



HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

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Instructions: All guidance in this template, including questions and tables, reflect requirements for the HOME-ARP allocation plan, as described in Notice CPD-21-10: *Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, unless noted as optional. As the requirements highlighted in this template are not exhaustive, please refer to the Notice for a full description of the allocation plan requirements as well as instructions for submitting the plan, the SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and the certifications.

References to “the ARP” mean the HOME-ARP statute at section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2).

Consultation

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

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

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

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

The County of Rockland engaged in a comprehensive consultation process with various stakeholders throughout the months of November/December 2022 and January/February 2023. During this time, the County engaged with various service providers serving each of the qualifying populations, including but not limited to: the Continuum of Care; Department of Social Services; Office for People with Disabilities; Center for Safety and Change; the Kaser, Nyack, Spring Valley, Ramapo and New Square Public Housing Authorities; and organizations addressing fair housing and civil rights. Consultation included virtual, telephonic, and in person interviews and email requests for information.

Each entity was provided with a synopsis of the HOME-ARP funding and qualifying populations, and was asked to provide feedback on the unmet needs, service gaps, and housing concerns of their clientele.

List the organizations consulted:

AGENCY	TYPE	METHOD	FEEDBACK	QPs
BRIDGES, Inc.	Nonprofit - Disability Services	Interview	There is a need for more housing for people with disabilities. Many individuals and families with disabilities are living in conditions that are unsafe due to their unique circumstances. There is a need for housing that is both affordable and accessible, as there is a correlation between low-income and disability status.	2,3,4 and veterans
CARES	Nonprofit - Service Provider	Interview	Unsheltered numbers are relatively low compared to other counties. The need is mainly for homelessness prevention, transitional and affordable housing more than emergency shelter. Maintenance of existing affordable units is also a priority. Upcoming expiration of housing funds (ESGCV, ERAP) will likely lead to increased need for homelessness prevention efforts.	1,2,3,4
Catholic Community Churches and Services	Nonprofit - Service Provider	Interview	A large portion of homeless individuals are Spanish-speaking single men. Most at-risk households are single parents with children.	1,2,3,4
Center for Safety and Change	Nonprofit – Service Provider	Interview	In 2022, they had a total of 1846 clients who were survivors of various crimes, of which 1382 were DV survivors. Most clients reside in Rockland. Most clients require non-housing related support, such as therapy or immediate support through their hotline. For clients that require housing support, in 2022, 59 people were able to find shelter through the CSC. 251 adults and 90 children who requested shelter were NOT placed due to a lack of housing placement opportunities. CSC has a 15-bed shelter for immediate placement where DV survivors can stay up to 180 days, after which the CSC assists in finding transitional or permanent housing. They are then able to provide	3

			<p>rental payment support for one year through a transitional housing grant. Because the CSC is a non-profit with limited capacity, they sometimes are not able to send rental payments before the first of the month.</p> <p>Meanwhile, some landlords have included a clause in their leases that imposes a fee if rent is paid late. This trend has become more popular since the pandemic took its toll on landlords. Landlords are hesitant to collaborate with the CSC because of fear that DV survivors will rekindle relationships with their former abusers, or enter new relationships that are also abusive. They do not want to engage with any issues associated with these types of relationships. All survivors would benefit from long-term supportive services such as therapy and other support. However, it is critical to ensure survivors and their children can re-engage with a community of their choice as soon as possible to restore a sense of normalcy. It can be counterproductive to healing for survivors to be in the same complex; accordingly, the need is for more options of affordable housing throughout the county, rather than a concentration of housing for DV survivors.</p>	
Community Outreach Center	Nonprofit - Service Provider	Interview	<p>There is a need for more affordable housing to be built within the Orthodox Jewish community. This community is by far the fastest-growing in the county.</p>	2,4

Habitat for Humanity of Rockland, Inc	Nonprofit Developer – Affordable Housing	Interview	Even though Habitat is primarily in the homeownership sphere, due to the clientele they serve they see that the existing rental housing in Rockland County is simply unaffordable. This is what makes Habitat homes so appealing, because even with mortgage and taxes, the cost to the household is often far less than rent.	2,4
Hellman Property Management	Developer - Affordable Housing	Interview	Existing funding sources for affordable housing only work for developments over a certain size. Due to the availability of land and zoning allowances across the county, it is challenging to use these existing funding sources (e.g. LIHTC, etc.) to develop affordable housing at a smaller scale.	2,4
Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless	Nonprofit - Service Provider	Interview	Most homeless individuals are male. Many are foreign-born and Spanish speaking. Many struggle with substance abuse issues, which prevents them from qualifying for government housing assistance. Because sobriety requires stability, this creates a chicken-and-egg scenario: a lack of stable housing exacerbates substance abuse challenges, while substance abuse challenges disqualify some individuals from government housing assistance.	1,2,3,4
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	Non-profit - Service Provider	Email	The lack of affordable housing is the most pressing area of need. Because of the types of cases LSHV handles, they also see a need for assistance with rental arrears. There is a real need for education and outreach to the entire community to make sure that people know what resources are available, and to communicate the countywide need for more housing.	1,2,3,4
Nanuet Family Resource Center	Nonprofit - Family and Child Services	Interview	There are many low-income, Spanish-speaking families in Nanuet school district. There is a need to formalize Single Room Occupancy housing to cater to families who live multi-generationally, or several families under one roof.	2,4

