

Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary – 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Union County receives annual grant allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solution Grants Programs (ESG).

Under the CDBG program, Union County has jurisdiction over the entire county except the City of Elizabeth and Union Township. Elizabeth and Union Township both qualify to receive CDBG funds directly from HUD. For the HOME Program, the County serves the entire County except for Elizabeth, which receives its HOME funds directly from HUD. For the ESG Program, the County provides serves the entire County. Whenever the words County or countywide are used in this document, unless specified, the City of Elizabeth is not included. The municipalities which receive HUD funding through the County are listed on the following table.

The overarching purpose of the CDBG and HOME programs is to assist in the development of viable communities by providing the following, primarily for persons of low and moderate income earning less than eighty percent of the area median income (AMI): provide decent, affordable housing, develop a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunity.

To receive CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, the County must develop a Consolidated Plan. This Consolidated Plan will begin August 01, 2020 and end July 31, 2024.

Townships	Boroughs	Cities and Towns
Berkeley Heights	Fanwood	Linden
Clark	Garwood	Plainfield
Cranford	Kenilworth	Rahway
Hillside	Mountainside	Summit
Scotch Plains	New Providence	Westfield
Winfield	Roselle	
Union (HOME only)	Roselle Park	
	Springfield	

Table 1 - Table 1: Union County Participating Municipalities

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The County estimates it will budget about one third of its available resources to housing. All HOME funds are currently planned to subsidize the development of new affordable units. The County plans on starting a tenant based rental assistance program using HOME funds as well. CDBG funds will continue to fund the housing rehabilitation programs.

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The County estimates it will budget about one third of its available resources to public facilities and infrastructure improvements that will primarily benefit low and moderate income populations. Funded projects include upgrades to neighborhood centers, senior centers, and infrastructure projects such as streetscape improvements.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The County estimates it will budget about ten percent of its available resources to social service programs that will primarily benefit low and moderate income populations. Funded programs will include but are not limited to services that target seniors, disabled, at-risk youth, and food pantries.

HOMELESS

Six percent of funds are budgeted for programs that exclusively serve homeless populations. This does not include social service, housing, and facility programs in other categories that may also benefit the homeless.

The remainder of available funds will be used for economic development, planning, administration, and operating support for CHDO organizations who develop affordable housing within the County.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Since its inception, the HOME Program has produced 524 affordable rental units, 91 homebuyer units, and rehabilitated 14 owner-occupied units. Half of the rental units catered to extremely low income households earning less than 30% of area income. Overall, 94% of the rental units served households earning less than 60% of area income.

The CDBG program has spread its funding to several types of projects, including public facilities, infrastructure, services, housing, and economic development. All of the CDBG-funded programs contribute the vitality of the living environment, the quality of the community's affordable housing stock, and the availability of economic opportunities. Approximately one third of CDBG is used for housing and one third is used for public facilities and infrastructure improvements. The remainder is split between social service programs (15%), planning and administration (20%), and economic development (3%). In a typical year, CDBG funds will support projects that create 30 jobs, rehabilitate 150 housing units, and provide services to 45,000 persons through social services, facilities, and infrastructure improvements.

The ESG program, while small, is an effective complement to the other homeless activities carried out by the County and the local Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care supports 247 emergency shelter beds, 128 transitional beds, and 366 permanent supportive housing beds. The Continuum of Care uses ESG to supplement approximately \$4 million of other homeless resources. In recent years, the emphasis of ESG funds have shifted away from a shelter approach to efforts to get homeless families stabilized in independent housing through homeless prevention and rapid rehousing.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The County followed its adopted Citizen Participation Plan during the development of the Consolidated Plan. Procedures for public hearings, planning, annual reporting, amendments, and a complaint process are detailed in the text of the Citizen Participation Plan.

Public Notice

A Public Hearing notice was published in the Star-Ledger on March 19, 2020 announcing four public meetings to solicit public comment on the plan. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines, a revised public notice was published on March 21, 2020 indicating the public hearing meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting using online technology. with The notice of the Public Hearings was also published in the local Spanish language newspaper La Voz on March 19, 2020.

Availability of the Plan

The Consolidated Plan, both the draft and final versions, were made available to the public in the Administration Building, with the Clerk of the Freeholder Board and in the Union Township Municipal Building. The County published the proposed plan for public review beginning March 19, 2020. Notification was given through advertising placed in local newspapers.

Public Hearings

Every members of local service agencies and housing/economic development organizations were encouraged to attend and participate in committee and public meetings.

Due to Covid-19 health concerns, the County held three public hearings using an on-line conference platform. An interpreter/translator was offered and available for participants during public comments. At the meetings, the County solicited public comments and suggestions about the Five-Year Plan and discussed the past use of funds. Public hearings, specifically on CDBG projects proposed in the municipalities, were held in each of the nineteen municipalities that are part of the Union County Urban County. At the May 23rd Board of Chosen Freeholder's agenda meeting, the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan were presented for public review and comments. As stated before, all meetings were held using an online conference platform, therefore, we did not need an ADA-accessible meeting space.

Revenue Sharing Committee

In addition to the citizen participation process and public hearings, Union County has developed the Union County Development Revenue Sharing Committee. This Committee consists of two representatives from each of the nineteen participating municipalities. Each municipality prioritized its municipally sponsored projects by sub-committee at the time the projects are submitted for initial review. These priority listings assist each subcommittee in funding deliberations. While non-profit agencies do not have to be included in the municipality's priority list, every non-profit proposal must be signed by the mayor to be considered for funding. The Committee recommends which projects are to be included in the Annual Action Plan and the funding level of each project.

5. Summary of public comments

Speaker #1 respectfully requested an increase of funding from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

Speaker #2 spoke about partnership with their townships Housing Authority and new senior and youth programming.

Speaker #3 asked about more information regarding the CARES Act stimulus funding.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments received to date.

7. Summary

The priorities, goals and focus of this Strategic Plan will remain on housing, homelessness, investments in public facilities and infrastructure improvements. In addition, we would like to add health and wellness focused driven programs and services for low and moderate income persons as well as our senior citizen population. Geographically, the highest levels of need are within Plainfield, Linden, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, and Hillside.

The County estimates it will budget about one third of its available resources to housing, one third to public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and the remainder to social services that will primarily benefit low and moderate income populations such as the homeless and non-homeless special needs populations. The County also has set asides for economic development, planning, administration, and operating support for CHDO organizations who develop affordable housing within the County.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	UNION COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	UNION COUNTY	Brandon Givens
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	UNION COUNTY	James Heim
ESG Administrator	UNION COUNTY	Christina Topolosky
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 2 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Union County Department of Economic Development acts as the lead agency for the development and administration of the Consolidated Plan and its funded projects. Within the Department, the Bureau of Community Development has responsibility for CDBG funds and the Bureau of Housing has responsibility for HOME funds. ESG funds are primarily administered through the Department of Human Services.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For more information on the Consolidated Plan please contact Brandon Givens at (908) 527-4023 or bgivens@ucnj.org.

PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

As an urban county, Union County partners with its participating cities, townships, boroughs and towns to broaden the planning process and develop the Consolidated Plan and each annual Action Plan. Twenty of the twenty-one municipalities in Union County participate in the planning and development process of the Consolidated Plan and each annual Action Plan.

In addition, the County consulted with other stakeholders in its jurisdiction that work to expand affordable housing, serve the homeless, and create sustainable communities. These consultations included the Continuum of Care, public housing agencies, non-profit service providers, and other government agencies and departments.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

Over the years, the County has created a comprehensive institutional structure to ensure high levels of coordination amongst government and private service providers. The County sponsors, participates in, and provides staff support for a number of commissions in an effort to increase coordination, including:

- Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Systems and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC),
- Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC),
- Youth Services Commission (YSC) and
- Professional Advisory Committee for Mental Health and Addiction Agencies (PACMHADA).

The County's allocation process is a result of the Development Revenue Sharing Committee, which consists of two representatives from each of the nineteen participating communities. Each municipality must prioritize its municipally sponsored projects. All non-profits seeking funds must be sponsored by a municipality to be considered for funding.

In recent years, the County has partnered with another large funder, the United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC), to help coordinate the direction of funding for social service agencies. UWGUC provides coordination of family strengthening service providers in Union County to produce collaborative efforts, and move away from overlapping, and conflicting efforts.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

County staff are active participants in the Continuum of Care (CoC), an umbrella organization formed to coordinate homeless services in the local area. All homeless-related needs, strategies, and funding proposals that are included in this plan are reviewed and approved by the CoC.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

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2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 3 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Plainfield
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

2	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

3	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

4	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

5	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Township of Scotch Plains
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Township of Winfield
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

8	Agency/Group/Organization	UNION TOWNSHIP (UNION COUNTY)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

9	Agency/Group/Organization	BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

10	Agency/Group/Organization	BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

11	Agency/Group/Organization	BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

12	Agency/Group/Organization	BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

13	Agency/Group/Organization	BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

14	Agency/Group/Organization	BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

15	Agency/Group/Organization	Borough of Roselle Park
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

16	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

17	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Linden
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

18	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Rahway
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

19	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SUMMIT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

20	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF WESTFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Linden Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

22	Agency/Group/Organization	Union Township Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
23	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
24	Agency/Group/Organization	SUMMIT PUBLIC HSG AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
25	Agency/Group/Organization	RAHWAY HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
26	Agency/Group/Organization	ARC OF UNION COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
27	Agency/Group/Organization	UNITED WAY OF GREATER UNION COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
28	Agency/Group/Organization	RAHWAY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
29	Agency/Group/Organization	UNITED FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
30	Agency/Group/Organization	JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

31	Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA OF PLAINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
32	Agency/Group/Organization	FISH HOSPITALITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

33	Agency/Group/Organization	BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
34	Agency/Group/Organization	THE SALVATION ARMY OF PLAINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
35	Agency/Group/Organization	FAITH, BRICKS & MORTAR, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

36	Agency/Group/Organization	BRAND NEW DAY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
37	Agency/Group/Organization	URBAN LEAGUE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
38	Agency/Group/Organization	Plainfield Community Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The County consulted with all agencies required by the Consolidated Plan regulations.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	CEAS/CoC	The homeless portions of this Consolidated Plan is guided directly by the Continuum of Care.
Unified Workforce Investment Plan	Workforce Investment Board	The Consolidated Plan's economic development goals mirror and support the efforts described in the Workforce Investment Plan.

Table 4 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

The County works closely with all adjacent governments, the State of New Jersey, and the City of Elizabeth in the planning and administration of its federal programs. Affordable housing projects and large scale community development projects often receive funding from multiple agencies which requires information sharing and coordination amongst the different agencies. This information is shared on an as-needed basis for each shared project. Specific instances of coordination include the use of CDBG-R disaster funding, affordable housing projects using tax credits and NSP, and homeless discharge policies.

Narrative

PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

To solicit public input during the planning process, the County follows its adopted Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). This includes holding a number of public meetings and hearings, publishing public notice of opportunities to participate, and publishing the plan for a period of thirty days for review. A summary of the process is provided below.

Availability of the Plan

The Consolidated Plan were made available to the public in the County Administration Building and on the CDBG webpage at <https://ucnj.org/departments-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/>. The County published the proposed plan for public review beginning March 19, 2020. Notification was given through advertising placed in the Star Ledger newspaper on March 19th, 2020 and revised notice on March 21st, 2020 due to Covid-19.

Public Hearings

A Public Hearing notice was published in the Star-Ledger on March 19, 2020 announcing 4 public meetings to solicit public comment on the plan. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines, a revised public notice was published on March 21, 2020 indicating the public hearing meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting. The notice of the Public Hearings were also published in the local Spanish language newspaper La Voz on March 19, 2020. Members of local service agencies and housing/economic development organizations were encouraged to attend & participate in committee and public meetings.

At the public hearings, the County solicited public comments and suggestions about the 5-Year Plan and discussed the past use of funds. Public hearings, specifically on CDBG projects proposed in the municipalities, were held in each of the nineteen municipalities that are part of the Union County Urban County. At the April 23rd Board of Chosen Freeholder's agenda meeting, the 5-Year Consolidated Plan were presented for public review and comments. Since meetings were held online, we did not need an ADA-accessible space.

Revenue Sharing Committee

In addition to the citizen participation process and public hearings, Union County has developed the Union County Development Revenue Sharing Committee. This Committee consists of two representatives from each of the nineteen participating communities. In addition, one

Freeholder and the Director of the Division of Planning and Community serve as representatives and members of the Committee. The Committee meets at a public meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. The Committee created four standing sub-committees: 1) Housing Sub-Committee, 2) Social Services Sub-Committee, 3) Public Improvements Sub-Committee, and the 4) Facilities Sub-Committee. An Administrative Sub-Committee was created to handle matters such as policy and planning procedures. Each municipality must prioritize its municipally sponsored projects by sub-committee at the time its projects are submitted for initial review. These priority listings assist each subcommittee in funding deliberations. While non-profit agencies do not have to be included in the municipality's priority list, every non-profit proposal must be signed by the mayor to be considered for funding.

The Sub-Committees recommend which projects are to be included in the Annual Action Plan and the funding level of each project. After approval by the administrative subcommittee, the proposed allocation receives final approval from the full committee. After each functional subcommittee distributes their allocation, any remaining balance is returned to the administrative subcommittee for further redistribution. The administrative subcommittee should make a determination if excess funds should be automatically returned to contingency or be reallocated.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Star Ledger Public Notice on March 19th & 21st, 2020 including notification of public hearing and public comment period.	No comments received.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	Public Notice of availability of plan and public meetings published in La Voz on March 19, 2020	No comments received.		
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public hearing held on April 1st using Webex- a virtual meeting via conference call line.	Speaker #1 respectfully requested an increase of funding from \$6,000 to \$15,000. Speaker #2 spoke about partnership with their townships Housing Authority and new senior and youth programming. Speaker #3 asked about more information regarding the CARES Act stimulus funding.		
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public hearing held on April 8th using Webex; a virtual meeting via conference call line	No comments received.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Public hearing held on May 23rd with Freeholders using Zoom; a virtual meeting via conference call line	No comments received.		
6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public hearing held on April 30th at County of Union Administration Office, 3rd floor, Purchasing Conference Room	No comments received.		

Table 5 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

As part of the planning process, the County conducted an analysis and review of HUD-sponsored data that summarizes housing needs for lower income households. The County also reviewed the needs of homeless populations, and persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addiction, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents.

Both CDBG and HOME funds are focused on assisting individuals and households earning less than 80% of the area-median income, based on family size. HUD develops annual **income limits** based on Median Family **Income** estimates and Fair Market Rent area definitions. The national median family **income** for the United States for **FY 2020** is \$106,000. There is a new policy limits annual increases in income limits to 5 percent or twice the change in the national median family income, whichever is greater. For the Year 2020 income limits, the cap is almost 8 percent.

These income limits are published on a yearly basis by HUD. For reference, the income limits for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 are included below.

It is important to note that these income limits are significantly higher than other means-tested programs that often rely on poverty or percentage of poverty. Quite often there are stigmas and stereotypes that are incorrectly associated with the beneficiaries of these programs. While the programs can and often do focus on the lowest incomes, such as the homeless and those at risk of homeless, the programs can also help households usually considered working class or middle class.

FY 2020 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Explanation	FY 2020 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area	\$106,000	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	37,100	42,400	47,700	53,000	57,250	61,500	65,750	70,000
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Explanation	22,300	25,450	28,650	31,800	34,350	36,900	39,640	44,120
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	54,950	62,800	70,650	78,500	84,800	91,100	97,350	103,650

FY 2020 Income Limits Summary for HUD



FY 2020 INCOME LIMITS DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

[HUD.gov HUD User Home Data Sets Fair Market Rents Section 8 Income Limits MTSP Income Limits HUD LIHTC Database](#)

FY 2020 Income Limits Summary

Selecting any of the buttons labeled "Explanation" will display detailed calculation steps for each of the various parameters.

FY 2020 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Explanation	FY 2020 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area	\$106,000	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	37,100	42,400	47,700	53,000	57,250	61,500	65,750	70,000
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Explanation	22,300	25,450	28,650	31,800	34,350	36,900	39,640	44,120
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	54,950	62,800	70,650	78,500	84,800	91,100	97,350	103,650

FY 2020 HUD Income Limits Summary

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.405, 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

The consolidated plan must provide a concise summary of the County's estimated housing needs projected for the ensuing five-year period. To conduct this assessment, the County relies on a special tabulation of data from the U.S. Census Bureau called the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data set. This data set addresses quality of housing stock and estimates the number of units that have "housing problems". HUD considers units to have a housing problem if it meets one of the following three criteria:

- Overcrowded: Units that have more than one person per room is considered overcrowded.
- Cost Burdened: Units where the household pays more than 30% of their income on housing costs have a cost burden. For renters, housing costs include rent paid by the tenant plus utilities. For owners, housing costs include mortgage payment, taxes, insurance, and utilities.
- Units without complete kitchen or plumbing facilities

In addition to the CHAS data, the County relied on information from local sources of data, Census data, and consultations conducted as part of the planning process.

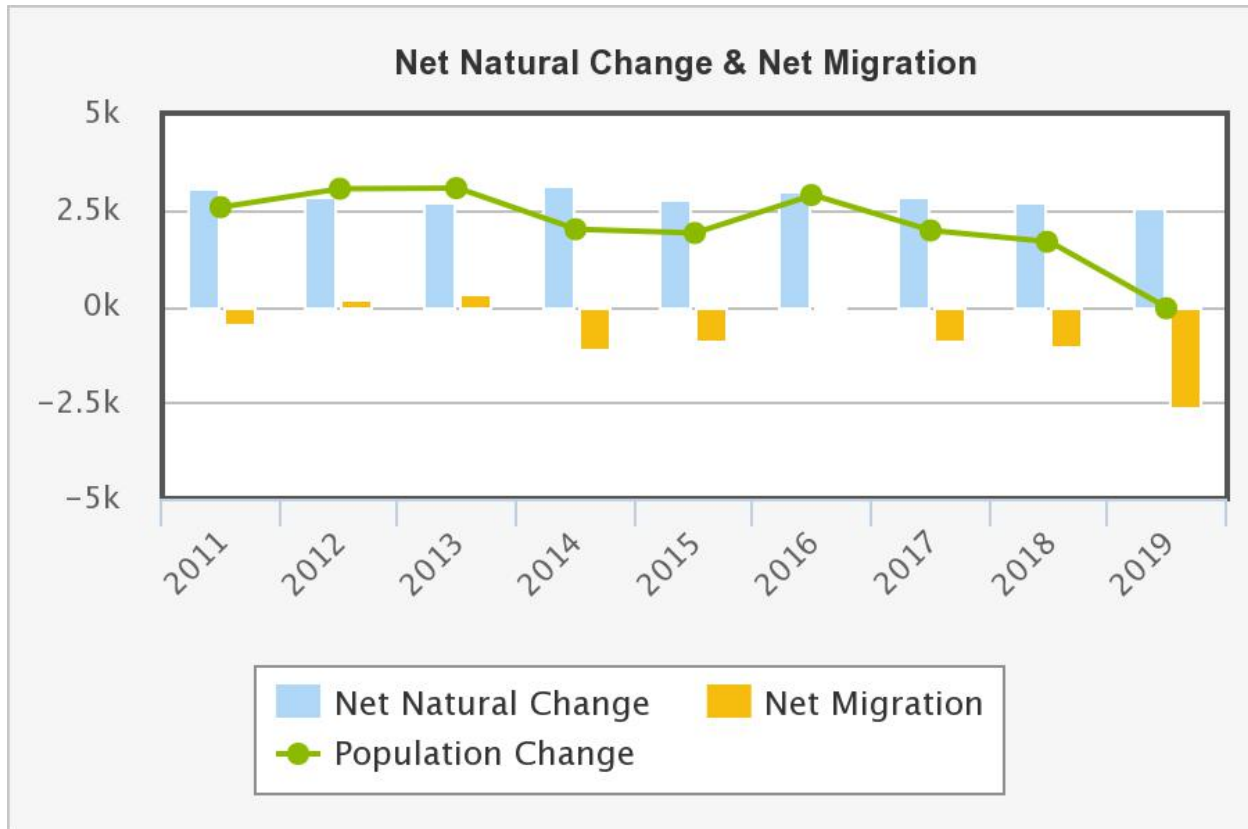
Demographics	Base Year: 2015	Most Recent Year: 2018	% Change
Population	548,744	533,066	-3%
Households	186,175	188,987	2%
Median Income	\$69,594.00	\$77,095.00	11%

Table 6 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Alternate Data Source Name:

ACS Data

Data Source Comments: 2015 and 2018 5 Year Estimate Data Profile for whole county (including Elizabeth)



Population Trends

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	18,835	16,315	19,110	13,425	79,055
Small Family Households	5,894	6,035	8,070	6,220	46,360
Large Family Households	943	1,450	2,135	1,220	8,750
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	3,771	3,009	4,249	3,110	15,535
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	4,100	3,734	2,880	1,695	6,355
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	2,802	2,482	3,036	2,220	6,614

Table 7 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	475	294	250	30	1,049	55	25	44	65	189
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	309	125	219	15	668	25	10	34	4	73
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	444	759	379	220	1,802	20	85	280	75	460
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	7,860	3,585	694	43	12,182	5,225	4,825	3,825	1,800	15,675

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	940	3,130	3,590	1,000	8,660	435	1,865	4,010	3,275	9,585
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	713	0	0	0	713	725	0	0	0	725

Table 8 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	9,080	4,759	1,555	309	15,703	5,330	4,940	4,190	1,940	16,400
Having none of four housing problems	2,483	4,040	6,520	4,080	17,123	494	2,565	6,865	7,090	17,014
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	713	0	0	0	713	725	0	0	0	725

Table 9 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	3,659	3,433	2,145	9,237	1,683	2,015	3,290	6,988
Large Related	604	764	275	1,643	284	599	1,078	1,961
Elderly	2,895	1,403	730	5,028	3,063	3,528	2,640	9,231
Other	2,750	2,140	1,308	6,198	722	667	1,059	2,448
Total need by income	9,908	7,740	4,458	22,106	5,752	6,809	8,067	20,628

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	3,350	1,520	355	5,225	1,533	1,550	1,940	5,023
Large Related	574	240	0	814	284	504	534	1,322
Elderly	2,300	751	105	3,156	2,773	2,355	845	5,973
Other	2,580	1,275	233	4,088	708	528	585	1,821
Total need by income	8,804	3,786	693	13,283	5,298	4,937	3,904	14,139

Table 11 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	688	788	538	195	2,209	35	35	179	44	293
Multiple, unrelated family households	70	40	64	35	209	10	60	128	14	212

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Other, non-family households	40	70	40	0	150	0	0	0	20	20
Total need by income	798	898	642	230	2,568	45	95	307	78	525

Table 12 – Crowding Information - 1/2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 13 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

In the tables above, single-person households are included in the “Other Households” category. A total of 6,198 “Other” low and moderate income renters experience a cost burden, while 2,448 low and moderate income owners experience a cost burden. Of those, sixty-one percent of the “Other” renters and eighty-three percent of “Other” owners have a severe housing problem where more than half of their income is used for housing. Single-person households with severe cost burdens are at high risk of homelessness if there is any disruption in income.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Other terms for domestic violence include battering, relationship abuse, spousal abuse, or family violence. National advocates cite that 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence during their lifetime. According to the CDC, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience physical violence by their intimate partner at some point during their lifetimes. At least 5 million acts of domestic violence occur annually to women aged 18 years and older, with over 3 million involving men.

