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Municipality of Bayamón HOME ARP Allocation Plan

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I- Introduction

The 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), approved on March 2021, provided \$5 billion in ARPA funds to be administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to address the critical need for homelessness assistance and supportive services across the country. The Municipality of Bayamón as a HOME program participating jurisdiction was awarded \$3,738,677 of HOME-ARP funds to benefit our community's qualifying populations. This grant is referred to as HOME-ARP. HUD issued guidance for the utilization of the HOME-ARP funds through CPD-Notice 21-10 on September 13, 2021. HOME-ARP funds are a one-time allocation and must be spent by September 30, 2030.

The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide housing assistance and/or supportive services through several eligible activities. Eligible activities include:

- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter
- Tenant based rental assistance.
- Supportive services,
- Development of rental housing
- Administration and planning
- Nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance.

The HOME ARP funds must benefit "qualifying populations", which include:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking.
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness.
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

To receive funding the Municipality is required to prepare and present HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in compliance with the requirement established by CPD Notice 21-10.

To complete a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, a PJ must also:

- Conduct a needs assessment and gap analysis.
- Describe proposed HOME-ARP activities.
- Describe the PJs production housing goals.

- Identify whether the PJ intends to give preferences to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.
- Identify 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, and state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines (if applicable)
- Implement a public comment period of at least 15 calendar days.
- Hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and before submission.

Upon the culmination of the Municipality's consultation and public participation processes, along with the completion of its needs assessment and gap analysis, the Municipality of Bayamón has prepared the following HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for review, consideration, and acceptance by HUD.

II- Consultation

In accordance with Section V.A of the Notice (page 13), before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, at a minimum, a PJ must consult with:

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

State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state's boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

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

As required by CPD Notice 21-10 the Municipality undertook a consultation process that included a wide variety of stakeholders that serves qualifying populations. Letters were sent to the required entities with a description of the grant and funding amount, the qualifying populations, and the range of eligible activities for the use of the funds of the HOME ARP Funds. The consultation letters provided more than 15 days to obtain the requested responses. Also, the letters included a list of the eligible program activities, who the beneficiaries were to be (qualified populations as defined in CPD Circular 2021-10), and information on special conditions of receiving the funds. Finally, the letters also included a link (QR Code and Direct permalink) to online survey.

The online survey consisted of several questions (21) specific to qualifying populations and how responders provided services to those individuals. In addition, the survey requested the stakeholders to provide information related to:

- Qualifying populations which they serve.
- If they were members of CoC 502 or 503.
- Geographical areas where they provided services to qualifying populations.

- Identify and prioritize unmet housing and service
- Identify what they see as priority needs in the community and to narrow it down to the one greatest priority need within the HOME-ARP eligible scope of activities.
- Prioritize eligible used among each eligible activity.
- Possibility of funding request by the organization or stakeholder
- Identify and prioritize qualifying population with more need.

The survey proved to be a very valuable tool for the establishment of the proposed activities that are included in this document. A copy of the results of the survey is included in the attachment.

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

As required the municipality consulted with:

- PR 502 CoC, coalition that serves the Municipality of Bayamón geographic area (requested them to provide the letter to all the members of the coalition and providers of the qualifying populations
- Homeless service providers.
- Domestic violence service providers
- Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration (Public housing agency)
- Municipality of Bayamón Section 8 Program
- Municipality of San Juan HOPWA Program
- Organizations that address civil rights and fair housing
- Organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities

The following table shows the consulted entities and the feedback received:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration	State Public Housing Agency (PHA) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Neshlerlee Soldevila Guzmán completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Affordable Housing • TBRA • Development of non-congregated shelters <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the single adults.</p>	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Department of Housing (Secretaria Auxiliar Subsidio de Vivienda)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mr. Javier Trogolo completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Affordable Housing • Supportive services • Provision of TBRA <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the single adults.</p>	2,4
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, San Juan Regional Office	Federal agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1

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

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Puerto Rico Department of Health	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Department of Housing Rental Assistance CoC	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
HOPWA Program, at the Municipality of San Juan	Municipality administering a Federal Program that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,4
San Juan Board of Realtors	Professional Association that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
Office of the Ombudsman for People with Disabilities	State Public Agency organizations that address civil rights and fair housing.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	4
Office of the Women's Advocate ("Oficina de la Procuradora de las Mujeres")	State Public Agency organizations that address civil rights and fair housing.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	3
Puerto Rico Office for Socioeconomic and Community Development	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
First Bank de Puerto Rico	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
Banco Popular de Puerto Rico	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Puerto Rico Landlords Association	Professional Association that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
Mortgage Bankers Association of PR	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
“Acción Social de Puerto Rico”	Non-Profit that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Family and Child Administration	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	3
Puerto Rico Administration for the Socio-Economic Development of the Family	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	3
Puerto Rico Administration on Addiction and Mental Health Services (ASSMCA)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1
Child Support Administration (“Administración para el Sustento de Menores”)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	Completed the questionnaire and indicated that the principal activity must be the provision of supportive services to families.	3
Oficina del Procurador del Paciente (“Oficina del Procurador del Paciente”)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	4
Puerto Rico Department of Education	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	Mrs. Norma L. Rivera Ortiz completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:	2,3,4

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive Services • Administrative funds • TBRA <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the youth.</p> <p>She also indicated that homeless persons need follow-up and direct support, so that they can obtain the required services. Likewise, people with mental health needs should be taken into consideration and this need should be addressed.</p>	
Puerto Rico Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1
ProBono Inc.	Non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to individuals and communities	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
Community Legal Office (Legal Assistance Clinic of the Interamerican University School of Law)	A non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to individuals and communities	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
Servicios legales de Puerto Rico	A private, not-for-profit corporation that provides free civil legal advice, representation, and education to	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
	qualified individuals and underprivileged groups.			
Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico	Non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to low income individuals and communities.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
La Perla del Gran Precio	This organization provides shelter, housing and services to homeless including victims of domestic violence	Letter and questionnaire	<p>A representative from the organizations completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supportive services 2. Development of Non Congregated Shelter 3. Development of affordable Housing <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the single adults.</p>	1,3
Corporación La Fondita de Jesús	This organization provides transitional housing and services to the homeless population.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>A representative from the organizations completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of affordable Housing 2. Development of Non Congregated Shelter 3. TBRA <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the elderly.</p> <p>The organization also provided the following comment:</p>	1

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
			<p>They are available to work together on public policy issues to ensure that every individual has access to housing.</p> <p>They are interested in identifying abandoned buildings to convert them into housing units for qualifying population at risk.</p> <p>They are available to provide training to homeless persons in construction skills.</p>	
Solo Por Hoy	This organization acts as a Collaborative Applicant to provide support overseeing CoC 502 Continuum of Care.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Belinda Hill completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBRA • Supportive Services • Administrative Funds <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the Elderly.</p>	1,3
Guara Bi	This organization provides transitional housing and services to the homeless population.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Irisbel Nuñez completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of non congregated shelters • Development of Affordable Housing • Supportive Services <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the single adults.</p>	1
Iniciativa Comunitaria	This organization provides outreach and supportive services to homeless persons and	Letter and questionnaire	<p>A representative from the entity completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p>	1

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
	other substance abusers.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of non congregated shelters • Supportive Services • Development of Affordable Housing <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the elderly.</p>	
Municipio de San Juan	Local Government and HOPWA Grantee	Letter and questionnaire	<p>A representative from the Municipality completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Affordable Housing • Supportive Services • Administrative Funds <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the elderly.</p>	1,4
IPVI	Homeless Service Provider (Domestic Violence)	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Nilsa Lopez Rivera completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of non congregated shelter • Administrative funds • Supportive services <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the victims of domestic violence.</p>	3
Coalición de Apoyo Continuo Para Personas sin Hogar de Guaynabo Inc./	Homeless Service Provider (Transitional Housing)	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p>	1

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Proyecto Hogar Amparo			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Affordable Housing • Supportive services • Administrative funds <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the single adults.</p> <p>They also indicated their interest in TBRA.</p>	
Casa Pensamiento de Mujer del Centro Inc.	Homeless Service Provider (Domestic Violence)	Letter and questionnaire	<p>The organization completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive services • Administrative funds • Development of Affordable Housing <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the victims of domestic violence.</p>	3
Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos	Homeless Service Provider (Domestic Violence)	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Ellie M. Rios Aviles completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative funds • Supportive services • Development of affordable housing <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the victims of domestic violence. They also indicated that Domestic violence is a social problem that affects the physical and psychological well-being of the victims, as well as that of their children. It is an imminent threat to the lives of the victims, however, in most cases they lack support resources, economic</p>	3

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
			resources and decent housing that does not allow them to break out of the cycle of violence. Having sufficient funds to address the needs to this population and access to decent housing are the greatest challenges they face. They are available to work with the Municipality to serve the clientele.	
Hogar el Buen Pastor	Homeless Service Provider	Letter and questionnaire	<p>The organization completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Affordable Housing • Administrative funds • Supportive services <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the Single Adults.</p>	1
Teen Challenge	Homeless and substance abusers Service Provider, Housing Provider	Letter and questionnaire	<p>The organization completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive services • Development of Affordable Housing • Administrative funds <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the Single Adults.</p>	1
FUNDESCO	Homeless Service and Housing Provider	Letter and questionnaire	<p>The organization completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive services • Administrative funds 	1

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Affordable Housing <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the Elderly.</p>	
Habitat for the Humanity of Puerto Rico	Housing Provider	Letter and questionnaire	<p>The organization completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Affordable Housing TBRA Development of Non Congregated Shelter <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are families.</p>	2,4
Programa Ryan White Parte B/ADAP - Departamento de Salud	Federal Program that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Norma I. Delgado Mercado completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Affordable Housing Development of non congregated shelters TBRA <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the elderly.</p>	4
Puerto Rico Department of the Family	State Agency and Services Provider	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Karla Nieves, Deputy Secretary for Planning completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Affordable housing TBRA 	1,2,3,4

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Non Congregated Shelter <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the Elderly.</p> <p>Mrs. Nieves indicated that the shortage of available housing units in the market needs to be taken into consideration and the benefits to landlords should be increased so that they decide to offer housing for long-term affordable housing and not for AirBnBs. She also indicated an increase in the elderly population.</p>	
ACLU	Civil rights and Fair Housing	Letter and questionnaire	The organization provided a written response explaining their role in the civil rights movement.	N/A

Each organization consulted received a presentation about HOME-ARP, including the amount of funding the Municipality is eligible for, the possible uses of the grant, and the qualifying populations. In addition, each organization was provided with direct link to complete an online survey.

