

# HOME-American Rescue Plan Grant Allocation Plan



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# HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

**Participating Jurisdiction:** Jersey City, New Jersey

**Date:** 9/28/2022

## Introduction

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the allocation of \$7,703,151 to Jersey City, New Jersey for a new grant called the Home Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP). The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities. Eligible activities include acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, HOME-ARP rental housing development, administration and planning, and nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance.

HOME-ARP funds must assist people in HOME-ARP "qualifying populations", which include:

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

To receive funding, the City must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. This plan will be submitted and approved by HUD. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must also be informed through stakeholder consultation and public engagement. The following is the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

## Consultation

### *Summarize the consultation process:*

The City's consultation process consisted of developing and disseminating an online stakeholder survey as well as direct interviews in order to capture broad assessments of the community needs and areas for ARP allocation. The online survey was open from January 13, 2022, through June 30, 2022. The survey included seven ARP program-specific questions and one open ended comment for community needs assessment. The survey received 18 respondents, including those representing homeless services providers, the Continuum of Care (CoC), Fair Housing agencies, affordable housing developers, domestic violence advocacy groups, and others.

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

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
<b>Hudson County Division of Housing and Community Development</b>	Continuum of Care	Survey	<p>Biggest gap in our system is non-congregate shelter with medical supportive services. We have a huge issue of clients being passed back and forth between hospital emergency rooms and congregate shelters. These clients need medical support that congregate shelters are not able to provide, but are also not in such dire condition that hospitals will intake them. Our system needs a place for these clients to go, and currently it does not exist. There is always a need for TBRA, but there are also already programs that provide it. I believe that non-congregate shelter with medical support and the development of affordable housing are much bigger necessities. Any or all of the above- acquisition, construction, and/or rehab are needed to give low-income families a chance at housing in JC. Housing navigation is an important supportive service that there is still a need for in Jersey City. A housing counselor helps to form relationships with landlords, and encourages and supports the rental process for persons transitioning from homelessness.</p>
<b>Jersey City Housing Authority</b>	Housing Authority	Survey	<p>Insufficient investment in construction and renovation of permanent units for low-income households are the biggest gaps. There is a significant need for greater supportive services to high-need, vulnerable low-income families that would help them maintain their housing. There is also a need for greater outreach to households experiencing homelessness after hours. Outreach is needed for households &amp; individuals after-hours, weekends and holidays, and supportive services to those at risk of homelessness to enable them to remain housed. Construction of individual rooms with supportive services onsite or coordinated will help address the growing unsheltered population, many of whom resist congregate shelter.</p> <p>HOME-ARP funds could be used for Construction of affordable units within new</p>

			developments, renovation of unsubsidized affordable units into affordable rental housing. Security deposits, rental subsidies, including rental subsidies to enable low-income families to identify homes in high-opportunity neighborhoods, utility deposits should be included in TBRA.
<b>Tantum Real Estate</b>	Affordable Housing Developer	Survey	Gaps within the current shelter and inventory include limited inventory, limited subsidies available, and time frame to process applicants. Project based assistance and rental subsidy assistance are needs for TBRA. For affordable rental housing development, there is a critical need for capital investment to build new product- dollars should be made available for pre-development soft costs/due diligence/acquisition and for hard cost construction.
<b>United Way of Hudson County</b>	Homeless Service Provider, Organization Serving People with Disabilities, Continuum of Care Staff/ Member	Survey	The biggest gaps are lack of low-income affordable housing. Acquisition and rehab costs are astronomical in JC. Direct assistance, security deposits, furniture and utility help for TBRA. Financial Literacy, tenant counseling, and HPP funding are necessary components of supportive services. There is not a need for non-congregate shelter.
<b>Magnolia Property Management Inc.</b>	Legal	Survey	Insufficient units are the biggest gap. TBRA needs better tenant screening and more supervised shelters are needed. The pandemic has destroyed small landlords and some of these funds would be useful to some of these properties that have been neglected due to funds.
<b>Let's Celebrate</b>	Homeless Service Provider, Organization Serving People with Disabilities, Affordable Housing Developer	Survey	Long term rental assistance is of highest priority in the community. Considerable waiting list exist for multiple populations. There are gaps in availability of affordable units in the housing inventory, inability to transition undocumented population to mainstream housing, and long term housing for 20 percent of current shelter population in boarding housing or 1 bedroom congregate living. Supportive services are critical to prevent homelessness by providing financial education and developing a plan for stability such that the person can maintain existing housing. Non-congregate shelter is a good use and could benefit the community, but the capital and timeline do not permit this

			activity as we have so many with immediate needs. Tenant based rental assistance to multiple populations within the community are the best use for these funds.
<b>Hudson Community Enterprises</b>	Organization Serving People with Disabilities	Survey	Biggest gaps: primarily, affordable/subsidized housing stock secondarily supportive services. Most especially in these categories, for individuals with disabilities. Glaringly, for individuals with disabilities with mobility issues. Development of affordable units by any means necessary. There is a great need for homelessness prevention services, ongoing supportive housing counseling, and supportive housing that would be accessible for individuals with disabilities. Individual rooms in a supportive setting, when appropriate, seem to be the most humane solution.
<b>Family Promise of Hudson County</b>	Homeless Service Provider	Survey	There are a lot of families who just slip through the cracks because they do not meet the exact criteria, but they cannot survive the way they are. People cannot afford to move if they are in a low-income household, and if they have decrease in income, that family is left helpless. The assistance with a few months rent or a security deposit could help the family become self-sufficient. In our county, there are more low-income families than affordable housing available. Additional funding to make more affordable housing available would assist a lot of families struggling in the current market. More case-management and counseling should be provided to make sure that families who need help get more out of it rather than getting funding and being thrown out to make a full circle and repeating the cycle. We practice non-congregate shelters in our Shelter Program. There is only one family per house at a time. More shelters like this could be one of the reasons fewer people end up in shelters every year.
<b>Ingerman</b>	Affordable Housing Developer	Survey	Family affordable housing is a gap within the current shelter and housing inventory. There is a need for rental assistance.
<b>Team Walker Inc</b>	Youth Education	Survey	Stronger services to non-English speaking Spanish population are needed. Home-ARP funds should be used to increase outreach and available units, increase the availability of quality affordable rental housing, and increase

			the number of units of below 60% of AMI, and increase shelter locations.
<b>Cara Squared LLC</b>	Affordable Housing Developer	Survey	Biggest gaps: Affordable Housing For Purchase and Homeless Housing units. Senior citizens should be prioritized for TBRA. HOME-ARP funds could address needs to affordable rental housing development with acquisition. Property values are extremely high. Acquisition and construction the costs are becoming prohibitive.
<b>Franklin Development Group</b>	Affordable Housing Developer	Survey	Large gap for 120% of median income and below within the current shelter and housing inventory. Acquisition and construction of affordable rental housing could be used to fill gap with 4% low income Tax credits. Need more affordable housing of every type.
<b>Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark</b>	Homeless Service Provider, Organization Serving People with Disabilities, Social Service Organization	Survey	We need this funding to help people from becoming homeless. I think we need more affordable housing to address peoples' needs. We need more money for supportive services even after getting people and apartment. We need to continue to follow up with them.
<b>Rising Tide Capital</b>	Community and Economic Development Organization	Survey	There remains a shortage of affordable units. Meanwhile there isn't much open land available. So rehabilitation of existing units and subsidized construction of affordable units would be very useful. The network of supportive services in Jersey City needs to continue to be supported with strong funding. There is an ongoing need for additional safe and accessible non-congregate shelter.
<b>RPM Development Group</b>	Affordable Housing Developer	Survey	Tenant-based rental assistance is a good use of HOME-ARP. Tenant-based assistance was helpful in facilitating the occupancy of supportive housing units for homeless at a recent project. Increasing the supply of affordable rental housing is essential and using HOME-ARP funds to provide critical gap subsidy for affordable housing projects should be a priority. In addition to traditional service organizations HOME-ARP funds can be used to fund project-specific supportive services reserves that can underwrite long-term service delivery for supportive housing units within a project.

<b>Klean Path 2 Glory</b>	Organization Serving People with Disabilities, Civil Rights Organization, Domestic Violence Service Provider	Survey	There are gaps in the steps in between the steps. People need the guidance with transitioning from step 1 to 2 etc... HOME-ARP funds could be used to create a program to where upon completing specific steps of the program makes the individual progress up the ladder for the individual room. Acquire abandoned buildings then create a mandatory program and class where the individual learns how to take care, repair, and renovate his/her domain for themselves and others. The prevention and assistance can be used to include a program for felons coming home so they can have a fair chance at being eligible for housing assistance. Create community service jobs for homeless individuals to be integrated into functioning as a normal, productive citizen.
<b>Garden State CDC</b>	Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider, Continuum of Care Staff/ Member, Affordable Housing Developer	Survey	Current gaps exist in Appropriate supportive housing for chronically mentally ill, who are not candidates for independent living. TBRA should be reserved for homeless who have addressed and exhibit control over mental illness and/ or addiction provisions for relapse. Severe mental illness and addiction are most in need of supportive service. Create non-congregate shelter. Here they are practically non-existent. Assistance in all areas of endeavor is needed on housing situation in HUD. More than just homeless are vulnerable.
<b>The Community Builders</b>	Affordable Housing Developer	Survey	There is a need for more robust supportive services and supportive service funding for the homeless and formerly homeless populations and connecting residents that can most benefit from these services with the external support they need. NYS has a social service award that funds a staff level position for the length of 5 years which can be instrumental in allowing that person to impact a population over the course of several years. The Community could benefit from a subsidy that would allow us to serve very low-income populations (20-30% AMI). As construction prices have skyrocketed, subsidy for the general production of affordable housing – both acquisition and construction subsidy- would assist in filling financing gaps.



## **Public Participation**

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

- ***Public comment period: start date - 7/23/2022 end date - 8/9/2022***
- ***Public hearing: 7/29/2022***
- ***Additional Public meetings: 8/10/2022 and 9/16/2022***

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan draft was made available for display from July 23, 2022 through August 9, 2022.

Copies of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Draft were available for public review and comment at the following locations effective July 23, 2022:

Office of the City Clerk  
280 Grove Street  
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce Division of Community Development  
4 Jackson Square  
39 Kearny Ave  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

A copy of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Draft was also available on the City website at:

<https://www.jerseycitynj.gov/CityHall/HousingAndDevelopment/communitydevelopment>

The City accepted comments on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Draft via email at [jcc-plan@jcnj.org](mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org); by phone at (201) 547-6910 or by U.S. Mail submitted to the Division of Community Development at 4 Jackson Square, 1st Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07305.

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

In addition to the public hearing on 7/29/2022 and public comment period, the City also held two additional public meetings to share the HOME-ARP allocation plan. The City also posted the public notice, draft HOME-ARP allocation plan, and presentations on the City's website.

Translation and Disability Assistance: The City of Jersey City will make efforts to provide translation assistance for public meetings and program information. Please contact the Division of Community Development office at least 48 hours in advance if translation assistance were needed for the public hearing ([jcc-plan@jcnj.org](mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org) or call 201-547-6910).

It is the intention of the City to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If an attendee or participant at a Public Hearing needs special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City attempts to accommodate these persons in every reasonable manner. Requests for reasonable accommodations can be made at least 48 hours prior to the Public Hearing by contacting [jcc-plan@jcnj.org](mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org) or call 201-547-6910.

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

There were no comments received from the public during the public comment period or the public hearing conducted on July 29, 2022.

There were public comments and recommendations received during the August 10, 2022 and September 16, 2022 meeting. The following is a summary of the comments and recommendations received:

**August 10, 2022:**

There were two public meetings held on August 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

There were two comments from the public at the morning session. One comment from the Veterans Affairs for the City of Jersey City discussed if there will be any assistance provided for female veterans. Will there be funds to assist this population with a shelter than is female-centric versus mixed shelters. There was a comment from Catholic Charities in appreciation of the partnership it has with the City for funding from the HOPWA and ESG programs. These projects have helped the people in the City who need housing.

There were 6 comments regarding Veteran Affairs and supportive services for veterans in the evening session. These comments are summarized and attached to the citizen participation attachment to this document.

**September 16, 2022:**

There were 14 comments from the public meeting from various community partners. These comments are summarized and attached to the citizen participation attachment to this document.

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

No comments or recommendations were not accepted during the public participation process.

## Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	114	41	105	105	0								
Transitional Housing	16	7	24	24	0								
Other Permanent Housing						--	--	--	--				
Sheltered Homeless						175	471	19	19				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	298	8	9				
<b>Current Gap</b>										--	-127	-640	-640

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

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

**Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

The CoC releases an annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count that includes valuable data for addressing the needs of residents who are experiencing homelessness. The 2020 Jersey City, Bayonne/Hudson County CoC PIT count data was used to capture the most recent and relevant homeless population data due to alterations in methodology during the 2021 count to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is noted that the Continuum of Care's jurisdiction is the entirety of Hudson County so the data reflected in the PIT count is for the county, some numbers may not accurately capture the precise counts of the jurisdiction. Therefore, estimates and rates combined with stakeholder input have led the overall content of estimated composition.

According to the 2020 PIT count, Black or African American residents are the largest demographic of people experiencing homelessness. Just over 54% of people experiencing homelessness are Black or African American, 43% are White/Caucasian, and the remainder are American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Asian, or multi-racial. 21% percent of overall homeless are Hispanic/ Latino. 67% of homeless individuals identify as Male. 84% are over the age of 24 and 3.5% being under the age of 18, mostly in households with other adults. About 33% were reported as chronically homeless. 281 individuals reported having a mental illness, 257 reported having a substance use disorder, 27 are veterans, 32 are unaccompanied youth (18-24), and 28 are victims of domestic violence.

**Populations At-risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

HUD defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families who have an income at or below 30% of the area median income (AMI), do not have sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless, or live with instability. Using HUD's 2014-2018 CHAS data, the city has 19,675 households with incomes at or below 30% AMI, (over 19% of all city households). Ninety percent of these households are renter households. Households at-risk of homelessness include an estimated 22,080 households who are severely cost burdened, paying over 50% of their income toward housing and 19,125 who are cost burdened (above 30%, less than 50%). Of the severely cost burdened, 11,310 are renting households who are also in the extremely low-income range ( $\leq 30\%$ ) and considered at greatest risk of housing instability. An estimated 26,625 LMI ( $\leq 80\%$  AMI) renters are cost burdened at the 30% mark, approximately 26% of total households in the City.

Additionally, according to ACS data, 33.4% (10,284 households) of cost burdened renters earned less than \$20,000 between 2016-2020, while only approximately 9,302 rental units offer a gross rent price within the needed range to prevent being cost burden. In other words, there is a lack of about 982 affordable rental units for households making under \$20,000 a year.

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

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 35.8% of women and 27.4% of men in New Jersey experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes. Statistics from the New Jersey State Police document that there was a total of 755 domestic violence incidences reported in Jersey City during 2019.

**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**

There is a large overlap between those at-risk of homelessness (above data) and households in need of assistance to prevent homelessness or at greatest risk of housing instability. Lack of affordability is the primary issue highlighted in data and consultation. According to CHAS, of the severely cost burdened, 11,310 are renting households who are also in the extremely low-income range ( $\leq 30\%$ ) and considered at greatest risk of housing instability.

While we don't have data that matches the exact definition of QP #4, we can glean general demographics and need from looking at the City's poverty levels. Poverty is often a direct correlation as it relates to households requiring housing assistance to prevent homelessness or to those being at-risk of housing instability. According to ACS, there are 40,846 (15.7% of City) residents below the poverty level, of which 30.5% are under 18 years old. Of those living under the poverty level, an estimated 14,124 are White, 12,376 are Black or African American, 6,968 are Asian, 13,934 are Latino, and 1,562 are mixed race. There are more females (22,851) under the poverty level than males (17,995).

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

**Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

The primary unmet need as it pertains to homeless needs inventory is the availability of beds and units for adults who are experiencing homelessness. There is a need for over 600 beds in order to provide housing services for all unsheltered adults identified in the PIT Count. Additionally, beds specifically for people with mental illnesses and critical health issues were recognized as a specific need. There is also a lack of shelters with sufficient units for homeless families, estimated at over 120 additional units needed.

Challenges of a lack of affordable housing, supportive services, and a need for emergency shelter were a common unmet need themes highlighted from the stakeholder's forum. Service needs for both sheltered and unsheltered include a greater capacity to offer healthcare services, disability assistance, mental healthcare, as well as housing counseling, financial workshops, job training, and skills training. Stakeholder feedback also highlighted the need for housing navigation and assistance navigating the homeless services system.

**Populations At-risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

ACS estimates approximately 45% of the city's renters are costs burdened (paying over 30% of income to housing costs), or approximately 80,348 total renter households. Lack of affordable housing inventory and a persistent affordability gap challenge both populations recovering from homelessness and those households at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Those at-risk of homeless or housing instability often need short-term subsidies such as mortgage/rent assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, as well as utility assistance to avoid shutoff or security deposits to allow new rental contracts.

Supportive services such as housing or financial counseling, landlord mediation for eviction proceedings will also benefit these groups. Healthcare assistance greatly benefits those at-risk of housing instability who are also disabled or elderly.

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

According to the 2022 Domestic Violence Counts Report for New Jersey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence victims of domestic violence made 53 requests for shelter, housing, and other supportive services that providers could not provide. With approximately 70% of these unmet requests being for housing and emergency shelter. Victims of domestic violence and single mothers were also highlighted as QPs needing particular support. Stakeholders highlighted consistent reporting that DV beds are not sufficient. Domestic violence or human trafficking survivors often lack easy access to short-term shelter and quick access to medical and psychological services. They need specialized housing security, healthcare, and counseling services (to included networking and economic independence). Case management and financial assistance were highlighted as specific needs for this category.

**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 unmet needs for the populations needing assistance to prevent homelessness or at risk of greater housing instability mirror those from above, including rental payment assistance or utility deposit assistance and development of affordable rental housing units. Those requiring housing assistance to prevent homelessness or those at greatest risk of housing instability often need short-term subsidies such as mortgage/rent assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, as well as utility assistance to avoid shutoff or security deposits to allow new rental contracts.

Further, housing counseling, mental health services, and homeless prevention were highlighted during our consultation as service needs for those at greatest risk of housing insecurity. Healthcare assistance greatly benefits those at-risk of housing instability who are also disabled or elderly in order to help mitigate the challenges of either paying housing costs or medical costs.

Residents who have been previously homeless or are currently using some type of rental assistance may need the assistance to continue for a short or long period of time. Funding existing services and housing assistance programs is important to the housing stability of these individuals

and families. Stakeholder feedback also highlighted the need for continued, long-term case management and supportive services after financial assistance is completed.

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

**The Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness (HCAEH)** is a consortium of homeless housing, service and shelter providers, consumers, advocates, and government representatives working together to shape countywide planning and decision making. The HCAEH is led by the Hudson County Division of Housing and Community Development and serves as the Continuum of Care for CoC NJ-506.

