

## County of Ocean, New Jersey HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

**Participating Jurisdiction:** County of Ocean, New Jersey **Date Submitted:** March 20, 2023

### Consultation

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

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

Local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

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

Ocean County Department of Planning's consultation process included an in-person meeting with the HOME-ARP Steering Committee. This meeting was held on May 17, 2022 to generate feedback. The agencies in attendance were asked to provide feedback on their needs for shelter, housing and/or services. The Department of Planning also requested the most recent Point-In-Time (PIT) count and Needs Assessment data. In addition to the HOME-ARP Steering Committee meeting, the Department of Planning met with other various providers on multiple occasions to gather feedback and data presented in our HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

### *List the organizations consulted:*

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Ocean County Department of Human Services	Government	In-Person Meeting	Provided the complete Needs Assessment survey and results. Suggested a shelter (converting a hotel) for homeless individuals, including persons with disabilities.
Monarch Housing	Homelessness Non-Profit	In-Person Meeting	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and suggested a shelter (converting a hotel) for homeless

			individuals, including persons with disabilities.
<b>Ocean Partnership for Children</b>	Non-Profit Youth and Family Services	In-Person Meeting	Suggested a shelter (converting a hotel) for homeless individuals, including persons with disabilities.
<b>Lakewood Housing Authority</b>	PHA	Virtual Meeting	Scott Parsons detailed the shortage of available affordable rental housing. Housing vouchers are being provided and clients are unable to obtain housing units. All Qualifying Populations (QP's) are served by Lakewood Housing Authority and currently there is a waitlist for their programs.
<b>Brick Housing Authority</b>	PHA	Virtual Meeting	Ocean County held a virtual meeting with Jake Naszimento and Nancy Nicholson. Jake Naszimento highlighted the need for affordable Tenant Based Rental units. Additionally, there is an emergency housing/shelter need. Tenants who receive a housing voucher are having difficulty finding an affordable rental unit.
<b>Berkeley Housing Authority</b>	PHA	N/A	Ocean County reached out to Berkeley Housing Authority on multiple occasions and were unable to receive comment.
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	Domestic Violence Service Provider, Human Trafficking Non-Profit	Virtual Meeting	Catholic Charities offers various assistance program inclusive of services for domestic violence and human trafficking victims. The lack of affordable rental units has been identified as well as domestic violence facilities operating at full capacity.
<b>Ocean County Veterans Service Bureau</b>	Government	In-Person Meeting	Ocean County has the highest population of veterans in the State of New Jersey. There is an unmet need of affordable rental units that offer these individuals permanent rental housing. Additionally, it is imperative to ensure the veteran population has access to the supportive services needed.

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

Ocean County Department of Planning's consultation process included:

An in-person meeting with the HOME-ARP Steering Committee. This meeting was held on May 17, 2022 to generate feedback. Ocean County Department of Human Services, Monarch Housing and Ocean Partnership for Children were present at this meeting. Rose Marie Bulbach, representing Ocean County Department of Human Services, provided the Needs Assessment survey and results. The use of funds for a non-congregate shelter was suggested. Kasey Vienckowski from Monarch Housing provided the Point-in-Time (PIT) data for 2022 and suggested the use of funds for a non-congregate shelter. Katie Colhoun from Ocean Partnership for Children suggested the use of funds for a non-congregate shelter.

On January 27, 2023, the Ocean County Planning Department met virtually with Scott Parsons, Executive Director of Lakewood Housing Authority. Mr. Parsons detailed the various programs available with Lakewood Housing Authority and stated housing vouchers are being provided, however, many clients are unable to obtain units, as there is a shortage of available affordable rental housing. Lakewood Housing Authority serves all Qualified Populations (QP's) and currently there is a waitlist for their programs. Lakewood Housing Authority has 1,119 clients on their program. The average time a client spends on their program(s) is nine (9) years. There are 142 clients that have been on their program for over twenty (20) years but less than thirty (30) years. Twenty (20) clients have been on the program for over thirty (30) years. The amount of clients that have been on the program for less than one year is 131. Mr. Parsons expressed interest in collaborating with Ocean County to carry out the activities detailed in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

On January 27, 2023, Ocean County Planning Department also met with Brick Housing Authority. Jake Naszimento, Executive Director and Nancy Nicholson, Administrative Assistant were present at the virtual meeting. Jake Naszimento detailed the programs Brick Housing Authority offers. There is a waitlist for both programs. For their Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program, there is a need for affordable rental units. He stated the need for supportive services as well as emergency housing. Mr. Naszimento expressed interest in collaborating with Ocean County to carry out the activities detailed in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Ocean County reached out to Berkeley Housing Authority on multiple occasions and was unable to receive comment.

