Township of Irvington's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Consultation

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

The Township hosted a Provider Roundtable on DATE in person to discuss ways that stakeholders can engage. A general overview of HOME-ARP was provided to get relevant stakeholders engaged on the topic including the overall allocation, the eligible activities, and the qualifying populations.

During the past several months, Irvington requested one-on-one meetings and feedback with CoCs, homeless services providers, domestic violence providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies, and public agencies that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities to better understand the needs of the QPs. During the consultation period, Irvington engaged potential groups by going to meetings, making phone calls, sending emails, and sending surveys. Irvington provided a general overview about HOME-ARP to consultation groups and spoke one-on-one with as many agencies as possible asking for feedback about the needs of the QPs, which of the HOME-ARP activities were most needed, and if any preference should exist for HOME-ARP services.

Despite multiple attempts, Irvington did not receive the number of desired responses. However, Irvington was able to connect with several agencies and groups with varied perspectives to help inform the use of HOME-ARP funds and meet the requirements for Allocation Planning.

Post meetings and in an attempt to reach more respondents, Irvington also sent out a short online survey that was available from July 17, 2023 through October 10, 2023. A copy of the survey questions is available in the appendix of this Allocation Plan. The survey was sent to 25 number of agencies and was available for 85 number of days. Irvington received 8 responses.

During the Townships Consultations attempted to reach the following:

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

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Essex County Family Justice Center	Domestic Violence or Sexual Trafficking Service Provider/Victims Advocate	Survey	 Qualifying Populations to Prioritize: domestic violence/sexual assault/trafficking and people experiencing homelessness Due to the pandemic, survivors of domestic violence have lost income and therefore cannot afford rents There is a need for affordable housing and help paying rent There is a correlation between domestic violence and homelessness
St. James Social Service Corporation	Homeless Services Provider	Survey	 Qualifying Populations to Prioritize: at risk of homelessness and people experiencing homelessness The elderly are at a high risk of homelessness There is a lack of emergency temporary shelters
Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation (INIC)	Homeless Services Provider	Survey	 Qualifying Populations to Prioritize: at risk of homelessness and people experiencing homelessness There is a large disparity of African Americans facing homelessness compared to others. While African Americans make up 13% of the Township's population, they account for 37% of those experiencing homelessness
Irvington Township Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority;	Survey	Qualifying Populations to Prioritize: people experiencing homeless and domestic violence/sexual assault/trafficking

 There is a lack of supportive housing with onsite supportive services
 Supportive services can help keep people housed The Township does not have enough affordable emergency housing options for people at

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Feedback
The Arc of Essex County, Inc.	Organization Serving Persons with Disabilities;	Survey	•	Qualifying Populations to Prioritize: people experiencing homeless and other populations There is an issue with housing affordability in the Township Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have a strong need for affordable housing along with the development of Group Homes that allow for community integration and 24/7 direct care.
Irvington Counseling Center	Other Public Agency Serving one or more of the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations;	Survey		Qualifying Populations to Prioritize: those fleeing domestic violence/sexual assault/trafficking and people experiencing homeless There are more people who need assistance than available resources/accommodations in Irvington Issues identified that create hardships in housing include: no income, lack of support, low or no education, lack of jobs and substance use issues The recently incarcerated face a risk of housing instability

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Essex County Department of Citizen Services	Continuum of Care Staff/Leadership;	Survey	 Qualifying Populations to Prioritize: those fleeing domestic violence/sexual assault/trafficking and people experiencing homeless Holistic support is needed to end homelessness including housing, healthcare, employment, childcare and document assistance. Additional needs for seniors who are entering homelessness due to evictions, diminishing ADLs, and/or lease violations due to guests Important to engage the community in town hall meetings and work with CoC/CEAS to access resources and collaborate on affordable housing issues.
Community Health Law Project	Legal Services, Organizations that address fair housing and civil rights.	Survey	 Qualifying Populations to Prioritize: people experiencing homeless and those fleeing domestic violence/sexual assault/trafficking Lack of affordable housing is affecting all populations and those with emergent needs face an even bigger struggle Additional support and funds needed to help people obtain and maintain public entitlements More funding needing in affordable housing and subsidy programs.