**Catholic Charities Community Services Archdiocese** has two emergency shelters in the city, Hope House and St. Lucy's Shelter, that provide a total of 148 beds to homeless adults and families. Additionally Catholic Charities, has transitional housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, and Permanent Supportive Housing programs. In all programs, a variety of supportive services are provided including education, job training, legal services, and mental health care.

Publicly supported housing is an important aspect in assisting residents escape poverty and to prevent them from becoming cost burdened. **The Jersey City Housing Authority (JCHA)** is the local public housing authority (PHA) in Jersey City. Its mission is to create and invest in quality affordable housing opportunities for their residents and the communities they serve. JCHA oversees 22 public housing developments in Jersey City with a combined total of approximately 2,500 units. Additionally, the JCHA has an allocation of over 4,600 Housing Choice Voucher in use.

The municipal government of Jersey City established the **Resident Response Center** to help refer residents to coordinated entry, local shelters and drop in centers, as well as other referrals that can help Jersey City residents prevent homelessness.

In the winter months, **Hudson County** opens up a 100-bed overnight shelter to offer a warm, safe place to individuals that would otherwise be unsheltered. Jersey City provides free transportation to individuals to get to the shelter and has a designated pickup location downtown.

**Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation (GSECDC)** serves as the centralized access point for coordinated entry and homeless services in Jersey City. GSECDC's wide range of services target individuals who are living with or are at risk of HIV/AIDS, under-housed, homeless, substance using and/or mentally ill. According to the 2021 CoC Housing Inventory Count, GSECDC provides 162 Permanent Supportive Housing beds and 84 Rapid Re-housing beds.

**Covenant House New Jersey (CHNJ)** provides sanctuary and support for youth ages 18-21 facing homelessness or human trafficking. Outreach staff travel on foot and in vans to seek out

homeless youth where they are known to congregate and respond to the immediate needs of young people living on the streets. Services include food, clothing, shelter, and service referrals.

**WomenRising** assists victims of domestic violence and their families by providing supportive counseling, crisis intervention, workforce development and job placement, permanent supportive housing, shelter for survivors of domestic violence, outreach, advocacy, referrals, and much more. According to the 2021 HIC WomenRising has 9 emergency shelter beds and 46 Permanent Supportive Housing beds designated for women and families fleeing domestic violence.

**York Street Project** is a weaving of innovative programs which provide an environment to shelter, feed, educate and promote the healing of persons in need, especially women, children, and their families. St Joseph's home is one of their facilities that provides supportive emergency shelter and transitional housing for parents and their children. Pathways is their maternity group home, a transitional housing program for pregnant or parenting youth who are classified as homeless or runaways, 16-22 years old. There is a focus on positive youth development and intensive supportive services to prepare these young families for self-sufficiency. York Street Project also has Rapid Rehousing programs that pair rental assistance with intensive supportive services, such as case management, mental health, childcare services, transportation assistance, life skills workshops, utility assistance to help them achieve the goal of housing stability and independence.

**Community Hope** is the largest nonprofit serving homeless veterans and families in New Jersey, providing transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention. The services include assistance with housing search; providing access to emergency housing; intervening with landlords; providing support and case management services that can include assistance with medical care, mental health or substance abuse treatment, childcare and job training.

**The City of Jersey City Division of Community Development** continues to prioritize the creation of quality, affordable housing as an integral component of its development programs. It uses portions of its CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA grant funding allocation to increase affordable rental housing opportunities through rental units constructed and rental units rehabilitated, provide supportive services for low-moderate income (LMI) households, homeless households, and those at risk of homelessness, and to provide rental assistance and supportive services to households with HIV/AIDS.

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

As noted above, the primary gap in the shelter and housing inventory is the availability of beds for adult only households, as well as homeless families. There are only approximately 130 beds available and over 800 residents who need a bed. Additionally, about over half of the beds are emergency shelters and only 46 are permanent supportive housing beds. There remains a high



need for case management, emergency shelter, and supportive services for all homeless persons and households.

The availability of housing units does not meet the needs of the qualifying population. There is a need for quality affordable housing units of multiple sizes in neighborhoods throughout the City, especially for extremely low-income households who are most at-risk of eviction and homelessness. The lack of affordability leads to overcrowding and cost burden, which not only affect LMI households, but even those households above the 80% AMI threshold. There is a need for immediate rental assistance to help those most at-risk of homelessness and/or housing instability, as well as the development of quality affordable housing units of multiple sizes in neighborhoods throughout the City.

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

Jersey City does not plan to formally adopt a definition of “other populations, it will focus its HOME-ARP activities to assist homeless populations, those at-risk of homelessness, and persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

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

The analysis above and consultation with key stakeholders have identified the following priority needs:

1. Lack of Affordable Rental Housing
2. Supportive Services (McKinney-Vento Supportive Services, Housing Counseling Services)
3. Emergency Shelters, to include NCS
4. Rental assistance / affordability assistance

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

To determine the level of need and gaps the City looked at both qualitative and quantitative measures. Data from the US Census and CHAS data were used in partnership with feedback and on-the-ground insights from key stakeholders in the area. The CoC highlighted the urgent need for non-congregate shelter with medical supportive services, as well as housing counseling. It was also noted from multiple stakeholders that there is Insufficient investment in construction and renovation of permanent units for low-income households. There is a significant need for greater supportive services to high-need, vulnerable low-income families that would help these QPs maintain their housing. The takeaways from data analysis and stakeholder input were incorporated into the needs assessment.

## **HOME-ARP Activities**

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

The City expects to administer programs directly. Once the City has received the full HOME-ARP grant award from HUD, the City will conduct a Request for Proposals for a specified period of time to make it a more competitive process in awarding these funds. During that time any organization, developer, subrecipient, or Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is eligible to apply. At the close of the application period, all applications received will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and their ability to deliver on the priority needs identified within this plan. Each applicant will also be reviewed for their ability to carry out the project meeting all eligibility criteria.

Award(s) will be made based on the applicant's project scope as it pertains to the outlined priority needs in this plan as well as the applicant's familiarity with utilizing federal funding and ability to comply with all federal and local requirements.

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

The City will administer the program. The City used a portion of the HOME-ARP administrative funds to procure Civitas, LLC, a HUD grants management consultant to assist in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Civitas assisted the City with data collection and analysis, stakeholder outreach, and Allocation Plan development.

PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits. The following table may be used to meet this requirement.

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

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Percent of the Grant</b>	<b>Statutory Limit</b>
Supportive Services	\$ 250,000		
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<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$7,703,151</b>		

***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 City has identified activities that will assist individuals and families of the most vulnerable qualified populations. The gap analysis shows that there is a need to address multiple pillars of needed assistance that the HOME-ARP funds can address. With the goal to strengthen the City's crisis response system to connect those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with housing quickly, and provide services when needed, the City has allocated funding across all eligible activities.

One of the major gaps in the City's homeless inventory is access to NCS. Access to this type of shelter is a current gap in the system. Emergency shelter and interim housing can help to fill this gap to strengthen the crisis response system. The HOME-ARP grant provides an opportunity to assist households with temporary supportive emergency shelter through the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters. These shelters will not only help those experiencing homelessness, but they will also assist families or individuals who fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence and sexual assault.

Further, the lack of affordable rental housing is also a challenge to the QPs and those transitioning out of the homeless shelters. These two needs led to the bulk of the City's funds going toward development/acquisition of NCS and affordable rental housing. TBRA will also address these challenges by providing temporary rental assistance and/ or security/ utility deposits to expedite the transition from homelessness or to prevent homelessness.

Many of the families or individuals who receive assistance to mitigate homelessness or to flee violent circumstances require all-encompassing supportive services with their housing because of the compounding challenges they face. The City will continue to support organizations that provide supportive services to help program participants achieve self-sufficiency.

## **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 City estimates 20 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:***

The primary goal will be to help address the lack of affordable housing in the City and to assist as many QP households as possible with supportive services. By adding affordable units and more funding to supportive services, the City aims for the HOME-ARP allocation to contribute to the

overall 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.

### 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 City will not provide preferences to any population or subpopulation.

### HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

## **Appendix**

1. Proof of Citizen Participation Outreach
2. HOME-ARP Certifications
3. SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D

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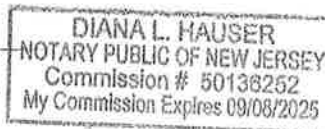
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CONSOLIDATED PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT 2021

AND DRAFT HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING

CONSOLIDATED PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT 2021

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan process was started by HUD in 1995 to provide a comprehensive approach for the use of HUD Entitlement funds. The City developed its newest Five Year Plan for the years 2020 to 2024. The Annual Plan prepared by the City of Jersey City for 2021 entitlement funds established priorities for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. Each year, the City, through its Division of Community Development, reviews the goals established in the Five Year Plan and establishes priorities for the next year. Following is a review of the five year goals, the one-year priorities and the accomplishments of the four entitlement funding programs.

Program	Uses of Funds	2022 Allocation
CDBG	Acquisition, admin and planning, economic development, housing, public improvements and public services.	\$5,904,319.00
HOME	Acquisition, homebuyer rehab and down payment assistance, multifamily rental new construction, multifamily rental rehab, new construction for ownership and TBRA.	\$2,125,407.00
ESG	Financial assistance, overnight shelter, rapid re-housing, rental assistance and transitional housing.	\$498,420.00
HOPWA	Permanent housing, short-term or transitional housing, STRMU, supportive services and tenant-based rental assistance.	\$2,381,307.00
TOTAL		\$10,909,453.00

This annual report is the second for the 2020-2024 five-year period. It should be noted that community development is an ongoing process and the review of activities for a specific period only indicates a snap shot of the success of the individual activities. This provides results that cannot be measured by numbers. The assessment for the five-year goals will address the items required in the narrative for the overall review as well as other actions required by the Consolidated Plan.

This report is required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and provides an evaluation of the City of Jersey City's performance.

The CAPER includes a review of the 2020 Consolidated Plan and the accomplishments for CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG funded activities for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

HOME- AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DRAFT

The City of Jersey City was awarded \$7,703,151 in HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in a one-time allocation from HUD. Federal HOME-ARP funding was created 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 non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan defines the use of the HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs within the HUD-approved eligible activities. The City will make funds available for activities once the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan's associated consultation, public participation process, and HUD approval have been completed through the substantial amendment of the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan. The City has allocated the HOME-ARP funds for the following activities:

HOME ARP Funding 2022	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
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**Public Comment Period:** The Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and HOME American Rescue Plan Draft will be available for display from July 23, 2022 through August 9, 2022.

Copies of the CAPER and HOME- American Rescue Plan Draft will be available for public review and comment at the following locations effective July 23, 2022:

**Office of the City Clerk**  
**280 Grove Street**  
**Jersey City, NJ 07302**

**Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce**  
**Division of Community Development**  
**4 Jackson Square**  
**39 Kearny Ave**  
**Jersey City, NJ 07305**

A copy of the CAPER and HOME American Rescue Plan Draft will also be available on the City website at: <https://www.jerseycitynj.gov/CityHall/HousingAndDevelopment/communitydevelopment>

The City will be accepting comments on the CAPER and HOME American Rescue Plan Draft via email at [jcc-plan@jcnj.org](mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org); by phone at (201) 547-6910 or by U.S. Mail submitted to the Division of Community Development at 4 Jackson Square, 1st Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07305.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing will be held on July 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM -12:00PM and 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. A presentation of both the proposed PY 2021 CAPER and HOME ARP Plan Draft will be made and comments from the community are welcome. Please call (201) 547-6910 or email [jcc-plan@jcnj.org](mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org) for more information.

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**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022 (10:00am-12:00pm)**

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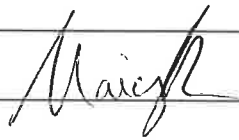
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## CAPER Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

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**Location:** Holloway Building Planning Board Room

**Date:** Wednesday, August 10, 2022

**Time:** 5:00pm-6:00pm

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### Agenda Items

1. Introduction
2. 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (**CAPER**)
3. 2021 Accomplishments
4. HOME Investments Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)
5. 2021 Hudson County Point In Time (PIT) Count
6. National Impact
7. Invitation for Public Comments

### Items Discussed

1. ESG Highlights PY 2021-For the ESG (Emergency Solutions Grants) grant how is the division of community development identifying veterans.
2. Director of Veterans Affairs Juliet Foster provided statistics pertaining to the veteran's population in Jersey City:
  - a. 489 veterans have been assisted from 2019-2022
  - c. In 2020-16 veterans searching for housing
  - d. In 2021-35 veterans searching for housing
  - e. In 2022-22 veterans searching for housing
3. SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) plays a proactive approach in helping veterans and their families with immediate support when facing homelessness.
4. Key SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) in the City:
  - a. Community Hope
  - b. Catholic Charities
  - c. Mission United
5. Director of Veterans Affairs Juliet Foster referenced the Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD) for their outstanding work with the veteran's population and their mission to leave no one behind.



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6. Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD) offers continuum of care and the following support programs for homeless military veterans:
  - a. Prevention
  - b. Intervention
  - c. Rehabilitation
  - d. Aftercare
7. American Legion Post 107 welcomes Veterans from all branches of the US Armed Forces. In partnership with American Legion Post 107, the City of Hoboken is working to create 6 units of affordable housing for homeless veterans as part of the redevelopment of American Legion Post 107's headquarters.
8. The public asked if there will there be additional HOME ARP funding in the future. Director Deja Anderson responded by stating that the City does not have that information at this time. For released grants information, the public can refer to the City's website at [jerseycitynj.gov](http://jerseycitynj.gov).

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(CAPER) & HOME Investment Partnerships American

Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

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1 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you so much for  
2 joining us. Today is going to be our public hearing  
3 scheduled for us to discuss our CAPER and our  
4 HOME-ARP dollars received by the City of Jersey  
5 City. This meeting will happen in two sessions  
6 today. The first one is from 10 to 12, and our  
7 second evening session that will be in person is  
8 from 5 to 6 p.m.

9 The time is now 10 a.m., and I'm  
10 going to call this public hearing to order. Please  
11 note we do have joining us a court reporter, who is  
12 going to be taking down all of the commentary made  
13 at today's meeting; and it will be attached to our  
14 CAPER document and sent directly to HUD. So this is  
15 a great opportunity for the community to have from  
16 their lips to HUD's ears about the work that we have  
17 accomplished in the past year.

18 We do have a presentation prepared  
19 for everyone to view. I am waiting for some  
20 additional members of the public to join us. We did  
21 have someone RSVP to join this meeting.

22 Please note this is the second round  
23 of this meeting that we've had in the last two  
24 weeks.

25 Purpose of our meeting today is to

1 ensure that Jersey City's DCD is in compliance with  
2 our notification period to the public as identified  
3 in our Citizen Participation Plan with 15 days  
4 notice going out to the community prior to this  
5 meeting being held today.

6 With me here in the room is our  
7 program manager for Data and Administrative  
8 Analytics, Naicy Beltre. I also have in the room  
9 with me our Division Compliance Team, our paralegal,  
10 Miss Maria Aguilar. And I also have an additional  
11 member of the HOME Team, Miss Genevieve Esteban.

12 And I can view on the screen joining  
13 us virtually is our assistant director, Susan  
14 Ludwig; our compliance inspector, Audra Williams;  
15 the program director of our Direct Services Team,  
16 Saulo Diaz; one of our relocation officers, Stacey  
17 Johnson; the Division executive administrative  
18 assistant, Kerri Ann; our Division PD for Fiscal,  
19 Millie Smith; and our PD for Nonprofit and  
20 Engagements, Tichael Hill. Thank you all for  
21 joining us.

22 Additionally in the room I do have a  
23 representative from our IT team, Mateo, to be able  
24 to provide any support, if needed.

25 At this time I am going to make

1 the -- share our screen and share the presentation  
2 and move through it. And at the end of the  
3 presentation we will take a short break.

4 So, again, this was the general  
5 information about today's meeting; but today's date  
6 is August the 10th, 2022.

7 Okay. So the agenda for today's  
8 meeting, we will be reviewing our Consolidated  
9 Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, also known  
10 as our "CAPER," our 2021 accomplishments; and there  
11 will also be a short presentation on our HOME-ARP,  
12 American Rescue Plan, dollars that has been received  
13 by the city and some additional information on how  
14 that reflects to our Point In Time count. And then  
15 we will take any comments.

16 So, in a nutshell, who is the  
17 Division of Community Development? We are charged  
18 to administer all the federally funded grants that  
19 we receive from the U.S. Department of Housing &  
20 Urban Development. We are also responsible for any  
21 State grants that the City receives, in addition to  
22 any direct funding dollars from the Federal  
23 Government.

24 Our goals are to develop viable  
25 communities in Jersey City by providing decent

1 housing, suitable living environments and to expand  
2 economic opportunities for low to moderate-income  
3 residents. And our goal is to foster partnerships,  
4 not only between our partners here at all levels of  
5 government but also to kind of bridge that gap  
6 between private sector nonprofits and the community,  
7 for us all to work together and meet the needs.

8                   So, in general, what is a CAPER? So  
9 every five years we do what's called a "consolidated  
10 plan"; and that pretty much is very similar to a  
11 City's master plan, where we decide how we're going  
12 to spend our Federal funding dollars and what impact  
13 we plan for it to have in the community.

14                   On an annual basis, when we're  
15 awarded these funds by the Federal Government, we're  
16 required to create something called an "annual  
17 action plan," which defines how we're going to spend  
18 those dollars. At the end of that year we have to  
19 do this document, which is called the "CAPER," which  
20 really gives us an opportunity to look back and see  
21 how well we did as a division in meeting all of the  
22 goals that we outlined in our annual action plan.

23                   You will see below the funding  
24 sources that will be discussed as far as the CAPER  
25 is concerned, our Community Development Block

1 Grants, our Home Investment Partnership Grants, our  
2 Emergency Services Grants and our Housing  
3 Opportunities for Persons with AIDS and HIV Grant  
4 lines.

5 I would also like to note that the  
6 time frame that will be reviewed for the CAPER is  
7 April 1st, 2021 through March 31st, 2022.

8 Okay. So you can see here on this  
9 graph for our program year of 2021 how much money we  
10 were awarded for each of these grant lines. And  
11 then you will see in our next column from that  
12 individual year how much money we spent from each of  
13 those grant lines. And then you'll see at the  
14 bottom a grand total of what we were able to expend  
15 in the year. To your right is -- is a graph just to  
16 kind of put it in perspective of all what was  
17 expended by each of the various grant lines.