New Square Public Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Interview	PHA administers 650 Section 8 vouchers, all of which are used exclusively within New Square. The waitlist has 250 people on it.	2,4
Nyack Housing Authority	Public Housing	Interview	Nyack Housing Authority is a high-functioning PHA in which many tenants are able to move on once they find jobs with higher income. At the same time, many people who increase their income find it beneficial to stay because 30% of income is still lower than most rents in the County. There is a need for financial literacy and other educational efforts in order to expose residents to possibilities and life goals outside of the complex.	2,4
Ramapo Public Housing Authority	Public Housing	Interview	Most Ramapo Section 8 vouchers are able to be used. This is likely because the majority of clients are within the Orthodox Jewish community, and there is more housing available in Ramapo than elsewhere in the county.	2,4
Rockland County Continuum of Care	Government	Interview	The greatest challenge the CoC faces in meeting their mandate is the severe lack of housing, especially transitional housing. There is a serious need to increase development of affordable units in the county. While services are relatively robust, there is not enough funding for acquisition and construction of affordable housing. Rockland is also one of the fastest aging counties in the state.	1,2,3,4
Rockland County Department of Social Services	Government	Interview	There is a severe gap in mental health assistance, especially for singles who need supportive housing. Many landlords no longer want to work with DSS due to destruction of property by tenants. There has been an increase of substance use in recent years, especially amongst youth up to 25 years old. There is a need for more beds in rooming houses. There is also a need for more case workers.	1,2,4
Rockland County Department	Government	Interview	There is a severe gap in mental health assistance, especially for singles who need supportive housing. There is a	1,2,4

of Social Services			severe need for support and housing for undocumented residents. There is no overlap of service provision with the operating hours of the warming center.	
Rockland County Department of Social Services	Government	Interview	Need for affordable housing, specifically for single mothers with children. There is a need for housing for individuals and households with mental health needs. There is a need to increase flexibility around substance use recovery; relapse should not trigger a loss of housing or support.	1,2,4
Rockland County District Attorney	Government - Law Enforcement	Interview	The way NYS's human trafficking statute is drafted makes it difficult to prosecute many cases of suspected trafficking. Most victims of human trafficking and domestic violence are female, and are reluctant to come forward for prosecution. This is often due to fear of losing resources such as housing. A shortage of shelter within the County also makes it challenging for victims to come forward, because the alternative placements are often out of the county and result in disruption to families. Often the perpetrator of human trafficking maintains such a level of control over victims, and victims feel they cannot make it on their own. This is exacerbated by a lack of work skills and/or English proficiency, and the overall unaffordability of the County. Domestic violence service providers are stretched then, and intermediate resources are scarce. The data on human trafficking is difficult to collect, because many victims do not report. Domestic violence victims and human trafficking victims are often subject to the "economic handcuffs" of their persecutors, highlighting the need for more affordable housing to give victims the ability to break free of the abuse cycle.	3

Rockland County Human Rights Commission	Government - Civil Rights Agency	Interview	Housing discrimination complaints in Rockland County predominantly center on disability. Landlords are often unaware of federal and local law pertaining to disabled tenants' rights, and in particular their obligation to consider reasonable accommodations. The Commission is currently investigating 2 housing discrimination cases that include the basis of race, in addition to the bases of color, age and national origin. Although Rockland County Fair Housing Law also prohibits discrimination on the bases of creed, sex or gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, alienage or citizenship status, marital status, familial status, military status, veteran status or status as a victim of domestic violence, the number of housing discrimination cases on these bases is zero. Landlords appear to be unaware that source of income discrimination (i.e. not renting to voucher holders) is against the law.	1,2,3,4
Rockland County Office for People with Disabilities	Government	Interview	When individuals with disabilities contact the Office for housing placement, there is nowhere to direct these individuals due to lengthy waiting lists for accessible developments. There is a need to increase disability funds to match inflation as many who rely on assistance increasingly struggle to meet the cost of living. There is a need to increase the frequency and effectiveness of transit for people with disabilities and seniors.	2,4

Rockland County Veteran's Service Agency	Government - Veteran's Agency	Email	Veterans have seen changing landlords/rising prices and cannot afford their rent/home anymore. Most of the veterans seeking services are in crisis because of chronic conditions (health, mental health, addiction), so many of these veterans would benefit from more housing for people with disabilities (whether that be service-connected health issues or from aging). Unfortunately, Rockland has limited affordable housing and this poses a severe issue for veterans—even if they qualify for the HUD VASH voucher. Rockland Homes for Heroes has 8 units for homeless veterans and is in the process of building more. Those 8 units are always full and there are always more veterans looking to live in Homes for Heroes. In the past two to three weeks there has been an uptick in veterans that earn too much money to qualify for any assistance but yet are not housed. Additionally, there has been an increase in homeless veterans/referrals. Two of those veterans were women, one with seven children. Any veteran with children poses a problem because the VA system does not have services for veterans with dependents and so therefore only local community resources are available for veterans with children.	2,4 and veterans
Rockland Housing Action Coalition, Inc.	Nonprofit Developer - Affordable Housing	Interview	Many tenants in the developments managed by RHAC have several families doubling up, with as many as 9 people in one bedroom. There is a perception that homelessness has increased in recent years. The few trespassers that continue to enter and sleep at RHAC complexes have mental health challenges, and the police do not have a strategy or anywhere to direct these individuals for support or housing. The key barriers to development are imposed by local government.	1,2,4

Rockland Housing Choice Voucher Team	Government	Interview	The need for housing choice vouchers far exceeds the availability of vouchers. When the waitlist was last opened in 2018 over 9000 people applied for 1000 positions. Housing options that meet the criteria of the program are limited and some landlords do not want to rent to voucher holders. Her department also offers a homeownership program but due to high operating costs participation rates in the program are very low.	2,4
Phyllis B. Frank Pride Center of Rockland County	Nonprofit – Service Provider/Civil Rights Agency	Email	The most pressing areas of need as it relates to housing and the LGBTQ+ community in Rockland County has two prongs. The first is the need year-round emergency housing that is safe for LGBTQ+ (and particularly Transgender and Non-Binary) people. This emergency housing should have a clear path to sustainable permanent housing using the housing first model and administered by agencies with a commitment to LGBTQ+ rights. The second is that there is a need for low-barrier affordable housing that is safe for LGBTQ+ people, including immigrants. This affordable housing must be located in desirable areas, close to transportation and employment. Housing stability is one of the top challenges expressed by Pride Center clients. Helping clients maintain stable housing, stabilizing clients' housing in emergencies, and providing rapid re-housing services absorb a great deal of staff time at the Pride Center. If money were no object, the Pride Center would build and operate youth emergency housing here in Rockland County that is safe for LGBTQ+ youth. The Pride Center would also initiate a housing first pilot program targeting LGBTQ+ adults and designed to increase community stability and prevent homelessness. It would provide rent assistance and wraparound services to five families for two years,	3,4

			using a nationally recognized model designed to lift people out of poverty permanently. The pilot would establish the effectiveness of this intervention in Rockland County and hopefully open opportunities to continue and expand it.	
Sisters of Charity	Nonprofit Developer - Affordable Housing	Interview	There is a need for more funding for acquisition and construction of affordable housing. Finding a site is another significant challenge due to limited land. On average, there is a need for approximately \$1m for predevelopment and acquisition assistance for any project.	2,4
Spring Valley Housing Authority	Public Housing	Interview	There is a serious need to increase housing supply across the county. Many people remain in Public Housing even after they can be independent because their communities are formed. There is very low turnover. Enforcement for various issues such as rental payment or property destruction is very difficult due to the lack of credibility of eviction proceedings. Many tenants have additional residents living with them whose income does not contribute to rent, though this trend is difficult to prove.	2,4