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

Irvington's consultations found those at risk of domestic violence or experiencing homelessness as the highest priority qualifying populations. The survey responses also highlighted that those at risk of homelessness and other populations are also QPs that need help, though neither ranked as high as domestic violence and people experiencing homelessness. One of the most pressing needs in the Township is affordable housing.

Respondents agreed that affordable rental housing and tenant-based rental assistance were the top two activities that should be prioritized, though all respondents agreed there was a need for non-congregate shelter and supportive services. As one organization noted, wrap around and supportive services can help keep people housed.

Populations vulnerable for homelessness were identified as domestic violence victims coming from other states who may not be able to obtain a housing voucher right away, seniors who may face high taxes, raising rents, health issues, or are in need of home repairs, and African Americans who represent a larger share of the current population experiencing homelessness. People leaving incarceration were also listed as at risk of homelessness by multiple respondents.

Public Participation

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

• *Date(s) of public notice: 12/27/2023*

• Public comment period: start date - 12/27/2023 end date - 1/11/2024

• Date(s) of public hearing: 1/4/2024

Describe the public participation process:

The Township posted a public notice on December 27, 2023 announcing the availability of the plan for public comment and the planned public hearing on the use of the funds. As required, the notice provided the amount of HOME-ARP funds expected to be received and the range of activities that the Township can undertake.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The Township of Irvington followed its adopted Citizen Participation process, except that the length of the public comment period was shortened to 15 days as allowed by HUD guidance. A PJ must consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan. The Public Hearing held on January 4th was available both in person and virtually.

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

At the time of this writing, the Township has not received any public comments outside of the consultation process with the public service agencies and other stakeholders.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why: At the time of this writing, the Township has not received any comments or recommendations that were not accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

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	Current Inventory					Homeless Population			
	Far	nily	Adult	s Only	Vets	Family	Adult		
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	HH (at least 1 child)	HH (w/o child)	Vet s	Victims of DV
Emergency Shelter	400	#	191	#	62				
Transitional Housing	191	#	269	#	15				
Permanent Supportive Housing	#	#	#	#	#				
Other Permanent Housing	#	#	#	#	#				
Sheltered Homeless						204 HH, 591 person	1148 HH, 1172 persons	77	36
Unsheltered Homeless						0	147 HH, 149 persons	10	9
Current Gap									

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

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless						
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis			
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households			
Total Rental Units	14435					
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	5165					
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	2750					
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4745				
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2810				
Current Gaps			60HH			

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

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

In 2022, 43 persons were experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT within Irvington which is 2.3% of the overall population experiencing homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC) wide . 98% of those experiencing homelessness in Irvington on the night of the PIT were sheltered.

While the number of those experiencing homelessness appears low in Irvington itself, it is important to look at the larger Continuum of Care where Irvington is located to understand a clear picture of homelessness. Irvington is in Essex County and is a part of the broader NJ-504 Essex County/Newark Continuum of Care (CoC), therefore data about Irvington is part of the whole CoC picture and data is only available on the County/COC level. Specific demographic data relating only to the Township of Irvington was not available for analysis. Since most emergency housing resources are located outside of Irvington, to understand homelessness in here, we must look at the CoC broadly.

The 2022 PIT count noted 1870 total homeless population in Essex County. This is a 26% increase from the 2021 PIT count which notes a total of 1483 homeless persons in Essex County. This dramatic increase shows that the existing services and support for homeless population is clearly not able to meet the demand. According to the 2022 PIT there was an increase of 8% in persons in transitional housing and an increase of almost 64% in the number of unsheltered persons from 2021. Essex County also saw a nearly 4% increase of families experiencing homelessness between 2021 and 2022.