18 So going into the individual grant  
19 programs, I would just like to take note that our  
20 goals are coded by the Federal Government, as you  
21 will see in the first column of this graph. And  
22 then we overlay that to a category of focus for each  
23 of these goals. The expected column at the end  
24 shows what we identified in our annual action plan,  
25 and the actual is what has been reported in our

1 CAPER of the work that we were able to do during  
2 this program year.

3 Okay. So our next slide shows our  
4 HOME Grant line. To the left we just put out some  
5 basic metrics to review, that the City was able to  
6 complete 17 HOME-funded units. Okay. Again, in  
7 that goal column you see our federally coded goals,  
8 in addition to how many households we expected to  
9 assist and how many we were able to actually assist  
10 in the program year.

11 Okay. The next grant line for us to  
12 review is our HOPWA Grant line, where 296 unique  
13 households received HOPWA housing subsidy  
14 assistance. And, again, you can review our goals  
15 and how many households we expected to assist and  
16 how many were actually assisted during the program  
17 year.

18 Okay. The next slide shows our  
19 Emergency Services Grant line and that the City of  
20 Jersey City was able to serve 648 people during the  
21 course of our program year. And, again, you can  
22 review our goals and our expected assistance and  
23 what we were actually able to provide to the  
24 community.

25 So to make a good segue between our

1 current grant funding and those individuals we've  
2 been able to assist and making that transition into  
3 explaining our HOME-ARP program on an annual basis,  
4 in January across the country groups go out to count  
5 those individuals who are experiencing homelessness.  
6 The chart on the left hand of your screen is for  
7 Hudson County. And we do know at the time of the  
8 2021 Point In Time count 780 households were  
9 experiencing homelessness in Jersey City. And on  
10 that same day the Jersey City count was 465  
11 individuals, where 205 of those individuals were  
12 identified as being chronically homeless and 156 of  
13 those individuals were unsheltered on the night of  
14 the count.

15 So these metrics are very important  
16 for us to know, as part of our charge here in the  
17 Division of Community Development is to create and  
18 to preserve affordable housing for our communities.

19 So as we transition into this brief  
20 presentation on the HOME-ARP program, the City of  
21 Jersey City was awarded \$7.7 million in HOME-ARP  
22 funding with a primary goal of reducing homelessness  
23 and increasing housing stability across the country.

24 So as we get into qualifying,  
25 populations that can be served through these dollars

1 are individuals or families who are homeless, at  
2 risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee  
3 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
4 stalking or human trafficking, in addition to the  
5 ability to prevent a family's homelessness or serve  
6 those with the greatest risk of housing instability.  
7 We would like to note that veterans and families  
8 that include a veteran family member, if they do  
9 meet the criteria above, are also eligible  
10 populations for this funding to be focused on.

11 Okay. So the eligible activities and  
12 the costs. As we have these conversations with  
13 potential developers, what they can use our funding  
14 for is the acquisition of standard rental housing,  
15 the construction of rental housing and the  
16 rehabilitation of rental housing, which does include  
17 the conversion of nonresidential buildings to  
18 housing. So an example of that would be something  
19 that's currently a factory or maybe a school or  
20 something that's used as a warehouse being converted  
21 into traditional housing. And some of those  
22 eligible costs would be hard and soft costs for  
23 development, relocation and operating assistance and  
24 reserve funding.

25 Okay. There are additional



1 standards; but if there are any questions, I will  
2 take this like on a one-to-one basis. But what we  
3 would like to review are the types of support  
4 services. So we will need to, for this unique  
5 funding program, have developers partner with  
6 supportive service organizations who will be  
7 providing the eligible services that follow the  
8 McKinney Vento Supportive Services Itemization, as  
9 provided by the Federal Government. And those  
10 services include the items that are listed above,  
11 whether this is life skills training, mental health  
12 services, case management and transportation.

13                   We do know individuals that are  
14 currently experiencing homelessness or may have been  
15 chronically homeless are going to require additional  
16 supports when moving from being unhoused to housed.  
17 And that is what is unique about this program is  
18 that the Federal Government wants to ensure that  
19 these services are being provided. So prime and  
20 purpose of the national impact and why this is a  
21 push on the national level is that we've seen  
22 through our recent pandemic and increased -- trying  
23 to find the right word -- issues with climate change  
24 and how all those things continue to impact us as a  
25 nation, there is an increased need for emergency

1     shelter creation.

2                   The goal is for us nationwide to  
3     reduce shelter capacity. We want to become more  
4     creative and expand the use of non-congregate  
5     housing for our homeless populations. And we do  
6     know with our current housing crisis that there are  
7     more unsheltered residents in our community and we  
8     do have fewer people exiting shelter services and  
9     making their way into permanent supportive housing.  
10    So these dollars were funded to us to make sure that  
11    we are addressing and mitigating a lot of these  
12    issues.

13                   At this time if there are any  
14    questions from those that are currently viewing the  
15    presentation, I will take those questions.

16                   Okay. Okay. So with no questions,  
17    I'm just going to quickly share our page with our  
18    contact information here for the division. So if  
19    anyone does have any questions, do feel free to  
20    contact the Division of Community Development at the  
21    number on the screen. We will also take comments  
22    not only here at this meeting, but we will also take  
23    them in writing. Feel free to e-mail those public  
24    comments to [jcc-plan@jcnj.org](mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org).

25                   We do also highly encourage everyone

1 to sign up for our DCD announcements, where you will  
2 receive additional information about funding and  
3 also notices from our partners and organizations  
4 that we fund here through the division, if you're  
5 interested in keeping up on activities here in our  
6 City.

7 So at this time I would like to thank  
8 this group that has participated with us today. And  
9 we're going to take a short break at this time, and  
10 then I will resume for a second round of this  
11 presentation at a later time. Thank you guys all so  
12 much.

13 (Whereupon, a brief recess is taken.)

14 MS. ANDERSON: Hello, everyone. I  
15 see we have some new guests who have joined us for  
16 this meeting. Thank you so very, very much for  
17 joining us. The time is 11:01. We are ending our  
18 break, and I'm calling this public meeting back to  
19 order.

20 Welcome, everyone. This is our  
21 public hearing to discuss our CAPER and our HOME-ARP  
22 plan. I will take questions at the end of this  
23 presentation, should anyone have them.

24 Please note joining us is a court  
25 reporter who will be taking down all of our

1 commentary today. And this will be attached to our  
2 CAPER report and given directly to HUD.

3 So as I like to let people know, this  
4 is a great opportunity, from your lips to the  
5 Federal Government's ears, a great chance for you to  
6 provide them with some direct feedback.

7 Joining me in the room here is  
8 myself -- introduce myself. I'm Déjà Anderson. I  
9 am the director of Community Development. I have  
10 with me the program manager for Data and  
11 Administrative Analytics, Miss Naicy Beltre. I  
12 have, from our Compliance team, our division  
13 paralegal, Miss Maria Aguilar. And I do have a  
14 member of the HOME team in the office with me,  
15 Miss Genevieve Esteban.

16 Joining us remotely are other  
17 numerous members of the team that I mentioned during  
18 our earlier session and some new guests that joined  
19 us. So again, welcome.

20 At this time I am going to share my  
21 screen and go through this presentation.

22 So I am going to do a brief  
23 introduction of the Division and who we are. We are  
24 going to go over our consolidated annual performance  
25 and evaluation report. We're going to review some

1 of our 2021 accomplishments. And then I will pivot  
2 into a brief presentation on the HOME Investments  
3 Partnership American Rescue Plan Program, also known  
4 as HOME-ARP. And a part of that discussion will be  
5 about our Hudson County point in time count about  
6 homelessness and what the national impact for this  
7 programming is.

8                   So, in a nutshell, who are we as the  
9 Division of Community Development for the City of  
10 Jersey City? Our goal is to administer and enforce  
11 regulations about federally funded grants that we  
12 receive from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban  
13 Development. We additionally receive funding  
14 directly from the State of New Jersey and any other  
15 funds that come from the Federal Government in  
16 general.

17                   So our goals as a division is to  
18 develop and maintain viable communities in Jersey  
19 City by providing decent housing, suitable living  
20 environments and to expand economic opportunities  
21 for our low to moderate-income residents. And we  
22 additionally have a charge to preserve all the  
23 affordable housing here in the City of Jersey City.  
24 We also manage partnerships, whether it be between  
25 other government agencies, private sector, the

1     nonprofit community and our lay community at general  
2     here in the City.

3                     Okay. So what is a CAPER? So every  
4     five years we create something called a  
5     "consolidated plan." And that very much mirrors the  
6     City's master plan and where we need to kind of  
7     envision, via this Federal funding, where the City  
8     is going to be.

9                     On an annual basis, when we receive  
10    this funding, we're required to create something  
11    called an "annual action plan" where we're going to  
12    establish goals of -- and benchmarks of literal  
13    numbers of individuals and households and families  
14    and numbers of development projects we may -- would  
15    like to get done that year. The CAPER is an  
16    opportunity for us to look back at those goals we  
17    set at the beginning of the year and evaluate how  
18    we've done at achieving those goals.

19                    Okay. And as you see below, the four  
20    specific grant lines that we're going to review  
21    today are our Community Development Block Grant, our  
22    HOME Investment Partnership Grant, our Emergency  
23    Services Grant and our Housing Opportunities for  
24    Persons With AIDS and HIV Grant programs. And the  
25    CAPER reports on activities through our program

1 year, which is from April 1st, 2021 through  
2 March 31st, 2022.

3                   So these particular four grant lines  
4 are included in this bucket called our "entitlement  
5 grants." And as you can see how much funding we  
6 were awarded for our program year of 2021, which is  
7 about \$10.9 million; and you can see in the next  
8 column how much funding we expended out of each of  
9 those grant lines during the program year and the  
10 balance that we currently have to spend on our  
11 books. And if you look at the right, that's just a  
12 different graph to kind of demonstrate the funding  
13 that we receive from each of those grant lines.

14                   Okay. So the next four slides I'm  
15 going to go through each of the individual grant  
16 programs. It's going to show our data and what we  
17 expected to do and what we were actually able to do  
18 with the funding.

19                   So first we're going to start with  
20 CDBG and how much of the funding was spent on our  
21 different program areas. So that's public  
22 facilities and infrastructure improvements, public  
23 needs for our low to moderate-income communities,  
24 our housing programs and economic development  
25 assistance.

1                   So the first column on the graph to  
2     your right does show our federally coded goals, and  
3     then it breaks it down into a bigger category of  
4     focus for us here in the division. That next column  
5     gives a unit of measure, which could be individual  
6     peoples; it could be total households; it could be  
7     housing units; it could be number of jobs. Okay.  
8     And that next column is what we highlighted in our  
9     annual action plan as the goal for us. And the last  
10    column is what we were actually able to achieve  
11    during the program year.

12                  The next slide is for our HOME  
13    Investment Partnership funds. As you can see on the  
14    left, the City was able to complete about 17  
15    HOME-funded units in that program year. Again, that  
16    first column are our federally coded goals; and you  
17    can see what we expected to be able to do via our  
18    action plan and what we were actually able to do, as  
19    documented in our CAPER report.

20                  Okay. This slide here is for our  
21    Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS and HIV.  
22    And as you can see for our program year of 2021, 296  
23    unique households did receive HOPWA housing subsidy  
24    assistance. You can note our federally coded goals  
25    and what we outlined in our annual action plan is



1 our expected target and what we were actually able  
2 to do.

3 And, okay, our last slide here is for  
4 our Emergency Services Grants where 648 individuals  
5 were served through these dollars. And of that 648,  
6 135 of those individuals were cited as being  
7 chronically homeless persons.

8 So this slide is some data that I  
9 would like to share with you all. This is something  
10 that's done across the country on an annual basis on  
11 the same day. The goal is to go out across the  
12 country and for every municipality to count their  
13 homeless population and for us to kind of take a  
14 snapshot. And that's why it's called "a point in  
15 time count."

16 The graph to your left shows that  
17 data from Hudson County and that when this count was  
18 done on January 26 of 2021, approximately 780  
19 households were experiencing homelessness in Hudson  
20 County, with 465 of those individuals being in  
21 Jersey City, where 205 of those individuals were  
22 identified as being chronically homeless and 156  
23 people were physically unsheltered on the night of  
24 the count.

25 And this is a really important segue

1     into our HOME-ARP presentation with the focus of  
2     this additional funding being towards a goal of  
3     working towards what's called "functional zero" in  
4     our homeless population.

5                     Okay. So the HOME Investment  
6     Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program was signed  
7     into law in March of 2021. The City of Jersey City  
8     has received \$7.7 million in this funding with the  
9     ultimate goal to reduce homelessness and to increase  
10    housing stability across the country.

11                    So qualifying populations. What  
12    populations would -- should be targeted with this  
13    assistance? Those that are homeless, those who are  
14    at risk of homelessness, those who are fleeing,  
15    attempting to flee domestic violence, dating  
16    violence, sexual assault, stalking or human  
17    trafficking. And we do have other populations that  
18    will qualify for assistance that would prevent a  
19    family's homelessness and serve those with the  
20    greatest risk of housing instability.

21                    We would like to note especially that  
22    veterans and families that include a veteran family  
23    member that meet the criteria above are also  
24    eligible to be served through these dollars.

25                    So for the developer's perspective,

1    what are eligible costs for them and eligible  
2    activities for these dollars? We can use these  
3    dollars to assist with the acquisition of standard  
4    rental housing or the construction of rental housing  
5    and the rehabilitation of rental housing, which does  
6    include the conversion of nonresidential buildings.  
7    So for example, if this is a facility that was once  
8    a hospital, a warehouse, a school and it's being  
9    converted into housing, that is also eligible for  
10   this funding stream. And eligible costs would be  
11   your hard and soft costs that go towards  
12   development, any relocation dollars that may be  
13   needed and operating costs assistance, in addition  
14   to reserve funding.

15                   This next screen is a little bit more  
16   detailed, but what I would like to bring to your  
17   attention are minimum compliance periods. So in  
18   being in receipt of these funds, there is a  
19   requirement for a minimum of a 15-year compliance  
20   period with this office.

21                   So, additionally, one of the unique  
22   factors about this funding stream is that it needs  
23   to be done in combination with a supportive service  
24   component. So we are looking to meet with  
25   developers and match them with social service

1 agencies that are willing to provide this additional  
2 support to the target populations because based on  
3 feedback with meeting with other stakeholders in  
4 this work, taking individuals who have been or are  
5 currently unhoused and housing them requires an  
6 extensive amount of support.

7                   The support that we are looking to  
8 provide does follow the McKinney Vento Supportive  
9 Services List, as provided by the Federal  
10 Government. So to expand on that a little bit,  
11 please take note to the top part of this chart about  
12 what social service assistant component we are  
13 looking for in these development projects, whether  
14 that may be on-site life skills training, case  
15 management, mental health services, landlord and  
16 tenant liaison support, transportation, substance  
17 abuse treatment services. We do truly want to wrap  
18 these populations up with enough services to make  
19 them successful and to keep them housed for as long  
20 as possible.

21                   So another piece that we would like  
22 to note is in reference to the national impact. And  
23 we do know that there are a tremendous number of  
24 mitigating factors for this information, whether it  
25 is the pandemic and us coming out of being, you

1 know, in a moratorium, whether that is how our  
2 climate is changing and the need for emergency  
3 shelter. So we have seen an increased need  
4 nationally for emergency shelter, but what we are  
5 also looking to do as a country is to reduce our  
6 shelter capacity.

7 We also want to be a bit more  
8 creative and increase the use of non-congregate  
9 housing for our homeless populations. We do know  
10 that there are even more unsheltered individuals now  
11 than there has been even in the past five years.  
12 And what the data has shown is that there are fewer  
13 people exiting shelter to make their way into  
14 permanent housing. So this funding has been  
15 provided to us specifically to try to close that  
16 gap.

17 So at this time I will take any  
18 questions, if there are any, from anyone that is  
19 viewing this presentation. Any questions?

20 MS. FOSTER: Good morning, everyone.  
21 So my question -- I guess it's really not a  
22 question -- well, I guess it is. My question  
23 basically is: Where are we at, then, with veteran  
24 population and homelessness? The situation too with  
25 female veterans who are becoming more -- we are

1 becoming more aware of females who are veterans who  
2 are homeless. How are we providing assistance for  
3 them? They don't really like to go -- a lot of  
4 women don't like to go into shelter situations  
5 because some of them have gone through a sexual  
6 assault in the military. So MST is big in the  
7 military, MST, MSA. And are these dollars going to  
8 be able to assist in providing a shelter that is  
9 female-centric versus mixed, mixed shelters?

10 MS. ANDERSON: This is a great  
11 opportunity for us to be able to receive this  
12 feedback and as we move forward and we receive  
13 information from potential partners in development,  
14 if they are interested in focusing on our veteran  
15 population. And we most certainly want to partner  
16 with you to make sure that that feedback is provided  
17 to them. We are willing to be a gracious partner in  
18 this, and this feedback is essential for us.

19 MS. FOSTER: I welcome that  
20 partnership and look forward to working with you on  
21 creating solutions.

22 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you so much.  
23 And for the court reporter can you please identify  
24 yourself by providing your name. And if you do  
25 represent any agency or organization, could you

1 please provide that information, as well. And  
2 please spell out your name for the court reporter.  
3 That would be --

4 MS. FOSTER: My apologies, I should  
5 have led with that. My apologies for that. My name  
6 is -- sorry, Court Reporter. My name is Juliet,  
7 J-u-l-i-e-t. My last name is Foster, F-o-s-t-e-r.  
8 My position is the division director of Veterans  
9 Affairs for the City of Jersey City.

10 MS. ANDERSON: And thank you so much  
11 for providing us that feedback.

12 MS. FOSTER: Absolutely. Thank you  
13 for having me.

14 MS. ANDERSON: Are there any other  
15 questions or additional feedback that we would like  
16 to have on the record?

17 MS. BIANCHERI: Hi. My name is Maria  
18 Biancheri. That's M-a-r-i-a B-i-a-n-c-h-e-r-i. And  
19 I work for Catholic Charities.

20 I just -- so I don't have a question,  
21 just a comment that we here at Catholic Charities  
22 really appreciate partnering with Jersey City on  
23 several of these initiatives. We get funding for  
24 HOPWA for two of our residential programs. We also  
25 get ESG funding for two of our emergency shelters,

1 one for families and one for single people. And we  
2 have been working with Jersey City currently on  
3 getting some additional funding to develop 15 units  
4 of affordable permanent supportive housing that  
5 we're -- that are currently in construction.

6 So we really appreciate the  
7 partnership and the leadership that -- that Jersey  
8 City has shown to help us on these projects to help  
9 serve people in need who need housing.

10 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you, Maria, for  
11 that feedback.

12 Again, this is both feedback not only  
13 for the HOME-ARP but also for the CAPER.

14 So thank you so much for putting that  
15 on the record. We appreciate you.

16 Is there any other feedback or  
17 comments or questions that anyone would like to have  
18 addressed at this time?

19 Okay. So if there are none, I'm  
20 going to share my screen one more time and provide  
21 some closeout information on how we can additionally  
22 share some feedback. So I am not only accepting  
23 comments here at our meeting; but if there are any  
24 additional comments that you would like to be  
25 included in this, feel free to send in an e-mail to



1 me at jcc-plan@jcnj.org.

