

# **City of Perth Amboy HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN**

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# HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

**Participating Jurisdiction:** Perth Amboy, New Jersey

**Date:** February 13, 2023

## **Introduction**

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the allocation of \$1,476,500 to the City of Perth Amboy, 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.

## **Guidance**

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

**Participating Jurisdiction:** City of Perth Amboy

**Date:** 2/11/2022

## **Consultation**

Before developing its plan, a PJ must consult with the CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans’ groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities, at a minimum. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

### ***Summarize the consultation process:***

Prior to developing the allocation plan, consultation meetings were held with key stakeholders of the City of Perth Amboy on October 20, 2021 and on February 2, 2022. The Office of Economic and Community Development staff sent emails and follow-up phone calls were made to members of local and County organizations familiar with homeless assistance needs, domestic violence, veterans, and other unmet needs and/or gaps in housing delivery systems in the City. These meetings served as the basis for the City’s strategy for distributing HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities to best meet the needs of qualifying populations. The following are the groups contacted



for HOME-ARP consultation meetings and public participation: County of Middlesex Continuum of Care (COC); Women Aware, the Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT), Fare Share Housing Center; Perth Amboy Housing Authority; City's Social Services and Housing Services; The Raritan Bay Area YMCA; The Renovation House; The United Way of Central Jersey; Catholic Charities, City Council Members; local Churches; The Office of Assemblywoman, Yvonne Lopez; Middlesex County Veteran's Association; Court Appointed Special Advocates of Middlesex County (C.A.S.A.); The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency; The Hackensack Meridian Medical Center; Morris Habitat for Humanity (CHDO); Middlesex County Board of Social Services; The Salvation Army and local nonprofits, such as: The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, The Cathedral International, the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.), all in the forefront of housing, shelter and service systems in the City and the County. In addition to the in-person meetings, a survey titled 'Perth Amboy Non-Profit Service Network' was emailed to each organization to better understand and coordinate their involvement/role in the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

The City continues to communicate with noted partners and with Middlesex County Continuum of Care (COC) via phone, in person and virtual meetings to ensure the prioritization of our efforts to close the unmet gap in housing with HOME-ARP funds.

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

<b>Agency/Org Consulted</b>	<b>Type of Agency/Org</b>	<b>Method of Consultation</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
<b>Raritan Bay Area YMCA</b>	Non-profit social service provider currently focusing on healthy housing and homeless prevention in addition to youth and family services	Group Consultation Meetings One on one meetings Phone calls and emails	Shelter as the primary need Focus on capacity building and use of software system, Nowpow to track clients receiving social service assistance.
<b>Middlesex County Continuum of Care (COC)</b>	County Social Services Agency – Homelessness Prevention	Group Consultation Meeting Participation in their monthly meeting to discuss our unmet needs and HOME ARP ideas	County Shelter in Perth Amboy leading to permanent housing. Form a network partnership to collaborate with local organizations. Stay away from TBRA as this would become a

			repeated service from the State and County.
<b>Women Aware</b>	Non-Profit Organization working with victims of domestic violence	Consultation Meeting	Considering the soaring rent prices and increase in domestic violence, supportive services and tenant based rental assistance are the two HOME ARP priority areas that domestic violence victims would benefit from the most.
<b>The Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT)</b>	A volunteer organization which advocates for victims of domestic violence and provides education within the schools and community with the mission to break the cycle of violence.	Consultation Meeting	Need for shelters and supporting services
<b>Fare Share Housing Center</b>	Affordable Housing Advocacy Organization	Consultation Meeting	Need for non-congregate shelter and supportive services to all including to persons with disabilities. In addition, the preservation of existing affordable housing and access to homeownership for Black and Brown families.

<b>Perth Amboy Housing Authority</b>	Government Agency managing and operating public housing	Group Consultation Meeting Follow up One-on-One meetings	Increase service dollars to agencies that provide counseling services. Need for additional affordable housing & shelter
<b>The Salvation Army</b>	Non-Profit Agency – former shelter operator in Perth Amboy	Group Consultation Meeting Follow up One-on-One meetings	Need for shelters in the City for individuals and families.
<b>The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD)</b>	Non-profit Social Services Agency and Pre-School Provider	Group Consultation Meetings One on one meetings Phone calls and emails	Shelter and permanent housing Add funding to TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance and use of Nowpow Software. Also mandatory participation in rental or financial literacy classes to receive funding.
<b>The United Way of Central Jersey</b>	Social Service Organization	Consultation Meeting	Grateful to be included in the planning session. Financial Planning and additional emergency housing options
<b>The Renovation House</b>	Non-Profit Social Service and Rehab Treatment Center	Phone Call Interview	Potential Shelter on their property on Jefferson Street
<b>Morris Habitat for Humanity</b>	Non-Profit Organization - CHDO	Group Consultation Meetings One on one meetings Phone calls	Recommended a shelter with single rooms for a max of 50 people. Use as a transitional space where agencies can provide services.



Jewish Renaissance Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	Consultation Meeting	Funding should not be used for rental assistance but for other services like assistance with security deposits
P.A.R.T.N.E.R.	Not-Profit Organization	Consultation Meeting	Need for shelters and supporting services

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### **Public Participation**

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

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

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

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

- *Public comment period: start date - 1/26/2022 end date - 2/10/2022*
- *Public hearing: 2/2/2022*

The public hearing is designed to obtain resident’s views and to respond to questions. Residents are invited to provide written or verbal comments at or prior to the public hearing. Information will be made available to residents regarding procedures, timing, eligible activities, and other regulations related to the HOME-ARP program. These priorities are reviewed and public comment is encouraged.

*Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:*

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

The City of Perth Amboy considers all comments and concerns received orally or in writing at the public meetings. Bilingual advertisements were published in local newspapers to alert the residents



of the 15-day public comment period which went from January 26, 2022 to February 10, 2022 with a public hearing taken place on February 2, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. via telephone and ZOOM meeting.

The public hearing notice/ad included the amount of HOME-ARP funds received by the City of Perth Amboy and the range of activities the City will undertake. In addition, there were Spanish speaking staff available to respond to any non-English proficient residents in attendance.

The City relies on maintaining an open and active lines of communication with the community organizations and nonprofits that service the community. This network of organizations with an ear to the ground for the populations most at risk of homelessness allow the City to make individual contact with individuals who suffer the loss of a job, medical emergencies or other personal crisis at the places they are most likely to seek assistance. In order to cast a wide a net as possible to help unsheltered individuals, the City relies on collaborative work between itself, non-profits, the community and the county. This large network of professionals and individuals looking to help those who may have been put at risk of becoming homeless is key to providing adequate help for whatever specific need they may have, be it from the loss of a job, medical emergencies or other personal crisis.