United Way	Nonprofit - Service Provider	Interview	The top housing needs based on 211 calls are housing-related, such as payment assistance and homelessness assistance. There are at least 1000 mostly male singles, many of whom are foreign-born and Spanish speaking with some level of immigration insecurity, living in overcrowded situations in Spring Valley alone.	1,2,4
Village of Kaser Public Housing Authority	Public Housing	Email	Kaser PHA has 92 vouchers and its waiting list is currently closed. There is a need for more affordable rental housing, particularly smaller units, with 2-3 bedrooms and more rental vouchers such as Section 8.	2,4
WestCOP	Nonprofit - Service Provider	Interview	WestCOP serves 3500 households (out of 7000 total) struggling with housing-related challenges including rental payments and evictions. 80% of them have language barriers and many are illiterate in their own language. There is no homeless shelter in Rockland County, and unhoused individuals are resistant to leaving the county to find shelter. County government should make their land available for affordable housing.	1,2,4

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

All interviewees identified a severe lack of affordable rental housing units within the County. Additionally, there is a lack of accessible housing for individuals with disabilities and a lack of supportive housing units. The County remains one of the most severely cost-burdened in the State, with 47% of households spending more than 30% of household income on housing costs, and notably, 21% of households are severely cost burdened, spending more than 50% of household income on housing costs. People with mental/physical disabilities, racial/ethnic minorities, undocumented residents, single parents, people experiencing domestic violence were all identified as experiencing higher levels of housing insecurity and challenges obtaining and maintaining housing. Overall, the need for greater affordable rental housing inventory in the County was the prevalent theme of all feedback. While the need for permanent supportive housing in the County is clear, consultation with stakeholders showed that the lack of adequate rental housing supply or inventory makes the need for additional supportive services secondary.

Public Participation

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

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

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

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

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

- *Date(s) of public notice: 2/5/2023*
- *Public comment period: start date – 2/6/2023 end date - 2/22/2023*
- *Date(s) of public hearing: 2/21/2023*

Describe the public participation process:

Rockland County published a notice in The Journal News (“LoHud”) informing the public of the availability of the HOME-ARP allocation plan, as well as the public hearing, on February 5, 2023. A copy of the notice and Plan were also made available on the County’s website at <http://rocklandgov.com/departments/community-development/>. The Plan was available for at least a 15 day period, and the County conducted a public hearing on February 21, 2023. The public hearing was held in person at the Office of Community Development, with a virtual option. Comments on the Plan were accepted via US Mail, email to RCOCD@co.rockland.ny.us, telephone, or at the public hearing.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The County offered multiple opportunities and methods for interested parties to provide comment and participate in the public participation process (such as virtually, in person, written or verbal comments). Language services for the Limited English Proficient were available upon request. Reasonable accommodations to allow broader participation by LEP persons or persons with disabilities in the hearing, either in person or virtually, were made available. The County circulated the draft allocation plan to the CoC as well as other stakeholder groups and municipalities to further encourage public comment.

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

The Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation provided the following comment in writing: “The Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation believes that Rockland County’s HOME ARP Allocation plan correctly addresses the desperate need for affordable housing development in the county. On average, there is a need for approximately \$1m for predevelopment and acquisition assistance for any project. Rockland County has one of the highest cost indicators in the state, with a ratio of median income to average sales price of 5.01(According to NYSHCR), and over 55% of its residents are rent-burdened (U.S census). Making these funds available for the development and predevelopment of affordable housing in the county is a necessary step in achieving the needs of the various communities, as well as the growth targets set forth by Governor Hochul’s New York Housing Compact.

No comments or recommendations were received at public hearing.

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

Not applicable.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

	Current Inventory						Homeless Population			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	TOTAL*	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Beds				
Emergency Shelter	38	13	5	NA	0	43				
Transitional Housing	0	0	30	NA	0	30				
Permanent Supportive Housing	41	13	46	13	0	87				
Other Permanent Housing*							40	3	1	15
Sheltered Homeless							6	51	2	0
Unsheltered Homeless							0	40	16	2

Emergency Shelter Point-in-Time Count 2022				
Organization Name	Project Name	PIT Count	Total Beds	Utilization Rate
Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland Inc.	The Inn Warming Center	33	54	61%
Center for Safety & Change, Inc	Rockland Family Shelter (DV)	12	13	92%
Loeb House Inc.	Take Five	0	2	0%
Rockland County DSS	Emergency Housing	3	3	100%
Rockland County DSS	Family Shelter	8	28	29%
		Sum : 56		

Transitional Housing Point-in-Time Count 2022				
Organization Name	Project Name	PIT Count	Total Beds	Utilization Rate
Open Arms Inc.	Men's Community Residence	6	18	33%
Open Arms Inc.	Women's Community Residence	4	12	33%
		Sum : 10		
Permanent Supportive Housing Point-in-Time Count 2022				
Organization Name	Project Name	PIT Count	Total Beds	Utilization Rate
Loeb House Inc.	Fred Hecht Apartments	28	28	100%
Loeb House Inc.	Homes for Heroes	7	7	100%
Loeb House Inc.	Maggie Conway Rooming House	17	17	100%
Rockland County DSS	RCDSS PSH	26	26	100%
VA Hudson Valley	HUD VASH	9	9	100%
		Sum : 87		
Rapid Rehousing Point-in-Time Count 2022				
Organization Name	Project Name	PIT Count	Total Beds	Utilization Rate
Center for Safety & Change, Inc	CSC - DV Rapid Rehousing	15	15	100%
Rockland County DSS	RC DSS - NYS ESG-CV RRH	2	2	100%
Rockland County DSS	RCDSS - RRH 1	23	23	100%
Rockland County DSS	STEHP RRH	2	2	100%
VA Hudson Valley	WestCOP - SSVF	1	1	100%
		Sum : 43		
Unsheltered* Point-in-Time Count 2021**				
Total Unsheltered			40 persons	
Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information				
Chronically Homeless Individuals			22	
Chronically Homeless Families			0	
Chronically Homeless Vets			0	
Chronically Homeless Youth			3	
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness			10	
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder			11	
Adults with HIV/AIDS			2	
Victims of Domestic Violence			2	

