

# HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

## Guidance

- To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, a PJ must:
  - Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations;
  - Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,
  - Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.
- To submit: a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan in IDIS as an attachment next to the “HOME-ARP allocation plan” option on either the AD-26 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 2-5 annual action plan) or the AD-25 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 1 annual action plan that is part of the 2021 consolidated plan).
- PJs must also submit an SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D, and the following certifications as an attachment on either the AD-26 or AD-25 screen, as applicable:
  - Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
  - Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;
  - Anti-Lobbying;
  - Authority of Jurisdiction;
  - Section 3; and,
  - HOME-ARP specific certification.

**Participating Jurisdiction: City of Camden, NJ**

**Date: 3/30/23**

## Introduction

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced new allocations of funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). These funds are to be administered through HUD’s HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The City of Camden, NJ was allocated \$3,150,462 of funding through the Home Investment Partnerships Grant American Relief Plan (HOME-ARP).

The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide assistance to individuals and households who are homeless; at risk or homelessness; or otherwise vulnerable.<sup>1</sup> The ARP authorizes the use of this funding for four eligible activities: the production or preservation of affordable housing; tenant-based rental assistance; supportive services, homeless prevention services, and housing counseling; and the purchase and development of non-congregate shelter. Participating jurisdictions may establish reasonable preferences among the qualifying populations, compliant

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

with all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements. Participating jurisdictions may also establish a preference for targeted assistance for individuals with special needs or disabilities.

To receive funding, the City must develop and submit to HUD a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. The City must engage in stakeholder consultation and public participation processes that engage the community regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan during the development process.

## Consultation

*Before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, a PJ must consult with agencies and service providers whose clientele include the HOME-ARP qualifying populations to identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems. In addition, a PJ should use consultation to determine the HOME-ARP eligible activities currently taking place within its jurisdiction and potential collaborations for administering HOME-ARP. This consultation will provide a basis for the PJ's strategy for distributing HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities to best meet the needs of qualifying populations. At a minimum, a PJ must consult with the CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area, homeless and 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. In its plan, a PJ must describe its consultation process, list the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities. The plan must include:*

- *A summary of the consultation process and results of upfront consultation;*
- *A summary of comments received through the public participation process and a summary of any comments or recommendations not accepted and the reasons why*

In an effort to develop the plan and prioritize the needs of our vulnerable population in the City of Camden; the Department of Planning and Development in cooperation with the Department of Finance, Bureau of Grants Management met on Thursday, January 19 2023 with representatives Community Planning & Advocacy Council (CPAC) and Camden Housing Authority to discuss the HOME ARP Allocation which began the consultation process towards the development of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. The City solicited their input and sought guidance in identifying the needs and gaps in housing and social services through their resources and relationships with service providers in Camden City and throughout the Camden County area.

From those discussions, the City then sent out invitations to stakeholders to participate in focus groups whose efforts were centered around homelessness, housing and social services. The invitations included but were not limited to the City's CoC, Camden City Housing Authority, CPAC (coordinator for CoC); veteran groups, housing agencies, health care organizations, and other community organizations that provide service to our homeless, at risk of homelessness,

victims of domestic violence, veterans and other vulnerable populations that exist in the City of Camden.

The City held five (5) virtual focus group meetings. One meeting with the CoC's Homeless Network (Homeless Focus Group) on Thursday, March 16, 2023; and two (2) Housing and Supportive Services Focus Groups on Monday, March 13, 2023 (2pm and 3:30pm) and Thursday March 23, 2023 (9am and 10:30am).

A presentation was made at each focus group meeting regarding the allocation designated to the City of Camden for the HOME American Rescue Plan. The presentation included a summary of the potential funding amounts for eligible categories, the purpose of the funding, eligible population for services, an explanation of the requirements regarding the consultation process and focus group specific questions that would enable the City to develop a plan that would address the priorities/greatest needs in our community.

At each focus group meeting, the top priorities identified were affordable housing and tenant based rental assistance. The organizations and agencies consulted expressed that there were not enough affordable housing units in the City of Camden. After the eviction moratorium was lifted in the state of New Jersey, the City experienced a high rate of evictions and a large percentage of these residents had minimal rights and/or did not understand their rights. Agencies expressed their frustration with attempts to work with landlords on behalf of the tenants regarding the reduction in rents but the landlords were unwilling to concede.

Further, many of the rents in New Jersey exceed the HUD approved FMR. As a result, it has directly impacted our client's ability to secure decent and affordable housing. During one of our meetings, the Camden Housing Authority noted they had distributed over 50 housing vouchers to clients that will be expiring because clients cannot find decent and affordable housing. To further exasperate the condition, it is believed that these potential renters are being discriminated against by landlords who are raising the rent to avoid renting to clients who are low income. Since the time of this initial submission, the rental subsidies have increased which will enable the City and other agencies to reach our targeted audience.

Other areas of concern included the need for long term housing/credit counseling, transportation, strong case management, vouchers to subsidize mortgages, mental health services, and wrap around services. Our clients are still suffering from isolation and loss as a result of COVID; which is contributing to their addictions. Many are at a high risk of relapsing and we need better education/training for providers to reduce disparity and developing trust in our communities. Increased coordination is needed between the service providers for clients to access available services.

Based on conversations with our health care providers, there is a trust factor that has created a barrier between our health care providers and our community. Specifically, residents are more likely to seek health care service offered by a local neighborhood representative versus a representative from major health care providers. As a result, one of our providers (Virtua) has developed a program to train and pay residents to become community health associates that provide and serve as a resource to access healthcare.

Through the consultation process and at the public hearing, the City discovered that the following clientele was identified as a part of the vulnerable population: those released from prison, disabled, those suffering from mental health issues, and the transgender (LGBTQ community). The needs for this population mirrored what was needed for the homeless, at risk of homelessness and veterans. Namely, affordable housing, housing/credit counseling, mental health counseling, addiction services, transportation to access services, and overall physical health care.