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

A needs assessment evaluation was conducted at the Consultation Meeting of October 20, 2021 to which the following comments were made. The City is in need of a shelter that provides additional support services to clients, be it in house or at a local/neighborhood organization. Crisis housing as well as additional affordable housing was also reviewed with an emphasis of conducting a housing inventory. There was also a discussion on the need for capacity building within organizations in order to provide the best services to the public. Additional support services that were touched on in the meeting included: assistance with payment of utility services in arrears, life skills/planning services, mental illness services and trauma and informed care for the homeless population.

Recommendations made during the meeting includes; shelters for men, women and families that are located near facilities that can provide additional support services such as case management and system navigation; an increase in service dollars to facilitate serving community needs; mandatory counseling and financial literacy classes for those receiving services; one-time payment assistance for emergencies such as car repairs; network partnerships amongst agencies; and a coordinated entry system to provide referral services to agencies that provide specific services.

At the completion of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan DRAFT a 15 days public comment period was established from February 13, 2023 to March 3, 2023 and a public hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. in an in-person meeting held at the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. A public announcement was published in two local newspapers, one being a local Spanish newspaper.



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

There were no members of the community in attendance, however, communication is on-going with our Community Based Organizations, our homeless prevention programs and the Middlesex County Continuum of Care (COC). The draft for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was in the City's website and a physical copy was available in the Office of Economic and Community Development located at City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy for 15 days from February 13, 2023 to March 3, 2023. There were no comments or recommendations not accepted.

**Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

*PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.*

According to the annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of the Homeless conducted on January 2021, there was a total of 629 homeless persons in Middlesex County, 458 households of which 138 were unsheltered. This data also reflects that 27.8% were found to be chronically homeless, 6.1% were veterans, 9.4% were victims of Domestic Violence and 11.3% were homeless youth (ages 24 years old and younger). Of the 18.4% of the total homeless persons found in the City of Perth Amboy during the count, 7.1% were sheltered and 34.2% were unsheltered homeless persons.

A primary factor that contributes to the homeless population in Perth Amboy are individuals/families being asked to leave a shared residence. Many Perth Amboy residents cohabitate in order to meet the expenses of maintaining the household due to low income. Families also reside in uninhabitable or illegal apartments due to affordability. Once premises are found to be uninhabitable or illegal, it leads to relocation into temporary housing. Unfortunately for these displaced families, permanent housing continues to be unaffordable and homelessness more likely. Additional demographic composition of the qualifying population includes the following:

- The population of Perth Amboy is 55,436, with 15,980 households and 3.20 persons per households averaged
- Median household income in Perth Amboy is \$52,563
- 19% of the population is below the poverty level
- On January 26, 2021, a total of 458 households (629 persons) experienced homelessness in Middlesex County, to which 53 persons were from Perth Amboy.



**The following initiatives are included in the City's objectives for reducing and ending homelessness:**

**1. Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

- The City relies on maintaining open and active lines of communication with the community organizations and nonprofits that service the community. This network of organizations with an ear to the ground for the populations most at risk of homelessness allow the City to make individual contact with individuals that suffer the loss of a job, medical emergencies or other personal crisis at the places they are most likely to seek assistance.
- In order to cast as wide a net as possible to help unsheltered individuals, the City relies on collaborative work between itself, non-profits, the community and the county. This large network of professionals and individuals looking to help those who may have been put at risk of becoming homeless is key to providing adequate help for whatever specific need they may have, be it from the loss of a job, medical emergencies or other personal crisis.
- During this program year CDBG funding was awarded to the Raritan Bay Area YMCA Center for Support, Success and Prosperity, to provide homeless housing placement and prevention support services and resources. A total of 476 homeless or at risk to become homeless individuals/families were provided housing related services leading to permanent housing. Families and individuals received care management services such as job training and readiness, mental and physical care referrals, life skills training, accessing eligible benefits, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence support and more. The services equipped families and individuals with the necessary tools to become self-sufficient.
- Additionally, the 2021 Point In Time count reveals important demographic and other information about families and individuals experiencing homelessness on the night of Wednesday, January 26th, 2021. These findings help to understand how to better allocate housing resources and services in order to prevent and end homelessness. The 2021 Count was greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Homeless service systems and planning bodies have had to vastly alter the way they have traditionally operated for the health and safety of their clients and staff.
- On January 26, 2021, there were 629 persons experiencing homelessness on a single night in Middlesex County. In comparing the racial breakdown of those experiencing homelessness to the racial breakdown in the general population and those living in poverty, disparate impacts along racial lines are evident. According to the American Community Survey 2019 annual estimates prepared by the Census Bureau, about 825,062 people live in Middlesex County, and 8.54% (70,496 persons) of Middlesex County residents are living below the poverty line. There is a strong correlation between poverty and homelessness, however, the racial disparities evident in the counted population indicate that poverty alone does not determine who will experience homelessness. The disparity is representation within the population experiencing homelessness as compared to the population experiencing poverty by race point to poverty being an inconclusive indicator of who will experience homelessness.



## **2. Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

- There is one community/faith-based agency providing emergency shelters and transitional housing to residents of Perth Amboy. Catholic Charities, State Street Program provide 39 units of transitional housing for single adults. Catholic Charities Ozanam Family Shelter, in nearby Edison, provides emergency shelter for 16 single women and 26 families. The facility has 14 emergency shelter beds and 26 transitional housing beds. While living in the shelter, program residents work with case managers to improve their earning capacity and obtain permanent housing. Ozanam Family Shelter is the only shelter in Middlesex County that provides emergency shelter for families. The average shelter stay is four to five months. Counseling and budgeting, employment, general living and other aspects of life are provided to the residents.
- The Middlesex County Board of Social Services provided shelter assistance to homeless households with dependent children. A majority of the households served were female-headed. Some of these female-headed households have been involved in domestic violence.
- Catholic Charities State Street Project administers 55 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units and 11 studio apartments, which provide affordable transitional, and permanent housing needs of single, non-disabled homeless individuals in Perth Amboy. Additional transitional housing is provided to three non-disabled single individuals through a three bedroom single-family structure. A total of 14 units are designated transitional housing and have received HOME CHDO funding for rehabilitation.
- Amanda Crossing in Edison is a transitional housing facility that provides services to low-income, single parent, homeless families. The transitional housing facility provides accommodations disabled parents and children. The services provided include: case management, education and literacy, job readiness and job replacement in line with Workfirst N.J., housing, relocation, child care and counseling and support groups. Approximately 40% of the residents assisted during this program year. The transitional housing facility has 29 units.