On February 2, 2023, Ocean County met virtually with Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton. Catholic Charities offers various programs relating to all Qualified Populations (QP's). Providence House of Catholic Charities serves domestic violence victims. Currently, Providence House is operating at full capacity as COVID-19 has exacerbated domestic violence. In 2022, Providence House Domestic Violence Services (PHDVS-Ocean) provided 34,618 nights of shelter to 405 unduplicated survivors (221 adults and 184 children). Most recently, Catholic Charities has established a program for human trafficking victims, both adults and children under the age of 18. The representatives present for Catholic Charities, Arnold Valentin and Nick

Koumarianos, detailed the lack of affordable rental units available as well as the need for additional units for domestic violence victims. Catholic Charities long-term goals include building affordable rental housing units. Mr. Valentin and Mr. Koumarianos expressed interest in collaborating with Ocean County to carry out the activities detailed in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

On February 3, 2023, Ocean County Department of Planning met in-person with representatives from the Ocean County Veterans Service Bureau. Ocean County has the highest population of veterans in the State of New Jersey. There is currently an unmet need of affordable rental units. Veterans are being placed in extensive hotel/motel stays until permanent rental housing is available. It is imperative to ensure the veteran population has access to the supportive services needed. The Ocean County Veterans Service Bureau has expressed interest in collaborating with Ocean County to carry out the activities detailed in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

## **Public Participation**

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

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

- Ocean County received \$4,865,698 in HOME-ARP Program funding.
- These funds will be used to develop affordable rental units for individuals and/or families that are either experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Along with the development of affordable rental units, appropriate supportive services and non-profit operating will be funded to assist Ocean County’s homeless population.

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

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 2/6/2023***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 2/6/2023 end date – 2/23/2023***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 2/22/2023***

***Describe the public participation process:***

A public notice was published in the Asbury Park Press and on the County website on February 6, 2023, with a public comment period from February 6, 2023 to February 23, 2023. In addition, a copy of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was available on the Ocean County Department of Planning Website and at the Ocean County Planning Department, 129 Hooper Avenue, First Floor, Toms River, NJ 08754. During the public comment period, a public hearing was held on February 22, 2023 at 6:00pm with the option to attend virtually.

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

To broaden public participation, Ocean County shared the public notice and Allocation Plan on our webpage. The public hearing was held on February 22, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Ocean County Planning Department, 129 Hooper Avenue, First Floor, Toms River, NJ 08754 which is easily accessible by public transportation. The public hearing was in-person and had a virtual participation opportunity with the link provided in the public notice as well as our website.

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

Ocean County did not receive any comments in writing, or orally during the public comment period or at the public hearing where the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was presented for citizen participation.

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

Ocean County did not receive any comments.