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

Attachment 6 includes the summary of the consultation process with entities.

III-Public Participation

In accordance with Section V.B of the Notice (page 13), PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

- The amount of HOME-ARP the PJ will receive, and
- The range of activities the PJ may undertake.

Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, the PJ must follow its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current citizen participation plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.

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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: March 9, 2023

Public Comment Period: start date : 03/09/2023 end date: 03/24/2023

Dates(s) of Public Hearing: January 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Describe the public participation process:

The Municipality of Bayamón, in accordance with Section 24 CFR 91.105(b)(3), encouraged citizens and interested parties to provide inputs for the development of the HOME-ARPA allocation Plan, through the required public hearings for the preparation of the Plan. Reasonable notice and opportunity to comment occurred and throughout the participation process and Bayamón followed the applicable fair housing and civil rights provisions, as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115. The implemented procedures guaranteed effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and provided meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents.

The Municipality of Bayamón published notices in Spanish and in English, on January 12, 2023, in the “Primera Hora” newspaper of general circulation. The notices announced the virtual public hearing through which information about HOME-ARPA allocations and Plan to be prepared would be provided as well as the opportunity to receive public comments and inputs. The hearing was announced in compliance with the Bayamón Citizen participation Plan, which establishes that the notice is to be available for 15 days prior to the celebration of public hearings. The hearing was celebrated, as programmed, on February 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. It could be accessed through the virtual link: <https://meet.goto.com/798374085>. A total of 21 persons participated. Municipal officials presented information on the objectives of the HOME-ARPA allocation to Bayamón, the eligible population, the possible use of funds and the type of entities to execute programs and most important the eligible clientele. During the hearing the Plan process was explained, the amount of the allocation to Bayamón was divulged (\$3,738,677) and guidance was provided on eligible populations and activities. Also, an explanation of the ways that effective participation could take place among the impacted population and service entities was provided. Emphasize was given to the importance of receiving inputs from the communities and individuals of low and moderate-income, identifying needs, urgencies, priorities, and aspirations, while seeking opportunity and solutions aligned with the goals of the Housing and *Community Development Consolidated Plan of Bayamón for the years 2021 to 2025*.

The public hearings allowed active participation of the interested parties and provided opportunity to expose opinions and ideas pertaining the existing needs and possible solutions that can be sought using HOME ARPA funding. In accordance with the protocols established because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Municipality carried out these public hearings virtually. Also, a QR code and link was provided to access a survey and participants were exhorted to fill in the questionnaire that is accessed through the code or through the address <https://forms.office.com/r/AkS9yTY140>. Answers to the questionnaire would be received until before the date of a meeting with the PR502 COC that was ongoing coordination because the

results were to be presented at that meeting. An email and postal address for questions or written comments were also provided. Comments would be addressed to Mrs. Ivette Ortiz, HOME Program Coordinator, Bayamón Housing Department, lortiz@bayamónpr.org; Address: Box 1588, Bayamón, Puerto Rico, 00960.

Important highlights on preliminary data collected from the questionnaires were presented, as well as information from the homeless Counts of the years 2019 and 2022. It was emphasized by the presenter that questionnaire answers positioned the population of adults living alone at the first need level and second the elders, while on third position those that are victims of domestic violence. In terms of activities the answers identified principal providing supportive services, and next the need for the development of rental housing. The homeless count data must be referenced side by side to the questionnaire answers because they presented decrease in the number of victims of domestic violence and an increase in the number of veterans living on the streets.

The hearing transcript can be accessed at the following addresses:

<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/543de5785ea33f082313571bf22b04c1b867cd71c41f08df7ceab710d94ec325>

Hearing participants are listed below, and their comments appear next to their names:

1. Milka Cintrón Sánchez, Director, of the Bayamón Housing Department, made opening and welcome remarks to the public hearing participants.
2. Belmarie Díaz - Habitat for Humanity (bdiaz@habitat.org). Asked if there are opportunity for funding proposals presented by Non-Profit organizations as developers of a project. Asked if projects could be for homebuyers. The presenter answered that Non-Profit organizations as developers can present projects for funding and explained that projects are not for homebuyers, only for rental property.
3. Cristian Sánchez
4. Daliana Jamilet – She asked if qualifying for assistance was limited to people who are HIV positive, or maybe be a veteran or have a disability. The presenter explained about qualified population identified by the HOME-ARP and explained that it is oriented mainly to serve people with housing needs. Ms. Daliana asked about qualifying income and the presenter explained about income eligibility tables, yet also mentioned that for some population eligibility would not necessarily be determined by income, as for example it could happen with domestic violence victims. Daliana requested copy of the Income Eligibility table (dalianajamilet69@gmail.com)
5. Irisbel
6. Juan Pablo Rivera
7. Laiza Adorno –(laizaadorno13@gmail.com)
8. María del Mar Yañez - Habitat for Humanity (mariadelmar@habitatpr.org). She asked if the housing was exclusively for rental.

9. Nilsa López Rivera, Instituto Pre-Vocacional e Industrial Inc. de Arecibo (ipvipr@yahoo.com). She asked if the housing was exclusively for rental or could it be for sales/homeownership.
10. Sandra M. Velázquez Rivera, HUD CPD, Representative
11. Wanda Lebrón
12. Yari
13. Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos
14. Emilio Viera
15. Fernando Conde (Fernandoconde1@gmail.com)
16. Michael Font
17. Taisha Santiago - She requested copy of the Income Eligibility table and the presentation, (santiagotaisha15@gmail.com)
18. Raphael Osuna – Habitat for Humanity
19. Frank Ferrer – Teen Challenge de Puerto Rico (oficinacentral@teenchallengpr.org; fferrere@teenchallengpr.org) – Mr. Ferrer asked if the funds could be used for the rehabilitation of existing buildings. Also asked if funds would be available for housing rehabilitation by owners. The presenter emphasized on the direction of the HOME-ARP to assist persons with housing needs who would be the direct beneficiaries of the funds, as for example, a property could be rehabilitated using the assistance voucher provided to a homeless person that would be the occupant of that particular property. The disbursements to the property owner may result similar to the Section 8 Program when the owner agrees that the property, he owns will be occupied by the HOME-ARP beneficiary and then the Program will pay the owner the rent directly. Mr. Frank insisted in the possibility of a person identifying the property to be rehabilitated with the funds under the commitment of having it further occupied only by HOME-ARP eligible population. The presenter committed in verifying this possibility and further sending the answer to the hearing participant. Additional clarifications on the HOME-ARP eligible activities were provided by the presenter addressing the topics of ownership, rehabilitation budget proposals, inspections, housing that is sound, safe, and sanitary and in compliance with Housing Quality Standards.
20. Cristian Sánchez – (Cristian.sanchez.rivera@gmail.com)
21. Joseph Harrison, HCG Consulting Group

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The municipality took proactive action to broaden and promote public participation including the following:

1. Notified the public of the availability of the HOME ARP Funds using public notices published in English and Spanish (see attachment).
2. The municipality follow up (phone) to each of the entities consulted during the consultation process.
3. Held a meeting with CoC to receive input.
4. Notice inviting the public to the Public Hearing was published in English and Spanish
5. Notice of the plan's availability was published in English and Spanish.

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

Consultation Meeting with CoC 502

On March 6, 2023, the Municipality held a meeting with the Executive Committee of CoC 502. During the meeting the municipality presented the preliminary finding of the Citizen Participation and Consultation process. In addition, the Municipality presented the representatives of the CoC with the proposed allocation of HOME ARP Funds.

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$1,591,673	42.57%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	-	-	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	-	-	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$1,586,203	42.42%	
Non-Profit Operating	\$0.00	0.00%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0.00	0.00%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$560,801	15.00%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$3,738,677.00		

The CoC concurred with the gap analysis and the activities selected and the recommended allocation.

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

All comments received were evaluated and addressed in this document.

IV-Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

Addressing the needs of the homeless population is one of the main goals within the consolidated planning strategy of HUD's CPD Programs. Different from the United States, where homelessness is essentially caused by the inability of households to pay their housing related costs, in Puerto Rico, the main characteristic of the homeless population is that their supportive services needs go far beyond the housing needs and it include a number of social and medical needs that require a core group of initiatives to deal with this social problem.

The needs assessment and gaps analysis examine the size and composition of the four qualifying populations, describes current resources available to meet the needs of the population, and identifies unmet needs and gaps in our system.

The Municipality of Bayamón will addresses the homeless strategy from a collaboration approach during the period covered by this Plan. The strategy allows the Municipality to coordinate services that fully address the barriers faced by homeless individuals. It also incorporates the homeless strategy led by the Puerto Rico Balance of Commonwealth (CoC- 502). As part of the CoC-PR-502 strategies to reduce and end homelessness, the Municipality of Bayamón collaborates with ESG programs, State Government, Non-Profit Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Private Sector Organizations and other interested parties, to align basic and essential services and activities to address the needs of the homeless persons and to prevent additional households from experiencing homelessness in a future.

The critical components of the Municipality's homeless strategy include the following:

- Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
- Affordable rental housing development
- Provision of supportive services
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

The planning process will serve as a roadmap to define and design the services strategies and initiatives to deliver combine housing and supportive services that facilitate in re-housing homes individuals and/or families.

The data used for the HOME ARP plan was widely available in the COC 502 - 2022 Point-In-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC), along with data obtained from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The Municipality evaluated the size, gap and demographic composition of each qualifying populations to assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, the Municipality also identified gaps within CoC 502 HMIS. The data used by the Municipality was the most up to date data available for HOME-ARP's qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services during the formation of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The Point in Time (PIT) Census is conducted every two years by the two Continuum of Care in Puerto Rico: PR-CoC-502 and PR-CoC-503. The Municipality of Bayamón is one of the cities covered by the Puerto Rico Balance of Commonwealth Continuum of Care (PR-CoC- 502) comprised of twenty-four (24) Municipalities. According to most recent PIT conducted from March 3-4, 2022, there are 2,215 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals and families across the island; 98.7% are unsheltered and 8.1 % of individuals are living in the streets with another adult or family member. Forty-six (46%), **1,026** of the **homeless population** is located within the Municipality of Bayamón jurisdiction (CoC-PR 502). Five (5%) of the total homeless population is located within the PR-CoC-503 jurisdiction in which the Municipality of Bayamón provides services to the homeless population. Regarding race the CoC-502 count shows that of 43% are White, 30% Multiple Races, 27% Black or African American.