## **3. Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

- Placing families is extremely difficult, especially with the existing long family shelter waiting list. The relationship with Middlesex County Coming Home and Catholic Charities Shelter has provided us the opportunity to be able to expedite a process that is known for being otherwise very challenging. We believe that our family placement turnaround is due to our very successful collaborative partnerships with the shelters and



partnering agencies. This could not have been possible without all of our efforts in ending homelessness and the City of Perth Amboy is definitely well on its way.

- In addition, the City targets at risk youth populations at a preventative measure against homelessness. By employing youth between the ages of 16 and 24, the City can help provide valuable work skills and experience to foster more successful future job search endeavors for the youth.
- Further, the City's Senior Citizens Resource Center has been doing very well for itself. Gaining an extra bus for transporting people to events and trips has been a boon in terms of accommodating more seniors. This work is facilitated in part by PRAHD's Senior Service Center which boosts the City's efforts in providing nutritional services and pharmaceutical application assistance with PAAD/Senior Gold and USF. These services help ease financial burdens on at-risk senior populations in an effort to prevent homelessness.
- Finally, the Perth Amboy Housing Authority has worked hard with the City's Office of Housing in providing the community's low income population with financial understanding in the world of homeownership.

**4. Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

- The City of Perth Amboy, provides CDBG funding to area service providers to provide the best information regarding programs and services available to the homeless facilities that provide for the City's homeless and continues to fund a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program that prevents some families from becoming homeless.
- In addition, year-to-date, the Tennant Based Rental Assistance COVID Program has provided 60 families with back rent grants.

Furthermore, as of the HUDs most recent Voucher Management System report, Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy manages 1,276 active Housing Choice Vouchers.

The following table summarizes types of vouchers managed and the monthly costs of each as of December 31st, 2021.

	Standard Homeownership		Tenant Protection	Tenant Protection	Ported Out
Vouchers	650	34		83	56
Monthly Cost Per Voucher	\$1,037	\$1,068		\$1,016	\$1,037
Monthly Cost	\$674,248	\$36,305		\$84,295	\$58,087

## **Waiting List and Tenancy**

According to the 2016 Q4 Picture of Subsidized Households database, the housing authority's voucher program has an annual turnover of 4% having issued approximately 262 vouchers in the past year. The average voucher holder has received housing benefits for 9 years and 11 months. According to the 2016 PSH database, persons who were issued a voucher in the preceding 12 months waited an average of 69 months on the waiting list.<sup>1</sup>

## **Income Characteristics**

According to 2016 Q4 Picture of Subsidized Households data, the average voucher household contains 2.2 persons and has a household income of \$18,236 per year. 97% of households were very low income (VLI) and 79% were extremely low income (ELI). 33% of households had wages as a major source of income, 1% of households had welfare (TANF, General Assistance or Public Assistance) as their primary source of income, and 64% of households had other income (Social Security, Disability or Pension) as their major source of income.

## **Heads of Household Characteristics**

0% of households were headed by a person 24 years old or less, 35% were headed by a person 25 to 49 years old, 22% were headed by a person 51 to 60 years old, and 43% were headed by a person 62 years old or older. In addition, 5% of households were headed by a person 85 years old or older.

32% of households included children, 4% of which had two adults in the household. 29% of households with children have a female head of household. 86% of all households were headed by a female.

91% of all voucher households were headed by minorities with 11% of all heads of households being Black and 3% being Hispanic.

Of all households participating in the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy Housing Choice Voucher program, 28% include at least one person with a disability. 31% of households with a head of household 61 years or less were headed by a person with a disability. 67% of households headed by someone 62 or older were headed by a person with a disability.

## **Bedroom Size and Overhousing**

40% of voucher holders reside in a home with zero or 1 bedroom, 29% with 2 bedrooms and 30% with 3 or more bedrooms. 14% of voucher recipients are considered overhoused, meaning they occupy a rental unit larger than their family size requires.



## **Rent, Assistance, and Utility Allowances**

The average monthly tenant contribution to rent by Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy voucher holders in 2016 was \$480 and the average monthly HUD expenditure per voucher holder was \$1,196. The average utility allowance across all voucher recipients is \$145.

1. This Picture of Subsidized Households data field is the average wait time of those who received a voucher in the preceding 12 months. Due to special voucher programs like VASH, recent waiting list purges, or waiting list preferences the average wait time can vary significantly from one year to the next and it is entirely possible many current applicants on the waiting list have been waiting for assistance for far longer.

In Perth Amboy, NJ there are 273,637 housing units; of those housing units, there are approximately 265,815 occupied and 7,822 vacant. Types of homes change over the years, but single family homes detached have remained fairly consistent. In Perth Amboy, there are 146,921 1-unit detached housing units.

**Family households (families):** 192,321

**Married-couple family:** 151,461

**Nonfamily households:** 74,885

**Total households:** 265,081

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

HUD requires HOME-ARP funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in specified HOME-ARP "qualifying populations". Qualifying populations include, but are not limited to the following:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic assistance or to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing.

## **Homeless Populations**

*In accordance with HUD's definition of homeless under the HOME-ARP grant, HCD will consider a homeless family or individual to generally include:*

- *An individual or family who lacks a permanent and adequate permanent home*
- *A person or family who will imminently lose their permanent home due to a lack of resources or support*

- *A youth under the age of 25, even if accompanied by an adult that does not have a permanent home.*

## **Individuals and Families at Risk of Homelessness**

*HUD defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families who have an income below 30% of the area median income (AMI), do not have sufficient resources or support to prevent them from becoming homeless, or live with instability, like living in the home of another because of economic hardship of having been notified that their current living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of the application.*

Placing families is extremely difficult, especially with the existing long family shelter waiting list. The relationship with Middlesex County Coming Home and Catholic Charities Shelter has provided us the opportunity to be able to expedite a process that is known for being otherwise very challenging. We believe that our family placement turnaround is due to our very successful collaborative partnerships with the shelters and partnering agencies. This could not have been possible without all of our efforts in ending homelessness and the City of Perth Amboy is definitely well on its way.

Regular emergency shelters operated through the City's Department of Human Services, which includes the Office of Housing, there are two community based agencies providing emergency shelters and transitional housing to residents of Perth Amboy: Catholic Charities and the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, with an emergency housing program for the homeless. Also, a long term transitional housing project for displaced women that pairs homelessness prevention with supportive services, "Sheltered Hearts" is currently in operation in the City of Perth Amboy.