Forty two (42%) of homeless persons reported having some type of disability. 53.6% of counted adults 18 or older reported some type of disability compared to 6% of children. The most common disabilities

included physical disabilities and mental health issues. Among disabled adults, 52.7% reported mental health issues making this the most prevalent disability; representing 53.6% of disabled adult homeless population and 21.9% of all adults experiencing homelessness. 46.4% of disabled adults reported a physical disability, followed by 42.8% who reported a chronic health condition. Among disabled homeless children, more disabled homeless children reported developmental disabilities (71.4%) than any other disability.

On the night of the 2020 count, in Union County, 14 homeless households (6.8% of all households) reported having a victim of domestic violence. This means that a total of 33 homeless persons who were members of those households were impacted. The majority (63%) of these households were families with adults and children. Of the 14, there were 3 adult-only households in emergency shelter on the night of the count, and one adult-only victim household unsheltered on the night of the count (7%).

What are the most common housing problems?

Of the HUD-defined needs, cost burden is by far the most common housing problem. Of the 60,225 households with one of the HUD-defined housing problems, 57,255 are households with a cost burden. This accounts for ninety-five percent of households with a housing problem. The percentage is slightly higher for owners (97%) than renters (95%) as owners are more likely to incur higher housing costs and less likely to suffer from overcrowding or a lack of kitchen and plumbing facilities. From a broader perspective, the overall condition of aging stock throughout the city, but especially within the County's identified target areas, is the most common housing problem.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

Cost burden is a problem that affects both owners and renters at every income level. More than 1 of every 4 (27%) of all housing problems experienced by owners within the County are experienced by owner households earning more than the median income. When looking only at income levels eligible for housing assistance, the level of need is evenly split between extremely low income (0-30% AMI), low income (30 to 50% AMI), and moderate income (50-80% AMI). There are approximately 13,000 households with housing problems at each of the three levels.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

Based on the HUD-provided data above, there are 6,988 households earning less than 30% of the area median income that pay more than 50% of their income toward housing. These households are at

imminent risk of homelessness as any disruption of income could lead to eviction. An additional 3,703 renter households at higher income levels experience a severe cost burden and may be at risk of homelessness.

Low-income individuals are included in the “Other Households” category in the tables above. 2,355 “Other” renter households earning less than 30% of area median income are at risk of homelessness.

The needs of formerly homeless families and individuals will be based in part on the circumstances that led to homelessness. While most if not all formerly homeless clients will require case management, those that have a disabling condition will require ongoing supportive services. A disabling condition is defined as “a diagnosable substance abuse disorder, a serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions. A disabling condition limits an individual’s ability to work or perform one or more activities of daily living.

ESG funding is focused on homeless families with children and Rapid Re-Housing services. The actual percentage for 2019-2020 was 29% allocated to Rapid Re-Housing, 8% to Homeless Prevention, and 53% to Emergency Shelter. In Union County, there is a greater need to funding emergency shelter for those who are currently homeless and assisting them with being rapidly rehoused, therefore the greater percentage of funding being allocated to those two categories.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

For the purposes of its estimates, the County looks at households that experience a severe cost burden where the household is paying more than 50% of its income for housing. These households are at imminent risk of homelessness as any disruption of income could lead to eviction. Other than severe cost burden, additional factors that significantly increase the risk of homelessness include mental illness, chronic substance abuse, and domestic violence.

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Households with a severe cost burden, where more than half of household income is used to pay for housing, is the most common characteristic associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness. When so much income is necessary to maintain housing, any disruption in income, through loss of employment, sickness, or disability, could lead to eviction or foreclosure. In addition to cost burden, the age and substandard condition of some housing units can lead to homelessness if the conditions pose an immediate threat to health and safety and the owner of the property is unable to pay for the corrections.

Discussion

Owner-Occupied Households

According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 20,065 low- and moderate-income owner-occupied households with a housing problem. The most common needs among owner-occupied households are caused by cost burdens and substandard housing. The **high number of foreclosures** is a reflection of owners who can no longer support severe cost burdens.

Rental households earning less than 50% of area median income

According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 17,130 rental households earning less than 50% of the area median income. Eighty-five percent of these households have a housing problem. Most of these housing problems are caused by cost burden which implies there is a large need for more affordable rental units for this income group. Additional rental units can be made affordable through rehabilitation of existing units or the development of new units.

Rental households earning between 50% and 80% of area median income

According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 7,175 rental households earning between 50% and 80% AMI. Some of the households in this income range without a housing problem may be able to afford a moderately priced home, but do not have the immediate funds necessary for a down payment or closing costs. Direct financial assistance and housing counseling can help these families move into homeownership. More than ever, there is a need to ensure that homebuyers receive financial counseling and proper education before making a home purchase. The counseling will help the homebuyer select a home and a mortgage product that is a viable choice in the long-term.

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

As defined by HUD, a disproportionate housing need exists for a specific racial or ethnic group if the percentage of that racial or ethnic group's households within a particular category of need is at least ten percentage points higher than found for the category as a whole. The following tables provide disproportionate need by income level and type of housing problem. For the purpose of this discussion, the statistics only include households that experience one of the HUD-defined housing problems, including lack of complete kitchen or bathroom, overcrowding, and a housing cost burden greater than 30% of income. These numbers do not include substandard housing due to age and deferred maintenance.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	15,805	1,596	1,438
White	6,400	748	588
Black / African American	5,370	485	475
Asian	374	140	79
American Indian, Alaska Native	75	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	3,243	207	204

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	14,690	1,609	0
White	6,520	854	0
Black / African American	3,876	498	0
Asian	329	50	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	50	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	3,644	209	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	13,335	5,790	0
White	6,005	2,955	0
Black / African American	3,899	1,424	0
Asian	489	197	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,584	1,113	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,519	6,905	0
White	3,384	3,790	0
Black / African American	1,855	1,629	0
Asian	200	303	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	4	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	950	1,067	0

Table 17 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

Based on the information above, the following populations were identified to have disproportionate need:

Extremely-low Income (0-30% AMI): No racial or ethnic disproportionate need;

Low Income (30-50% AMI) American Indians (50 households);

Moderate Income (50-80% AMI) No racial or ethnic disproportionate need; and

Middle Income (80-100% AMI) A No racial or ethnic disproportionate need.

The total populations of some of these income-race combinations, such as the American Indian population identified as a disproportionate need, are too small to extrapolate any meaning from the differences in levels of need.

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

As defined by HUD, a disproportionate housing need exists for a specific racial or ethnic group if the percentage of that racial or ethnic group's households within a particular category of need is at least 10% higher than found for the category as a whole.

The following tables provide disproportionate need by income level and type of severe housing problem. For the purpose of this discussion, the statistics only include households that experience one of the HUD-defined severe housing problems, including lack of complete kitchen or bathroom, more than 1.5 persons per room, and a housing cost burden greater than 50% of income. These numbers do not include substandard housing due to age and deferred maintenance.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	14,410	2,977	1,438
White	5,915	1,213	588
Black / African American	4,665	1,190	475
Asian	344	169	79
American Indian, Alaska Native	75	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	3,073	393	204

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	9,699	6,605	0
White	4,174	3,210	0
Black / African American	2,698	1,673	0
Asian	189	194	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	50	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,389	1,474	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,745	13,385	0
White	2,158	6,800	0
Black / African American	1,725	3,583	0
Asian	255	422	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,395	2,283	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,249	11,170	0
White	1,139	6,045	0
Black / African American	600	2,889	0
Asian	70	434	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	4	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	374	1,638	0

Table 21 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

Based on the information above, the following populations were identified to have disproportionate need related to severe housing problems:

Extremely Low Income (Less than 30% AMI): American Indians (75 households);

Low Income (30-50% AMI): American Indians (50 households);

Moderate Income (50-80% AMI): No disproportionate need; and

Middle Income (80-100% AMI): No disproportionate need.

American Indians were the only racial/ethnic group to have a disproportionate need. However, the total population of these income-race combinations (only 125 households) are very small to extrapolate any meaning from the differences in levels of need. 125 households accounts for approximately 1/3 of 1 percent of the extremely low and low income populations.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

As defined by HUD, a disproportionate housing need exists for a specific racial or ethnic group if the percentage of that racial or ethnic group's households within a particular category of need is at least 10% higher than found for the category as a whole.

The following tables provide disproportionate need by income level and level of cost burden. If a household's housing cost is greater than 30% of income, the household has a cost burden, which is one of the HUD-defined housing problems. If housing cost is greater than 50% of income, the household is considered to have a severe cost burden.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	83,508	31,030	30,683	1,555
White	52,380	15,655	13,850	699
Black / African American	14,205	8,282	9,374	475
Asian	5,520	1,164	843	79
American Indian, Alaska Native	29	0	125	0
Pacific Islander	20	0	0	0
Hispanic	10,290	5,395	5,879	204

Table 22 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

Discussion

Based on the information above, the following populations were identified to have disproportionate need related to cost burdens:

African Americans: 55% of African American households experience a housing cost burden greater than 30% compared to 42% of the jurisdiction as a whole.

American Indians: 81% of American Indian households experience a housing cost burden greater than 30% compared to 42% of the jurisdiction as a whole.

Hispanics: 52% of Hispanic households experience a housing cost burden greater than 30% compared to 42% of the jurisdiction as a whole.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion - 91.205 (b)(2)

Are there any income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

Hispanics and Asians were identified to have a disproportionately greater need at specific lower income levels. When analyzing cost burden data at all income levels, Hispanics and Black/African American households were both identified as having disproportionately greater housing needs.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

The discussion above is focused mainly on HUD-defined housing problems with a strong focus on cost burden. It does include the physical condition of housing units occupied by each race-income combination.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

Of the 108 census tracts in the county, roughly 60% have a minority majority population (i.e. Non-hispanic whites account for less than half of the population). While the County does not have housing problem data for each of these tracts, median income data can be a useful proxy since the majority of housing problems are related to cost burden.

46 census tracts have minority populations that account for more than 75% of the population. Of these 46 tracts, 20 are considered low income based on the median family income, 20 are considered moderate income, and 6 are considered middle income.

20 census tracts have minority populations that account for more than 90% of the population. Of these 20 tracts, 12 are considered low income based on the median median income, 7 have moderate family incomes, and one is considered middle income.

By comparison, of the 43 tracts where non-Hispanic White households are a majority, none are considered low income, three are considered moderate income, 12 are considered middle income, and 28 are considered upper income. Based on this correspondence between race, ethnicity, and income on a geographical basis, it is safe to assume that cost burdens and housing problems overall follow a similar pattern.

When looking at concentrations of specific race and ethnic groups, the strongest correlation between income is with Hispanics. There are 26 census tracts with a Hispanic majority. Of those, 15 are considered low income, 9 are considered moderate income, and two are considered middle income. For African Americans, there are 13 census tracts with an African American majority. Of those, 8 are moderate income and five are middle income.

NA-35 Public Housing - 91.405, 91.205 (b)

Introduction

HUD requires the County to coordinate with public housing agencies (PHAs) that overlap its jurisdiction when preparing its plan. With the exception of the Union County Section 8 Housing Assistance Program, the public housing agencies located within the County are separate and independent entities with no formal relationship with the County. Each is governed by an independent board responsible for its operations. These agencies receive funds directly from HUD and typically do not receive funds from the County. The Union County Section 8 Housing Assistance Program is administered by the Division of Housing and is governed by the County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

In most cases, the federal resources available to the County and those available to the public housing agencies are not co-mingled. However, it is important for the County and PHAs to coordinate their strategies and approaches to assisted housing. The County consulted with the following agencies and used the HUD-provided data to assess the need of public housing residents and housing voucher holders.

- Housing Authority of the City of Linden
- Housing Authority of the City of Rahway
- Housing Authority of the City of Plainfield
- Housing Authority of the City of Summit
- Housing Authority of Union Township
- Union County Section 8 Housing Assistance Program

Union County has a total of 22 public housing developments located in City of Elizabeth, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway and Summit. Each of the public housing authorities has its own set of problems and objectives. In consultations with each agency, most agencies had concerns regarding additional rent vouchers, efforts to modernize public housing, and implementation of better security measures

Each agency reported its housing units are generally in good condition. Rehabilitation needs were standard replacements and improvements. The units should be upgraded, particularly in the kitchen, stairs, and hallway areas. Improved programs for security and drug prevention should be implemented. There is a supply shortage of units.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	0	1,071	1,681	0	1,681	0	0	0

Table 23 - Public Housing by Program Type

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Union County Public Housing Agency

The Union County Section 8 Housing Assistance Program is administered by the Division of Housing and is governed by the County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The program administers **371!!!** Housing Choice Vouchers. The waiting list is approaching **9,100!!!**, most of whom are extremely-low income and families with children. The waiting list is currently closed and the PHA does not expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year.

Linden Housing Authority

This Housing Authority is ranked as high performing. The agency manages a total of **431** housing units. The Authority also administers **438** units under the Section 8 Housing Voucher program. The waiting list is at **500** for housing units and **438** for section 8 vouchers. The Authority's primary need is lack of funding, according to the Executive Director and information in the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan. Lack of funding reduced the number of maintenance employees. The remaining maintenance staff is required to accept more responsibilities. The Executive Director reports lack of available funds prevents making necessary changes for the housing units to be accessible to persons with disabilities.

Plainfield Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of Plainfield (HAP) is ranked as a standard performer. HAP has a total of 472 housing units. 224 units are for senior citizens and 248 units are for families. HAP also administers 844 Housing Choice 8 vouchers. Currently, there is a 932 person wait list for section 8. The Authority has an urgent need for residents in the family housing units to take proper care of the units.

Rahway Public Housing Authority

This PHA is ranked as high performing. The organization manages 273 housing units and **188** Housing Choice vouchers. An activity with possible future benefits would be collaboration of the PHA and Union County to develop an overall plan for implementation which would provide safe havens for relocation of people in case of natural disasters and/or and attempted terrorist attacks. Waiting list 275.

Union Township Public Housing

Union Township administers a Section 8 Housing Voucher program that provides approximately 163 vouchers.

Summit Public Housing

The PHA has 195 units. There are approximately 300 families on the wait list and 220 seniors on the senior wait list. The Executive Director reported three predominant housing needs: (1) provision for homeownership for low- and moderate-income households; (2) availability of affordable rental units for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and low-income households; and (3) rental assistance in the form of vouchers for qualifying households.

Elizabeth Public Housing

The Elizabeth Housing Authority has 13 developments totaling 1,443 units. In addition, the Authority administers 1,133 vouchers. This Authority is rated a high performer.

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	649	422	0	422	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	0	136	374	0	374	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	1,071	1,681	0	1,681	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 24 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Program Type									
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	0	435	439	0	439	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	0	617	1,228	0	1,228	0	0	0

Program Type									
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Asian	0	0	7	7	0	7	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	10	4	0	4	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 25 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Program Type									
Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	159	192	0	192	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0	912	1,489	0	1,489	0	0	0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 26 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

None of the housing authorities within the County jurisdiction are currently subject to a 504 compliance agreement.

What are the number and type of families on the waiting lists for public housing and section 8 tenant-based rental assistance? Based on the information above, and any other information available to the jurisdiction, what are the most immediate needs of residents of public housing and Housing Choice voucher holders?

WAITING LISTS:

Linden: 500

Rahway: 275

Plainfield: 932

Summit: 300 families & 200 seniors

Union Township:

Union County Housing Voucher: 9,100

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

Given the level of assistance provided, public housing residents and housing voucher users should have no additional need for housing assistance. Overall, the needs for supportive social services, such as job training, day care,

and other employment related services to help become self sufficient are similar to non-assisted households at similar incomes throughout the County.

Discussion

none

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (c)

Introduction:

As part of the planning process, the County reviewed and analyzed information on the homeless population within its jurisdiction. The main source of homeless information is the local Continuum of Care (CoC), called the Elizabeth/Union County Homeless Coalition, and the NJ Counts Point in Time Count of the Homeless. the CoC is an umbrella group of agencies and service providers that joined together to create a unified approach to serving the homeless needs of the County. Each year, the Coalition receives about \$4 million to address homelessness. NJ Counts PIT Count provides a statewide snapshot of homeless households across the state, such as where they find shelter, what their needs are, and what factors contribute to making them homeless. The Count reveals important demographic and other information about families and individuals who were homeless on the night of the January 2020 count.

It should be noted that HUD has a specific definition of homelessness and only those that meet this definition are included below. HUD's definition of homeless includes:

- An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
- An individual who has a primary nighttime residence not designed as a regular accommodation, including a car, park, or bus or train station;
- An individual or family living in a homeless shelter, including hotels and motels;
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their housing via eviction and lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing; and
- Unaccompanied youth and homeless families who have experienced a long-term period without living independently in permanent housing, have experienced persistent instability, and can be expected to continue in such status.

It is surmised by local service providers that there is a large number of families that are missed by the count, but who would normally be considered homeless. For example, if a household is "doubled-up" with friends or family, they may not be considered homeless under HUD's definition.

According to the PIT Count, the total number of homeless in the County on a given night was 549 homeless persons. This figure includes Elizabeth, which is technically outside of the County's jurisdiction for the purposes of this plan (Elizabeth receives funding directly from HUD). The chronically homeless number was estimated to be 36.

The at-risk of becoming homeless population is defined as when an individual or family faces immediate eviction and cannot identify another residence or shelter. This group lives on the edge of homelessness constantly. One minor emergency, an unexpected bill, or even a temporary loss of employment can create a situation in which the mortgage or the rent cannot be paid and eviction or foreclose can occur. This population is divided into six categories.