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	31847		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	4638		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	7971		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		8225	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2985	
Current Gaps			1399

However, the table above doesn't accurately and adequately represent the housing gap as intended. The primary issue is that the housing demand (level of need) as presented in the table only includes households with one or more severe housing problems. This ignores the fact that households at the same income level without a severe housing problem are still competing for the same housing units at that level of affordability. The consequence of this is an overrepresentation of the availability of housing units for households at-risk of homelessness.

The data below shows that there are 11,510 households with a household income at $\leq 30\%$ AMI, but only 4,638 housing units that are affordable at that income range. This means there is a deficiency of -6,872 units affordable to households at this income range. 8,225 (71%) of the 11,510 households earning $\leq 30\%$ AMI have at least one severe housing problem as defined by HUD. These households are at-risk of homelessness. With this information we can estimate that there is a deficiency of at least 4,876 housing units for households that are at-risk of homelessness (71% of the 6,872 gap).

Renter Households Earning $\leq 30\%$ AMI		
Number of Housing Units Affordable with an Income of $\leq 30\%$ AMI (Current Inventory)	Number of Households With a Household Income of $\leq 30\%$ AMI (Level of Need)	Gap
4,638	11,510	-6,872

Estimating housing gap for households that are At-Risk of Homelessness:

- Of the **11,510** households with a household income of $\leq 30\%$ AMI, **8,225 (71%)** have at least one severe housing problem.
- There is a deficiency of **6,872** housing units affordable to households at $\leq 30\%$ AMI.
- 71% of 6,872 is **4,879**
- Therefore, there is deficiency of about **4,879** housing units for households at-risk of homelessness.

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

- The 2022 Point-In-Time count from the Rockland County Continuum of Care found that there were 58 people in emergency shelter, 10 people in emergency shelter, and 40 unsheltered people. The 58 people in emergency shelter made up 47 households, 6 of the 47 households had at least one child in the household.
- The warming center sees 45-50 people each night, and 20-25 of those individuals come on a regular basis. In November 2022, 93 different individuals sought shelter at the warming center, and approximately 20 of those shelter seekers were undocumented.
- From October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021 The CoC served a total of 366 persons.

	Number	Percent
Households	291	
Persons	366	
GENDER		
Female	94	31%
Male	213	69%
Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming	0	0%
RACE		
White	101	35%
Black	123	42%
Other Races	67	23%
OTHER		
Veteran	18	6%
Chronically Homeless	34	11%

Program	Persons Served
Emergency Shelter/Safe Haven/Transitional Housing	239
Rapid Re-Housing	46
Permanent Supportive Housing	83

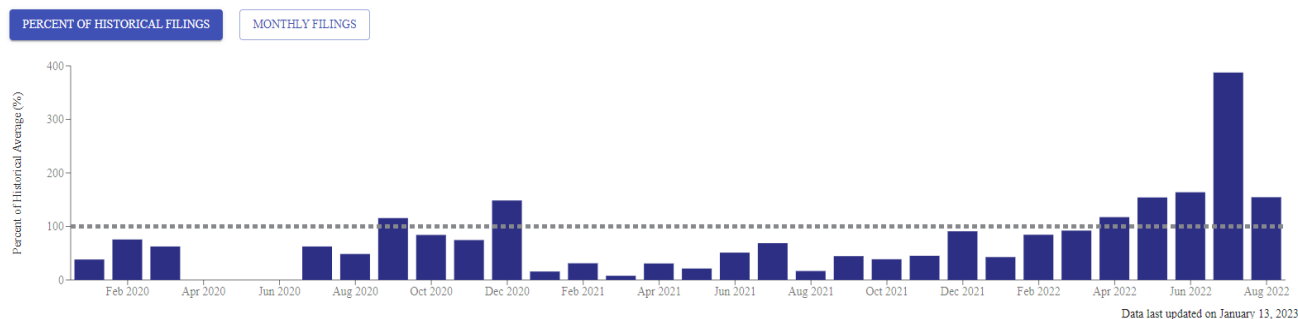
- According to the FY2021 HMIS Annual Report, 166 households experienced homelessness for the first time during the reporting period.
- There are approximately 1000 people in temporary housing assistance through Rockland County DSS. 134 of those are substance abuse cases.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

- Of the **11,510** households with a household income of $\leq 30\%$ AMI, **8,225 (71%)** have at least one severe housing problem.
- 47% of Rockland County households are spending more than 30% of their household income on housing costs. This includes 21% of households that are severely cost burdened, spending half or more of their household income on housing costs.
- Based on HMIS data for the period from 10/1/2020-9/30/2021, 53% of households exiting the system exited to temporary housing destinations. This may indicate a greatly likelihood of instability. Of households that exited to temporary situations, 23% returned within 730 days.
- According to the Ramapo Public Housing Authority, 500 individuals applied for the Project-Based Voucher program within one month of the application opening in August of 2019. Since then, only 65 have been placed in housing, and 435 remain on the waiting list. For their Section 8 waiting list, they received 3347 applications within a 2-week period in Spring of 2022.
- The County DSS housing coordinator reported that, of 70 clients who have received Emergency Housing Vouchers, 60 have not found placements due to lack of available units.
- Eviction Lab 2018 data shows that prior to Covid, Rockland County averaged 10 eviction filings per day, threatening an average of 2,900 households with eviction.
- Legal Services Corporation data collected since the pandemic showed that there have been 1,331 eviction filings since April 1, 2020. This is notable because during the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a state-wide moratorium on evictions from March 16, 2020-January 15, 2022. The table below demonstrates the monthly evictions filed, with a marked uptick in 2022.