Agencies and organizations engaged through the consultation process are listed in the table below. Some of these organizations also attended the public hearing for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

<b>Agency/Org Consulted</b>	<b>Type of Agency/Org</b>	<b>Method of Consultation</b>
Camden City Housing Authority	Public Housing	Focus Group Meeting
Camden City Development & Planning	Housing/Local Government	Focus Group Meeting
Sanctuary Services for Veterans; Veterans Affairs; Veterans Haven	Veterans Services	Focus Group Meeting
Joseph's House; Volunteers of America; Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council	Homeless Shelter Services - Homeless	Focus Group Meeting
St Joseph's Carpenter Society VOADV Property	Housing/Neighborhood Organization	Focus Group Meeting
Food Bank of South Jersey	Housing/Neighborhood Organization	Focus Group Meeting
Senior Citizens United Community Services (SCUCS)	Social Services - Elderly	Focus Group Meeting
Camden Coalition of Health Care Providers; Acenda Health; CamCare Health;	Health Care Providers	Focus Group Meeting
RPM Development; The Affordable Homes Group; New Life Community Development Corporation; New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency	Housing/ Services – Neighborhood Organization	Focus Group Meeting

Community Planning & Advocacy Council; Camden County Council OEO, Inc; Camden County Board of Social Services; Center for Family Services; Oaks Integrated Services; Catholic Charities; Camden County Women's Center; Cathedral Kitchen, Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council; Collaborative Support Programs of NJ; Neighborhood Center; COSTAR/SJBHR; Clarif	Services – Housing/ Services – Children/ Services – Elderly Persons/ Services – Persons with Disabilities/ Services – Persons with HIV/AIDS/ Services –Victims of Domestic Violence/ Services – Health/ Services – Education/ Services – Employment/ Service – Fair Housing/ Services – Victims	Focus Group Meeting
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## Public Participation

*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.*

*For the purposes of HOME-ARP, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:*

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

***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 comment period:***

- ***Public comment period:*** March 2, 2023 – March 17, 2023
- ***Public hearing:*** March 2, 2023 and March 16, 2023

Information regarding the public hearing was placed in the local newspaper which included information regarding the public comment period. Additionally, a flyer was posted on the City of

Camden's website and social media platform announcing the HOME ARP Virtual Public Hearings. The notice in the paper and flyer included the City's compliance with Section 109.

***Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:***

*A PJ must consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan.*

Due to COVID and the long term impact that it is having on our community, the City held two versus the required one required public hearing. The public hearings are not typically well attended and it was our expectation, due to the consultation focus group meetings held in between the hearings, that the public would be better informed by the grassroots organizations and responsive to the invitation to attend. The flyer was distributed to all the focus groups during the consultation process and the City encouraged the agencies and organizations to distribute the flyer to their constituents. As stated above, the flyer was also posted on the City's website and on the social media platform.

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

The public comment remained consistent with discussions held with our focus groups. There is a great need for affordable housing, tenant based rental assistance, strong counseling services, housing and credit counseling, mental health services and coordinated services between the service providers in marketing the resources that they are currently providing. Emergency housing was not mentioned in those discussions.

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

None of the comments or recommendations were rejected. We have taken all concerns into consideration when identifying the needs and resources available. While the City did not fund the creation of the development of affordable housing; the City is proposing to utilize the upcoming round of HOME funding to support the development of rental housing based on the response received from the City's RFP for the HOME Allocation for the FY 23 round of funding round.

## **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

*PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. 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. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.*

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

As of the 2020 Census, the City of Camden, NJ, was home to 71,791 individuals. These individuals comprise 25,411 households. The population is 20.7% White, 42.5% Black or African American, and 50.5% Hispanic or Latino. The population includes 1,974 Veterans. The median household income (2016-2020) was \$28,623, with a per capita income of \$16,171. Nearly 35% of residents are living in poverty.

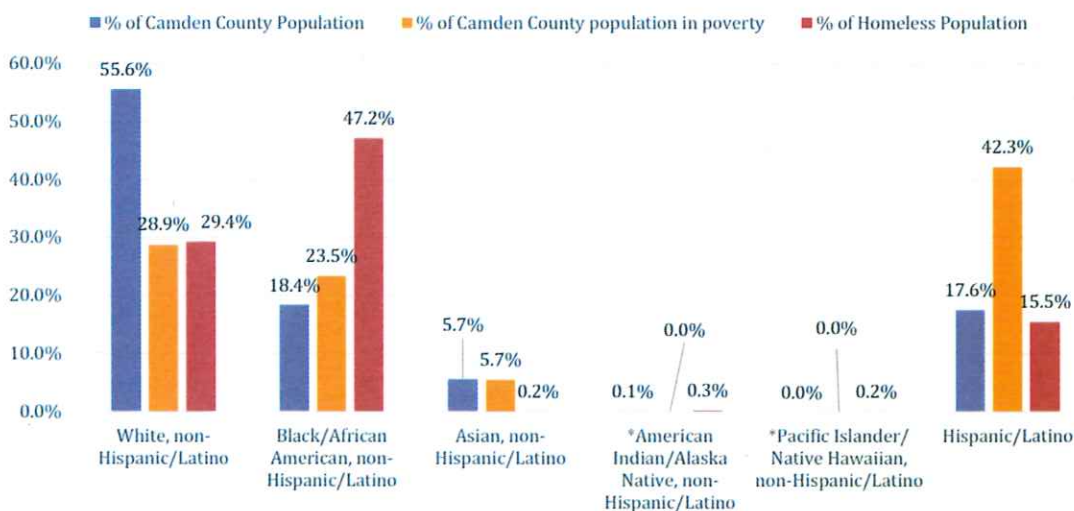
**Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 Homeless (1), (2), or (3):**

The City of Camden is part of the Southern New Jersey CoC, which includes Camden, Cap May, Cumberland, and Gloucester counties into one regional CoC. NJ Counts 2021, New Jersey's annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of the Homeless, provides a statewide snapshot of households experiencing homelessness in these communities including where they find shelter, what their needs are, and what factors contribute to making them homeless. The 2021 Count revealed important demographic and other information about families and individuals experiencing homelessness on the night of Tuesday, January 26, 2021. At the time of the 2021 PIT Count, there were 546 households, which included 650 persons, experiencing homelessness in Camden County. Of those individuals, 199 people were identified as chronically homeless, and 77 persons were unsheltered on the night of the count. The vast majority, 66.5%, of those individuals were in the City of Camden, with 357 individuals total homeless persons counted. Of those counted in the City of Camden, 298 persons were sheltered and 59 were unsheltered.

