

**BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CONSOLIDATED PLAN (2020-2024)**

2021 ACTION PLAN First Amendment



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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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Introduction:

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced an allocation of a new grant called the Home Investment Partnerships Grant American Relief Plan (HOME-ARP). The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities. Eligible activities include acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, HOME-ARP rental housing, administration and planning, and nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance. A certain portion of HOME-ARP funds must assist people in HOME-ARP "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 County has developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan has been informed through stakeholder consultation and community engagement. The following is the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Consultation

Summarize the consultation process:

Bucks County recognizes the importance of an effective citizen participation and stakeholder consultation process. Information gained is critical in understanding the County's priority needs and setting appropriate goals to make a meaningful difference with the resources available. The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) consulted with a wide range of public and private agencies throughout the development of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan in order to determine priority needs, develop goals and formulate objectives to address identified needs.

HCD is the lead agency for the Housing Continuum of Care of Bucks County (Housing Link). The Housing Link members include representation by housing providers, mental health organizations, substance abuse treatment providers, domestic violence service providers, the child welfare agency, homeless service outreach organizations, faith-based organizations, the primary youth services organization, the community action agency and the area agency on aging. HCD consulted with the Housing Link to identify needs to further improve the County's response to and prevention of homelessness for community residents and to identify areas that need improvement.

Bucks County HCD encouraged a broad range of citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP Plan. HCD released a survey to the Bucks County community asking other County departments, municipal officials, local nonprofits, housing agencies, and the Housing Authority, about affordable housing and homelessness in Bucks County.

List the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities.

Table 1: Agencies/Organizations Consulted

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
A Woman's Place	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims	Survey questionnaire	The lack of affordable housing results in longer stays at shelters, and at small domestic violence safe houses, providing limited options for survivors. Staffing issues for case management is a challenge due to high caseloads and staff turnover. Shelter support in a non-congregate setting would limit triggering events and increase the feeling of safety, benefitting homeless and those fleeing from domestic violence.
Bucks County Adult Probation & Parole Department	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - County	Survey questionnaire	Increase supports and long term residential beds for those transitioning from incarceration, and those with serious and persistent mental illness, back into the community. Advocacy to change HUD's definition of homelessness to remove the 90 day break rule.
Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Child Welfare Agency Other government - County	Survey questionnaire	Homelessness and lack of adequate shelter often leads to the placement of children in foster or kinship care. Difficulty affording rent with a subsidy tends to be an issue. Supportive services is needed and could curtail a housing crisis.
Bucks County Department of Behavioral Health/Developmental Programs	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Health Agency Other government - County	Survey questionnaire	Lack of affordable, no barrier housing and shelter, combined with long waiting lists and landlords willing to accept vouchers.
Bucks County Division of Human Services	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - County	Survey questionnaire	Shelter needs are a priority, consideration of specialized shelter for those with mental health issues and those with episodic homelessness needs.

Bucks County Government Officials	Other government - County Civic Leaders	Survey questionnaire	Lack of affordable housing and shelter for families with children and mental illness, combined with long waiting lists.
Bucks County Housing Authority	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - Local	Survey questionnaire	An increase of affordable housing units in general is needed.
Bucks County Housing Group	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing	Requested participation in survey questionnaire	No Response received.
Bucks County Opportunity Council	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Community Action Agency	Survey questionnaire	Create shelters in central and upper bucks and increase subsidized housing, including single room occupancy units and/or housing vouchers with supports. Need for affordable units, including single room occupancy along with supportive services and to prioritize length of stay in temporary housing situations.
Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless	Survey questionnaire	Limited assistance for medical, dental and work-related needs including emergency funding for qualifying circumstances, need for shelter, low-income housing and outreach services. Increased code blue sheltering of homeless in Central Bucks County and the increase of stable housing opportunities.
Co-Mans	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities	Survey questionnaire	Increase affordable housing options for behavioral health and homeless individuals, considering residential programs and/or shelter beds coupled with supportive services.
Community Members	General Public	Survey questionnaire	Foreclosure prevention resulting in reduced homelessness by increasing community outreach and awareness of services in Bucks County. Financial planning including budgeting, how to create a savings plan, and basic financial literacy would be beneficial to maintain both rental housing and homeownership. Landlord education to increase the affordable housing stock in addition to increasing shelter opportunities and case management for those requiring services.
Credit Counseling	Services - Housing Business Leaders	Survey questionnaire	Focus on foreclosure prevention and outreach services for the community.
Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH-BCIU)	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education Child Welfare Agency	Survey questionnaire	Work on one plan that will address the needs of homeless families with children with regards to housing, education and supportive services.

Family Promise of Lower Bucks	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless	Survey questionnaire	Increase emergency and temporary shelter opportunities along with providing intensive and comprehensive case management to enhance housing stability, while also reducing call back times and length of waiting lists.
Family Service Association	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health	Survey questionnaire	Lack of affordable housing and landlords willing to accept subsidies available including education about subsidies that are available for the rental of their units. Need more non-congregate shelters, supportive housing, and transportation for chronically homeless and to eliminate the need for psychiatric evaluation. Also need to increase shelter space, street healthcare, and funding resources to be competitive in the market to limit staff turnover.
Housing Continuum of Care of Bucks County	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders	Consultation was conducted with the Housing Link to determine homeless and affordable housing needs throughout the jurisdiction through a virtual meeting and survey questionnaire.	Bucks County has a deficiency in affordable housing opportunities. Landlord outreach and recruitment is needed to educate landlords on available subsidies and voucher programs. A homeless shelter is needed in Upper Bucks.
Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania	Service – Fair Housing Regional organization	Requested participation in survey questionnaire	No Response received.
Keystone Opportunity Center	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education	Requested participation in survey questionnaire	No Response received.
Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities	Requested participation in survey questionnaire	No Response received.
St. Luke's Penn Foundation	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health	Survey questionnaire	Increase affordable housing units and the availability of vouchers and supportive services where needed.

The Veterans Multi-Service Center	Regional organization	Survey questionnaire	Increase emergency shelter and other transitional programs while ensuring once housing is obtained the household is not rent burdened and able to maintain housing. Development of non-congregate shelter would provide a safe space so housing options could be pursued.
United Way Bucks County	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment	Requested participation in survey questionnaire	No Response received.
Valley Youth House	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment	Survey questionnaire	Affordable housing and shelter options for populations with limited income and poor rental history, including support for financial management, childcare, work and transportation services especially for mental and behavioral health populations.
YWCA	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims	Requested participation in survey questionnaire	No Response received.

Public Participation

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

Public input was solicited from local government officials, county agencies, housing agencies, social service providers and other local authorities and representatives. Public notices were placed in a local newspaper and posted on the County's website.

The 2021 Action Plan Amendment- HOME ARP Plan public meeting will be held on January 31, 2022 at 10:00 AM, in the 3rd Floor Library of the Almshouse Building in the Neshaminy Manor Center, 1260 Almshouse Road, Doylestown, PA 18901. Interested residents were encouraged to attend through a public notice in local newspapers published on January 14, 2022, to discuss community needs and priorities for the use of the funding. Detailed information about the program and eligible activities were available for review. Meeting minutes will be included as an attachment to this plan.