## **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

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

Proj. Type	Organization Name	Project Name	Target Pop.	PIT Count	Total Beds
ES	Affordable Housing Alliance	Code Blue hotel/motel placements	N/A	13	13
ES	Community Hope	Hotel/Motel	N/A	11	11
ES	EHG	Alive Again Alliance	N/A	12	15
ES	EHG	EHG - Code Blue - Just Believe	N/A	19	25
ES	EHG	True Vine Code Blue	N/A	4	10
ES	Family Promise of Southern Ocean County	Family Promise hotel/motel	Family	5	5
ES	Interfaith Hospitality Network	IHN Ocean - Host Churches	N/A	0	14
ES	Ocean County Board of Social Services	Special Response Program	N/A	250	250
ES	Ocean's Harbor House	OHH Youth Shelter	Youth	3	12
ES	Providence House - Ocean	Providence House - Ocean Safehouse	DV	37	42
			<b>ES Need</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>397</b>
PSH	Collaborative Support Programs	CEC Ocean Shelter Plus	N/A	1	1
PSH	Collaborative Support Programs	OMHS S+C 2009	N/A	10	10
PSH	HABcore	API4OC	N/A	40	37
PSH	HABcore	Capstan II	N/A	5	5
PSH	HABcore	Capstan II SRAP	N/A	5	5
PSH	HABcore	Malley House	N/A	4	5
PSH	Lakewood Township Residential Assistance Program	EHV	N/A	5	5
PSH	New Jersey Dept of Community Affairs	Ocean County EHV	N/A	82	82
PSH	NJ PHA-VA	VASH: New Jersey HUD VASH Ocean County	Veteran	40	40
PSH	O.C.E.A.N. Inc.	Dover Road Supportive Housing	N/A	19	19
PSH	O.C.E.A.N. Inc.	O.C.E.A.N. Inc. Jay Street Program	N/A	6	30
PSH	Ocean Mental Health Services Inc.	Keeping Families Together	N/A	161	161
PSH	Ocean Mental Health Services Inc.	OMHS Cornerstone - Ocean	N/A	7	7
PSH	Ocean Mental Health Services Inc.	OMHS HOME Grant - Ocean	N/A	1	1
PSH	Preferred Behavioral Health	Cornerstone	N/A	4	4
PSH	Preferred Behavioral Health	Freedom Village	N/A	8	7
PSH	Preferred Behavioral Health	Heritage at Whiting	Senior	5	5
			<b>Total Beds</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>424</b>
RRH	Catholic Charities	DCA ESG-CV RRH - Ocean	N/A	11	11
RRH	Catholic Charities	DCAHPRP2-CC Rapid Re-Housing - Ocean	N/A	20	20
RRH	Community Hope	Ocean County SSVF	Veteran	3	3
RRH	HABcore	Rapid Rehousing Program	N/A	18	18
RRH	Soldier On	SSVF - Ocean County	Veteran	4	4
			<b>Total RRH</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>
TH	Homes Now Inc.	Dottie's House I & II	DV	48	49
TH	Ocean's Harbor House	OHH Transitional Living Program - Ocean (Shore House)	Youth	4	12
			<b>TH Need</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>61</b>

ES – Emergency Shelter

TH – Transitional Housing

PHS – Permanent Supportive Housing

RRH – Rapid Re-Housing

Data Source: Monarch Housing Associates

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

***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

The data source for the number of County residents that are experiencing homelessness is the Ocean County Point-In-Time (PIT) count. The 2022 Point-In-Time (PIT) count took place on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. This annual community-wide survey showed 419 persons, in 269 households were experiencing homelessness. This number is higher than the 366 persons, in 239 households experiencing homelessness during the 2021 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. It is likely that this increase is due to COVID-19 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count methodology adjustments. The 7-day outreach and service-based count used in 2022 targeted feeding programs, drop-in centers and other services.

Of the persons experiencing homelessness in 2022, 50.4% identified themselves as White, Non-Hispanic/Latino, 23.6% identified themselves as Black/African American, Non-Hispanic/Latino, 0.5% identified themselves as Asian, Non-Hispanic/Latino, 0.2% identified themselves as American Indian/Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic/Latino and 20.4% identified themselves as Hispanic/Latino.

Of the 269 homeless households counted in Ocean County in 2022, 199 households were without children, 65 households were adults and children and 5 households with only children. Of those experiencing homelessness, there were 140 children under 18 years old, 25 adults between 18 and 24 years old, 240 adults between 25 and 64 years old, and 9 adults over 64 years old. Respondents were experiencing one or more of the following disabling conditions: mental health issue, substance abuse disorder, physical disability, developmental disability, chronic health condition, and HIV/AIDS.

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

According to the 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, there are 14,305 Ocean County renter households that earn less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). With a high percentage of senior citizens in Ocean County, 23,480 owner households earn less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Of the 14,305 renter households earning less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), it is estimated that 79.66% of these households have one or more of the four housing unit problems: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, or cost burden greater than 30%.