There is clear evidence of a racial disparity in the demographic breakdown of individuals experiencing homelessness (which is not explained by a correlation with income alone). Persons identifying as Black or African American are largely overrepresented in Camden County's homeless population: while only 18.4% of the overall population identifies as Black or African American, this group comprises 47.2% of the population experiencing homelessness. The overall racial breakdown is shown in the figure below.

Figure 1 Percent of Population by Race, persons experiencing homelessness

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



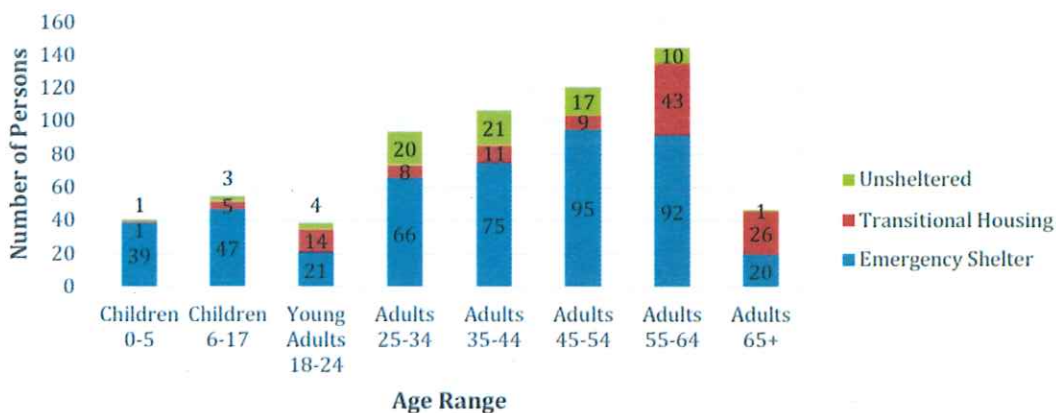
\*Data for those in poverty in racial subgroup is displayed as '0%' because the number of sample cases is too small

Figures in this section are drawn from the 2021 Camden County PIT Report.

Of the population experiencing homelessness counted in the 2021 PIT count, 6% identified as adults 18-24, 79% as adults over the age of 24, and 15% as children under the age of 18. The age range which was most represented was adults ages 55-64, although this group was not vastly overrepresented compared to other adult groups. Sixty-five percent of homeless persons identified as male, 34.5% identified as female, and 0.5% identified as transgender.

Figure 2 Age range of persons experiencing homeless by housing situation

**Fig. 4: Age Range by Housing Situation**



Among the households identified on the night of the count, 27.4% reported that they had no source of income. The average monthly incomes for those in emergency shelters were under \$580.91, for transitional housing \$1,796.76, and for unsheltered households \$364.73. Housing considered affordable to households (no more than 30% of their income toward housing



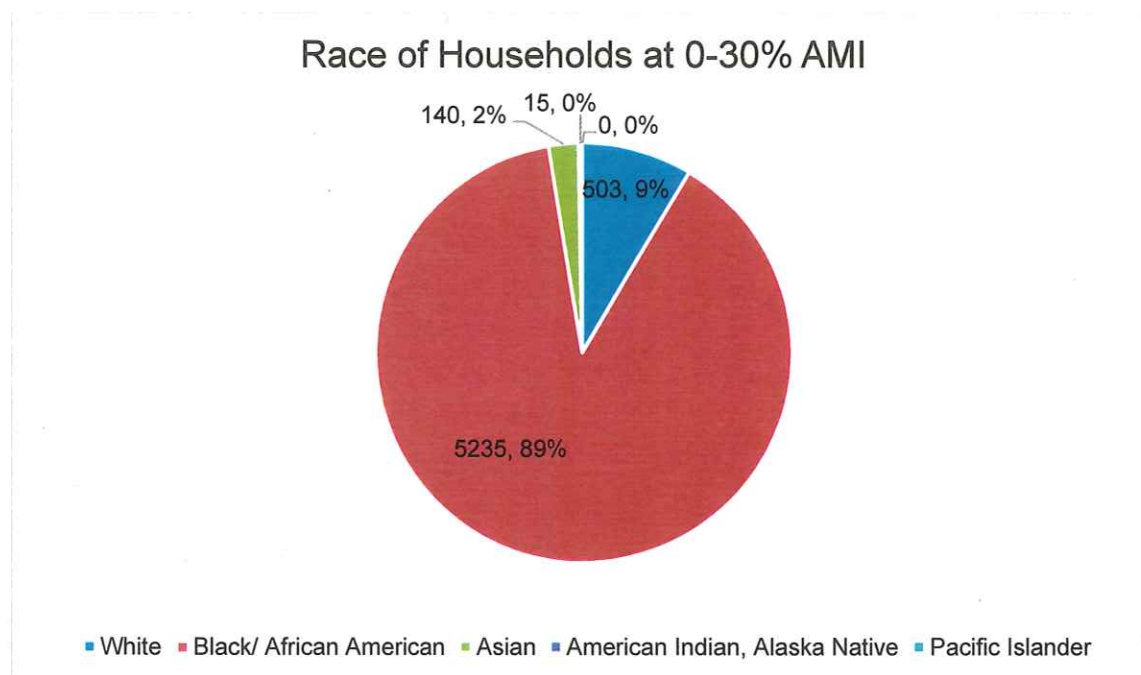
expenses) with these monthly incomes is \$174 a month, \$539 a month and \$109 a month respectively. The Fair Market Rent (FMR) for an efficiency in the City of Camden is \$1,040 a month.

**At-risk of homelessness** as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 At risk of homelessness:

Households who are at risk of homelessness have household incomes less than or equal to 30% of HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI), do not have sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless and meet one of the conditions outlined in 24 CFR 91.5; a child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(l) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(l)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or a child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey (ACS), over 50% of renters in Camden had a household income less than or equal to 30% HAMFI. Additionally, 23.7% of homeowners had a household income less than or equal to 30% HAMFI.

