

Municipality of Carolina HOME ARP Allocation Plan

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I- Introduction

The 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), approved on March 2021, provided \$5 billion in ARPA funds to be administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to address the critical need for homelessness assistance and supportive services across the country. The Municipality of Carolina as a HOME program participating jurisdiction was awarded \$2,789,593 of HOME-ARP funds to benefit our community's qualifying populations. This grant is referred to as HOME-ARP. HUD issued guidance for the utilization of the HOME-ARP funds through CPD-Notice 21-10 on September 13, 2021. HOME-ARP funds are a one-time allocation and must be spent by September 30, 2030.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Conduct a needs assessment and gap analysis.
- Describe proposed HOME-ARP activities.

- Describe the PJs production housing goals.
- Identify whether the PJ intends to give preferences to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.
- Identify if the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, and state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines (if applicable)
- Implement a public comment period of at least 15 calendar days.
- Hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and before submission.

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

II- Consultation

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

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

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

Template:

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

Prior to developing its HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan, the Municipality consulted with various community stakeholders that serves qualifying populations. Letters were sent to the entities requires by CPD Notice 2021-10 with a description of the grant and funding amount, the qualifying populations, and the range of eligible activities for the use of the funds of the HOME ARP Funds. The consultation letters provided more than 15 days to obtain the requested responses. Also, the letters included a list of the eligible program activities, who the beneficiaries were to be (qualified populations as defined in CPD Circular 2021-10), and information on special conditions of receiving the funds. Finally, the letters also included a link (QR Code and Direct permalink) to online survey.

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

- Qualifying populations which they serve.
- If they were members of CoC 502 or 503.
- Geographical areas where they provided services to qualifying populations.
- Identify and prioritize unmet housing and service.

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

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

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

As required the municipality consulted with:

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

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

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration	State Public Housing Agency (PHA) serving	Letter and questionnaire	Mrs. Nesheree Soldevila Guzmán completed the questionnaire. In the	1,2,3,4

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

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	the jurisdiction's geographic area.		<p>response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Affordable Housing • TBRA • Development of non congregated shelters <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the single adults.</p>	
Puerto Rico Department of Housing (Secretaria Auxiliar Subsidio de Vivienda)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Completed the questionnaire and indicated that the principal activity must be the development of affordable housing, the acquisition and development of non congregated shelters and the provision of supportive services.</p> <p>They indicated that the qualifying population with most need was single persons.</p>	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Completed the questionnaire and indicated that the principal activity must be the development of affordable housing, the provision of supportive services and Tenant Based Rental Assistance.</p> <p>The Agency indicated that the qualifying population with most need was single persons.</p>	2 & 4
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, San Juan Regional Office	Federal agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	A representative from the USDVA indicated that they have the resources to address the need of the veteran's population.	1

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Puerto Rico Department of Health	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Department of Housing Rental Assistance CoC	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
HOPWA Program, at the Municipality of San Juan	Municipality administering a Federal Program that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Programa Ryan White Parte B/ADAP - Departamento de Salud	Federal Program that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Norma I. Delgado Mercado completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Affordable Housing • Development of non congregated shelters • TBRA <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the elderly.</p>	1
San Juan Board of Realtors	Professional Association that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
Office of the Ombudsman for	State Public Agency organizations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	4

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
People with Disabilities	that address civil rights and fair housing.			
Office of the Women's Advocate ("Oficina de la Procuradora de las Mujeres")	State Public Agency organizations that address civil rights and fair housing for women.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Vilmarie Rivera Sierra, Executive Director completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBRA • Supportive services • Administrative funds <p>In addition, Mrs. Rivera Sierra indicated that population with more need are the domestic violence victims.</p>	3
Puerto Rico Office for Socioeconomic and Community Development	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	Responded in writing and provided statistics of the services offered. Indicated that 110 homeless receive services from the agency. Also provided a copy of the agency dashboard with statistics of the overall clientele served.	1,2,3,4
First Bank de Puerto Rico	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
Banco Popular de Puerto Rico	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
Puerto Rico Landlords Association	Professional Association that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A

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Mortgage Bankers Association of PR	Private Bank and Mortgage lender that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	N/A
“Acción Social de Puerto Rico”	Non-Profit that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Family and Child Administration	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	3
Puerto Rico Administration for the Socio-Economic Development of the Family	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Puerto Rico Administration on Addiction and Mental Health Services (ASSMCA)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1
Child Support Administration (“Administración para el Sustento de Menores”)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	Completed the questionnaire and indicated that the principal activity must be the provision of supportive services to families.	3
Oficina del Procurador del Paciente (“Oficina del Procurador del Paciente”)	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	Responded in writing providing information regarding the services provided the agency. The most common cause of complaints received overall during the current year was due to denial of access to services and denial of medication.	1,4

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
Puerto Rico Department of Education	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	2,3,4
Puerto Rico Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	State Public Agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Karein Velez Colon completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of non congregated shelters • Administrative Funds • Development of Affordable Housing <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the elderly</p> <p>They also indicated that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation does not offer services, however, it works with inmates who are finishing their sentences and do not have housing when released. It has been a challenge to get housing for this population because according to HUD guidelines they are not among the eligible groups.</p>	1,4
ProBono Inc.	Non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to individuals and communities	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4

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Community Legal Office (Legal Assistance Clinic of the Interamerican University School of Law)	A non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to individuals and communities	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Servicios legales de Puerto Rico	A private, not-for-profit corporation that provides free civil legal advice, representation, and education to qualified individuals and underprivileged groups.	Letter and questionnaire	No comments received	1,2,3,4
Guara Bi	This organization provides transitional housing and services to the homeless population.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Irisbel Nuñez completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of non congregated shelters • Development of Affordable Housing • Supportive Services <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the single adults.</p>	1
Solo Por Hoy	This organization acts as a Collaborative Applicant to provide support overseeing CoC 502 Continuum of Care.	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Belinda Hill completed the questionnaire. In the response they indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Non Congregated Shelters • TBRA • Administrative Funds 	1,2,3,4

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			In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the Elderly.	
Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico	Non-profit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to low income individuals and communities.	Letter and questionnaire	Completed the questionnaire and indicated that the principal activity must be the provision of Tenant Based Rental Assistance to the elderly.	1,2,3,4,
IPVI	Homeless Service Provider (Domestic Violence)	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Nilsa Lopez Rivera completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of non congregated shelter • Administrative funds • Supportive services <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the victims of domestic violence.</p>	3
Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos	Homeless Service Provider (Domestic Violence)	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mrs. Ellie M. Rios Aviles completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative funds • Supportive services • Development of affordable housing <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the victims of domestic violence. They also indicated that Domestic violence is a social problem that affects the physical and psychological well-being of the victims, as well as that of their children. It is an imminent threat to the lives of the victims, however, in</p>	3

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback	Qualifying population served ¹
			<p>most cases they lack support resources, economic resources and decent housing that does not allow them to break out of the cycle of violence. Having sufficient funds to address the needs to this population and access to decent housing are the greatest challenges they face. They are available to build bridges of solidarity that allow us to accompany victims effectively and build solutions that bring us closer to a society of well-being.</p>	
La Perla del Gran Precio	Homeless Service Provider (Domestic Violence)	Letter and questionnaire	<p>Mr. Hector Pagan completed the questionnaire. In the response indicated that the principal needs (1-3) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of non congregated shelter • Supportive services • Administrative funds <p>In addition, they indicated that population with more need are the victims of Single Adults.</p> <p>In addition this organization participated of the meeting held with the 502 CoC executive committee. The meeting was held on March 6, 2023. The Executive committee recommended changes to the allocation to include funding for non-congregated shelter. The municipality accepted the recommendation and allocated funding for the development of Non Congregated Shelters.</p>	1,3

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

survey. The consultation letters provided potential responders with 2 weeks for the completion of the survey. However, the Municipality extended the period to almost 1 month.

III-Public Participation

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

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

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

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

Template:

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

Date(s) of Public notice: 03/13/2023

Public Comment Period: start date :03/13/23 end date: 03/29/2023

Dates(s) of Public Hearing: January 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Describe the public participation process:

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

The Municipality of Carolina published notices in Spanish and in English, on January 10, 2023, in the “El Vocero”, a newspaper of general circulation. The notices announced the virtual public hearing as to provide information about HOME-ARPA allocations and Plan to be prepared and to receive comments from the public. The hearing was announced in compliance with the Carolina Citizen participation Plan, which establishes that the notice is to be available for 15 days prior to the celebration of public hearings. The hearing was celebrated, as programmed, on January 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. It could be accessed through the virtual link: <https://meet.goto.com/256483285>. A total of 8 persons participated. An exposition made by municipal officials included information on the objectives of the HOME-ARPA allocation to Carolina, the eligible population, the possible use of funds and the type of entities to execute programs and most important the eligible clientele. During the hearing the Plan process was explained, the amount of the allocation to Carolina was divulged (\$2,789,593) and guidance was provided on eligible populations and activities. Also, an explanation of the ways that effective participation could take place among the impacted population and service entities was provided. Emphasize was given to the importance of receiving inputs from the communities and individuals of low and moderate-income, identifying needs, urgencies, priorities, and aspirations, while seeking opportunity and solutions aligned with the goals of the Housing and *Community Development Consolidated Plan of Carolina for the years 2018 to 2022*.