The data for the number of households that do not have sufficient resources or support networks (family, friends, faith-based or other social networks) immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place is qualitative. As prepared by the Ocean County Department of Human Services, Ocean County's 2020 Needs Assessment Survey, dated January 15, 2021, showed access to transportation, long waitlists, a lack of awareness of services, stigma, and cultural or language barriers hindered consumers

in obtaining needed services. Geographical barriers affecting access to services in the southern and western most areas of Ocean County has been considered a priority need. This need has influenced our local agencies to build satellite services sites including the expansion of the One-Stop Center in Manahawkin.

It is estimated there are 25 unaccompanied homeless youth persons in Ocean County. Ocean County's goal remains to achieve an accessible system to support promoting self-sufficiency, independence and wellness for all homeless populations.

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

The Point-In-Time (PIT) count report, from January 25, 2022, identified 163 persons, in 81 households fleeing domestic violence. Of the 163 persons, 115 were living in emergency shelters and 48 were living in transitional housing. Of the 81 households, 42 were households with adults and children and 39 were without children.

***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 data for other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability is qualitative. According to the 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, there are 14,305 Ocean County renter households that earn less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This figure represents 31.57% of the total number of renter households in Ocean County, or approximately 1.5 in 5.

According to the 2021 *Out of Reach* Report produced by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the annual household income required to afford a two-bedroom unit at FMR in Ocean County is \$66,080. For a two-person family, that would be approximately 67.81% AMI. For a three-person family, that would be approximately 60.26% AMI.

As noted in the 2021 *True Poverty* Report, childcare is the second largest item in a family budget and in some families, it exceeds housing cost. Monthly childcare in Ocean County ranges from \$924 for a family with one preschooler, to \$2,225 for a family with two school-age children and one preschooler. With this being said, households with income above 50% AMI may still experience financial pressures.

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

***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

It has been determined that sheltered and unsheltered populations experiencing homelessness need continued access to current emergency shelter and transitional housing inventory as well as access to supportive services provided by non-profit organizations. These supportive



services include but are not limited to food, mental health services, employment assistance and job training, housing search and counseling services, outreach services, transportation and substance abuse treatment services. Development of permanent affordable rental housing would aide individuals and families in obtaining affordable housing stability.

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

For individuals and families at risk of homelessness, early intervention via homeless prevention services is a priority. Assistance is provided in the form of Ocean County's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.

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

The 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) count identified that on the night of January 25, 2022, 163 Victims of Domestic Violence were identified, representing 38.9% of the total identified homeless population in Ocean County. As stated in the 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) count report, Domestic Violence is defined as any household that is fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member, including a child, that has taken place in their home, or has created a situation in which the individual or family is afraid to return to their home. One of Ocean County's providers for victims of Domestic Violence, Providence House of Catholic Charities, expressed that Domestic Violence facilities are operating at full capacity and there is a need for affordable rental units in Ocean County.

***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***

It has been determined that families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness would benefit from the development of affordable rental housing.

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

The gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory include affordable rental housing. The number of units available to low-income renters is limited. According to the New Jersey Guide to Affordable Housing 2022, there are fewer than 6,500 affordable rental units in Ocean County, but over 14,000 people make less than 30% AMI. Of the 14,000 people making less than 30% AMI, over 11,000 of them have one or more housing problems. This gap supports the need for development of affordable rental housing.

As per the data, supportive services for qualifying populations are also needed. Currently, existing non-profit agencies in Ocean County provide necessary support to qualifying populations. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increased number of clients and a growing need.

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

Ocean County will not exercise this option.

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

The priority needs for qualifying populations are affordable rental housing opportunities, supportive services and non-profit operating. By developing affordable rental housing opportunities and increasing funding to supportive services, the County will effectively reduce the effects of homelessness. Supportive services include but are not limited to food, mental health services, employment assistance and job training, housing search and counseling services, outreach services, transportation and substance abuse treatment services. There are currently 458 emergency shelter or transitional housing beds available. There are also various hotel/motel voucher programs within Ocean County. Individuals and families should seek to be moved to permanent affordable rental housing. To promote self-sufficiency, the development of permanent affordable rental housing would assist qualifying populations.