Monthly Filings During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Use the buttons below to visualize the total monthly filings or filings as a percent of the historical average. Dotted line represents the historical monthly average (2019).



- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, a provider of counsel to low-income individuals and families reported the following information about cases they have handled:

Legal Problem Code	2020 Cases Handled	2021 Cases Handled	2022 Cases Handled
61 Federally Subsidized Housing	15	19	28
62 Homeownership/Real Property (Not Foreclosure)	1	0	1
63 Private Landlord/Tenant	85	120	200
64 Public Housing	11	5	9
65 Mobile Homes	1	0	2
66 Housing Discrimination	1	2	2
67 Mortgage Foreclosures	10	6	10
68 Mortgage Predatory Lending/Practices	1	12	0
69 Other Housing	8	0	29
Grand Total	133	164	281

Legal Problem Code	2020 Cases Opened	2021 Cases Opened	2022 Cases Opened
61 Federally Subsidized Housing	11	14	16
62 Homeownership/Real Property (Not Foreclosure)	0	0	1
63 Private Landlord/Tenant	67	95	161
64 Public Housing	9	3	8
65 Mobile Homes	1	0	2
66 Housing Discrimination	0	1	2
67 Mortgage Foreclosures	7	5	6
68 Mortgage Predatory Lending/Practices	1	0	0
69 Other Housing	7	9	24
Grand Total	103	127	220

The data above indicate a marked upturn in the need for legal services related to housing since the expiration of COVID related eviction and foreclosure moratoria, putting these individuals and households at risk of homelessness.

- The United Way's [2020 ALICE report](#) (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) found that of 99,502 households, 41% of Rockland County households qualify below the ALICE threshold. While many of these ALICE households earn above the federal poverty level, they

still struggle to make ends meet and do not earn enough to afford basic household necessities. This makes them particularly vulnerable to eviction or other loss of housing stability.

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

- According to the 2021 Point in Time Count, 2 individuals in the system were identified as survivors of domestic violence.
- According to the FY2021 HMIS Annual Report, 26 heads of household identified as domestic violence victims/survivors. Data on victims of human trafficking was not readily available in Rockland County.
- The Center for Safety and Change, a nonprofit domestic violence service provider assisted 1382 domestic violence survivors in 2022.
- While data on human trafficking is not easily tracked or accessible, anecdotal evidence suggests that it is a regional issue. The County participates in New York State's Safe Harbour Program and has a core team of professionals who collaborate with the Rockland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.
- In a 2018 News12 four part investigative journalism series entitled "Slavery in Suburbia: Sex Trafficking of Children Flourishing in the Hudson Valley," (<https://westchester.news12.com/slavery-in-suburbia-sex-trafficking-of-children-flourishing-in-the-hudson-valley-38003438>), freedom of information requests to each of the 217 police departments in the region showed 1222 human trafficking incidents in a three year period. In Rockland County, the Town of Clarkstown was identified as a particular hot spot for trafficking because of easy access to major transportation routes.
- Equality Now's [July 2020 report](#) "Combating trafficking for sexual exploitation amidst the Covid-19 pandemic: lockdowns, online sexual abuse, & supporting survivors remotely" attributes a five year 846% increase in child sex trafficking to the growing use of the internet. 94% of victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation are women and girls. The pandemic heightened incidents of trafficking because it increased poverty, making victims more vulnerable, school closures prevented children from accessing their main source of shelter and nourishment, more children and young adults spent unsupervised time online for learning and socializing, leaving them vulnerable to online predators.
- A recent report from the [Polaris Project](#) indicates that traffickers frequently target individuals who lack strong support networks, are facing financial strains, have experienced violence in the past, or who are marginalized by society. LGBTQ youth face higher rates of discrimination, violence, and economic instability than their non-LGBTQ peers. When faced with fewer resources, employment opportunities, or social supports, LGBTQ youth who are away from home must find ways to meet their basic needs and may therefore enter the street economy, engaging in commercial sex to meet these needs.

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

- Catholic Charities has 20-25 cases of homelessness prevention. 15-18 of those cases are single parents living off \$1000 per month. About half of all cases are undocumented residents. 1 or 2 cases are fleeing Domestic Violence.
- There is a severe lack of affordable and accessible housing for individuals with disabilities, physical and otherwise, who are independent and can live alone but require certain accommodations. There is a distinct need to develop housing that is both accessible and affordable. While there may be some accessible housing that is market rate, many individuals with disabilities are also low-income. According to local organizations working with the disabled (e.g. BRIDGES), wait lists for accessible developments can be between 2 and 5 years. In 2022, 365 people have approached BRIDGES for housing and shelter needs. At least 150 of those seeking accessible, affordable housing could not be placed by the organization due to a lack of available units. According to the Office for People with Disabilities, many individuals living on Disability payments are struggling more than ever with rental payments, as the cost of living has increased but their stipends have not risen to meet that increase.
- There is a severe lack of supportive housing for individuals with a need for more constant services and care, alongside a severe lack of mental health and addiction support services even for those who can live alone. There is a very strong correlation between homelessness, mental health, and addiction. For example, the Rockland Department of Social Services has a case load of 200-300 individuals per month who struggle with substance abuse and have unstable housing.
- There is a severe lack of affordable housing for single parents, mostly mothers with children. This population tends to live in overcrowded housing arrangements, as noted by family resource coordinators that work in school districts. In many cases, more than one family will live in the same apartment, where multiple members of one family will share one room. This is most prominent among Haitian and Latino communities
- According to the 2021 HMIS data, other populations requiring services to prevent homelessness were as follows:

Veteran Households	18
Disabled Households	164
Transgender/Gender Non-conforming	0

- HMIS data also showed that 36 people received rapid rehousing assistance, 15 of whom were Black or African American, or 42%, while 2 were Hispanic/Latino, or 6%. Of the 19 households served in Rapid Rehousing, 5% exited without permanent placement, 5% were still enrolled in Rapid Rehousing and not placed in permanent housing, and 63% of households in Rapid Rehousing who were placed in permanent housing but were still receiving Rapid Rehousing assistance.
- Of 161 households that exited the system within six months, 16% returned within 180 days.