- ***Public comment period:*** start date 1/15/22 - end date 1/31/22
- ***Public hearing:*** January 31, 2022 at 10:00 AM, on the 3rd Floor Library of Building G, located at 1260 Almshouse Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

Bucks County considers all comments received in writing, or orally at a public meeting. The department's goal is to improve the living and housing conditions of very low- and low-income persons,

maximize resources, and continually improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our programs and organizational performance through the fair, ethical and honest administration of all local, state and federal programs. The focus of the HOME-ARP Plan is to continue to create affordable housing county-wide and to ensure the availability of supportive services and housing for the homeless and those with special needs.

Coordination has been enhanced between the above-mentioned systems through collaborative initiatives to best serve the homeless and at-risk in our community. Initial collaboration was facilitated as the result of the County, philanthropic, key non-profit providers along with a local hospital, which established a centralized intake and assessment system known as the Bucks County Housing Link. Recently, the system has been further developed to better prioritize those who are most vulnerable and who are experiencing homelessness. Coordination between the mental health residential system and the housing crisis response system has also been enhanced. Mental Health has employed a diversion staff position that interfaces with the housing crisis response system while attempting to strengthen community based mental health resource access to assist individuals in avoiding mental health inpatient residential placement. Collaboration between the HCD and Mental Health has resulted in efforts to better improve the administration and outcomes of the permanent supportive housing programs.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process:

Survey results show that the prioritization of HOME-ARP funds should be development of affordable housing, please see attachment “Q5- Prioritize how you think HOME-ARP funds should be used.”

- Increase affordable housing units;
- Increase landlord outreach and the availability of vouchers and other subsidies;
- Increase emergency and temporary shelter opportunities, non-congregate shelters, supportive housing options and other transitional housing programs.

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

N/A, all comments received will be accepted and considered.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Table 2: Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	92	18	19	19	0								
Transitional Housing	158	54	19	19	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	31	10	94	94	26								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Sheltered Homeless						196	106	12	8				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	30	0	5				
Current Gap										11	4	76	75

Suggested Data Sources: 1. 2020 Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. 2020 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation. Note: A “Family” household is a household with at least 1 child, and an “Adult” household includes a household without children. The average household size is 2.69.

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Table 3: Non-Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	54,977		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	4,952		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	14,267		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		8,355	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		8,145	
Current Gaps			3,403

Suggested Data Sources: 1. 2019 American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2014-2018

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

HUD requires HOME-ARP funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in specified HOME-ARP "qualifying populations." Qualifying populations include, but are not limited to, the Following:

- 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

Homeless Populations

In accordance with HUD's definition of homeless under the HOME-ARP grant, HCD will consider a homeless family or individual to generally include:

- An individual or family who lacks a permanent and adequate permanent home
- A person or family who will imminently lose their permanent home due to a lack of resources or support
- A youth under the age of 25, even if accompanied by an adult, that does not have a permanent home

The 2020 Point-in-Time Homeless Count & Survey (PIT Count) found a total of 333 individuals experiencing homelessness on the night of January 29, 2020: 303 people staying in shelter (91%) and 30 people living unsheltered (9%) in Bucks County, PA.

In the homeless population, over 194 out of 333 persons experiencing homelessness were over the age of 24. Approximately 121 out of 333 were under the age of 18, and all of those under age 18, 100% were residing in sheltered situations. The population living unsheltered was older with 27 out of 29 (93%) 25 years of age or older. The sheltered population experiencing homelessness was younger, due to the inclusion of children in that population. Overall a higher percentage of persons experiencing homelessness were female, with sheltered at 56% and unsheltered at 53% female.

The analysis of subpopulations showed that 33 out of 333 or 10% of people met the HUD definition of chronic homelessness. 12 out of 333 people self-identified as a veteran. Serious mental illness was self-reported at 21% (71 out of 333) and substance use disorder was self-reported at 13% (42 out of 333). A total of 7 unaccompanied youth (18-24) were among those experiencing homelessness. 14 children were found in parenting youth households, and all of them were in emergency shelter or transitional housing.

While those who identified as Black or African-American experienced homelessness at a rate of 38%, only 4.5% of Bucks County's population identifies as Black or African American. 88% of Bucks County residents identify as white, while only 56% of the homeless population identified as white. Those who identified as Hispanic or Latino accounted for 12% of those experiencing homelessness, more than double the percentage of Bucks County residents who identify as Hispanic or Latino at 5%. 2% of Bucks County residents identified as one of more races, 4.5% of those experiencing homelessness identified as multiracial. (<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/buckscountypennsylvania>).

Individuals and Families at Risk of Homelessness

HUD defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families who have an income below 30% of the area median income (AMI), do not have sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless, or live with instability, like living in the home of another because of economic hardship or having been notified that their current living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of the application.

The Bucks County Emergency Rental Assistance (BERA) Program launched in March 2021. Data since the launch of the program through December 31, 2021 show that 4188 applications had been submitted to receive rent assistance. Of those, 2,576 received rent and/or utility assistance because they were financially impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic, experienced housing instability, and whose household income was at or below 80% AMI. 50% of those who received assistance were below 30% AMI, and 77% were below 50% AMI. Black or African American applicants made up 31% of those receiving assistance vs. 4.5% of Bucks County residents who identify as Black or African American. 8% of applicants identified as multi-racial vs 4.5% of Bucks County residents who identify as multiple races. Hispanic or Latino applicants made up 10% of those receiving assistance, double the number of Bucks County residents who identify as Hispanic or Latino. While 88% of Bucks County residents identify as white, only 52% of those receiving BERA assistance identified as white. This is similar to the racial and ethnic demographics of those experiencing homelessness in Bucks County. Of those receiving BERA assistance, 66% were female and 33% were male, with approximately 1% identifying as gender-nonconforming or transgender. In Bucks County, approximately 51% of residents identify as female.

In addition, the County has housed 7 people permanent supportive housing (PSH), moved 135 people into permanent housing through rapid re-housing (RRH), and received 106 referrals for diversion through housing planning or prevention assistance services to assist those at risk of homelessness in maintaining or regaining housing over the past year, from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. 69% of clients housed through RRH and 57% of clients housed in PSH identified as white, while 28% in RRH and 43% in PSH identified as Black or African American. Only 3% of clients in RRH identified as Hispanic or Latino. 61% of clients in RRH and 72% in PSH identified as female. Of those diversion referrals, 36% identified as black or African American, 50% identified as white, and 6% identified as multiracial. 10% of diversion referrals identified as Hispanic or Latino, and 75% identified as female.

This shows the extreme additional need in Bucks County for rental assistance and wrap around or supportive services to assist households who are living in housing instability or that have recently received housing assistance due to COVID-19 impacts.

Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking

For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. It includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. There was an increase of 19% for adults fleeing domestic violence between the 2020 and 2021 PIT Counts. Between calendar year 2020 and 2021, there was a 38% increase in clients who reported that they had experienced domestic violence. Although COVID-19 didn't cause domestic violence, abusers leveraged the circumstances to exert new power and control, the pandemic in 2020 increased isolation and economic stressors that compounded the impact of abuse, including frequency and severity of violence (*Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence*).

Table 4: Pennsylvania 2020 DV Deaths in 2020



Source: https://www.pcadv.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-Fatality-Report_web.pdf

Between April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, A Woman's Place (AWP), Bucks County's Victim Service Provider, reported that the organization housed or assisted 48 families or individuals fleeing domestic or dating violence, sexual assault, or sex trafficking. Of those families or individuals assisted, 44 received supportive services such as counseling, court and/or legal services, and case management. AWP also placed

4 survivors into housing from a hospital referral, 4 survivors in safe harbor hotels, and AWP provided \$5,679 in hotel and relocation assistance.

Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness

HOME-ARP qualifying populations also include other populations who have previously qualified as homeless, are currently housed with temporary or emergency assistance, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness. In addition, HUD defines those at greatest risk of housing instability as households that have an annual income less than 30% AMI and are experiencing severe cost burden or have an income less than 50% AMI and meet a certain condition, like living in someone else's home or living in a hotel due to an economic hardship.

Many renters in Bucks County experience varied housing challenges. 48.5% (26,680/54,997) of all Bucks County renters have housing problems or severe housing problems. In CHAS data, HUD defines housing problems as a household that has one or more of the following: lacking a kitchen or plumbing, having more than one person per room, or being housing cost burdened at 30% or more. Of these problems, housing costs negatively impact most renters whose household income is at or below 50% AMI.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

- ***Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;***
- ***Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;***
- ***Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness;***
and,
- ***Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:***

The primary unmet housing need for sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations is access to affordable housing within Bucks County. Low affordable housing stock and increased rent costs have made it difficult for persons experiencing homelessness to obtain safe, affordable housing in order to resolve their housing crisis. This has caused increased lengths of time persons remain homeless and reduced success rates of permanent housing programs in placing households into affordable units. In addition to this, the unsheltered population has a need of additional shelter capacity as Bucks County's main emergency homeless shelter consistently has a waiting list and is located in the lower part of the County. Due to the size of the County, this makes it difficult for access and continuation of community services and supports for persons experiencing homelessness in the upper and central parts of the County. Households that are at-risk of homelessness and those in need of prevention assistance face similar needs of access to affordable housing in order to reduce rent burdens and maintain housing stability. Ongoing rental assistance and housing stability case management is also needed for some at-risk households that are unable to increase income to maintain stable housing due to cost of rent and household size. Households in unstable housing situations and at greatest risk of housing instability face similar needs in housing such as access to affordable housing units, ongoing rental assistance, and housing stability case management in order to obtain or maintain permanent housing.

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:

The Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter (BCEHS), Bucks County's main homeless shelter, is comprised of 75 beds as of the 2020 Point in Time Count. In response to the pandemic, BCEHS reduced congregate shelter census and expanded into non-congregate shelter space in order to continue to serve the homeless population during the pandemic. The current non-congregate expansion space is time limited due to funding availability. The BCEHS accepts referrals throughout the CoC but is located within the lower part of the County so transportation and connections to supportive services and employment is limited for households seeking shelter in the upper part of the County. The County operates a TBRA program for families with children through HOME in a collaborative funding agreement between the Departments of Housing & Community Development and Children & Youth. Additional time limited TBRA assistance is available through CoC and ESG funded rapid rehousing programs in which the available number of program openings will decline in 2022 due to the ending of CARES funding that expanded program funding in pandemic response. The permanent supportive housing stock dedicated to serving the homeless population is extremely inadequate within Bucks County and is comprised of only 17 beds for chronically homeless persons as of the 2020 Point in Time Count. The remaining beds are dedicated to Veterans with HUD-VASH vouchers and HOPWA eligible households. Supportive services are available through all the homeless housing programs but is time and space limited. There is no funded long-term supportive services available for housing stability aside from permanent supportive housing for households needing long-term housing stability case management.

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

The main gaps within the system are 1) Lack of shelter availability to cover the upper geographical area of Bucks County 2) Inadequate supply of low barrier permanent supportive housing beds to meet the need of the homeless population 3) Lack of affordable rental housing stock for prospective renters seeking stable housing and 4) Lack of long-term housing stability case management for at-risk households not in permanent supportive housing programs.

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of "other populations" as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:

N/A, Bucks County will not include such conditions in its definition of "other populations."

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The priority needs for qualifying populations are 1) Development of affordable housing in order to increase rental and homeowner housing stock in Bucks County and 2) Expansion of permanent supportive housing beds available to chronically homeless households.

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

The 2020 Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Chart data for Bucks County was utilized in this plan in order to determine the level of need and gaps within the system. Although the HIC data shows Bucks County having 94 permanent supportive housing beds for adults, only 17 of those beds are dedicated to

chronically homeless persons. In the 2020 PIT, 33 chronically homeless households were identified that were not yet in PSH, showing a need of at least an additional 33 PSH beds in order to adequately serve this special population. The 2020 PIT Count had 76 persons identified as either unsheltered or temporarily sheltered in a seasonal code blue shelter overnight that were unable to be sheltered in the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter (BCEHS) due to limited bed availability as well as 4 households with children temporarily sheltered in hotels. This shows a need for an additional 76 adult shelter beds and 11 family beds within the County to fully shelter the homeless population.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The County will distribute a HOME-ARP Application for rental housing to developers in our database in addition to posting a notice on the County website that applications are being accepted under the HOME-ARP Program for the development of affordable rental housing in Bucks County. The County will accept applications for acquisition, rehabilitation and/or the construction of affordable housing that will serve the qualifying populations outlined in the HOME-ARP guidelines. When selecting developers for the development of rental housing, the County will take into consideration the experience and financial capacity of the developer. The County of Bucks will administer eligible activities directly.

If any 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 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:

N/A

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 420,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of NonCongregate Shelters	\$ 756,679.15		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 1,310,400.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 876,580.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 224,210.00	4.999%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 224,210.00	4.999%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 672,719.85	15.000%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 4,484,799.00		

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:

HCD has identified activities that will assist families and individuals of the most vulnerable qualified populations. Bucks County's 2020 Point in Time Count had 115 occupied year-round beds. The 2020 PIT Count had 76 persons identified as either unsheltered or temporarily sheltered in a seasonal code blue shelter

overnight that were unable to be sheltered in a year-round shelter bed due to limited bed availability as well as 4 households with children temporarily sheltered in hotels. This shows a need for an additional 76 shelter beds for adults only households and 11 shelter beds for families with children within the County to fully shelter the homeless population on any given night. The 2020 Point in Time Count showed 10 persons being sheltered in the upper portion of the County specifically through other temporary and seasonal shelter options that need year-round shelter beds. The gap analysis shows that there are insufficient emergency shelter beds and permanent supportive housing beds to meet the need in Bucks County. Additional non-congregate shelter capacity, especially in the upper portion of the County is needed and, this need continues to grow due to the COVID-19 pandemic that began in spring 2020 and has continued through 2021. With the onset of COVID-19, de-congregated shelters have led to the need for additional non-congregate Shelter development to address homelessness safely. The acquisition and development of such non-congregate shelters would have a lasting long-term impact on the homeless service system if they can be developed.

The gap analysis also identified the need for increased numbers of permanent supportive housing beds dedicated to chronically homeless. The 2020 Housing Inventory Chart listed 17 permanent supportive housing beds dedicated to chronically homeless persons. The 2020 Point in Time Count identified 33 chronically homeless persons in need of permanent supportive housing. The 17 beds are 100% occupied and since this housing is meant to be permanent with low turnover, there is a gap of 33 additional permanent supportive housing beds needed to sufficiently meet the housing needs of the chronically homeless population in Bucks County. One of the other major gaps in Bucks County's homeless inventory is access to affordable housing. People experiencing housing crisis or fleeing an unsafe situation need to find a place to stay quickly. Access to this type of housing is a current gap in the system that development of rental housing can address.