- families at-risk
- domestic violence victims
- at-risk youth
- persons with mental illness
- persons with alcohol and substance abuse problems
- persons with health problems

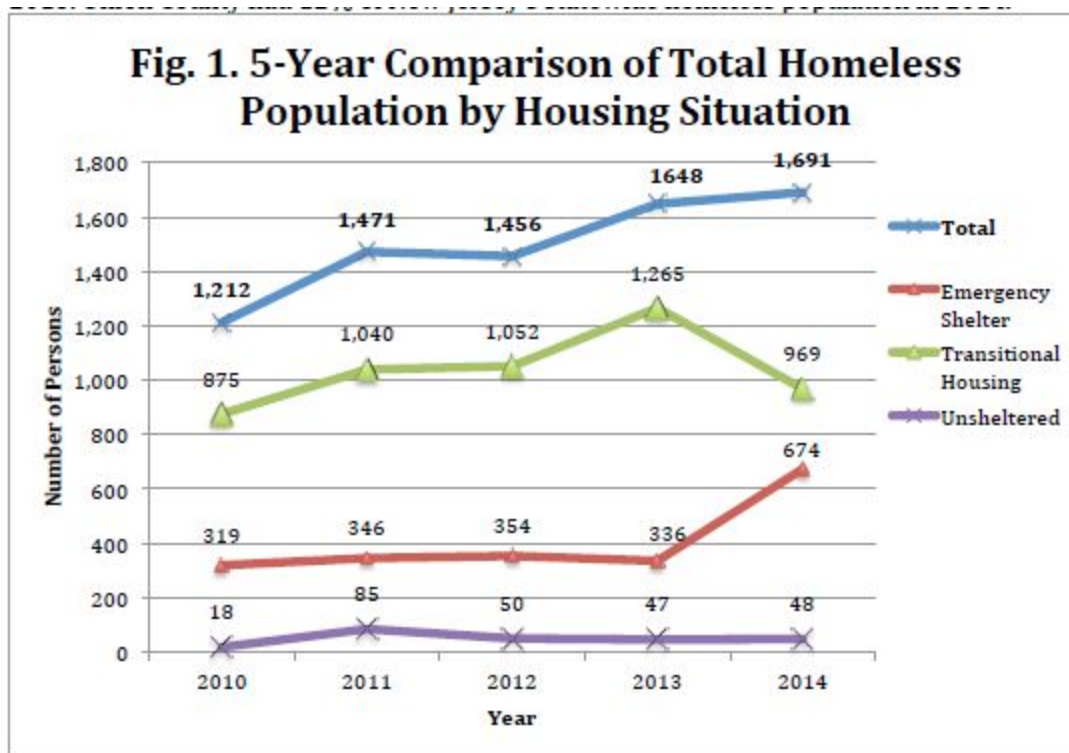
Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	254	0	1,097	485	235	103
Persons in Households with Only Children	5	0	6	6	6	30
Persons in Households with Only Adults	225	65	1,115	250	240	103
Chronically Homeless Individuals	19	17	99	52	34	200

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Chronically Homeless Families	3	0	99	6	3	30
Veterans	21	2	53	40	16	21
Unaccompanied Child	3	0	4	6	4	15
Persons with HIV	13	1	24	20	12	42

Table 27 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments: 2020 Point In Time Count



Trends in Homeless Populations

Indicate if the homeless population is: Has No Rural Homeless

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

CHRONIC HOMELESS

Forty two (42) households, made up of 61 adult individuals, were chronically homeless according to the 2020 Point-In-Time Count, representing 8.7% of the counted homeless population. Over the past five years the total of chronically homeless has fluctuated, but has decreased (by 21 persons, 74%) during that time. Of the 61 chronically homeless persons counted in 2020, 25 (41%) were staying in emergency shelters on the night of the count while 17 were unsheltered.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Of the 349 homeless households counted in Union County in 2020, 65 (19%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. This is a decrease of about 4% from the number counted in 2019. These families included 189 persons, including 111 children under age 18 and 78 adults. The average family size was 2.9 persons. There were no counted unsheltered families with children under the age of 18.

UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

There were 1 household with only children under 18 years old reported on the night of the 2020 count.

VETERANS

Twenty (20) homeless veterans, in 20 households, were counted on the night of the count. All were single adults. The largest contingent of homeless veterans was found to be staying in transitional housing with 14 persons (70%), 4 persons (20%) in emergency shelter and 2 veterans were unsheltered (10%) with approximately 80% identifying at least one disability. The two most common disabilities among these were physical disability and chronic health conditions, with about half reporting more than 1 disability. Twelve (12) veterans said they had physical disabilities and five (5) reported substance abuse disorders. One (1) reported having a developmental disability. The three types of services that homeless veterans sought the most were emergency shelter, housing, and veterans' services.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	68	30
Black or African American	227	36
Asian	1	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	103	10
Not Hispanic	316	38

Data Source

Comments:

2020 Point In Time Count

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

The 2020 Count showed a total of 349 households, including 484 homeless men, women and children, 65 (19%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. These individuals met the (HUD) McKinney-Vento Act definition of homelessness. Contributing factors to homelessness were stated as follows: 41 households reported loss or reduction of benefits and job income and cannot find work, 64 stated housing costs were too high and were evicted, 61 were asked to leave a shared residence, 9 reported medical/disability, 9 had relationship/family breakup or death, 15 have alcohol or drug abuse problems, and 17 reported domestic violence. In addition, 22 people were discharged into homelessness from incarceration, foster care, mental health facility or substance abuse treatment center. The largest numbers of homeless persons are sheltered in transitional housing; 66 households or 62 persons of the homeless responders were un-sheltered the night of the count.

The overall number of homeless persons in Union County has decreased by 4%. The average family size is 2.9 persons. Eighty (80%) of the identified homeless households in Union County were households without children under 18, and they were composed of 290 adults. This is an increase of 26% from the number of adult only households in 2019.

There was a total of 46 (10%) homeless adults between 18 and 24 years old, 316 (66%) adults over age 24, and 116 (25%) children under 18 years old experiencing homelessness. The age range most represented is adults between 18 and 24, of these 54.1% were male and 45.9% female. The length of the 107 homelessness households varies 3-6 months and 65 households to more than a year.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

The largest number of homeless people in the 2020 count were African-Americans 262, followed by Hispanic/Latinos 119 and Caucasians 79, American Indian or Alaska Natives 0, Asians 1, and Multiracial 4.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

Sixty two (62) households, made up of 66 persons, were living unsheltered according to the 2020 Point-In-Time Count. The largest portion of the unsheltered in 2020, 25.8% was between 45 and 54 years old, followed by those between 55 and 64 (25.7%). Nearly 54.1% (258) of homeless persons were male and 45.9% (219) were female. Nearly 42% of homeless persons reported having some type of disability. The disabilities most commonly identified were mental health issues and physical disabilities. One unsheltered single adult reported being a victim of domestic violence. Two unsheltered adults were veterans.

The goal is to fully implement a Homeless Management Information System that will provide a more reliable count as well as information on the progress of chronic homeless persons in the Continuum of Care (CoC) system. It is likely that these numbers are conservative. Therefore, it is essential that the County focus on a strategy to eliminate chronic homelessness. Union County (receiving the largest pot of money from the State and the Federal government) takes the lead to eliminate homelessness through participation in the CEAS/Continuum of Care Committee.

Partners in the Continuum of Care (CoC), as well as organizations and systems beyond the traditional homeless network, are utilized to identify and engage chronic homeless individuals in mainstream programs and resources.

The County will continue to strengthen their efforts to collaborate with service providers, welfare offices, police departments, community and faith-based groups. The Point-In-Time Count and Survey is a valuable vehicle in which to partner with police departments, municipalities, faith-based organizations and others to address the plight of the chronically homeless and provide awareness to the community. Together stakeholders and communities are taking ownership of the problem in their neighborhoods. By forging these relationships, the County will continue to take the lead in engaging partners to participate in outreach and identification of local homeless residents as well as provide entry into the CoC process.

Discussion:

The information collected in the Point in Time Count was supported by anecdotal evidence gathered during the consultation process. Plainfield YMCA reported seeing more people who are homeless as a result of loss of employment, medical bills and domestic violence. The amount of working poor is also rising at alarming rates. FISH Hospitality Program, which provides emergency temporary shelter, meals, transportation, clothing & case management, reported that the number of calls for shelter has increased, and due to the continued lack of affordable housing and underemployment, length of stay has increased. Clients find it difficult to find housing they can afford.

Because this report focuses on those respondents who meet HUD’s definition of homeless, it does not include information about those who may be at risk of homelessness, precariously housed, or considered homeless under other federal statutes. Persons who, on the night of the count, were living doubled up with another household, living in illegal or overcrowded units, being discharged from a jail or health facility with no subsequent residence, scheduled to be evicted, or paying for its own motel unit were not considered homeless. All survey information collected for respondents who were at risk of homelessness or precariously housed was preserved and shared with each community for local planning purposes, but is not included in this report unless otherwise noted.

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction

In the context of this plan, special needs refers to housing and supportive service needs of persons who are not homeless but who may require supportive housing. These populations include elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (including mental, physical and developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addiction, and persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Persons with mental illness, disabilities, and substance abuse problems need an array of services to keep them adequately housed and prevent bouts of homelessness. Mental illness and substance abuse are two of the largest contributing factors to homelessness.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

Elderly and Frail Elderly

HUD defines elderly households as those where the head of household is at least 62 years old. Frail elderly can generally be defined as households with elderly households with mobility and/or self-care limitations that make it difficult to dress, bath or get around inside the home. These households face a unique set of problems. For owners, the cost of maintaining a home rises with age of the house, yet incomes of elderly households are often fixed. Many elderly persons find it medically beneficial and an emotional comfort to remain in a familiar setting. This makes it difficult to relocate. As a result, a strong emphasis is placed on the elderly maintaining an independent, to semi-independent lifestyle, with close, convenient and immediate access to recreational, medical, and social service resources. For renters, it is clear that the existing stock of senior housing will not be adequate to meet the growing needs. While it is expected the private sector will accommodate a portion of this growth, the needs for affordable senior rental housing will only increase over the next five years.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

The Arc is a nonprofit agency focused on serving and advocating for persons with developmental disabilities, defined as persons with an IQ score of 70 or below. The Arc gives the nationally accepted percentage of the population that can be categorized as developmentally disabled as 2 ½ to 3 percent of the population. Applying this percentage to the most recent census annual population estimates for 2018 which are available for Union County (548,522), including City of Elizabeth, 16,455 persons in Union County may be developmentally disabled.

Persons with Mental Illness

Individuals experiencing severe and persistent mental illness are often financially impoverished due to the long-term debilitating nature of the illness. The housing needs for this population are similar to other low- and moderate-income individuals except for an additional need for a level of counseling and case management to ensure continued stability. The National Institutes of Mental Health published

reports showing 1 in 5 adults live with a mental illness (schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression or other mental disorder) that could be defined as severe, requiring some manner of care and treatment.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

Housing for the disabled must include a variety of options to meet the unique needs of persons with diverse types of disabilities. Service needs included housing placement, intermediate care, supported living programs, supported employment, sheltered workshops, and rental subsidies for independent living.

Many disabled individuals rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for financial support. The monthly payment for an individual with no source of income other than SSI is \$783. Finding affordable and accessible housing is often challenging.

Persons with Drug or Alcohol Addiction

The needs for this population are similar to those with mental illness in that they struggle to maintain stable housing situations in the long term.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

Specific information on the special needs populations identified by HUD is not available from census or CHAS data sources. The County has used data from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), National Institutes of Mental Health, and National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse to estimate the number of persons in the County in the special needs population who are not homeless, but who may require supportive housing. Where possible, figures from local sources are used. Some of the consultations and data sources are discussed below.

ARC of Union County provides a full array of services to children and adults with developmental disabilities including early intervention, education, vocational training and employment, day habilitation, residential and support services, and family supportive services. ARC reported two trends in their service population. The adult population is aging which brings an increased level of medical needs. In young adults, they are seeing more challenging behaviors.

Jewish Family Services provides senior services including nursing services, home health aides and homemakers, and services for persons suffering from dementia. With the aging of the population overall and the large baby boomer population becoming elderly, the needs for these types of services will only increase.

United Family and Children's Society (UFCS) is a licensed mental health organization that offers outpatient mental health counseling services. The agency also operates a residential health care facility (RHCF) for 175 vulnerable adults with chronic mental illness. Having sufficient clinical slots available is an ongoing challenge. The demand for services remains high and some clients are involved with several systems (DCPP, welfare, school district, law enforcement).

The Union County Department of Human Services provides a variety of services to persons with drug or alcohol addiction including information and referral on alcoholism and drug abuse treatment, prevention and education, including detoxification treatment programs, residential and aftercare services.

The County's Division on Aging plans, implements, and coordinates services for residents aged 60 and older. The Division supports 25 congregate lunch sites throughout the County serving hot lunch on weekdays, as well as arranges an array of services including home delivered meals, legal, health care, homemaking, housing, Paratransit, volunteer programs, adult day care and caregiver services.

The County's Personal Assistance Service Program (PASP) permanently physically disabled persons pursue vocational goals and live independently. The program provides personal assistant and allows the disabled to live independently within the community.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

The state of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has developed a reporting system for HIV/AIDS cases. Data is available at the state, county, and municipal levels. The latest available data is current as of the end of 2018. There were 4,715 persons in Union County that had AIDS and 1,628 person that had HIV or related diseases. However, 2,462 of these cases were in City of Elizabeth. Other cities reporting more than 100 cases included Plainfield (1,268), Rahway (490), Linden (385), Union Township (384), Roselle (357) and Hillside (350).

The Newark EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council (NEMA) plans for the development, implementation and continual improvement of the health care and treatment services for People Living With and Affected by HIV & AIDS who reside in the five New Jersey Counties of Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and Warren. Funding for free HIV care and treatment services are provided under Part A of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as well as other sources such as HOPWA.

Discussion:

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

From the community development perspective, public facilities include a number of different types of facilities, including but not limited to Neighborhood Centers, Recreational Facilities, and Fire Station/Equipment, as well as those dedicated to a specific clientele such as Senior Centers, Handicapped Centers, Homeless Facilities, Youth Centers, and Child Care Centers.

The County conducted a needs survey of community stakeholders and residents. Among those surveyed, homeless facilities, health/mental health facilities, and food pantries ranked as highest priority needs for public facilities.

Based on recent requests for funds and the information collected by the municipalities and the Revenue Sharing Committee, the needs for public facilities include:

- renovation of facilities and assisted housing for disabled adults
- renovation and modification of facilities serving seniors
- renovation and modification of facilities primarily serving youth
- renovation and modification of facilities providing day care and programs for children

How were these needs determined?

The County relies heavily on consultations with County staff, participating jurisdictions and local non-profits and advocate agencies to determine the levels of need for public facilities. The County also conducted a needs survey.

In addition to the citizen participation process and public hearings, the County relies on its Development Revenue Sharing Committee to determine and prioritize needs. This Committee includes representatives from each of the nineteen participating communities. Needs information is submitted as part of the application packets that come from each of the communities. This includes the need of local non-profit service providers who submit their requests through the municipalities.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

From the community development perspective, public improvements include a variety of needs, including but not limited to Street and Sidewalks, Parking, Water/Sewer, and Flood Drainage.

The County conducted a needs survey of community stakeholders and residents. Among those surveyed, street improvements and water/sewer improvements ranked as highest priority needs for public facilities.

Based on recent requests for funds and the information collected by the municipalities and the Revenue Sharing Committee, the needs for public improvements include:

- street improvements, including street renovation, sidewalks, and streetscapes,
- improvements and modifications to recreational facilities, and
- ADA improvements that will increase accessibility for persons with physical disabilities.

How were these needs determined?

The County relies heavily on consultations with County staff, participating jurisdictions and local non-profits and advocate agencies to determine the levels of need for public facilities.

In addition to the citizen participation process and public hearings, the County relies on its Development Revenue Sharing Committee to determine and prioritize needs. This Committee includes representatives from each of the nineteen participating communities. Needs information is submitted as part of the application packets that come from each of the communities. This includes the need of local non-profit service providers who submit their requests through the municipalities.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

From the community development perspective, public services include any new or improved service, including but not limited to youth, senior, employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, and recreation.

The County conducted a needs survey of community stakeholders and residents. Among those surveyed, homelessness, health/mental health, and nutrition/access to healthy food ranked as highest priority needs for public services.

Based on recent requests for funds and the information collected by the municipalities and the Revenue Sharing Committee, the needs for public services include:

- senior services, including health, transit, and recreational programs,
- at-risk youth and children, including counseling, after school programs, and day care,
- homeless supportive services,
- health services, including mental health, and
- employment training

How were these needs determined?

The County relies heavily on consultations with County staff, participating jurisdictions and local non-profits and advocate agencies to determine the levels of need for public facilities.

In addition to the citizen participation process and public hearings, the County relies on its Development Revenue Sharing Committee to determine and prioritize needs. This Committee includes representatives from each of the nineteen participating communities. Needs information is submitted as part of the application packets that come from each of the communities. This includes the need of local non-profit service providers who submit their requests through the municipalities.

For public services, the County partners with the United Way of Greater Union County to determine needs and priorities. The United Way of Greater Union County. The United Way undertakes its own needs gathering and strategic planning process to best meet the needs of its target populations.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

Union County is a highly urbanized and densely populated County located in the northeast portion of New Jersey. Comprised of 102.8 square miles, and 21 municipalities, the County is located within the New York Metropolitan Region and along the Boston-Washington Corridor. This area is known for having the heaviest concentration of population and industry in the nation. Union County is one of the most densely populated counties in America. The population density was approximately 5,430.5 people per square mile according to the 2018 census.

Union County is bordered by Essex County to the north, Morris and Somerset Counties to the west, Middlesex County to the south, and the Arthur Kill (river) to the east. Union County's location within the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area makes it an ideal center for domestic and international commerce with great potential for new job growth.

Most of the municipalities are built out. Much of the new development occurring in the county is redevelopment and in-fill. Developable land is scarce and costly in the County municipalities. Construction, especially of affordable units, has been limited. Housing construction faces competition from commercial developers which increases the cost of land.

Union County is part of the Newark Housing Market Area (HMA), which consists of Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Union Counties in New Jersey and Pike County in Pennsylvania. The current population of the HMA is estimated at 2.54 million. HUD completed a Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis for the HMA in August of 2018 and made the following observations:

- Economic conditions in the Newark HMA improved during the past 7 years, but job growth slowed during the past year. During the 12 months ending July 2018, nonfarm payrolls in the HMA increased by 7,800 jobs, or 0.6 percent, to 1.21 million jobs. During the 3-year forecast period, nonfarm payrolls are expected to grow at an average annual pace of 0.4 percent annually, and growth is expected to be primarily concentrated in serviceproviding sectors.
- The sales market in the HMA is slightly soft, with an estimated sales vacancy rate of 2.0 percent, up from 1.8 percent in 2010. During the 12 months ending July 2018, approximately 32,850 new and existing homes sold, representing a decrease of 800 homes, or 2 percent, from the previous 12-month period. During the next 3 years, demand is estimated for 6,130 new homes. The 710 homes under construction will satisfy a portion of this demand.

- The rental housing market in the HMA is currently slightly soft, but conditions are improving. The overall rental vacancy rate is estimated at 7.3 percent, down from 8.0 percent in 2010. Conditions in the apartment market, however, are slightly tight. During the second quarter of 2018, the average apartment asking rent increased 5 percent, to \$1,687, compared with the second quarter of 2017 (RealPage, Inc.). During the forecast period, demand is estimated for 8,335 new market-rate apartment units. The 5,200 units under construction will satisfy a portion of this demand.