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD) operates the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program. PRAHD has been successfully coordinating TBRA for the past 13 years exclusively for extremely low and low income City residents. TBRA helps pay for the security deposit, back rent and the first month rental which is often a barrier to people and families securing new housing. The program also helps to pay rent for households that have not been able to make rent payments due to an unforeseen hardship and may be facing eviction. The Tenant Based Rental Assistance program helps individuals and families get out of homelessness and prevents others from becoming homeless or returning to homelessness.

In addition, the City targets at risk youth populations at a preventative measure against homelessness by employing youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The City can help provide valuable work skills and experience to foster more successful future job search endeavors for the youth. Further, the City's Senior Citizens Resource Center has been doing very well for it gaining an extra bus for transporting people to events and trips has been a boon in terms of accommodating more seniors. This work is facilitated in part by PRAHD's Senior Service Center which boosts the City's efforts in providing nutritional services and pharmaceutical application assistance with PAAD/Senior Gold and USF. These services help ease financial burdens on at-risk senior populations in an effort to prevent homelessness.



The Fare Share Housing Center, an affordable housing advocacy organization serving Middlesex County, applauds the City's efforts to create non-congregate shelter and appreciates the City already having experienced providers in shelter operation. Some fair housing concerns in shelter operation include ensuring that shelter staff are fluent in Spanish, shelters are accessible to people with disabilities, and shelters do not exclude people based on past involvement in the criminal justice system unless such exclusion is required by law. Other key fair housing concerns include looking at and including the preservation of existing affordable housing that could be lost in areas experiencing significant gentrification pressure and access to homeownership for Black and Brown families who have historically been excluded from such opportunities.

Finally, the Perth Amboy Housing Authority has worked hard with the City's Office of Housing in providing the community's low income population with counseling on financial literacy in the world of homeownership.

### **Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence or Human Trafficking**

*For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individuals or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. It includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit.*

The City of Perth Amboy works closely with Women Aware a Non-Profit Organization working with victims of domestic violence in Middlesex County. Women Aware envisions a society where individuals can live free from violence and injustice. Their mission is to promote the safety and self-sufficiency of individuals and families affected by domestic violence in Middlesex County, New Jersey. Women Aware aims to stabilize the lives of domestic violence victims, increase victims' safety, and reduce barriers to services.

The most dangerous place for a victim of domestic violence to be is in the home. The COVID-19 pandemic presents a unique danger for victims of domestic violence. Victims may be quarantined with their abuser, who may have the added stress of not working. Situations that increase stress, isolation, and financial strain, escalate abuse. Additionally, social distancing orders takes away the vital social support network that victims may rely on to escape the abuse. Safe and affordable housing, including access to supportive services, is a lifeline for victims of domestic violence.

Women Aware is seeing the impact of the pandemic on victims of domestic violence as the demand for our services steadily rise. In 2022, Women Aware sheltered 278 women and children, the most ever sheltered in our 42-year history. Supportive services for homeless victims are essential. Case workers meet with victims to establish critical next steps to stabilize their lives and maintain safety by assisting with transfers to a safe school for their children, coordinating transportation, and connecting them with appropriate medical referrals, financial assistance, and legal advocacy.



Action plans and goals are established, and case workers help clients meet their goals through housing advocacy and financial advocacy.

Availability of safe and affordable housing in the county has been decreasing, exacerbated by the pandemic. The average monthly income for a victim of domestic violence experiencing homelessness in the county is \$1,036.03. Victims fleeing domestic violence often enter their shelter with limited to no income. Last year, 100% of victims served in their shelter had income under \$50,000. The vast majority made even less. 71% had income under \$10,000, and many have children. The annual income needed to afford a 2-bedroom apartment in Middlesex County is \$65,137 per year, well out of the range of the majority of domestic violence victims facing homelessness or experiencing homelessness.

Considering the soaring rent prices and increase in domestic violence, supportive services and tenant based rental assistance are the two HOME ARP priority areas that domestic violence victims would benefit from the most.

In addition, The Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) is actively, round – the-clock providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence, regardless of gender, race, religion, economic status or sexual orientation. The DVRT is a volunteer organization which advocates for victims of domestic violence and provides education within the schools and community with the mission to break the cycle of violence. Meetings are held at Police Headquarters to offer resources and guidance.

The Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) is made up of volunteers from Perth Amboy. All prospective volunteers are required to complete an application. A criminal background check and an interview will be conducted. All applicants must possess a valid NJ driver's license and have their own transportation to police headquarters for assistance calls. Applicants that have criminal records or have been convicted of domestic violence may be denied acceptance. Other conditions which may prevent an applicant's approval include (but are not limited to): psychiatric or mental health issues, inability to read, write, or clearly speak English, alcohol or substance abuse issues, or any other issues which may interfere with the applicant's ability to assist a domestic violence victim.

All applicants must attend 40 hours of training conducted during evening and/or weekend hours. Once the mandatory classroom training is completed, the new members will respond to police headquarters with veteran team members for field training. Team members are required to be "on call" and are accessible by phone or pager and the police department will call the team member to respond to headquarters to assist a victim. The team members are expected to respond immediately when called. When assisting a victim of domestic violence, the team member explains all available options to the victim and helps them with the process involved in receiving help either through a restraining order, a shelter, counseling groups, or any other options available. The response team members assist all victims of domestic violence regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, race or religion.



Monthly team meetings are held and team members must attend (although some excused absences are allowed). Additional training may be required during the team members' time on the team. In addition to responding to headquarters to assist victims, the team is involved in many community events to promote public awareness and education on domestic violence. All team members are expected and required to participate in as many events as possible.

### **Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance or to Prevent Homelessness**

*HOME-ARP qualifying populations also include other populations who have previously qualified as homeless, are currently housed with temporary or emergency assistance, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness. In addition, HUD defines those at greatest risk of housing instability as households that have an annual income less than 30% AMI and are experiencing severe cost burden or have an income less than 50% AMI and meet a certain condition, like living in someone else's home or living in a hotel due to an economic hardship.*

The City relies on maintaining open and active lines of communication with the community organizations and nonprofits that service the community. This network of organizations with an ear to the ground for the populations most at risk of homelessness allow the City to make contact with individuals that suffer the loss of a job, medical emergencies or other personal crisis at the places they are most likely to seek assistance.

In order to cast as wide a net as possible to help individuals/families who are housed with temporary or emergency assistance, the City relies on collaborative work between itself, non-profits, the community and the county. This large network of professionals and individuals looking to help those who may have been put at risk of becoming or returning to homeless is key to providing adequate help for whatever specific need they may have, be it from the loss of a job, medical emergencies or other personal crisis.