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

- Rockland County offers a significant number of vouchers for emergency housing placement as well as Section 8 rental assistance.
- The Department of Social Services and nongovernmental agencies offer robust services such as food access and hygiene programs.
- Helping Hands offers a breakfast program where approximately 60 individuals come for a hot meal each morning.
- Catholic Charities runs the warming center from November through May and offers overnight support for homeless individuals during those months. The organization serves 500 households that are at-risk of homelessness through their food pantry.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

- Low-barrier, year-round shelter is not available in the County.
- All stakeholders consulted for this process expressed the same overwhelming need: affordable rental housing. The County has prioritized investment of its HOME funds in development of rental housing to expand the inventory of affordable rental units. However, many of those participating in consultations reported that even these units are not affordable to the extremely low-income populations. Further, there is increased competition for fewer affordable units.
- Special needs populations are frequently housed in poor quality units. Landlords establish screening criteria that create barriers for entering permanent housing (including references, minimum income requirements, credit scores). Combined with escalating rents and low vacancy rates, it is difficult for this population to move out of shelter and into permanent housing.
- According to stakeholders, transportation service needs exist for people experiencing homelessness to destinations besides medical appointments. While numerous service providers are available to provide mental health services in the County, their capacity to provide adequate levels of supportive services are strained due to staff shortages, staff burnout, and insufficient staff wages.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

- Long waiting lists for public housing also indicate lack of affordable inventory for those who require subsidized or other affordable housing options. Households in need of rental assistance are at greater risk for homelessness as rents continue to skyrocket and housing becomes increasingly unaffordable. Stakeholders also reported high rates of evictions among households with pending emergency rental assistance applications, indicating both a great

need for additional rental assistance resources, as well as a large population of households that are facing eviction and considered at risk of homelessness.

- Stakeholders reported service gaps in connecting people discharging from treatment facilities to housing, identifying transitional housing/step-down housing as an unmet need and an effective model for populations discharging from institutional care. Services such as case management and other services during non-traditional hours (outside normal business hours) are not available but are needed.
- Service providers report that even with the existence of vouchers, many landlords do not want to rent to voucher holders. This is despite the fact that source of income-based housing discrimination is illegal under NYS and local fair housing laws.

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- The 2022 Point in Time Count shows that the Center for Safety and Change, which operates the County's domestic violence shelter is at a 92% utilization rate. This high percentage indicates a greater need for domestic violence beds within the County.
- The District Attorney's Office identified the need for more intermediate level assistance to this qualifying population, and particularly services for the LEP population, as well as assistance with navigating the complexities of bureaucracy to achieve greater independence from perpetrators.
- The Center for Safety and Change identified a need for greater need for permanent and transitional housing for domestic violence victims. In 2022, 251 adults and 90 children who requested shelter were not placed due to a lack of housing placement opportunities. All survivors would benefit from long term supportive services. Overall, there is a need for more options of affordable housing throughout the County.

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

- Supportive housing for individuals with mental health challenges is currently at 100% utilization. This would indicate a need for greater mental health and supportive services.
- In addition to a lack of general inventory, service providers and not for profits report a lack of accessibility in units that are affordable for individuals with disabilities.
- Individuals with addiction issues struggle with finding housing that will not terminate due to relapse.
- Due to severe lack of inventory, households in this qualifying population making 31%-50% of AMI are in competition with a broad range of other income levels for available housing. This puts more pressure on the market, raising overall prices and increasing the likelihood of housing instability.

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

- There is no existing homeless shelter in Rockland County.
- There is a need to increase development of affordable housing in general, specifically for cost-burdened households, individuals with disability, and individuals who require supportive services, addiction support, and mental health care.
- The Continuum of Care would benefit from the presence of more affordable housing developers involved in shaping a plan to increase transitional and affordable housing.
- There is no MICA (Mentally Ill, Chemically Addicted) Housing in Rockland whatsoever.
- Most mobile service providers (mobile showers, Meals on Wheels, etc.) operate until 5 pm, and many are volunteer-based. Because the warming center is open in the evening, there is no scheduling overlap between services and the operational hours of the warming center
- According to the United Way, calls to 211 in 2022 indicated an increase in calls from individuals seeking housing assistance

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Housing-Related Calls Placed to 211 (Rockland County)	416	198	313	276	491

REASON FOR CALLING 211:	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Rent Payment Assistance	42	28	84	66	109
Homeless Shelter	136	57	49	54	91
Electric Service Payment Assistance	85	15	54	42	68
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	17	25	22	14	49
Housing Search Assistance	43	26	15	14	19

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

The County is not identifying characteristics at this time.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Based on stakeholder consultations and data analysis, rental housing that is affordable and accessible to individuals and households at 0-30% AMI is the priority need. Establishing an adequate supply of deeply subsidized housing for Qualifying Populations is a priority due to low inventory and escalating rental costs. Coupled with this is a priority for rental assistance and supportive services (including case management, legal services and homeless prevention services)

to assist the homeless to identify and access housing and become stably housed, as well as to prevent homelessness among households who are at greatest risk.

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

In addition to stakeholder consultation and feedback, the following data sources were consulted to determine needs and gaps for HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

- Homeless Needs Inventory is gathered from the Point in Time Counts (2022) and the 2021 HMIS Annual Report from the Rockland County COC for the period from 10/1/2020-9/30/2021
- The Number of Housing Units Affordable at Household Income range (Current Inventory) is derived from a combination of data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS), and Area Median Income (AMI) calculations from HUD. The AMI from HUD was used to calculate the maximum affordable monthly cost of housing (no more than 30% of household income) for households with incomes at 30% AMI and 50% AMI. These affordable monthly costs were matched with an ACS table that provides the number of housing units by housing cost. The result is an estimate of the number of housing units that are affordable at each income range.
- The number of households at different income levels and households with severe housing problems are from HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data
- The latest CHAS data release is for the year 2019. To ensure all the data in the analysis is from the same year, data from every data source is for the year 2019.
- United Way 2020 ALICE Report was consulted for additional information about families at risk of homelessness.
- News reports and anecdotal evidence on human trafficking were used to help determine the level of need and gaps related to that qualifying population.
- It is important to note that some data used to determine needs/gaps is not necessarily the most current. This can be attributed to the interruption in data collection posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many regularly conducted studies were postponed and have not yet resumed.