MA-10 Housing Market Analysis: Number of Housing Units - 91.410, 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

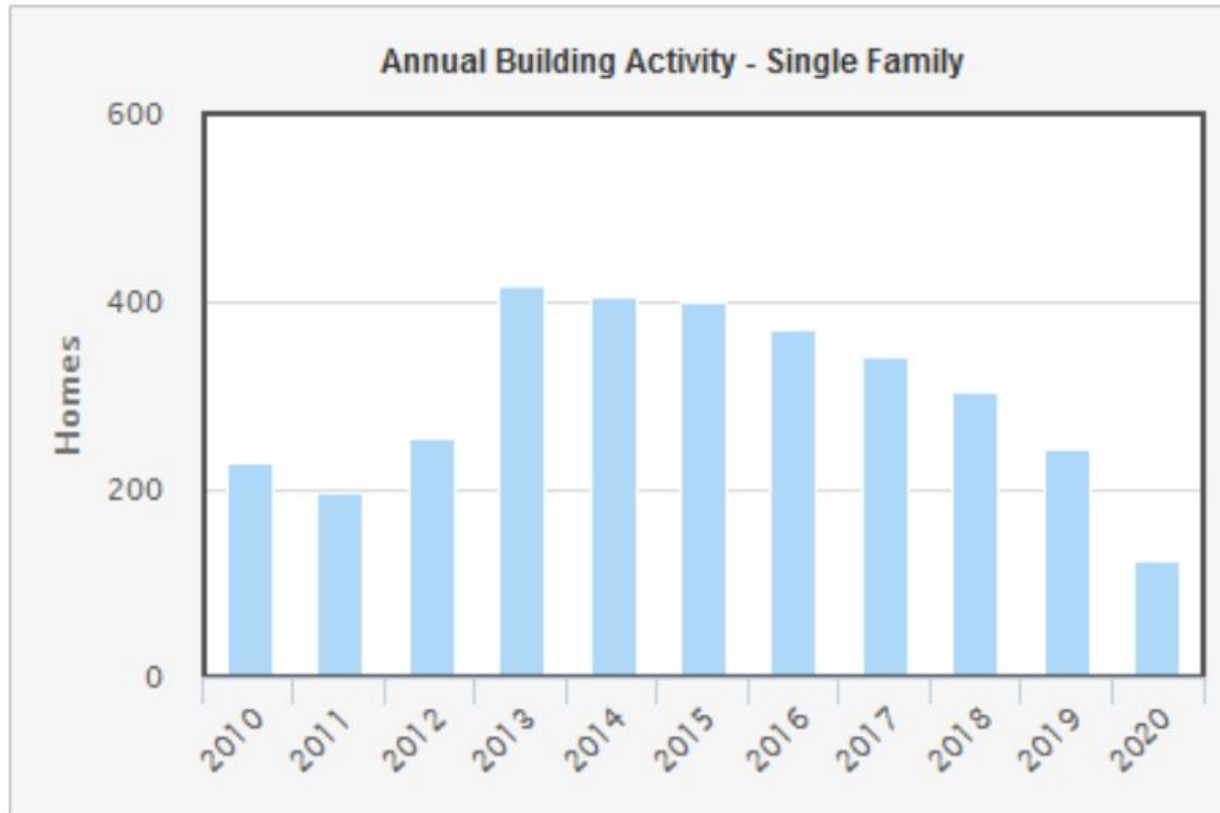
The municipalities within the County offer a variety of housing choices from suburban single-family neighborhoods to large apartment and condominium developments in urban centers.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	97,505	62%
1-unit, attached structure	7,125	5%
2-4 units	28,890	18%
5-19 units	7,819	5%
20 or more units	14,738	9%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	414	0%
Total	156,491	100%

Table 28 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

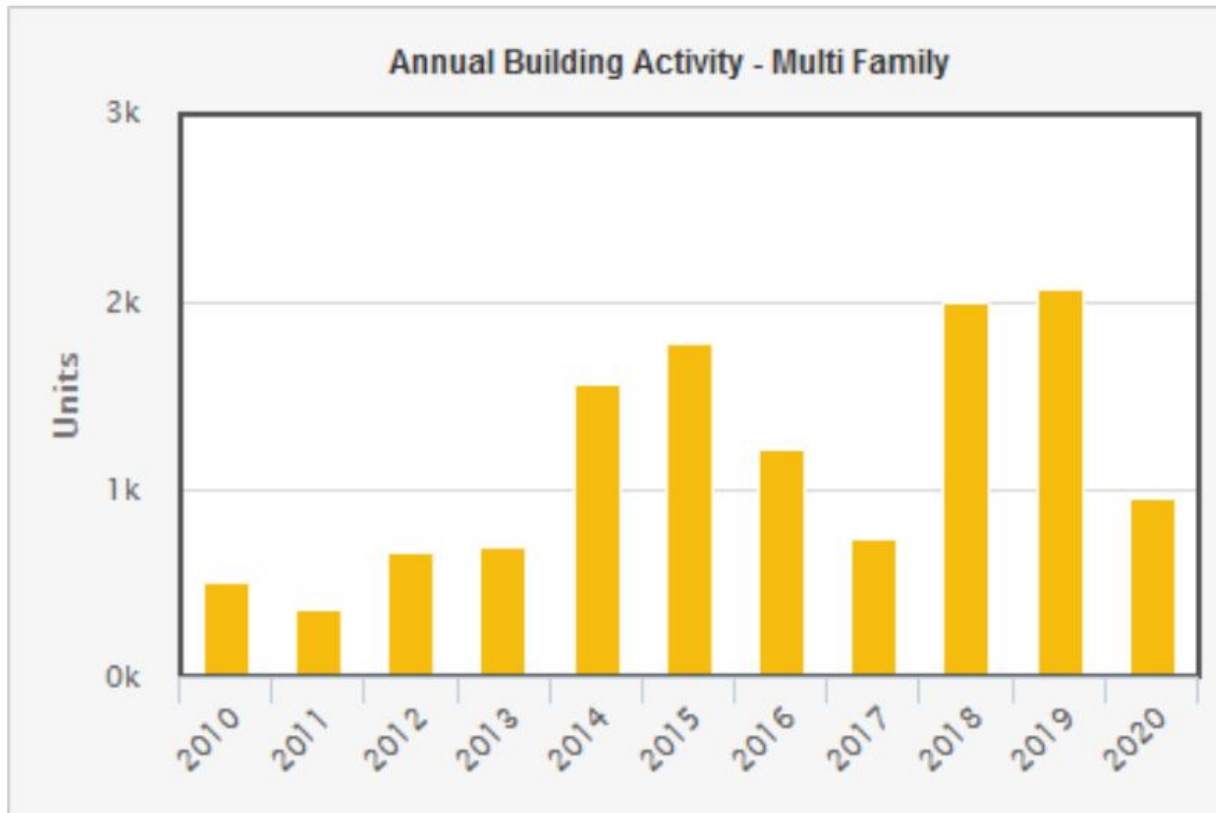
Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey

Note: Data for 2020 is preliminary, through July 2020

Single Family Permits



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey

Note: Data for 2020 is preliminary, through July 2020

Multifamily Permits

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	321	0%	2,705	6%
1 bedroom	1,940	2%	15,900	34%
2 bedrooms	14,680	15%	17,020	36%
3 or more bedrooms	83,025	83%	11,156	24%
Total	99,966	100%	46,781	100%

Table 29 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

Throughout Union County, there are a number of publicly assisted affordable housing developments, including 44 tax credit properties and 37 properties assisted with project-based Section 8. Many of the

properties are located within Elizabeth. Approximately one third of the 3,157 Section 8 units are within Elizabeth, as well as 1,136 of the 2,587 tax credit units.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

The HUD Section 8 Program provides a variety of financial assistance to developers and owners of rental properties to provide affordable housing opportunities. The units developed under this program are not administered by the County. The developers and property managers of assisted properties have contractual agreements directly with HUD. In exchange for mortgage assistance, the rental properties pledge to make a certain number of units affordable for contract period. Once the contract period is over, the project owner has no obligation to maintain the units as affordable and can rent the units at the market rate which would result in a loss of housing affordability within the County. Of the 3,157 units currently assisted, the contractual affordability periods on 953 of those units will expire by the end of the Consolidated Plan.

In addition, a total of 2,587 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units have been placed in service within the County. Most LIHTC properties in New Jersey are subject to a minimum 30 year affordability period, which is composed of a 15 year compliance period plus a 15 year extended use period. During the extended use period, the property owner may request a termination of the affordability period. The New Jersey HMFA has the opportunity to find a buyer who is willing to maintain the property as affordable housing. If they cannot find a buyer, the extended period is over and the housing is no longer subject to the affordability requirements of the LIHTC program. There are approximately 671 LIHTC units in the County's jurisdiction that were placed into service before 2005 that may be eligible for termination of the affordability requirements.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

In terms of quantity, the current supply of owner occupied housing currently meets the needs of the existing populations. Given the age of the housing stock, there will be on-going needs for repair, rehabilitation, and in some cases reconstruction of the existing stock. The currently availability of rental housing, as evidenced by the low vacancy rates and the shrinking number of units available for rent, points to a greater demand for rental units. Fair market rents have increased over the last five years for all unit sizes except for 1 bedrooms.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

Based on a review of the Census and market data, the largest need appears to be for large rental units with three or more bedrooms.

Discussion

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.410, 91.210(a)

Introduction

Housing demand is directly related to the local economy and the perceived quality of life of the community, especially when viewed in relation to the adjacent communities. As the current market clearly demonstrates, housing demand at the local level is also affected by national economic conditions and policies.

Population projections for the County were conducted by the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority in 2013 and were projected out to 2040. Overall, the County is projected to add 3,400 persons, or about 1,200 households, on an annual basis over that time. All communities except for Winfield are projected to add population, ranging in annualized growth rate from 0.4% to 0.9%. The two largest communities, Elizabeth and Union Township are expected to see the largest gains in population, 22,820 and 12,080 respectively.

The primary indicator for demand for owner occupied housing is the sales price. The median price is the price at which half the units would sell for less and half of the units would sell for more. Data from the New Jersey Realtors show that sales price has remained fairly stable in recent years.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Median Home Value	0	0	0%
Median Contract Rent	0	0	0%

Table 30 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	4,835	10.3%
\$500-999	13,254	28.4%
\$1,000-1,499	18,870	40.3%
\$1,500-1,999	7,135	15.3%
\$2,000 or more	2,710	5.8%
Total	46,804	100.1%

Table 31 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	2,763	No Data
50% HAMFI	7,556	1,949
80% HAMFI	24,189	8,975
100% HAMFI	No Data	18,199
Total	34,508	29,123

Table 32 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	1,042	1,188	1,447	1,847	2,159
High HOME Rent	1,042	1,188	1,447	1,728	1,908
Low HOME Rent	881	943	1,132	1,308	1,458

Table 33 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

Housing costs are high across the County. Based on cost burden data, there is a large need of additional affordable options for extremely low and low income households.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

If populations continue to grow as projected, the price of all housing will increase and affordability will become a greater challenge for both renters and owners. The entire county is a high cost area where ownership of housing is out of reach for most households below 80% of median income without some type of financial assistance. While the price of homes and rents have remained fairly stable over recent years, incomes have also remained fairly flat.

There are many households in the community who are struggling to make current rent or mortgage payments. Some of these issues linger from the housing recession. Faith Bricks and Mortar continues to work with customers to find work-out solutions for their mortgage situation. This includes a 20% increase in successful loan modifications compared to the prior years. Despite encouraging economic signs, many clients continue to struggle with mortgage payments due to hardships beyond their control.

Mortgage companies are a bit more cooperative, but the required documentation is very complex to the average homeowner.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

It is difficult to compare HOME rents and Fair Market Rents (which are gross rents that include tenant paid utilities) and the median contract rent data from the latest ACS (that do not include tenant paid utilities). In terms of impact on strategies, the HOME rents and Fair Market Rents are both too high to be considered affordable to most low-income renters. In order to afford a 2 bedroom unit at fair market rent, a household would need an annual wage of \$50,760. A household earning minimum wage would need 3.37 wage earners working full time to make the 2 bedroom unit affordable.

Discussion

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing - 91.410, 91.210(a)

Introduction

The condition of the housing stock in the County is considered to be fair for the most part. Much of the housing stock was built before 1970. The median year of construction is in the early 1950s.

Rehabilitation and upgrading are constant needs in many neighborhoods. The age of the structures and the density of the population take their toll even on newer buildings in the more urbanized municipalities and renovation work is required on many structures. Housing problems are scattered throughout the County. Certain neighborhoods appear to require substantial efforts.

The most recent available data for the age of housing units from the American Community Survey shows 89% of the housing units in Union County, excluding City of Elizabeth, were built before 1980 and is more than 30 years old. The need for major housing repairs (roof, window, siding replacement) begins when housing is approximately 30 years of age. Major rehabilitation projects are common. Utility and maintenance costs are generally higher with older housing. Lead-based paint hazards may exist in housing built before 1978.

Describe the jurisdiction's definition for "substandard condition" and "substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation":

For the purposes of this plan, units are considered to be in "standard condition" when the unit is in compliance with the local building code. Units are considered to be in "substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation" when the unit is out of compliance with one or more code violations and it is both financially and structurally feasible to rehabilitate the unit.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	38,215	38%	23,065	49%
With two selected Conditions	585	1%	2,185	5%
With three selected Conditions	30	0%	215	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	20	0%
No selected Conditions	61,135	61%	21,295	46%
Total	99,965	100%	46,780	100%

Table 34 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	3,717	4%	4,456	10%
1980-1999	7,299	7%	7,818	17%
1950-1979	50,384	50%	19,615	42%
Before 1950	38,565	39%	14,910	32%
Total	99,965	100%	46,799	101%

Table 35 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	88,949	89%	34,525	74%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	4,155	4%	2,273	5%

Table 36 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

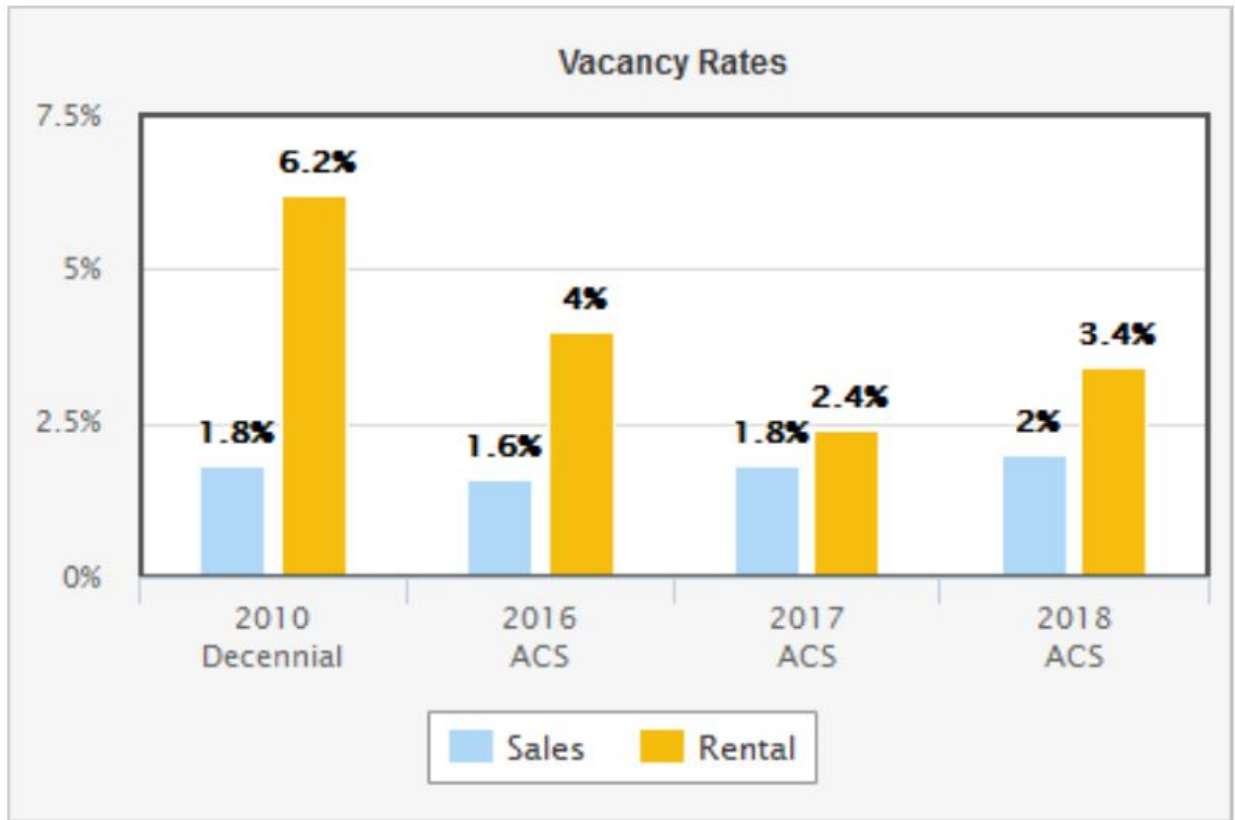
Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Total Units) 2011-2015 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 37 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS



Data Source: 2010 Census; 2016, 2017 and 2018 American Community Surveys (1 - Year)

Vacancy Graph

Housing Inventory by Tenure				
	2010	2016	2017	2018
	Decennial	ACS	ACS	ACS
Total Housing Units	199,489	201,961	202,224	202,668
Occupied	188,118	187,922	190,138	192,021
Owners	112,843	110,760	110,787	110,647
% Owners	60.0	58.9	58.3	57.6
Renters	75,275	77,162	79,351	81,374
% Renters	40.0	41.1	41.7	42.4
Total Vacant	11,371	14,039	12,086	10,647
Available for Sale	2,054	1,857	2,037	2,271
Available for Rent	5,000	3,174	1,943	2,824
Other Vacant	4,317	9,008	8,106	5,552

Data Source: 2010 Census; 2016, 2017 and 2018 American Community Surveys (1 - Year)

Vacancy Table

Describe the need for owner and rental rehabilitation based on the condition of the jurisdiction's housing.

The median age of housing stock within a community can be used to measure growth and indicate the condition of housing. While older housing is not necessarily in poor condition, older homes are more likely to be in need of rehabilitation and obsolescent in terms meeting current housing preferences. The construction of new units and the demolition of older units have the effect of reducing the median age.

Estimate the number of housing units within the jurisdiction that are occupied by low or moderate income families that contain lead-based paint hazards. 91.205(e), 91.405

Housing built before 1980 can be used as a proxy for housing that potentially contain lead-based paint hazards as lead-paint was banned in 1979. Based on the information above, there are 92,011 owner-occupied units and 35,300 rental units with potential lead-based paint threats.

Discussion

Vacant Unit numbers are the correct amount; not default

MA-25 Public And Assisted Housing - 91.410, 91.210(b)

Introduction

As part of the planning process, the County was required to assess the quality and condition of the public housing developments within its jurisdiction. There are seven public housing authorities within the County, but only five of the authorities own and operate physical housing stock. Overall, there are 22 public housing developments in the County, located in City of Elizabeth, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway and Summit. Each of the public housing authorities has its own set of problems and objectives.

In consultations with each agency, most agencies had concerns regarding additional rent vouchers, efforts to modernize public housing, and implementation of better security measures. Most of the rehabilitation and renovation needs of the housing authority inventory is funded through annual allocations from HUD directly to the public housing authorities through the Capital Fund program. These funds can be used for development, financing, and modernization of public housing developments and for management of the improvements. Given this, the funds available through this planning effort are not often used for public housing modernization.

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available			1,144	1,823			0	0	0
# of accessible units			1						
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 38 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

Plainfield Housing Authority owns and manages three properties: Elmwood Gardens (took down 120 units and replaced with 58 townhouse units using tax credit deal), Joanne Hollis Gardens (128 family units) and Richmond Towers (225 senior units).

Linden Housing Authority owns and manages three properties: Ann J Ferguson Towers (200 seniors/disabled units), Murawski Towers (150 units seniors/disabled units), John T. Gregorio Towers (78 senior units).

Rahway Housing Authority owns and manages four properties: Clifford Case (40 senior units), Glendenning (112 family units), JF Kennedy (80 senior units) and Schaffhauser (40 senior units) .

Summit Housing Authority owns and manages three properties: Vito Gallow Building-12 Chestnut Avenue (125 senior units), 2 Weaver Street (30 family units, 1-6 Glemwood Place (40 family units)

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Linden - Ann J Feruson Towers - 1601 Dill Avenue	96
Plainfield - Elmwood Gardens - 532 W 2nd Street	33
Plainfield - Richmond Towers - 510 E Front Street	79
Plainfield - West End Gardens - 518 W 4th Street	42
Rahway - Glendinning - 165 E Grand Avenue	79
Rahway - JF Kennedy - 224 W Grand Avenue	78
Summit - Vito Gallow - 12 Chestnut Avenue (No score RAD Demonstration)	0
Summit - 1-6 Glenwood (No score for RAD Demonstration)	0
Linden - Murawski Towers	90
Linden - John T. Gregorio Towers	98
Summit - 2 Weaver Street (no score for RAD Demonstration)	0

Table 39 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

Plainfield Housing Authority

Plainfield Housing Authority owns and manages three properties: Joanne Hollis Gardens, Richmond Towers, and Elmwood Gardens. Plainfield Housing Authority is in need of safety and security for the families. Elmwood Gardens will be converted in to a low income tax credit deal. Joanne Hollis Gardens will be turning into 58 townhouse style apartments. The Authority has an urgent need for residents in the family housing units to take proper care of the units.