2011-2015 CHAS data pulled from the City’s 2021-2024 Consolidated Plan on households with Area Median Incomes at 0-30% shows that over 89% of households identify as Black/African American, 9% as white, and 2% as Asian.

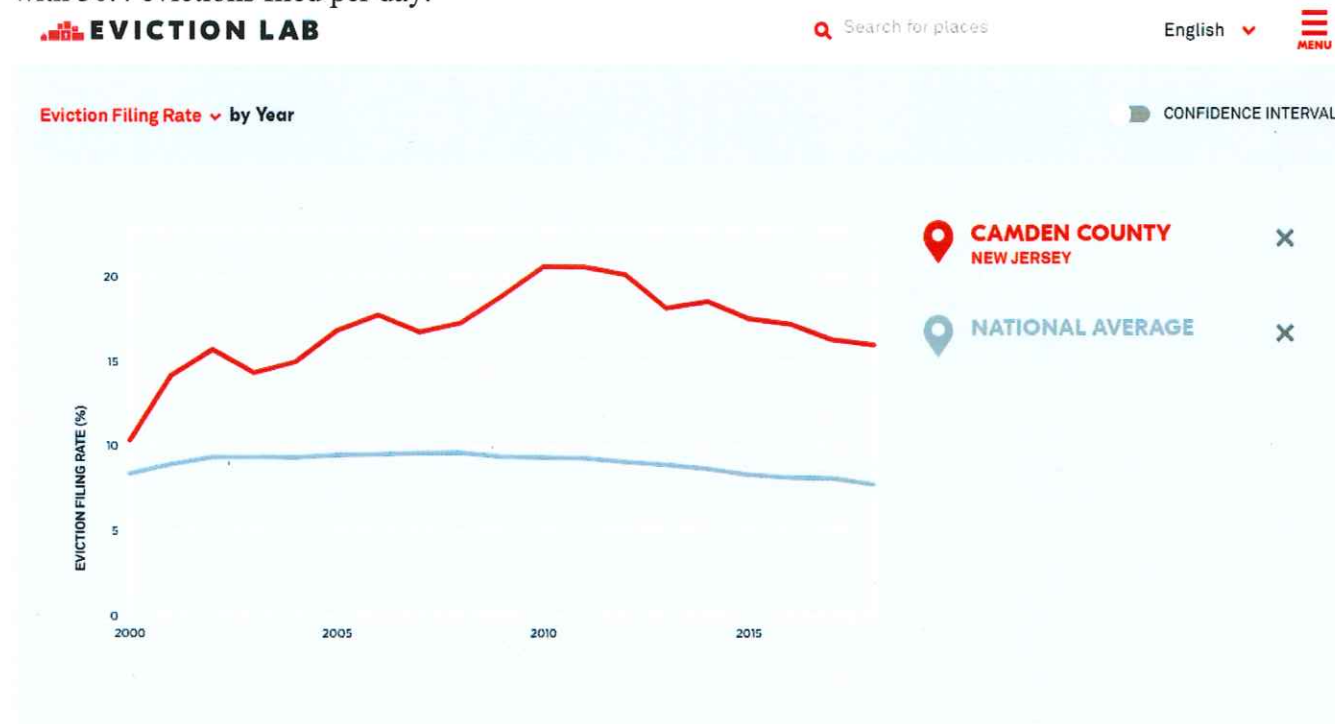


Source: 2011-2012 CHAS data

The City of Camden utilizes Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for homeless prevention for households who meet the definition of at risk of homelessness. In 2021, the City provided homeless prevention services to 45 households. Of those households, a total of 85 individuals were serviced.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths. Across the country, public schools provide services to children experiencing homelessness under the U.S. Department of Education's definition. According to the U.S. Department of Education's 2020-2021 report, there were 148 students enrolled in the McKinney-Vento program in Camden City School District.

During consultation, organizations noted that after the eviction moratorium was lifted in the state of New Jersey, the City experienced a high rate of evictions and a large percentage of these residents had minimal rights and/or did not understand their rights. Prior to the pandemic, eviction rates were high in the City and surrounding County. Eviction Lab data from 2018 (most recent) shows that Camden County's eviction filing rate was 8.3% higher than the U.S average, with 30.4 evictions filed per day.



**Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD.**

For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human

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

The National Domestic Violence Hotline published in their most recent state report the number of contacts the hotline has received from the state of New Jersey. In the first half of 2020, the National Domestic Hotline documented 2,693 contacts from New Jersey. Camden was one of the top 10 cities by contact volume, with 2% of calls originating in the City. Of those who disclosed their ethnicity calling the National Domestic Hotline from New Jersey, 45% identified as white/Caucasian, 20% as black/African American, 19% as Latino/Hispanic, 9% as other race, and 7% as Asian. The report also notes the most commonly requested services were legal advocacy, DV shelter, and individual professional counseling.

The Camden County Domestic Violence Center (CCDVC) offers a variety of services to victims and survivors living in the community, which are also accessible to residential clients. Services include culturally responsive case management, individual and group supportive counseling, social services assistance, and referral services to anyone affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Services are available on a drop-in basis and by appointment. CCDVC operates a 38-bed shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. In 2019 the Camden County Women's Center and Camden Scattered Sites Program assisted 215 women and children with safe shelter and 2,631 people received services in the community. Demographic data was not provided due to concerns with confidentiality.

It is well documented that Domestic Violence is a major factor of homelessness for families. Of those experiencing homelessness on the night of the 2021 PIT Count, 26 respondents reported domestic violence as the cause of homelessness. At the time of the PIT count, five of the homeless households who identified as facing domestic violence were unsheltered. Of those households 72% identified as having a disabling condition.