The Perth Amboy Housing Authority's housing and counseling program is a community-based program for low and moderate income families seeking to purchase an affordable home, prevent foreclosure of an existing home, seek or maintain their rental housing, and obtaining financial literacy education and credit counseling. The Authority is a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency and services the entire City of Perth Amboy. One-on-one counseling and education is conducted by the Homeownership and Social Services Program Manager, Bilingual Housing Counselors and Bilingual Family Self-Sufficiency Case Manager. They assist clients with credit repair, job readiness and supportive services. Their annual objectives include: conduct homebuyer education for 110 clients; conduct financial literacy education and counseling for 50 clients; conduct post purchase education and counseling for 25 clients; conduct short term pre-purchase counseling for 25 clients; conduct long term pre-purchase counseling for 75 clients to include credit repair; assist 25 clients to purchase a home; conduct rental education and counseling for 15 clients. Statement regarding Eligibility: Require documentation on family size and income in order to show at least 51% of the clientele are LMI based on HUD's income guidelines. Level of Service: Approximately 300 City residents will be served each year.



In addition, the Raritan Bay Area YMCA Center for Support, Success and Prosperity, provides homeless housing placement and prevention support services and resources. A total of 476 homeless or at risk to become homeless individuals/families were provided housing related services leading to permanent housing for some. Families and individuals received care management services such as job training and readiness, mental and physical care referrals, life skills training, accessing eligible benefits, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence support and more. The services equipped families and individuals with the necessary tools to become self-sufficient and avoid returning to homelessness.

***Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:***

- ***Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;***
- ***Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;***
- ***Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness; and,***
- ***Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:***

In order to best serve the need of both the sheltered and unsheltered population, the City of Perth Amboy would need to establish additional non-congregate shelter (NCS) and capacity building for a better transitional housing program where providers could offer support services to accomplish self-sufficiency goals. These support services should include: financial literacy, parenting education, life skill classes, domestic violence prevention, counseling services for mental/physical abuse and substance abuse counseling. The ultimate goal would be to make this population less reliant on public assistance and to provide the tools for self-sufficiency.

The City of Perth Amboy lacks sufficient non-congregate shelter for the unsheltered population. Establishing a non-congregate shelter location would be the priority in meeting the community needs. Local providers do have some units available, however it is not sufficient for the number of homeless in our community.

***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:***

Congregate shelter is available through local providers including: Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen as well as privately owned residences that are subsidized by the Middlesex County Board of Social Services. Supportive services including counseling services, case management, credit counseling and financial literacy training are provided by the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD), Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen, Puerto Rican Action Board (PRAB), Perth Amboy Housing Authority, the Center for Support, Success and Prosperity (Raritan Bay Area YMCA), Renovation House, and Sheltered Hearts. Tenant based rental assistance is also provided by these local providers with help from CDBG funding from the City with the exception of the Middlesex County Board of Social Services. Permanent supportive rental housing is offered through the Perth Amboy Housing Authority by way of Section-8 and housing vouchers. However, both have limited funding and an extensive waiting list.



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

The following activities were recommended to address gaps in the current system:

- Shelter as the primary need Focus on capacity building and use of software system, Nowpow to track clients receiving social service assistance.
- County Shelter in Perth Amboy leading to permanent housing. Form a network partnership to collaborate with local organizations. Stay away from TBRA as this would become a repeated service from the State and County, but offer mandatory participation in rental or financial literacy classes to receive funding.
- Increase service dollars to agencies that provide counseling services. Need for additional affordable housing & shelter
- Need for shelters in the City for individuals and families.
- Shelter and permanent housing.
- Recommended a shelter with single rooms for a max of 40 people. Use as a transitional space where agencies can provide services.

**Service Delivery System**

1. Partner with local agencies that provide homeless assistance to operate a non-congregate shelter, understanding, that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used for shelter operations;
2. Create a working group with our local agencies that include: The Raritan Bay Area YMCA, The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, The Jewish Renaissance Foundation, The Perth Amboy Housing Authority, The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and The County's Continuum of Care, to focus on homelessness and implement a system of services for homeless individuals and families;
3. Review the use of the County, State funds for non-congregate shelter operations.

***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:***

Characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness is unaffordable housing for those residents that make low wages, illegal or inhabitable housing that can result in relocations as well as temporary housing with family or friends which can lead to displacement.

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

Transitional housing and non-congregate shelter for the unhoused population is priority. Support services that include counseling, financial literacy and additional services to promote self-sufficiency as a secondary priority. Additionally, a network that enables local providers the ability to share information regarding clients to provide the best services without duplication from other agencies is also needed.

**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. When a program is outside the capacity of City staff, the City will conduct a Request for Proposals similar to its existing process for CDBG and HOME allocations. This process is open to all qualified non-profit service providers.

Award(s) will be made based on the applicant's project scope as it pertains to the outlines 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:***

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	\$ 0.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 1,182,025.00		
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Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 0.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 73,000.00	5%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$221,475.00	15%	15%
<b>Total HOME-ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$1,476,500.00</b>		



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

***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:***

Based on reviewing the community needs assessment, the City has identified activities that will assist individuals and families of the most vulnerable qualified populations by incorporating both analyzed housing and shelter data and the stakeholder feedback of the current trends. After reviewing the gap analysis for shelter and affordable housing availability, as well as analyzing local capacity and other sources of funding relating to community needs, the City is planning on allocating \$1,182,025 of HOME-ARP funding to acquire and rehabilitating a property to create a non-congregate shelter for our homeless population. The City will also allocate 5% of the HOME-ARP grant in the amount of \$73,000 for capacity building of a local non-profit that assist in the City's efforts to end homelessness by providing supportive services to help program participants achieve self-sufficiency.

Lastly, the City will allocate 15% in the amount of \$221,475 of the HOME-ARP funding for Administration and Planning. Administrative funds will be used to offset City's staff salaries that assist in such and 5% for planning will be budgeted pre-plan approval to complete the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The remaining 10% will be used for administration once the plan is approved by HUD. The City is responsible for ensuring that HOME-ARP funds are used in accordance with all program requirements and written agreements, subrecipients, or contractors do not relieve the City's responsibility.

The City understands that HOME-ARP funding cannot be used to operate the non-congregate shelter (NCS), therefore, operational funding will be as follows: the provision of comprehensive case management, education, training and advocacy for the individuals that will be temporary sheltered at the NCS, while capacity dollars will be used for salaries and other administrative functions by the non-profit. HOME-ARP funds will not be used to operate the NCS.

**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:***

City proposed HOME-ARP funding for a combination of the creation and operation of a non-congregate shelter and to develop the capacity of non-profit to mitigate assistance, provide training and education so that they can efficiency and successfully develop a comprehensive plan that leads to permanent housing.

***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 City's goal is to allow more availability of emergency shelters beds/units while providing support services that lead to permanent housing.