2 We'll also share with our  
3 participants today a link to sign up for our  
4 Division of Community Development announcements,  
5 where we do put out information for any RFP's and  
6 RFQ's. And, additionally, we do promote any  
7 organizations that we fund and any initiatives that  
8 they have going live, as well. So this is  
9 definitely a tremendous resource to anybody that  
10 wants to know what all the movers and shakers in  
11 Jersey City are up to.

12 Again, thank you all so much for  
13 participating with us this morning for our public  
14 hearing. We will reconvene this meeting for our  
15 in-person evening session from 5 to 6 at our  
16 location here at 4 Jackson Square in Jersey City,  
17 New Jersey. Okay. Thank you all, and please have a  
18 great and productive rest of your day.

19 MS. BELTRE: I'm sorry, before  
20 everyone leaves, if you can just type in the comment  
21 on TEAMS what your first name and last name is. I  
22 just want to take attendance for anyone that  
23 recently joined.

24 MS. FOSTER: Before I leave, Naicy --  
25 or, actually, Déjà, you stated the meeting is going

1 to be this evening?

2 MS. ANDERSON: Yes, we did split  
3 sessions based on feedback from the community of  
4 those that wanted something, you know, at the end of  
5 the day. So not only are we running this session  
6 from 10 to 12, but we will be running an additional  
7 session from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Holloway  
8 Boardroom here at 4 Jackson Square.

9 MS. FOSTER: Are we able to bring  
10 additional comments then to that meeting?

11 MS. ANDERSON: Absolutely. You can  
12 bring it to that meeting, or you can e-mail them at  
13 the jcc-plan.

14 MS. FOSTER: Sure. Okay. Do we need  
15 to bring members? I just want to know how much  
16 information do I need to bring, information with me,  
17 to be armed with information.

18 MS. ANDERSON: It's all information  
19 you would like to share and place on the record for  
20 us to share with HUD.

21 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?

22 MS. ANDERSON: Any information that  
23 you would like to be placed in an official record  
24 and for us to share with HUD, feel free to bring  
25 that with you.

1 MS. FOSTER: Very good. I will do  
2 that. I will be at that meeting. Thank you so very  
3 much for this. I appreciate you.

4 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.

5 MS. FOSTER: See you at 5.

6 (Whereupon, a brief recess is taken.)

7 MS. ANDERSON: Hello. Hello. I see  
8 we do have someone new that joined us, Miss Susan  
9 Milan. Could you just state your name and what  
10 organization you represent for the record.

11 MS. MILAN: Hello. I'm Susan Milan  
12 with Garden State Community Development Corp.

13 MS. ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you so  
14 much for joining us.

15 MS. MILAN: Thank you.

16 MS. ANDERSON: No problem. So at  
17 this time I'm going to go back to the beginning of  
18 our slide show. I'm going to run through this  
19 quickly. We are going to be doing a second session  
20 in person this afternoon from 5 to 6 here in our  
21 boardroom located at 4 Jackson Square.

22 Okay. So, welcome. This is a  
23 combined public hearing both for our CAPER and for  
24 our HOME-ARP allocation. Okay. This is what the  
25 agenda of this meeting is going to look like. I am

1 going to review the CAPER and our 2021  
2 accomplishments. It will be a brief presentation on  
3 HOME-ARP, which includes some information about our  
4 Hudson County point in time count and what the  
5 national impact of these dollars are.

6 In a nutshell, what is the Division  
7 of the Community Development? Our job is to  
8 administer and enforce the regulations around our  
9 federally funded grant programs that we receive from  
10 the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.  
11 And, overall, our goals are to develop and preserve  
12 viable communities here in Jersey City by providing  
13 decent housing, suitable living environments and to  
14 expand economic opportunities for our low to  
15 moderate-income residents. And in reference to  
16 partnerships, we not only partner with government  
17 entities of all levels, but we also work to bridge  
18 the gap between the private sector, the nonprofit  
19 sector and the community.

20 So what is a CAPER? So every five  
21 years we have to do something that's called a  
22 "consolidated plan," which very closely mimics like  
23 the City's master plan, on how we plan to direct  
24 these funding and the impact it will have over the  
25 course of five years on an annual basis. When we

1 are awarded the funding, we're required to create  
2 something called an "annual action plan" on where we  
3 set the goals and metrics of whether it is housing  
4 units or individuals that we intend to serve in the  
5 coming year. So this Consolidated Annual  
6 Performance and Evaluation Report is what gives this  
7 division an opportunity to look back at the year and  
8 to see how well we did at achieving those goals that  
9 we outlined in our annual action plan.

10 What is going to be discussed in the  
11 CAPER are our entitlement funding grant lines, which  
12 include Community Block Development Grant, our HOME  
13 Investment Partnership Grant, our Emergency Services  
14 Grant and Housing Opportunities for Persons With  
15 AIDS and HIV. The specific time frame that we're  
16 going to be looking at in this CAPER report is from  
17 April the 1st, 2021 through March 31st, 2022.

18 Okay. So this document here shows  
19 for our program year of 2021 how much funding we  
20 were awarded for each of these entitlement grants.  
21 And the purpose of the CAPER is to discuss what was  
22 actually expended from the funds of this program  
23 year. Okay. So overall we were awarded about  
24 10.9 million, and we were able to expend about  
25 8.9 million of those dollars.

1                   The next slides are going to detail  
2   each individual grant line. So we're going to start  
3   with our CDBG Grant line. And as you can see, we've  
4   broken down overall how much was spent on each of  
5   our target areas, which include public facilities  
6   and infrastructure improvement, public services for  
7   low to moderate-income families, housing programs  
8   and economic development assistance.

9                   The first column you will see -- and  
10   this will repeat on each of the following slides --  
11   is the first column is for -- okay. I do apologize  
12   that you were unable to see that. And I will back  
13   up really slightly.

14                  So this was the team and the intro of  
15   the office and what our goals are and our  
16   partnership initiatives. And what the CAPER is in a  
17   nutshell and the grant lines that we will be  
18   discussing and that time frame of April 1st, '21  
19   through March 31st, 2022.

20                  Okay. And this is how much we were  
21   awarded for each of our entitlement grants totaling  
22   that 10.9 million and what was actually expended up  
23   to that \$8.6 million.

24                  Okay. And then our first breakdown  
25   for our CDBG and what was spent in each of our

1 target areas. The first column is our coded goals  
2 from the Federal Governments. That second column is  
3 categories of focus for us for each of the specific  
4 goals. This third column defines what our unit of  
5 measure is, whether it's people or jobs or  
6 businesses or family units or housing units. The  
7 next column is what was outlined in our annual  
8 action plan of what we were expecting to do with  
9 these dollars. And the last column is what is going  
10 to be included on our CAPER, which shows what we  
11 were actually able to accomplish during that program  
12 year.

13 Okay. The next slide is for our HOME  
14 Partnerships grant. And as you can see, the City  
15 was able to complete 17 HOME-funded units. And,  
16 again, you can see our federally coded goals and  
17 what we expected to do and what we were actually  
18 able to accomplish.

19 Okay. Our next slide details our  
20 HOPWA Grant line and that 296 unique households did  
21 receive HOPWA housing subsidy assistance from us.  
22 And again, you can compare against -- from our  
23 federally coded goals what we were expecting to do  
24 and what we were actually able to do during the  
25 funding year.

1                   And this last slide for our  
2 entitlement programs highlights our Emergency  
3 Services Grant and that we were able to serve 648  
4 individuals. And, again, via our federally coded  
5 goals, you can see what our goals as outlined in our  
6 annual action plan and what we were actually able to  
7 do during that program year.

8                   Okay. This next slide is data that I  
9 would most certainly like to share with everyone  
10 here. And it is a great segue into our HOME-ARP  
11 presentation.

12                   The point in time count is an  
13 activity that happens nationally on the same day.  
14 And the goal is really to get a snapshot of what  
15 homelessness looks like across the country. The  
16 graph to your left shows what that count looks like  
17 for the County of Hudson. And on January 26, 2021  
18 there were approximately 780 households experiencing  
19 homelessness in Hudson County. The Jersey City  
20 point in time count shows that there were 465  
21 individuals who were homeless; and of that 465, a  
22 total of 205 were identified as being chronically  
23 homeless. Additionally, 160 -- 156 people, excuse  
24 me, were unsheltered on the night of the actual  
25 count.



1                   To segue into the HOME-ARP plan that  
2   was signed into law on March 11, 2021, Jersey City  
3   received \$7.7 million in HOME-ARP funds with a goal  
4   of reducing homelessness and increasing housing  
5   stability here in Jersey City.

6                   So what are qualifying populations  
7   for us to target with these dollars? Those that are  
8   homeless, those that are at risk of homelessness,  
9   those that are fleeing or attempting to flee  
10   domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  
11   stalking or human trafficking. Additionally, these  
12   dollars can be used to help prevent a family's  
13   homelessness or serve those that are at the greatest  
14   risk of housing instability.

15                  We would like to note that veterans  
16   and families that include a veteran family member  
17   that meet the criteria above are also eligible and a  
18   target focus for us here.

19                  So from the developer's point of  
20   view, what are eligible activities and costs? Those  
21   eligible activities include the acquisition of  
22   standard rental housing, construction of rental  
23   housing and the rehabilitation of rental housing,  
24   which does include the conversion of nonresidential  
25   buildings to housing, which examples would be

1 warehouse, a school, a hospital, a church, something  
2 that wasn't residential and it's being converted  
3 into housing. Those HOME-ARP eligible costs include  
4 both your hard and soft costs for development,  
5 relocation assistance funding and operating costs  
6 assistance and in addition to your reserves.

7                   There are requirements for the  
8 project; but what I would like to bring to your  
9 attention is the minimum compliance period where,  
10 depending on the amount of funding, there will be a  
11 minimum monitoring period of about 15 years.

12                   So one of the unique things about  
13 this program is that it really wants our developers  
14 to partner with social service supportive agencies  
15 that are willing to follow the McKinney Vento  
16 Supportive Services Assistance Act, as listed by the  
17 Federal Government. And the next slide I will  
18 detail those services in more detail.

19                   We do know that individuals that are  
20 currently unhoused and are moving to being housed do  
21 require additional supportive services in order to  
22 be successful. And some of those supportive  
23 services do include, whether it be life skills  
24 training or mental health services or transportation  
25 or substance abuse treatment services. We really

1 want to wrap these individuals up with as much  
2 supportive services to make their transition into  
3 becoming permanently housed successful.

4                   And the main reason for us being in  
5 receipt of these funds are to kind of address the  
6 national homelessness issue, which we do see coming  
7 out of the pandemic did exacerbate some of these  
8 issues for us and has created an increased need for  
9 emergency shelter, but at the same time a charge for  
10 us to reduce overall shelter capacity.

11                   It's also for us to be creative now  
12 in increasing the use of non-congregate housing for  
13 our homeless populations. We do know that there are  
14 more unsheltered individuals now than there were  
15 even five years ago. And what the data has also  
16 shown is that there are fewer people who are exiting  
17 the shelter and making the move into permanent  
18 housing. So these HOME-ARP dollars are truly  
19 focused on closing those gaps.

20                   At this time anyone who has joined  
21 the call, if you do have any comments or questions  
22 that you would like to be a part of the record, we  
23 do encourage you to do so. I would just ask that  
24 you state your name and the organization that you  
25 are representing for the record.

1                   Okay. No hands up. I'm looking in  
2 the room now. Okay. So at this time, with no  
3 questions being held, I do want to let you know I  
4 can additionally take your feedback and include it  
5 for the record. Whether it is for the CAPER in  
6 general of how we've done spending our dollars or if  
7 you have any commentary on the HOME-ARP program, I  
8 am still accepting public comments. You can e-mail  
9 them to [jcc-plan@jcnj.org](mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org).

10                   Anyone that is a part of this  
11 presentation today will be shared a link to sign up  
12 for our Division of Community Development  
13 announcements e-mail blast, where we share  
14 information about RFQ's and RFP's that will be  
15 coming from this office. But, additionally, we use  
16 it to promote all of the agencies that we partner  
17 with and their individual initiatives. So if you  
18 want to be up-to-date on what all of the movers and  
19 shakers in Jersey City are up to, this is a great  
20 place for you to be able to receive that  
21 information.

22                   Okay. So at this time it is 11:59.  
23 Our morning session does end at 12, but I would like  
24 to invite anyone to share this information with any  
25 partners. We will be having an in-person session

1     this evening from 5 to 6 p.m. here at the Holloway  
2     Boardroom, which is located at 4 Jackson Square in  
3     Jersey City.

4                     The primary point of our meeting  
5     today was to ensure that we were meeting our public  
6     notice period for our CAPER. However, we are  
7     looking forward to having an additional HOME-ARP  
8     presentation with all of our interested developers  
9     and social service organizations in the room at one  
10    time. We'd like to make that presentation and also  
11    encourage networking between groups. So we do look  
12    forward to sharing that information with you for our  
13    follow-up HOME-ARP presentation meeting.

14                    So at this time it is now 12:00 p.m.,  
15    and I will officially call the close to this public  
16    hearing. I would like to thank you all for  
17    providing your time and your attention to the  
18    Division of Community Development. We cannot do  
19    this work without you. We are merely the stewards  
20    of your Federal dollars, and we're here to support  
21    you in all of the good work that you would like to  
22    do in this community. So we look forward to being  
23    in touch.

24                    And a special thank you to Tracey,  
25    our court reporter, for being so concise and working

1 with us remotely today.

2 Okay. Thank you all, and have a  
3 great rest of your day.

4 (Whereupon, the proceeding is  
5 concluded at 12:00 p.m.)