- The public hearings allowed active participation of the interested parties and provided opportunity to expose opinions and ideas pertaining the existing needs and possible solutions that can be sought using HOME ARPA funding. In accordance with the protocols established because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Municipality carried out these public hearings virtually. Also, a QR code and link was provided to access a survey and participants were exhorted to fill in the questionnaire that is accessed through the code. An email and postal address for questions or written comments were also provided. Comments would be addressed to Mrs. Lisa Encarnación, Director, Carolina Department for Housing and Community Development, LENCARNACION@carolina.pr.gov; Address: P.O. Box 8, Carolina, Puerto Rico, 00986-0008.

The hearing transcript can be accessed at the following addresses:

<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/cceb3f45c6eeb0f7d5332b153d908ae950d0484f11237dda158d58ce43f6b096>

Hearing participants were:

- Joseph Harrison, HCG Consulting Group
- Lisa Encarnación, Director, Carolina Department for Housing and Community Development
- Nilsa López Rivera, Representative of the Instituto Pre-Vocacional e Industrial de PR, Inc.
- Irisbel Núñez, Guara Bi
- Ilsa, Municipality of Carolina
- Maritere Guzmán, Municipality of Carolina
- L. Marcano, Municipality of Carolina
- S. Rivera, Municipality of Carolina

The interventions of the participants of the hearing included the following comments:

- The hearing began with welcoming remarks by Mr. Joseph Harrison who proceeded with the exposition and explanation of the power point slides.
- Mrs. Lisa Encarnación welcomed the participants at the public hearing.
- Nilsa López Rivera, Representative of the Insitituo Pre-Vocacional e Industrial de PR, Inc. thanked for the information provided. She said that up to that moment everything was understood and that the organization would be aware of the announcements in newspapers, pertaining the topics discussed and related process.
- Irisbel Núñez, Guara Bi, thanked for the information provided and the opportunity to participate and the possibility of having their assisted population in benefitting of these funds.
- No additional comments were received during the hearing, Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Encarnación proceeded to close the event, emphasizing on the importance of public participation during the process.

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

The table above present summary of the consultation process with entities. The result of questionnaire is included in attachment 6.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

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

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

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

The following are the comments received during the process:

- Nilsa López Rivera, Representative of the Instituto Pre-Vocacional e Industrial de PR, Inc. thanked for the information provided in the public hearing. She said that up to that moment everything was understood and that the organization would be aware of the announcements in newspapers, pertaining the topics discussed and related process.
- Irisbel Núñez, Guara Bi, thanked for the information provided during the hearing and the opportunity to participate and the possibility of having their assisted population in benefitting of these funds.

In addition the Municipality received two letters from State Agencies that are described below:

- Oficina del Procurador del Paciente – The ombudsman responded to the Municipal request indicating that the most common cause of complaints received overall during the current year was due to denial of access to services and denial of medication. The complaints filed with the OPP were due to patient dissatisfaction with the ease of access to healthcare and the denial of:
 - Medication
 - access to outpatient healthcare services
 - referral to specialist doctors

Addressing these complaints by the OPP results in more patients receiving the medically necessary services to which they are entitled but were previously denied. This helps to

prevent hospitalizations, visits to the emergency room, and even deterioration of health or death.

No specific recommendation was made.

- Puerto Rico Office for Socioeconomic and Community Development- Provide information regarding the programs offered to the low-income communities and the homeless. The three (3) programs are:
 - Nutritional Assistance Program (PAN)- This program offers economic assistance to low-income families to supplement their food needs through the purchase of nutritional food. In Carolina they provided assistance to 51,299 persons with an investment of \$8,172,181
 - Tenant Assistance for Needy Families-the program provides monthly cash assistance payments to low-income families with children, as well as a wide range of services. Eligible families are unemployed or underemployed that have low or very low income and have one of the following conditions:
 - Have a child 18 years of age or younger, or
 - Be pregnant, or
 - Be 18 years of age or younger and the head of your household.

They provide assistance to 1,008 persons with a total investment of \$93,852.

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)- the program assists eligible low-income households with their energy costs, bill payment assistance, energy crisis assistance, weatherization and energy-related home repairs. The provide assistance to 20,923 persons with a total investment of \$449,127.

No specific recommendation was made.

Consultation Meeting with CoC 502

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

During the consultation and citizen participation process, the development of non congregated shelter did not appear to be an activity for which there was a need. However, the municipality held a meeting with the CoC and during that meeting the coalition members indicated the following:

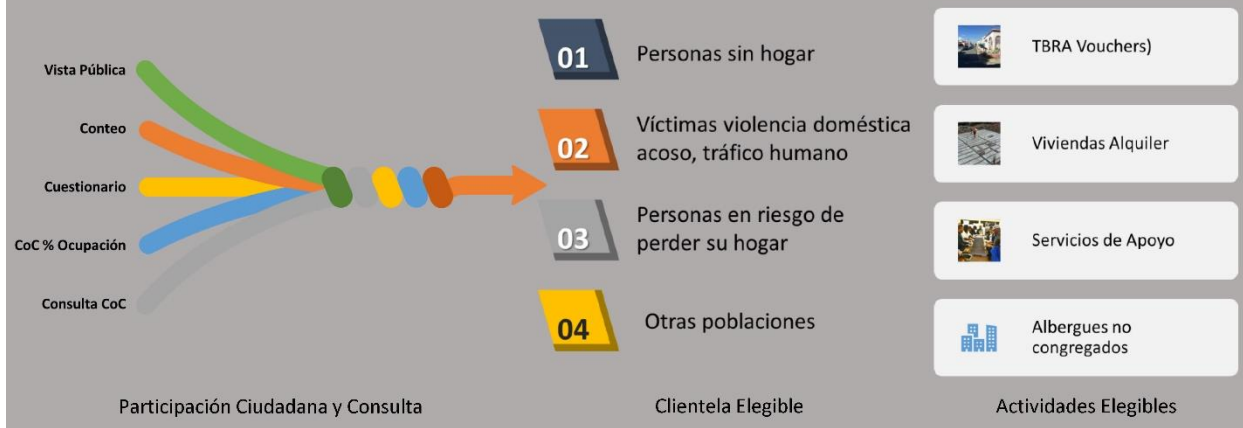
1. There is a need for non congregated shelter in the Isla Verde and tourism areas.
2. That 33.3% of the people counted were homeless for the first time and that traditional shelters were not suitable for them.
3. There are no shelters in Carolina.

Considering that the Point in Time Survey disclosed that there were 29 unsheltered persons the municipality determined to allocate funds under this eligibility category with a goal of producing 4 units. If the proposed activity is successful and the goal is achieved and the units are occupied, consideration will be given to allocating other funds from other sources.