Over the last years, Puerto Rico has experienced extraordinary social, economic, and environmental challenges. However, the homeless count shows a decrease in the number of persons counted as opposed to PIT 2019 in which 1,345 homeless individuals were identified. The homeless situation is complex and those who remain on the streets are the most vulnerable. Of the 1,026 persons counted in 2022, 67.7% are unsheltered, a percentage that has substantially decreased in recent years. For planning purposes, next we will outline the homeless population of the Municipality of Bayamón.

Currently, Bayamón is fourth Municipality the highest number of homeless individuals within the CoC-502 jurisdiction. According to the PIT census, Bayamón has 55 homeless individuals, 12 more than last count in year 2019. The increase in the number of persons might be related a shortage of homeless service providers and housing inventory in Bayamón and nearby Municipalities. On the other hand, during last years, Puerto Rico has been impacted by several natural disasters, where buildings and housing structures were damaged resulting in an impact on the market rent and placing more individuals and families at risk of homelessness. Despite the recovery efforts of the authorized agencies, there is still a need of affordable housing and high-quality housing in the Municipality of Bayamón. The 2022 PIT count reported that 3.1% of the population was homeless due to natural disasters.

The PIT census shows that 75% of the homeless population is male, 24.5% are women and .50 are transgender or other; 90% are individuals over the age 25 and 10% falls under the age of 18. The survey also reveals that 50% of the population experienced homelessness for the first time, 7% of individuals are living in the streets with another adult or family member, 13.7% (99) fleeing from a domestic abuse, 8.1% (56) HIV positive, and 4% (46) veterans. CoC-502 PIT count shows that 95% of the population is unsheltered as opposed to 5% of sheltered population. This data is significantly different in the Municipality of Bayamón in which on average 49% of the population is sheltered and 42% are unsheltered individuals.

Some of the reasons to become homeless were related to substance and alcohol abuse (53%), family disputes (26%), financial hardship (20%), unemployment (18%), mental health (17%), domestic violence (10%), eviction (4%), related to COVID-10 pandemic (4%), natural disasters (3%) and, other (9%).

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

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The definition of at risk of homelessness is broad and no single source include all the population that may fit into the definition. The best available data to quantify and estimate this population is HUDS Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data. Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) receives custom tabulations of American Community Survey (ACS) data from the U.S. Census Bureau. These data, known as the "CHAS" data (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy), demonstrate the extent of housing problems and housing needs, particularly for low-income households. The data is available at:

<https://www.huduser.gov/PORTAL/datasets/cp.html>

CHAS data identifies the number of families who have incomes below 30% of the area median income (AMI) and are likely to not have sufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability. Based on the 2015-2019 CHAS, the Municipality identified a total of 9,250 households with income below 30% AMI with cost burden and 8,065 with severe cost burden. A household is cost burdened when they spend more than 30 percent of the household income on housing cost. A household is severely cost burdened when they spend more than 50 percent of the household income on housing cost. For renters, housing costs include rent paid by the tenant plus utilities. The total number of households with cost and severe cost burden is 17,585.

Cost and severe cost burden is a risk of homelessness indicator but not all of the households are at immediate risk. For the purpose of this analysis, we have added a concept of Housing Insecurity. Housing insecurity is defined as not paying the full amount of rent or mortgage and/or utility bills (water, power) sometime in the previous 12 months. To estimate that number we used the data provided by HUD's Picture of Subsidized Households report (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/assthsg.html>). This data set describes the nearly 5 million households living in HUD-subsidized housing in the United States. Assistance provided under HUD programs falls into three categories: public housing, tenant-based, and privately owned, project-based. Picture provides characteristics of assisted housing units and residents, summarized at the national, state, public housing agency (PHA), project, census tract, county, Core-Based Statistical Area and city levels. From this data set we obtained the percentage of households with no income and applied the percentage to the universe included in the CHAS data set. According to the dataset 18.5% of the subsidized households in Bayamón has no income. When applying this percentage, we narrow down the number of households at risk to 3,253. The

same report disclosed that there are 775 affordable units available for the persons at risk and PHA data indicates that only 34% of the vouchers awarded in Bayamon found a unit. Taking that into consideration we calculated a housing need gap of 2,987 units for individuals or households at risk of becoming homeless. In addition, we determined to include all the 3,253 individual or households without income as families with supportive services need.

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

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

One significant data gap that exists in the qualifying population is for persons fleeing, or attempting to Flee, domestic Violence, dating Violence, sexual Assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by HUD. Official data is insufficient to determine housing gap and need and during the citizen participation and consultation no data was provided by any of the parties consulted. To address the need of this population the Government and the CoC must work in collaboration to promote accurate data collection and compile statistics that can produce a profile of this qualifying population. Domestic violence can take various forms, and most often, it combines several types of violence, creating depression, injuries, illness and need for housing and supporting services. The data collection efforts will enable an understanding of how domestic violence undermines victims' economic security and quality of life.

During the consultation process we obtained data published by the Oficina de la Procuradora de la Mujeres 2021 annual report². The data was collected as part of the CRIAS Project (Centro de Respuesta Integrada de Apoyo y Servicios para la Mujer). The Center for Integrated Response, Support and Services for Women (CRIAS) is a critical resource for women in Puerto Rico today and in the future. CRIAS is a call center through which the Office receives calls from victims of persons Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking. The call center directs the callers to the appropriate supportive service. Data from the system discloses the following:

² <https://docs.pr.gov/files/Mujer/Informes/Informe%20Anual%20OPM%202021.pdf>

CRIAS	
Population	Number of Persons
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee	76
Domestic Violence	
Sexual Assault	1
Stalking	11
Other	89

Demographic Characteristics

The characteristics of the population was calculated using the same report. We must clarify that the characteristics used for this report were calculated for the whole Island and no local data is available.

In general, the predominant age range in the population of surviving victims served is 20 to 29 years of age, which represents 22% (279), followed by the group of 30 to 39 years old with 21% (269) and then by the group of 40 to 49 years old with 17% (213). The marital status of the population served through the hotline was mostly identified as single with 40% (504). Next, in descending order, married 20% (249), in a consensual relationship 10% (130), divorced 5% (67), separated in a consensual relationship 3% (42), separated 2% (21) and widowed 1% (13).

Relationship of the Population with the Aggressor

The spouse of the victim represents the main aggressor with 19% (239) this was followed by someone with whom the victim had a consensual relationship with 15% (188) and the former partner with 19% (248). Acquaintances, whether a friend, neighbor, co-worker or others represent 15% (186) of the victims.

Education

Most of the population served through the CRIAS system have a high school diploma (19% or 246). However, it is important to note that violence against women does not discriminate by level of education. The data shows that 12% (159) of the surviving victims reported having at least a bachelor's degree, 9% (115) reported having an associate's degree or technical certificate, 3% (43) a master's degree, and 1% (15) had a Ph.D or doctorate. This is an indication that any

individual is exposed to living situations of violence in his or her environment, regardless of his or her academic preparation.

To calculate the housing gap, we used CHAS and PHA data. First we narrowed down the number of total victims (178) by subtracting the available Housing Choice Vouchers available (137) to calculate the actual Housing gap to 39 units. However, all the potential victims (137) require supporting services.

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

In other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

The definition of other population included in CPD Notice 2021-10 is too broad and no single source of data include all the population that may fit into the definition. Again, the best available data to quantify and estimate this population is HUDS Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data (see description above).

CHAS data identifies the number of families who have incomes between 30% and 50% of the area median income (AMI) and are likely to not have sufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability. Based on the 2015-2019 CHAS, the Municipality identified a total of 4,719 households with income below between 30% and 50% AMI with cost burden and 3,395 with severe cost burden. A household is cost burdened when they spend more than 30 percent of the household income on housing cost. A household is severely cost burdened when they spend more than 50 percent of the household income on housing cost. For renters, housing costs include rent paid by the tenant plus utilities. The total number of households with income between 30%-to 50% AMI cost and severe cost burden is 8,105. To estimate the number of housing gap for this population we used data from HUD's Picture of Subsidized Households dataset to estimate the number of families currently subsidized with income between 30-50% AMI. According to the data set 22.5% of the units are occupied by those families and only 34.30% will succeed in the housing market. Taking that into consideration we estimated the number of units available to that population (31 units). This resulted in a gap of 1,468 units. In addition, we determined to include all the 1,499 families without income as families with supportive services need.

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 service strategy to provide basic and essential services to the homeless population is based in a collaborative community effort. The Municipality of Bayamón provides services through the internal service structure and services provided by community-based organizations that are part of the local homeless continuum of care. This approach provides the opportunity to promote communitywide commitment in the task of addressing the needs of the homeless population and to reach out a higher number of individuals.

Some of the key service elements include:

- Outreach, intake, and assessment to identify the individual's personal and housing needs and link to the appropriate services.
- Emergency shelter to provide immediate and safe alternative to sleeping on the streets, especially for homeless families with children.
- Transitional housing with supportive services to develop the needed skills to be permanently housed.
- Permanent and Rapid Re- Housing with supportive housing to provide individuals and families with an affordable place to live with services, if needed.

Additionally, the Municipality of Bayamón provides services to homeless individuals through the Municipality's *Nuevo Amanecer* Outreach Program and the rapid re-housing activity. Both activities allow the Municipality the opportunity to reach out homeless individuals and quickly re-house in emergency shelters or any other housing modality. The *Nuevo Amanecer* Program consists of an interdisciplinary team of outreachers, social workers, psychiatrist and psychologist to provide supportive services to the population. Also, the Municipality is in the process of rehabilitating a building to provide non-congregated emergency shelter and essential services to women and their children fleeing of domestic abuse.

Local government, nonprofit and community-based organizations in the Municipality of Bayamón include:

- Housing Placement in Emergency Shelter, Transitional and Permanent housing activities.
- Short and Medium-Term Financial assistance for rent and utilities aimed at literally homeless individuals and families with no place to live or at risk of homelessness.

- Supportive services including health, mental health, substance abuse treatment, transportation, education, job referrals and employment placement opportunities, meals, hygiene services, among other core public services.
- Case Management services, including orientation services, counseling services, and evaluation services, among others.

Finally, homeless persons, especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth, needs are addressed through the Nuevo Amanecer Outreach Program and the Citizens Assistance Office which oversees the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing. These services are designed to assist households on the brink of homelessness to remain in its current housing unit. The financial assistance provides payment for rent and utilities deposits, rent and utility arrears and rental and utilities assistance for up to twelve months.