13% of those experiencing homelessness are considered chronically homeless according to the 2022 PIT County. More than 300 individuals self-identify as having chronically mental health and an additional 300 identify having a substance use disorder. 2% of those experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT reported fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

776 persons (41%) experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT in 2022 identify as women, while 1,132 (59%) identify as male, and 6 (<1%) identify as transgender. While men are the vast majority of those experiencing homelessness, The gender that appears to be most negatively impacted is females who had an increase of 7% in homelessness within Essex County, while Males had a near 14% decrease. Nearly 9% are between the ages of 18-24, 19% are children under the age of 18, and the remainder are over the age of 24.

77% identify as Black/African American, 18% as White, 16.5% identify as Hispanic/Latino, 2% as American Indian or Alaska Native, 1% as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 1% multiple races when looking at the demographic breakdown of emergency shelter, transitional housing and unsheltered homelessness combined. In relation to Essex County as a whole, persons identifying as Black or African American are overrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness. According to the 2022 PIT count report, while 37.5% of the general population, persons identifying as Black or African American are 52.6% of the population in poverty and 70.6% of the population identified as experiencing homelessness.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

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The HOME-ARP program identifies individuals and families at risk of homelessness as the second eligible QP. The program utilizes the McKinney Vento definition for at-risk of homelessness with no changes. Data from the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), 2015-2019 for Irvington Township, indicates that the total number of renter households living in Irvington is 14,435, of which 36% have a household income of 30% of Area Median Income (AMI) with one or more housing problems. The CHAS defines housing problems as incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1 person per room, or cost burden greater than 30%. Renters are twice as likely as homeowners to face at least one housing problem or facing severe housing cost burden. The brunt of the housing problems and cost burden fall on renters with less than 30% AMI. 60% of extremely low-income renters have at least one housing problem. 88% of renter households that carry a severe cost burden are households making less than 30% AMI as well (3,195 renters out of 3,635 severely cost burdened renters).

6,505 housing in the Township of Irving are rent burdened and an additional 3,635 households are considered severely rent burdened or paying more than 50% of their gross income towards housing costs. When considering racial disparities in cost burden, CHAS data also notes that the percentage of Black/African American in renter households experiencing cost burden across all income levels in Irvington is disproportionately high compared to their share of the overall renter population in the County of Essex.

New Jersey has a 211 call center that triages residents' needs for various social services. Housing & Shelter as well as utility assistance were the top two call needs for the 13,317 requests that originated within the Irvington school district over the last 365 days (July 2022-July 2023). 31% of calls were for utility assistance (4,071) while 30% were for housing and shelter (3,942). 47% of housing and shelter calls were for rental assistance (1,852), 22% for low-cost housing (878) and 21% for shelter placement (814). These percentage breakdowns mirror the needs identified for residents within Essex County, and the percentage need for housing and shelter was slightly higher in Irvington/Essex (30%) than statewide (26%). Essex County had the highest rates of requests for Housing and Shelter in New Jersey from July 2022-July 2023 demonstrating the high need for ongoing rental assistance, shelter, and affordable housing. Essex County was the fourth highest County for requests for utility assistance which is a critical part of HOME-ARP supportive services and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs.

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

In the NJ 2020 Domestic Violence Report, the Township of Irvington reported 395 domestic cases. After 2020, there are no additional domestic violence (DV) reports available. Essex County has a limited number of beds available for those fleeing domestic violence in general, and no additional resources are located within the Township itself. For example, the Safe House shelters can only assist a total of 36 women a night (can only assist 12 and 24 respectively). The need for beds and housing far outweighs the numbers of beds that both the Township and Essex County can provide. Essex County has over 800,000 residents and aims to address the need for immediate assistance for Domestic Violences victims with only these 36 beds. An older statistic from 2013 according to the New Jersey State Policy Uniform Crime Report noted that 5,240 of the 64, 000 DV cases in NJ occurred in Essex County. Making Essex County, where the Township is located, the second highest number of DV occurrences in the state.