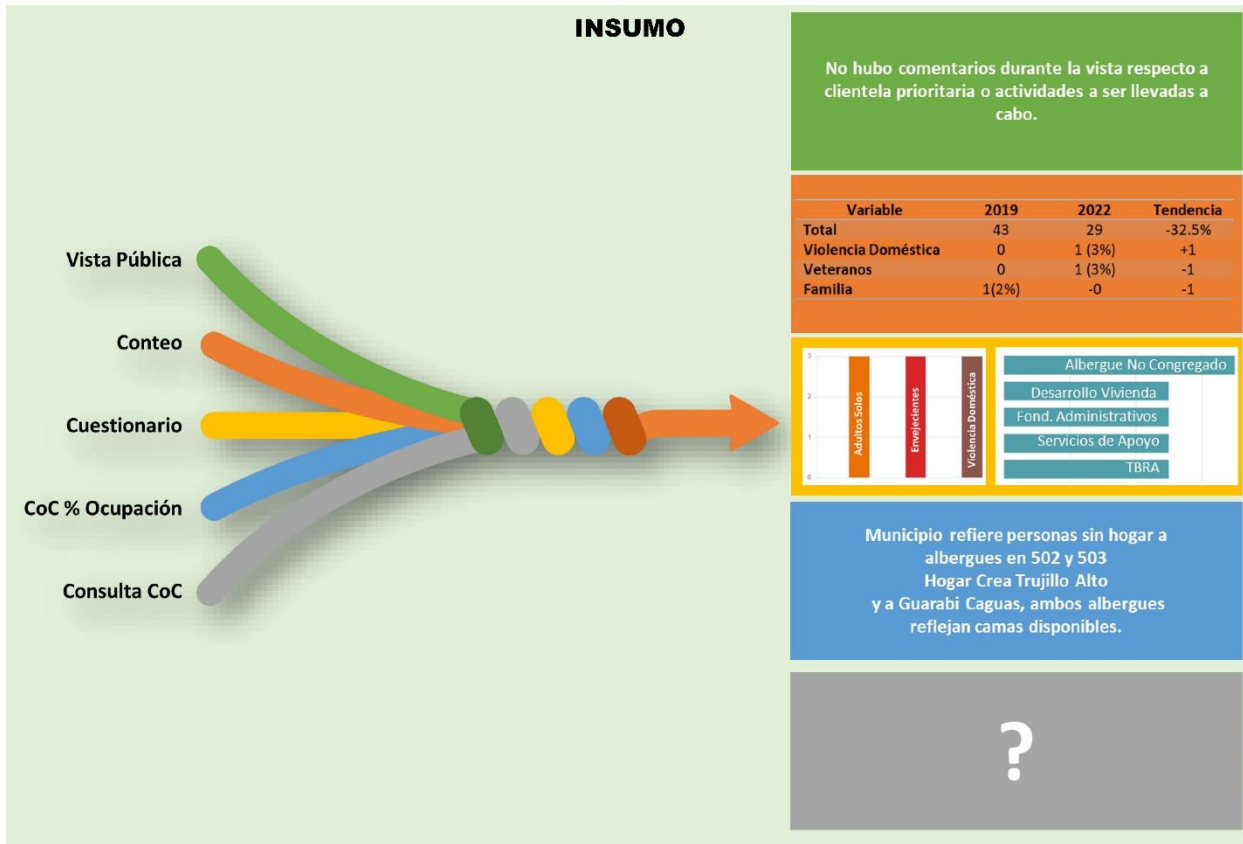


HOME ARP

PROCESO



INSUMO



RESULTADO

- Las víctimas de violencia doméstica y las personas no albergadas se atenderán a través de proveer vivienda asequible producida con fondos HOME ARP
- Toda la clientela cualificada presenta necesidad
- Los servicios de apoyo son necesarios para todas las poblaciones

Actividad	Presupuesto Recomendado
Desarrollo Vivienda Asequible	\$1,166,413
Servicios de Apoyo	\$1,204,740
Administración	\$418,438

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

All comments received were evaluated and addressed in this document.

IV- Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

The HOME ARP plan utilized data that was readily accessible from the COC 502 - 2022 Point-In-Time (PIT) count and the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), as well as information obtained from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The Municipality analyzed the size, gap, and demographic composition of each qualifying population to determine their need and gap for housing, shelter, or services. The data utilized by the Municipality was the most recent and relevant information available at the time of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan's development for the qualifying populations' needs for additional housing, shelter, or services.

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

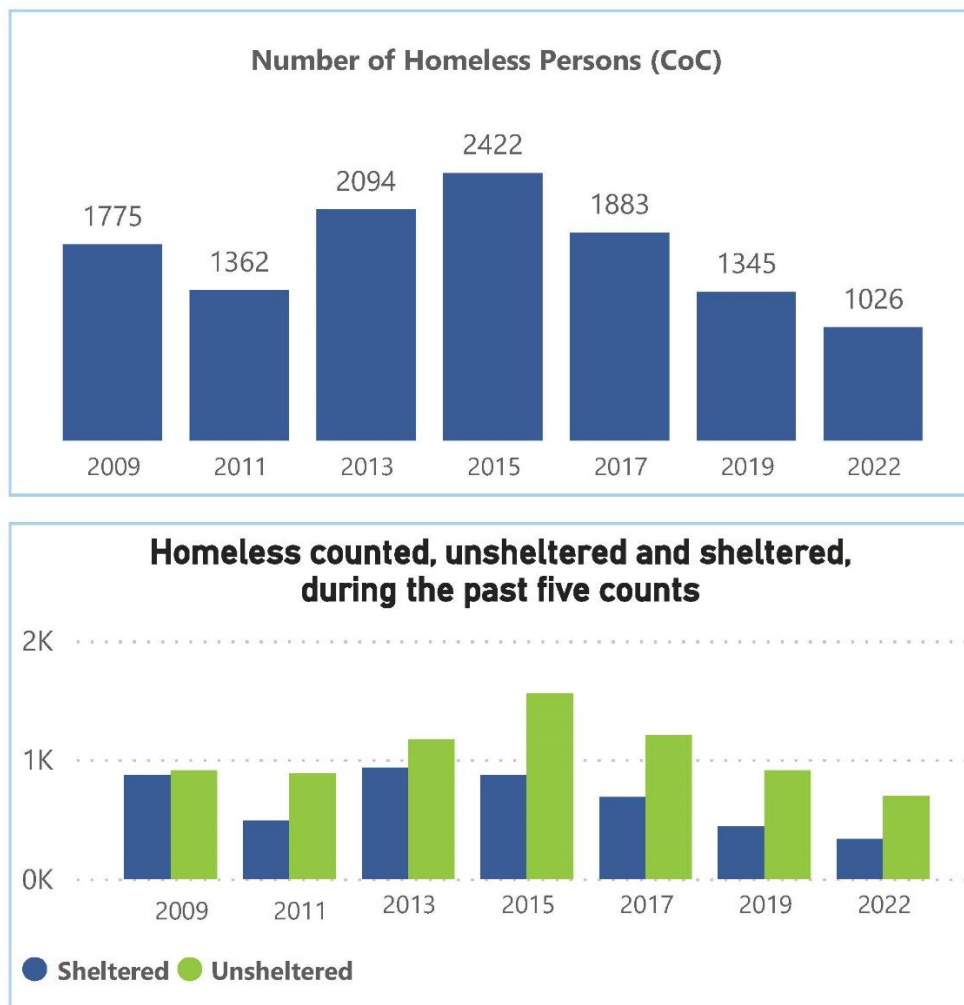
Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

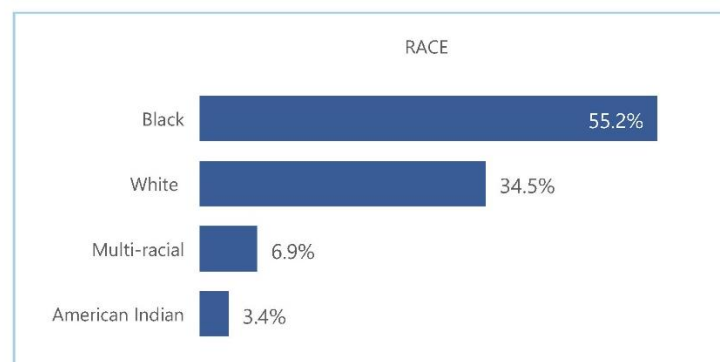
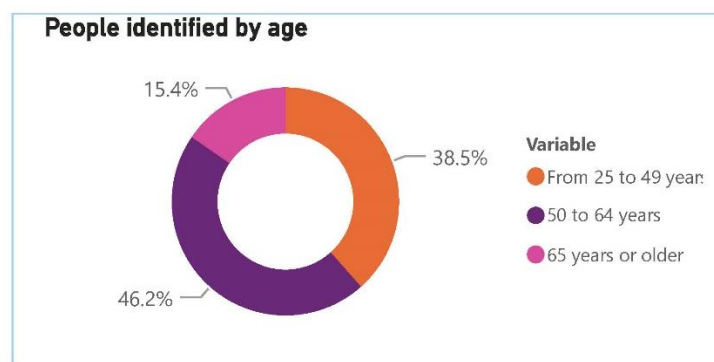
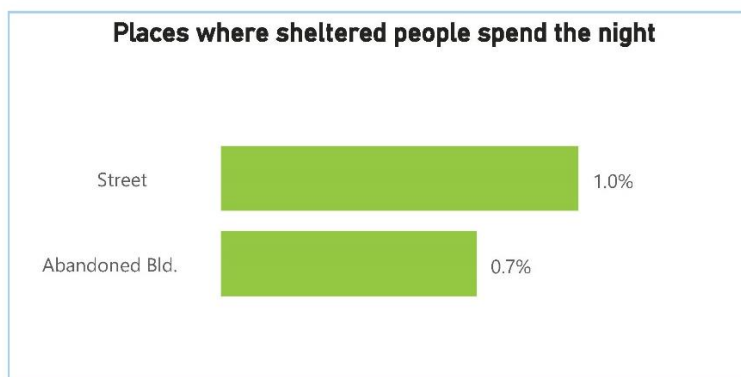
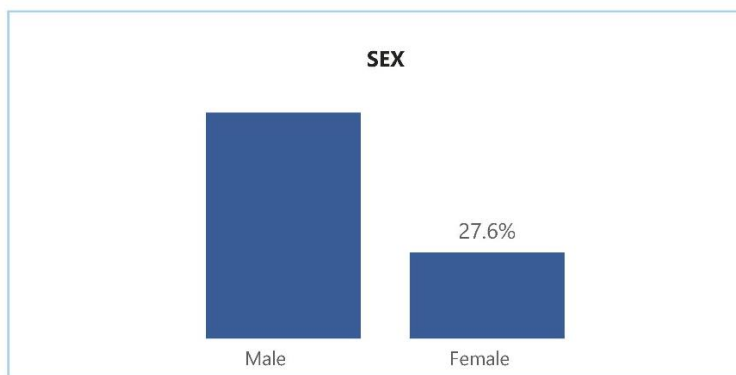
The Point in Time (PIT) Census is conducted every two years by the two Continuum of Care in Puerto Rico: PR-CoC-502 and PR-CoC-503. The Municipality of Carolina is one of the cities covered by the Puerto Rico Balance of Commonwealth Continuum of Care (PR-CoC- 502) comprised of twenty-four (24) Municipalities. According to most recent PIT conducted from March 3-4, 2022, there are 2,215 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals and families across the island; 98.7% are unsheltered and 8.1 % of individuals are living in the streets with another adult or family member.