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

Ocean County has determined the level of need and gaps in shelter and housing inventory through careful consideration and evaluation of the data provided by various sources. The HOME-ARP Steering Committee meeting, held on May 17, 2022, identified the need as a non-congregate shelter. The non-congregate shelter would have appropriately sized separate spaces for individuals and families. As stated previously in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, 79.66% of rental households whose income is below 30% AMI are living in households with at least one of four housing problems.

The 2021 *True Poverty* report has shown that even households with an income greater than 30% AMI may not afford rental units with more than one bedroom. When qualifying populations are placed in temporary housing, it remains difficult to find permanent affordable rental housing given the inventory gap.

## **HOME-ARP Activities**

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

Upon approval of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, Ocean County will initiate the first step of the process, a Request for Proposal (RFP) to announce a new project opportunity to interested parties through bidding for development of affordable rental housing. For non-profit operating

and supportive services, Ocean County will open applications for funding. A committee will make recommendations to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for funding to qualified non-profits and supportive services agencies.

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

N/A

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

### Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 729,854		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 3,392,560		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 243,284	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 500,000	10.276 %	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 4,865,698</b>		

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

Ocean County will fund \$729,854 for supportive services, \$3,392,560 for the development of affordable rental housing, \$243,284 for non-profit operating expenses and \$500,000 for administration and planning, totaling \$4,865,698.

***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:***

This funding breakdown is supported by the data provided and the recognized gap in permanent affordable rental housing. By developing affordable rental housing, Ocean County aims to keep individuals and families housed before homelessness is experienced. By developing permanent affordable rental housing, unaccompanied youth can transition to self-sufficiency, individuals currently experiencing homelessness will be transitioned to permanent affordable rental housing and reduce the risk of homelessness for low-income households.

To expand capabilities of Ocean County's non-profit organizations, HOME-ARP funding will be used for operating assistance. Many non-profit organizations within Ocean County have expanded their services since COVID-19. To increase funding to their services provided, Ocean County will fund operating assistance for employee salaries, rent, utilities, equipment, materials and supplies. Additionally, Ocean County is funding supportive services in an effort to expand the assistance provided to the qualifying populations.

Administration and planning will be funded to carry out the proposed actions as previously described.

## **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:***

Ocean County plans to post an RFP for the development of affordable rental housing. Utilizing the HOME-ARP Housing Production Goal Calculation, it has been determined Ocean County will produce approximately 14 two-bedroom units. The development of these units will allow Ocean County to produce permanent rental housing for approximately 42 members of qualifying populations on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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

Upon award of the RFP, Ocean County will identify contractor(s) and have specifics for the development of permanent affordable rental housing based on the submittals.

## Preferences

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

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

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

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

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

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

civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

While PJs are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, the PJ must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if the PJ intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive eligibility requirements of another project funding source. **If a PJ fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until the PJ amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan.** For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

***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:***

Ocean County intends to give preference to individuals that meet the criteria as defined in the Qualifying Populations section of CPD Notice 21-10. Ocean County and its subgrantees must comply with all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). It is further noted that persons who are eligible for this preference must have the opportunity to participate in all HOME-ARP activities of the PJ in which they are eligible under this Notice, including activities that are not separate or different, and cannot be excluded because of any protected characteristics or preferential status.

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

Ocean County offers a wide variety of supportive services for those experiencing homelessness. These supportive services include but are not limited to mental health services, food and nutrition resources, housing counseling, substance use disorder services and various forms of emergency assistance from various sources. Ocean County's system includes 397 emergency shelter beds and 61 transitional housing beds for a total of 458 beds. This data can be found in the Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis Table on Page 4 of this plan. Ocean County's 2022 Point-in-Time count revealed 406 of the above mentioned beds were filled on the night of January 25, 2022.

Currently, there are 424 affordable, permanent supportive housing beds for persons experiencing homelessness. The supportive data for this statistic can be found in the Needs Assessment and

Gaps Analysis Table on Page 4 of this plan. There is a shortage of affordable permanent supportive housing for individuals and families within Ocean County. The *Out of Reach 2021* report identifies the housing wage (the amount a household must earn per hour working 40 hours per week, 52 weeks a year in order to pay less than 30% of their income on rent) is \$31.77 in Ocean County.