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Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 P R E S E N T:  2 DÉJÀ ANDERSON, Director, Division of Community  3 Development  4 NAICY BELTRE, Program manager for Data and  5 Administrative Analytics  6 MARIA AGUILAR, Compliance Team paralegal  7 GENEVIEVE ESTEBAN, HOME Team  8 MATEO, IT Department  9 P R E S E N T V I R T U A L L Y:  10 SUSAN LUDWIG  11 AUDRA WILLIAMS  12 SAULO DIAZ  13 STACEY JOHNSON  14 KERRI ANN LUKASZYK  15 MILLIE SMITH  16 TICHAEH HILL  17 DENISSE SANTIAGO  18 RICARDO SIMMONS  19 IVAN FREIRE  20 JULIET FOSTER  21 MARIA BIANCHERI  22 STEPHEN CEA  23 KRINA SHAH  24 SUSAN MILAN  25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you so much for  2 joining us. Today is going to be our public hearing  3 scheduled for us to discuss our CAPER and our  4 HOME-ARP dollars received by the City of Jersey  5 City. This meeting will happen in two sessions  6 today. The first one is from 10 to 12, and our  7 second evening session that will be in person is  8 from 5 to 6 p.m.  9 The time is now 10 a.m., and I'm  10 going to call this public hearing to order. Please  11 note we do have joining us a court reporter, who is  12 going to be taking down all of the commentary made  13 at today's meeting; and it will be attached to our  14 CAPER document and sent directly to HUD. So this is  15 a great opportunity for the community to have from  16 their lips to HUD's ears about the work that we have  17 accomplished in the past year.  18 We do have a presentation prepared  19 for everyone to view. I am waiting for some  20 additional members of the public to join us. We did  21 have someone RSVP to join this meeting.  22 Please note this is the second round  23 of this meeting that we've had in the last two  24 weeks.  25 Purpose of our meeting today is to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 ensure that Jersey City's DCD is in compliance with  2 our notification period to the public as identified  3 in our Citizen Participation Plan with 15 days  4 notice going out to the community prior to this  5 meeting being held today.  6 With me here in the room is our  7 program manager for Data and Administrative  8 Analytics, Naicy Beltre. I also have in the room  9 with me our Division Compliance Team, our paralegal,  10 Miss Maria Aguilar. And I also have an additional  11 member of the HOME Team, Miss Genevieve Esteban.  12 And I can view on the screen joining  13 us virtually is our assistant director, Susan  14 Ludwig; our compliance inspector, Audra Williams;  15 the program director of our Direct Services Team,  16 Saulo Diaz; one of our relocation officers, Stacey  17 Johnson; the Division executive administrative  18 assistant, Kerri Ann; our Division PD for Fiscal,  19 Millie Smith; and our PD for Nonprofit and  20 Engagements, TichaeH Hill. Thank you all for  21 joining us.  22 Additionally in the room I do have a  23 representative from our IT team, Mateo, to be able  24 to provide any support, if needed.  25 At this time I am going to make</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 the -- share our screen and share the presentation  2 and move through it. And at the end of the  3 presentation we will take a short break.  4 So, again, this was the general  5 information about today's meeting; but today's date  6 is August the 10th, 2022.  7 Okay. So the agenda for today's  8 meeting, we will be reviewing our Consolidated  9 Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, also known  10 as our "CAPER," our 2021 accomplishments; and there  11 will also be a short presentation on our HOME-ARP,  12 American Rescue Plan, dollars that has been received  13 by the city and some additional information on how  14 that reflects to our Point In Time count. And then  15 we will take any comments.  16 So, in a nutshell, who is the  17 Division of Community Development? We are charged  18 to administer all the federally funded grants that  19 we receive from the U.S. Department of Housing &amp;  20 Urban Development. We are also responsible for any  21 State grants that the City receives, in addition to  22 any direct funding dollars from the Federal  23 Government.  24 Our goals are to develop viable  25 communities in Jersey City by providing decent</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 housing, suitable living environments and to expand  2 economic opportunities for low to moderate-income  3 residents. And our goal is to foster partnerships,  4 not only between our partners here at all levels of  5 government but also to kind of bridge that gap  6 between private sector nonprofits and the community,  7 for us all to work together and meet the needs.  8 So, in general, what is a CAPER? So  9 every five years we do what's called a "consolidated  10 plan"; and that pretty much is very similar to a  11 City's master plan, where we decide how we're going  12 to spend our Federal funding dollars and what impact  13 we plan for it to have in the community.  14 On an annual basis, when we're  15 awarded these funds by the Federal Government, we're  16 required to create something called an "annual  17 action plan," which defines how we're going to spend  18 those dollars. At the end of that year we have to  19 do this document, which is called the "CAPER," which  20 really gives us an opportunity to look back and see  21 how well we did as a division in meeting all of the  22 goals that we outlined in our annual action plan.  23 You will see below the funding  24 sources that will be discussed as far as the CAPER  25 is concerned, our Community Development Block</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 Grants, our Home Investment Partnership Grants, our  2 Emergency Services Grants and our Housing  3 Opportunities for Persons with AIDS and HIV Grant  4 lines.  5 I would also like to note that the  6 time frame that will be reviewed for the CAPER is  7 April 1st, 2021 through March 31st, 2022.  8 Okay. So you can see here on this  9 graph for our program year of 2021 how much money we  10 were awarded for each of these grant lines. And  11 then you will see in our next column from that  12 individual year how much money we spent from each of  13 those grant lines. And then you'll see at the  14 bottom a grand total of what we were able to expend  15 in the year. To your right is -- is a graph just to  16 kind of put it in perspective of all what was  17 expended by each of the various grant lines.  18 So going into the individual grant  19 programs, I would just like to take note that our  20 goals are coded by the Federal Government, as you  21 will see in the first column of this graph. And  22 then we overlay that to a category of focus for each  23 of these goals. The expected column at the end  24 shows what we identified in our annual action plan,  25 and the actual is what has been reported in our</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 CAPER of the work that we were able to do during  2 this program year.  3 Okay. So our next slide shows our  4 HOME Grant line. To the left we just put out some  5 basic metrics to review, that the City was able to  6 complete 17 HOME-funded units. Okay. Again, in  7 that goal column you see our federally coded goals,  8 in addition to how many households we expected to  9 assist and how many we were able to actually assist  10 in the program year.  11 Okay. The next grant line for us to  12 review is our HOPWA Grant line, where 296 unique  13 households received HOPWA housing subsidy  14 assistance. And, again, you can review our goals  15 and how many households we expected to assist and  16 how many were actually assisted during the program  17 year.  18 Okay. The next slide shows our  19 Emergency Services Grant line and that the City of  20 Jersey City was able to serve 648 people during the  21 course of our program year. And, again, you can  22 review our goals and our expected assistance and  23 what we were actually able to provide to the  24 community.  25 So to make a good segue between our</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 current grant funding and those individuals we've  2 been able to assist and making that transition into  3 explaining our HOME-ARP program on an annual basis,  4 in January across the country groups go out to count  5 those individuals who are experiencing homelessness.  6 The chart on the left hand of your screen is for  7 Hudson County. And we do know at the time of the  8 2021 Point In Time count 780 households were  9 experiencing homelessness in Jersey City. And on  10 that same day the Jersey City count was 465  11 individuals, where 205 of those individuals were  12 identified as being chronically homeless and 156 of  13 those individuals were unsheltered on the night of  14 the count.  15 So these metrics are very important  16 for us to know, as part of our charge here in the  17 Division of Community Development is to create and  18 to preserve affordable housing for our communities.  19 So as we transition into this brief  20 presentation on the HOME-ARP program, the City of  21 Jersey City was awarded \$7.7 million in HOME-ARP  22 funding with a primary goal of reducing homelessness  23 and increasing housing stability across the country.  24 So as we get into qualifying,  25 populations that can be served through these dollars</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 are individuals or families who are homeless, at  2 risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee  3 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,  4 stalking or human trafficking, in addition to the  5 ability to prevent a family's homelessness or serve  6 those with the greatest risk of housing instability.  7 We would like to note that veterans and families  8 that include a veteran family member, if they do  9 meet the criteria above, are also eligible  10 populations for this funding to be focused on.  11 Okay. So the eligible activities and  12 the costs. As we have these conversations with  13 potential developers, what they can use our funding  14 for is the acquisition of standard rental housing,  15 the construction of rental housing and the  16 rehabilitation of rental housing, which does include  17 the conversion of nonresidential buildings to  18 housing. So an example of that would be something  19 that's currently a factory or maybe a school or  20 something that's used as a warehouse being converted  21 into traditional housing. And some of those  22 eligible costs would be hard and soft costs for  23 development, relocation and operating assistance and  24 reserve funding.  25 Okay. There are additional</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 standards; but if there are any questions, I will  2 take this like on a one-to-one basis. But what we  3 would like to review are the types of support  4 services. So we will need to, for this unique  5 funding program, have developers partner with  6 supportive service organizations who will be  7 providing the eligible services that follow the  8 McKinney Vento Supportive Services Itemization, as  9 provided by the Federal Government. And those  10 services include the items that are listed above,  11 whether this is life skills training, mental health  12 services, case management and transportation.  13 We do know individuals that are  14 currently experiencing homelessness or may have been  15 chronically homeless are going to require additional  16 supports when moving from being unhoused to housed.  17 And that is what is unique about this program is  18 that the Federal Government wants to ensure that  19 these services are being provided. So prime and  20 purpose of the national impact and why this is a  21 push on the national level is that we've seen  22 through our recent pandemic and increased -- trying  23 to find the right word -- issues with climate change  24 and how all those things continue to impact us as a  25 nation, there is an increased need for emergency</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 shelter creation.  2 The goal is for us nationwide to  3 reduce shelter capacity. We want to become more  4 creative and expand the use of non-congregate  5 housing for our homeless populations. And we do  6 know with our current housing crisis that there are  7 more unsheltered residents in our community and we  8 do have fewer people exiting shelter services and  9 making their way into permanent supportive housing.  10 So these dollars were funded to us to make sure that  11 we are addressing and mitigating a lot of these  12 issues.  13 At this time if there are any  14 questions from those that are currently viewing the  15 presentation, I will take those questions.  16 Okay. Okay. So with no questions,  17 I'm just going to quickly share our page with our  18 contact information here for the division. So if  19 anyone does have any questions, do feel free to  20 contact the Division of Community Development at the  21 number on the screen. We will also take comments  22 not only here at this meeting, but we will also take  23 them in writing. Feel free to e-mail those public  24 comments to <a href="mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org">jcc-plan@jcnj.org</a>.  25 We do also highly encourage everyone</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 to sign up for our DCD announcements, where you will  2 receive additional information about funding and  3 also notices from our partners and organizations  4 that we fund here through the division, if you're  5 interested in keeping up on activities here in our  6 City.  7 So at this time I would like to thank  8 this group that has participated with us today. And  9 we're going to take a short break at this time, and  10 then I will resume for a second round of this  11 presentation at a later time. Thank you guys all so  12 much.  13 (Whereupon, a brief recess is taken.)  14 MS. ANDERSON: Hello, everyone. I  15 see we have some new guests who have joined us for  16 this meeting. Thank you so very, very much for  17 joining us. The time is 11:01. We are ending our  18 break, and I'm calling this public meeting back to  19 order.  20 Welcome, everyone. This is our  21 public hearing to discuss our CAPER and our HOME-ARP  22 plan. I will take questions at the end of this  23 presentation, should anyone have them.  24 Please note joining us is a court  25 reporter who will be taking down all of our</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 commentary today. And this will be attached to our  2 CAPER report and given directly to HUD.  3 So as I like to let people know, this  4 is a great opportunity, from your lips to the  5 Federal Government's ears, a great chance for you to  6 provide them with some direct feedback.  7 Joining me in the room here is  8 myself -- introduce myself. I'm Déjà Anderson. I  9 am the director of Community Development. I have  10 with me the program manager for Data and  11 Administrative Analytics, Miss Naicy Beltre. I  12 have, from our Compliance team, our division  13 paralegal, Miss Maria Aguilar. And I do have a  14 member of the HOME team in the office with me,  15 Miss Genevieve Esteban.  16 Joining us remotely are other  17 numerous members of the team that I mentioned during  18 our earlier session and some new guests that joined  19 us. So again, welcome.  20 At this time I am going to share my  21 screen and go through this presentation.  22 So I am going to do a brief  23 introduction of the Division and who we are. We are  24 going to go over our consolidated annual performance  25 and evaluation report. We're going to review some</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 of our 2021 accomplishments. And then I will pivot  2 into a brief presentation on the HOME Investments  3 Partnership American Rescue Plan Program, also known  4 as HOME-ARP. And a part of that discussion will be  5 about our Hudson County point in time count about  6 homelessness and what the national impact for this  7 programming is.  8 So, in a nutshell, who are we as the  9 Division of Community Development for the City of  10 Jersey City? Our goal is to administer and enforce  11 regulations about federally funded grants that we  12 receive from the U.S. Department of Housing &amp; Urban  13 Development. We additionally receive funding  14 directly from the State of New Jersey and any other  15 funds that come from the Federal Government in  16 general.  17 So our goals as a division is to  18 develop and maintain viable communities in Jersey  19 City by providing decent housing, suitable living  20 environments and to expand economic opportunities  21 for our low to moderate-income residents. And we  22 additionally have a charge to preserve all the  23 affordable housing here in the City of Jersey City.  24 We also manage partnerships, whether it be between  25 other government agencies, private sector, the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 nonprofit community and our lay community at general  2 here in the City.  3 Okay. So what is a CAPER? So every  4 five years we create something called a  5 "consolidated plan." And that very much mirrors the  6 City's master plan and where we need to kind of  7 envision, via this Federal funding, where the City  8 is going to be.  9 On an annual basis, when we receive  10 this funding, we're required to create something  11 called an "annual action plan" where we're going to  12 establish goals of -- and benchmarks of literal  13 numbers of individuals and households and families  14 and numbers of development projects we may -- would  15 like to get done that year. The CAPER is an  16 opportunity for us to look back at those goals we  17 set at the beginning of the year and evaluate how  18 we've done at achieving those goals.  19 Okay. And as you see below, the four  20 specific grant lines that we're going to review  21 today are our Community Development Block Grant, our  22 HOME Investment Partnership Grant, our Emergency  23 Services Grant and our Housing Opportunities for  24 Persons With AIDS and HIV Grant programs. And the  25 CAPER reports on activities through our program</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 year, which is from April 1st, 2021 through  2 March 31st, 2022.  3 So these particular four grant lines  4 are included in this bucket called our "entitlement  5 grants." And as you can see how much funding we  6 were awarded for our program year of 2021, which is  7 about \$10.9 million; and you can see in the next  8 column how much funding we expended out of each of  9 those grant lines during the program year and the  10 balance that we currently have to spend on our  11 books. And if you look at the right, that's just a  12 different graph to kind of demonstrate the funding  13 that we receive from each of those grant lines.  14 Okay. So the next four slides I'm  15 going to go through each of the individual grant  16 programs. It's going to show our data and what we  17 expected to do and what we were actually able to do  18 with the funding.  19 So first we're going to start with  20 CDBG and how much of the funding was spent on our  21 different program areas. So that's public  22 facilities and infrastructure improvements, public  23 needs for our low to moderate-income communities,  24 our housing programs and economic development  25 assistance.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 So the first column on the graph to</p> <p>2 your right does show our federally coded goals, and</p> <p>3 then it breaks it down into a bigger category of</p> <p>4 focus for us here in the division. That next column</p> <p>5 gives a unit of measure, which could be individual</p> <p>6 peoples; it could be total households; it could be</p> <p>7 housing units; it could be number of jobs. Okay.</p> <p>8 And that next column is what we highlighted in our</p> <p>9 annual action plan as the goal for us. And the last</p> <p>10 column is what we were actually able to achieve</p> <p>11 during the program year.</p> <p>12 The next slide is for our HOME</p> <p>13 Investment Partnership funds. As you can see on the</p> <p>14 left, the City was able to complete about 17</p> <p>15 HOME-funded units in that program year. Again, that</p> <p>16 first column are our federally coded goals; and you</p> <p>17 can see what we expected to be able to do via our</p> <p>18 action plan and what we were actually able to do, as</p> <p>19 documented in our CAPER report.</p> <p>20 Okay. This slide here is for our</p> <p>21 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS and HIV.</p> <p>22 And as you can see for our program year of 2021, 296</p> <p>23 unique households did receive HOPWA housing subsidy</p> <p>24 assistance. You can note our federally coded goals</p> <p>25 and what we outlined in our annual action plan is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 our expected target and what we were actually able</p> <p>2 to do.</p> <p>3 And, okay, our last slide here is for</p> <p>4 our Emergency Services Grants where 648 individuals</p> <p>5 were served through these dollars. And of that 648,</p> <p>6 135 of those individuals were cited as being</p> <p>7 chronically homeless persons.</p> <p>8 So this slide is some data that I</p> <p>9 would like to share with you all. This is something</p> <p>10 that's done across the country on an annual basis on</p> <p>11 the same day. The goal is to go out across the</p> <p>12 country and for every municipality to count their</p> <p>13 homeless population and for us to kind of take a</p> <p>14 snapshot. And that's why it's called "a point in</p> <p>15 time count."</p> <p>16 The graph to your left shows that</p> <p>17 data from Hudson County and that when this count was</p> <p>18 done on January 26 of 2021, approximately 780</p> <p>19 households were experiencing homelessness in Hudson</p> <p>20 County, with 465 of those individuals being in</p> <p>21 Jersey City, where 205 of those individuals were</p> <p>22 identified as being chronically homeless and 156</p> <p>23 people were physically unsheltered on the night of</p> <p>24 the count.</p> <p>25 And this is a really important segue</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 into our HOME-ARP presentation with the focus of</p> <p>2 this additional funding being towards a goal of</p> <p>3 working towards what's called "functional zero" in</p> <p>4 our homeless population.</p> <p>5 Okay. So the HOME Investment</p> <p>6 Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program was signed</p> <p>7 into law in March of 2021. The City of Jersey City</p> <p>8 has received \$7.7 million in this funding with the</p> <p>9 ultimate goal to reduce homelessness and to increase</p> <p>10 housing stability across the country.</p> <p>11 So qualifying populations. What</p> <p>12 populations would -- should be targeted with this</p> <p>13 assistance? Those that are homeless, those who are</p> <p>14 at risk of homelessness, those who are fleeing,</p> <p>15 attempting to flee domestic violence, dating</p> <p>16 violence, sexual assault, stalking or human</p> <p>17 trafficking. And we do have other populations that</p> <p>18 will qualify for assistance that would prevent a</p> <p>19 family's homelessness and serve those with the</p> <p>20 greatest risk of housing instability.</p> <p>21 We would like to note especially that</p> <p>22 veterans and families that include a veteran family</p> <p>23 member that meet the criteria above are also</p> <p>24 eligible to be served through these dollars.</p> <p>25 So for the developer's perspective,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 what are eligible costs for them and eligible</p> <p>2 activities for these dollars? We can use these</p> <p>3 dollars to assist with the acquisition of standard</p> <p>4 rental housing of the construction of rental housing</p> <p>5 and the rehabilitation of rental housing, which does</p> <p>6 include the conversion of nonresidential buildings.</p> <p>7 So for example, if this is a facility that was once</p> <p>8 a hospital, a warehouse, a school and it's being</p> <p>9 converted into housing, that is also eligible for</p> <p>10 this funding stream. And eligible costs would be</p> <p>11 your hard and soft costs that go towards</p> <p>12 development, any relocation dollars that may be</p> <p>13 needed and operating costs assistance, in addition</p> <p>14 to reserve funding.</p> <p>15 This next screen is a little bit more</p> <p>16 detailed, but what I would like to bring to your</p> <p>17 attention are minimum compliance periods. So in</p> <p>18 being in receipt of these funds, there is a</p> <p>19 requirement for a minimum of a 15-year compliance</p> <p>20 period with this office.</p> <p>21 So, additionally, one of the unique</p> <p>22 factors about this funding stream is that it needs</p> <p>23 to be done in combination with a supportive service</p> <p>24 component. So we are looking to meet with</p> <p>25 developers and match them with social service</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 agencies that are willing to provide this additional  2 support to the target populations because based on  3 feedback with meeting with other stakeholders in  4 this work, taking individuals who have been or are  5 currently unhoused and housing them requires an  6 extensive amount of support.</p> <p>7 The support that we are looking to  8 provide does follow the McKinney Vento Supportive  9 Services List, as provided by the Federal  10 Government. So to expand on that a little bit,  11 please take note to the top part of this chart about  12 what social service assistant component we are  13 looking for in these development projects, whether  14 that may be on-site life skills training, case  15 management, mental health services, landlord and  16 tenant liaison support, transportation, substance  17 abuse treatment services. We do truly want to wrap  18 these populations up with enough services to make  19 them successful and to keep them housed for as long  20 as possible.</p> <p>21 So another piece that we would like  22 to note is in reference to the national impact. And  23 we do know that there are a tremendous number of  24 mitigating factors for this information, whether it  25 is the pandemic and us coming out of being, you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 know, in a moratorium, whether that is how our  2 climate is changing and the need for emergency  3 shelter. So we have seen an increased need  4 nationally for emergency shelter, but what we are  5 also looking to do as a country is to reduce our  6 shelter capacity.</p> <p>7 We also want to be a bit more  8 creative and increase the use of non-congregate  9 housing for our homeless populations. We do know  10 that there are even more unsheltered individuals now  11 than there has been even in the past five years.  12 And what the data has shown is that there are fewer  13 people exiting shelter to make their way into  14 permanent housing. So this funding has been  15 provided to us specifically to try to close that  16 gap.</p> <p>17 So at this time I will take any  18 questions, if there are any, from anyone that is  19 viewing this presentation. Any questions?</p> <p>20 MS. FOSTER: Good morning, everyone.  21 So my question -- I guess it's really not a  22 question -- well, I guess it is. My question  23 basically is: Where are we at, then, with veteran  24 population and homelessness? The situation too with  25 female veterans who are becoming more -- we are</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 becoming more aware of females who are veterans who  2 are homeless. How are we providing assistance for  3 them? They don't really like to go -- a lot of  4 women don't like to go into shelter situations  5 because some of them have gone through a sexual  6 assault in the military. So MST is big in the  7 military, MST, MSA. And are these dollars going to  8 be able to assist in providing a shelter that is  9 female-centric versus mixed, mixed shelters?</p> <p>10 MS. ANDERSON: This is a great  11 opportunity for us to be able to receive this  12 feedback and as we move forward and we receive  13 information from potential partners in development,  14 if they are interested in focusing on our veteran  15 population. And we most certainly want to partner  16 with you to make sure that that feedback is provided  17 to them. We are willing to be a gracious partner in  18 this, and this feedback is essential for us.</p> <p>19 MS. FOSTER: I welcome that  20 partnership and look forward to working with you on  21 creating solutions.</p> <p>22 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you so much.  23 And for the court reporter can you please identify  24 yourself by providing your name. And if you do  25 represent any agency or organization, could you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 please provide that information, as well. And  2 please spell out your name for the court reporter.  3 That would be --</p> <p>4 MS. FOSTER: My apologies, I should  5 have led with that. My apologies for that. My name  6 is -- sorry, Court Reporter. My name is Juliet,  7 J-u-l-i-e-t. My last name is Foster, F-o-s-t-e-r.  8 My position is the division director of Veterans  9 Affairs for the City of Jersey City.</p> <p>10 MS. ANDERSON: And thank you so much  11 for providing us that feedback.</p> <p>12 MS. FOSTER: Absolutely. Thank you  13 for having me.</p> <p>14 MS. ANDERSON: Are there any other  15 questions or additional feedback that we would like  16 to have on the record?</p> <p>17 MS. BIANCHERI: Hi. My name is Maria  18 Biancheri. That's M-a-r-i-a B-i-a-n-c-h-e-r-i. And  19 I work for Catholic Charities.</p> <p>20 I just -- so I don't have a question,  21 just a comment that we here at Catholic Charities  22 really appreciate partnering with Jersey City on  23 several of these initiatives. We get funding for  24 HOPWA for two of our residential programs. We also  25 get ESG funding for two of our emergency shelters,</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 one for families and one for single people. And we  2 have been working with Jersey City currently on  3 getting some additional funding to develop 15 units  4 of affordable permanent supportive housing that  5 we're -- that are currently in construction.  6 So we really appreciate the  7 partnership and the leadership that -- that Jersey  8 City has shown to help us on these projects to help  9 serve people in need who need housing.  10 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you, Maria, for  11 that feedback.  12 Again, this is both feedback not only  13 for the HOME-ARP but also for the CAPER.  14 So thank you so much for putting that  15 on the record. We appreciate you.  16 Is there any other feedback or  17 comments or questions that anyone would like to have  18 addressed at this time?  19 Okay. So if there are none, I'm  20 going to share my screen one more time and provide  21 some closeout information on how we can additionally  22 share some feedback. So I am not only accepting  23 comments here at our meeting; but if there are any  24 additional comments that you would like to be  25 included in this, feel free to send in an e-mail to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 me at <a href="mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org">jcc-plan@jcnj.org</a>.  2 We'll also share with our  3 participants today a link to sign up for our  4 Division of Community Development announcements,  5 where we do put out information for any RFP's and  6 RFQ's. And, additionally, we do promote any  7 organizations that we fund and any initiatives that  8 they have going live, as well. So this is  9 definitely a tremendous resource to anybody that  10 wants to know what all the movers and shakers in  11 Jersey City are up to.  12 Again, thank you all so much for  13 participating with us this morning for our public  14 hearing. We will reconvene this meeting for our  15 in-person evening session from 5 to 6 at our  16 location here at 4 Jackson Square in Jersey City,  17 New Jersey. Okay. Thank you all, and please have a  18 great and productive rest of your day.  19 MS. BELTRE: I'm sorry, before  20 everyone leaves, if you can just type in the comment  21 on TEAMS what your first name and last name is. I  22 just want to take attendance for anyone that  23 recently joined.  24 MS. FOSTER: Before I leave, Naicy --  25 or, actually, Déjà, you stated the meeting is going</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 to be this evening?  2 MS. ANDERSON: Yes, we did split  3 sessions based on feedback from the community of  4 those that wanted something, you know, at the end of  5 the day. So not only are we running this session  6 from 10 to 12, but we will be running an additional  7 session from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Holloway  8 Boardroom here at 4 Jackson Square.  9 MS. FOSTER: Are we able to bring  10 additional comments then to that meeting?  11 MS. ANDERSON: Absolutely. You can  12 bring it to that meeting, or you can e-mail them at  13 the jcc-plan.  14 MS. FOSTER: Sure. Okay. Do we need  15 to bring members? I just want to know how much  16 information do I need to bring, information with me,  17 to be armed with information.  18 MS. ANDERSON: It's all information  19 you would like to share and place on the record for  20 us to share with HUD.  21 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?  22 MS. ANDERSON: Any information that  23 you would like to be placed in an official record  24 and for us to share with HUD, feel free to bring  25 that with you.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 MS. FOSTER: Very good. I will do  2 that. I will be at that meeting. Thank you so very  3 much for this. I appreciate you.  4 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.  5 MS. FOSTER: See you at 5.  6 (Whereupon, a brief recess is taken.)  7 MS. ANDERSON: Hello. Hello. I see  8 we do have someone new that joined us, Miss Susan  9 Milan. Could you just state your name and what  10 organization you represent for the record.  11 MS. MILAN: Hello. I'm Susan Milan  12 with Garden State Community Development Corp.  13 MS. ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you so  14 much for joining us.  15 MS. MILAN: Thank you.  16 MS. ANDERSON: No problem. So at  17 this time I'm going to go back to the beginning of  18 our slide show. I'm going to run through this  19 quickly. We are going to be doing a second session  20 in person this afternoon from 5 to 6 here in our  21 boardroom located at 4 Jackson Square.  22 Okay. So, welcome. This is a  23 combined public hearing both for our CAPER and for  24 our HOME-ARP allocation. Okay. This is what the  25 agenda of this meeting is going to look like. I am</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 going to review the CAPER and our 2021 2 accomplishments. It will be a brief presentation on 3 HOME-ARP, which includes some information about our 4 Hudson County point in time count and what the 5 national impact of these dollars are. 6 In a nutshell, what is the Division 7 of the Community Development? Our job is to 8 administer and enforce the regulations around our 9 federally funded grant programs that we receive from 10 the U.S. Department of Housing &amp; Urban Development. 11 And, overall, our goals are to develop and preserve 12 viable communities here in Jersey City by providing 13 decent housing, suitable living environments and to 14 expand economic opportunities for our low to 15 moderate-income residents. And in reference to 16 partnerships, we not only partner with government 17 entities of all levels, but we also work to bridge 18 the gap between the private sector, the nonprofit 19 sector and the community. 20 So what is a CAPER? So every five 21 years we have to do something that's called a 22 "consolidated plan," which very closely mimics like 23 the City's master plan, on how we plan to direct 24 these funding and the impact it will have over the 25 course of five years on an annual basis. When we</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 are awarded the funding, we're required to create 2 something called an "annual action plan" on where we 3 set the goals and metrics of whether it is housing 4 units or individuals that we intend to serve in the 5 coming year. So this Consolidated Annual 6 Performance and Evaluation Report is what gives this 7 division an opportunity to look back at the year and 8 to see how well we did at achieving those goals that 9 we outlined in our annual action plan. 10 What is going to be discussed in the 11 CAPER are our entitlement funding grant lines, which 12 include Community Block Development Grant, our HOME 13 Investment Partnership Grant, our Emergency Services 14 Grant and Housing Opportunities for Persons With 15 AIDS and HIV. The specific time frame that we're 16 going to be looking at in this CAPER report is from 17 April the 1st, 2021 through March 31st, 2022. 18 Okay. So this document here shows 19 for our program year of 2021 how much funding we 20 were awarded for each of these entitlement grants. 21 And the purpose of the CAPER is to discuss what was 22 actually expended from the funds of this program 23 year. Okay. So overall we were awarded about 24 10.9 million, and we were able to expend about 25 8.9 million of those dollars.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 The next slides are going to detail 2 each individual grant line. So we're going to start 3 with our CDBG Grant line. And as you can see, we've 4 broken down overall how much was spent on each of 5 our target areas, which include public facilities 6 and infrastructure improvement, public services for 7 low to moderate-income families, housing programs 8 and economic development assistance. 9 The first column you will see -- and 10 this will repeat on each of the following slides -- 11 is the first column is for -- okay. I do apologize 12 that you were unable to see that. And I will back 13 up really slightly. 14 So this was the team and the intro of 15 the office and what our goals are and our 16 partnership initiatives. And what the CAPER is in a 17 nutshell and the grant lines that we will be 18 discussing and that time frame of April 1st, '21 19 through March 31st, 2022. 20 Okay. And this is how much we were 21 awarded for each of our entitlement grants totaling 22 that 10.9 million and what was actually expended up 23 to that \$8.6 million. 24 Okay. And then our first breakdown 25 for our CDBG and what was spent in each of our</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 target areas. The first column is our coded goals 2 from the Federal Governments. That second column is 3 categories of focus for us for each of the specific 4 goals. This third column defines what our unit of 5 measure is, whether it's people or jobs or 6 businesses or family units or housing units. The 7 next column is what was outlined in our annual 8 action plan of what we were expecting to do with 9 these dollars. And the last column is what is going 10 to be included on our CAPER, which shows what we 11 were actually able to accomplish during that program 12 year. 13 Okay. The next slide is for our HOME 14 Partnerships grant. And as you can see, the City 15 was able to complete 17 HOME-funded units. And, 16 again, you can see our federally coded goals and 17 what we expected to do and what we were actually 18 able to accomplish. 19 Okay. Our next slide details our 20 HOPWA Grant line and that 296 unique households did 21 receive HOPWA housing subsidy assistance from us. 22 And again, you can compare against -- from our 23 federally coded goals what we were expecting to do 24 and what we were actually able to do during the 25 funding year.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 And this last slide for our</p> <p>2 entitlement programs highlights our Emergency</p> <p>3 Services Grant and that we were able to serve 648</p> <p>4 individuals. And, again, via our federally coded</p> <p>5 goals, you can see what our goals as outlined in our</p> <p>6 annual action plan and what we were actually able to</p> <p>7 do during that program year.</p> <p>8 Okay. This next slide is data that I</p> <p>9 would most certainly like to share with everyone</p> <p>10 here. And it is a great segue into our HOME-ARP</p> <p>11 presentation.</p> <p>12 The point in time count is an</p> <p>13 activity that happens nationally on the same day.</p> <p>14 And the goal is really to get a snapshot of what</p> <p>15 homelessness looks like across the country. The</p> <p>16 graph to your left shows what that count looks like</p> <p>17 for the County of Hudson. And on January 26, 2021</p> <p>18 there were approximately 780 households experiencing</p> <p>19 homelessness in Hudson County. The Jersey City</p> <p>20 point in time count shows that there were 465</p> <p>21 individuals who were homeless; and of that 465, a</p> <p>22 total of 205 were identified as being chronically</p> <p>23 homeless. Additionally, 160 -- 156 people, excuse</p> <p>24 me, were unsheltered on the night of the actual</p> <p>25 count.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 To segue into the HOME-ARP plan that</p> <p>2 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, Jersey City</p> <p>3 received \$7.7 million in HOME-ARP funds with a goal</p> <p>4 of reducing homelessness and increasing housing</p> <p>5 stability here in Jersey City.</p> <p>6 So what are qualifying populations</p> <p>7 for us to target with these dollars? Those that are</p> <p>8 homeless, those that are at risk of homelessness,</p> <p>9 those that are fleeing or attempting to flee</p> <p>10 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault,</p> <p>11 stalking or human trafficking. Additionally, these</p> <p>12 dollars can be used to help prevent a family's</p> <p>13 homelessness or serve those that are at the greatest</p> <p>14 risk of housing instability.</p> <p>15 We would like to note that veterans</p> <p>16 and families that include a veteran family member</p> <p>17 that meet the criteria above are also eligible and a</p> <p>18 target focus for us here.</p> <p>19 So from the developer's point of</p> <p>20 view, what are eligible activities and costs? Those</p> <p>21 eligible activities include the acquisition of</p> <p>22 standard rental housing, construction of rental</p> <p>23 housing and the rehabilitation of rental housing,</p> <p>24 which does include the conversion of nonresidential</p> <p>25 buildings to housing, which examples would be</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 warehouse, a school, a hospital, a church, something</p> <p>2 that wasn't residential and it's being converted</p> <p>3 into housing. Those HOME-ARP eligible costs include</p> <p>4 both your hard and soft costs for development,</p> <p>5 relocation assistance funding and operating costs</p> <p>6 assistance and in addition to your reserves.</p> <p>7 There are requirements for the</p> <p>8 project; but what I would like to bring to your</p> <p>9 attention is the minimum compliance period where,</p> <p>10 depending on the amount of funding, there will be a</p> <p>11 minimum monitoring period of about 15 years.</p> <p>12 So one of the unique things about</p> <p>13 this program is that it really wants our developers</p> <p>14 to partner with social service supportive agencies</p> <p>15 that are willing to follow the McKinney Vento</p> <p>16 Supportive Services Assistance Act, as listed by the</p> <p>17 Federal Government. And the next slide I will</p> <p>18 detail those services in more detail.</p> <p>19 We do know that individuals that are</p> <p>20 currently unhoused and are moving to being housed do</p> <p>21 require additional supportive services in order to</p> <p>22 be successful. And some of those supportive</p> <p>23 services do include, whether it be life skills</p> <p>24 training or mental health services or transportation</p> <p>25 or substance abuse treatment services. We really</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 want to wrap these individuals up with as much</p> <p>2 supportive services to make their transition into</p> <p>3 becoming permanently housed successful.</p> <p>4 And the main reason for us being in</p> <p>5 receipt of these funds are to kind of address the</p> <p>6 national homelessness issue, which we do see coming</p> <p>7 out of the pandemic did exacerbate some of these</p> <p>8 issues for us and has created an increased need for</p> <p>9 emergency shelter, but at the same time a charge for</p> <p>10 us to reduce overall shelter capacity.</p> <p>11 It's also for us to be creative now</p> <p>12 in increasing the use of non-congregate housing for</p> <p>13 our homeless populations. We do know that there are</p> <p>14 more unsheltered individuals now than there were</p> <p>15 even five years ago. And what the data has also</p> <p>16 shown is that there are fewer people who are exiting</p> <p>17 the shelter and making the move into permanent</p> <p>18 housing. So these HOME-ARP dollars are truly</p> <p>19 focused on closing those gaps.</p> <p>20 At this time anyone who has joined</p> <p>21 the call, if you do have any comments or questions</p> <p>22 that you would like to be a part of the record, we</p> <p>23 do encourage you to do so. I would just ask that</p> <p>24 you state your name and the organization that you</p> <p>25 are representing for the record.</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1           Okay. No hands up. I'm looking in  2 the room now. Okay. So at this time, with no  3 questions being held, I do want to let you know I  4 can additionally take your feedback and include it  5 for the record. Whether it is for the CAPER in  6 general of how we've done spending our dollars or if  7 you have any commentary on the HOME-ARP program, I  8 am still accepting public comments. You can e-mail  9 them to <a href="mailto:jcc-plan@jcnj.org">jcc-plan@jcnj.org</a>.  10           Anyone that is a part of this  11 presentation today will be shared a link to sign up  12 for our Division of Community Development  13 announcements e-mail blast, where we share  14 information about RFQ's and RFP's that will be  15 coming from this office. But, additionally, we use  16 it to promote all of the agencies that we partner  17 with and their individual initiatives. So if you  18 want to be up-to-date on what all of the movers and  19 shakers in Jersey City are up to, this is a great  20 place for you to be able to receive that  21 information.  22           Okay. So at this time it is 11:59.  23 Our morning session does end at 12, but I would like  24 to invite anyone to share this information with any  25 partners. We will be having an in-person session</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1           this evening from 5 to 6 p.m. here at the Holloway  2 Boardroom, which is located at 4 Jackson Square in  3 Jersey City.  4           The primary point of our meeting  5 today was to ensure that we were meeting our public  6 notice period for our CAPER. However, we are  7 looking forward to having an additional HOME-ARP  8 presentation with all of our interested developers  9 and social service organizations in the room at one  10 time. We'd like to make that presentation and also  11 encourage networking between groups. So we do look  12 forward to sharing that information with you for our  13 follow-up HOME-ARP presentation meeting.  14           So at this time it is now 12:00 p.m.,  15 and I will officially call the close to this public  16 hearing. I would like to thank you all for  17 providing your time and your attention to the  18 Division of Community Development. We cannot do  19 this work without you. We are merely the stewards  20 of your Federal dollars, and we're here to support  21 you in all of the good work that you would like to  22 do in this community. So we look forward to being  23 in touch.  24           And a special thank you to Tracey,  25 our court reporter, for being so concise and working</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1           with us remotely today.  2           Okay. Thank you all, and have a  3 great rest of your day.  4           (Whereupon, the proceeding is  5 concluded at 12:00 p.m.)  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25</p>	