## **Preferences**

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

- *Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).*
- *PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.*

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

The City of Perth Amboy intends to give preference to individuals that meet the following criteria as defined in the Qualifying Populations section of CPD Notice 21-10.

***If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:***

In order to best serve the need of both the sheltered and unsheltered population, the City of Perth Amboy would need to establish additional non-congregate shelter (NCS) and a better transitional housing program where providers could offer support services to accomplish self-sufficiency goals. These support services should include: financial literacy, parenting education, life skill classes, domestic violence prevention, counseling services for mental/ physical abuse and substance abuse counseling. The ultimate goal would be to make this population less reliant on public assistance and to provide the tools for self-sufficiency.

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## **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines**

***If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with 24 CFR 92.206(b). The guidelines must describe the***



*conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:*

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

Not applicable. The City of Perth Amboy does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The City of Perth Amboy does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The City of Perth Amboy does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The City of Perth Amboy does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The City of Perth Amboy does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The City of Perth Amboy does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

## **Appendix**

1. Proof of Citizen Participation & Outreach (Public Notices, Public Hearing Agenda and Public Comments)
2. Preliminary Pro-Forma Budget for NCS operations
3. SF-424s
3. HOME-ARP Certifications



**CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, NJ  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
(HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN DRAFT**

The City of Perth Amboy was awarded \$1,476,500. in HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds in a one-time allocation from the Housing Urban Development (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 City has concluded the draft for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and plans to enter into a collaborative agreement with the Raritan Bay Area YMCA to create and operate a non-congregate shelter (20 units) and for capacity building of such. This initiative would address current gaps and help further assist the unsheltered population with the long term goal of permanent housing for the most vulnerable.

The City has allocated the HOME-ARP funds for the following activities:

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 0.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 1,182,025.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 0.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 75,000.00	5%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$221,475.00	15%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$1,476,500.00		

HOME-ARP funds are allocated through the Office of Economic and Community Development of the City of Perth Amboy. The draft of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for review for 15 days in the City's website [www.perthamboy.nj.org](http://www.perthamboy.nj.org) or at the Office of Economic and Community Development located at 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861, from Monday, February 13, 2023 to Friday, March 3, 2023. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. in an in-person meeting held at the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Language translation (English and Spanish) and assistance to the disabled will be available for all participants.

Residents are invited to provide written or verbal comments at or prior to the public hearing. Comments will be reviewed and considered for the final draft of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which will be submitted to HUD on Friday, March 10, 2023.

Comments can be sent via email to Maritza Rodriguez, Coordinator of Federal and State Aide [mrodriguez@perthamboy.nj.org](mailto:mrodriguez@perthamboy.nj.org) or through mail at 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Thank You,  
Helmin J. Caba, Mayor  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

SS.

I, Victoria Ann Kupsch, being of full age,  
being duly sworn upon my oath, certifies:

That a notice, of which the annexed is a  
true copy, was published in the Home  
News Tribune, which is a newspaper  
published in Middlesex County, New Jersey;  
on the 14th day of February, 2023 in said  
newspaper.

Victoria Ann Kupsch  
Victoria Ann Kupsch

Sworn and subscribed before me this

15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

Louise M. DeNardo  
Notary Public of New Jersey

LOUISE M. DENARDO  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/7/23



# Consejos para presentar declaración de impuestos de 2022

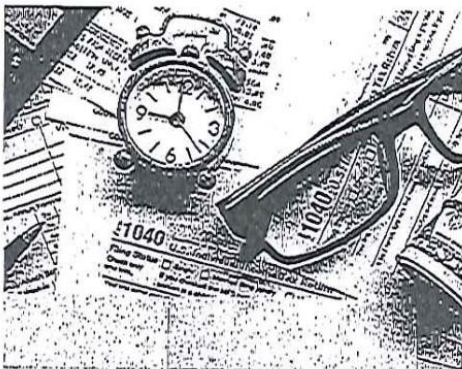
En Colaboración con el IRS

Para ayudar a los contribuyentes a navegar el comienzo de la temporada tributaria de 2023, el Servicio de Impuestos Internos (IRS) ofreció una lista de verificación con recordatorios para las personas, conforme se preparan para presentar la declaración de impuestos.

Desde la recopilación de documentos hasta la presentación de su declaración, estos pasos ayudarán a facilitar la preparación de impuestos en 2023:

Reúna la documentación y los archivos de impuestos para verificar que todo se presente con exactitud para evitar perderse de algún beneficio o crédito. Los contribuyentes deben tener todos sus documentos importantes y necesarios antes de preparar su declaración. Esto ayuda a que presente una declaración completa y precisa. Los errores y las omisiones atrasan el procesamiento de impuestos, incluidos los tiempos de entrega de reembolsos. Recuerde informar todos los tipos de ingresos en la declaración de impuestos. Esto es importante para evitar recibir un aviso o una factura del IRS. No olvide incluir los ingresos de:

- Bienes creados y vendidos en plataformas en línea
- Ingreso de inversión



Para evitar largos tiempos de espera, el IRS insta a las personas a usar IRS.gov para obtener respuestas a sus preguntas de impuestos, en inglés, verificar el estado de un reembolso o pagar impuestos.

- Trabajo a tiempo parcial o de temporada
- Trabajo por cuenta propia u otras actividades comerciales
- Servicios prestados a través de aplicaciones móviles.

Presente una declaración precisa haciéndolo electrónicamente y elija depósito directo para evitar

demoras en el reembolso. Evite las devoluciones en papel. El software de impuestos ayuda a las personas a evitar errores al hacer los cálculos. Guía a las personas a través de cada sección de su declaración de impuestos a través de un formato de preguntas y respuestas.

Elija cuidadosamente a un profesional de impuestos. La mayoría de los preparadores de declaraciones de impuestos son profesionales, honestos y brindan un excelente servicio a sus clientes. Sin embargo, existen preparadores de declaraciones de impuestos deshonestos que presentan declaraciones de impuestos falsas. El IRS tiene un Directorio de preparadores de declaraciones de impuestos federales con credenciales y calificaciones selectas, en inglés y más información acerca de cómo elegir un profesional de impuestos en IRS.gov.

## Recursos Gratis

Hay recursos gratis disponibles para ayudar a los contribuyentes a declarar. Free File podría estar disponible para contribuyentes calificados. Para aquellos que buscan evitar posibles demoras al presentar una declaración de impuestos en papel, Free File del IRS es una opción. Free File del IRS está disponible para cualquier persona o familia que haya ganado \$73,000 o menos en 2022.