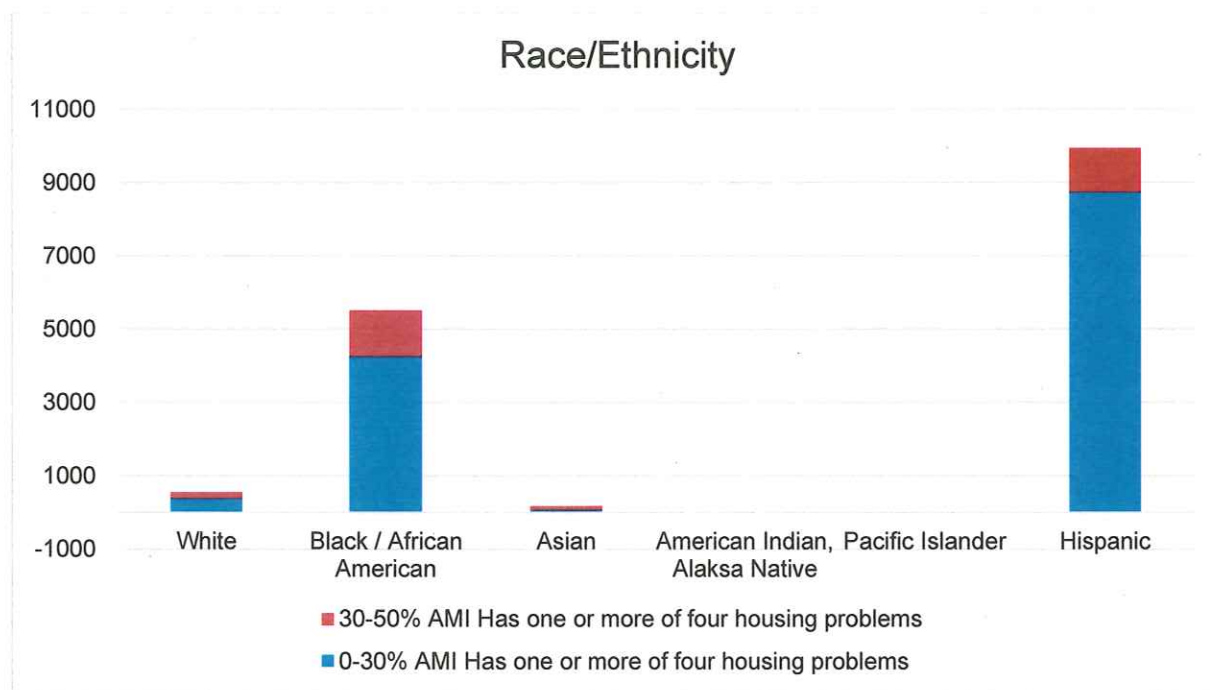
### **Other Populations**

The current housing situation in the City of Camden is dire for extremely-low and low income renters. On-going housing and employment issues have been exacerbated by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the 2014-2018 ACS, over 50% of renters in Camden had a household income less than or equal to 30% HAMFI. Additionally, 23.7% of homeowners had a household income less than or equal to 30% HAMFI. These income levels correlate to housing cost burdens: nearly 40% of renters (for whom cost burdens were known) faced a housing cost burden greater than 50%. Another 22% faced cost burdens between 30-50%. Among homeowners, 20% faced cost burdens over 50%, with another 17% facing burdens between 30-50%.



In addition, this group is particularly burdened by the effects of housing problems. Nearly 40% of owner households faced at least 1 of 4 housing problems<sup>2</sup>, with 24% facing at least one of four *severe* housing problems.<sup>3</sup> Among renters, an alarming 61.7% of households had at least one of four housing problems. Additionally, 42% of renters' households had at least one of four *severe* housing problems.

2011-2015 CHAS data pulled from the City's 2021-2024 Consolidated Plan indicates of the households at 0-30% AMI and has one or more of four housing problems, 380 identified as white, 4,245 as Black/African American, 65 as Asian, and 15 as American Indian and 8,720 identify as Hispanic. Of the households at 30%-50% AMI and has one or more of four housing problems, 185 identified as white, 1270 as Black/African American, 120 as Asian and 1215 identify as Hispanic.



Source: 2011-2015 CHAS data pulled from the City's 2021-2024 Consolidated Plan

Another indication of the number of renters in Camden that are housing insecure is the demand we have seen for Emergency Rental/Utility Assistance. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Camden County instated the Camden County RECOVERS Rental Assistance Program. This program was aimed at supporting low-income renters who were at risk of losing housing or facing an eviction threat due to lost employment or lost income from the pandemic. The data derived from these applications, relative to the average requests for rent assistance from Camden County, will be useful for identifying service gaps caused or exacerbated by the effects of the pandemic.

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

<sup>3</sup> Severe housing problems are defined as incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1.5 persons per room, and cost burden greater than 50%.

***Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:***

**Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

The importance of providing access to supportive services is clear from the composition of Camden County's homeless population. Of the population experiencing homelessness within Camden County, 63% reported having some type of disabling condition. 264 reported experiencing a mental health issue, 208 reported a substance abuse disorder, 166 reported a physical disability. In addition, 39 reported a developmental disability, 170 a chronic health condition, and 14 reported that they were living with HIV/AIDS. The population included 101 veterans – 18.3% of the counted population. This number is down approximately 20% from the year before, marking the end of a relatively stable five-year count. However, given the particular challenges of the 2021 PIT count, it is difficult to draw conclusions from this reduction. In addition, 72% of households who reported Domestic Violence as the reason for their homelessness have a disabling condition.

The number one indicator of households falling into homelessness from a place of housing instability is a history of homelessness. Persons with disabilities, persons who have experienced domestic violence, veterans, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, disable, queer or questioning persons of the LGBTQ community and persons who have experienced interactions with the justice system also experience an increased risk of homelessness. When resources are already limited – as they are for many households in Camden, NJ – housing can become an impossible drain on resources. Households and individuals are forced to rely on other members of their social networks, which creates an unsustainable situation.

There is a need for more programs and services to address the high needs of persons experiencing homelessness. In addition, there is a need for short to medium term rental assistance for households with extremely low incomes. affordable housing and TBRA to reduce rent burden and be more stably housed, as well as a range of programs and services.

**At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

As defined in 24 CFR 91.5, a household is considered at risk of homelessness if they have 30% or below of the median family income for the area, does not have sufficient resources or support networks, and meets one of the following conditions: has moved due to economic reasons two or more times in the last 60 days, is living in the home of another person because of economic hardship, is exiting a publicly funded institution, or is living in housing that has characteristics associated with instability or increased risk of homelessness.