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Naicy Beltre

Good morning, everyone. Thank you so much for joining us. The time is now 1107.

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Naicy Beltre

And I am going to call to order our.

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Naicy Beltre

Public meeting for our home art funds.

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Naicy Beltre

OK. Umm, I would just like to know as uh, housekeeping that this is a dual both in person and remote meeting. I would like to encourage all of those that are physically present in the room for the benefit of the individuals who are joining us online. If everyone could move forward to the first rows, do feel free to keep spacing between for COVID purposes but we would like as you can see on the background.

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Naicy Beltre

Where our partners that are joining us virtually will be able to see those people.

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Naicy Beltre

OK. Thank you so much.

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Naicy Beltre

My name is Deja Anderson. I'm the director of the division of Community Development, which is housed inside of the Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce for the City of Jersey City.

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Naicy Beltre

Uh.

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Naicy Beltre

So the overview and agenda for our meeting today is that I'm going to be providing a brief overview about what this home art program is. So they're home investment dollars that are being received by the city, specifically underlying the American rescue plan. We will discuss qualifying populations that are eligible to be served by these funds, what eligible activities.

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Naicy Beltre

Are for services to be provided and I'm gonna just provide everyone with additional information about homelessness here in Jersey City and the county of Hudson as well as we will discuss in a little bit more

detail the focus of these dollars. We will have a question and answer segment at the end of this presentation. So I would like to encourage all of those individuals who are joining us.

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Naicy Beltre

Online, feel free to put your questions into the chat portion and I'm also would like to invite anyone that is present in the room to provide your commentary and feedback as well. We do have the microphone up at the podium. I would just like to ask for both online and in person that you introduce yourself, let us know the organization or government agency that you are representing today.

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Naicy Beltre

Prior to providing feedback, this meeting is being recorded and will be on the record for us here. Commentary provided today will be forwarded to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for these United States of America. So we thank you so much for joining us today.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

So just an overview.

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Naicy Beltre

Of the you can go to the next slide overview of the American rescue plan. The purpose of this home art program is to address homelessness.

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Naicy Beltre

What the government has learned post COVID is that there is a tremendous need and we saw a influx of individuals entering our shelter systems. So what we would like to use and focus on these American rescue plan dollars are how can we help individuals who are experiencing homelessness? How can we prevent homelessness? How can we reduce our shelter capacity?

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Naicy Beltre

And individuals in shelter. And how can we get them into permanent long term housing that does include support services. OK, so home art funds can be used for a variety of primary activities. So part of our discussion today and what we're hoping to get some feedback on our use of these funds for the development and support of affordable housing.

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Naicy Beltre

Whether we use a portion of these funds for tenant based rental assistance.

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Naicy Beltre

There also is a requirement that with this development portion that there are supportive services that are gonna be required to happen on location.

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Naicy Beltre

Additionally, we were looking for providing funding for the acquisition and development of non congregate shelter sites, which we see as a need in another importance from the data coming out of COVID that the congregate setting for those facing homelessness does provide challenges for us as the government, as community and society to be able to protect them as well. OK.

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Naicy Beltre

So a participating jurisdiction, which is the city of Jersey City, we can award up to 10% of our overall allocation to nonprofit operating in capacity functions and that is really going to be important because we don't want to just provide funding for an agency to, you know partner with the developer and provide services for one year. We want to ensure that we're earmarking some of these funds so that we can continue to support these agencies.

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Naicy Beltre

Who are really supporting the most vulnerable members of our community?

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Naicy Beltre

So the next slide I just would like to highlight what are the eligible populations that can be served through this program, OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm. First it will be those who are categorized by HUD as experiencing homelessness.

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Naicy Beltre

We are also able to assist individuals who are at risk of homelessness, which is really a pivot and change from some HUD dictates in the past where we were only allowed to provide support to individuals that met that very specific definition of homelessness as defined by HUD.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, we are also allowed to use this funding to support those who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking, which we do know are issues that are increasing across the nation and especially in light of COVID, where a lot of families were on lockdown and the ability to move about and try to find protection.