Among the most vulnerable qualified populations in jeopardy of housing instability are families and individuals who have challenges with housing affordability. To help keep families housed and address affordability challenges within the housing inventory, HCD will fund activities that provide rental assistance to qualifying populations. Tenant-based rental assistance will be administered by local nonprofits or public agencies that support families or individual who are at-risk of homelessness.

Many of the families or individuals who receive assistance to mitigate homelessness or to flee violent circumstances require wrap-around services with their housing because of the compounding challenges they face. Where needed, HCD will support organizations that provide supportive services to help program participants achieve self-sufficiency. If Capacity Building is needed to assist organizations in better serving qualified populations, HCD can provide this support through HOME-ARP funding as well.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The County estimates the development of 9 affordable rental housing units for the qualifying populations outlined in our plan. The HOME-ARP investment is estimated to be approximately \$100,000 per unit. This estimate is based on recent LIHTC projects the County has invested HOME funds in affordable rental housing within the last two years.

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

The County estimates the development of 9 affordable rental housing units for the qualifying populations outlined in our plan. The County will work with developers and local non-profit entities to acquire,

rehabilitate and/or newly construct affordable rental units for qualifying populations and low-income residents in Bucks County. In addition to developing additional affordable rental units, the County will work with the Bucks County Housing Authority to secure vouchers in addition to utilizing HOME TBRA and HOME-ARP TBRA to ensure units are sustainable throughout the minimum compliance period. The County will also consider substantial capital investment to eliminate debt service for units where vouchers or TBRA assistance is not feasible.

Housing: Priority housing needs to be addressed through the HOME ARP Plan include rental assistance, rental rehab, and the production of new affordable rental housing units. The high cost of housing in many areas throughout Bucks County makes obtaining and sustaining safe, affordable housing a challenge for many residents and in particular low-income residents. By far, the most common housing problem experienced by low-income renters and owners is “housing cost burden” or housing costs that exceed 30% of the household income. Additionally, many housing units affordable to low-income residents are aging and require rehabilitation to bring the units up to code and to ensure the continued availability of housing that is safe and financially sustainable.

Preferences

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:

Bucks County intends to give preference to the following:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless population:
 - HUD Category 1 Individuals and Families – Experiencing Literal Homelessness
 - HUD Category 4 Individuals and Families – Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:
 - Individuals and families in a Housing Link Housing Program who were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent homelessness/housing instability

In addition, priority will be given to the above preferences for households that meet one or more of the following prioritization factors:

- Medical Frailty: Household member has a serious medical condition such as a heart condition, lung disease, diabetes, cancer, renal failure, kidney disease, severe obesity, asthma, HIV/AIDS, or COVID-19 that will be exacerbated through their housing instability.
- Insufficient income AND on fixed income/barriers to increasing income
- Large family size (5+) – challenging to house in shelter or to find affordable unit
- Long-term (6+ months) street or sheltered homelessness

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 category of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ’s needs assessment and gap analysis:

To improve the quality of life for program participants, HCD will support activities that give preference to and prioritize families and individuals who are the most vulnerable within the qualified populations. These Bucks County residents are likely to have great compounded challenges that require more

intensive supportive services to achieve and maintain housing stability. These qualifying populations require assistance transitioning to housing, including permanent supportive housing, along with short-term or long-term supportive services like case management, healthcare, legal services, and other supportive services. With better housing options and wrap-around services, these families will have a higher likelihood of becoming self-sustaining over time.

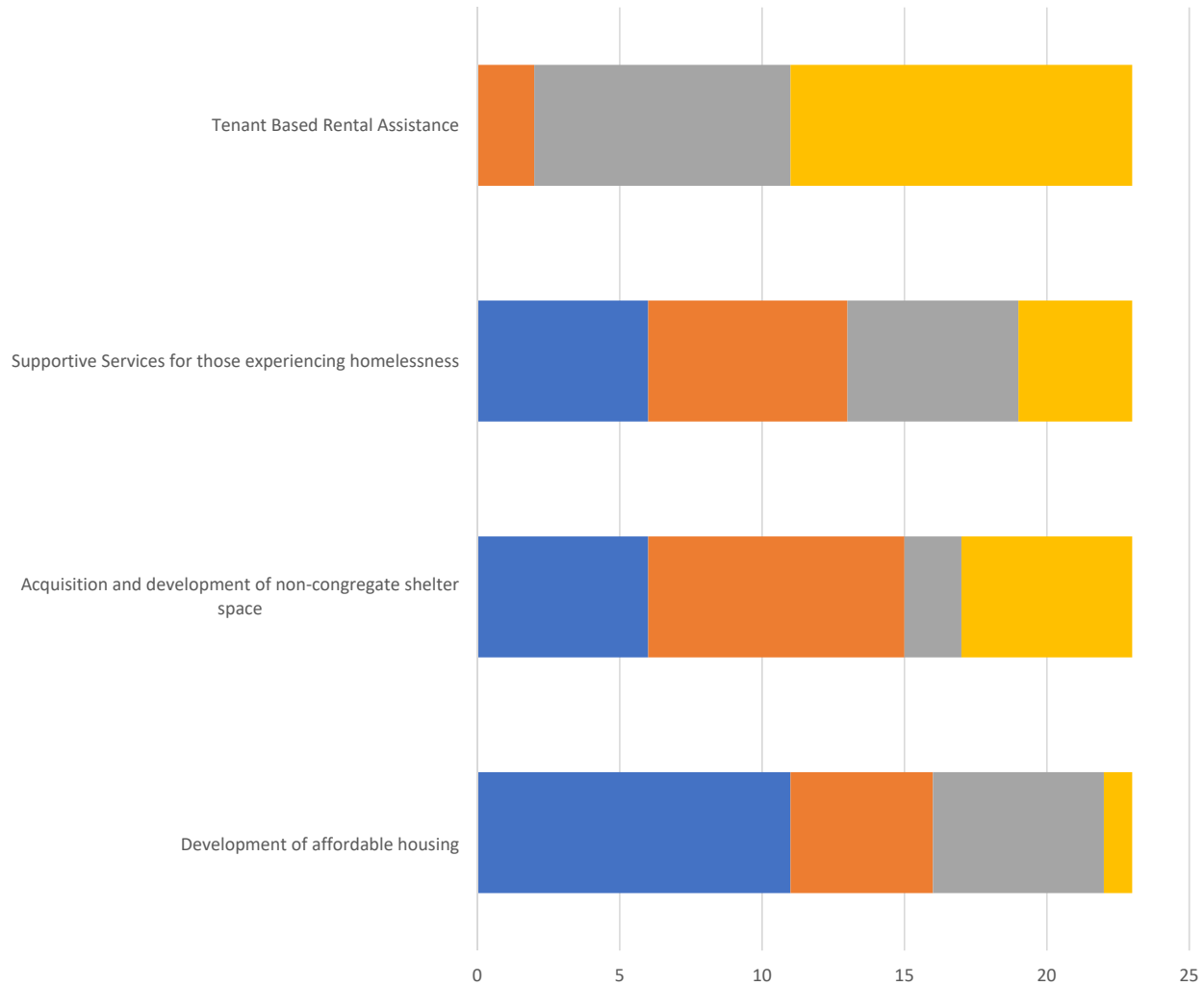
If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:

Other qualified populations like veteran households or households who are at or below 50% AMI and experiencing housing problems will be eligible to receive rental assistance or supportive services. As stated in prior sections, these families and individuals have difficulty affording a rental home and have a great risk of having housing instability. HCD will fund eligible activities that also support the stabilizations of these households, which will alleviate affordability challenges, overcrowding, and unsafe living conditions.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

Bucks County does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.