## CIUDAD DE PERTH AMBOY, NJ AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PROGRAMA DE ASOCIACIÓN DE INVERSIÓN EN EL HOGAR - PLAN DE RESCATE AMERICANO (HOME-ARP) BORRADOR DEL PLAN DE ASIGNACIÓN

La Ciudad de Perth Amboy recibió \$1,475,500, en fondos de HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) en una asignación única de Housing Urban Development (HUD). Los fondos federales de HOME-ARP se crearon para ayudar a las personas y familias que se encuentran sin hogar, en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar y otras poblaciones vulnerables, proporcionando viviendas asequibles, asistencia para el alquiler, servicios de apoyo y refugio no-congregado, para reducir la falta de vivienda y aumentar la estabilidad de vivienda.

La Ciudad ha concluido el borrador del Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP y planea entrar en un acuerdo de colaboración con la YMCA del Área de la Bahía de Raritan para crear y operar un refugio no-congregado (20 unidades) y para el desarrollo de capacidades del mismo. Esta iniciativa ayuda a disminuir las brechas actuales de la población sin refugio, con el objetivo de ofrecerles vivienda permanente a largo plazo para los más vulnerables.

La Ciudad ha destinado los fondos HOME-ARP para las siguientes actividades:

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Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$1,475,500.00		

Los fondos de HOME-ARP se asignan a través de la Oficina de Desarrollo Económico y Comunitario de la Ciudad de Perth Amboy. El borrador del Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP estará disponible para su revisión durante 15 días en el sitio web de la Ciudad [www.perthamboynj.org](http://www.perthamboynj.org) o en la Oficina de Desarrollo Económico y Comunitario ubicada en 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861, a partir del lunes, 13 de febrero de 2023 al viernes 3 de marzo de 2023. La audiencia pública está programada para el miércoles 22 de febrero de 2023 a las 3:00 p.m. en una reunión en persona que tendrá lugar en la Cámara del Consejo ubicada en el segundo piso del Ayuntamiento, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Habrá traducción de idiomas (inglés y español) y asistencia para discapacitados disponible para todos los participantes.

Se invita a los residentes a proporcionar comentarios escritos o verbales durante o antes de la audiencia pública. Los comentarios serán revisados y considerados para el borrador final del Plan de asignación de HOME-ARP que se enviará a HUD el viernes 10 de marzo de 2023.

Los comentarios se pueden enviar por correo electrónico a Maritza Rodríguez, Coordinadora de Ayuda Federal y Estatal [maritza@perthamboynj.org](mailto:maritza@perthamboynj.org) o por correo postal a 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

GRACIAS  
Holmín J. Cabé, Alcalde



## Usted puede ayudar a encontrar la cura del Alzheimer

El estudio familiar de la influencia genética en la enfermedad de Alzheimer (EFIGA) está buscando voluntarios mayores de 50 años, con o sin problemas de la memoria que deseen ayudarnos a conocer mas sobre los factores de riesgos y genéticos relacionados con esta enfermedad.

Si está interesado en participar en el estudio o desea obtener más información, escribanos a [efiga@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:efiga@cumc.columbia.edu) o llámenos al 212-342-2331.

Esta investigación no ofrece tratamientos. La misma se lleva a cabo bajo la dirección del Dr. Richard Mayeux, MSc, en el GH Sergievsky Center y la Universidad Columbia.





**Public Hearing**  
**HOME-Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP FY 2021)**  
**Funding Allocation Process**  
**February 2, 2022**  
**At 3:00 P.M.**

OECD Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83923062810?pwd=N01qdnYveHZRVWprVnFHVU0xdVB1UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 2306 2810 Passcode: 206860

## AGENDA

- I. Welcoming, Introductions & Ground Rules
- II. Purpose of Public Hearing  
The City of Perth Amboy is drafting an "Allocation Plan" for the HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) program funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. HUD has allocated the City of Perth Amboy HOME-ARP funding in the amount of \$1,476,500.
- III. Guidelines
  - a. Consultation Process
  - b. Public Comment Period
  - c. Funding Allocation Projects Description
  - d. HOME-ARP Allocation Final Draft Submission to HUD
- IV. HOME-ARP Allocation Project Review
  - a. Goals & Objectives
  - b. Needs Assessment
  - c. Project Timeline
  - d. Project Description
  - e. Community/Program Beneficiaries
  - f. Outcomes
  - g. Relationships to other Programs
  - h. Budget
- V. Questions & Answers

Note: Public Hearing was hosted by Tashi Vazquez, Assistant Director - Office of Economic and Community Development.

Office of Economic & Community Development  
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Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
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In attendance:

From the Office of Economic and Community Development

- Maritza Rodriguez, Coordinator of Federal and State Aide
- Margarita Feliciano, Administrative Secretary
- Fatayi Saliu, Senior Accountant

No other member of the community was in attendance

Tashi Vazquez stated the following:

We have been meeting with our Community Based Organizations, our homeless prevention programs and the Middlesex County Continuum of Care (COC) to discuss the gaps of services in the City of Perth Amboy. Yesterday, February 1, 2022, a meeting with members of the COC, the YMCA and the City's Office of Housing and Social Services was held to discuss a collaboration with the County to purchasing and rehabbing a location for a non-congregate shelter in the City of Perth Amboy with the assistance of the County. Other priority services were identified such as: Employment and Job Training; Food Insecurities; Housing Counseling; Mental Health services; Case Management; Tenant/landlord Liaison and Legal Services. Presently the HOME-ARP Funding Allocation Plan is being finalized and a continuation public hearing will be scheduled and publicized, for further discussions. If there are any questions or comments please email Maritza Rodriguez, Coordinator of Federal and State Aide of OECD at [mcrodriguez@perthamboynj.org](mailto:mcrodriguez@perthamboynj.org) or call (732) 826-0290 Xt. 4860.

The public hearing was recorded and a continuation public hearing will be scheduled to further discuss the HOME-ARP Funding Allocation Plan.