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Naicy Beltre

We did. We do have data that supports an increase in these instances in Community and we really want to make sure we're protecting this vulnerable population as well.

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Naicy Beltre

Other populations that we can serve from this funding are families that are requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, which is also a change on how HUD funds have been directed in the past. Again, we were directed to help those experiencing current homelessness, but the fact that we can use these funds to help prevent families from even experiencing homelessness in the first place.

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Naicy Beltre

I'm really does show that the advocacy and the information that groups and organizations like all of you online and everyone that's present in the room today that the federal government is hearing our concerns.

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Naicy Beltre

Uhm, I went also like to know that those that are at the greatest risk of housing instability are also a category of service population that we can serve with these funds.

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Naicy Beltre

And additionally, our veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet any of the above criteria are a focus for these funds, OK.

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Naicy Beltre

So what are the eligible activities that as a service organization or as a developer that's interested in receiving some of these funds? What can you guys do with the funds?

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Naicy Beltre

You guys can apply for financial assistance for the acquisition and the development of non congregate shelter units. You can use these funds for the provision to provide the supportive services and community.

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Naicy Beltre

You can also apply to use these funds for the development and the support of affordable housing, and there is also that component where we can provide tenant based rental assistance.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre



So for the non congregate shelter as I explained, it's a little bit different than what we would think of as like traditional homeless shelters. So this is more private accommodations. It may be defined as a properties that are providing private rooms for temporary shelter. OK, there can either serve individuals or families that meet that criteria of a qualifying population.

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Naicy Beltre

And in this situation it would not require the occupant to sign a lease or some type of occupancy agreement for this space. So we're thinking about it is a shelter they're in need. I think an example of that that's currently under development at the new St Lucie shelter is that fifth floor space that they've developed where there's about 15 single room occupancy units that are going to be used to house.

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Naicy Beltre

On the homeless in this setting, so as a city and our current organizations that we work with, we are ahead of the game and already moving towards that. But we know that the need is great and individuals that need services are many. So for the congregate shelter option, there is a list here that provide what those eligible activities are and the eligible cost.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm that we will be able to cover under this funding.

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Naicy Beltre

I would like to know I do see a lot of people that are in the room taking pictures of the slides and I do want to let everyone know that a copy of this presentation will be sent to everyone that signed on the sign in sheet when you first came into the room and additionally online. Those are that are joining us digitally. If you also like to be sent a copy of this presentation, please just drop your name.

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Naicy Beltre

And the e-mail address that you would like to receive the presentation to and we will accommodate everyone, OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, so this next segment are for supportive services. So the home art may be used to provide services to help households maintain their housing stability and their quality of life. So some of those things can include whether it is the housing, financial assistance for moving costs, childcare, legal services, mental health services and substance abuse services.

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Naicy Beltre

These supportive services may be provided to individuals and families who are not already receiving these services. We do know that a lot of the organizations here in the City of Jersey City that are providing these services are already funded through our office through other grant channels. OK, so this

is really an opportunity for someone who was partnering with someone who is doing a development for this home art to be able to provide.

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Naicy Beltre

These specific services to the specific service population, so if you are interested in providing any of these services in general to the Community, I do implore you to reach out and speak with me or members of the team before leaving here today and we can discuss those options if you aren't already being funded through federal dollars and through the division of Community Development.

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Naicy Beltre

So the next slide is just a a larger list of the overall supportive services that can be provided to individuals and what we would like to express is we know the barriers and issues for individuals who are experiencing homelessness and going from being unhoused or chronically unhoused and putting them into more permanent housing.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, they need supports. Whether it's someone on site whether it is a job, coaching and job training and employment assistance, whether it's going to be those case management services.

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Naicy Beltre

They may need education on fiscal literacy.

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Naicy Beltre

Ohm. They may need someone to step in and take on that role of being a landlord liaison to them once they move beyond the program, because we know that if you have lived on the streets for an extended period of time, it may take a transitional period to get acclimated to being housed. So we want to support those individuals. We don't want to make them feel other than, but we know.

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Naicy Beltre

The success rates to keep people from falling back into homelessness increases when they are wrapped up with a wrap around supportive service system. So we are looking to the providers to be creative and to come up and really collaborate with us so that we can develop the most comprehensive program for this service population as possible.

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Naicy Beltre

So another one of the areas in detail where we can spend this funding is for the development and the support of affordable housing, so.

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Naicy Beltre

For this, uh category, our beneficiaries, of course, we're focusing on our homeless population, but for

the rental portion of this and how we're going to work it out, we would be providing these individuals with rental assistance. But how the rent program needs to work out is that it would need to be for a low income residents. So we know once we get into all the HUD acronyms and start speaking HUD language.

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Naicy Beltre

We have low categories, we have very low categories. We have low to moderate income. You know it starts to take all these tiers on when we get into the development aspect of it, what our target percentages as it compares to the area median income and what that is. So in the creation of this housing for the homeless, we just want to ensure that it is falling into that.

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Naicy Beltre

Low income category in comparison to our area median income for these types of programs.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Ohm program requirements for this type of development are the same as our home investment partnerships grant requirements. That's why this program is called the Home American Rescue Plan. So there will be caps on what maximum rent levels are. There will be a monitoring component of this where our team here in the office will be following up and income certifying.

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Naicy Beltre

The tenants and following up with property management on the conditions of the property as it moves forward.

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Naicy Beltre

OK, this next category of funding does include tenant based rental assistance and this is pretty primarily like a rental subsidy that gets attached to the household and then they can use it to rent a unit that meets the program guidelines and needs from an individual landlord that's willing to accept the subsidy. OK, so.

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Naicy Beltre

From eligible calls for that would be what they would be able to use those funds for would be rental assistance, security deposits and utility payments or utility deposit payments and the cost of any home inspections.

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Naicy Beltre

So UM.

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Naicy Beltre

I just wanted to get a little bit into as we're discussing the development portion of this program.

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Naicy Beltre

Are about the property and the habitability standards of the housing that we're looking for. I would like to encourage the most up to code, beautiful, accessible apartment units for our homeless community as possible. We are mandated by regulations for not only from the city and the state and the federal government about what those property and habitability standards.

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Naicy Beltre

Are but again we wanna see, you know, nice finishes in these units.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, we think regardless of what someone's UM, income is, everyone should be eligible for.

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Naicy Beltre

Beautiful housing.

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Naicy Beltre

So.

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Naicy Beltre

So there is a restricted use period, so the projects must comply with the home art requirements during the restricted period. So based on how much funding that we provide you with, if it is a new construction project, they will be bound to a 15 year restricted period for rehabilitation. It is a 10 year restricted period and for acquisition only there will be an additional.

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Naicy Beltre

10 year restricted period. So what that means in layman's terms for that 10 and Oregon 15 year period, you are a partner with our office and that's where we be following up to do this monitoring and compliance and ensuring that any of the residents in this property meet all the program criteria that we have discussed earlier in this presentation. OK.

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Naicy Beltre

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Naicy Beltre

And then I'm just gonna skip for, like, conversion of housing. So under this program, we are allowed to

provide funding for any properties where you are converting the use to housing where it's primary or prior use wasn't housing. So you would think of if you found a property that was a school or old warehouse or a supermarket.

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Naicy Beltre

For that matter, and you have found the way and an interest in turning that property into housing that is eligible for the funding cost of this program.

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Naicy Beltre

OK. So our eligible cost requirement, so the home art funds may be used to pay up to 100% of the following eligible costs associated with the acquisition, the development and the operation of Home Art rental units.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, we are allowed to provide you funding for developmental hard cost.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, we are allowed to provide funding for refinancing for any existing debt that was secured by the rental project that is being rehabilitated for this home art program. We are allowed to provide funding for the acquisition of property.

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Naicy Beltre

We are also allowed to provide funding for any related soft costs for the development of the property and any relocation cost.

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Naicy Beltre

Ohm.

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Naicy Beltre

Four causes that are related to the payment of the loan. If a loan was used for eligible costs for rental housing or if parts of the original financing for the project meet the requirements for home art. We are also allowed to provide funding for that.

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Naicy Beltre

And we do also have funding for operating cost assistance, which is usually put in the form of a reserve as you are developing the property.

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Naicy Beltre

Let's get that.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

So, Umm additionally, what we wanted to provide our viewers that are here with us online and additionally everyone that's with us here in the room is information about the last point in time count that was done here in Hudson County. So the point in time count is a homeless count that happens once a year nationally and it's the same day and everyone goes out and we try to literally count.

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Naicy Beltre

The homeless population of those that are experiencing homeless on that day. So on January 26th of 2021, there were approximately 780 households which included 882 people that were experiencing homelessness in Hudson County.

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Naicy Beltre

200 and five of those people were identified as being chronically homeless.

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Naicy Beltre

156 of those individuals were unsheltered on the night of the count, and for Jersey City specifically, 465 of those in the homeless individuals resided within Jersey City. So this is important for us to just have a more holistic view and going down to a more specific view of what the issue of homelessness.

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Naicy Beltre

Looks like for us both in Hudson County and in the city of Jersey City.

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Naicy Beltre

This is an effort that is near and dear to my heart and additionally to all the staff and the division of Community Development, and we are tremendously excited to be able to put forth our federal allocation, which was about \$7.2 million for us to put towards this home ARC initiative.

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Naicy Beltre

So with that amount of funding, we are looking to fund potentially more than one project, but we want to fund the most advantageous projects for the Community, those that are going to have maximum impact and be the most successful.

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Naicy Beltre

Ohm, part of today's programming is because there is this social service component need and we do employ those as you come up to the MIC and provide us with information that you would like us to

share and provide, not only to the administration here for the city of Jersey City, but to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Naicy Beltre

About what you are interested in putting these funds towards and we would also implore everyone in this room at the end of this presentation to truly network with each other and share information we want. Our development component definitely to have conversations and partner with social service agencies that are interested in providing these services to the community.

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Naicy Beltre

So that when the applications go live and we are looking towards getting these applications out to all interested developers and social service agencies within the next 60 days, OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Then we will be able to have fun Hut begin to release these funds down to us and we will be vetting these applications via a scoring rubric.

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Naicy Beltre

So that this process is as fair as possible.

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Naicy Beltre

And then we will make recommendations and move forward with supporting any agency that is awarded these funds and we will come back to the Community and share our good news and let them know how we are moving forward with using these federal dollars in the Community.

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Naicy Beltre

So the next slide is for those that are.

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Naicy Beltre

Joining us online. This is the contact information for the division. We will continue to receive comments on this if you would also like to submit something that you have prepared in writing to us throughout the week, next week, OK. So if you'd like some time to kind of Mull over the information you received or after hearing commentary from your partner.

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Naicy Beltre

Agencies and developers here today feel free to send us any information that you have in writing.

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Naicy Beltre

So at this time.

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Naicy Beltre

We are going to start our question. We're not at this time we're gonna do a brief break. I'm gonna give everyone a break for about 5 to 10 minutes, and then we're gonna come back and we're gonna do the question and answer segment and then I'm just going to open it up to comments that anyone would like to put on the record. OK, so those online please bear with us. We'll be joining you back in the next 5 minutes.

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Naicy Beltre

OK, hello.

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Naicy Beltre

Hi everybody. We are back.

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Naicy Beltre

Those of us that are joining online welcome back.

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Naicy Beltre

Just so that you guys don't have any, you know, FOMO. Fear of missing out. While we were on break, there were a lot of handshakes and happy smiling faces here in the room. So we, you know, we wanna extend that to you guys as well. And the warm welcome and the hello. I do see Marilyn and Caramel and Daniel having your cameras on and I see your lovely faces. So thank you so much. I do see that there are some others.

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Naicy Beltre

Well, there, sorry I can't give everyone the personal one-on-one shout out, but you are all I I OK? I see some more cameras going on. Yeah. Everyone, turn your camera on and give a nice little wave so we could all say hello.

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Naicy Beltre

It really does take. It takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a community really to lean on each other and keep and allow everyone to be strong and keep going. No one can survive in the world and the silo, and we don't all do it alone. So whether it is a just sharing words of encouragement, a warm smile, you never really know how that impacts someones day and allows us to keep doing.

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Naicy Beltre

There's sometimes difficult work that we engage in on a daily basis, so sometimes it's nice just to share that along. So welcome back from our break this segment that we're gonna engage in right now is specifically for questions and answers and reference to the home art program. I want to keep the



remarks or general information that anyone would like to put on the record separate just so that the continuity of the record and how it's going to be read by our counterparts at Hood.

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Naicy Beltre

Is very clear that we were able to answer any Community questions prior than to checking just general information and feedback on what how we would like to see the program going.

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Naicy Beltre

OK, so I for questions and answers. We are going to start with the individuals that are here in the room and anyone that is joining us on teams this afternoon. Once we have completed taking all the questions and answers from those that are here, we would like you to start raising using the little hand option and raise your hand and we will go through all of your questions as well. Then we'll circle back to the room for open remarks.

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Naicy Beltre

Or information sharing that we would like to put on the record and then we'll repeat that process and do that with our online group that's joining us. So for right now, I'm here in the room. Is there anyone that would like to come up to the MIC with any questions that they would like to have answered? I will do my best to answer any questions to the best of my ability and any question that I can't answer right now, you will receive a response.

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Naicy Beltre

By Wednesday of next week, with any detailed information. If it does require me to do any federal regulation search or provide you with any specific data that you are asking for, OK, so the podium is free. Feel free to start making your way up.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Come on down.

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Naicy Beltre

Hello I'm gonna slide a little bit to the side. So those that are joining us online can see you at the podium. So what I would like to ask is that you state your name, if you represent an organization or another government entity, please put that into the record as well and then feel free to ask your question.

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Naicy Beltre

Can you use them right? Just so that they can hear you online?

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Naicy Beltre

Just turn it on. Oh, there we go.

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Naicy Beltre

Hi, my name is Nora Salatan and I'm the director of development and community engagement at Church World Service Jersey City, which is a refugee resettlement agency where part of truthful service, global which is national and international organization and I wanted to ask what requirements in the home are exist about the status of people who receive homework funding. Do you need to have for an illegal residency? You need to have other certain types of immigration statuses or funds equal to be dispersed for people in the midst of immigration.

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Naicy Beltre

Meetings, etcetera. OK. OK. Thank you so much for that question. That is an important question to ask because these are federal dollars. It does come with.

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Naicy Beltre

Ohh, immigration status or legal citizenship status requirements. So at this time and for other funding sources that we have provided, individuals are required to provide proof of their US citizenship, particularly usually a green card in those types of situations. But I would like to do additional research specifically into that. We are addressing those that are experiencing homelessness and we do know oftentimes these populations.

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Naicy Beltre

They don't have access to documentation to be able to approve any of this, and it usually requires something through a lot of hoops. You know, setting someone up, setting someone else with what the progress or procedure is for, getting documentation to prove identity. We know that's hard. You know, we're starting with Social Security cards and birth certificates. So if we are dealing with those coming out of the country and then they are in a refugee status.

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Naicy Beltre

I do want to reach out to my hood area Rep and see how that overlays on top of our home our program, so I will. My initial answer is yes, there are restrictions and limitations, but I will do an additional research diet for you and provide you an answer on this.

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Naicy Beltre

You're very welcome, alright?

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Naicy Beltre

Hi, my name is Paula Merk. I direct the financial coaching Department for New Jersey Citizen action. It's great to see everybody today.

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Naicy Beltre

You did mention rental assistance. I wanted to know a little bit more about that, maybe other folks in the room do as well, where many people in Jersey City especially struggling about their rent, but this is not Section 8, correct. And I just wanted to get a little more information about that. OK. So yes, this is correct. This is not a Section 8 program that's run by our counterparts at the Jersey City Housing Authority. And there is also.

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Naicy Beltre

State provision where they provide section needs and members of the community.

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Naicy Beltre

But this fun as being under home art for tenant based rental assistance would be for those individuals that meet the qualifiers for whom are as experiencing homelessness or an imminent threat of homelessness, or those facing housing instability. So it does provide a wider scope. But I would like to know where we are going as a city as our primary focus for these dollars.

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Naicy Beltre

Are going to be acquisition and the development of permanent housing.

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Naicy Beltre

I don't think there is enough funding there for us to be able to provide this kind of rental assistance for, you know, everyone in the Community that has the need because we know the need is great, but we do believe that we're the bigger impact for the Community would be is the creation of this more permanent housing that we don't see currently available for this homeless population that we are intending to serve.

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Naicy Beltre

Anyone else with a question?

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Naicy Beltre

Good afternoon. I'm thinking Bernie Phillips, I'm the executive director of the Jersey City Housing Authority.

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Naicy Beltre

We have a few questions, but we know that a lot to read here and thank you for putting this together. A few things. One just trying to get a sense of.

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Naicy Beltre

The ability of an applicant to acquire a certain number of units versus or to develop a certain number of units within an existing building using home funds with a focus on the target populations of people who qualify.

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Naicy Beltre

It's experiencing homelessness or at risk.

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Naicy Beltre

Uh for us when we take a look at the targeting and occupancy requirements.

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Naicy Beltre

And maybe we're misreading this and would love some clarification where it says not more than 30% of the total number of rental units assisted with home are funds by the participating jurisdiction may be restricted to low income households. So we're thinking a little bit about This is Money for acquisition and for rehabilitation. But when an entity like us, which actually has the.

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Naicy Beltre

Leave the subsidies so that people can pay their rents. The eligibility is based on their income, so we would like some clarity about some of those restrictions because we would if we were to put forward an application or partner our our goal would be to couple, you know, home funds with dollars that are available for rent subsidies. So we're trying to understand how the restrictions on home, we understand that.

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Naicy Beltre

Public housing and home cannot commingle generally, but there's Section 8 emergency housing vouchers, so any sort of additional information you can give in terms of how this might coexist with households that have other types of subsidies within your framework for targeting an occupancy requirements. And my next question is about whether or not the city is going to identify.

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Naicy Beltre

City owned buildings or others that might be available for.

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Naicy Beltre

This type of housing that would be home eligible, you know, we all know the environment that we are in right now and wondering if there are opportunities to work with the city to identify potential properties that might be available for applicants and groups of applicants to put forward a proposal. Thank you all. I have to say thank you so much for those questions. And I think that answers to those questions.

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Naicy Beltre

That only gonna be useful for your organization, but everyone else that is interested in partnering with us. So I'm gonna kind of start at your last question and work backwards.

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Naicy Beltre

You are very much online with the division and where we are going now only trying to provide this information for the home art purpose. But for all development of just the home dollars in general. So we have been in communication with our landlord and tenant relations office who they manage a vacant property list. They manage a list of properties that are undergoing foreclosure and we are also in communication with the JCR A.