Currently, Carolina is the sixth Municipality the highest number of homeless individuals within the CoC-502 jurisdiction. According to the PIT census, Carolina has 29 homeless individuals, 14 less than last count in year 2019. The PIT census shows that 72.4% of the homeless population

is male, 27.6% are women; 46.2% are individuals over 50 year old. The survey also reveals that 33.3% of the population experienced homelessness for the first time, 7.7% fleeing from a domestic abuse, and 7.7% veterans. CoC-502 PIT count shows that 100% of the population is unsheltered.

Some of the reasons to become homeless were related to substance and alcohol abuse (71.4%), and family disputes (14.3%).





Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:
At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

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

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

CHAS data identifies the number of families who have incomes below 30% of the area median income (AMI) and are likely to not have sufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability. Based on the 2015-2019 CHAS, the Municipality identified a total of 1,815 households with income below 30% AMI with cost burden and 1,645 with severe cost burden. A household is cost burdened when they spend more than 30 percent of the household income on housing cost. A household is severely cost burdened when they spend more than 50 percent of the household income on housing cost. For renters, housing costs include rent paid by the tenant plus utilities. The total number of households with cost and severe cost burden is 3,460.

Cost and severe cost burden is a risk of homelessness indicator but not all of the households are at immediate risk. For the purpose of this analysis, we have added a concept of Housing Insecurity. Housing insecurity is defined as not paying the full amount of rent or mortgage and/or utility bills (water, power) sometime in the previous 12 months. To estimate that number we used the data provided by HUD's Picture of Subsidized Households report (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/assthsg.html>). This data set describes the nearly 5 million households living in HUD-subsidized housing in the United States. Assistance provided under HUD programs falls into three categories: public housing, tenant-based, and privately owned, project-based. Picture provides characteristics of assisted housing units and residents, summarized at the national, state, public housing agency (PHA), project, census tract, county, Core-Based Statistical Area and city levels. From this data set we obtained the percentage of households with no income and applied the percentage to the universe included in the CHAS data set. According to the dataset 14.5% of the subsidized households in Carolina has no income. When applying this percentage, we narrow down the number of households at risk to 502. The same report disclosed that there are 568 affordable units available for the persons at risk and

PHA data indicates that only 35% of the vouchers awarded in Carolina found a unit. Taking that into consideration we calculated a housing need gap of 303 units for individuals or households at risk of becoming homeless. In addition, we determined to include all the 502 individual or households without income as families with supportive services need.

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

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

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

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

CRIAS	
Population	Number of Persons
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee	184
Domestic Violence	
Sexual Assault	4
Stalking	7
Other	5
Total	200

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

Demographic Characteristics

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

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

Relationship of the Population with the Aggressor

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

Education

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

To calculate the housing gap, we used CHAS and PHA data. First, we narrowed down the number of total victims (200) by subtracting the available Housing Choice Vouchers available (88) to calculate the actual Housing gap to 112 units. However, all the potential victims (200) require supporting services.

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

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

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

According to the CHAS data, there are a significant number of families with incomes between 30% and 50% of the area median income (AMI) who lack sufficient resources to attain housing stability. The Municipality conducted an analysis of the 2015-2019 CHAS and identified a total of 975 households with income below 30% and 50% AMI experiencing cost burden, with 685 of them facing severe cost burden. A household is considered cost-burdened when their housing costs exceed 30% of their income, while a household is deemed severely cost-burdened if their housing costs exceed 50% of their income. For renters, housing costs include both rent and utilities paid by the tenant.

The total number of households facing cost burden and severe cost burden with income between 30%-50% AMI amounts to 1,730. To determine the housing gap for this population, the Municipality utilized data from the Picture of Subsidized Households dataset provided by HUD, which estimated the number of families currently receiving housing subsidies with income between 30-50% AMI. The Public Housing Authority (PHA) estimates that only 35% of families provided with a voucher would succeed in the housing market. Taking this into account, the Municipality estimated the number of units available to that population at 88 units. As a result, there is a housing gap of 1,642 units.

Additionally, the Municipality identified all 1,642 families without income as families with a need for supportive services.

Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):

The Municipality is an active member of the PR 502 CoC. Municipal representatives regularly attend PR 502 CoC meetings and work closely with CoC staff to administer homeless programs. In addition, the Municipality collaborates with members of CoC 503 for the provision of services to the homeless clientele.

The Municipality coordinates constantly with the CoC and its members to address the need of the homeless persons. Municipal departments and offices provide direct services to the homeless persons including health, housing, economic assistance and other. Services are coordinated with Hogar Crea and Guara Bi for those individuals in need of substance abuse treatment for those individuals in need of substance treatment. Services for individuals with mental health diagnosis will be coordinated through ASSMCA a government agency specialized in mental health services. In addition, the following service are available for the qualifying population:

- The Municipality and nonprofit partners to coordinate the access of the homeless individuals and/or families to the State Health Insurance Program for the provision of basic and essential prevention health services and medical assistance when needed;
- The Municipality and partners coordinates the provision of basic educational and/or technical skills training to improve the knowledge level of the participants. Also, the Municipality coordinates workplace training sessions in order to develop the working skills of the participants. This training activities are funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a federally funded program which the Municipality has direct access as part of the Municipality of Carolina Workforce Development System.
- The Municipality and nonprofit partners provide coordination and support to the homeless persons by facilitating access to the Nutritional Assistance Program, a federally funded initiative that provides nutritional services to low income individuals. The Municipality coordinates these services with the State Family Department, agency responsible to administer the described nutritional funding. Through this program the participants receive financial assistance for the acquisition of food and first need products.

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

Program	Subsidized units available
Public Housing	1,972
Housing Choice Vouchers	2,162
Mod Rehab	1,079
Project Based Section 8	42
Total	5255

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

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

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

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

The following table is a summary of the unmet housing and services needs of the qualifying population:

Qualifying Population	GAP	Non Congregated Shelter	Affordable Housing	TBRA	Supportive Services
HOMELESS 29 TOTAL 0 SHELTERED 29 UNSHELTERED	29 unsheltered minus Beds available 0 (CoC Data) = Gap 29 beds 22 male 7 female	29 beds		-	29
PERSONS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS CHAS Income below 30% AMI and cost Burden 1,815 CHAS Income below 30% AMI and Severe Cost Burden 1,645 Total =3,460	Total 3,460 minus estimated number with \$0 income = 502 minus Housing units available (Chas) = 568 Success Rate 35% Gap =303 units	-	303 units	-	502
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 130 OFICINA DE ASUNTOS DE LA MUJER	130 minus rental vouchers available adjusted for success rate (88) Gap = 42 units		42	-	130
OTHER POPULATION CHAS Income between 30% -50% AMI with Cost Burden = 955 Income between 30% -50% AMI with Severe Cost Burden= 775 Total =1,730	Total (1,730) minus available units (251) = Gap = 1,642 units		1,642	-	1,730

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

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

The Municipality of Carolina operates and promotes on homeless service providers the Housing First approach recognizing that most people struggle to access services while experiencing homelessness. However, service providers may still transitioning to this new approach and may face difficulties in the implementation phase. The modality, in which housing services are offered to those experiencing homelessness and allows them to choose what and when to access them represents a paradigm change. The acceptance of participants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, and participation in services becomes a challenge in which there might be available beds that are not been used. More technical assistance is needed for services providers to embrace the housing first approach.