The following table describe the inventory of housing available for the qualifying population:

Program	Number of Units	Income Level	Type of Families
Public Housing	2,500	At least 40% of units are for households with incomes less than 30% of AMI, with the remainder for households earning up to 80% of AMI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single • Elderly • Small • Large • Disability
Housing Choice Voucher Program	3,756	At least 75% of units are for households with incomes less than 30% of AMI, with the remainder for households earning up to 50% of AMI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single • Elderly • Small • Large • Impediments
Section 8 Moderate Rehab	40	Families with income below 80% AMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single • Elderly • Small • Large • Impediments
Section 8 Project Based	1,467	At least 75% of units are for households with incomes less than 30% of AMI, with the remainder for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single • Elderly • Small • Large • Impediments

Program	Number of Units	Income Level	Type of Families
		households earning up to 50% of AMI.	
LIHTC	2,350	Up to 80% AMI	• Elderly and families
Shelter	54	-	Male and Female
Total	10,167		

Bayamon assisted housing market is composed of approximately 10,167 units. These assisted units serve a wide range of clientele including extremely low, very-low, low- and moderate-income households, elderly and family households. The table above describe the units by income level and type of family served. A large number of units in Bayamón are assisted by local, state and federal programs. The main sources of funds are federal, HUD being the main provider of funds for the following programs: Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher Program, CDBG, HOME, and ESG. In addition, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program provides assistance to developers for the development of rental housing and other state programs provider subsidy for housing.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	25	10	92	0	0								
Transitional Housing	102	33	218	0	6								
Permanent Supportive Housing	256	90	954	0	#								
Other Permanent Housing	68	24	345	0	0								
Sheltered Homeless						5	85	4	11				
Unsheltered Homeless						#	#	#	#				
Current Gap										241	367	1,519	0

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

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

The following table identifies the housing and services gap calculated for this plan:

Qualifying Population	GAP	Non Congregated Shelter	Affordable Housing	TBRA	Supportive Services
HOMELESS 55 TOTAL 38 SHELTERED 17 UNSHELTERED	17 unsheltered minus Beds available 23 (CoC Data) No GAP	-	-	-	17
PERSONS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS CHAS Income below 30% AMI and cost Burden 9,250 CHAS Income below 30% AMI and Severe Cost Burden 8,065 Total =17,585	8 = 3,253 minus Housing units available (Chas) = 266 Gap =2,987 units	-	2,987	-	3,253
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 178	178 minus rental vouchers available adjusted for success rate (139) Gap = 39 units	-	39	-	178
OTHER POPULATION CHAS Income between 30% -50% AMI with Cost Burden = 4,710 Income between 30% -50% AMI with Severe Cost Burden= 3,395 Total =8,105	Total (8,105) minus available units (31) = Gap = 8,074 units		8,074	-	8,105

The table above identifies the shelter and housing inventory gaps. In addition, there still some service gaps that that needs to improve in services providers to maximize the best use of resources including: (1) Adopting Systematically Housing First Approach; (2) Increasing Outreach Activities; (3) Increasing Specialized Mental Health Outreach Personnel; (4) Supportive Services for Homeless with Mental Health Illness; (5) Increasing one-bedroom public or private housing inventory; (6) Increasing housing inventory.

On the other hand, there is a service gap for outreach programs and mental health services for the homeless population. There are only one Organization that does outreach in the area in a regular basis. Additionally, and there is a need of more projects whose personnel have the expertise to reach out individuals with mental health illness.

There is also a service gap for persons who are at the earliest phase of recognizing that there is a problem, even though they are currently living in uninhabitable places and unable to function due to mental illness or due to a serious addiction to alcohol and/or drugs.

Most homeless are single individuals, therefore, there is a service gap for one-bedroom apartments in public housing facilities which difficult placement in permanent housing as the first choice.

Since the beginning of the Pandemic, the Municipality of Bayamón has faced an increase in the number of domestic violence cases. Stay at home orders and other pandemic responses may have reduced the ability of individuals affected by domestic violence to access services. According to Puerto Rico's Law Enforcement Statistics for year 2020, the Bayamón Region reported 800 incidents of domestic violence. However, for year 2021, the number of incidents of domestic violence increased to 1,073. This situation requires affirmative actions to strengthen services to this population.

The fact that no victims of domestic violence were identified during the survey describes one of the challenges of working with this population. For year 2021 the Municipality of Bayamón region ranked first in the number domestic violence incidents across the island, including 977 women and 193 men for a total of 1,073 individuals at risk of becoming homeless. Every year victims of domestic violence and their children are at risk of homelessness because of safety reasons. This population is more difficult to identify during the PIT count since most victims currently lives with the abuser. The PIT usually counts families that are sheltered and were able to flee from a domestic abusive relationship. There are not shelters for this population in Bayamón, which in turns, limits the visibility of this social problem in its jurisdiction. Considering the available data, we can estimate a need for permanent housing for 55 households with no children and some type of housing modality, including non-congregate emergency shelter and supportive services for 1,073 victims of domestic violence with or without children.

Finally, there is a service gap for renters and owners who might be at risk of homelessness due to economic hardships, but do not qualify for prevention financial assistance or many other assistances that requires income eligibility.

The above description represents the most recent official data of the level of extent and characteristics of the homeless population in Puerto Rico and the Bayamón jurisdiction. To address this complex social problem, the Municipality promotes a multi-layered initiative encouraging the acquisition or development of non-congregate shelters, affordable rental housing development, the provision of supportive services and, rapid re-housing actions from a network and partnership perspective. This approach facilitates the Municipality with the opportunity to use more effectively and efficiently the community resources available for the homeless population within the local jurisdiction.

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:

At-Risk Populations exist due to eviction, lack of adequate housing, loss of employment, absence of affordable shelter, reduction in subsidy levels or volume, increases in medical care costs as well as emotional factors such as drugs, alcohol and other conditions, which afflict the special needs population. Due to the current situation of the economy in Puerto Rico, the highest pressure falls among the lower tiers of the economically disadvantaged population. This population group, which by HUD standards is concentrated within the 30% to 50% AMI level or no income at all level, is the segment at greater risk of homelessness. Taking into consideration that the economic factor is the main reason that could provoke a household to become homeless, we can relate this problem to the cost burden and severe cost burden housing problem type affecting the Municipality of Bayamón households.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

All of the qualifying population are considered of high priority thus no preference or priorities will be established in this plan.

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 Municipality used both statistical data and stakeholder input to identify the level of need along with gaps in Bayamon's shelter/affordable housing inventory and service delivery systems. In order to determine the gaps in Bayamon affordable housing inventory, the Municipality first identified its qualifying populations. The following table summarize the source data used to determine the qualifying population:

Qualifying Population	Data Source
Homeless	2022 Point In Time Survey Coc 503
At Risk of homelessness	CHAS Data A picture of Subsidized Households PHA Data (Success Rate) Consolidated Plan Data
Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	Consolidated Plan Data Data from Procuradora de Asuntos de la Mujer
Other Population	CHAS Data A picture of Subsidized Households PHA Data PHA Data (Success Rate)

Once the number of individuals in qualifying populations were identified, the Municipality used a formula that considered the number of available units (CoC, Picture of Subsidized Households) the success rate (PHA) and the income of the clientele (Picture of Subsidized Households).

The analysis provided the Municipality with a picture of the need of each population and the gaps for each type of housing type and service. The supportive services need was obtained from the input provided during the hearing, the CoC meeting and the online survey. The Municipality provided multiple organizations with an opportunity to complete a HOME ARP needs online survey. The online survey also provided for the presentation of housing and services gaps. For a list of the parties consulted please see the attachment section.

V- HOME-ARP Activities

Template:

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

RESPONSE:

HOME funds are administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the Municipality of Bayamon. The Department is responsible of the implementation of the public policy related to housing. HOME funds are used in Bayamon to promote public/private partnerships as a vehicle for preserving and expanding the stock of affordable housing. HOME-ARP funds will be used by the Municipality or awarded to nonprofit or for-profit organizations, taking into consideration the merit of proposals received. Among the element to be considered are the leverage and the feasibility of projects. The Municipal Housing Department will be responsible of drafting and publishing application forms and evaluation criteria. Solicitation publication, review, and selection will follow standard municipalities policies that promote diversity in applicants and timely and cost-effective implementation. The request for applications will be promoted via social media, web page, and email to the members of CoC 503 and to all stakeholders that participated in the HOME-ARP planning process – including homeless service providers; providers that serve victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking; veterans’ groups and affordable housing developers. Activities to be undertaken by the Municipality will not be subject to competition.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

RESPONSE:

The Municipality of Bayamon will administer the HOME ARP funds with the assistance of a consultant (Harrison Consulting Group). Bayamon will administer the activities to be funded with HOME-ARP allocations and will use the allowable portion of 15% of the funds assigned to the jurisdiction for such purposes. As part of its administrative duties the Housing and Community Department of the Municipality of Bayamon will evaluate proposed projects, conduct layering and underwriting analysis, and monitor all HOME-ARP activities for compliance with federal regulations.

Regarding specific activities the Municipality intends to administer projects funded with HOME ARP. Specifically the Municipality intends to acquire or develop rental units with HOME ARP funds. This action will increase the stock of affordable units available to the four qualifying populations. The HOME ARP funds may be utilized by the Municipality for Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or Construction, of affordable rental housing.

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

RESPONSE:

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

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

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

Requirement:

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

Template:**Use of HOME-ARP Funding**

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$1,591,673	42.57%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	-	-	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	-	-	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$1,586,203	42.42%	
Non-Profit Operating	\$0.00	0.00%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0.00	0.00%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$560,801	15.00%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$3,738,677.00		

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

The municipality conducted a rigorous citizen participation and consultation process that was used for determining the proposed use of HOME ARP funds. As part of the consultation process, the Municipality held a working meeting with the members of the CoC 502's executive committee. During this meeting, a presentation was made explaining the scope of the consultation and citizen participation process and how the housing and service unit gap had been

calculated. The proposed distribution was also presented to the Coalition. The Executive Committee members agreed with the distribution of funds and did not request any changes.

The Municipality of Bayamon will use the HOME-ARP allocation to undertake two (2) eligible activities: 1) Acquisition with or without Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation of Existing Housing, or New Construction of rental Housing to be offered for rent to qualified populations, and 2) to provide supportive services. The two projects were identified during the citizen participation and consultation process and were selected based on the best data available and the input from the stakeholders. The need analysis shows a gap of 4,388 affordable rental units for the qualifying population in Bayamon. Through the investments in HOME-ARP funding, paired with other funding sources, the Municipality will increase the capacity of to serve the qualifying population and will connect people with housing options, and eventually exit homelessness contributing to a decrease in the identified gap. HOME-ARP rental housing that will provide single family or multifamily housing. To promote the development of financially viable housing, the Municipality would opt for the most profitable development option. In addition to the affordable housing need the gap analysis also disclosed that there is a need for supportive service for the qualifying population.