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**Public Hearing**  
**HOME-Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP FY 2021)**  
**Allocation Plan Draft**  
**February 22, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.**

**Location: Council Chambers**  
**City Hall, 260 High Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**  
**Perth Amboy, NJ 08861**

**Accommodations for participants who are disabled was available**  
**Language Translation and Interpretation (English-Spanish) was available**

**Host: Tashi Vazquez, Director of the Office of Economic and Community Development**

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcoming, Introductions & Ground Rules
- II. Purpose of Public Hearing  
HUD has allocated the City of Perth Amboy HOME-ARP funding in the amount of \$1,476,500,00 to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. The City has concluded the draft for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to address current gaps and help further assist the unsheltered population.
  - a. Consultation and public comments period
  - b. Funding Allocation Projects Description/Budget
  - c. HOME-ARP Allocation Final Draft Submission to HUD (March 10, 2023)

Based on reviewing the community needs assessment, the City has identified activities that will assist individuals and families of the most vulnerable qualified populations by incorporating both analyzed housing and shelter data and the stakeholder feedback of the current trends. After reviewing the gap analysis for shelter and affordable housing availability, as well as analyzing local capacity and other sources of funding relating to community needs, the City is planning on allocating \$1,182,025 of HOME-ARP funding to acquire and rehabilitate a property to create a non-congregate shelter for our homeless population. The City will also allocate 5% of the grant in the amount of \$73,000 for capacity building on a local non-profit that assist in the City's efforts to end homelessness by providing supportive services to help program participants achieve self-sufficiency. The City will allocate 15% in the amount of \$221,475 of the grant for Administration and Planning. Administrative funds will be used to offset City's staff salaries that assist in such and 5% for planning will be budgeted pre-plan approval to complete the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The remaining 10% will be used for administration once the plan is approved by HUD.

Lastly, HOME-ARP funds will not be used to operate the Non-Congregate Shelter.

- III. Questions & Answers

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- Maritza Rodriguez, Coordinator of Federal and State Aide
- Fatayi Saliu, Senior Accountant

No other member of the community was in attendance, however, communication is on-going with our Community Based Organizations, our homeless prevention programs and the Middlesex County Continuum of Care (COC). Presently the draft for the HOME-ARP Funding Allocation Plan is in the public comment period until March 3, 2023 and residents are able to provide written or verbal comments which will be reviewed and considered for the final draft which will be submitted to HUD on Friday, March 10, 2023.

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# Non-Congregate Shelter Pro-Forma/Budget

Income	40 beds		Annual Dinner	328.5 70% of the 30 beds for 365 nights less 10% vacancy
	28 \$	43.00		
Contributions/Funders NET	42,500.00			
State Emergency Assistance per diem	395,514.00			
ARP support \$	25,000.00			
State Supportive Housing	75,000.00			
Grants - CDBG Perth Antboy	30,000.00			
Grants - CDBG Woodbridge	20,000.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$118,014.00</b>			
Expenses	hours		# of PT staff	
	8	8		
52000 - Employment Costs				
1 Dayline Staff (works with Coordinator)	\$58,400		1	\$20
2 Evening Staff	\$116,800		2	\$320
1 Overnight Staff (works with Security)	\$58,400		1	\$160
1 Overnight Security	\$73,000		1	\$200
Full time Coordinator	50,000.00		1	\$28
Supervision (Director of Housing)	7,000.00			
<b>Total wages and Salaries</b>				
52210 - Health Benefits: 1 FT + 16% of Director	363,600.00			
52220 - Retirement Expense	15,000.00			
52230 - Life Ins Benefits	4,560.00			
52240 - Long Term Disability	300.00			
52311 - FICA	300.00			
52312 - Unemployment Insurance	27,815.40			
52315 - Other Employment Expense - Recruitment/Basic	10,544.40			
52330 - Workers' Compensation	800.00			
52335 - Uniforms	5,050.40			
52335 - Uniforms	1,200.00			
<b>Total 63310 - Staff &amp; Volunteer Development</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>			
<b>Total Employment Costs</b>	<b>411,210.20</b>			
62600 - Utilities - Other	18,000.00			
62615 - Cellular	1,600.00			
62620 - Internet	1,500.00			
Telephone Landline	1,800.00	5 lines		
62830 - Equipment & Furnishing: replacement: sheets, pillows, towels	15,000.00			
62932 - Cleaning/Bathroom Supplies	18,000.00			
62935 - Maintenance Service Contracts: HVAC, Cleanli	48,000.00			
62840 - Maintenance - Other	12,000.00			
<b>Total Occupancy Costs</b>	<b>116,100.00</b>			
62316 - Licenses and Fees	2,500.00			
62430 - Payroll Service Fees	1,000.00			
62505 - Copier Expense	6,000.00			
62705 - Technology Costs - Other	5,000.00			
62810 - Insurance	25,000.00			
<b>63000 - Administrative Allocation for HR, Communications, Finance</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>			
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>			
63510 - Program Supplies	2,000.00			
63200 - Transportation - Program	6,000.00			
<b>10 meals a day</b>				
<b>supplied by state</b>				
<b>food program, 20</b>				
<b>meals purchased</b>				
Food Services / meals a day And related supplies	29,200.00			
<b>Total Program Costs</b>	<b>37,600.00</b>			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>637,210.20</b>			
	<b>-49,196.20</b>			



**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:**

**4. Applicant Identifier:**

**5a. Federal Entity Identifier:**

**5b. Federal Award Identifier:**

B-1MC-34-0116

**State Use Only:**

**6. Date Received by State:**

**7. State Application Identifier:**

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**\* a. Legal Name:** City of Perth Amboy

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

22-6002206

**\* c. Organizational DUNS:**

SZX7EP1SR8W3

**d. Address:**

**\* Street1:** 260 High Street

**Street2:**

**\* City:** Perth Amboy

**County/Parish:**

**\* State:** NJ: New Jersey

**Province:**

**\* Country:** USA: UNITED STATES

**\* Zip / Postal Code:** 08861-4451

**e. Organizational Unit:**

**Department Name:**

Economic & Community Developme

**Division Name:**

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

**Prefix:** Ms.

**\* First Name:** Tashilee

**Middle Name:**

**\* Last Name:** Vazquez

**Suffix:**

**Title:** Director

**Organizational Affiliation:**

**\* Telephone Number:** (732) 826-0290 Xt. 4863

**Fax Number:** (732) 826-1160

**\* Email:** tvazquez@perthamboynj.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 and Urban Development

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

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

\* Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

**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:**

The City of Perth Amboy HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

\* a. Applicant

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\* b. Program/Project

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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	1,476,500.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	1,476,500.00

**\* 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 218, Section 1001)

☒ \*\* I AGREE

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

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:

Mr.

\* First Name:

Helmin

Middle Name:

J.

\* Last Name:

Caba

Suffix:

\* Title:

Mayor

\* Telephone Number:

(732) 826-0290

Fax Number:

(732) 826-1160

\* Email:

hcaba@perthamboyntj.org

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:



\* Date Signed:

4/19/23

# ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009  
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**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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


1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. 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.
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.



11. 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 and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the 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.
13. 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.
14. Will comply 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.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of

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

16. 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.
17. 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.).
18. 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."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Perth Amboy	DATE SUBMITTED 2/21/22

## HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

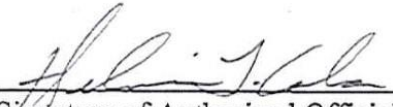
1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the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



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

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

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

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

2/21/22  
Date

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Title