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

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

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

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

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of “other populations” that are “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

The common housing problems included in the need assessment can create situation of instability and increase the potential level of risk of homelessness in one way or another. Households suffering of high costs related to housing or living in units lacking the basic facilities of plumbing and/or kitchen, or not having sufficient physical space to accommodate the family composition, are reasons for householders to feel vulnerable and insecure with their housing status. The results of the above housing need analysis show that the housing market of Carolina is mainly affected by cost burden problems and by housing units in substandard conditions. Both types of housing problems are related to instability and sets households at the brink of homelessness if the level of the problems achieved severity status. The analysis also shows that the substandard housing conditions affects the 50-80% AMI population group and that the cost burden problem affects the 50-80% AMI population group. In terms of the needs of these groups, we can identify financial assistance for housing, utilities payments, food and nutritional purposes.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

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

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

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

Qualifying Population	Data Source
Homeless	2022 Point In Time Survey Coc 503
At Risk of homelessness	CHAS Data A picture of Subsidized Households PHA Data (Success Rate) Consolidated Plan Data

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

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

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

V- HOME-ARP Activities

Template:

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

RESPONSE:

The HOME funds are administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the Municipality of Carolina. The Department is responsible of the implementation of the public policy related to housing. It is anticipated that the Municipality may be entering into contract agreements with local affordable housing developers to produce housing units which will be available for rent to all qualifying populations. In addition, the Municipality anticipates that proposals will be solicited from nonprofit organizations for the production of the non congregated shelter. The Municipal Housing Department will be responsible of drafting and publishing application forms and evaluation criteria. Solicitation publication, review, and selection will follow standard municipalities policies that promote diversity in applicants and timely and cost-effective implementation. The request for applications will be promoted via social media, web page, and email to the members of CoC 503 and to all stakeholders that participated in the HOME-ARP planning process – including homeless service providers; providers that serve victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking; veterans’ groups and affordable housing developers. Activities to be undertaken by the Municipality will not be subject to competition.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

RESPONSE:

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

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

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

RESPONSE:

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

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

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

Requirement:

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

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

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$1,082,283	38.80%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$241,022	8.64	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0	-	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$1,047,850	37.56%	
Non-Profit Operating	\$0.00	0.00%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0.00	0.00%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$418,438	15.00%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$2,789,593		

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

The municipality conducted a rigorous citizen participation and consultation process that was used for determining the proposed use of HOME ARP funds. As part of the consultation process, the Municipality held a working meeting with the members of the CoC 503's executive committee. During this meeting, a presentation was made explaining the scope of the consultation and citizen participation process and how the housing and service unit gap had been

calculated. The proposed distribution was also presented to the Coalition. The Executive Committee members made recommendations to the proposed the distribution of funds and the municipality accepted and adopted the recommendation of providing funds for non congregated shelter.

The Municipality of will use the HOME-ARP allocation to undertake three (3) eligible activities: 1)Acquisition with or without Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation of Existing Housing, or New Construction of rental Housing to be offered for rent to qualified populations, 2) to provide supportive services, 3) Production of Non Congregated Shelters. The three projects were identified during the citizen participation and consultation process and were selected based on the best data available and the input from the stakeholders. The need analysis shows a gap of 508 affordable rental units, 29 shelter beds, and supportive services for 912 persons.

Through the investments in HOME-ARP funding, paired with other funding sources, the Municipality will increase the capacity of to serve the qualifying population and will connect people with housing options, and eventually exit homelessness contributing to a decrease in the identified gap. HOME-ARP rental housing that will provide single family or multifamily housing. To promote the development of financially viable housing, the Municipality would opt for the most profitable development option. In addition to the affordable housing need the gap analysis also disclosed that there is a need for supportive service for the qualifying population.

The projects to be undertaken are described below:

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

Funds to be allocated \$1,047,850

Goal: 7 units

Rental Housing Goal: 7 rental housing units

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

Among the strategies to guarantee project success are the following:

- Produce a regulation for harmonious cohabitation of families within the project,

- Perform home inspections periodically to ensure that the home is kept in optimal conditions,
- Maintaining effective and productive relationship between the landlord and tenant to ensure property maintenance.

The location of these homes will be anywhere in the municipality, except in areas susceptible to flooding or landslides for the safety of the inhabitants. The goal is to acquire seven (7) housing units.

PROVISION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Funds to be allocated \$1,082,283

During the consultation process the organizations indicated that there is need for supportive services that need to be provided to the qualifying population. Based on the identified need the Municipality is allocating HOME ARP resources for the provision of a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities. The need analysis shows a gap of supportive services for 912 individuals or households among the qualifying population in Carolina.

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

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

PRODUCTION OF NON-CONGREGATED SHELTER FOR QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Funds to be allocated \$418,438

Goal: 4 units

Rental Housing Goal: 4 rental housing units

During the consultation and citizen participation process, the development of non congregated shelter did not appear to be an activity for which there was a need. However, the municipality held a meeting with the CoC and during that meeting the coalition members indicated the following:

4. There is a need for non congregated shelter in the Isla Verde and tourism areas.
5. That 33.3% of the people counted were homeless for the first time and that traditional shelters were not suitable for them.
6. There are no shelters in Carolina

Considering that the Point in Time Survey disclosed that there were 29 unsheltered persons the municipality determined to allocate funds under this eligibility category with a goal of producing 4 units. If the proposed activity is successful and the goal is achieved and the units are occupied, consideration will be given to allocating other funds from other sources.

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Funds to be allocated \$418,438

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

- Salaries, wages, and related costs of the PJ's staff
- Travel costs incurred for official business in carrying out the HOME-ARP program
- Administrative services performed under third party contracts or agreements, including
- such services as general legal services, accounting services, and audit services.
- Other costs for goods and services required for administering the HOME-ARP program

- Costs of administering HOME-ARP supportive services programs
- Staff and overhead costs of the PJ directly related to carrying out a HOME-ARP project
- The provision of information and other resources to residents and citizen organizations
- Activities to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH)
- Preparation of the HOME-ARP allocation plan
- Costs of complying with the applicable Federal requirements
- Provide all or a portion of its HOME-ARP administrative funds to subrecipients and contractor

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

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

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

- The housing units Gap analysis shows a need for 2,057 affordable rental housing units
- Unadjusted HUD CHAS data shows that 3,460 households with income below 30% AMI in Carolina are facing cost or severe cost burden.
- Data for HUD' Picture of Subsidized Households data shows that 14.5% of the housed households has no income.
- Using the available data, the Municipality estimates the number of households at risk of becoming homeless in 303.
- Data from the Procuradora de Asuntos de la Mujer estimates the number of persons fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking in 200 persons.
- Using the available data, the Municipality estimates the number of persons fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking with housing need in 112.
- HUD CHAS data shows that 1,730 households in Carolina with income between 30 to -50% AMI are facing cost or severe cost burden.
- Using the available data, the Municipality estimates the number of Other Population (as defined by CPD Notice 2021-10) is 1,642.

- Data provided by the section 8 program and CoC shows that voucher holders are having difficulties in finding units in the market.
- The Point in time survey disclosed 29 homeless with 29 of them unsheltered. However, there are sufficient shelter beds to house the unsheltered homeless. Outreach services are needed.
- The Consultation process disclosed that supportive services are needed to all the qualifying population.
- Observations and comments received during the participation process of this HOME-ARP Plan reinforced the need for additional rental housing.

All of the above support the proposed HOME-ARP projects

VI- HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Template

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

RESPONSE:

Through the two housing eligible activities, the Municipality of Carolina expects to produce 40 affordable rental housing units that will provide housing to the qualifying population. The individual goals for activities are the following:

Activity	Goal
Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or new construction of rental Housing	7
Production of Non-Congregated Shelter for qualifying populations	4
Estimated production goal	11

The Municipality will work with the members of CoC 502 to promote the development of the units. Supportive services to the projects will be funded with HOME ARP Funds.

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

The data used for the gap analysis resulted in the identification of a gap for affordable housing. The gap analysis concluded that there is need for affordable housing for all the qualifying population. Taking that into consideration the Municipality proposed one (1) housing activity: The Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or new construction of rental Housing with 7 units. This investment of funds will result in the needed new supply of affordable rental housing units and solve the problem of clients with housing vouchers residing in shelters or on the street because of no affordable rental units in the community.

The Municipality intends to acquire 7 existing houses in the Carolina market to offer them for rent to the qualifying populations. The homes will become part of the Municipality's rental

housing program inventory and will be leased to Qualifying Populations. In addition, the Municipality will work with nonprofit organizations to provide case management and wrap-around services to the families placed in rental housing. This program addresses the priority need of the lack of rental housing for qualifying populations. This activity will reduce the gap for affordable housing and will serve as the starting point for a similar strategy with the HOME Funds.

In addition to the acquisition of housing the municipality is allocating resources for the production of non-congregated shelter to be occupied by qualifying populations. It is expected that a total of 4 units are produced with the HOME ARP funds. The allocation of funds for non-congregated shelter was the result of the consultation process with the CoC. During the consultation process the members of the CoC commented that there is a need form scattered units to be converted to non-congregated shelters. Taking that into consideration the municipality allocated resources to that activity.

VII- Preferences

Requirement:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Template:

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

RESPONSE:

The gap and need analysis support the determination of not giving preferences to any qualifying population. The Municipality does not intend to give preferences within qualifying populations. Affordable housing projects will be available to all qualifying populations.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, as a preference was not identified.

VIII- Referral Methods

Requirement:

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

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

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

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

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

RESPONSE:

Template:

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

The HOME ARP Housing funded projects will use a project waiting list specific to the project or activity. All qualifying individuals/families will have access to apply for placement on the waiting list for an activity or project. The Municipality will select eligible households from a chronological waiting list for each of the eligible activities.

If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):

The PJ will not use the CE.

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

The PJ will not use the CE.