HOME-ARP Activities

Template:

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

The Rockland County Office of Community Development (RCOCD) will solicit proposals from developers seeking funding and/or other resources from RCOCD for the creation of affordable rental housing. The proposed activity, including the proposed qualifying population(s) to be served, will be evaluated in accordance with the County's HOME-ARP allocation priorities, preferences and prioritization (if any), and projects that address qualifying populations will be

considered. The County is not currently establishing preference or priority as part of its scoring criteria for HOME ARP proposals for funding.

Should the County establish preference or priorities, a substantial amendment may be duly publicized and submitted to HUD for review. Applicants for HOME-ARP must meet the minimum program eligibility and threshold requirements. Depending on the nature of the proposed activity, site inspections may be conducted by RCOCD staff. An evaluation of the site's feasibility, financial underwriting and developer capacity assessment will be completed and considered as part of the review process.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The County will administer and oversee its eligible activities directly and will enter into HOME-ARP Agreements with developers of affordable rental housing projects.

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

The County will not be distributing any portion of its HOME – ARP administrative funds to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

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

Template:

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 0		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,519,370.75		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 167,958.05	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 167,958.05	5 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 503,874.15	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 3,359,161.00		

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

The HOME-ARP budget was driven by the priority needs identified via stakeholder consultation and data analysis. As one member of the CoC indicated, “how can you think about the mental health and other needs of vulnerable populations if they don’t have a roof over their heads?” Accordingly, Rockland County has allocated 75% of its HOME-ARP funding for the development of affordable rental housing. An overall lack of affordable rental units was the most frequently identified unmet need among stakeholders. Tight rental markets and high rents make it extremely difficult for housing and service providers to find units that are affordable and in decent condition for their clients. The Office of Community Development is prioritizing the creation of affordable housing units for qualified populations. HOME – ARP funds will be used for individuals or families from all the qualifying populations: homeless; at-risk of homelessness; fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; other populations where providing assistance would prevent the family’s homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

Rockland County intends to allocate 5% of its grant to nonprofit capacity building and 5% to nonprofit operating expenses to capitalize on the opportunity to build capacity among provider organizations and assist with operational expenses related to HOME-ARP funded activities. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, housing related not-for-profits have indicated a need to re-establish capacity, as they have the subject matter expertise to provide new or additional services but lack adequate funding.

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

The affordable rental housing inventory in Rockland County is severely constrained, a challenge that existed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and has only gotten worse. Prospective renters face increased competition for fewer affordable units throughout the County. There is very little affordable housing available for households experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. DSS reports that despite the availability of rental vouchers, it is increasingly challenging to find permanent housing for clients due to lack of affordable inventory. Therefore, the County’s emphasis with HOME ARP funds will be to create new units to add to the affordable housing inventory in the County.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Template

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

It is anticipated that in combination with other available funding sources, and in using the HUD HOME-ARP calculation worksheet, the County will be able to produce 15 affordable rental units for qualifying populations.

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

It is anticipated that the County's HOME ARP funds will be used to create 15 new units affordable to qualifying populations. The County's priority goal established by this Allocation Plan is to increase the number of affordable housing units in the County. Providing funds for rental housing production directly supports the advancement of that goal.

Preferences

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

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

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

implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

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

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

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

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

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

Template:

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

Rockland County does not intend to establish a preference for a qualifying population or subpopulation. All qualifying populations will be eligible to apply for units assisted with the County’s HOME-ARP funds. If, in the future, the County determines that preferences should be established, the County will follow all applicable regulations to submit an amendment to this Allocation Plan.

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

No preferences will be established.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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

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

Template

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

The County does not intend to limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation.

If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in

the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

Rockland County does not intend to implement a limitation.

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

Not Applicable.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

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:

03/01/2023

4. Applicant Identifier:

n/a

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

n/a

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

n/a

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: County of Rockland

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

13-6007344

* c. UEI:

N9H1NJZVJS45

d. Address:

* Street1: 50 Sanatorium Road

Street2: Building A, 6th Floor

* City: Pomona

County/Parish:

* State: NY: New York

Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 10970-3555

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community Development

Division Name:

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

Prefix:

* First Name:

Alexandra

Middle Name:

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* Last Name:

Obremski

Suffix:

Title: Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 845-364-3944

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

B: County 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 Partnerships Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

HOME-ARP

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

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* b. Program/Project

17

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

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

09/20/2021

* b. End Date:

09/30/2030

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

3,359,161.00

* b. Applicant

* c. State

* d. Local

* e. Other

* f. Program Income

* g. TOTAL

3,359,161.00

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

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ ** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Edwin

Middle Name:

J

* Last Name:

Day

Suffix:

* Title:

County Executive

* Telephone Number:

845-638-5122

Fax Number:

* Email:

CountyExec@co.rockland.ny.us

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

2-24-23

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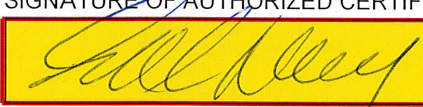
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If 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 cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
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ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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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:

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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

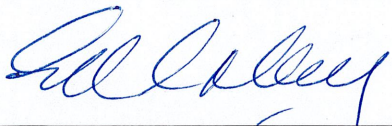
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

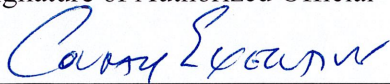
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Signature of Authorized Official



Date



Title



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION FROM

State of Wisconsin

County of Brown, ss.:

On the 6 day of February, in the year 2023, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Linda Tuttle, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed, the instrument.