Linden Housing Authority

Linden Housing Authority owns and manages three properties: Ann J. Ferguson Towers, Murawski Towers and John T. Gregorio Towers. The properties are current and well maintained. The Linden Housing Authority will need new elevators within the next 3-5 years. The Authority's primary need is lack of funding, according to the Executive Director and information in the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan. Lack of funding reduced the number of maintenance employees. The remaining maintenance staff is required to accept more responsibilities. The Executive Director reports lack of available funds prevents making necessary changes for the housing units to be accessible to persons with disabilities.

Rahway Housing Authority

Rahway Housing Authority owns and manages four properties: Clifford Case, Glendenning, JF Kennedy, and Schaffhauser. The properties are pretty well maintained. In addition to maintenance, approximately \$2.5 million dollars will need to go towards updated the elevators over the next 5 years. An activity with

possible future benefits would be collaboration of the PHA and Union County to develop an overall plan for implementation which would provide safe havens for relocation of people in case of natural disasters and/or and attempted terrorist attacks.

Summit Housing Authority

Summit Housing Authority owns and manages three properties: Vito Gallow Building, 2 Weaver Street and 1-6 Glenwood. The Summit Housing properties will need routine maintenance while Glenwood will need new windows and exterior staircases within the next 3-5 years. The Executive Director reported three predominant housing needs: (1) provision for homeownership for low- and moderate-income households; (2) availability of affordable rental units for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and low-income households; and (3) rental assistance in the form of vouchers for qualifying households.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

Each of the four housing authorities within the urban county work closely with their respective cities and towns to address issues with the areas adjacent to their properties. The County provides for the municipalities to apply for CDBG funding to correct deficiencies and make improvements to the neighborhood infrastructure that serves the areas that include the housing authority properties. This includes but is not limited to street improvements, sidewalks, street lighting, and neighborhood amenities such as parks and other recreational amenities.

Plainfield Housing Authority

Plainfield Housing Authority believes improving the following will assist the living environment of low and moderate income families: educate residents, resident opportunities, home owner opportunities, educate residents. The Plainfield Housing Authority wants to move from being standard performing to high performing standard. They have a 5 year plan to make sure to maintain safety and individual and family self-sufficiency programs.

Linden Housing Authority

Linden Housing Authority believes improving the following will assist the living environment of low and moderate income families: updated elevators and constant maintenance of overall properties.

Rahway Housing Authority

Rahway Housing Authority believes improving the following will assist the living environment of low and moderate income families: buildings, re-roofing, landscaping, parking lot upgrades, and basic maintenance of overall properties.

Summit Housing Authority

Summit Housing Authority believes improving the following will assist the living environment of low and moderate income families: overall maintain of properties, new windows and exterior staircases where needed

Discussion:

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(c)

Introduction

As part of the planning process, the County evaluated the existing inventory of facilities, housing, and services that meet the needs of homeless persons.

Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	44	36	61	350	0
Households with Only Adults	87	118	83	53	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	2	121	0
Veterans	0	6	18	8	0
Unaccompanied Youth	10	2	3	14	0

Table 40 - Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

Data Source Comments: 2019 Housing Inventory Counts

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

Mainstream services such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance (GA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid, are sought for those persons experiencing homelessness in Union County. When appropriate, homeless persons are provided with assistance under the TANF and GA programs in the form of Emergency Assistance (EA) for shelter placement or Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) to secure an apartment. Substance Abuse/mental health services are identified. For those that are EA and non-EA eligible, where appropriate, other local, state, and Federal grant resources are identified to assist persons who are homeless and imminently homeless with housing, support, and legal services (ie. Social Services for the Homeless (non-EA), Homeless Trust Fund, Community Services Block Grant, Alcohol/Drug Abuse funding, Peer Grouping/GAP funding, ESG, CoC, etc). Union County One-Stop Centers are available in Elizabeth and Plainfield, and the Union County Workforce Development Center is available in Elizabeth. All facilities offer job search and employment assistance services. Referrals are also provided to the local CEAS/CoC organizations for additional support services.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

The below listed facilities meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals through in house programs that target this population. Services include but are not limited to: emergency shelter; meals for shelter residents; street outreach; linkages to community, employment/education service, entitlement and workforce development programs; rapid re-housing case management services; behavioral health counseling for substance abuse and/or mental health; rapid re-housing cash assistance for rent/utilities; homelessness prevention case management services, homelessness prevention cash assistance for rent/utilities; transitional housing; and permanent supportive housing. All services provided to homeless persons promote self-sufficiency.

For a complete, detailed listing of all agencies and services that address homelessness, refer to the County Homeless Services Resource Directory, which can be viewed at the County's Department of Human Services website:

<http://ucnj.org/departments/human-services/union-county-continuum-of-carehomeless-unit/>

OUTREACH

Bridgeway

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PREVENTION

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark
Central Jersey Legal Services
Community Health Law Project
Early Intervention Program - Trinitas Regional Medical Center
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
HIV Counseling & Testing - Trinitas Regional Medical Center
Hyacinth AIDS Foundation
Neighborhood Health Services Corp
Plainfield Action Services
PROCEED, Inc
Salvation Army – Elizabeth
Union County Psychiatric Clinic Behavioral Healthcare, Inc
Urban League of Union County, Inc

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Community Access Unlimited Youth Shelter
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Family Promise
FISH Hospitality Program, Inc. (families only)
Homefirst, Inc.
Plainfield Area YMCA
Salvation Army – Elizabeth
YMCA of Eastern Union County
YWCA of Eastern Union County (domestic violence)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Flynn Christian Fellowship Houses of New Jersey
Homefirst, Inc
PROCEED, Inc
Raphael's Life House
SERV Centers of New Jersey, Inc
YMCA of Eastern Union County

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Brand New Day
Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
Covenant House NJ - Raphael's Life House
Community Access Unlimited
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc

Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity
Homefirst, Inc
Plainfield Area YMCA
Volunteers of America
YMCA of Eastern Union County
YWCA of Eastern Union County

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(d)

Introduction

This section provides descriptions of the facilities and services available to persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addiction, and persons with HIV/AIDS.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

Substance Abuse: According to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, 3,558 persons were admitted to rehabilitation for substance abuse in 2018 in Union County. Heroin users accounted for the largest number of admissions (42%), followed by alcohol (33%), and marijuana (14%). The report also found that six percent of those discharged from substance abuse became homeless.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

The Continuum of Care has established discharge policies and procedures to assist persons leaving institutional care obtain supportive housing and avoid homelessness. To address this issue, health care providers and UC Emergency Shelter/Code Blue Subcommittee developed a process for referrals from health care facilities to emergency shelters and other homeless services. A streamlined referral form is currently used to help persons secure shelter and identify the necessary medical information needed to procure homeless services offered through mainstream programs such as TANF, SSI, and GA. Staff from the social services department of Trinitas Regional Medical Center regularly attends CoC Committee and subcommittee meetings.

As a result of these efforts, the 2020 Point in Time Count and Survey of the homeless indicated that less than 2% of respondents stated they were discharged from medical facility into homelessness.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

The County proposes to support the following programs & projects in the 2020 year. These projects are projected to renovate two facilities that serve persons with special needs & assist 23 social service programs. The County estimates these programs will benefit approximately 15,000 individuals w/special needs. The Arc of Union County is granted \$64,559 for 2020-2021 as well as the Cerebral Palsy League receiving \$22,615 in funds.

Facility Improvements

- ARC Residential Improvements-Gas Generators
- Cerebral Palsy League-Replace Commercial Exhaust Fans
- Fanwood ADA Walkway Railings Municipal Bldg, Carriage House
- Kenilworth Borough Bldg-ADA Door Upgrade
- Toddler Learning Center-Install Security Cameras
- Covenant Dev. Corp. Food Pantry Remodel/Expansion
- Neighborhood House Commercial Washer/Dryer
- Shiloh Entrepreneurial & Eco. Dev.-Lords Kitchen Bathrooms
- Second Street Youth Center-Playground Resurface
- Kings Daughter-Playground Safety Bollards
- JFK Community Center Facilities Improvements
- Rahway Housing Schaffhauser Towers Elevator Upgrades
- Summit Housing Authority-Refurbish Elevators
- Scotch Plains Senior Housing Corp Window Replacements/Kitchen Cabinets
- Roselle Park ADA Improvements Municipal Bldg
- Westfield Area Y Emergency Video Communication System
- Westfield CC Refurbish Gym Facility & Adjacent Parking Lot

Social Services

- Berkeley Heights Senior Citizens Program
- Clark Senior Citizens Program
- Cranford Housing Senior Nutrition Program
- Cranford Senior Citizens Program
- Fanwood Senior Citizens Program
- Garwood Senior Citizens Program
- Hillside Senior Citizens Healthcare Program
- Hillside Senior Citizens Program
- Kenilworth Senior Citizens & Health Program
- Mountainside Senior Citizens Program
- New Providence Senior Citizens Program
- New Providence Senior Citizens Program
- Plainfield Senior Citizens Program

- Rahway Senior Citizens Program
- Roselle Senior Citizens Transportation Program
- Roselle Park Senior Citizens Program
- Scotch Plains Senior Citizens Program
- Springfield Senior Citizens Transportation Program
- Summit YMCA SHA Senior Enrichment Programming
- Westfield Senior Citizen Transportation Program
- Winfield Senior Citizens Program
- Someone's Daughter Youth Education Program
- Institute of Music for Children Summer Arts Youth Program
- Catholic Charities Child Protective Services
- Family Promise Transportation of Homeless Services
- Roots & Wings Services for Aged Out Foster Youth
- Hillside Buie Community Center Youth Recreation Project
- Hillside Maternal Child Healthcare Program
- Linden Food Pantry/Nutrition Program
- Second Street Youth Center Afterschool Service
- Second Street Youth Center Teen Resource
- Shut In Council-Disable Care Services
- FISH Hospitality Program
- HOPES CAP Early Childhood & Families Services Program
- Plainfield Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Program
- Neighborhood Health Services Corp. Social Work Project
- Urban League-Reentry Reconnections
- Toddler Learning Center-Day Care
- Vision & Pathways-Prosperity Independent Living Skills
- Boys & Girl Club Teen Program
- IRIS House Project T.T.Y.L.
- Girl Scouts Heart of NJ - Leadership Experience
- Covenant Dev. Corp.-Food Pantry Services
- Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry
- Art of Hospitality-Path to Success
- Summit Youth Center
- United Way Family Strengthening Program

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

The following will be provided funds:

- ARC Residential Improvements - Gas Generators
- Cerebral Palsy League - Replace Commercial Exhaust Fans
- Fanwood ADA Walkway Railings Municipal Bldg, Carriage House
- Roselle Park ADA Improvements Municipal Building
- Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
- Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
- Fanwood ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
- Kenilworth Borough Buildings - ADA Door Upgrade
- Kenilworth ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.410, 91.210(e)

Describe any negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment

The national goal of decent, safe and sanitary housing for every American is the basis of the National Affordable Housing Act. In this section, this goal is addressed from the perspective of public policy and its impact on the provision of affordable housing. The programs, regulations and conditions discussed below affect land and housing cost. Some of these policies have their origin in a higher governmental authority than Union County.

Union County and its municipalities do not put any limitations on growth. Through vehicles such as zoning ordinances, subdivision controls, permit systems, housing codes and standards, new construction restrictions and rent control, Union County has attempted to minimize the barriers that may impede the development of affordable housing.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

Introduction

The economy of the Newark HMA has four nonfarm payroll sectors that significantly contribute to the local economy. The largest of these is the professional and business services sector, which makes up approximately 19 percent of all nonfarm payrolls in the HMA. During the 12 months ending July 2018, nonfarm payrolls in this sector increased by 2,100 jobs, or 0.9 percent, compared with the previous 12-month period. Additionally, the education and health services, wholesale and retail trade, and government sectors account for 16, 15, and 14 percent of all nonfarm payrolls, respectively.

Education and Health Services Sector

Job growth in the Newark HMA has been strongest in the education and health services sector, which increased by an average of 2,400 jobs, or 1.5 percent, annually from 2001 through 2017. Similar to national trends, a majority of the growth in this sector during this period was in the health care and social assistance industry, which was up by an average of 2,200 jobs, or 1.6 percent, annually. Job gains within this industry were largely attributed to a rise in the number of small healthcare facilities. Compared with 2001, the number of establishments in the health care and social assistance industry is up nearly 33 percent, representing an average increase of approximately 130 establishments annually.

Government Sector

The government sector is also a major part of the economy of the HMA, but payrolls in the sector have generally declined since 2008. During the 12 months ending July 2018, nonfarm payrolls in the sector increased by 1,100 jobs, or 0.6 percent. Payrolls, however, have decreased by an average of 900 jobs, or 0.5 percent, annually since 2008. Within the government sector is Newark Liberty International Airport, which is the largest employer in the HMA with approximately 24,000 employees (Table 1). In June 2017, a \$2.7 billion redevelopment project, known as Terminal One, began at the airport. The project will add a new 33-gate terminal to the airport and is estimated to be completed by 2022. Once completed, Terminal One is expected to create more than 23,000 jobs and generate \$4.6 billion in economic activity in the New York/New Jersey region (The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey).

Leisure and Hospitality Sector

Jobs have been added at the fastest pace in the HMA, especially from 2012 through 2017, in the leisure and hospitality sector. During this 6-year period, nonfarm payrolls in the sector increased by an average of 2,600 jobs, or 2.9 percent, annually, compared with an average increase of 400 jobs, or 0.5 percent, annually, from 2008 through 2011. Job growth from 2012 through 2017 in the sector was largely attributed to increased

tourism in the HMA. During 2017, tourism in the HMA generated nearly \$9.30 billion in direct sales and approximately 79,250 jobs, up 23 and 8 percent, respectively, compared with 2011 (Tourism Economics).

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	147	51	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	13,105	10,751	10	9	-1
Construction	5,950	7,618	4	6	2
Education and Health Care Services	25,893	25,115	19	20	1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	14,545	8,626	11	7	-4
Information	4,774	3,684	4	3	-1
Manufacturing	9,848	15,115	7	12	5
Other Services	6,342	7,021	5	6	1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	19,733	15,340	15	12	-3
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	17,366	15,234	13	12	-1
Transportation and Warehousing	7,823	4,967	6	4	-2
Wholesale Trade	9,274	10,915	7	9	2
Total	134,800	124,437	--	--	--

Table 41 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Workers), 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Name of Employer	Nonfarm Payroll Sector	Number of Employees
Newark Liberty International Airport	Government	24,000
Verizon Communications Inc.	Information	17,000
Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences	Government	15,750
New Jersey Transit	Government	11,500
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.	Transportation & Utilities	11,000
Prudential Financial Inc.	Financial Activities	10,000
United Airlines Inc.	Transportation & Utilities	9,475
AT&T Inc.	Information	7,900
Montclair State University	Government	7,700
Gateway Group One	Professional & Business Services	6,250
Note: Excludes local school districts.		

Major Regional Employers

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	197,777
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	179,530
Unemployment Rate	9.22
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	24.10
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	6.61

Table 42 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

	<u>3-Month Average</u>		
	July 2018	July 2019	July 2020
Labor Force	275,469	276,504	281,140
Resident Employment	263,172	266,804	238,608
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	3.5	15.1

Unemployment

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	50,540
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	7,109
Service	15,598
Sales and office	43,960
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	12,019
Production, transportation and material moving	9,355

Table 43 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	89,250	53%
30-59 Minutes	52,470	31%
60 or More Minutes	27,378	16%
Total	169,098	100%

Table 44 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	12,545	1,189	3,955
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	31,475	4,390	11,035
Some college or Associate's degree	36,680	4,260	8,265
Bachelor's degree or higher	70,395	3,335	11,085

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	987	2,637	2,648	4,120	4,633
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,373	1,606	2,040	4,655	4,321
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	8,145	8,765	11,020	27,120	18,365
Some college, no degree	10,500	9,380	8,510	18,045	7,345
Associate's degree	1,594	3,104	3,109	7,194	1,759
Bachelor's degree	4,397	11,810	14,193	24,685	6,876
Graduate or professional degree	293	6,360	9,904	17,844	6,310

Table 46 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	639,940
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	694,827
Some college or Associate's degree	815,799
Bachelor's degree	1,222,545
Graduate or professional degree	1,662,829

Table 47 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

Current labor market information indicates that the primary growth sectors that provide significant job growth for Union County include Construction; Retail, Hospitality & Tourism; Health Care; and Transportation, Logistics & Distribution.

Before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, payroll growth in the HMA was expected to continue for the next three years but at a slightly slower pace than the past year. Nonfarm payrolls were estimated to increase by an average of 4,900 jobs, or 0.4 percent, annually, and payroll growth is anticipated to be relatively steady during all 3 years. Gains were expected to be largely concentrated in the education and health services and the professional and business services sectors. Expected gains include approximately 1,500 new jobs at Mars Wrigley Confectionery, a manufacturer of chocolate, gum, and candy, when the company opens a new headquarters in Newark during 2020. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA recently announced plans to move its U.S. headquarters to Morris County. Although the timeline of the move has not been announced, approximately 1,000 new jobs are expected to be created in the HMA.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Compared to New Jersey, fewer residents in Union County have Bachelor's degrees (31% vs. 35%) and more residents have not attained a high school diploma or GED (16% vs. 13%). Among the foreign born in Union County, 25% have not attained a high school diploma or GED. Adults who have limited English skills comprise nearly twice the share of residents in the county as compared to the state (21.3% in Union County vs. 12.3% in New Jersey)

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

Union County lost over 23,600 jobs during the Great Recession (December 2007 to June 2009) with many of the job losses concentrated in manufacturing. The manufacturing industry has lost over half of its jobs in the past decade, dropping from 44,000 jobs at the start of 2002 to 20,300 at the close of 2012. Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing alone lost over 15,000 jobs between 2007 and 2010 according to the US Census Bureau.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Clients need assistance with learning English proficiency (reading, writing and speaking). Poor English skills affect people's ability to climb out of poverty through education and employment in jobs that offer wage compensation that support basic needs (food, quality housing, education, etc.) and allow for people to save some of their income. Poor language skills make it difficult to increase family wealth, assist children with homework, and navigate the variety of social and economic systems that people must interact with directly or indirectly in their daily lives.

The Workforce Investment Board is exploring how to best encourage and incentivize vendor programs to enhance their industry specific training to include contextualized basic skills, English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction and workplace readiness skills training.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

WIB: Populations that experience higher than average unemployment including individuals with disabilities, veterans, youth and long-term unemployed have been the primary recipients of workforce development services. The One-Stop Career Center System offers a highly integrated seamless approach to the delivery of workforce development services. Through the numerous One-Stop Partner agencies, clients access a variety of supportive, educational, and training services. Union County continues to work to integrate programs to leverage available resources, e.g., integrating WIA Title II adult basic education into WorkFirst New Jersey approved activities.

RCAO Entrepreneur Academy that was launched through a Union County Workforce Investment Act Youth Programs Grant. They had tremendous success working with students ages 16-21, and were disheartened to hear the guidelines of the federal program are changing to focus mostly on out-of-school youth. Hopefully would like to fund and operate their own program, and extend the age limits back to 13 years old based on expressed interest.

Roselle First offers services for in school and out of school students and young adults. They provide social skills workshops, academic support that consists of tutoring, SAT preparation, college readiness/career placement and GED prep for those who have not obtained their high school diploma. Their students are also afforded an opportunity to participate in a paid work experience with local businesses in their community. Over the next five years, Roselle First would like to create a Leadership and Entrepreneurial training/workshops to better prepare their students to be successful, competitive and self-sustaining.

FISH Hospitality: Currently all clients in FHP are working at least part-time. They are underemployed, underpaid and are willing to work full time but have difficulty finding a good part-time job that will help them move on to the next step. Some future initiatives include offering an 'in-house' parenting and budgeting/financial literacy curriculum. Since FHP is a Family Promise affiliate, financial literacy curriculum is available. One of the areas where they hope to partner with the county is in on the job

training. One client who works as a short-order cook would like to pursue another career choice but since she is working no training opportunities exist at a time of day that works with her schedule, and there is no financial assistance available because she is not on welfare client. Also she needs case management and rental assistance for a period of six to 12 months. Such a program does not exist to help people who work.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Union County is fortunate to have a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document. All twenty-one municipalities in the Union County are included in the CEDS document, and as such benefit from a variety of projects funded by the US Economic Development Administration.