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Naicy Beltre

Who preimage pretty much operates as the land bank for the city, so that we can have an active list of all available parcels to kind of make this leg work a little bit easier for those that are interested in engaging in this development, work with us. So that list will be forthcoming and it will be available prior to the home art applications going live. So that will give time for organizations to do some due diligence and do some preliminary proformas to see.

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Naicy Beltre

Which of these properties based on their funding structure, would make sense for themselves? Apply for this funding from us?

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Naicy Beltre

Jumping back to the second question that you had and that was in reference to the mix of tenants in the building and our 30% cap of those units being listed as low income in any particular development.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm that we have to follow whatever the federal regulations are as stated, but we are interested in doing like a deeper dive just to ensure that the applications that we're receiving are the most competitive. We want people to really make it a difficult decision for us to choose.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm. And then evaluate these projects. I do know that that as you mentioned those overlapping funds and not allowing to mix you know two pots of those federal dollars in the same property. But then I keep feel like that jumps back to your first question of can you use an existing structure where you're not going to use 100% of the units for this home art program? And to my understanding and reading of the regulation that is allowable.

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Naicy Beltre

So it becomes this next portion of if more than 30% of the units themselves will be listed as low income. And this is really what meets the home criteria of those income levels. And we do have more information that we can provide you on what that is and what it stands as of now.

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Naicy Beltre

Based on a different census tracts that we have in the community of what that low to moderate income criteria is, and it is different across our different grant lines. So I want to make sure I'm not mixing apples and oranges and give you like pulmonary numbers right here that I will send you all that information by next Wednesday so that you can evaluate those numbers specifically, OK, you're very welcome.

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Naicy Beltre

Can you have any other questions?

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Naicy Beltre

OK, come back on now.

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Naicy Beltre

I should have asked little bit once that this just popped into my mind. Could you go into a little bit more detail about the eligibility requirements for at risk of homelessness populations we work with? We typically fall more into the at risk category than on house because they're new arrivals. So I just want to understand how home arc is identifying people at as at risk for homelessness and what metrics you need to provide. OK, you're welcome.

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Naicy Beltre

So typically how we identify individuals meeting these categories are how they access any of our systems for receiving support. So at this time in the city of Jersey City, Garden State Episcopal runs, our coordinated entry program, so minimally, we will be looking for them to have already reached out and start an application and that would have their information identified into our tracking system for those that.

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Naicy Beltre

Are homeless. OK, I can provide you specifically with how HUD has defined all these categories and I think what I will additionally do is add a definition rubric to the end of this presentation prior to us sending it out. So everyone can be on the same page on what the definitions of these specific categories are.

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Naicy Beltre

So thank you. That was a great question. Anyone feel free to come back up with an extra questions. No question is a bad question and they're all supporting everyone here.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

I think at this time those are our questions for everyone in the room. Questions.

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Naicy Beltre

Come on now.

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Naicy Beltre

We're gonna do questions now and just general remarks separately, leaving, OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Good morning. Good morning. My name is Juliette Foster. I am the division director for Jersey City's Veterans Affairs. My question kind of piggybacks off of Vivian Brady Phillips as far as coexisting with other types of subsidies, working with our veteran population in the city of Jersey City and knowing that they do receive assistance from an SDF, which is a supported service for veterans and families. Would there be an issue?

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Naicy Beltre

Have them piggybacking off of this with the subsidies they're receiving. There is a lot of assistance in the Community for veterans with regard to an SPF, but they don't always obtain the assistance if they go through a vetting process. So would that also fall under the same regulations for veterans? My second question is you did mention out of your slide deck the January 26, 2000.

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Naicy Beltre

I think it was 2021 and was numbers of 800.

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Naicy Beltre

And individuals 882 homeless individuals. Do we know number of veterans? And was that question asked?

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

So as far as the county and this national wide homeless count, that's done, to my knowledge specifically that question of asking them if they are veteran is not obtained at that time. However, that is feedback

that I will provide to our county coalition on homelessness, that that be a metric that we start tracking moving forward. OK. And I'll make sure that you're on a data sharing list. So as we do collect that data moving forward.

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Naicy Beltre

By that, information is shared with you and your division.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, I would say in general.

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Naicy Beltre

I would need to check on that regulation to ensure how that SDF funding is viewed. So to my understanding that is additional layer of federal funding. So I just wanna make sure again that there's not multiple streams of federal funding overlap and that is not allowed to coexist in the same property. So I will do that research and follow up with you by next Wednesday. You're very welcome.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Do we have any other questions here in the room?

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Naicy Beltre

Other questions, and I apologize if I missed this because I arrived late on the timber. I wondering if the division has an idea in terms of allocation for tipra and for supportive services and.

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Naicy Beltre

Whether or not considering any sort of priorities for projects that you know look to incorporate the different funding streams that will be allocated across tipra supportive.

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Naicy Beltre

Actual.

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Naicy Beltre

Construction or rehabilitation or acquisition of of of a shelter.

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Naicy Beltre

Thank you. That was also another really great question. So that answer is yes, we do have a preliminary



allocation schedule which shows just off the basic numbers of how we're looking to allocate the overall pool of funding.

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Naicy Beltre

Ohm and my setting answer is yes, we do have the ability to set up the application as it suits us and we are looking for those advantageous projects which are looking to answer the scope of issues that are trying to be solved by these home are dollars. So at a roundabout way that is saying yes. If you have a project where you are incorporating the home timbira where you are providing us information that you are providing the support services that have you found a building where you can do.

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Naicy Beltre

The affordable housing that is being supported and have a non congregate shelter all in the same place. Your scoring 1000, OK, so we will look at the overall health of the whole project because maybe it's an entire building where you just wanna do non congregate shelter with the support services or were you just want to provide the affordable housing and support services and then we will look at the balance of the funding for those two.

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Naicy Beltre

You're an initiatives on how we will overlay that into any of the project.

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Naicy Beltre

So I just wanna make sure that I'm not missing anyone here in the room.

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Naicy Beltre

For questions.

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Naicy Beltre

OK, I'm gonna turn over to my technology division. Leave Mr Ivan for year. Do we have any questions from those joining us online?

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Naicy Beltre

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Naicy Beltre

So anyone like to raise their hand? If there's any questions?

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Naicy Beltre

One second, OK, bear with us. One moment.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

OK, please ask your question.

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Carmel Galasso

This is caramel from United Way.

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Naicy Beltre

This is Carmel from United Way.

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Naicy Beltre

With the program participant with the rental assistant.

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Naicy Beltre

They have a few people.

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Carmel Galasso

For the program participant with the rental assistant, would they have to be able to move forward after being assisted?

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Carmel Galasso

Since it's very low income.

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Naicy Beltre

So my basic answer to that question is yes. So this is funding, it's not.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, indefinite funding. This is a time frame based funding. So the purpose of this is again to remove those that are currently experiencing homeless at risk of homelessness. So it may be for these timber funds that focusing on those that may have employment but are in that fleeing domestic violence situation that that those cheaper funds will be more beneficial. I'm not going to tell you guys how to spend the funds.

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Naicy Beltre

That will happen when you guys all put in applications and we will let those come in for best use of the funds.

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Carmel Galasso

Thank you.

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Naicy Beltre

You're very welcome.

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Naicy Beltre

So from those joining us online, are there any additional questions?

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Naicy Beltre

And you can just use the raise your hand feature. They're just trying to check it and see if we can see everyone that has joined us.

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Naicy Beltre

OK. No. So at this time, we're gonna pivot to the open commentary section.

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Naicy Beltre

Where I wanna provide everyone that's joining us here, both in the room and online and opportunity to provide us with feedback concerns that you see in the community, how you best believe these funds should be directed and things that should be considered both by the division as we move forward with creating the application to vet everyone that's interested in this funding. And you can provide this straight to the.

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Naicy Beltre

Individuals ears that are interested in this so they can consider that as their preparing their applications for this one. OK, so we wanna start with anyone that's here in the room. If you would like to provide any information, feedback or commentary on the home art program.

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Naicy Beltre

Come on down.

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Naicy Beltre

I should have.

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Naicy Beltre

Or for national. Was that the price is right. The price is almost right out that that'll be my comment.

Please. Federal government send us more money. This is on the record. More money for homelessness.

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Basically saying the same thing, but the population that we work with is growing.

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Naicy Beltre

Ohh, just want to make sure that it is it is I hold it a little closer. So of the uniting for Ukraine program that you might have heard about where Biden is accepting 100,000 individuals, about 25% of those are predicted to come to the New York, New Jersey area. So there is a huge influx of new individuals who are coming in that staying with friends and family and at risk for extreme risk for homelessness. So we really want to implore the federal partners to provide us.

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Naicy Beltre

Funds to support those populations for seeing a similar increase in Cuban, Haitian parolees, Cuban, Haitian entrance. They're coming with status, but also at high risk for homelessness as well as the typical refugee populations that work with. It's also been one year since the evacuation from Afghanistan and we want to make sure we're able to continue to support our new after neighbors who have been here for just over a year and are also still at risk for homelessness as they adjust to like the United States.

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Naicy Beltre

So just want to make people aware of that population in the Jersey City area. It's certainly growing and we're trying to expand our services to address that population and housing is, I would say the biggest need and question when clients come in for case management support, it's access to employment services and housing services. So smaller put that on the record and thank you. Thank you so much for that feedback.

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Naicy Beltre

Alright. Anybody else in the room?

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Naicy Beltre

My comment is about supportive services. I think sometimes we take a very narrow view of what supportive services are necessary. Just taking a look at what's permissible, there is a wide range of services and I think there should be priority plays and encouragement among the applicants to think very broadly about the range during the lifetime of the grant, because that's going to be essential.

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Naicy Beltre

To making sure that people actually can be can, you know, maintain permanent housing, so everything from child care to legal services to food. You know, I think these are things that sometimes are when you're looking at developing standalone shelters. They are often provided kind of on an ad hoc basis where there may be a variety of groups that are working, which is fine. But if there's not a full complement.

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Naicy Beltre

Of services and a broad enough understanding of what's permissible in and not just permissible, but actually preferred in terms of the range of services, I think very often the focus is on the acquisition and the rehabilitation and to a lesser extent on the quality of supportive services, and often the it's not based on the provider, it's because the dollars aren't there to provide the range of services that are actually permissible under.

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Naicy Beltre

Under federal law, so I would encourage the division to, really.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, in prioritize that and perhaps even in how they put together the application.

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Naicy Beltre

OK. Thank you so much. And I will and I would just like to know that you are very much in line with the thinking of the division already and that's our interpretation of the creation of this home art program that is mandatory for any type of whether it is an acquisition or development project to include this social service component. So that is very much in line with how the division is viewing the use of these funds and it will be reflected in the application.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

I do know that veterans get supportive services, but I'm obviously as a veteran, will always advocate for our veterans here in the City of Jersey City. It is our understanding through Google and Google Analytics that there are approximately 3800, maybe a little bit less, maybe a little bit more within the City of Jersey City. We do not have all of those numbers in our database obviously, but.

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Naicy Beltre

The the number of veterans that we do have currently or reflect a difficulty for these veterans to.

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Naicy Beltre

Afford sustainable building, right? So they are making minimum wage or?

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Naicy Beltre

Umm.

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Naicy Beltre

They're living in less than advantageous conditions. We have some right now that are in a situation in a senior citizen building that are either being displaced because of their funds, they are living on fixed incomes and many do not receive a lot of additional funding. Many are not service connected and service connection. I can go into another time with you, but just my statement is I understand that veterans.

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Naicy Beltre

Have priority like preference. Will that and this is I guess a question and the signal the same time will that remain because we do have people who have served this country, we're having difficulty just finding a place to live. They're coming home and they're not able to find a place to live because.

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Naicy Beltre

I went down apartment is \$2000 and you don't have those kinds of funds, so.

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Naicy Beltre

You know, how are we going to really help those who have served this country?

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Naicy Beltre

OK. Thank you for that comment. And I and I definitely implore all those that are listening and watching this call today. As you put together your programs and applications to note that our veteran community is an eligible population and that is something that we will be evaluating in the application process. DCD has partnered closely and will continue to partner closely with the vision of Veterans Affairs as we.

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Naicy Beltre

And all avenues of our federal dollars. We wanna be making sure that we are reaching out and providing lists of those services that we already fund to this community. And anytime we are allowed to provide any type of priority or preference as population, we will do so.

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Naicy Beltre

OK, anyone else in the room with the comment that I had to put on the record?

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Naicy Beltre

I'm interject gavioli and I work with the family promise for pushing county.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm.

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Naicy Beltre

Our goal usually is to provide housing, but it seems like what you said was.

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Naicy Beltre

To develop units for permanent housing. But then you want the clients to move on.

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Naicy Beltre

So is that right? Or you know, I just want to clarify that was in reference to the tip or the temporary base rental assistance. So that would be if we were only providing funding for some type of rental assistance or utility assistance, but that would not be a long term ongoing project. OK, suppose we bought a house and we.

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Naicy Beltre

You know had maybe 8 units for people.

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Naicy Beltre

Would they be able to stay there or you would really prefer that they?

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Naicy Beltre

Get much better and move on. What happens though is as soon as someone gets like a better job then they don't qualify anymore for real income, and they're just about making it to provide for their families or themselves.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, it's like a catch 22. You know you do better, but then you.

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Naicy Beltre

Go under the go above the limit for funding and help.

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Naicy Beltre

OK. So we do know that that's something that we contend with here for those that of us that are in the business of providing assistance to the Community.

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Naicy Beltre

It's something I think that is termed the benefits Cliff as we know is individuals get closer to those cut off thresholds that often that dollar more \$2.00 more than they made over the threshold isn't really enough to sustain them once they lose the safety net of the services. So this is something that we contend with here, but this is also a much larger national conversation.

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Naicy Beltre

On how we work with and can support individuals who are receiving services. So thank you for that commentary and you know I would additionally add to this comment on the record on that, that is maybe an axe or an opportunity to have conversations with the federal government of staggering or tearing people off assistance rather than being this one off like cut off Cliff where they're just left.

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Naicy Beltre

Off but that will take advocacy from organizations like yourself.

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Naicy Beltre

Conversations with our elected officials so that they can take this feedback additionally down to Washington to those that are making the rules and the restrictions that I am obliged to follow on how it is impacting those on the ground. So this is important feedback for them to hear. So thank you very much for that comment.

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Naicy Beltre

Hi, Paula Murphy again from New Jersey Citizen Action financial coaching. I wanna.

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Naicy Beltre

Thank the previous person for asking the question. We fall into this.

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Naicy Beltre

This problem quite a bit all over the state, I'm sure all over the country it is something that needs to be addressed. We address it frequently through our one-on-one financial coaching services with low.

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Naicy Beltre

Income families and individuals, and to the question that came up online, I just think this this the whole process needs to be.

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Naicy Beltre

Held up with the understanding that skill building and capacity building, poor individuals who are now in homes is really important. So as we move forward with opportunities.

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Naicy Beltre

Let's not assume that people will know how to manage an income. Make sure there's more money coming in than going out now what the resources are for them in the area of managing their I chances. Thanks. Thank you so much.



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Naicy Beltre

Umm. And and just to note for everyone, this financial literacy or financial coaching is in that eligible supportive services categories for this program.

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Naicy Beltre

Anyone else that is here with us in the room that has any remarks or comments?

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Naicy Beltre

Ohm or just information that they would like us to to ponder in reference to this subject matter.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

Somewhere at this time, I'd like to pivot to our group that's joining us virtually. Does anyone have any comments or commentary that they would like to put on the record?

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Naicy Beltre

Just checking to see it anywhere.

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Naicy Beltre

Alright.

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Naicy Beltre

OK.

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Naicy Beltre

So.

1:59:33.210 --> 1:59:39.660

Naicy Beltre

At this time, now that we have concluded what I would like to bring to everyone's attention.

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Naicy Beltre

As the division of Community development continues to grow.

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Naicy Beltre

We are operating from a continuous improvement model and as we have such meetings, as you will see

on the back page to the agenda for today's meeting that you received, there is a feedback form and feel free to be as honest as possible. I promise you it won't hurt our feelings, but we do need the constructive criticism or the kudos to let us know.

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Naicy Beltre

What we're doing right and what we could do better.

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Naicy Beltre

Umm, we don't wanna just hear from the community and reference to the grant funds we're giving out. We want to make sure that we're making the most of your time as partners on. This is also the first time you've done this meeting and this hybrid format. So we are sharing also this feedback form with those of us that are joining us online and on those in the room that you can just take a moment to fill out this feedback form and give us some commentary.

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Naicy Beltre

If you would like it to be anonymous and you don't want to put your name stuff that is OK as well, but if you could take that moment and fill that out for us, we would greatly appreciate it. Outside of that, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for participating in this meeting today. This is our second shot at trying to have this meeting and the first one didn't go so well. So we went back and we discussed with it as a team.

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Naicy Beltre

Or how we were going to run this meeting and how we were going to get bodies in the room and look at we got people. So this is already a win for us. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you again. Thank you to everyone that is joining us online. You were so appreciated and we definitely want to offer this feature in our public meetings moving forward to ensure we can maximize the amount of people that have access to this information and can participate in the civic process. So thank you so much.

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Naicy Beltre

And everyone, please enjoy the rest of your day. There is a moment here. Since we do have a little bit of time left in the schedule. If anyone wanted to engage with some networking with their peers that are here in the room, we do highly encourage it and we just wish you all safe travels and I hope everyone enjoys their weekend. Thank you so much.

## HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

8/19/22  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

## \* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

## \* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

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

## \* Other (Specify):

## \* 3. Date Received:

10/4/2022

## 4. Applicant Identifier:

## 5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

HUD

## 5b. Federal Award Identifier:

## State Use Only:

## 6. Date Received by State:

## 7. State Application Identifier:

## 8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

## \* a. Legal Name:

City of Jersey City

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

22-6002013

## \* c. UEI:

PMQ8D14JSRH3

## d. Address:

## \* Street1:

4 Jackson Square

## Street2:

39 Kearney Avenue

## \* City:

Jersey City

## County/Parish:

Hudson County

## \* State:

NJ: New Jersey

## Province:

## \* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

## \* Zip / Postal Code:

07305-0000

## e. Organizational Unit:

## Department Name:

H.E.D.C.

## Division Name:

Community Development

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

## Prefix:

Ms.

## \* First Name:

Deja

## Middle Name:

## \* Last Name:

Anderson

## Suffix:

## Title:

Director

## Organizational Affiliation:

## \* Telephone Number:

(201) 547-6910

## Fax Number:

## \* Email:

danderson@jcnj.org

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

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

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

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

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.239

\* Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

Add Attachment

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

City of Jersey City HOME-ARP

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**\* a. Applicant \* b. Program/Project 

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

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**17. Proposed Project:**\* a. Start Date: \* b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="7,703,151.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="7,703,151.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**Prefix: \* First Name: Middle Name: \* Last Name: Suffix: \* Title: \* Telephone Number: Fax Number: \* Email: \* Signature of Authorized Representative: \* Date Signed:

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