On September 7, 2022 domestic violence providers across the State of New Jersey participated in a <u>national count</u>. In 24 hours, DV providers served 1,918 victims, answered 727 hotline calls, and educated 314 people about DV programs. 316 people who requested services left with an unmet need, with 36% of those unmet requests being for emergency shelter, hotel, motels or other housing. Overall, Irvington seeks to create and maintain domestic violence shelters and provide resources to those who need it as a long-term goal.

In 2021, the National Human Trafficking Hotline reported 466 trafficking victims in the State of New Jersey. No additional information is available for the County or Township level. 151 cases were identified involving those 466 victims with 74% involving sex trafficking and 15% involving labor trafficking. For those that demographics were collected, 62% were adults and 38% were minors. 86% were female and 13% were male.

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

According to the 2022 COC Housing Inventory Count report, 46 households with children and 121 adult only households were in a rapid rehousing project in Essex County. Therefore at least 167 households could potentially qualify as QP4 being previously homeless on time-limited assistance, and potentially needing further assistance to retain housing stability. Note, this data was not available specific to Irvington, therefore Essex County data has been used here.

Additionally, in 2022, the Township of Irvington's Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation (INIC) assisted 260 residents in the Essex County region with emergency rental assistance via the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) and Social Services for the Homeless (SSH). This demonstrates another group of households that are facing the housing instability and meeting the income requirements that could overlap with the QP4 definitions of HOME-ARP.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Affordable Rental Housing

Affordable housing options are very limited within the Township of Irvington for those who are experiencing homelessness and this limitation can be seen by the increasing numbers of those experiencing homelessness in the CoC.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

TBRA availability is currently only available through the Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, a department within the Township of Irvington. Funding is limited and often is unable to fully meet the needs of the Township. Income requirements and documentation required by the program often leaves the Township's most vulnerable population of those experiencing homelessness ineligible due to not having the required documentation.

Supportive Services

Priority needs for those experiencing homelessness is rapid re-housing and supportive services to achieve housing stability, as well as, targeted street outreach and case management services for those experiencing unsheltered and/or chronic homelessness.

Non-Congregate Shelter

There are currently no shelter options, non-congregate or otherwise, within the Township of Irvington. Residents are referred to neighboring cities such as Newark in order to provide temporary housing services for residents. For residents that fall into homelessness within the Township must then relocate to receive services.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Affordable Rental Housing

Affordable housing options are very limited within the Township of Irvington especially for those that are possible facing eviction and having to find an alternative housing plan that is equally affordable.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Rental Assistance was the largest need in Irvington and Essex County followed by utility assistance and arrears. The limited quantity of available TBRA assistance impacts the residents' ability to obtain these funds. Additional funding could support housing stability.

Supportive Services

Housing navigation, rental assistance and utility assistance are the greatest needs, supportive services that help to navigate the systems are helpful in helping community members' obtain benefits where available.

Non-Congregate Shelter

For those at risk of losing their housing with no other housing options, shelter space is tough to come by and residents have to seek such services outside of Irvington itself. Emergency services are largely provided in Newark which impacts those who wish to remain close in Irvington.

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

Lack of affordability greatly affects those urgently attempting to leave unsafe situations to a new permanent housing option, as noted by the Community Health Law Project.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

TBRA assistance is extremely limited but could offer ongoing subsidies to those fleeing DV/human trafficking to increase the affordability of vacant units and increase housing options.

Supportive Services

Trauma informed supportive services are needed to help residents regain housing stability and/or locate new housing after fleeing unsafe situations.

Non-Congregate Shelter

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Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

The current housing situation in the Township is dire for extremely-low income renters. While a number of state, federal, and local resources have been provided to address the effects of COVID and Hurricane Ida, these funds are only available for a limited duration, and it appears the need for affordable housing will grow once the funding expires. The data shows there is a gap of

affordable housing units for households earning less than fifty percent of area median income (AMI) (see table below). The lack of affordable housing is consistently the number one unmet need. This includes shortages of emergency shelter and transitional housing beds, long term affordable housing, and housing for seniors and persons with disabilities. The Township must often rely on neighboring cities such as Newark to support this need.