The CEDS document includes a series of strategies to promote economic development in the areas of:

- Transportation/Infrastructure Development
- Industrial Development
- Commercial Revitalization
- Supporting Activities

The Consortium will support the CEDS activities by funding technical assistance and providing guidance in the implementation of HUD's economic development programs, and in other economic development initiatives.

Discussion

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

For the purpose of this plan, a concentration of housing problems is an area that has a relatively high number of housing problems compared to other areas of the jurisdiction. The areas of the County (excluding Elizabeth) with the highest percentage of owners experiencing HUD-defined housing problems are Hillside, Plainfield, Roselle, Rahway, Linden, and Union Township. The areas of County (excluding Elizabeth) with a concentration of rental housing problems include Fanwood, Plainfield, Roselle, Hillside, Rahway, Union Township, Roselle Park, and Linden.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The County defines an area of low-income concentration as a census block group where at least 49.8% which is the eligibility threshold to meet the CDBG low mod area national objective in FY2020. This percent is equal to the low and moderate income concentration of the upper quartile of census block groups within the County CDBG jurisdiction. In other words, twenty-five percent of the census block groups within the County CDBG jurisdiction have a low moderate income population greater than 49.8%.

The County defines an area of minority concentration as a census tract where a majority of the population is non-white.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

Overall, the County is fully built out with an aging housing stock. While the cost of housing is high in all areas of the County, housing costs are relatively lower in areas of low-income concentration, including Plainfield, Union, Hillside, and areas of Rahway, Linden, and Roselle.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Each community within the County has a set of assets that can be leveraged. Several communities have strategic redevelopment plans for their central business districts. These areas seek to eliminate blighted properties and redevelop under-used assets in hopes of attracting private investments. One of the greatest assets throughout the County is the rail transit system that connects the County to the greater region. Several communities within the County have state-designated Transit Villages. The Transit Village hubs are pedestrian friendly neighborhoods where residents can live, work, and shop without the need for a car. The Transit Villages within the County include Plainfield, Rahway, Cranford, Elizabeth, Linden, and Summit.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Other strategic opportunities within the County include the redevelopment of brownfield properties. Brownfield properties are those that have known or suspected environmental contamination. The County has the opportunity to tap available state and federal resources to remediate the environmental dangers to make these sites more attractive to developers.

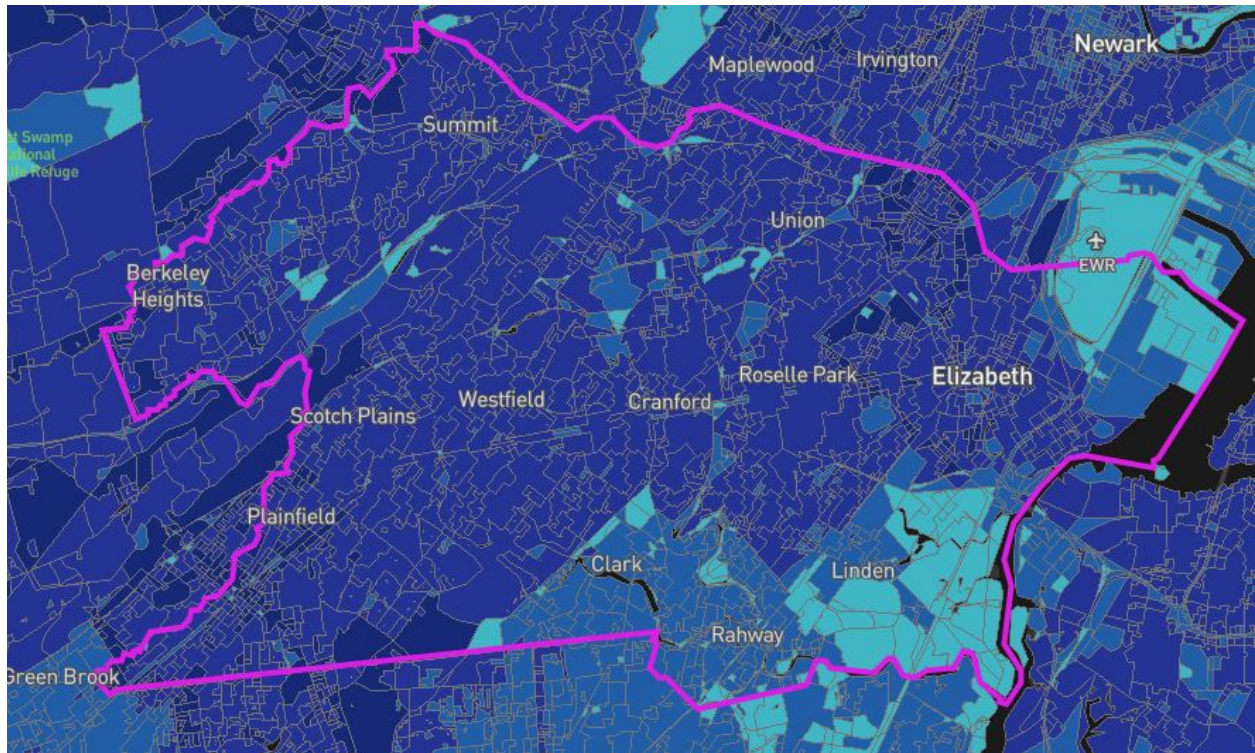
MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

According to data from the Federal Communications Commission, the County is well served by fixed broadband. Multiple options for fixed broadband is available in all portions of the County. According to the 2018 5 Year ACS survey, approximately 88% of households have a computer in their home and 82% have a broadband internet subscription. While this is a fairly high percentage, this also means there are approximately 34,590 households without broadband internet. While broadband access may be available, the cost may be prohibitive to some low-income households. Two internet providers have low-cost plans available. Comcast Internet Essentials (www.internetessentials.com) provides service for approximately \$10 per month to all HUD-assisted households. In addition to low cost access, they also have a low-cost computing device service. AT&T Access Plan (<https://accessatt.solixcs.com/#/home>) provides discounted service to persons enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

Healthy competition would help ensure competitive pricing among service providers. Currently, most residents have more than one provider to choose from. Broadband speeds paired with unlimited data plans available through mobile phone carriers also provide an option for persons not wishing to purchase a separate broadband internet service.



Fixed Broadband Deployment

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

The Union County Office of Emergency Management was the lead agency for the development of the 2016 Plan update. Several individuals and organizations worked together to develop the Plan update. These participants were organized into three tiers of stakeholders who had several opportunities to review and provide comments on plan components. The Core Group also known as the Union County Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee (HMPSC) had direct responsibility for much of the plan update development, with technical support from the consultants.

The HMPSC first reviewed the hazards that were included in the original 2010 Plan update and determined that the hazards from 2010 would be profiled as part of the 2016 Plan update. After updating the profiles for each hazard and incorporating new data as appropriate, the hazards were prioritized as high, medium, or low for both the main body of the Plan update and the jurisdictional appendices. When deciding how to prioritize the hazards, factors were considered such as how often the hazard has occurred in the past, how bad damages were, how many people affected, and how difficult it was to recover from the event(s). Using this approach, the HMPSC was able to make qualitative determinations that allowed the process to focus more closely on the hazards that are most significant to the County and jurisdictions. For the County, these include the following:

The high hazards are:

- Flood
- Storm Surge
- High Wind–Straight-Line Winds
- Severe Storm–Winter Weather
- Hazardous Materials Release – Fixed Sites
- Hazardous Materials Release – Transportation
- Extreme Temperature – Cold
- Extreme Temperature - Heat

The DMA 2000 legislation and related FEMA planning guidance require mitigation plans to include discussion of community vulnerability to natural hazards. Vulnerability is generally defined as the damage (including direct damages and loss of function) that would occur when various levels of hazards impact a structure, operation or population. For example, vulnerability can be expressed as the percent damage to a building when it is flooded, or the number of days that a government office will be shut down after a wind storm, etc., assuming there is sufficient detailed data available to support the calculations. Because this Plan includes many jurisdictions and data is often not detailed, it is not practical to complete vulnerability assessments on the many individual assets, operations and populations in individual jurisdictions. However, it is appropriate for participating municipalities to

embark on a program of addressing these data deficiencies over the next five years in anticipation of the next Plan update.

Union County is subject to numerous natural and manmade hazards, although in some cases the hazards have rarely impacted the area, or their effects have been relatively minor. Two natural hazards that caused severe damage to Union County low to moderate income households has been Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy also known as Superstorm Sandy.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

The County understands the vulnerability risk of housing occupied by low to moderate income households and based on the data, flooding is the most frequent and most damaging natural hazard in central New Jersey and Union County, However, it is important to recognize that several other hazards present significant risks (i.e. potential for future losses) to the County, even though they have occurred infrequently in the past, or have not caused much damage.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

Given the broad range of needs and the limited amount of resources available, the County can only meet a portion of the needs within the community. For the purpose the Consolidated Plan, the needs identified as "high priority" are those that the County plans on addressing with available federal funds over the next five years.

This portion of the plan, the Strategic Plan, summarizes the community needs and identifies its high priority needs that it will address over the next five years. The Strategic Plan also describes how the County will address its priority needs. This includes identifying available resources (Anticipated Resources), who will carry out the activities (Institutional Delivery Structure), and how the conditions of the market will influence the County's actions (Influence of Market Conditions). The Strategic Plan also describes plans to address specific issues required by the regulations, including barriers to affordable housing, lead-paint hazards, and anti-poverty measures.

Given the variables above, the County sets goals that will be used to measure performance over the term of the plan. It should be noted that this is difficult to estimate the funding levels for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG program for the term of the Consolidated Plan. Given this, the goals listed in the plan are based on the assumption that funding will remain relatively stable over the next four-five years.

The priorities and goals of this Strategic Plan did not change much from the previous Strategic Plan. The focus will remain on housing, homelessness, and investments in public facilities and infrastructure improvements that primarily benefit low and moderate income persons.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The County estimates it will budget about one third of its available resources to housing. All HOME funds are currently planned to subsidize the development of new affordable units. The County will continue its tenant based rental assistance program as well. CDBG funds will continue to fund the housing rehabilitation programs.

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The County estimates it will budget about one third of its available resources to public facilities and infrastructure improvements that will primarily benefit low and moderate income populations. Funded projects include upgrades to neighborhood centers, senior centers, and infrastructure projects such as streetscape improvements.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The County estimates it will budget about ten percent of its available resources to social service

programs that will primarily benefit low and moderate income populations. Funded programs will include but are not limited to services that target seniors, disabled, at-risk youth, and food pantries.

HOMELESS

Six percent of funds are budgeted for programs that exclusively serve homeless populations. This does not include social service, housing, and facility programs in other categories that may also benefit the homeless.

The remainder of available funds will be used for economic development, planning, administration, and operating support for CHDO organizations who develop affordable housing within the County.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 48 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	Borough of Roselle
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
2	Area Name:	Borough of Roselle Park
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	

	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
3	Area Name:	City of Hillside
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
	4	Area Name:
Area Type:		Local Target area
Other Target Area Description:		
HUD Approval Date:		
% of Low/ Mod:		
Revital Type:		Comprehensive
Other Revital Description:		
Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.		
Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.		
How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?		
Identify the needs in this target area.		
What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?		
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?		
5		Area Name:
	Area Type:	Local Target area

	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
6	Area Name:	Rahway
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
7	Area Name:	Countywide
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	

Revital Type:	Comprehensive
Other Revital Description:	
Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
Identify the needs in this target area.	
What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

The affordable housing strategies will not be focused on a specific geography. The data shows that the need for affordable housing is spread across the county. A common concern in community revitalization efforts is the effect of concentrations of subsidized units within one neighborhood. To promote increased housing choice and opportunity, efforts will be made to increase the number of assisted housing units located outside areas of minority and low/moderate income concentration.

Homeless and special needs assistance will be directed to agencies that can best serve target populations regardless of location. The County will balance efforts to integrate transitional and permanent housing for homeless and special needs populations throughout the County and the need to site special needs facilities where supportive services are easily accessible.

The community development strategies will focus on areas with high concentrations of low-income households. This decision is based on the input received in community meetings and the regulatory restrictions that govern the use of CDBG funds. The CDBG regulations limit investment to areas where at least 51% of the households earn less than 80% of the area median income. At the time of the development of this plan, Union County qualifies as an exception grantee under the CDBG Program. This means the County can serve areas where 49.8 percent of the population qualifies as low or moderate income (as opposed to the traditional threshold of 51%). There are 73 Census Block Groups within the CDBG jurisdiction that meet this threshold.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 49 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide
	Associated Goals	Expand Affordable Housing Housing Rehabilitation Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Description	<p>The County identified the preservation of affordable single-family housing stock throughout the County as a high priority need. A corresponding need is the need for code enforcement.</p> <p>According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 40,755 low- and moderate-income owner-occupied households with a housing problem. The most common needs among owner-occupied households are caused by cost burdens and substandard housing. The high number of foreclosures is a reflection of owners who can no longer support severe cost burdens.</p>
	Basis for Relative Priority	<p>The affordable housing priorities are based on review and analysis of information summarized in the Consolidated Plan, namely the community participation process, consultations, needs assessment, and housing market analysis.</p> <p>According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 40,755 low- and moderate-income owner-occupied households with a housing problem. The most common needs among owner-occupied households are caused by cost burdens and substandard housing. The high number of foreclosures is a reflection of owners who can no longer support severe cost burdens.</p>
2	Priority Need Name	Housing Development

	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide
	Associated Goals	Expand Affordable Housing Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Description	<p><u>Rental households earning less than 50% of area median income</u></p> <p>According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 17,110 rental households earning less than 50% of the area median income. Three of every four of these households have a housing problem. Most of these housing problems are caused by cost burden which implies there is a large need for more affordable rental units for this income group. Additional rental units can be made affordable through rehabilitation of existing units or the development of new units. Statistics from CHAS Data Book show renter households earning less than 50% of the area median income are cost burdened.</p> <p><u>Rental households earning between 50% and 80% of area median income</u></p> <p>According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 15,995 rental households earning between 50% and 80% AMI. Some of the households in this income range without a housing problem may be able to afford a moderately priced home, but do not have the immediate funds necessary for a down payment or closing costs. Direct financial assistance and housing counseling can help these families move into homeownership. More than ever, there is a need to ensure that homebuyers receive financial counseling and proper education before making a home purchase. The counseling will help the homebuyer select a home and a mortgage product that is a viable choice in the long-term.</p>

	Basis for Relative Priority	<p>The housing priorities reflect the fact that the County has an older core of viable housing stock that can be preserved as affordable dwelling units and stimulate community pride. The County will focus on rehabilitation of units, not only to improve the quality of life of residents and neighborhoods, but to prevent homelessness.</p> <p>Programs and activities to assist owner households will focus on the elderly, who have fewer resources and a fixed income, and upon small related households, who have high costs of rehabilitating or upgrading homes in the County's municipalities' aging housing stock. Programs will assist in the upkeep of these homes, preserve the existing stock, and, in the process, preserve the neighborhoods.</p> <p>Programs and activities to assist renter households will focus on small related renter households and the elderly, particularly for households earning less than 30% AMI. These are the households most likely to fall into homelessness.</p>
3	Priority Need Name	Public Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide
	Associated Goals	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building Public Infrastructure Improvements

	Description	The County will make CDBG funds available to participating cities, boroughs, townships, and town to make infrastructure improvements to low- and moderate-income areas of their community. Potential infrastructure projects include, but are not limited to, water and sewer lines, street and sidewalk improvements, and drainage improvements. Many of these needs are considered necessary line items in municipal budgets. In Union County municipalities, these repairs and upgrades cannot be afforded by the municipality. Local municipality revenues are inadequate.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Community Development priorities were developed based on the review and analysis of the information summarized in the Consolidated Plan, including the community participation process, consultations, the needs assessment, and housing market analysis. In addition to consultations with participating jurisdictions, the County conducted consultations with local non-profit service providers to gauge community development needs.
4	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide

	Associated Goals	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building Public Facilities
	Description	The County will make CDBG funds available to participating Cities, Boroughs, Townships and Towns to make public facility improvements to low and moderate income areas in their communities.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Community Development priorities were developed based on the review and analysis of the information summarized in the Consolidated Plan, including the community participation process, consultations, the needs assessment and housing market analysis. In addition to consultations with participating jurisdictions, the County conducted consultations with local non-profit service providers to gauge community development needs.
5	Priority Need Name	Social Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development

	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide
	Associated Goals	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building Public Services
	Description	Based on the needs assessment and analysis conducted as part of the five year plan, the County has identified public services as a high priority need, including senior services, child care, homelessness and services for the disabled.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Community Development priorities were developed based on the review and analysis of the information summarized in the Consolidated Plan, including the community participation process, consultations, the needs assessment, and housing market analysis. In addition to consultations with participating jurisdictions, the County conducted consultations with local non-profit service providers to gauge community development needs.
6	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide

	Associated Goals	Economic Development Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Description	The County will work with the Union County Economic Development Corporation to provide needed technical assistance and obtain additional financing for local businesses.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Community Development priorities were developed based on the review and analysis of the information summarized in the Consolidated Plan, including the community participation process, consultations, the needs assessment, and housing market analysis. In addition to consultations with participating jurisdictions, the County conducted consultations with local non-profit service providers to gauge community development needs.
7	Priority Need Name	Homeless
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide
	Associated Goals	Address Homelessness Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building

8	Description	<p>This analysis of the unmet homeless needs in the County, or gaps, was prepared by comparing the current inventory of homeless facilities and supportive service slots with the estimated need within each inventory category. The unmet need, or gap, was determined by subtracting the current inventory from the estimated need. The form includes the categories for the three types of housing (emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing), for supportive service slots (job training, case management, and substance abuse treatment), and for subpopulations (chronic substance abusers, seriously mentally ill, and veterans).</p> <p>The Continuum of Care undertakes an annual survey of the homeless population. The survey was conducted for the entire County and its municipalities and contained specific information on each municipality. To complete the Homeless Needs Table for this Consolidated Plan, the County has used data from the survey and the latest Continuum of Care document, which used a January 2020 census of homeless persons. These figures include City of Elizabeth. The total number was 484 homeless persons. Of the 349 homeless households counted in Union County in 2020, 65 (19%) were families with children. The chronically homeless number was estimated to be 42 and the number of homeless youth was estimated to be 162.</p>
	Basis for Relative Priority	<p>Homeless priorities are primarily based on consultation with homeless service providers and a review and analysis of homeless-specific strategies such as the Continuum of Care's annual funding application.</p> <p>Relative priority was determined by collaboration of provider agencies and County staff working under the auspices of the CEAS Committee. Factors involved in setting these priorities included the relative numeric size of the gap; the relative capacity of the network providers and response time to the needs in timely fashion, and the likelihood of cutting into the gap successfully; the relative capacity of mainstream housing resources to impact upon gaps; and the relative capacity of mainstream supportive resources to impact upon the gaps.</p> <p>Independent studies conducted under the auspices of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council have documented gaps in the continuum of care due to insufficient housing services for persons infected with HIV/AIDS.</p>
	Priority Need Name	Public Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Public Housing Residents

Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway City of Linden Countywide
Associated Goals	Housing Rehabilitation Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building Public Facilities Public Infrastructure Improvements
Description	<p>Six of the twenty-one municipalities in Union County, including City of Elizabeth, operate public housing programs. Union County has a total of 22 public housing developments located in City of Elizabeth, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Union and Summit. Each of the five separate public housing authorities has its own set of problems and objectives. In consultations with each agency, most agencies had concerns regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Seek additional rent vouchers 2) Modernize public housing 3) Implement better security measures <p>Each Public Housing Authority (PHA) reported its housing units are in good condition. Rehabilitation needs were standard replacements and improvements. The units should be upgraded, particularly in the kitchen, stairs, and hallway areas. Improved programs for security and drug prevention should be implemented. There is a supply shortage of units. The sizes of units do not meet the needs of the households. The table below identifies the municipality and the number of public housing units operated by each.</p>
Basis for Relative Priority	<p>The public housing authorities within the county have adequate funding sources and do not need additional funding available through CDBG, HOME, and ESG.</p> <p>With the exception of the Union County Section 8 Housing Assistance Program, the public housing agencies located within the County are separate and independent entities with no formal relationship with the County. Each is governed by an independent board responsible for its operations. The County will seek to coordinate with each of the PHAs when such coordination will prove beneficial to both of the agencies.</p>

Narrative (Optional)