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

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

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

Requirement:

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

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

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

RESPONSE:

As a result of the need and gap analysis conducted for this plan all the qualifying population has ample need for housing and services. Taking this into consideration the two (2) housing activities to be undertaken by the Municipality: 1) Acquisition with or without Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation of Existing Housing, or New Construction of rental Housing, and 2) Production of Non Congregated Shelter, will serve all the qualifying populations. Any project selected for funding will be available for all the qualifying populations. The Municipality will ensure that the tenant selection policy complies with the Fair Housing Act.

If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

RESPONSE:

The Municipality will not implement a limitation.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

X- HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

Requirement:

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

RESPONSE:

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

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

RESPONSE:

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

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

RESPONSE:

Not Applicable, see above.

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

RESPONSE:

Not Applicable, see above.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, see above.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, see above.

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

RESPONSE:

Not applicable, see above.

XI-Attachments

Attachment 1- Invitation to Public Hearing Notice

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VISTA PÚBLICA / PUBLIC HEARING

Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico • Gobierno Municipal Autónomo de

TIERRA DE GIGANTES

Carolina

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

La asignación de fondos de HOME-ARP al Municipio de Carolina es de \$2,789,593, y se utilizará para proporcionar asistencia para personas sin hogar y servicios de apoyo que ayuden a individuos o familias que califiquen. HOME-ARP define a individuos o familias calificados como aquellos que (1) no tienen hogar, como se define en la sección 103 (a) de la Ley de Asistencia para Personas sin Hogar McKinney-Vento, según enmendada (42 U.S.C. 11302 (a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar, como se define en la sección 401 de McKinney-Vento; (3) huir o intentar huir de la violencia doméstica, la violencia en el hogar, la agresión sexual, el acoso o la trata de personas; (4) parte de otras poblaciones donde la prestación de servicios de apoyo o asistencia evitaría la falta de vivienda de una familia o serviría a aquellos con el mayor riesgo de inestabilidad de vivienda; o (5) veteranos y familias que incluyen un miembro de la familia veterano que cumple con alguno de los criterios del (1)-(4).

Las posibles actividades con fondos HOME-ARP pueden ser:

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

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

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

El Municipio llevará a cabo la vista pública como se indica a continuación:

Fecha	Vista Pública	Hora	Localización
27 de enero de 2023	Vista Pública HOME-ARP	9:00 a.m.	https://meet.goto.com/256483285

Se exhorta a los residentes del Municipio a que participen de estas vistas públicas, para que puedan participar activamente en la preparación del Plan HOME-ARP. Si algún residente del Municipio, agencia pública o personal jurídica tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso, pueden comunicarse con la Sra. Lisa Encarnación Gómez, Directora Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunal, al siguiente correo electrónico o dirección postal:

Sra. Lisa Encarnación Gómez
lencarnacion@carolina.pr.gov
P.O. Box 8
Carolina, Puerto Rico 00986-0008

Personas con discapacidad y/o necesidades especiales que interesen participar de la Vista Pública deberán comunicarse previo al día de la vista con la Sra. Lisa Encarnación Gómez, Directora del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunal, al siguiente teléfono (787) 757-2626, ext. 5400. En cumplimiento con las leyes de vivienda justa y accesibilidad, durante la vista del Municipio se proporcionarán subtítulos a la presentación y la habilidad de poder recibir preguntas a través de un chat en la misma aplicación de Internet.

Aviso Publicado: 10 de enero de 2023

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



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

The HOME-ARP funding allocation to the Municipality of Carolina is in the amount of \$2,789,593 and will be used to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services assisting qualifying individuals or families. HOME-ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4).

Possible activities with HOME-ARP funds may be:

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

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

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

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

Date	Hearing	Time	Virtual Address
January 27, 2023	Virtual Public Hearing HOME-ARP	9:00 a.m.	https://meet.goto.com/256483285


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

Mrs. Lisa Encarnación Gómez
lencarnacion@carolina.pr.gov
P.O. Box 8
Carolina, Puerto Rico 00986-0008

Persons with disabilities and/or special needs who are interested in participating in the Public Hearing should communicate prior to the day of the hearing with Mrs. Lisa Encarnación Gómez, Director, Housing Department, to the following telephone number (787) 757-2626, ext. 5400. In compliance with the laws of fair housing and accessibility, during the public hearings, subtitles will be provided to the presentation and the ability to receive questions through a chat in the same internet application.

Notice Published: January 10, 2023

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


José C. Aponte Dalmáu
Alcalde/ Mayor

Attachment 2- Public Hearing Presentation

HOME American Rescue Plan Act

Municipio Autónomo de Carolina



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

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Aprobada el pasado 11 de
marzo de 2021

Ley de recuperación que
atiende la recuperación
Post COVID 19

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



Asignación de Fondos HOME-ARP

- Municipio de Carolina recibió una asignación de

\$ 2,789,593



Grant Agreement

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



Objetivos de los Fondos HOME-ARP

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

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

3. Proveer recursos para la prestación de servicios de apoyo



Población Eligible



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

Personas Sin
Hogar

Personas en
Riesgo de
Perder su
Hogar

Personas
huyendo de
violencia
doméstica,
acoso, tráfico
humano

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



Actividades Elegibles

Actividades Elegibles



Tenant Based Rental Assistance
(Vouchers)



Desarrollo de viviendas de alquiler
asequibles



Prestación de servicios de apoyo



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





1- Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Se permite:

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

Flexibilidad y otros requisitos

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



2- Desarrollo de Vivienda de Alquiler asequible

Se permite:

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

Costos elegibles y otros requisitos

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

Otros requisitos

Aplican los *Property Standards* de HOME
15 años afluencia

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

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



3- Servicios de Apoyo

Se permite:

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

Ejemplos de Servicios de Apoyo

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

4- Adquisición y/o desarrollo de albergues no congregados



Uno o más edificios que:

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

Se permite

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

Costos elegibles

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

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

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



2- Desarrollo de Vivienda de Alquiler asequible

Se permite

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

Costos elegibles

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

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



Preferencias, Referidos y Subpoblaciones

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



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



HOME-ARP Allocation Plan



Consultas

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



Aviso disponibilidad del Plan

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



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Cuestionario de Insumo

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

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Preguntas y Respuestas

Persona Contacto:

Sra. Lisa Encarnación

Directora

Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunal

LENCARNACION@carolina.pr.gov



Attachment 3- Public Hearing Attendees

Carolina Vista Publica HOME ARP Attendees Summary


Meeting Date	Meeting Duration	Number of Attendees	Meeting ID
January 27, 2023 7:51 AM EST	35 minutes	8	256-483-285

Details

Name	Email Address	Join Time	Leave Time	Time in Session (minutes)
HCG Harrison	harrison@hcgpr.com	7:51 AM	8:27 AM	35
Irisbel Nunez , Guara Bi		7:51 AM	8:27 AM	35
L. Marcano		8:08 AM	8:27 AM	18
Lisa Encarnacion	lencarnacion@carolina.p r.gov	8:01 AM	8:27 AM	25
Maritere Guzmán		8:06 AM	8:27 AM	21
Nilsa López Rivera	ipvipr@yahoo.com	7:51 AM	8:27 AM	35
S. Rivera		8:03 AM	8:26 AM	23
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Attachment 4- Public Notice Availability of Draft Plan

AVISO PÚBLICO / PUBLIC NOTICE



Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico • Gobierno Municipal Autónomo de

AVISO DISPONIBILIDAD ENMIENDA SUSTANCIAL AL PLAN ANUAL 2021-2022

El Gobierno Municipal Autónomo de Carolina ha preparado una enmienda sustancial al Plan Anual 2021-2022 que incluye los cambios requeridos para poder recibir y utilizar los fondos HOME-ARP que están plasmados en el documento "HOME ARP Allocation Plan". Esta enmienda ha sido preparada en cumplimiento con los requisitos de la circular CPD 21-10, el 24 CFR 91.105 y el Plan de Participación Ciudadana del GMAC. La enmienda reconoce los fondos HOME-ARP delegados al GMAC que totaliza \$2,789,593. Luego del proceso de participación ciudadana y consulta, estos fondos se han distribuido de la siguiente manera:

Actividad	Cantidad Asignada
Adquisición con o sin Rehabilitación, Rehabilitación de Vivienda Existente o Construcción de Vivienda de Alquiler	\$1,047,850
Servicios de Apoyo	\$1,082,283
Producción de Unidades en Albergues no Congregados	\$241,022
Administración	\$418,438
Total	\$2,789,593.00

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

Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunal
 Lisa Encarnación Gómez, Directora
 Edificio San Fernando (Edificio Libre de Barreras Arquitectónicas)
 Calle Amadeo Esquina Bernardo García
 Carolina, Puerto Rico
 Horario: Lunes a viernes, de 8:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m.
 (787) 757-3700

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

Aviso Publicado: 13 de marzo de 2023

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

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

The Autonomous Municipality of Carolina has prepared a substantial amendment to the 2021-2022 Annual Plan that includes the changes required in order to receive and use the HOME-ARP funds, and included in the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. The amendment recognizes HOME-ARP funds delegated to the Municipality in the amount of \$2,789,593. After the completion of the Citizen Participation and Consultation process these funds have been distributed as follows:


Activity	Allocated Amount
Acquisition with or without Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation of Existing Housing, or New Construction of Rental Housing	\$1,047,850
Supportive Services	\$1,082,283
Production of Units in Non-Congregated Shelter	\$241,022
Administration	\$418,438
Total	\$2,789,593.00

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

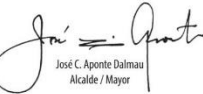
Department of Housing and Community Development
 (public facility that is accessible and free of architectural barriers)
 Lisa Encarnación Gómez, Director
 Edificio San Fernando
 (public facility that is accessible and free of architectural barriers)
 Calle Amadeo Esquina Bernardo García
 Carolina, Puerto Rico
 Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 (787) 757-3700

The Amendment and its supporting documents will be available for public review during 15 calendar days. Comments may be submitted in writing to the following e-mail: encarnacion@carolina.pr.gov. Comments will be evaluated, addressed and incorporated into the amendment. The final amendment will be submitted to the Caribbean Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval. If any resident of the municipality, Public Agency or Legal Entity has questions regarding this public notice, you can contact Mrs. Lisa Encarnación Gómez, during working hours and days and / or through the e-mail provided above.