The projects to be undertaken are described below:

ACQUISITION WITH OR WITHOUT REHABILITATION, REHABILITATION OF EXISTING HOUSING, OR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF RENTAL HOUSING TO BE OFFERED FOR RENT TO QUALIFIED POPULATIONS

Funds to be allocated \$1,586,203

Goal: 11 units

Rental Housing Goal: 11 rental housing units

As a result of the citizen participation and consultation process it was identified that there is a shortage of affordable housing that is preventing people with housing vouchers to obtain an affordable housing unit. This project or assignment will be carried out by acquiring housing units (standard and substandard) to convert them into rental housing. The housing characteristics of the units will range from 1 to 4 bedrooms, private bathroom (s) and kitchen.

Among the strategies to guarantee project success are the following:

- Produce a regulation for harmonious cohabitation of families within the project,
- Perform home inspections periodically to ensure that the home is kept in optimal conditions,

- Maintaining effective and productive relationship between the landlord and tenant to ensure property maintenance.

The location of these homes will be anywhere in the municipality of Bayamón, except in areas susceptible to flooding or landslides for the safety of the inhabitants. The goal is to acquire eleven (11) housing units.

PROVISION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Funds to be allocated \$1,591,673

During the consultation process the organizations indicated that there is need for supportive services that need to be provided to the qualifying population. Based on the identified need the Municipality is allocating HOME ARP resources for the provision of a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities. The need analysis shows a gap of supportive services for 4,948 individuals or households among the qualifying population in Bayamon.

The Municipality will provide HOME-ARP funds for a broad range of supportive services to the qualifying individuals and families that meet HUD's requirements. The eligible supportive services include (1) McKinney-Vento Supportive Services; (2) HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services; and (3) Housing counseling services, except homeowner assistance and related services. Eligible costs associated with McKinney-Vento supportive services and homelessness prevention supportive services include: Costs of child care, Costs of improving knowledge and basic educational skills, Costs of establishing and/or operating employment assistance and job training programs, Costs of providing meals or groceries, Costs of assisting eligible program participants to locate, obtain and retain housing, Costs of certain legal services, Costs of teaching critical life management skills, Financial assistance costs, including, Rental application fees, Security deposits, Utility deposits, Payment of rental arrears. Costs associated with housing counseling services include staff salaries and overhead costs of HUD-certified housing counseling agencies related to directly providing eligible housing counseling services to HOME-program participants. Other costs are the development of a housing counseling workplan, marketing and outreach, Intake, financial and housing affordability analysis, action plans that outline what the housing counseling agency and the client will do to meet the client's housing goals and that address the client's housing problem(s).

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

program. The Municipality will develop policies and procedures for the undertaking of the activity.

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Funds to be allocated \$560,801

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

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

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

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

The citizen participation and consultation process showed a lack of affordable housing units to serve all the qualifying population. The following are the highlights of the characteristics that provided a rationale to fund eligible activities:

- The housing units Gap analysis shows a need for 4,388 affordable rental housing units.
- Unadjusted HUD CHAS data shows that 2,987 households with income below 30% AMI in Bayamon are facing cost or severe cost burden.

- Data for HUD' Picture of Subsidized Households data shows that 18.5% of the housed households has no income.
- Using the available data, the Municipality estimates the number of households at risk of becoming homeless in 2,987.
- Data from the Consolidated Plan estimates the number of persons fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking in 178 persons.
- Using the available data the Municipality estimates the number of persons fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking with housing need in 39.
- HUD CHAS data shows that 8,105 households in Bayamón with income between 30 to -50% AMI are facing cost or severe cost burden.
- Using the available data, the Municipality estimates the number of Other Population (as defined by CPD Notice 2021-10) is 1,361.
- Data provided by the section 8 program and CoC shows that voucher holders are having difficulties in finding units in the market.
- The Point in time survey disclosed 55 homeless with 17 of them unsheltered. However, there are sufficient shelter beds to house the unsheltered homeless. Outreach services are needed.
- Detached affordable housing units are more suitable to house women and families homeless.
- The Consultation process disclosed that supportive services are needed to all the qualifying population.
- Observations and comments received during the participation process of this HOME-ARP Plan reinforced the need for additional rental housing.

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

The Municipality wants to assist these projects in providing services to the residents to allow them to maintain their housing. Therefore, HOME-ARP will supplement the significant services that are currently available through the CoC 502 programs and ESG projects to provide some additional funding to provide supportive services that facilitate long-term independence for qualifying population and low-income households.

VI-HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Template

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

RESPONSE:

The Municipality of Bayamon will allocate \$1,586,203 for the acquisition of existing housing with or without Rehabilitation, or Rehabilitation of Existing Housing, or New Construction of rental Housing. The Municipality estimates that 11 affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations will be produced with funding support from its HOME-ARP allocation. The Municipality will work with the members of CoC 502 to promote the production of the units. Supportive services to the projects will be funded with HOME ARP Funds.

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

RESPONSE:

As established above the Municipality of Bayamon affordable rental housing production goal for HOME-ARP is 11 housing units. The gap analysis disclosed that there is need for affordable housing for all the qualifying population. Taking that into consideration the Municipality proposed the use of HOME ARP resources for production of affordable rental housing. The Municipality intends to promote the production of affordable rental housing by acquiring the units in the Bayamon housing market and offer them for rent to the qualifying populations. The homes will become part of the Municipality's rental housing program inventory and will be leased to Qualifying Populations. In addition, the Municipality will work with nonprofit organizations to provide case management and wrap-around services to the families placed in rental housing. This program addresses the priority need of the lack of rental housing for qualifying populations. This activity will reduce the gap for affordable housing and will serve as the starting point for a similar strategy with the HOME Funds. The Municipality will request proposals from nonprofit organizations and or developers. In addition, the Municipality will identify units in the market that comply with the property standards that can be acquired and used for rental. The expected

due date for delivering affordable housing is late 2023 and early 2024. The action to be taken by the Municipality was supported by the CoC during the consultation meeting.

VII- Preferences

Requirement:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Template:

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

RESPONSE:

The Municipality of Bayamon does not intend to give preferences within qualifying populations. Affordable housing projects will be available to all qualifying populations.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, as a preference was not identified.

VIII- Referral Methods

Requirement:

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

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

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

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

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

RESPONSE:

Template:

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 HOME ARP Housing funded projects will use a project waiting list specific to the project or activity. All qualifying individuals/families will have access to apply for placement on the waiting list for an activity or project.

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):

The PJ will not use the CE.

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):

The PJ will not use the CE.

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):

The PJ will not use the CE process in combination with any other referral method.

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

Requirement:

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

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

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

RESPONSE:

The need and gap analysis conducted for this plan shows that all the qualifying population has ample need for housing and services. Taking this into consideration the activity to be undertaken by the Municipality Acquisition with or without Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation of Existing Housing, or New Construction of rental Housing will serve all the qualifying populations. For any selected housing project, the Municipality will ensure that the tenant selection policy complies with the Fair Housing Act. The housing units will be available to assist any qualified participants with identified need per the categories as defined by section IV.A of the Notice.

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

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

RESPONSE:

The Municipality will not implement a limitation.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

X- HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

Requirement:

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

RESPONSE:

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

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

RESPONSE:

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

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

RESPONSE:

Not Applicable, see above.

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

RESPONSE:

Not Applicable, see above.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, see above.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, see above.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, see above.

XI-Attachments

Attachment 1- Invitation to Public Hearing Notice

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INVITACIÓN A VISTA PÚBLICA VIRTUAL

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

La asignación de fondos de HOME-ARP al Municipio de Bayamón es de \$ 3,738,677, y se utilizará para proporcionar asistencia para personas sin hogar y servicios de apoyo que ayuden a individuos o familias que califiquen. HOME-ARP define a individuos o familias calificadas como aquellos que (1) no tienen hogar, como se define en la sección 103 (a) de la Ley de Asistencia para Personas sin Hogar McKinney-Vento, según enmendada (42 U.S.C. 11302 (a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar, como se define en la sección 401 de McKinney-Vento; (3) huir o intentar huir de la violencia doméstica, la violencia en el hogar, la agresión sexual, el acoso o la trata de personas; (4) parte de otras poblaciones donde la prestación de servicios de apoyo o asistencia evitaría la falta de vivienda de una familia o serviría a aquellos con el mayor riesgo de inestabilidad de vivienda; o (5) veteranos y familias que incluyen un miembro de la familia veterano que cumple con alguno de los criterios del (1)-(4).

Las posibles actividades con fondos HOME-ARP pueden ser:

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

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

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

El Municipio llevará a cabo estas vistas como se indica a continuación:

Fecha	Vista Pública	Hora	Localización
3 de febrero de 2023	Vista Pública HOME-ARP	10:00 a.m.	https://meet.goto.com/798374085

Se exhorta a los residentes del Municipio a que participen de estas vistas públicas, para que puedan participar activamente en la preparación del Plan HOME-ARP.

Si algún residente del Municipio, agencia pública o personal jurídica tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso, pueden comunicarse con la Sra. Ivette Ortiz, coordinadora del Programa HOME, al siguiente correo electrónico o dirección postal:

Sra. Ivette Ortiz
iortiz@bayamonpr.org
 Box 1588
 Bayamón, Puerto Rico 00960

Personas con discapacidad y/o necesidades especiales que interesen participar de la Vista Pública deberán comunicarse previo al día de la vista con la Sra. Ivette Ortiz, al siguiente teléfono (787) 780-8311. En cumplimiento con las leyes de vivienda justa y accesibilidad, durante la vista del Municipio se proporcionarán subtítulos a la presentación y la habilidad de poder recibir preguntas a través de un chat en la misma aplicación de internet.

Aviso Publicado: 12 de enero de 2023


 Hon. Ramón Luis Rivera Cruz
 Alcalde

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

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"AVISO DE PROPUESTAS PARA MONITORIA ARQUEOLÓGICA"

SUBVENCIÓN EN BLOQUE PARA EL DESARROLLO
 COMUNITARIO – RECUPERACIÓN ANTE DESASTRES DEL
 PROGRAMA DE REHABILITACIÓN DE LA CIUDAD
 (CDBG-DR-Programa Rehabilitación de la Ciudad)

NOMBRE DEL SUBRECIPIENTE: Municipio Autónomo de
 Hormigueros

NOMBRE DEL PROGRAMA: Rehabilitación y Expansión del Teatro
 Juanita Arenas

MÉTODO DE ADQUISICIÓN: Solicitud de Propuestas (RFP)

NOMBRE DEL PROCESO DE ADQUISICIÓN: Rehabilitación y
 Expansión del Teatro Juanita Arenas Proyecto PR-CRP-000508
 DISPONIBILIDAD DE DOCUMENTOS: A partir del Jueves, 12 de
 enero de 2023.