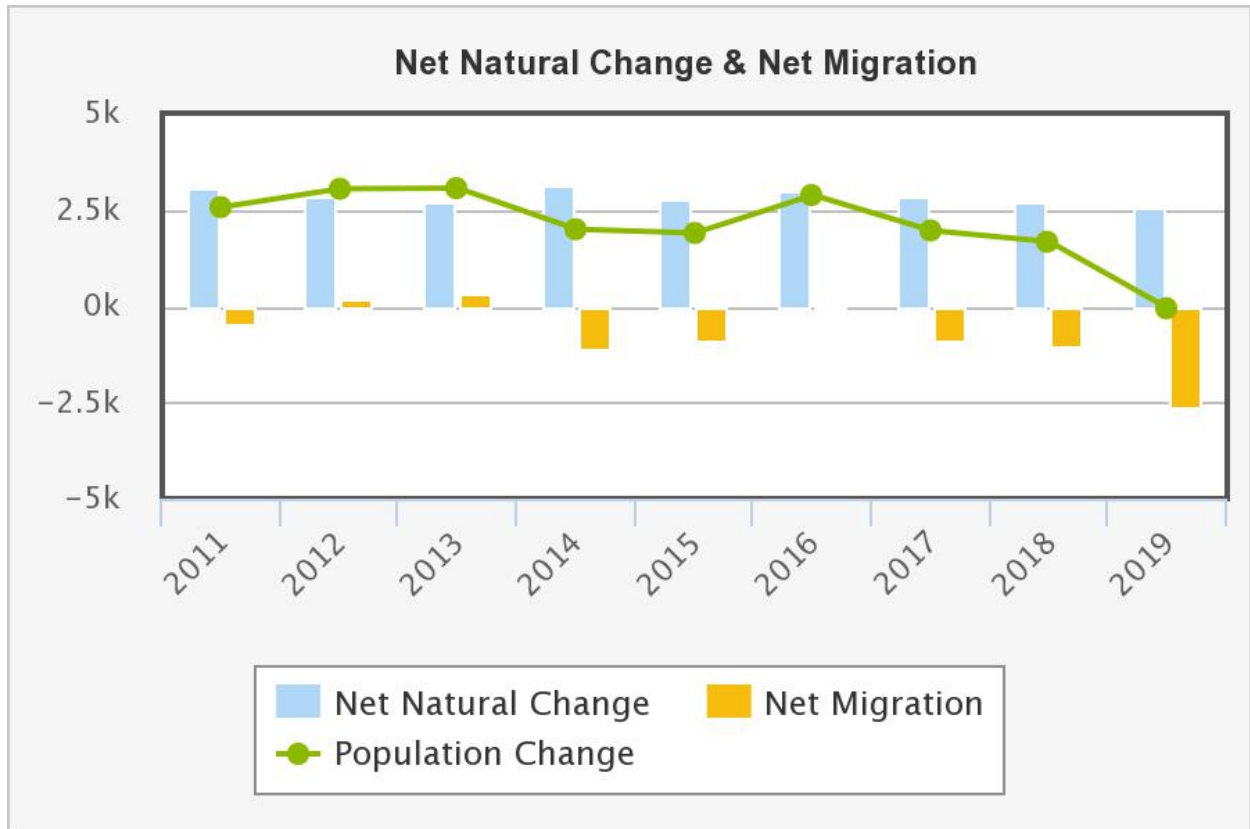
SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions - 91.415, 91.215(b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	<p>The cost of rental housing within the market is not reasonable for most households earning less than eighty percent of area median income as evident by the percentage of renters with cost burdens. Overall, 55% of all renters have a housing problem. The overwhelming majority of housing problems are caused by a cost burden where the household pays more than 30% of income toward housing costs.</p> <p>Of course, burdens are greater for families at the lower income levels. Almost ninety percent of renters earning less than 50% of area median income experience a housing problem. There are 20,500 renters that earn less than 50% of area median income and experience a severe cost burden where more than 50% of their income goes toward housing. These households are at imminent risk of homelessness if there is a disruption in their income.</p> <p>A New Jersey minimum wage earner, earning approximately \$11.00 per hour, must work approximately 100 hours per week every year, the equivalent of 2 full time jobs, to afford a two bedroom apartment set at Fair Market Rent.</p> <p>This data supports the use of funds for tenant-based rental assistance. The County may consider using funds to supplement current housing voucher programs by using federal funds covered by this plan for tenant-based rental assistance.</p>
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	<p>Monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, which is a common form of income for persons with special needs, averages \$783 per month for an individual. The one-bedroom FMR is \$1,159. Based on this data, there is clearly a market-based need for tenant-based rental assistance for persons with special needs. Anecdotal information gathered during the planning process also supports TBRA for non-homeless special needs populations. For example, Plainfield Senior Center reported an increased demand for emergency funding for rental/housing and electric and gas billing assistance for their clientele.</p>

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
New Unit Production	<p>A review of the last four years of ACS data related to the number of occupied and vacant owner and rental units shows a shift toward the demand for rental units. From 2013 to 2017, the number of units occupied by owners or for sale increase to 58%. Over the same period of time, the number of units rented or available to rent increased by over 5,000 units. It should be noted that the number of "other vacant" units, those which are not for sale or rent, decreased to 5%, which is half the rate in NJ 10%.</p> <p>This type of data suggests that any new development of affordable housing should be focused on rental units. However, given the age of housing within the County's communities, the established character of neighborhoods, and the number of available single family foreclosures within the neighborhoods, the County sees opportunities in the current market for non-profit developers to acquire, rehabilitate, and sell single family homes where a rental development may not be feasible.</p>
Rehabilitation	Given the age of the housing stock and the built-out nature of the communities throughout the county, rehabilitation is the most cost effective method of increasing the number of affordable housing units in standard condition.
Acquisition, including preservation	The acquisition and preservation of existing units may be used on a strategic basis given the circumstance and nature of each potential opportunity.

Table 50 – Influence of Market Conditions



Population Trends

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The main source of funding for the goals, programs, and projects discussed in this Consolidated Plan will come from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

CDBG funds may be used for a broad range of activities, including housing, infrastructure, public facilities and services, and economic development, as long as the purpose of the program is to benefit persons considered to be low or moderate income (below 80% of the area median income).

HOME funds may only be used for affordable housing projects. This includes the acquisition and development of new housing, the rehabilitation of existing units, tenant-based rental assistance, and homebuyer assistance.

ESG funds are dedicated to ending homelessness and can be used for rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and the support of shelters and services that serve the homeless.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	4,708,622	200,000	264,559	5,173,181	20,694,440	see above

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,254,409	25,460	1,617,282	2,897,151	3,763,948	see above
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	397,064	0	0	397,064	1,588,256	see above

Table 51 - Anticipated Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

For ESG funds each award to agencies will be required to generate a dollar for dollar match. Based on applications received by subrecipients, the following sources will be used:

Central Jersey Legal Services - \$6,100 in state funds;
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless - \$60,000 in federal, \$69,000 in state, and \$15,000 from a private foundation;
Family Promise - \$40,620 in federal, and \$28,995 from a local trust fund;
PROCEED - \$43,886 in state funds;
Salvation Army - \$44,610 in shelter receipts;
YMCA - \$29,061 in federal funds; 13,896 in state funds, and \$3,354 in general funds/cash;
Urban League of Union County - \$11,334 in state funds;
YWCA of Eastern Union County - \$16,100 in state funds.

TOTAL EXPECTED ESG MATCH: \$413,231

For HOME funds each development that receives funds will be required to generate a 25% match. The County will rely on excessive match generated in prior years and that HUD allows to carry forward to meet match liabilities in the current year.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

There are no publicly-owned properties currently identified to help meet the needs identified in this plan.

Discussion

It should be noted that it is difficult to estimate the funding levels for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs for the term of the Consolidated Plan. Given this, the goals listed in the plan are based on the assumption that funding will remain relatively stable over the next four years. In reality, the size of both the CDBG and HOME allocations continue to decrease.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
UNION COUNTY	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Public Housing neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
UNION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development Planning	Jurisdiction
UNITED WAY	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs Planning public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
CITY OF PLAINFIELD	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Public Housing neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Linden	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Public Housing neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
City of Rahway	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Public Housing neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
CITY OF SUMMIT	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Public Housing neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
CITY OF WESTFIELD	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
BOROUGH OF FANWOOD	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
BOROUGH OF GARWOOD	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning public facilities public services	Other
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
Borough of Roselle Park	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
TOWNSHIP OF CLARK	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities	Other
Township of Scotch Plains	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other
TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Other

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
UNION TOWNSHIP (UNION COUNTY)	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Public Housing neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	

Table 52 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The County of Union will implement the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan through the combined efforts of the Division of Planning and Community Development and the County's Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, the various sub-committees of the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and, private, non-profit, and for-profit organizations. Though these entities work well together, there are opportunities for improved coordination and communication. All agencies involved in these efforts are seeking new ways to better serve their target populations and the general public.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X	X	X
Mortgage Assistance	X	X	
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	X	X
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X		
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	X
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X

Supportive Services			
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	X
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	X
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	
Other			

Table 53 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

Mainstream services such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance (GA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid, are sought for those persons experiencing homelessness in Union County. CoC members were SOARS trained in 2019 in an effort to assist homeless persons in applying for Social Security and SSI. When appropriate, homeless persons are provided with assistance under the TANF and GA programs in the form of Emergency Assistance (EA) for shelter placement or Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) to secure an apartment. Substance Abuse/mental health services are identified. For those that are EA and non-EA eligible, where appropriate, other local, state, and federal grant resources are identified to assist persons who are homeless and imminently homeless with housing, support, and legal services (ie. Social Services for the Homeless (non-EA), Homeless Trust Fund, Community Services Block Grant, Alcohol/Drug Abuse funding, Peer Grouping/GAP funding, ESG, CoC, etc). Local One-Stop Centers are available throughout Union County for job search and employment assistance services. Referrals are also provided to the local CEAS/CoC organizations for additional support services.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

A major strength is that the County's partner agencies are responsive when sent referrals. The agencies do an excellent job of communicating with each other about available resources, though limited. Our partners make sure that to maximize the funding and resources for each client.

A shortage in permanent housing units remain as the largest gap within the homeless continuum. There are few accessible units for persons with physical disabilities and there is also a lack of income-based

housing for persons with disabilities. In addition, lack of training and education for what is available is an issue, such as what is available on the Federal, State, and local level. Not all shelters in Union County are equipped to handle a person with a disability and are not accessible for persons with physical disabilities. Not all disabilities are visible and every disability is different, on a person by person basis. There appears to be no case management to search and access permanent and affordable housing for persons with disabilities and special needs to prevent homelessness among this population.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

CoC funding is utilized to provide Permanent Supportive Housing, however the turnover rate for this type of housing is low. The lack of affordable housing in Union County, coupled with long waiting lists for Section 8 subsidized housing makes transitioning to permanent housing difficult for homeless persons in Union County. Agencies also operating rapid re-housing programs with limited funding (ESG, Homeless Trust Fund) will move homeless persons and/or those in emergency shelter directly into permanent housing, using a “housing first” model.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Public Facilities Public Housing	CDBG: \$2,474,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 125000 Persons Assisted
2	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Public Housing Public Improvements	CDBG: \$8,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 130000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Social Services	CDBG: \$3,035,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100000 Persons Assisted
4	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Economic Development	CDBG: \$775,000	Jobs created/retained: 25 Jobs

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Address Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Homeless	ESG: \$1,985,320	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 200 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 2000 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 500 Persons Assisted
6	Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Housing Rehabilitation Public Housing	CDBG: \$6,875,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 885 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Expand Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Housing Development Housing Rehabilitation	HOME: \$6,661,340	Rental units constructed: 25 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit
8	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development Homeless Housing Development Housing Rehabilitation Public Facilities Public Housing Public Improvements Social Services	CDBG: \$4,708,622	Other: 1 Other

Table 54 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	The County will fund public facility improvements that primarily serve low and moderate income residents.
2	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	The County will subsidize improvements to public infrastructure that primarily benefits low and moderate income neighborhoods and addresses blighted conditions.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	The County will subsidize the delivery of multiple public services that primarily serve low and moderate income persons.
4	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	The County will fund the Union County Economic Development Corporation to support their business expansion and job creation efforts.
5	Goal Name	Address Homelessness
	Goal Description	The County will fund a number of projects and programs that serve homeless populations in efforts to raise them out of homelessness.
6	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	The County will fund a number of programs to address the rehabilitation needs of existing owner occupied housing stock.
7	Goal Name	Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The County will fund a number of programs and projects to address the affordable housing needs in its communities. The County is reviewing the idea of using CDBG and HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance.

8	Goal Name	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Goal Description	The County will use federal funds to conduct planning, administer othe federally funded projects, coordinate with other community stakeholders, and build overall capacity of strategic partners to create more suitable living environments, expand affordable housing, and create economic opportunities for low and moderate income residents.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

Over the course of the five year plan, the County estimates that it will subsidize the development of twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) HOME-assisted units. The number of units will be dependent on the size of future HOME allocations and the type of housing projects undertaken by participating developers.

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement - 91.415, 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

None of the public housing agencies reported to the County the need for accessible units mandated by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance agreement. All authorities indicated that they would make reasonable accommodations based on tenant requests.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

The public housing authorities within the county have several strategies to involve residents in the decision making and management of the authorities. For example, Linden City Housing Authority encourages public housing residents to become involved in management by having residents serve as commissioners on their board. Other strategies include periodic resident meetings with management, formal feedback and grievance policies, and informal, ad-hoc discussions with residents.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the 'troubled' designation

N/A

SP-55 Strategic Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.415, 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

The national goal of decent, safe and sanitary housing for every American is the basis of the National Affordable Housing Act. In this section, this goal is addressed from the perspective of public policy and its impact on the provision of affordable housing. The programs, regulations and conditions discussed below affect land and housing cost. Some of these policies have their origin in a higher governmental authority than Union County.

The most important impediment revolves around the lack of Federal and State resources for affordable housing initiatives. The lack of programs and resources to reduce excessive rent or mortgage burdens to qualified persons is a key factor.

Union County and its municipalities do not put any limitations on growth. Through vehicles such as zoning ordinances, subdivision controls, permit systems, housing codes and standards, new construction restrictions and rent control, Union County has attempted to minimize the barriers that may impede the development of affordable housing.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The County Consortium has identified the public policies that impact the cost of housing and the incentives to develop, maintain and improve affordable housing. Many of these policies fall beyond the Consortium, which has no legal or regulatory authority of its own. Indeed, some of the issues described above are beyond the authority of any single agency or level of government.

Issues that can be addressed at the municipal level include local tax policy, land use controls, building codes fees and charges, growth limits, zoning ordinances and policies that affect the return on residential investment. To varying degrees the Consortium municipalities each have addressed their zoning and land use regulations in an attempt to make them as equitable and open as possible.

Development standards, though they sometimes add costs to construction or rehabilitation, are necessary for the safety and health of residents and are in place in most of the participating jurisdictions. Efforts have been made to streamline and facilitate the permitting process locally by most of the municipalities. Several municipalities employ impact and linkage fees for new development in an attempt to pay for the construction of roads, sewers and other infrastructure improvements required by new development.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(d)

Describe how the jurisdiction's strategic plan goals contribute to:

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

Outreach services to families are conducted by organizations active in UC-CoC. Specifically, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, PROCEED, and Prevention Links provide outreach at various locations throughout the County. Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services provides outreach services to homeless persons (mental health/co-occurring) on the street, in local homeless shelters, and in the Union County jail. The County's Code Blue Emergency Shelter program, activated during periods of severe weather, also provides outreach and aids in identifying homeless families with children and linking them to shelter and housing programs. The Code Blue system, whereby individuals and families are provided shelter, regardless of eligibility serves to identify and bring in from the cold persons who routinely sleep on the streets, in cars, train stations and abandoned buildings, etc. Code Blue represents a collaborative effort between the CoC, County and local police, shelter providers and homeless service providers. Screening and referral is conducted by the Union County Division of Social Services. Persons are evaluated for mainstream services and provided emergency assistance through such services when eligibility can be established. In addition, the CoC conducts an early morning (3AM) Point-In-Time Count initiative annually, locating persons on the street and linking them with services whenever possible.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

When available, persons are moved from emergency shelter to transitional housing. Case management services are vital in assisting persons in moving from transitional housing to permanent housing. Agencies also operating rapid re-housing programs with limited funding (ESG, Homeless Trust Fund) will move homeless persons and/or those in emergency shelter directly into permanent housing, using a "housing first" model. The Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) reviews annual and new funding sources that include homeless and homeless prevention services. Geographic need and target populations are assessed. Priorities and funding allocations are endorsed through CEAS/CoC and the HSAC. The CEAS/CoC specifically reviews and endorses CoC funding.

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.

CoC funding is utilized to provide Permanent Supportive Housing, however the turnover rate for this type of housing is low. The lack of living wages and affordable housing in Union County, coupled with

long waiting lists for Section 8 subsidized housing makes transitioning to permanent housing difficult for homeless persons in Union County. Agencies also operating rapid re-housing programs with limited funding (ESG, Homeless Trust Fund) will move homeless persons and/or those in emergency shelter directly into permanent housing, using a “housing first” model.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

PREVENTION STRATEGY

For those that are EA and non-EA eligible, where appropriate, local, State, and Federal grant resources are utilized to assist persons who are homeless and imminently homeless with housing/rental assistance, case management, employment, legal, and other support services [i.e. Social Services for the Homeless (non-EA), Homeless Trust Fund (prevention services), Community Services Block Grant, Peer Grouping/GAP funding, ESG, etc]. Local One-Stop Centers are available on both ends of the County (Elizabeth and Plainfield) for job search and employment assistance services. Referrals are also provided to the local CEAS/CoC organizations for additional housing and support services. The Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) reviews annual and new funding sources that include homeless and homeless prevention services. Geographic need and target populations are assessed. Priorities and funding allocations are endorsed through CEAS/CoC and the HSAC.

Discharge Policies

1. Foster Care - NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF), Div. of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), provides services to adolescents ages 18 - 21 in out-of-home placements/foster care. When adolescents reach age 18, they may continue to receive voluntary services from DCP&P to assist with their transition to adulthood. Cases on these young adults are closed only if they refuse services. NJ General Assistance program (GA), which provides monthly cash assistance to single adults along with emergency housing/shelter assistance, is a mainstream resource which can be accessed by aging out youth.

2. Health Care - The 2020 Point-In-Time Count and Survey of the homeless indicated that less than 1% of respondents stated they were discharged from medical facility into homelessness. Health care providers and UC Emergency Shelter/Code Blue Subcommittee developed a process for referrals from health care facilities to emergency shelters and other homeless services. A streamlined referral form is currently used to help persons secure shelter and identify the necessary medical information needed to procure homeless services offered through mainstream programs such as TANF, SSI, and GA. Staff from the

social services department of Trinitas Regional Medical Center regularly attends CoC Committee and subcommittee meetings.

3. Mental Health - The 2020 Point-In-Time Count and Survey of the homeless indicates that only 2 respondents stated they were discharged from a state or county mental health facility into homelessness. Mental Health protocols in NJ include a system whereby persons discharged either by the court or administratively from a short-term care or psychiatric facility or special psychiatric hospital have a discharge plan prepared by the treatment team at the facility. The treatment team gives the patient an opportunity to participate in the formulation of the discharge plan. In Union County Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams operated by Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, assist in the transitioning of homeless individuals from mental health care facilities to appropriate housing or shelter programs.

4. Corrections - The 2020 PITC indicates 2.4% of respondents stated they were discharged from a city, county or state correctional facility into homelessness, a reduction from 6.3% in 2019. Because the lack of identification plays a significant role in individuals being unable to secure services after incarceration, UC Dept. of Corrections developed a discharge letter (complete with a photo of each inmate) which helps streamline the process of identification for the purpose of securing mainstream services for ex-offenders. Homeless ex-offenders are often placed in emergency shelters or in apartments via Emergency Assistance (EA) or Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) by UCDSS. In addition, to expedite this transition, UCDSS completes GA intake applications with offenders who are incarcerated for an extended period in the UC Jail prior to their release.

