 under the CDBG and HOME Programs and a discussion of the procedures to be utilized for amending the Plan. It also specifically discusses, with respect to the CDBG Program: Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons; Program Income; Displacement and Relocation; Section 3 - Use of Local Businesses and Contractors; Lead-Based Paint; Reduction of Barriers; Coordinators; Anti-Poverty Strategy; Continuum of Care; Monitoring; and Historic Preservation, and with respect to the HOME Program; Resale Provisions; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance; other forms of Investment, Affirmative Marketing; and Opportunities for Minority and Women-Owned Businesses.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

The comment period begins on October 30, 2022 and ends on November 30, 2022. Citizens are invited to review the draft plan and to make comments on the information contained therein. The draft is available for review, and copying upon request, by calling the Department of Community Development, Town of Babylon, 200 E. Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies are also available at all public libraries in the Town of Babylon. During the comment period, the Town of Babylon Department of Community Development will hold a public hearing at 10:00 am on Wednesday, November 1, 2022 at Town of Babylon Town Hall, 200 E. Sunrise Hwy, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 to discuss the draft Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan. All written comments will be responded to within 15 days of receipt. The Town will not submit the final version of the document to HUD until the comment period has ended. All written comments received by 4 p.m. on or before November 31, 2022 will be responded to and will be appended to the final report to be submitted to HUD. Additional information about this plan may be obtained by writing to: Town of Babylon Community Development, 200 E. Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, New York 11757, by emailing <u>CDPinfo@townofbabylon.com</u>, or by calling (631) 957-3051.

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October 27, 2022

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By:\_

Print Name: Valencia Williams

**SWORN** to before me this 27 Day of October, 2022.

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