REUNIÓN PRE-PROPUESTA: 24 de enero de 2023, a las 10:00
 am. La reunión será en el Centro de Convenciones Roberto
 "Bobby" Cruz, Carr. 345 Km. 1.1 interior (Camino Vidal Rivera),
 Hormigueros, Puerto Rico.

FECHA LÍMITE PARA PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS: Desde el
 jueves, 12 de enero de 2023 hasta el viernes, 27 de enero de 2023.

DIRECCIÓN DE CORREO ELECTRÓNICO PARA PRESENTAR
 PREGUNTAS: amartinez@hormiguerospr.com y secretaria@hormiguerospr.com

FECHA LÍMITE PARA LA PRESENTACIÓN DE PROPUESTAS:
 viernes, 3 de febrero de 2023.

COSTO PLIEGOS: \$0.00 "LOS DOCUMENTOS PARA PARTICIPAR
 EN EL PROCESO DE ADQUISICIÓN BAJO EL PROGRAMA CDBG-
 DR NO TENDRÁN COSTO. El Teatro Juanita Arenas fue construido
 en 1974 como auditorio polivalente en el caso urbano del Municipio
 de Hormigueros. El teatro está ubicado en Bo. Calle Pueblo Mateo
 Fajardo #9, cerca del cruce que conecta la plaza pública, la Iglesia
 católica, la alcaldía y otras instalaciones gubernamentales. El
 Teatro Juanita Arenas se construyó en el centro de dos parcelas
 adyacentes, #283-050-013-07 (sur) y #283-050-013-08 (norte).
 Ocupa una superficie de 654,38 m2. En 2015, el municipio encargó
 un proyecto de restauración y mejora del teatro, cuya ejecución
 se vio impedida por obstáculos económicos, a pesar de tener un
 permiso de construcción aprobado.

LUGAR PARA ENTREGAR LOS DOCUMENTOS DEL PROCESO:
 Oficina de Secretaría Municipal, Alcaldía de Hormigueros.

DIRECCIÓN FÍSICA: 1 C/ Mateo Fajardo, Hormigueros, Puerto
 Rico 00660

PERSONA CONTACTO: José Iván Torres Arcocho o Anneliese Martínez

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**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) - ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT -DISASTER
RECOVERY CITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

(CDBG-DR-City Revitalization Program)

SUBRECIPIENT NAME: Municipality of Hormigueros

PROGRAM NAME: Juanita Arenas Theater Rehabilitation and Expansion

METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Request for Proposals (RFP)

PROCUREMENT PROCESS NAME: Juanita Arenas Theater Rehabilitation and Expansion Project PR-CRP-000508

PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING DATE: January 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Roberto "Bobby" Cruz Convention Center, Carr. 345 Km. 1.1 Interior (Camino Vidal Rivera), Hormigueros, Puerto Rico.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DUE DATE: From Thursday, January 12, 2023 until Friday, January 27, 2023.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABILITY: From January 12, 2023

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS SUBMISSION: Friday, February 3, 2023.

EMAIL ADDRESS TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS: amartinez@hormiguerospr.com and secretaria@hormiguerospr.com

DOCUMENTS COST \$0.00 *DOCUMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ACQUISITION PROCESS UNDER THE CDBG-DR PROGRAM WILL BE AT NO COST.

DESCRIPTION: The Juanita Arenas Theater was built in 1974 as a multi-purpose auditorium in the urban center of the Municipality of Hormigueros. The theater is located on Bo. Pueblo Calle Mateo Fajardo #9, near the intersection that connects the public plaza, the Catholic church, the town hall building, and several other government facilities. The Juanita Arenas Theater was built at the corner of two adjacent parcels, #283-050-013-07 (south) and #283-050-013-06 (north). It occupies an area of 654.38 m2. In 2015, the municipality commissioned a restoration and improvement project to the theater, whose execution was impeded by economic obstacles, despite having an approved construction permit.

PLACE TO SEND PROCESS DOCUMENTS: Office of the Municipal Secretary, Hormigueros City Hall. The documents can also be acquired through email: amartinez@hormiguerospr.com or jtorres@hormiguerospr.com

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: Hormigueros City Hall, 1 Cil Mateo Fajardo, Hormigueros, Puerto Rico 00660

CONTACT NAME: José Iván Torres Arcocho or Anneliese Martinez

EMAIL ADDRESS: amartinez@hormiguerospr.com jtorres@hormiguerospr.com

TELEPHONE: (787) 849-2515 x. 295, 217.



INVITATION TO VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

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

The HOME-ARP funding allocation to the Municipality of Bayamón was allocated \$ 3,738,677 and the funds will be used to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services assisting qualifying individuals or families. HOME-ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4).

Possible activities with HOME-ARP funds may be:

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

This Plan will include the strategy for the distribution of the HOME-ARP funds to address the priority; the range of activities the PI may undertake; describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PI will administer eligible activities directly or will provide any portion of its HOME-ARP administrative funds to a subrecipient or contractor.

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

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

Date	Hearing	Time	electronic address (Link to the hearing)
February 03, 2023	Virtual Public Hearing HOME-ARP	10:00 a.m.	https://meet.goto.com/798374085

Interested parties are encouraged to connect to these virtual public hearings, so that they can actively participate in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan public participation process. If any resident of the Municipality, public agency or legal personnel has any questions about this notice, they can contact: Mrs. Ivette Ortiz, at the following email or postal address:

Mrs. Ivette Ortiz
iortiz@bayamonpr.org
Box 1588
Bayamón, Puerto Rico 00960

Persons with disabilities and/or special needs who are interested in participating in the Public Hearing should communicate prior to the day of the hearing with Mrs. Ivette Ortiz to the following telephone number (787) 780-8311. In compliance with the laws of fair housing and accessibility, during the public hearings, subtitles will be provided to the presentation and the ability to receive questions through a chat in the same internet application.

Notice Published: January 12, 2023

Hon. Ramón Luis Rivera Cruz
Mayor

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

Attachment 2- Public Hearing Presentation

HOME American Rescue Plan Act



Municipio de Bayamón
Vista Pública
3 de febrero de 2023

SI USTED TIENE DIFICULTAD AUDITIVA O DISCAPACIDAD
PUEDE UTILIZAR LA OPCIÓN DEL CHAT EN LA APLICACIÓN
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- Registro Digital
- Presentación de Funcionarios
- Presentación
- Preguntas y Respuestas

Objetivos

- Ofrecer a los participantes una visión general sobre los fondos HOME ARP
- Obtener insumo de participantes sobre necesidad, brechas de servicio y uso potencial de los fondos HOME-ARP
- Cumplir con los requisitos reglamentarios de Participación Ciudadana y Consulta



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Aprobada el pasado 11 de marzo de 2021

Ley de recuperación que atiende la recuperación Post COVID 19

Departamento de Vivienda Federal asignó fondos especiales bajo el programa HOME Investment Partnership Program



Asignación de Fondos HOME-ARP

- Municipio de Bayamón recibió una asignación de
\$3,738,677



Grant Agreement

- Municipio firmó contrato con HUD
 - Autoriza el uso de 5% de los fondos de Administración
 - El remanente de los fondos será aprobado una vez se presente y se apruebe el *HOME-ARP Allocation Plan*
 - **NINGUNA** actividad programática está aprobada (solo administración)
 - El municipio tiene que someter el *HOME-ARP Allocation Plan* para poder utilizar el remanente de los fondos
- Los fondos tienen vigencia hasta septiembre 30 de 2030



Objetivos de los Fondos HOME-ARP

1. Atender la necesidad de vivienda de las personas sin hogar y otras poblaciones en riesgo

2. Proveer recursos para el desarrollo de vivienda a dicha población

3. Proveer recursos para la prestación de servicios de apoyo



Población Eligible



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

Personas Sin
Hogar

Personas en
Riesgo de
Perder su
Hogar

Personas
huyendo de
violencia
doméstica,
acoso, tráfico
humano

Otras
poblaciones
que
requieren
servicios de
apoyo y/o
tienen
inestabilidad
de vivienda



Actividades Elegibles



Actividades Elegibles



Tenant Based Rental Assistance
(Vouchers)



Desarrollo de viviendas de alquiler
asequibles



Prestación de servicios de apoyo



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



1- Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Se permite:

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

Flexibilidad y otros requisitos

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



2- Desarrollo de Vivienda de Alquiler asequible

Se permite:

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

Costos elegibles y otros requisitos

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

Otros requisitos

Aplican los *Property Standards* de HOME
15 años asequibilidad

Se requiere *layering* y *underwriting* de los proyectos

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



3- Servicios de Apoyo

Se permite:

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

Ejemplos de Servicios de Apoyo

- Alimentos
- "Outreach"
- Tratamiento de abuso drogas / alcohol
- Transportación
- Manejo de casos



4- Adquisición y/o desarrollo de albergues no congregados

Uno o más edificios que:

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

Se permite

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

Costos elegibles

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

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

- Adquisición solamente- 3 años
- Rehabilitación moderada (TDC <75% del valor de tasación)- 5 años
- Rehabilitación sustancial (TDC >75% del valor de tasación)- 10 años
- Nueva construcción – 10 años

2- Desarrollo de Vivienda de Alquiler asequible

Se permite

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

Costos elegibles

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

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



Preferencias, Referidos y Subpoblaciones

- El Municipio podrá establecer preferencias para ciertas poblaciones para los proyectos a ser llevados a cabo (Ej. Violencia Doméstica, VIH/SIDA, etc.)
- Clientela de los proyectos:
 - Puede ser referida por el sistema coordinado del CoC
 - Puede ser manejada con una lista de espera en el proyecto
 - Combinación de ambos



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



HOME-ARP Allocation Plan



Consultas

• Propósito de la consulta es:

- Identificar necesidad de la clientela
- Identificar brechas en el sistema de servicios
- Identificar actividades que se llevan a cabo en el Municipio
- Oportunidades de colaboración y administración de las actividades
- Obtener información para la selección de actividades HOME-ARP



Resultados de Proceso Hasta el Momento

- El envío de cartas de consulta a entidades requeridas por la reglamentación al igual que a miembros del CoC 502. Además se dió seguimiento a las entidades consultadas.
- Publicación del aviso de invitación a las vistas públicas virtuales. 12 de enero de 2023 (Primera Hora)
- Se habilitó un portal en Internet con un cuestionario para recibir comentarios y opinión principalmente de las entidades consultadas
- Recibimos de la entidad colaborada del 502: 1) Datos detallados del Censo del 2022 y 2) Datos sobre ocupación de proyectos del CoC
- Analizamos estadísticas y datos de necesidad
 - Personas sin hogar
 - Víctimas de Violencia Doméstica
 - Personas en riesgo de perder su Hogar
 - Otras poblaciones con necesidad
 - Personas de ingresos muy bajos
 - Personas VIH/SIDA
 - Clientela de Sección 8
 - Envejecientes



Determinacion de Necesidad



Resultados Preliminares



Aviso disponibilidad del Plan

- Se publicará un anuncio informando la disponibilidad del borrador del Plan (Periódico)
- Se recibirán comentarios sobre su contenido por un período de 15 días calendario a partir de la fecha de publicación del anuncio
- El Aviso indicará:
 - Actividades a llevarse a cabo
 - Cantidad asignada
 - Los comentarios se considerarán en la preparación del Plan final.