Notice Published: March 13, 2023



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



José C. Aponte Dalmazo
Alcalde / Mayor

28< CLASIFICADOS

> LUNES, 13 DE MARZO DE 2023

Ofices, P.S.C., cuya dirección es: 107 CALLE I. ANDRÉ DE AGUILAR LOCAL 1, SAN JUAN, PR 00918-3348. Teléfono: 787-949-7621; email: raul@carro-crespo.com. Se le apercibe que, de no hacerlo, se le anulará la rebeldía y se dictará sentencia concediendo el remedio solicitado en la Demanda, sin más citarle ni oírle. EXTENDIDO BAJO MI FIRMA Y EL SELLO DEL TRIBUNAL, en Ponce, Puerto Rico, hoy, 6 de marzo de 2023. Carmen G. Triunfo Quirónes Secretaria del Tribunal Hilda J. Rosado Rodríguez Secretaria Auxiliar Subsecretaría

SS-17738 ESTADO LIBRE ASOCIADO DE PUERTO RICO TRIBUNAL DE PRIMERA INSTANCIA SALA DE CAROLINA

FIRSTBANK PUERTO RICO
Parte Demandante
Vs.
ERIC JOSE COLLUCCHI ARROYO
C/C ERIC J. COLLUCCHI ARROYO: AUREA ROSALIA ESCUTE DAVILA
C/C AUREA R. ESCUTE DAVILA
Parte Demandada
CIVIL NUM. 12-2022-000545
SOBRE: CORRO DE DINERO Y EJECUCIÓN DE HIPOTECA EMPLEAZAMIENTO POR EDICTO ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA. El PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS Y SS. EL ESTADO LIBRE ASOCIADO DE PUERTO RICO / A. ERIC JOSE COLLUCCHI ARROYO Y C. AUREA ROSALIA ESCUTE DAVILA FISCAL: 88 AD-ELINA BO. LAS CUEVAS TRUJILLO ALTO, PR 00977-1447; 1307 BANBRIDGE DR. KISSIMEE, FL 34758 Questa demandante mediante su representación legal indicada. Unidos deberá presentar su alegación responsiva a través del Sistema Unificado de Administración y Manejo de Casos (SJMCA), al cual puede acceder utilizando la siguiente dirección electrónica:

del Sistema Unificado de Manejo y Administración de Casos (SJMCA), al cual puede acceder utilizando la siguiente dirección electrónica: <https://unired.ramajudicial.pr> salvo que se represente por derecho propio, en cuyo caso deberá presentar su alegación responsiva en la secretaría del tribunal. Se le apercibe que, de no hacerlo, se podrá dictar sentencia en rebeldía concediendo el remedio solicitado en la demanda, sin citarle ni oírle más. EXTENDIDO BAJO MI FIRMA Y EL SELLO DEL TRIBUNAL, en Arecibo Puerto Rico, hoy día 7 de marzo de 2023. VIVIAN Y. FERRÉS GONZÁLEZ SECRETARÍA REGIONAL SECRETARÍA del Tribunal Por: CARMEN RUIZ MATOS Secretaria Auxiliar

SS-17745 Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico TRIBUNAL GENERAL DE JUSTICIA Tribunal de Primera Instancia Sala Superior de Bayamón

VERONICA CRUZ CHACON
Demandante
Vs.
KIRK EDWARD PERSHING
Demandado
Civili: BY2021RFO1362 Sala 4002 Sobre: Divorcio NOTIFICACIÓN DE SENTENCIA POR EDICTO A KIRK EDWARD PERSHING EL SECRETARÍA(A) que suscribe le notifica a usted que el 15 de febrero de 2023, este Tribunal ha dictado Sentencia, Sentencia Parcial o Resolución en este caso, que ha sido debidamente registrada y archivada en autos donde podrá usted enterarse detalladamente de los términos de la misma. Esta notificación se publicará una sola vez en un periódico de circulación general en la isla de Puerto Rico, dentro de los 10 días siguientes a su notificación. Y siendo o representando usted una parte en el procedimiento, sujeta a los términos de la Sentencia, Sentencia Parcial o Resolución, de la cual puede establecerse recurso de revisión o apelación dentro del término de 30 días contados a partir de la publicación por edicto de esta notificación, dinto a usted esta notificación que se considerará hecha en la fecha de la publicación de este edicto. Copia de esta notificación ha sido archivada en los autos de este caso, con fecha de 13 de febrero de 2023. En Bayamón, Puerto Rico, el 8 de marzo de 2023. LIDA LAURA I. SANTA

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Reutilización Bloque R

De conformidad con el Capítulo IX, Sección 6.00.1 del Reglamento de Salud Ambiental del Departamento de Salud del Gobierno de Puerto Rico, se notifica a las personas afectadas por este aviso que, pasados los treinta (30) días de la publicación de este anuncio se procederá con la reutilización del Bloque R del Cementerio de la Capital (tierra), con el propósito de reutilizar los espacios.

Para información adicional, favor comunicarse a la Oficina de Récores de cementerios del Municipio de San Juan en horario de 7:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. y de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m. al 787-480-3920, 3921, 3922, 3923, 3924 o al correo electrónico crodriguez01@sanjuan.pr



AVANZA POR TI
MIGUEL A. ROMERO LUGO | ALCALDE

ORACIÓN A SAN JUDAS TADEO

Oh, San Judas Tadeo, glorioso Apóstol, fiel servidor y amigo de Jesús! El nombre del traidor ha sido la causa de que muchos os hayan olvidado, pero la Iglesia os honra e invoca como el Patrón de los casos difíciles y desesperados. Rogad por mí que soy tan miserable, y ya que se os concedió el privilegio particular de proporcionar ayuda pronta y visible en casos desesperados, asistidme en esta gran necesidad y alcanzadme los consuelos y socorros del Cielo en todas mis necesidades, tribulaciones y sufrimientos, particularmente en esta intención mía (haga la petición que desee obtener) y que bendiga a Dios con Vos y todos los escogidos por toda la eternidad. Os prometo, oh bendito San Judas Tadeo, no olvidar este gran favor; no cesar de honoraros como a mí especial y poderoso Patrón y fomentar vuestra devoción. Amén.

Attachment 5- Consultation Letters

Consultation letters are available for review on the following links:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18oIOvS7M7iQWtkjpHndKIGG6sG5dhrZt?usp=sharing>

Responses received can be found at the following link:

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Attachment 6- Results of Consultation Survey

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1. Por favor indique el Nombre de la entidad que usted representa:

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*"Departamento de Correccion y Rehabilitación "**"Programa Ryan White Parte B/ADAP- Departamento de Salud "**"La Perla de Gran Precio "*

2. Por favor entre su Nombre y Apellidos

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Responses

Latest Responses

*"Karen Vélez Colón "**"Norma I. Delgado Mercado "**"Hector Pagan "*

3. Por favor indique que puesto ocupa en la entidad.

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*"Técnico Sociopenal "**"Directora de Programa "**"Sub Director "*

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4. Entre su correo electrónico

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"KVelez@dcrr.pr.gov"

"ndelgado@salud.pr.gov "

"hectorlpagan@yahoo.com"

5. Entre su número de teléfono

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Latest Responses

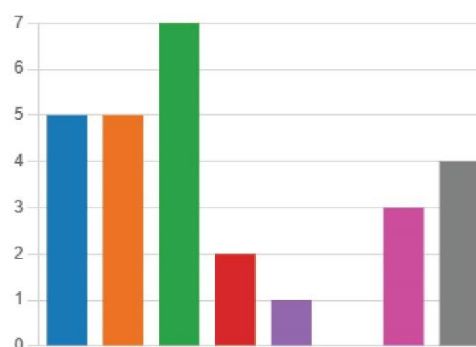
"787-273-6464 ext 2125"

"787-751-8798"

"7876082094"

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

Albergue de Emergencia	5
Vivienda Permanente o Realoja...	5
Servicios de Apoyo	7
Vivienda/ Arrendador/ Administ...	2
Desarrollador de Vivienda Aseq...	1
Proveedor de los Fondos	0
Miembro de la Comunidad de I...	3
Other	4



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

PR CoC 502	5
PR CoC 503	2
No es miembro de ninguna Coa...	4



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

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"No ofrecemos servicios "

"Toda la Isla"

"San Juan, Bayamon, Carolina entre otros municipios elegibles del Co..."