The application of Ocean County's use of HOME-ARP funds for supportive services and development of affordable rental housing for persons experiencing homelessness will support a continued need for supportive services as well as address an unmet need of affordable rental housing that is detailed in the Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis.

The addition of 14 HOME-ARP rental units will assist to ease the burden of housing costs for residents of Ocean County that are experiencing homelessness and seeking opportunities for housing stability. These units will offer the additional advantage of being more accessible than traditional affordable housing units. In addition to self-referrals, providers will make referrals for supportive services to get the overall assistance needed by homeless individuals to obtain and maintain self-sufficiency. This will also ensure permanency and a better quality of life for homeless populations of Ocean County.

### **Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project**

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

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



a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

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

Ocean County will address the unmet needs and gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preferences through the use of other dedicated affordable rental housing funding including the Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. We will continue to support collaboration between public and private partnerships as well as offer support for affordable rental housing projects.

#### **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines**

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

#### **Additional efforts made by the PJ through the American Rescue Plan Act funding:**

Ocean County will use approximately \$25 million of American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program to assist with the negative effects left by the COVID 19 pandemic. Of those funds, \$9.5 million will be used to combat the negative economic impacts of the pandemic. Ocean County is implementing the Housing Insecurities and Homelessness Services project. This project is a full spectrum program providing temporary/transitional housing support through rapid re-housing strategies, and fiscal aid and wraparound services to those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The program will seek to address the housing stabilization needs of individuals and families, and offer financial assistance through rental security deposits, temporary rental assistance, rental application fees, moving expenses and other associated costs on a case-by-case basis. The County is also instituting the Eviction, Foreclosure, and Homelessness Prevention Legal Services Program to prevent the unhousing of seniors. Ocean County will also expand the already instituted Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program as well as allocate funding to address public health issues including negative mental health and behavioral health impacts resulting from and exacerbated by the pandemic. The On Point co-responder program will divert individuals experiencing mental illness from the criminal justice system and will provide critical professional partnership support to law enforcement operations. The child and adolescent grief and trauma programs will treat immediate complicated grief instances as well as prevent future concerns such as mental illness and substance misuse in adulthood.

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B: County Government

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\* Other (specify):

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

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

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

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

\* Title:

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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

County of Ocean HOME-ARP to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability

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 (\$):**

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**\* 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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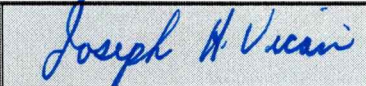
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2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
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6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.



9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Director
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION County of Ocean	DATE SUBMITTED 3/16/2023

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10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.



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20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Director
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION County of Ocean	DATE SUBMITTED 3/16/2023



## 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:

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Joseph M. Vicari  
Signature of Authorized Official

3/16/2023  
Date

Director, Ocean County Board of Commissioners  
Title

## RESOLUTION

March 15, 2023

**WHEREAS**, a Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on October 20, 2021, authorizing a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the award of \$4,865,698 in HOME-American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding (HOME-ARP); and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Ocean has prepared a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan to promptly make HOME-ARP funds available to address the needs of the community. The Substantial Amendment has been developed in accordance with Ocean County's adopted Citizen Participation Plan, which provides for and encourages citizen participation; and

**WHEREAS**, The County has completed the consultation and public participation processes and will submit a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in accordance with Section V.D.2 and 3 of CPD Notice 21-10; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the COUNTY of OCEAN, STATE of NEW JERSEY that;

1. The Director and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Ocean County Consortium Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Action Plan, the Ocean County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, and the Designated Representative of the County is authorized to provide such additional information as may be required by HUD.
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3. The Director and/or the County's Designated Representative is further authorized to execute all other related documents and reports as required under the rules and regulations of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Administrator, the Ocean County Planning Department, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Region II Newark.