Q5 - Prioritize how you think HOME-ARP funds should be used:



	Development of affordable housing	Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter space	Supportive Services for those experiencing homelessness	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
■ 1 Highest Priority	11	6	6	0
■ 2 Medium Priority	5	9	7	2
■ 3 Medium Low Priority	6	2	6	9
■ 4 Lowest Priority	1	6	4	12

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11 J 14 7419579

NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Northampton Township, offices at 55 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954, will receive sealed bids online until 2:00 P.M., prevailing time on February 10, 2022 at which time and place the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud for:
Contract #17-08096 –
New Road Trail

Northampton Township is proposing to construct a new eight (8) foot wide asphalt trail, open to the public, located between the Northampton Municipal Park (located at 281 Hatboro Rd, Churchville, PA 18966) and the Maureen M. Welch Elemen-

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tary School (located at 750 New Rd, Southampton Township, PA 18966). The site consists of one (1) Township owned parcel (TMP #31-005-037-2) and one (1) School District owned parcel (TMP #31-005-036-1) separated by an existing parcel boundary line. The work consists of but is not limited to: mobilization, traffic control, installation of Erosion and Sedimentation Controls, demolition, clearing & grubbing, grading, pavement installation, installation of stormwater infrastructures, and landscaping.

All Bid Documents and solicitation details may be obtained at PennBid™ https://pennbid.procurement.com/home. Click on the "Solicitations" then "View" tabs. All documents, specifications, and drawings can be obtained and secure bids submitted online at no cost. A nominal fee of 0.33% of the bid amount (up to \$5,000) is assessed only to bidders who are awarded contracts. For bidders who are not the winning bid; there are absolutely no fees.

Each bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check for not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid amount payable to the Northampton Township along with an Agreement of Surety certifying that the required Performance and Payment Bonds will be provided to the Bidder.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish proof of insurance and bonds for Performance, Payment, and Maintenance in such form as meets the approval of Northampton Township and having as security thereon such Surety company or companies as are approved by Northampton Township.

This project is subject to applicable provisions of Act 422, Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as amended and the prevailing minimum wage rates issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. This project is subject to applicable provisions of Act 127, Pennsylvania Public Works Employment Verification, as amended.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of the bids.

This project was financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Northampton Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any cause whatsoever, and to accept any bid which it may deem to be in the best interest of the Township.

Robert M. Pellegrino
Township Manager
21 J 10, 14 7418961

NOTICE

The Lower Makefield Township Electricity Reliability Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

In order to ensure public safety during the COVID-19 crisis the meeting will be a virtual meeting via YouTube and Facebook Live which will allow for participation by interested public. Information on access and how to participate remotely will be posted prior to the meeting at www.lmt.org.

Kurt Ferguson,
Township Manager
11 J 14 7419575

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NOTICE

Required by 23 Pa. C.S. § 2513(b)

In Re: Adoption of J.M.L. (Docket No. 2021-A9127)
TO: Unknown Birth Father

A Petition has been filed in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to the child J.M.L., born on December 16, 2012 in Delaware County, Pennsylvania to Jennie Lyn Luckie. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to this child, as set forth below, and this is notice to you of the time, date, and place of the hearing. The hearing is scheduled on January 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 260, of the Bucks County Justice Center, 100 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.

You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without you being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES
135 East State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901
1-888-991-9922

You are requested to provide a current address to the attorney for the Petitioners: Law Offices of Craig B. Bluestein, 7237 Hollywood Road Fort Washington PA 19034 (P): 215-643-9000.

Notice Required by Act 101 of 2010 23 Pa. C.S. §§ 2731-2742

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TO: Unknown Birth Father

This is to inform you of an important option that may be available to you under Pennsylvania law. Act 101 of 2010 allows for an enforceable voluntary agreement for continuing contact or communication following an adoption between an adoptive parent, a child, a birth parent, and/or a birth relative of the child if all parties agree and the voluntary agreement is approved by the court. The agreement must be signed and approved by the court to be legally binding. You will please note that an important aspect of this is that it must be agreed to by all parties and that no one is obligated to enter into a post-adoption contact agreement of any sort. It is only when parties agree to post-adoption contact that such a voluntary post-adoption contract can be created. A birth relative is defined only as a parent, grandparent, stepparent, sibling, uncle or aunt of the child's birth family, whether the relationship is by blood, marriage, or adoption. This voluntary agreement may allow you to have continuing contact or communication, including, but not limited to: Letters and/or emails; Photos and/or videos; Telephone calls and/or text messages; or supervised or unsupervised visits. If you are interested in learning more about this option for voluntary agreement, please contact Jennifer L. Spata, Esquire, at the following:
Jennifer L. Spata, Esquire
LAW OFFICES OF

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CRAIG B. BLUESTEIN P.C.
7237 Hollywood Road,
Fort Washington PA 19034
(P): 215-643-9000
(F): 215-643-9800

11 Jan 14 7418103

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by Upper Makefield Township, hereinafter generally referred to as the Township until 10:00 AM on February 9, 2022 (Prevailing Time) via the PennBID Electronic Document and Bid Management Program and opened shortly thereafter. All documents and solicitation details will be available any time at https://pennbid.procurement.com. Bidders must copy (a free process), then click on the "Solicitations," then "View" tabs.

WELDED STEEL WATER STORAGE TANK MAINTENANCE CONTRACT IN UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CONTRACT NO. 6718A

This project involves a multi-year contract for the inspection and maintenance and repair of one (1) ground level welded steel water storage tank that is a component of the public water system. Various inspections, repairs and maintenance functions will be performed through the five (5)-year contract duration.

Prospective bidders are advised that access to the project site to inspect the existing site conditions will be limited to the following date(s) and time(s):

1. Wednesday, January 19, 2022 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
2. Thursday, January 27, 2022 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Prospective bidders shall contact CKS Engineers, Inc. between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at (215) 340-0600, and provide at least 24 hours' notice of the desire to make an inspection during the allotted time period. The Township reserves the right to limit access to the Water Storage Tank site to these time periods and shall not provide access at any other time.

Bids must be made on the forms furnished by the Township and must be accompanied by a certified check, bank draft or bid bond issued by a surety company licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the amount of at least ten percent (10%) of the total price bid made payable to the Township.

The bidder's attention is called to the fact that the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the Pennsylvania Public Works Employment Verification Act apply to this Contract if the estimated cost of the project is in excess of \$25,000. The successful bidder shall pay no less than the wage rates determined for the project area as set forth in the Contract Documents. The successful bidder must also ensure that employees and applicants for employment are (a) not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or on any other basis on which discrimination is prohibited by any applicable federal, state or local laws and, (b) legally authorized to work in the United States.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish separate bonds with corporate surety issued by companies authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the prescribed forms dated the date of the Contract, or separate Federal or Commonwealth chartered lending institution irrevocable letters of credit in

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a form accepted and approved by the Township, or separate restrictive or escrow accounts with such lending institutions pursuant to an escrow agreement accepted and approved by the Township, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount, to secure (a) the faithful performance and maintenance of the Contract; and (b) the prompt payment of materials and labor.