In consultations with local service providers working on homeless prevention efforts agencies noted a marked increase in the number of families and single person households needing lower cost housing. Services are often needed to stabilize the household including food, mental health, and case management services.

Household	Total Renters	Cost Burden	Cost Burden	% of cost	% of cost
Income		is 30 – 50 %	Exceeds 50%	burden 30 –	burden over
		of income	of Income	50%	50%
HHi <30%	56130	42430	34410	75%	61%
AMI					
HHi 30 –	30115	23255	8195	77%	27%
50% AMI					
HHi 51 –	32635	11800	1050	36%	3%
80% AMI					
HHi 81 –	14855	1940	65	13%	.5%
100% AMI					
HHi over	27930	1110	55	4%	.2%
100%					

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

Currently, Irvington faces a pressing housing crisis within Essex County context, marked by a 26% increase in homelessness compared to the previous year. The surge included a concerning 64% rise in turnsheltered individuals and a 4% increase in families without homes. The presence of chronically homeless individuals with mental health and substance use issues underscored the gaps in much needed supportive services to support longer term housing stability. High rates of rent-burdened households in Irvington, especially affecting Black/African American renters, highlights the acute housing affordability challenge. Moreover, the shortage of resources for domestic violence survivors and the persistent problem of human trafficking emphasized the critical need for expanded housing solutions and supportive services to address these pressing issues. Additional long term subsidies would greatly improve access and affordability to housing for the qualifying populations.

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:

No additional characteristics identified.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

It is recognized that there is need in all eligible activities that HOME-ARP can fund for all of the qualifying populations. Long term ongoing subsidies like TBRA are especially needed for the qualifying populations to increase housing stability and decrease homelessness. In addition, adding affordable housing units, non-congregate shelter units, and wrap around supportive services could also aid housing stability within the Township.

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:

Irvington determined the level of needs and gaps by consulting with stakeholders who serve tehe qualifying populations and reviewing the following data resources:

- 2021 Point in Time Count
- 2022 Point in Time Count
- 2021 NJ Counts Essex County PIT Report
- 2022 NJ Counts Essex County PIT Report
- American Community Survey (ACS)
- Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
- 211 NJ Call Center Data
- NJ 2020 Domestic Violence Report
- 17th Annual Domestic Violence Count

HOME-ARP Activities

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

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The Township will administer funds directly.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The Township will administer the TBRA program directly.

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

N/A

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ #		
Acquisition and Development of Non- Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 1,477,832.95		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ #		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 260,794.05	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,738,627		

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

The Township of Irvington, through an analysis of housing and shelter data, combined with recommendations from community stakeholders, has identified Tenant Based Rental Assistance as a top priority. Current funding for TBRA in the Township of Irvington is currently very limited, and using HOME-ARP funds for TBRA will increase access to financial assistance for those in the qualifying populations. 15% of HOME-ARP funds will be used to administer the program, with 85%, or \$1,477,832.95 going towards Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The Township estimates a minimum of 150 new affordable rental units will be produced using HOME- ARP funds.

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

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The primary goal will be to help prevent homelessness in the Township to those QP households at-risk with immediate support via TBRA. By also adding affordable units, the Township aims for the HOME- ARP allocation to contribute to the overall and long-term goal of reducing homelessness and housing instability for the most vulnerable populations, as well as allowing more availability of emergency shelters beds/units as current occupants transition out.

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:

A lack of affordable rents in the Township of Irvington was identified as a top concern several times throughout the consultation process. Additionally, several populations who are at risk of homelessness, including those who are fleeing domestic violence as well as individuals with low income, a lack of support, and low levels of education were identified as needing housing assistance. TBRA will make the biggest impact, as it will help address affordability more immediately for community members who need the assistance currently. TBRA will provide the additional financial assistance necessary to help households either end their homelessness or remain in their homes.

Preferences

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project: The Township will not provide preferences to any population or subpopulation.

Referral Methods

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 Township will use a project waitlist for the HOME-ARP program organized in chronological order of receipt, in so far as practicable.

Limitations

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:

The Township will not limit eligibility to any HOME-ARP activities.