Cuestionario de Insumo

Favor de completar el cuestionario accediendo el mismo a través del código QR o en el siguiente enlace:

<https://forms.office.com/r/AkS9yTY140>





Preguntas y Respuestas

Persona Contacto:

Sra. Ivette Ortiz

Coordinadora

Programa HOME

iortiz@bayamonpr.org



Attachment 3- Public Hearing Attendees

Bayamon HOME ARP Public Hearing Attendees

Summary

Meeting Date	Meeting Duration	Number of Attendees	Meeting ID
February 3, 2023 8:57 AM EST	49 minutes	20	798-374-085

Details

Name	Email Address	Join Time	Leave Time
Belmari Díaz		9:04 AM	9:45 AM
Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos		8:57 AM	9:44 AM
Cristian Sanchez		8:57 AM	9:45 AM
Daliana		8:59 AM	9:45 AM
Emilio Viera		9:37 AM	9:46 AM
Fernando Conde		9:18 AM	9:47 AM
Fernando Conde		9:06 AM	9:17 AM
HCG Harrison	harrison@hcgpr.com	8:57 AM	9:47 AM
Irisbel		9:00 AM	9:39 AM
Juan Pablo Rivera	proyectohogaramparo@gmail.com	9:13 AM	9:45 AM
Laiza		9:14 AM	9:43 AM
María del Mar Yañez	mariadelmar@habitatpr.org	9:04 AM	9:47 AM
Michael Font		9:10 AM	9:12 AM
Michael Font		9:21 AM	9:34 AM
Nilsa López Rivera	ipvipr@yahoo.com	9:23 AM	9:46 AM
Nilsa López Rivera	ipvipr@yahoo.com	8:57 AM	9:17 AM
Raphael Osuna - Habitat for Humanity	rosuna@habitat.org	9:09 AM	9:47 AM
Sandra M Velazquez Rivera		9:34 AM	9:45 AM
Sandra M. Velazquez-Rivera	sandra.m.velazquezrivera@hud.gov	8:57 AM	9:24 AM
Sandra M. Velazquez-Rivera	sandra.m.velazquezrivera@hud.gov	9:27 AM	9:34 AM
Taisha		8:57 AM	9:47 AM
Wanda Lebron		8:57 AM	8:58 AM
Wanda Lebron		9:14 AM	9:45 AM
Wanda Lebron		9:13 AM	9:13 AM
Yari		9:23 AM	9:46 AM
Yari		9:04 AM	9:22 AM
[Waiting for name]		9:10 AM	9:19 AM
[Waiting for name]		9:08 AM	9:09 AM
[Waiting for name]		9:00 AM	9:45 AM

Attachment 4- Public Notice Availability of Draft Plan

PRIMERA HORA Jueves, 9 de marzo de 2023 24



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

The Municipality of Bayamón has prepared a substantial amendment to the 2021-2022 Annual Plan that includes the changes required in order to receive and use the HOME-ARP funds, and included in the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. The amendment recognizes HOME-ARP funds delegated to the Municipality in the amount of \$3,738,677. After the completion of the Citizen Participation and Consultation process these funds have been distributed as follows:

Activity	Allocated Amount
Acquisition with or without Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation of Existing Housing, or New Construction of rental Housing	\$1,586,203
Supportive Services	\$1,591,673
Administration	\$560,801
Total	\$3,738,677.00

The funds will be available to all the HOME ARP Qualifying populations as established by HUD that include: 1) homeless persons, 2) persons or households at risk of homelessness, 3) Persons fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; 4) Other at-risk populations with housing instability. CPD Circular 21-10 and 24 CFR 91.105 require the Municipality to publish this public notice to provide residents, public agencies, Community-Based Entities, and other interested parties the opportunity to review the amendment, comment on, and react to the 2021-2022 plan amendment. The document "HOME ARP Allocation Plan" will be available for review by stakeholders in:

Oficina de Planificación, Ordenación Territorial y Administración
de Programas Federales (public facility that is accessible and free of
architectural barriers)
4th Floor City Hall
Hour: Monday to Friday: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
Attention: Emanuel Gómez Vélez, Planner
Tel: 787-787-0451

The Amendment and its supporting documents will be available for public review for 15 calendar days. Comments may be submitted in writing to the following email: ioritz@bayamonpr.org. Comments will be evaluated, addressed and incorporated into the amendment. The final amendment will be submitted to the Caribbean Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval. If any resident of the municipality, Public Agency or Legal Entity has any questions about this public notice, you can contact Mrs. Ivette Ortiz, during working hours and days and / or through the email indicated above.

Notice Published: March 9, 2023

Hon. Ramón L. Rivera Cruz
Alcalde

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



AVISO DISPONIBILIDAD ENMIENDA SUSTANCIAL AL PLAN ANUAL 2021-2022

El Municipio de Bayamón ha preparado una enmienda sustancial al Plan Anual 2021-2022 que incluye los cambios requeridos para poder recibir y utilizar los fondos HOME-ARP que están plasmados en el documento "HOME ARP Allocation Plan". Esta enmienda ha sido preparada en cumplimiento con los requisitos de la circular CPD 21-10, el 24 CFR 91.105 y el Plan de Participación Ciudadana del Municipio. La enmienda reconoce los fondos HOME-ARP delegados al Municipio que totaliza \$3,738,677. Luego del proceso de participación ciudadana y consulta estos fondos se han distribuido de la siguiente manera:

Actividad	Cantidad Asignada
Adquisición con o sin Rehabilitación, Rehabilitación de Vivienda Existente o Construcción de Vivienda de Alquiler	\$1,586,203
Servicios de Apoyo	\$1,591,673
Administración	\$560,801
Total	\$3,738,677.00

Los fondos estarán disponibles para todas las poblaciones calificadas según establecidos por HUD que incluye a: 1) Personas sin Hogar, 2) Personas en Riesgo de Perder su Hogar, 3) Personas huyendo o tratando de huir de violencia doméstica, violencia en citas, asalto sexual, acoso, o tráfico humano, y 4) Otras poblaciones en riesgo y con características de inestabilidad en la vivienda. La circular CPD 21-10 y el 24 CFR 91.105 le requieren al Municipio la publicación de este aviso público para que los residentes, las agencias públicas, Entidades de Base Comunitario y otras partes interesadas puedan revisar la enmienda, comentar y reaccionar a la petición de enmienda del plan anual 2021-2022. El documento conocido como "HOME ARP Allocation Plan" estará disponible para ser revisado por las partes interesadas en:

Oficina de Planificación, Ordenación Territorial y Administración de
Programas Federales (Edificio Libre de Barreras Arquitectónicas)
4to piso Casa Alcaldía
Horario: Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 3:30 pm
Atención: Planificador Emanuel Gómez Vélez
Tel.: 787-787-0451

La enmienda y los documentos de apoyo estarán disponibles por 15 días calendario para que el público pueda hacer sus comentarios de forma escrita al correo electrónico: ioritz@bayamonpr.org. Los comentarios serán evaluados, contestados e incorporados a la enmienda y luego se tramitará a la Oficina del Caribe del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano Federal (HUD) para evaluación y aprobación final. Si algún residente del municipio, agencia pública o persona jurídica tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso público, puede comunicarse con la Sra. Ivette Ortiz en horas y días laborables y/o a través del correo electrónico arriba indicado.

Aviso Publicado: 9 de marzo de 2023

Hon. Ramón L. Rivera Cruz
Alcalde

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

Attachment 5- Consultation Letters

Consultation letters are available for review on the following links:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11G6hE7WgVV_gitsYq9nsPL8rDdEJ7fuP/view?usp=sharing

Attachment 6- Results of Consultation Survey

5. Entre su número de teléfono

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Responses

Latest Responses

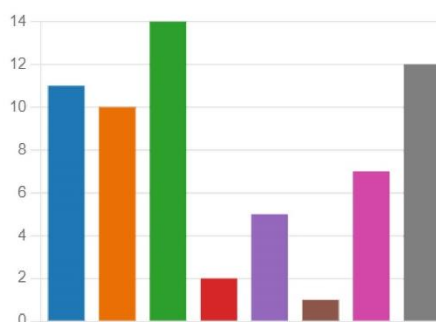
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6. ¿Cómo su Organización se relaciona con las siguientes poblaciones elegibles: personas literalmente sin hogar, personas huyendo de la violencia doméstica, abuso sexual, acoso o trata humana, veteranos, familias o alguna otra población? Indique, si es proveedor de los siguientes servicios (puede seleccionar mas de uno):

Albergue de Emergencia	11
Vivienda Permanente o Realoja...	10
Servicios de Apoyo	14
Vivienda/ Arrendador/ Administ...	2
Desarrollador de Vivienda Aseq...	5
Proveedor de los Fondos	1
Miembro de la Comunidad de I...	7
Other	12



7. ¿Es su Organización miembro del Cuidado Continuo de Servicios para la población de personas sin hogar?

PR CoC 502	15
PR CoC 503	4
No es miembro de ninguna Coa...	6



8. ¿En que Municipios su Organización provee los servicios? (Indique el/los Municipios):

22
Responses

Latest Responses

"Bayamón y Caguas "

"Se le proveen servicios educativos a todos los estudiantes identificados a niv..."

"Bayamon"

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



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



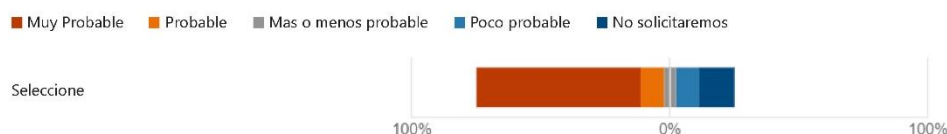
11. Desde su Perspectiva como Organización, ordene las actividades de Albergue no Congregados de la más importante a la menos importante.