Bidders are advised that all applicable provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (Public Law 91-596, dated December 29, 1970, latest revision) shall be strictly adhered to on this project.

Bids must be accompanied by a completed Bid Form, Bidder's Qualification Statement, electronic copy of Bid Bond, executed Non-Collusion Affidavit and Public Works Verification Form as set forth in the Contract Documents.

Award of Contract, if a contract be awarded, will be to the lowest responsible bidder, but the Township reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities.

The Township also reserves the right to delete any "item" or portion of an "item" contained in the Contract at its discretion, once bids are received.

Prior to awarding the Contract, bids may be held by the Township for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders. During this period, no bid may be withdrawn.

David R. Nyman
Township Manager
Upper Makefield Township
21 J 10, 14 7418973

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ACROSS

1 Tasty tubers

5 Get more mellow

8 Puppy sound

11 Dolphin habitat

13 Janitor's tool

14 JFK posting

15 Zigzag

16 Red Baron, e.g.

18 Per person

20 "The — Mutiny"

21 Don Diego de la Vega

23 Hearth residue

24 Above, to a bard

25 Watched

27 "What — can I say?"

31 CEO degree

32 From memory

33 Night follower

34 Guthrie of folk music

36 Painted tinware

38 Calif. neighbor

39 Say hoarsely

40 Sooner State city

41 Islet

42 Hwy's

44 More polite

46 Evergreen

49 "Ugh!"

50 Opening in the ice (2 wds.)

52 Domains

56 Hosp. scan

57 Nothing

58 Ladder cousin

59 Kind of talk

60 House wing

61 Sicilian spouter

DOWN

1 Zippy's word

2 The Red Baron, for one

3 "Call — cab"

4 Hoarder

5 Eastern nanny

6 State VIP

7 These have many extras

8 Abominable Snowman

29 Vow

Answer to Previous Puzzle

WING	POSH	CAB
IDEA	EBAY	RHO
ROIL	PONE	TIAN
ELLIPSE	NUBBY	
	LIT	TAG
JULEP	WASHED	
OREO	YOU	CEO
EGO	ALT	TRAP
ENGULF	VAUNT	
	ERE	DEB
FIRMA	HEXAGON	
OBI	NOUN	SAGA
REF	URLS	COLT
AXE	SOLE	OLEO

9 Heaps (2 wds.)	30 Jealousy
10 Cut back	35 Big name in talk shows
12 Less distant	37 Royal decrees
17 Sighed with delight	43 Pilotless plane
19 Wolf relatives	45 River rapids
21 Referee, slangily	46 Sleep in a tent
22 Dreaded exams	47 Patrick's domain
23 "Sweet" girl of song	48 Roof problem
24 Bradley or Sharif	49 Bellow
26 Famed prep school	51 Rapper — Kim
28 Joust's weapon	53 Lab animal
29 Vow	54 Plane stabilizer
	55 Tijuana "Mrs."

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SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ: 1. Stern.

2. Maiden voyage. 3. Port. 4. Leeward. 5. Ahoy.

6. Fathom. 7. Three sheets to the wind. 8. Dead sailors.

9. Pitcairn Island.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"T Y S A S Z N W N Z N Y F O K S Z O S O J N
Z N U O, O J N H N F O C N E V K C C Y N A F K Z
O J N A S E O K A L S Y O F Z O Y S R X H F Z P S T
F C C O K A N." — P F G N W Y S J C

Previous Solution: "One day my 3-year-old daughter said, 'You're very handsome, Poppy.' That was the best compliment ever." — Patrick Dempsey

TODAY'S CLUE: *O j s i m b e l y*

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Each Wuzzle is a word riddle which creates a disguised word, phrase, name, place, saying, etc. For example, NOON GOOD = GOOD AFTERNOON

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WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

1. MARKET

2. TEUQ

Print Your Answers Here:

1.

2.

Today's Answers:

2. Tourniquet

1. A slump in the market

Created by Tom Underwood
www.wuzzlesking.com

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

Constructed by Marilynn Huret

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North 01-14-22
♠ 9 8 4
♥ K 7 6
♦ K 8 7
♣ K 10 5 2

West East
♠ Q 10 3 ♠ A 5
♥ 10 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ A Q 3
♦ 10 4 2 ♦ 6 5
♣ A ♣ J 8 7 6 4 3

South
♠ K J 7 6 2
♥ J
♦ A Q J 9 3
♣ Q 9

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ 3♠
3♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Maybe your partner knows better

By Phillip Alder

You are defending; if partner asks you to lead a particular suit, do so — unless you are absolutely certain it is better to lead a different suit.

In today's deal, East's decision not to open, but to overcall at the three-

level, was dubious. It is safer to open a borderline hand than to overcall later, especially at such a high level, because the opponents are much more likely to produce a lucrative penalty double at the higher level. Here, though, South could hardly pass over three clubs.

West led the club ace and switched to the heart 10: six, queen, jack. East returned the club eight, the high spot being intended as a suit-preference signal for hearts. After ruffing, though, West shifted to a diamond. He knew, from the appearance of the heart jack, that a heart return would be ruffed by South.

Declarer won with dummy's king and called for a low spade. Here, East made the correct move: He went up with the spade ace. But then he made an error: He tried to cash the heart ace. He was annoyed that his partner hadn't led a heart at trick four. Declarer ruffed, drew the remaining trumps with the spade king and claimed. If only East had led another club, West's spade queen would have been promoted as the setting trick.

East was clearly wrong, but suppose West leads a heart regardless at trick four. Declarer ruffs, plays a diamond to the dummy and calls for a spade. Now East can win with his ace and lead a club, effecting a trump promotion. So West was wrong also!

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SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: ANAGRAMS

Provide an additional anagram to those provided. (e.g., ACRE, CARE, _____.

Answer: RACE.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. ALERT, ALTER, _____.

Answer _____

2. ANGLE, GLEAN, _____.

Answer _____

3. BAKER, BREAK, _____.

Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. AIRMEN, MARINE, _____.

Answer _____

5. ASSERT, ASTERS, _____.

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Date of Publication: January 14, 2022
11 J 14 7419581

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 2022 Warrington Township amended budget is available for public inspection at the Warrington Township Municipal Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, Pennsylvania.

The amended budget will be available for public inspection from January 14, 2020 until January 25, 2022 during the usual business hours and at other times on request or on the Warrington Township website.

The amended budget will be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jen Fielding
Board Secretary**

11 J 14 7419643

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Durham Township Board of Supervisors of their intention to appoint a certified or competent public accountant or a firm of certified or competent public accountants to replace the elected auditors to audit for fiscal year 2021 and for successive fiscal years. This appointment shall be made by resolution at the Board's public meeting on February 8th, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Durham Township Building, 215 Old Furnace Road, Durham, PA.

**DURHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Danielle Cox
Administrator**

11 J 14 7419622

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of **ALBERT L. BECKER a/k/a ALBERT LEON BECKER, DECEASED**, Late of Nockamixon Township, Bucks County, PA

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to:

Amy L. Becker Baruch, Co-Executor
Scott I. Becker, Co-Executor
c/o Littner & Littner Law Offices, PLLC
512 N. New Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Attorney:
Robert V. Littner, Esquire
512 N. New Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
3t J 14, 21, 28 7416269

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of **HARRIET L. WOEHHR, DECEASED**. Late of West Rockhill, Bucks County, PA.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to:

John A. R. Woehr III, Co-Executor
1504 Ridge Road
Sellersville, PA 18960
William C. Woehr, Co-Executor
301 Goldmine Road
Sellersville, PA 18960
3t Jan 7, 14, 21 7418203

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of **PATRICIA LEEDOM, aka PATRICIA J. LEEDOM, DECEASED**. Late of Warrington Township, Bucks County, PA.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to:

Michelle C. Scott, Executrix
C/o Douglas J. Tkacik, Esq.
18 E. Market Street,
Bethlehem, PA 18018
3t Jan 14, 21, 28 7418217

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NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

New Britain Borough will receive sealed bids online until **10:00 A.M., prevailing time, on January 31, 2022** at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud at the Borough office at 45 Keeley Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901, for:

**BUTLER AVENUE
(S.R. 4202) SIDEWALK**

This project involves construction of sidewalk along approximately 300 feet of Keeley Avenue by Butler Avenue (S.R. 4202) and along Butler Avenue (S.R. 4202) from Keeley Avenue to Sandy Ridge Road (S.R. 4005). Project also includes related curb work, driveway adjustments, curb ramps, tree removal, and grading. All material, labor, and equipment necessary shall be in accordance with PennDOT Publication 408 and Borough Standards. Asphalt materials shall be based on PennDOT's January 2022 Asphalt Cement Price Index. Due to the Borough's grant funding, all work must be substantially completed by June 15, 2022, finally complete and ready for final payment by June 30, 2022, all invoices dated and submitted by June 30, 2022, and closeout documents submitted by June 30, 2022; all bidders will be required to submit a sign and notarized Bidder's Affidavit of Ability to Perform with the bid stating they can meet these deadlines, assuming the Borough awards the project at their February 8, 2022 public Council meeting.

All Bid Documents and solicitation details are available at no cost at PennBid™, www.PennBid.net. A nominal fee of 0.33% of the bid amount (minimum \$100 and maximum \$5,000) is assessed by PennBid only to bidders who are awarded contracts.

Each bid shall be submitted in accordance with Article 15 of the Instructions to Bidders and Document 00 21 13 Instructions – Submitting Electronic Bids For This Solicitation, including but not limited to being accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check for not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid amount payable to New Britain Borough. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish proof of insurance, performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract amount, and maintenance bond in such form as meets the approval of New Britain Borough and having as security thereon such Surety company or companies as are approved by New Britain Borough.

This project is subject to applicable provisions of Act 422, Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as amended, and the prevailing minimum wage rates issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry for work valued at over Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

A Bid may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed in the manner that a Bid must be executed and delivered to the place where Bids are to be submitted prior to the date and time for the opening of Bids. Bids may be withdrawn within two (2) business days after the opening of Bids only by the withdrawing Bidder's strict compliance with 73 P.S. §1602 and any subsequent amendments. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of the bids, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

New Britain Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any cause whatsoever, to eliminate

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any item or items from the contract, and to waive any informality in the bids.

Owner: New Britain Borough
Date: January 2022
2t J 14, 18 7419636

NOTICE
2022 LAWN MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT

Warrington Township will be accepting bids via PennBid at 12:00noon on February 18, 2022 to provide lawn maintenance services. Further information can be found at <https://www.ebidexchange.com>
2t J 14, 18 7419642

NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT:
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The School District of Springfield Township will receive sealed bids for the Springfield Township Roof Replacement Project in the form of a Single prime lump sum contract.

Roof Replacement Locations:
• Springfield Township Middle School – 1901A E. Paper Mill Road, Oreland, PA 19075
• SDST Administration Building – 1901 E. Paper Mill Road, Oreland, PA 19075
• SDST Bus Garage Building – 103 West Montgomery Avenue, Erdenheim, PA 19038

Bids shall be submitted in PDF format to bids@dhuy.com no later than **1:00 p.m.** prevailing time on **Thursday, February 10, 2022**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read live through **GoTo Meeting**. The Bid Opening may be accessed from the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/626872101>. Dial-in number: 1-669-224-3412, Access Code: 626-872-101.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be conducted on **Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.** at the School District of Springfield Township, Middle School Cafeteria 1901 E. Paper Mill Road, Oreland, PA 19075. Representatives of the Project Engineer (D'Huy Engineering, Inc.) will provide project details at this meeting. **Non-attendees will not be permitted to bid.**

Electronic Contract Documents: In order to Bid the Project, prospective bidders must obtain Bid/Contract Documents in electronic format (PDF) via e-mailed link upon request to D'Huy Engineering, Inc., 1 East Broad Street, Suite 310, Bethlehem, PA 18018, 610-865-3000, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Checks shall be made payable to "D'Huy Engineering, Inc." Documents will be sent electronically after receipt of payment. Bidders must supply the following information with their request for documents: which contract you are bidding, company name, contact person, complete address, phone and fax numbers, and email address.

**Cara A. Green
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**
3t J 14, 17, 24 7419640

NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

2022 Salt Storage Building
West Rockhill Township

Sealed bids will be received by West Rockhill Township electronically via the PennBid Program until 10:00 AM on February 9, 2022 construction of salt storage building in-

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cluding floor, block walls and pre-engineering steel arch roof. Bids will be reviewed publicly and made available at 10:00 AM on February 9, 2022. Specifications and forms for proposal may be obtained or examined on the internet at www.pennbid.net (or www.ebidexchange.com) at no cost. (Contractor must register in accordance with PennBid requirements). The successful bidder is required to pay fees established by PennBid equal to 1/3% of the awarded bid total. Attention is called to the fact that the Prevailing Wage Act 422 does apply, and the successful bidder shall pay no less than the prevailing wage rates determined for the project area set forth in the project documents.

Bids must be made on forms furnished by the Township (via PennBid) and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, issued by a Surety licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of at least (10%) of the total price bid made payable to the Township; and Anti-Collusion Affidavit. Bidder shall verify compliance with the Public Works Employment Verification Act (E-Verify Program). All information must be submitted via the PennBid Program.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Insurance and Performance and Payment Bonds, each in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price with a corporate surety licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and approved by the Township, in accordance with bid specifications.

Award of Contract, if a Contract is awarded, will be based on the Total Base Bid or Total Base Bid plus Alternate 1; and will be to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. West Rockhill Township reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities. West Rockhill Township is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in the basis of race, religion, color, creed, sex or national origin.

**Greg Lippincott
Township Manager**
1/14/22
1/28/22
2t J 14, 28 7419589

NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

2022 Stormwater Culvert
Replacement Program
West Rockhill Township

Sealed bids will be received by West Rockhill Township electronically via the PennBid Program until 10:00 AM on February 8, 2022, replacement of stormwater culverts on various roads including associated pavement restoration and traffic control. Bids will be reviewed publicly and made available at 10:00 AM on February 8, 2022. Specifications and forms for proposal may be obtained or examined on the internet at www.pennbid.net (or www.ebidexchange.com) at no cost. (Contractor must register in accordance with PennBid requirements). The successful bidder is required to pay fees established by PennBid equal to 1/3% of the awarded bid total.

Bids must be made on forms furnished by the Township (via PennBid) and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, issued by a Surety licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of at least (10%) of the total price bid made payable to the Township; and Anti-Collusion Affi-

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davit. Contractor shall verify compliance with the Public Works Employment Verification Act (E-Verify Program). All information must be submitted via the PennBid Program.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Insurance approved by the Township, in accordance with bid specifications.