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HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

The Township does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

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

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 1. Type of Submission: * 2. Type of Application: * 1	If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):
Preapplication New	
Application Continuation *0	Other (Specify):
Changed/Corrected Application Revision	
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5b. Federal Award Identifier:
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State Use Only:	
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):	* c. UEI:
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d. Address:	
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Street2: Room 202	
* City: Irving to	
County/Parish: Essex County	
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* Zip / Postal Code: 0111 - 2412	
e. Organizational Unit:	Made Assessment of the State S
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Dept of Economic Development	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matt	ters involving this application:
Prefix: * First Name:	Deborah
Middle Name:	
* Last Name: Simpkins	
Suffix:	
THIE: Acting Director	
Organizational Affiliation:	No.
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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:
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Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:
* Other (specify):
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:
Department of Housing and Urban Development
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
CFDA Title:
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:
M-21-MP-34-0204
* Title:
HOME America Resocie Plan Grant
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13. Competition Identification Number:
Title:
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):
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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:
Township of Irvigion HOME ARP
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16. Congressional Districts Of:		
* a. Applicant	* b. Program/Project	
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional D	districts if needed.	
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17. Proposed Project:		
* a. Start Date:	* b. End Date:	
18. Estimated Funding (\$):		
* a. Federal 1738, 627		
* b. Applicant		
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*g. TOTAL 1,738,627		
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under	Executive Order 12372 Process?	
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b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not bee		<u> </u>
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.		
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt	? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
Yes No		
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Public Notice

Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan Township of Irvington HOME Investment Partnerships- American Rescue Plan Program HOME-ARP Funds

Public Comment Period: December 27, 2023- January 11, 2024

The Township of Irvington hereby announces that it will be submitting a Substantial Change Amendment Request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requesting substantial changes to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. The Amendment consists of changes to the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Grant to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Pursuant to HUD's regulations, the substantial change amends the AAP to include the current HUD program waivers and increases the HOME fund allocation to reflect the additional funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (ARP) Public Law 117-2 to the FY 2021-2022 HOME Investment

Partnership Program (HOME) -HOME ARP.

The Allocation Plan is required by HUD for the Township to receive federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the allocation of funding to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and noncongregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The Allocation Plan defines the use of federal HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs.

The Township of Irvington was awarded \$1,738,627.00 in HOME-ARP funds in a one-time allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In accordance with the federal regulations, 24 CFR, Part 91, NOTICE is hereby given to residents of the Township of Irvington that a draft version of the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan will be available for review and a 15-day public

comment period. During the comment period one Public Hearing will be held and available to public both in person and virtually. To encourage public input in this review process, a public hearing will be held: Topic: Township of Irvington Public Hearing: HOME-ARP Time: January 4, 2024 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

In person Information: 1 Civic Square Room 203-A, Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Online Meeting Information: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/ 77905954929?pwd=UsZadJZn HjEjjTgZamCiNFhPJXYHxN.1 Meeting ID: 779 0595 4929 Passcode: 0a8DBM

The Public Hearing will be to discuss the allocation of HOME-ARP funds to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability in the Township of Irvington. For more information or If you need an accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing due to disability or language, please contact 973-399-6782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

15-Day Comment Period: Citizens will have the opportunity to review the Township of Irvington HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan beginning December 27, 2023 by requesting a copy from the Department of Economic Development and Grants Oversight. Public comments regarding the Township of Irvington HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan can be submitted in writing via email to bswdc@irvingtonnj. org or mailed to the Department of Economic Development and Grants Oversight, HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan Program, 1 Civic Square Room 203, Irvington, New Jersey 07111. All comments must be received by January 11, 2024.

For more information on the HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan Program at please contact the Department of Economic Development and Grants Oversight at (973) 399-6782.

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

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General
 of the United States and, if appropriate, the State,
 the right to examine all records, books, papers, or
 documents related to the assistance; and will establish
 a proper accounting system in accordance with
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 directives.
- 3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
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- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
- 20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
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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.

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