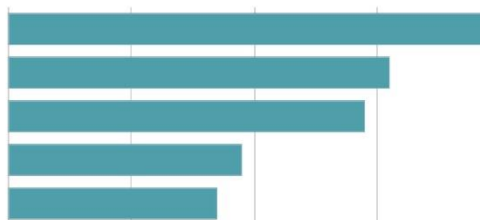
9. Desde su Perspectiva como Organización, ¿Cuáles son las necesidades más apremiantes para atender a la población de personas sin hogar en Carolina? Ordene del mas importante al menos importante.

- 1 Adquisición y Desarrollo de Alb...
- 2 Servicios de Apoyo
- 3 Asistencia de Renta al Inquilino ...
- 4 Desarrollo de Vivienda Asequibl...
- 5 Fondos administrativos para la ...



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

- 1 Servicios de Prevención para pe...
- 2 Servicios de Manejo de Casos
- 3 Consejería de Vivienda (por eje...
- 4 Preparación para el Empleo
- 5 Adiestramiento en Destrezas de...



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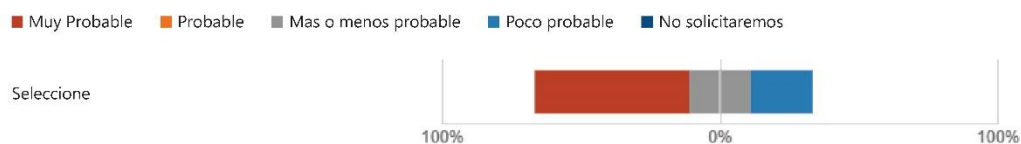
11. Desde su Perspectiva como Organización, ordene las actividades de Albergue no Congregados de la más importante a la menos importante.



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



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

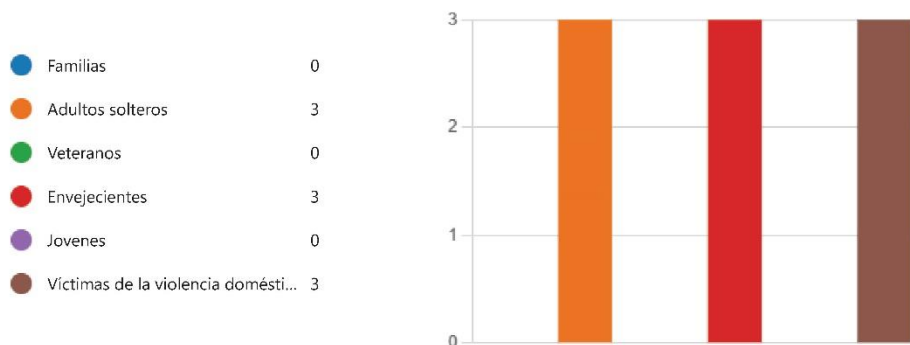


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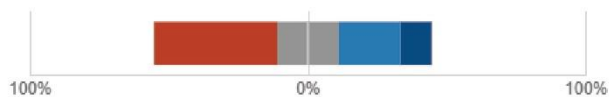
14. Las siguientes preguntas están diseñadas para identificar a la población sin hogar o en riesgo de convertirse en una persona sin hogar. De la siguiente lista, identifique la población con la mayor necesidad tomando en cuenta la experiencia de su Organización.



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

Muy Probable Probable Mas o menos probable Poco probable No solicitaremos

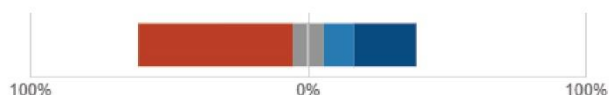
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16. ¿Qué probabilidad hay de que usted solicite los fondos para Preparación para Empleo?

Muy Probable Probable Mas o menos probable Poco probable No solicitaremos

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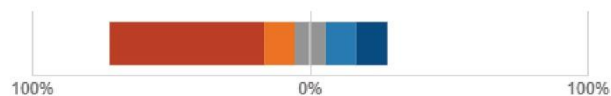
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17. ¿Qué probabilidad hay de que usted solicite los fondos para desarrollar o capacitar en las Destrezas de Vida?

■ Muy Probable ■ Probable ■ Mas o menos probable ■ Poco probable ■ No solicitaremos

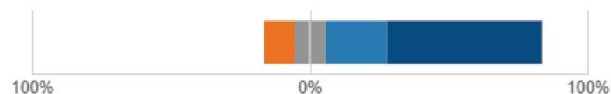
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18. ¿Cree usted que los servicios de Consejería en vivienda como búsqueda de vivienda, derechos de los dueños y los inquilinos, manejo del presupuesto y consejería sobre la reparación de crédito tienen un impacto significativo en la comunidad?

■ No tiene impacto ■ Poco Impacto ■ No está seguro ■ Algo de impacto ■ Gran Impacto

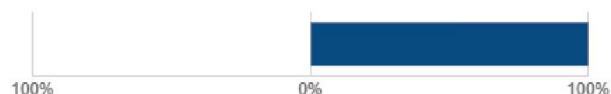
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19. ¿Cree usted que la Prevención a la deambulancia tiene un impacto significativo en nuestra comunidad?

■ No tiene impacto ■ Poco Impacto ■ No está seguro ■ Algo de impacto ■ Gran Impacto

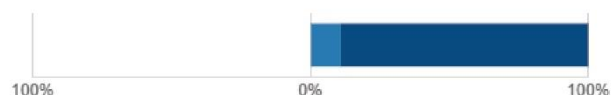
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20. ¿Cree usted que la preparación para el empleo y/o la formación en destrezas de vida tienen un impacto significativo en nuestra comunidad?

■ No tiene impacto ■ Poco Impacto ■ No está seguro ■ Algo de impacto ■ Gran Impacto

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21. Aquí podrá emitir cualquier comentarios adicional que nos permita identificar la necesidad y prioridad de las poblaciones de personas sin hogar. De necesitar ayuda favor de enviar correo a LENCARNACION@carolina.pr.gov

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"El Departamento de Corrección y Rehabilitación no ofrece servicios, s..."

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Attachment 7- Comments received from CoC

A meeting was held on March 6, 2023. During the meeting the Municipality presented a summary of the Citizen Participation and Consultation Process. A summary of the Gap Analysis and need was presented and the CoC recommended changes to the allocation to include funding for non-congregated shelters. In response to the consultation process the Municipality amended the HOME ARP allocation and funded the Non-Congregated Shelter activity.



Reunión Comité Planificación y Sub - Comité de Evaluación y Monitoria

6 de marzo de 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 am

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Nombre y Apellido	Número Teléfono	Correo Electrónico	Firma
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Reunión Comité Planificación y Sub - Comité de Evaluación y Monitoría

6 de marzo de 2023

9:00 am – 12:00 am

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After the completion of the Citizen Participation and Consultation process these funds have been distributed as follows:


Activity	Allocated Amount
Acquisition with or without Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation of Existing Housing, or New Construction of rental Housing	\$1,047,850
Supportive Services	\$1,082,283
Production of units in Non Congregated Shelter	\$241,022
Administration	\$418,438
Total	\$2,789,593.00

Attachment 8- Certifications and SF-424

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
<div> <div> * 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application </div> <div> * 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision </div> <div> * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/> </div> </div>		
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Municipality of Carolina"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="660433539"/>		* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="DE37L8G4Q8M7"/>
d. Address:		
* Street1:	<input type="text" value="PO BOX 8"/>	
Street2:	<input type="text"/>	
* City:	<input type="text" value="Carolina"/>	
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>	
* State:	<input type="text" value="PR: Puerto Rico"/>	
Province:	<input type="text"/>	
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="00986-008"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Housing/Community Development"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mrs."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Lisa"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Encarnacion"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="787-757-3700"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="LENCARNACION@carolina.pr.gov"/>		

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

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant	PR
* b. Program/Project	PR
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date:	07/01/2023
* b. End Date:	06/30/2030
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	2,789,593.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	2,789,593.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? <input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> . <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", provide explanation and attach <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix	Hon.
* First Name:	José
Middle Name:	Carlos
* Last Name:	Aponte-Dalmau
Suffix:	
* Title:	Mayor
* Telephone Number:	787-757-2626 ext. 5410
Fax Number:	787-999-0168
* Email:	LENCARNACION@carolina.pr.gov
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	3/20/23

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

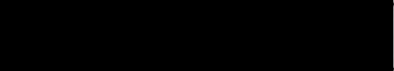
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
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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).
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7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

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9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
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15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
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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.
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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


Signature of Authorized Official

3/20/23
Date

Mayor
Title