Linda Tuttle being duly sworn says that he/she is the principal clerk of **THE JOURNAL NEWS**, a newspaper published in the County of Westchester and the State of New York, and the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, on the editions dated :

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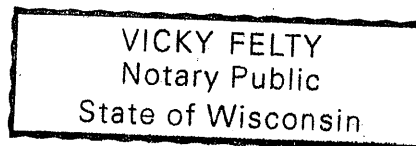
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Linda Tuttle
Signature

Sworn to before me, this 6 day of February, 2023

Vicky Felty
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin, County of Brown

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My commission expires

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
TO BE HELD BY THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND,
REGARDING SUBMISSION OF ITS HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN AND THE SUBSTANTIAL AMEND-
MENT TO ITS 2021 ACTION PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Rockland County Office of Community Development (RCOCD) has prepared its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This Plan describes how the County intends to allocate \$3,359,161.00 in HOME-ARP funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. HOME – ARP funds are intended to help communities provide housing, shelter, and services for their most vulnerable populations. The County must submit its allocation plan to HUD as a substantial amendment to its previously approved FY2021 Annual Action Plan.

15 Day Public Comment Period

In order to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties, the County will make its proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan available for in person review at the Rockland County Office of Community Development, 50 Sanatorium Road, Bldg. A, 6th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970 by appointment only. Interested parties wishing to view the Plan must call 845-364-3939 to make arrangements. The Plan will also be available online at <http://rocklandgov.com/departments/community-development/> for a minimum of 15 days beginning February 6, 2023 through February 22, 2023.

Public Hearing

Notice is also given that the County will hold a Public Hearing on February 21 at 5 pm, at the offices of the RCOCD, 50 Sanatorium Road, Bldg. A, 6th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970 and virtually via Microsoft Teams Meeting. The location of this hearing is accessible to those with disabilities. To attend via Teams please call (845)364-3944 or email RCOCD@co.rockland.ny.us by 12 noon on February 21, 2023 to register. All registered participants will be sent a link via email.

Rockland County will make efforts to provide reasonable accommodations for disabled residents and those with special needs. Additionally, translation services may be offered upon request and availability. Persons requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing, or who require a presentation in an alternative format or other language may contact RCOCD at 845-364-3939 or RCOCD@co.rockland.ny.us at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

Public Comments

Comments on the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan may be submitted the following ways:

1. Written comments can be mailed to RCOCD, 50 Sanatorium Road, Bldg. A, 6th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970 and must be received by 5:00 pm on February 22, 2023.
2. Written comments can be e-mailed to RCOCD@co.rockland.ny.us by 5:00 pm February 22, 2023.
3. Verbal comments can be submitted to 845-364-3939 by 5:00 pm February 22, 2023.
4. Public hearing with both in person and virtual participation options will be held on February 21 at 5 pm, at the offices of the RCOCD, 50 Sanatorium Road, Bldg. A, 6th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970 and virtually via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Individuals wishing to participate virtually may call the Office at (845) 364-3939 or email at RCOCD@co.rockland.ny.us by 12 noon on February 21, 2023 for the meeting link.

All input and comments received before 5:00 p.m. February 22, 2023 will be considered. The County's HOME ARP Allocation Plan will be submitted to HUD on or before March 1, 2023.

AVISO DE PERÍODO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS

Y

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

A CARGO DEL CONDADO DE ROCKLAND,

SOBRE LA PRESENTACIÓN DE SU PLAN DE ASIGNACIÓN HOME-ARP Y LA MODIFICACIÓN
SUSTANCIAL DE SU PLAN DE ACCIÓN 2021

Por la presente se notifica que la Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Rockland (RCOCD) ha preparado su Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP. Este Plan describe cómo el Condado tiene la intención de asignar \$3,359,161.00 en fondos HOME-ARP del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de EE. UU., autorizado por la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense de 2021. Los fondos HOME-ARP están destinados a ayudar a las comunidades a proporcionar vivienda, vivienda y servicios para sus poblaciones más vulnerables. El condado debe presentar su plan de asignación a HUD como una enmienda sustancial a su Plan de acción anual FY2021 previamente aprobado.

Período de comentario público de 15 días

Para obtener las opiniones de los ciudadanos, las agencias públicas y otras partes interesadas, el Condado pondrá a disposición su Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP propuesto para su revisión en persona en la Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Rockland, 50 Sanatorium Road, Bldg. A, 6th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970 solo con cita previa. Las partes interesadas que deseen ver el Plan deben llamar al 845-364-3939 para hacer los arreglos. El Plan también estará disponible en línea en <http://rocklandgov.com/departments/community-development/> durante un mínimo de 15 días a partir del 6 de febrero de 2023 hasta el 22 de febrero de 2023.

Audiencia pública

También se notifica que el Condado llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública el 21 de febrero a las 5 pm, en las oficinas del RCOCD, 50 Sanatorium Road, Bldg. A, 6th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970 y virtualmente a través de Microsoft Teams Meeting. La ubicación de esta audiencia es accesible para personas con discapacidades. Para asistir a través de Teams, llame al (845)364-3944 o envíe un correo electrónico a RCOCD@co.rockland.ny.us antes de las 12:00 horas del 21 de febrero de 2023 para registrarse. Todos los participantes registrados recibirán un enlace por correo electrónico.

El condado de Rockland se esforzará por proporcionar adaptaciones razonables para los residentes discapacitados y aquellos con necesidades especiales. Además, se pueden ofrecer servicios de traducción a pedido y disponibilidad. Las personas que requieran adaptaciones especiales para participar en la audiencia, o que requieran una presentación en un formato alternativo u otro idioma, pueden comunicarse con RCOCD al 845-364-3939 o RCOCD@co.rockland.ny.us al menos 72 horas antes de la audiencia.

Comentarios públicos

Los comentarios sobre el Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP propuesto pueden enviarse de las siguientes maneras:

1. Los comentarios escritos pueden enviarse por correo a RCOCD, 50 Sanatorium Road, Bldg. A, 6th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970 y debe recibirse antes de las 5:00 p. m. del 22 de febrero de 2023.
2. Los comentarios escritos pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a RCOCD@co.rockland.ny.us antes del 22 de febrero de 2023 a las 5:00 p. m.
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Todos los aportes y comentarios recibidos antes de las 5:00 p. m. Se considerará el 22 de febrero de 2023. El Plan de asignación HOME ARP del condado se enviará a HUD el 1 de marzo de 2023 o antes.

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