The threat of homelessness has effects beyond the individual or household who is at risk. Individuals or families at risk of homelessness are often forced to rely on their social networks to provide housing support over an extended period. As a result, multiple households often find their resources taxed beyond their financial breaking point. The number one cause of homelessness identified by the PIT was being asked to leave a shared residence (117 households). This suggests that data on homeless populations alone is not capturing the full extent of precarity and housing-related strain on the community.

Other commonly cited factors cited when respondents were asked about the cause of homelessness included: loss or reduction of job income (65 households); released from prison/jail (51 households); eviction or at risk of eviction (49 households); drug/alcohol abuse (47 households). This list further illustrates the importance of comprehensive wraparound services, including services related to re-entry, financial assistance including access to financial literacy and services, and access to drug and alcohol counseling and treatment.

Over the past three years, the City's homeless prevention program has seen an increase in the number of households seeking assistance. Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic whereby the City was able to provide more services to residents in the City. With the COVID funding alone, we were able to service 73 clients versus ½ that amount in other years.

Additionally, families with children, or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state, including those people who are doubled up in other people's homes because they lack a home of their own, are not considered to be experiencing homelessness by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and have not been eligible for its homeless assistance. These same families are, however, considered to be experiencing homelessness by the U.S. Department of Education and are eligible for additional educational services and support. Under the HOME-ARP program, these households are "at risk of homelessness" if they are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled-up situation, within the next 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing. As noted, there were 148 children enrolled in the McKinney-Vento program in Camden City School District in 2020-2021.

In addition to comprehensive wraparound services, there is a need for more affordable housing and TBRA to reduce rent burden and be more stably housed, as well as a range of programs and services to prevent them from becoming homeless.

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

There are a number of services for households who meet the Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking definition in the region, however much like the other qualifying populations, the needs exceed the available services and available affordable housing.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline data, the second most requested service for hotline callers is DV shelter. It is well documented that Domestic Violence is a major factor of homelessness or being at risk of homelessness for families.

Of those experiencing homelessness, 26 respondents reported domestic violence as the cause of homelessness. Domestic violence shelters are consistently at capacity, leaving victims trapped between an unsafe situation and the risk of homelessness. At the time of the PIT count, five of the homeless households who identified as facing domestic violence were unsheltered. The majority of victims of domestic violence were housed in an emergency shelter. Emergency

shelters are rarely equipped to offer the kinds of supportive services which are needed by these vulnerable populations.

Highlighting the unmet needs of this group, the plurality of DV victim households reported no source of income, and the average monthly income of these households was \$454.24.

Like those households at risk of homelessness, this qualifying population there are gaps in services, affordable housing and TBRA to reduce rent burden and be more stably housed.

***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***

The Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table below shows 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data. The City of Camden has a total of 3,105 rental units affordable to households at 30% AMI, yet over 5,000 renter households with incomes at 0-30 % AMI with one or more severe housing problems. This data highlights the gap in units affordable to the lowest income households in the community. While it seems, there is a sufficient number of units affordable to households at 30-50% AMI, it is likely that not all units affordable to these households are occupied by households in that income range. It is likely that lower income households are living in higher-rent units and higher income households are living in lower-rent units. This only further highlights the need for affordable units and TBRA.

*Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS; 2011-2015 CHAS*

<b>Non-Homeless</b>			
	<b>Current Inventory</b>	<b>Level of Need</b>	<b>Gap Analysis</b>
	<b># of Units</b>	<b># of Households</b>	<b># of Households</b>
Total Rental Units	30,620		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	3,105		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	7,230		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		5,685	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		720	
<b>Current Gaps</b>			2,580 (units at 0-30%)

CHAS data also shows a significant number of very low-income renter households (between 30%- 50% AMI) who also have one or more severe housing problems. While these households are currently housed and are not at greatest risk of homelessness since their incomes are a little

higher than extremely low-income households, they face high housing instability in an increased rent environment.

During consultation, the Camden Housing Authority noted they had distributed over 50 housing vouchers to clients that will be expiring because clients cannot find decent and affordable housing. In New Jersey, the average Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$1,742 – for which New Jersey has the 7th highest rent in the country. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities – without paying more than 30% of income on housing – a household must earn \$5,806.00 monthly or \$69,675.00 annually. The average FMR for a 2-bedroom within the City of Camden (per the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD MSA) is \$1,470.00. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities – without paying more than 30% of income on housing – a household must earn \$4,900.00 monthly or \$58,800.00 annually.

These households are vulnerable to losing their housing if they encounter employment or health problems and do not have social networks that can provide them help. These households need more affordable housing, TBRA and access to ongoing health and other services to reduce their rent burden and increase their housing stability.

***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:***

There are several resources operated by government agencies and non-profit organizations that assist all of the qualifying populations in the community.

The CCDVC Shelter can accommodate up to 38 women and children daily that are seeking a safe haven. All shelter clients receive our full array of services to assist them in stabilizing their lives through housing assistance, counseling services for themselves and their children, domestic violence education, financial education, and legal assistance.

The Camden Scattered Sites program, 10 HUD funded permanent housing units for households dealing with chronic illness, continues to provide stability to families in need throughout Camden County.

The Domestic Violence Liaisons (DVL's) work out of local NJ DCF DC&P offices. When child abuse and domestic violence co-occur, Domestic Violence Liaisons work to strengthen and enhance service coordination between child welfare and domestic violence services. They provide domestic violence training to the DCF staff and conduct assessments and provide services and referrals to families.

Legal Advocacy services include assisting individuals in family and municipal courts with safety planning, understanding their rights under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, assisting with decision making and support around filing restraining orders, working with clients in preparing their cases to be heard by the court, accompaniment during court procedures, and providing the emotional support needed to enable victims to move forward.



The Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT): The DVRT consists of teams of trained volunteer Advocates that respond to a victim during a time of crisis 24 hours a day at local police stations and hospitals. They provide support, information, safety planning, and legal advocacy, as well as linkages with other CCDVS programs for longer-term follow up. If interested in volunteering, please visit Volunteer.

Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV) provides support to victims and survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, and human trafficking to help people in a journey toward healing and empowerment. SERV supports survivors through competence and empowerment and provides a safe space for all that encourages recovery and self-care. Our advocates protect the rights of survivors to ensure they are treated with compassion and dignity. Support is offered for the survivor and those close to them through our 24/7 hotline, online chat, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, safe housing, education, and counseling and support groups. All services are free of charge, strictly confidential, culturally sensitive, and bilingual.