I certify the foregoing to be a  
true copy of a Resolution adopted  
by the Board of Commissioners  
of the County of Ocean on the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

Michelle I. Gunther  
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Clerk of the Board



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**WebEx Meeting Information:**

Meeting link:  
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Meeting number: 2346 058 0091  
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**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA  
ENMIENDA SUSTANCIAL AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL DEL AÑO FISCAL 2021  
PARA EL PROGRAMA HOME DEL CONDADO OCEANO:  
FINANCIAMIENTO DEL PLAN DE RESCATE AMERICANO**

3600 Highway 66, Neptune, NJ 07753

**PROCLAMACIÓN DEL PLAN DE RESCATE AMERICANO**

El Condado Océano anuncia por la presente que presentará una Solicitud de Enmienda Sustancial al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de EE. UU. solicitando cambios sustanciales en el Plan de Acción Anual FY2021. La Enmienda consiste en cambios a la Subvención del Programa de Asociación de Inversión en Vivienda (HOME) para incluir el Plan de Asignación HOME - ARP.

Estos cambios propuestos se han identificado en el correspondiente Plan de Acción Anual (AAP) del año fiscal y se pueden encontrar en el sitio web del Condado Océano en <https://www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/frmHomePBoard>. De conformidad con las regulaciones de HUD, el cambio sustancial modifica el AAP para incluir las exenciones actuales del programa HUD y aumenta la asignación de fondos HOME para reflejar los fondos adicionales de la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense de 2021, (ARP) Ley Pública 117-2 para el año fiscal 2021 -2022 Programa de asociación de inversión HOME (HOME) - HOME ARP.

El Condado recibirá \$4,865,698.00 en fondos HOME - ARP bajo la asignación de fondos de la Ley ARP. Los fondos de HOME-ARP se utilizarán para servicios de apoyo, operaciones, administración y planificación sin fines de lucro, y el desarrollo de viviendas de alquiler asequibles.

Antes de la presentación del Plan de Asignación de HOME-ARP, el Condado Océano llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para recibir comentarios sobre el uso de los fondos y las actividades elegibles el 22 de febrero de 2023 a las 6:00 p. m. en el Departamento de Planificación del Condado de Ocean, 129 Hooper Avenue, Primer Piso, Toms River, NJ, 08754. El enlace para unirse a la audiencia pública de WebEx se proporcionará en el sitio web del Departamento de Planificación: <https://www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/frmHomePBoard>.

Se alienta a los ciudadanos a revisar la información del borrador de la enmienda sustancial en el sitio web del condado en <https://www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/frmHomePBoard>. Las copias de los documentos están disponibles para su revisión y comentarios durante el período de 15 días que comienza el 6 de febrero de 2023 y finaliza el 23 de febrero de 2023.

Por favor envíe sus comentarios al Departamento de Planificación del Condado Océano al correo electrónico [ocplanning@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:ocplanning@co.ocean.nj.us).

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Información de la audiencia en WebEx:

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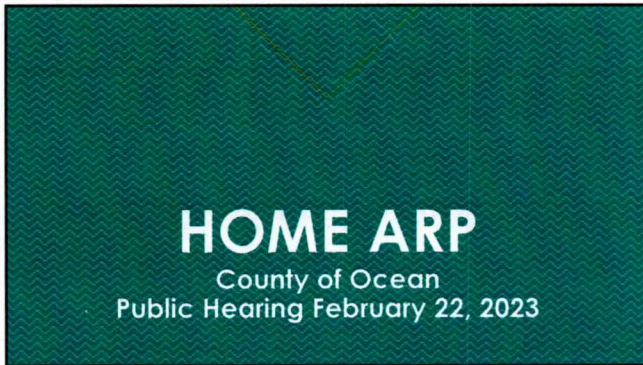
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The HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (PL. 117-2) (ARP)

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to be administered through the HOME program and primarily benefit individuals and families in specified HOME.

HOME-ARP funds can be used for the following primary activities:

- (1) development and support of affordable housing;
- (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA);
- (3) provision of supportive services; and
- (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

A participating jurisdiction may use up to 10% of the award for Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance and 15% of the award for Administration and Planning.