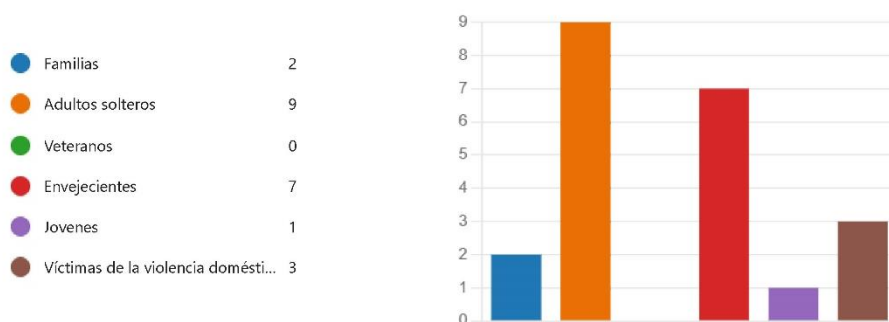
12. Desde su perspectiva como organización , ordene las siguientes actividades de desarrollo de Vivienda Renta Asequible (de la más importante a la menos importante)



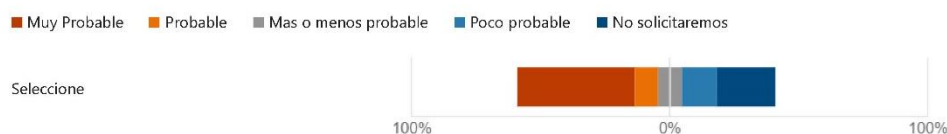
13. Qué probabilidad hay de que su entidad solicite los fondos de Prevención de Deambulancia



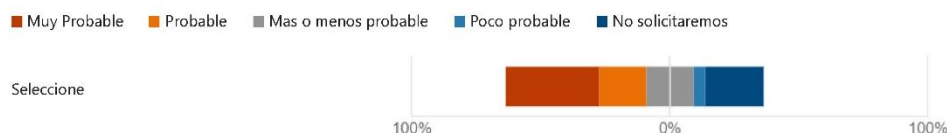
14. Las siguientes preguntas están diseñadas para identificar a la población sin hogar o en riesgo de convertirse en una persona sin hogar. De la siguiente lista, identifique la población con la mayor necesidad tomando en cuenta la experiencia de su Organización.



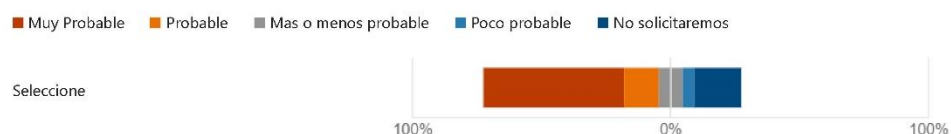
15. ¿Qué probabilidad hay de que usted solicite los fondos para Consejería de Vivienda?



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



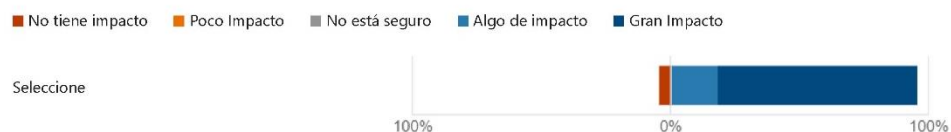
17. ¿Qué probabilidad hay de que usted solicite los fondos para desarrollar o capacitar en las Destrezas de Vida?



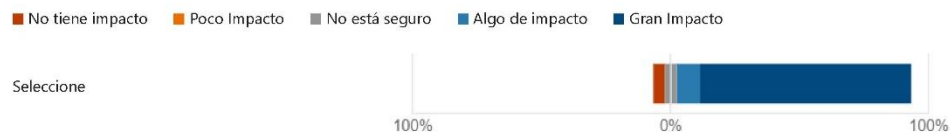
18. ¿Cree usted que los servicios de Consejería en vivienda como búsqueda de vivienda, derechos de los dueños y los inquilinos, manejo del presupuesto y consejería sobre la reparación de crédito tienen un impacto significativo en la comunidad?



19. ¿Cree usted que la Prevención a la deambulancia tiene un impacto significativo en nuestra comunidad?



20. ¿Cree usted que la preparación para el empleo y/o la formación en destrezas de vida tienen un impacto significativo en nuestra comunidad?



21. Aquí podrá emitir cualquier comentarios adicional que nos permita identificar la necesidad y prioridad de las poblaciones de personas sin hogar. De necesitar ayuda favor de enviar correo a: iortiz@bayamonpr.org

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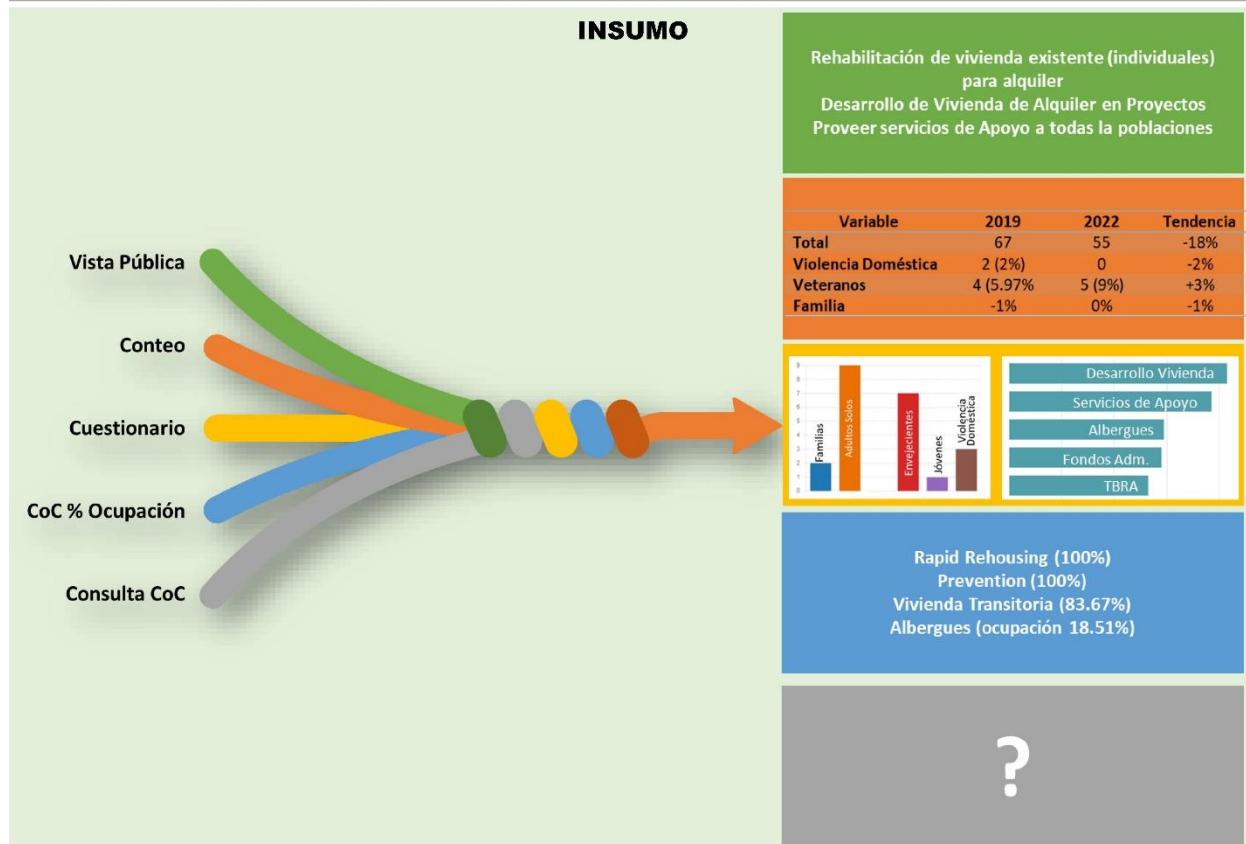
Responses

Latest Responses

*"Establecer en la medida de lo posible una oferta para mayor de vivienda pa...**"Las personas sin hogar necesitan el seguimiento y apoyo directo, para que ...*

Attachment 7- Comments received from CoC

A meeting was held on March 6, 2023. During the meeting the Municipality presented a summary of the Citizen Participation and Consultation Process. A summary of the Gap Analysis and need was presented and the CoC concurred with the proposed distribution of funds.



RESULTADO

- Toda la clientela cualificada presenta necesidad
- Los albergues existentes pueden ofrecer las camas necesarias
- Los servicios de apoyo son necesarios para todas las poblaciones
- Existe necesidad de vivienda asequible (34% success rate)

Actividad	Presupuesto Recomendado
Desarrollo Vivienda Asequible	\$1,586,203
Servicios de Apoyo	\$1,591,673
Administración	\$560,801

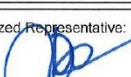



Attachment 8- Certifications and SF-424

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
<div> <div> * 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application </div> <div> * 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision </div> <div> * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> </div> <div> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/> </div> </div>		
<div> * 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/> </div> <div> 4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/> </div>		
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Municipality of Bayamon"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="660723717"/>		* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="E7DABCQ6GDH3"/>
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text" value="PO BOX 1588"/> Street2: <input type="text"/> * City: <input type="text" value="Bayamon"/> County/Parish: <input type="text"/> * State: <input type="text" value="PR: Puerto Rico"/> Province: <input type="text"/> * Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/> * Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="00960-1588"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Housing Department"/>		Division Name: <input type="text" value="HOME Program"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mrs."/> * First Name: <input type="text" value="Milka"/> Middle Name: <input type="text"/> * Last Name: <input type="text" value="Cintron"/> Suffix: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/> Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text" value="MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMON"/> * Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="787-269-3425"/> Fax Number: <input type="text" value="787-787-3145"/> * Email: <input type="text" value="mcintron@bayamonpr.org"/>		

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

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant	PR
* b. Program/Project	
PR	
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date:	07/01/2023
* b. End Date:	
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	3,738,677.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	3,738,677.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	Hon.
* First Name:	Ramón
Middle Name:	Luis
* Last Name:	Rivera-Cruz
Suffix:	
* Title:	Mayor
* Telephone Number:	787-787-0451
Fax Number:	787-785-3145
* Email:	oabayamon@yahoo.com
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	 
* Date Signed:	03/24/2023

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


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

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9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
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14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
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4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Signature of Authorized Official

03/24/2023

Date

Mayor

Title