The following grants are geared towards assisting qualifying populations:

- Community Development Block Grant Program
- HOME Investment Partnerships
- Emergency Shelter Grant Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
- CHOICE Neighborhoods Planning Grant

The following organizations are involved in the support and assistance of qualifying populations:

- Camden City Division of Housing Services
- Camden City Department of Human Services
- Homeless Network Planning Committee of Camden County
- Housing Authority of the City of Camden
- Camden Empowerment Zone
- Camden Urban Enterprise Zone
- Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council
- Commission on Child Abuse & Missing Children
- Camden County Covenant for Children, Youth, and Families
- Camden County Office of Mental Health and Addiction
- Camden County Council on Economic Opportunity

The following shelters and emergency housing serve this population:

Aletha R. Wright Vision of Hope Center  
Anna M. Sample House/Complex  
Camden County OEO  
Camden County Women's Center  
Camden Peace Mission  
Cathedral Kitchen  
Cathedral Social Services

Catholic Charities  
COSTAR Drop-In Center  
Evangelism Today Christian Education Center  
Faith Tabernacle Church  
Food Bank of Southern New Jersey  
Frank's Place at Trinity Lutheran Church  
Good Samaritan Center  
Group Homes of Camden County  
Joseph's House  
Leavenhouse  
Mt. Olive SDA Church  
My Brothers Keeper  
North Camden Land Trust  
Salvation Army  
State Street Housing  
Your Food Shelf

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

There is a serious deficit of affordable, quality housing options for all four qualified populations. As noted above, a staggering proportion of homes occupied by low-income members of the community face housing problems or severe housing problems. The City will continue to use other Federal, State and Local resources to acquire, rehabilitate and/or construct new affordable rental units. However, the cost of available housing exceeds the resources which many households can reasonably dedicate to housing, the City will utilize HOME-ARP funds to address this need through Tenant Based Rental Assistance and short- and medium- term rental assistance to help move households into housing, prevent homelessness, and address housing instability.

These housing problems are exacerbated by other factors which are well-known increase risk: drug and alcohol use, experiences of domestic violence, mental illness and other disabilities. There is a need for additional supportive services to help households stabilize in housing. It is critical to connect people with permanent, affordable housing options, while also improving access to supportive services. Housing options should be abundant, with a variety of choices centered around the needs of the residents and paired with services that will allow them to remain housed for the long-term.

As the list above shows, there is a robust group of committed stakeholders who are interested in and focused on providing the supportive services that these groups need. However, they are under resourced. Offering direct financial assistance through Capacity Building and Non-Profit Operating funds, to these groups would help fill these gaps in service delivery.

***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. The City of Camden has not identified characteristics of housing associated with instability or an increased risk of homelessness in their Consolidated Plan.

***Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:***

The priority needs for Homeless, At-Risk of Homelessness, Domestic Violence, and Other populations identified through recent HOME ARP consultations remain consistent with what was identified through the community participation process. Overall, priority needs include: 1) investment in and expansion of expansion of supportive services that address help households and individuals achieve stable and affordable housing; 2) investment in Tenant Based Rental Subsidies to provide households access to rental assistance; 3) Non-congregate shelter; 4) Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building.

A two-prong approach is needed. First, we must address the direct financial causes of homelessness by providing resources to organizations that can offer meaningful support to at-risk populations. These organizations can help offer stability that will help households and individuals avoid homelessness. Second, we must address the known risk factors which increase the risk of homelessness. This requires providing services to individuals who may be receiving inadequate support through other systems of care, like hospitals, behavioral health settings, child welfare, and criminal justice systems.

***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 need for case management and social services was determined by analyzing empirical data, including the American Community Survey, Point-in-Time Count, CHAS and Census data. The Point-in-Time Count is a particularly valuable source of information, since it involves direct engagement with the homeless population about the challenges they face and the needs they have identified. It also relied on community engagement, including the community partner input from the Coc Homeless Network Committee (Homeless Service Focus Group), Housing Focus Group and Supportive Services Focus Group.

## **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 City has a long history of partnerships with organizations in the area which offer case management and other supportive services. Through the consultation process, we identified the specific service gaps and will work with our partners to identify which are highest priority and which of the organizations have the best track records and/or innovative proposals for addressing these gaps. We will work with our community partners to determine a funding structure, including concrete metrics and deliverables that will ensure the maximum impact of our strategy.

We will also evaluate the possibility of issuing RFPs regarding specific service gaps. These RFPs will create opportunities for new organizations and/or strategies to access funding, provided they can demonstrate the efficacy and benefits of their proposals.

The City of Camden plans to expend its HOME ARP allocation of \$3,150,462 through the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to a qualifying organization to ensure that said funds are expended in a timely manner. This qualifying organization will be responsible for the management and oversight of plan in cooperation with city agencies.

***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:***

No portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds were provided to a subrecipient.

***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. The following table may be used to meet this requirement.***

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

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Percent of the Grant</b>	<b>Statutory Limit</b>
Supportive Services	\$590,711.75	19%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$590,711.75	19%	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$1,181,423.50	38%	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$0	-	
Non-Profit Operating	\$157,523.00	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$157,523.00	5 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 472,569.00	15 %	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$3,150,462.00</b>		

***Additional narrative, if applicable:***

n/a

***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 gap analysis shows that there is a need to strengthen the front-end of our response system: there are existing opportunities to prevent homelessness before it occurs or before it reoccurs. At present, we lack the capacity to identify and make use of these opportunities for intervention. We need to be able to offer more comprehensive services, which connect with at-risk individuals and households before they reach the leaving of housing crisis. We also need to be able to remain in contact with at-risk individuals to provide them supportive services *before, during, and after* a housing crisis. While emergency shelters and interim housing have an important place in this effort, it is clear that these options are insufficient to address the complex and interlocking risk factors which many members of our homeless population face. The City is committed to supporting organizations that provide supportive services to help ensure participants achieve self-sufficiency.