County of Ocean Allocation

Total Allocation for the County of Ocean - \$4,865,698

The HOME ARP Plan must be submitted to HUD by March 31, 2023

Funding Expenditure Deadline – September 30, 2030

Eligible Populations

Homeless

At Risk of Homelessness

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

Other Populations

- #1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness
- #2) At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

Veterans and Families that Include a Veteran Family Member (that meet one of the preceding eligible populations)



**Non-Congregate Shelter**

As opposed to congregate settings, such as traditional homeless shelters, non-congregate shelter provides more private accommodations (individual rooms).

Non-Congregate Shelter is defined as one or more buildings that:

- Provide private rooms for temporary shelter
- Serve individuals and families that meet one or more of the qualifying populations
- Do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement

Eligible Activities	Eligible Costs
Acquisition of structures	Acquisition Costs
New Construction, with or without land acquisition	Demolition Costs
Rehabilitation of existing structures (e.g. motels, nursing homes)	Development Hard and Soft Costs

**Supportive Services**

HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide services that help households maintain housing stability and quality of life.

These may include support with finding and applying for:

- Housing
- Financial assistance for moving costs
- Childcare
- Legal services
- Mental health
- Substance use services, and more

Supportive services may be provided to individuals and families who are not already receiving the services (limited) through another program. PIs may establish a separate supportive services activity or activities or may combine supportive services with other HOME-ARP activities.

**Supportive Services – Continued**

Childcare
Education Services
Food
Legal Services
Life skills training
Mental Health Services
Outpatient Health Services
Employment assistance and job training
Housing search and counseling services
Outreach Services
Substance Abuse Treatment Services
Transportation
Case Management
Mediation
Credit Repair
Landlord/Tenant Liaison
Services for Special Populations
Financial Assistance Costs

### Development and Support of Affordable Housing

For affordable rental assistance only, beneficiaries are expanded to include low-income (LI) households in addition to targeted qualifying populations. The rationale for this is to make affordable rental housing projects financially viable.

HOME ARP will help reduce debt service and cover operating costs to make projects financially viable over the compliance period, which is 15 years, regardless of amount of investment or activity.

HOME ARP funds may not be used for home buyer housing or homeowner rehab.

New Requirements
Tenant Rent Contribution Limits
Qualifying Populations versus income qualification
Operating Assistance/Reserves
Multiple Methods for Tenant Admission
Master Leases
Single Compliance Period

### Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

A rent subsidy to help households afford housing costs, such as rent and security deposits. "Tenant-based" means the subsidy is attached to the household, and they can use it to rent any rental unit that meets program guidelines and whose landlord is willing to accept the subsidy payment.

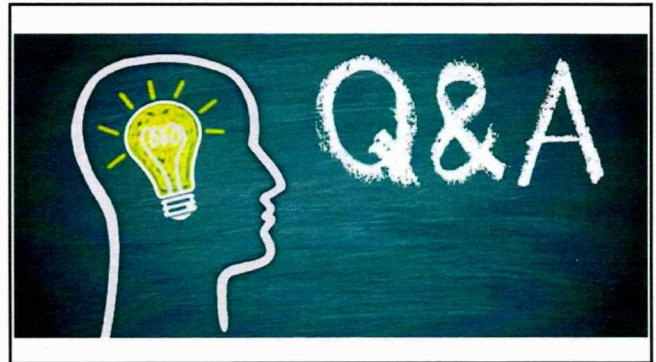
Eligible costs:

1. Rental assistance
2. Security deposits
3. Utility payments, as part of rental assistance
4. Utility deposit payments, as part of rental assistance or security deposit assistance
5. Cost of housing inspections
6. Administration of HOME ARP TBRA

A county may provide up to 100% of rent and utility costs (a difference between HOME ARP and HOME Program).

### Proposed Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding amount	Percent of the cost	Subsidy cost
Operating Reserves	\$190,000		
Acquisition and Operating Reserves for targeted projects	\$0		
Shared Asset Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0		
Operating Reserves for Affordable Rental Housing	\$1,392,560		
Operating Reserves	\$243,284	5 %	5%
Operating Reserves Building	\$0	0 %	5%
Operating Reserves Financing	\$729,854	15 %	10%
Operating Reserves TBRA	\$1,485,698		





Thank You