Award of Contract, if a Contract is awarded, will be based on the Total Base Bid; and will be to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. West Rockhill Township reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities. West Rockhill Township is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in the basis of race, religion, color, creed, sex or national origin.

**Greg Lippincott
Township Manager**
1/14/22
1/28/22
2t J 14, 28 7419590

A pinch
of this.
A dash
of that.



A section to
chow down on.
FOOD
In Wednesday's
paper.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Tasty

tubers

5 Get more

mellow

8 Puppy

sound

11 Dolphin

habitat

13 Janitor's

tool

14 JFK

posting

15 Zigzag

16 Red Baron,

e.g.

18 Per person

20 "The —

Mutiny"

21 Don Diego

de la Vega

23 Hearth

residue

24 Above, to a

bard

25 Watched

27 "What —

can I say?"

31 CEO

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32 From

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33 Night

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34 Guthrie of

folk music

36 Painted

tinware

38 Calif.

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39 Say

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40 Sooner

State city

41 Islet

42 Hwy's.

44 More polite

46 Evergreen

49 "Ugh!"

50 Opening in

the ice

(2 wds.)

52 Domains

56 Hosp. scan

57 Nothing

58 Ladder

cousin

59 Kind of talk

60 House

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61 Sicilian

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1 Zippy's

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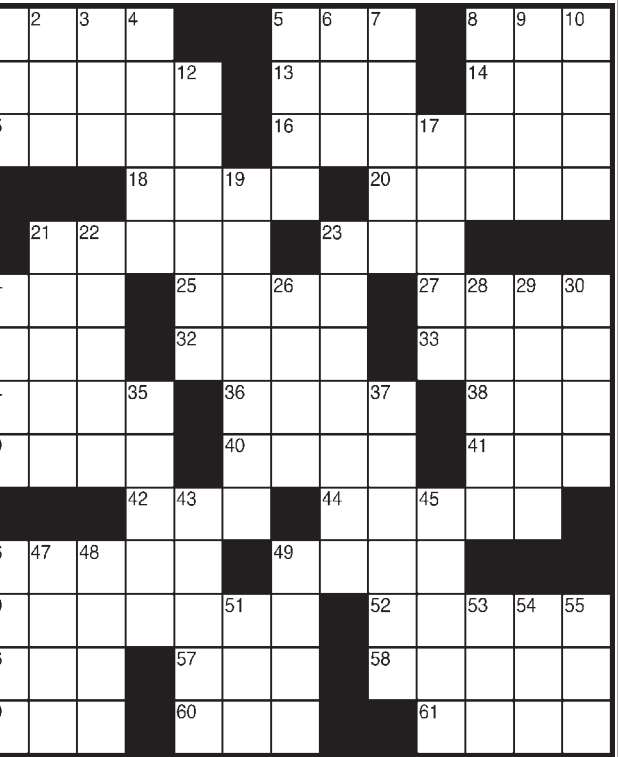
Snowman

29 Vow

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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R O I L P O N E T I A N
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L I T T L E T A G
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9 Heaps
(2 wds.)
10 Cut back
12 Less
distant
37 Royal
decrees
43 Pilotless
plane
45 River
rapids
46 Sleep in a
tent
47 Patrick's
domain
48 Roof
problem
49 Bellow
51 Rapper
— Kim
53 Lab animal
54 Plane
stabilizer
55 Tijuana
"Mrs."



SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ: 1. Stern.

2. Maiden voyage. 3. Port. 4. Leeward. 5. Ahoy.

6. Fathom. 7. Three sheets to the wind. 8. Dead sailors.

9. Pitcairn Island.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"T Y S A S Z N W N Z N Y F O K S Z O S O J N
Z N U O , O J N H N F O C N E V K C C Y N A F K Z
O J N A S E O K A L S Y O F Z O Y S R X H F Z P S T
F C C O K A N ." — P F G N W Y S J C

Previous Solution: "One day my 3-year-old daughter said, 'You're very handsome, Poppy.' That was the best compliment ever." — Patrick Dempsey

TODAY'S CLUE: O s i e n b e l y

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WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

1. MARKET
2. TEUO

Print Your Answers Here:
1.
2.

Today's Answers:
2. Turniquet
1. A slump in the market

Created by Tom Underwood
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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4	5	3	1	9	6	7	2	8
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3	1	2	6	5	8	4	9	7
5	4	8	9	3	7	6	1	2
6	7	9	4	1	2	8	3	5

Constructed by Marilynn Huret

North 01-14-22
♠ 9 8 4
♥ K 7 6
♦ K 8 7
♣ K 10 5 2

West East
♠ Q 10 3 ♠ A 5
♥ 10 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ A Q 3
♦ 10 4 2 ♦ 6 5
♣ A ♣ J 8 7 6 4 3

South
♠ K J 7 6 2
♥ J
♦ A Q J 9 3
♣ Q 9

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ 3♠
3♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A



Government

Courts

Living

Working

Visiting

How Do I...



Code Blue

Funding Sources & Past Applications

Housing Resources for Bucks County Residents

Bucks County Housing Link

Bucks County Housing Authority

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Housing & Community Development

Overview

The Department of Housing and Community Development promotes the vibrancy of Bucks County communities through improvements to and creation of affordable housing stock, public facilities and infrastructure, and provision of public services for Bucks residents. It also is the lead agency for the Bucks County Housing Link, a public-private partnership that coordinates high quality services for those experiencing homelessness or other housing crises with intent of making such crises brief and non-reoccurring.

Department Documents

- [2021 Citizen Participation Plan \(PDF\)](#)
- [2020 to 2024 Consolidated Plan \(PDF\)](#)
- [COB HOME ARP Allocation Plan draft](#)

Department Public Notices

- [Public Notice-2021 Action Plan Amendment HOME ARP Plan](#)

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Bucks County Department of Housing & Community Development
Public Meeting – 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment for the HOME-ARP Plan
January 31, 2022 10:00 AM 3rd Floor Library
Minutes of Meeting

In accordance with its Citizen Participation Program, Bucks County conducted a Public Meeting to solicit input on its 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment for the HOME-ARP Plan.

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced an allocation of a new grant called the Home Investment Partnerships Grant American Relief Plan (HOME-ARP). The County of Bucks received a special allocation of HOME-ARP in the amount of \$4,484,799. This allocation was authorized by Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities. The County's Annual Action Plan Amendment provides the County's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Interested parties were encouraged to attend to discuss community needs and priorities to be established for the use of the funding. Drafts of the 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment was made available on the County of Bucks website, printed copies were also made available at the public meeting. Interested residents were encouraged to attend through a Public Notice posted in local newspapers to discuss community needs and priorities for the use of the funding.

The Annual Action Plan Amendment community meeting was held on January 31, 2022 10:00 AM, in the 3rd Floor Library of the Almshouse Building in the Neshaminy Manor Center, 1260 Almshouse Road, Doylestown, PA 18901.

In attendance were the following:

Debbie Robison, Staff member from the Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD),
No members of the Public were in attendance. No comments were received.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Debbie Robison

Bucks County Department of Housing & Community Development
Public Meeting – 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment for the HOME-ARP Plan

**January 31, 2022 10:00 AM 3rd Floor Library
Sign-In**

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