The COVID 19 pandemic has resulted in a global housing crisis due to the lack of housing supply and high demand. Housing costs within the city of Camden has risen exponentially over the past three years. In addition, it is believed that real estate investors are taking advantage of this crisis through renovating substandard properties within urban areas and renting the same for well above average costs. In fact, Redfin found 2021 rise in 48 of the nation's 50 largest metros. Moreover, higher rents and housing prices reflect America's lack of housing supply. (*Forbes – Inflation, Soaring Rents, and the Housing Crisis, March 25, 2022*).

The city's plan is in response to these economic externalities seeks to focus on providing housing vouchers through an intensive tenant based rental assistance program (TBRA) in the amount of \$1,181,423.50 or 38% of the total allocation to reduce at risk homelessness and increase housing stability among the qualifying population groups. It is our expectation that this focus will assist low and moderate individuals and families at risk of being homeless to catch up on rent balances as well as maintain future housing stability.

In addition, this focus will benefit the four qualifying populations as described in this plan through the provision of "wrap around" services provided by Camden County Continuum of Care Consortium ("CoC"). These services may include, but limited to supportive services, acquisition and development of non- congregate shelters.

The needs assessment and gap analysis cites the housing situation within the city, particularly among those persons reported in the Point in Time Survey. It documents that at least 357 individuals were counted with a focus of 59 unsheltered persons. This is an important figure that confirms the need for expanded opportunities for affordable rental housing units across the city.

To address the affordable housing needs identified in this Plan, the City will continue to utilize other federal, state and local resources to acquire, rehabilitate, and/or construct housing needs affordable for all residents. For example, the City plans to construct affordable housing in the Fairview section in partnership with St. Joseph Carpenter Society, a well regarding housing developer, with decades of experience in the production of low and moderate income housing

(rental and homeownership) within the city. The plan calls for the conversion of the former St. Joan of Arc School into a 14-unit mixed income building where 10 units will be assisted by HOME and restricted affordable to persons making less than 80% of the AMI as determined by HUD.

## **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:***

Based on the community participation of stakeholders and the lack of sufficient available resources, the City will not utilize the HOME-ARP allocation for the production of affordable rental housing units although there is a need for funding in this area.

***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:***

Although production of affordable rental housing is a need in the City of Camden, our allocation of funding is not sufficient to address the production of new units while also meeting the immediate need to support individuals with rental assistance to avoid homelessness and/or provide assistance to those who find themselves in a potential homeless situation.

## **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: 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). PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.***

Based on the need and gap analysis, the City will prioritize families and individuals that are experiencing homelessness QP1 and the subpopulation of QP3 for HOME-ARP NCS.

There will be no preferences for HOME-ARP TBRA and the Supportive Services. All four qualifying populations will have access.

Preferences will not violate any fair housing, civil rights, or nondiscrimination requirements at the federal, state, or local level, which includes but is not limited to requirements found in 24 CFR 5.105(a).

***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:***

Camden will support activities that prioritize families and individuals who are the most vulnerable, within the established preference. QP1 and QP3 households seeking NCS services

***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:***

All four QPs will be eligible for supportive services and TBRA. Although not all of the QPs may be experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness, many are at high risk for housing instability. Because our focus is partially on preventing these crises before they can occur, it is essential to provide these populations with supportive services and TBRA assistance.

## **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines**

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

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

The PJ will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt. These guidelines will not be relevant to the plan.

***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.***

The PJ will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt. These guidelines will not be relevant to the plan.

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

The PJ will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt. These guidelines will not be relevant to the plan.

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

The PJ will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt. These guidelines will not be relevant to the plan.

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

The PJ will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt. These guidelines will not be relevant to the plan.

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

The PJ will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt. These guidelines will not be relevant to the plan.



**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

**\* 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

**\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

**\* Other (Specify):**

**\* 3. Date Received:**

05/15/2023

**4. Applicant Identifier:**

**5a. Federal Entity Identifier:**

**5b. Federal Award Identifier:**

M21-MP340201

**State Use Only:**

**6. Date Received by State:**

**7. State Application Identifier:**

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**\* a. Legal Name:**

Camden City

**\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

21-6000418

**\* c. UEI:**

L5MTYJ62P314

**d. Address:**

**\* Street1:**

Camden City Hall

**Street2:**

520 Market Street - PO Box 91520

**\* City:**

Camden

**County/Parish:**

Camden

**\* State:**

NJ: New Jersey

**Province:**

**\* Country:**

USA: UNITED STATES

**\* Zip / Postal Code:**

08101-5120

**e. Organizational Unit:**

**Department Name:**

Department of Finance

**Division Name:**

Bureau of Grants Management

**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

**Prefix:**

Mr.

**\* First Name:**

Gerald

**Middle Name:**

**\* Last Name:**

Seneski

**Suffix:**

**Title:**

Director of Finance

**Organizational Affiliation:**

**\* Telephone Number:**

856-757-7682

**Fax Number:**

**\* Email:**

gesenesk@ci.camden.nj.us

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

### \* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

### Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

### Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

### \* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

### CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.239

### \* Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program - HOME ARP

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

N/A

### Title:

N/A

### 14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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### \* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

FUNDING WILL BE UTILIZED TO FUND THE CITY HOME ARP PLAN WHICH WILL FOCUS RESOURCES TOWARDS THE HOMELESS, AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AND VULNERABLE POPULATION BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE OUTLINED IN THE PLAN.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

NJ

\* b. Program/Project

NJ-001

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

07/21/2021

\* b. End Date:

06/30/2022

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

\* a. Federal

3,150,462.00

\* b. Applicant

\* c. State

\* d. Local

\* e. Other

\* f. Program Income

\* g. TOTAL

3,150,462.00

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☐ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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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)

☒ \*\* 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:

Mr.

\* First Name:

Victor

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Carstarphen

Suffix:

\* Title:

Mayor of the City of Camden

\* Telephone Number:

856-757-7200

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\* Signature of Authorized Representative:

\* Date Signed:

04/13/2023

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

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

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.



9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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## ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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

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


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 costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. 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.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of

Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

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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;
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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

March 30, 2023  
Date

Mayor of the City of Camden  
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CITY OF CAMDEN &  
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# HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

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**Thursday, March 2, 2023 and  
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