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

The County is addressing the problem through the Union County Home Improvement Program by providing funds to both evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in private housing owned or rented by lower income families. Activities undertaken include the inspection and testing of homes for lead-based hazards, re-mediation of lead hazards, blood testing of young children, providing for the temporary relocation of families during the lead abatement process, and post hazard testing. In addition, community education and outreach activities are undertaken as well as providing training for contractors to become State certified for lead safe practices.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

Given that pre-1979 housing can be found in virtually all neighborhoods within the County, targeting of specific neighborhoods will not be used.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

The County's programs are designed to be in full compliance with the HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule and also EPA contractor requirements.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

Poverty reduction requires coordination of programming across broad areas including job training and placement, public services, education, and basic skills development. The County's anti-poverty strategy is linked to economic and educational efforts that have been implemented for several years. It is essential to provide the basic skills, training, and education necessary to make a person employable in today's competitive job market. The County works with the Boards of Education to assist persons to obtain high school diplomas or the GED certificate. The County facilitates and supports programs to coordinate training programs provided by public institutions with the needs of employers.

The Union County Division of Social Services is the County's welfare agency and promotes personal responsibility by steering families and individuals from welfare dependency to self-sufficiency through employment and educational skills training, family case management, job readiness and child care assistance. It provides direct support services to the needy of Union County by administering a variety of programs.

The County also supports the job creation efforts in several of the municipalities (Hillside Township, Plainfield City and Roselle Borough) is the Urban Enterprise Zones (UEZ). The UEZ programs create new employment and capital investment by providing tax incentives and support to new and existing businesses. UEZ provides direct benefits to businesses. Zone resources are placed in a fund specifically for economic and community development projects.

Other education and training programs contribute to reducing poverty. Examples of these include job training and job placement activities sponsored by the Workforce Investment Board, The Welfare to Work Program, day care funding throughout the County, and long-term employment opportunities for severely disabled adults, and life skills development programs. The Vo-tech schools, the community college, and Continuing Education Programs also provide important training and educational opportunities for local residents.

When feasible, Union County will provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for public housing residents and other low- and moderate-income residents in connection with construction projects funded under the Consolidated Plan. This provision helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. In this way, the County will comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. It is expected that a number of projects selected for Consolidated Plan funding will focus on assisting households in poverty.

Employment programs reach only a part of the poverty population. Many people living in poverty are not employable. The County works cooperatively with public, social, and civic service organizations to develop and implement direct assistance and service delivery programs to improve the quality of life of these persons. This first step in providing health and social services is necessary to enable an unemployed person to become employable.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The County is targeting a majority of its ESG funding to rapid rehousing and homeless prevention. These dollars primarily benefit households with extremely low incomes which are comparable to poverty levels. The goals of these programs is to stabilize the beneficiaries in housing to begin the path to self-sufficiency. Most of the County's other housing funds are focused on the rehabilitation of housing stock in neighborhoods and do not directly contribute to poverty reduction. A portion of the HOME funds are targeted toward the creation of new affordable rental units, some of which may benefit households under the poverty level. The County is examining the use of HOME funds for tenant based rental assistance which would be geared toward helping low income families rise out of poverty.

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

In accordance with HUD's Community Planning and Development Notice 03-09, Union County developed a Performance Measurement System designed to measure both the productivity and impact of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The County's "Union County Measuring-Up Performance Matrix" performance measurement system has begun to be used in Program Year 2015. This new system will capture output and outcome information on each of the following

- Suitable Living Environment/Neighborhood Revitalization through the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Rehab Program by measuring Number of housing units assisted that have eliminated at least one significant health and safety deficiency as a result of housing rehabilitation, as defined by local codes
- Affordable Housing through tracking number of unit years of affordability in rental projects, based on the investment of HOME dollars
- Economic Revitalization/Economic Opportunities through tracking decrease in abandoned or non-revenue producing properties (new homes/units)
- Downpayment Assistance through tracking increase in minority homeownership rates and neighborhood revitalization activities
- Activities to End Chronic Homelessness by tracking outcome information from our Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG), in addition to several other performance measurement areas

The Department of Economic Development will be responsible for most performance measurement activities and will incorporate measurement standards and methods into the process of awarding funds, allocating resources to programs and agencies and obtaining completion reports from those programs and agencies. The standard Grant Agreement specifies the required activities and conditions which must be met in order to carry out grant programs, including compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. The monitoring requirements and procedures under this Consolidated Plan will build upon existing monitoring systems and experience in administering federal and state programs and funds.

The Department administers the CDBG, HOME, and Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Programs, and executes a housing rehabilitation program for homes owned by very-low, low- and moderate-income persons. The Union County Department of Human Services administers the ESG Supportive Housing programs.

The County's standards and procedures for monitoring are designed to ensure that:

- 1) objectives of the National Affordable Housing Act are met
- 2) program activities are progressed in compliance with the specifications and schedule for each program
- 3) recipients are in compliance with other applicable laws, implementing regulations, and with the requirements to affirmatively further fair housing and minimize displacement of low-income households

Both the Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan will be monitored through the use of checklists and forms that are currently used to facilitate uniform monitoring of program activity. The Division will identify performance measures in advance of allocating funds. Each description of projects and activities will contain the specific measures by which the project will be evaluated. The strategies presented earlier each present measures that can or may be employed. Measures will be kept as simple and direct as possible.

Monitoring will occur through regular telephone and on-site monitoring visits. These visits will occur as necessary, but at least once a year. On all housing rehabilitation activities an inspection is made to insure housing code compliance.

All sub-recipients must identify the personnel working on the project, keep accurate records and filing systems to document program benefits and compliance, maintain an appropriate financial management system, submit to an audit, and submit a final report as a closeout procedure.

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The main source of funding for the goals, programs, and projects discussed in this Consolidated Plan will come from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

CDBG funds may be used for a broad range of activities, including housing, infrastructure, public facilities and services, and economic development, as long as the purpose of the program is to benefit persons considered to be low or moderate income (below 80% of the area median income).

HOME funds may only be used for affordable housing projects. This includes the acquisition and development of new housing, the rehabilitation of existing units, tenant-based rental assistance, and homebuyer assistance.

ESG funds are dedicated to ending homelessness and can be used for rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and the support of shelters and

services that serve the homeless.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	4,708,622	200,000	264,559	5,173,181	20,694,440	see above
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,254,409	25,460	1,617,282	2,897,151	3,763,948	see above

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	397,064	0	0	397,064	1,588,256	see above

Table 55 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

For ESG funds each award to agencies will be required to generate a dollar for dollar match. Based on applications received by subrecipients, the following sources will be used:

Central Jersey Legal Services - \$6,100 in state funds;
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless - \$60,000 in federal, \$69,000 in state, and \$15,000 from a private foundation;
Family Promise - \$40,620 in federal, and \$28,995 from a local trust fund;
PROCEED - \$43,886 in state funds;
Salvation Army - \$44,610 in shelter receipts;
YMCA - \$29,061 in federal funds; 13,896 in state funds, and \$3,354 in general funds/cash;
Urban League of Union County - \$11,334 in state funds;
YWCA of Eastern Union County - \$16,100 in state funds.

TOTAL EXPECTED ESG MATCH: \$413,231

For HOME funds each development that receives funds will be required to generate a 25% match. The County will rely on excessive match generated in prior years and that HUD allows to carry forward to meet match liabilities in the current year.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

There are no publicly-owned properties currently identified to help meet the needs identified in this plan.

Discussion

It should be noted that it is difficult to estimate the funding levels for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs for the term of the Consolidated Plan. Given this, the goals listed in the plan are based on the assumption that funding will remain relatively stable over the next four years. In reality, the size of both the CDBG and HOME allocations continue to decrease.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield Rahway City of Linden Countywide	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$494,800	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25000 Persons Assisted
2	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Public Improvements	CDBG: \$1,550,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 26000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Social Services	CDBG: \$607,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20000 Persons Assisted
4	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$205,000	Jobs created/retained: 15 Jobs Other: 10 Other
5	Address Homelessness	2015	2019	Homeless	Countywide	Homeless	ESG: \$397,064	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 30 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 400 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 80 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$1,375,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 177 Household Housing Unit
7	Expand Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Housing Development	HOME: \$1,254,409	Rental units constructed: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
8	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$941,381	Other: 10 Other

Table 56 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Public facilities will benefit approximately 25,000 individuals with low/moderate income.
2	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Public improvements will benefit approximately 26,000 low to moderate income individuals.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public Service activities will benefit approximately 20,000 low/moderate income individuals
4	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Economic Development will strive to create and retain 15-30 jobs.
5	Goal Name	Address Homelessness
	Goal Description	Homelessness will be addressed through tenant based rental assistance and rapid rehousing and overnight shelter.
6	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	We strive to have approxiatly 177 homeowner housing rehabilitated units.
7	Goal Name	Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	We strive to have approximately 5 rental units constructed and 1 homeowner housing added.
8	Goal Name	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Goal Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In FY 2020, the County will fund approximately 95 different projects and programs. For detailed information on each project, including descriptions, proposed funding amounts, goals, and regulatory information, please see the Appendix.

#	Project Name
1	ARC Residential Improvements Gas Generator
2	Cerebral Palsy League Replace Commercial Exhaust Fans
3	Fanwood ADA Walkway Railings
4	Kenilworth Borough Buildings ADA Door Upgrade
5	Toddler Learning Center Security Cameras
6	Covenant Development Corp. Food Pantry Remodel/Expansion
7	Neighborhood House Association Commercial Washer/Dryer
8	Shiloh Entrepreneurial & Economic Development Lord's Kitchen Bathrooms
9	Second Street Youth Center Playground Surfacing
10	King's Daughter Playground Safety Bollards
11	Rahway Community Action Organization Facilities Improvements
12	Rahway Housing Authority Schaffhauser Towers Elevator Upgrades
13	Summit Housing Authority Refurbish Elevators
14	Scotch Plains Senior Housing Corp.-Window Replacement/Kitchen Cabinets
15	Roselle Park-Municipal Building ADA Improvements
16	Westfield Area Y Emergency Video Communication System
17	Westfield Refurbish Gym & Parking Lot
18	Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
19	Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
20	Fanwood ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
21	Hillside Roadway Rehabilitation
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60	Visions & Pathways Prosperity Independent Living Skills Program
61	Boys & Girls Club- Teen Program Activities
62	IRIS House Project T.T.Y.L. (Talking To Youth about Life)
63	Girl's Scouts Heart of NJ- Leadership Experience
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66	Arts of Hospitality Path to Success
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71	Springfield Senior Citizens Transportation Program

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72	Summit Youth Center
73	Summit Senior Citizens Transportation Program
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75	Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program
76	Westfield Senior Citizen Transportation Program
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78	Winfield Senior Citizens Social Services Program
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80	Union County Home Improvement Program-Consultant
81	Urban League-Comprehensive Housing Counseling
82	Hillside Code Enforcement Program
83	Linden Home Improvement Program
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85	Plainfield Emergency Housing Assistance Program
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87	Rahway Code Enforcement Program
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Table 57 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

As an Urban County, the County must balance the needs of all participating communities when allocating funds. To do this, the County relies on the Development Revenue Sharing Committee, which consists of two representatives from each of the nineteen participating communities. In addition, one Freeholder and the Director of the Division of Planning and Community serve as representatives and members of the Committee. Each municipality must prioritize its municipally sponsored projects, including those proposed by non-profits operating programs within the municipality.

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1	Project Name	ARC Residential Improvements Gas Generator
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03B
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 individuals with developmental disabilities
	Location Description	905 Springfield Avenue, New Providence, NJ 1371 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, NJ
2	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to install gas generators in tow residential faciiliites in Union County.
	Project Name	Cerebral Palsy League Replace Commercial Exhaust Fans
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03B
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 disabled persons
	Location Description	61 Myrtle Street, Cranford, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to replace commercial exhaust fans located at 61 Myrtle Street, Cranford, NJ
3	Project Name	Fanwood ADA Walkway Railings
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,800
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03Z
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 persons
	Location Description	The path on the Municipal Complex to the Patricia M. Kuran Culteral Arts Center. Entrance way to Fanwood Municipal Court
	Planned Activities	Install handicap railing at two locations in Fanwood.
4	Project Name	Kenilworth Borough Buildings ADA Door Upgrade
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03Z
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	725 persons

	Location Description	Borough Buildings-567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to install automatic door openers for borough buildings to improve accessibility.
5	Project Name	Toddler Learning Center Security Cameras
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03M
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	62 families
	Location Description	420-422 East 6th Street, Plainfield, NJ
6	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to install security cameras inside and/or outside Toddler Learning Center.
	Project Name	Covenant Development Corp. Food Pantry Remodel/Expansion
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03Z
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,200 individuals 1,000 families

	Location Description	225 East 7th Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	The funds will be used to expand the kitchen facilities and renovate existing space.
7	Project Name	Neighborhood House Association Commercial Washer/Dryer
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03M
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	320 youth
	Location Description	644 West 4th Street, Plainfield, NJ
8	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to install new commercial washing machine and dryer.
	Project Name	Shiloh Entrepreneurial & Economic Development Lord's Kitchen Bathrooms
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03Z
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8,785

	Location Description	525 West 4th Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to rehabilitate the men and women's bathrooms in the onsite congregate feeding program.
9	Project Name	Second Street Youth Center Playground Surfacing
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03M
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 households
	Location Description	200 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
10	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to resurface the onsite playground.
	Project Name	King's Daughter Playground Safety Bollards
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03M
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 households

	Location Description	502 West Front Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase and install safety bollards between the playground fence and the parking lot of the King's Daughter Day School.
11	Project Name	Rahway Community Action Organization Facilities Improvements
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03M
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1700
	Location Description	796 East Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for improvement /repair of facilities at the JFK Community Center (seal leaky kitchen window, Gym, Playground, Classroom plumbing & Engery efficient improvements, Gym repairs/replacement door).
12	Project Name	Rahway Housing Authority Schaffhauser Towers Elevator Upgrades
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:14C
	Target Date	8/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	43 families
	Location Description	165 East Grand Avenue, Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to upgrade/replace antiquated elevator control system to meet 2015 code standard requirements.
13	Project Name	Summit Housing Authority Refurbish Elevators
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:14C
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 families
	Location Description	12 Summit Avenue, Summit, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the refurnish/replacement of the mechanicals of the (2) two elevators at Senior Citizen Housing Complex to meet code standard requirements.
14	Project Name	Scotch Plains Senior Housing Corp.-Window Replacement/Kitchen Cabinets
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	111 families
	Location Description	2002 Lake Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to replace wooden casement windows with vinyl windows and replacement of kitchen cabinets in 20 apartments.
15	Project Name	Roselle Park-Municipal Building ADA Improvements
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle Park
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$28,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03L
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 persons
	Location Description	110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for ADA Improvements at Municipal Complex that will be ADA compliant handicap ramps, sidewalk and curbs to meet the overall safety and accessibility of the municipal complex.
16	Project Name	Westfield Area Y Emergency Video Communication System
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities

	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03B
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 persons
	Location Description	220 Clark Street, Westfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase materials and install an emergency communication/video system.
17	Project Name	Westfield Refurbish Gym & Parking Lot
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03G
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 persons
	Location Description	558 West Broad Street, Westfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to refurbish the gym facility and the adjacent parking lot.
18	Project Name	Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements

	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,000 disabled persons
	Location Description	Project is located on Westfield Avenue at the intercections of Waterson Drive, Wilson Avenue and Emerald Place.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to construct an ADA compliant handicap ramp at various locations at the intersections of Westfield Avenue & Waterson Drive; Westfield Ave & Wilson Ave; and Westfield Ave & Emeral Court.
19	Project Name	Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,500 disabled persons
	Location Description	Retford Avenue, Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to install 12 ADA ramps along Retford Avenue.
20	Project Name	Fanwood ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements

	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03L
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 individuals
	Location Description	40 ramps throughout Fanwood, NJ Census Tract: 389
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for ADA compliant curbs, ramps and sidewalk restoration.
21	Project Name	Hillside Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1337 persons
	Location Description	Locust Avenue McMichael Place
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to resurface the roads on Locus Avenue and McMichael Place. (Census Tracts: 32400, Block Group 5)
22	Project Name	Kenilworth ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	725 disabled persons
	Location Description	Market and Lafayette Streets, Kenilworth, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for ADA Curb & Ramp Improvements involving Market and Lafayette Streets (Census Tract: 336)
23	Project Name	Linden-Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Linden
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$261,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	775 individuals
	Location Description	Bowerr Street, Caroline Avenue and Grant Street Linden, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for street resurfacing involving Bower Street, Caroline Avenue and Grant Street. Census tracks: 345 & 346
	Project Name	Plainfield-Rushmore Playground Improvements

24	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03F
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 families
	Location Description	Rushmore Playground, 1401 — 1503 West 3rd Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to renovate the existing basketball courts on Rushmore Playground (Census Tract: 39500 Block Group 3).
25	Project Name	Plainfield-Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$345,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	775 persons
	Location Description	East 3rd Street (Terrill Road to Leland Ave), Plainfield, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for roadway improvements to be made on East Third Street from LeLand Avenue to Terril Road. (Census Tracts: 38800, 38900 & 3900; Blocks 2,3,2 & 1)
26	Project Name	Rahway-Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$270,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,055 persons
	Location Description	LaFayette Street, Moses Drive, Kaminski Drive, Hulick Place and Brandy Court (Census Tracts: 355, 357 & 360)
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to for Roads & Streetscape Project on 5 Streets i.e. LaFayette Street, Moses Drive, Kaminski Drive, Hulick Place and Brandy Court. (Census Tracts: 355, 357 & 360)
27	Project Name	Roselle-Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$135,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K
	Target Date	8/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	905 persons
	Location Description	Columbus Avenue, Roselle, NJ (Census Tract: 034400, Block 4)
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for street rehabilitation/construction involving Columbus Avenue (pavement repair; replace handicap curbs/ramps). (Census Tract: 034400, Block 4)
28	Project Name	Roselle Park-Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle Park
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$154,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	670 persons
	Location Description	Williams Street, Chestnut Street, Charles Street
	Planned Activities	Funds will used to for roadway rehabilitation involving Williams Street, ADA compliant ramps, curbs & sidewalk. (Census Tract: 33900 Block 2)
29	Project Name	Springfield-Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$105,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:03K

	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	93 persons
	Location Description	Country Club Lane and Nelson Place.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to resurface pavement of Country Club Lane and Nelson Place. (Census Tract: 037602, Block 3)
30	Project Name	Berkeley Heights Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,250
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	160 seniors
	Location Description	29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay a portion of rent at Mt. Carmel Hall which is the location of bi-weekly Senior Citizen meetings. Funds will also be used to pay a portion of bus driver salary.
31	Project Name	Clark-Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,250

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1600
	Location Description	430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries. Funds will also be utilized to pay a portion of the bus drivers salary.
32	Project Name	Someone's Daughter Youth Educational Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	190 youth
	Location Description	1 Park Drive, Roselle, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provid S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities to young girls. Funding will also cover the cost of S.T.E.A.M instructors/consultants for the educational programs.
33	Project Name	Institute of Music for Children Summer Arts Youth Development Program
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 youth
	Location Description	780 Salem Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for personnel expenses related to hiring, training and developing Teaching Artists for art based youth development programs for 75 students on a County-wide basis.
34	Project Name	Catholic Charities Child Protective Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05N
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 abused and neglected children
	Location Description	505 South Avenue East, Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used toward the salary of the case manager in the Child Protective Svs. Program. The case manager will meet with families to address issues of abuse and neglect.

35	Project Name	Cranford Housing Nutrition Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 Seniors
	Location Description	800 Lincoln Avenue East, Cranford, NJ
36	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide a well rounded and supervised program with the main emphasis being nutrition, together with recreational, educational, health, social and cultural activities to enhance the quality of life for seniors. Funds will also be used to provide a special environment to carry out these activities and services to meet the needs of seniors whose circumstances may not allow them to pursue these interests.
	Project Name	Cranford Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,250
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1679

	Location Description	220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries. Funds will also be utilized to pay a portion of the bus drivers salary.
37	Project Name	Family Promise Transportation of Homeless Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03T
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 homesless families
	Location Description	402 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide emergency shelter, meals and case management to homeless families. Funds will also help support the salary of the van driver.
38	Project Name	Fanwood-Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,250
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 seniors
	Location Description	75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries including a portion of the bus drivers salary.
39	Project Name	Garwood Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,750
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	800 seniors
	Location Description	403 South Avenue, Garwood, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries including to pay a portion of the bus drivers salary.
40	Project Name	Roots & Wings Services for Aged Out Foster Youth
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13 youth
	Location Description	75 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 303, Denville, NJ (apartments located throughout Union County)
	Planned Activities	Funds will directly support and pay the staff costs associated with case management and counseling services. Services include educational support, tutoring, life skills and counseling.
41	Project Name	Hillside Senior Citizens Healthcare Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,500
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	175 seniors
	Location Description	1409 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salary of RN.
42	Project Name	Hillside Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,750
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 seniors
	Location Description	265 Hollywood Avenue, Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries.
43	Project Name	Hillside Buie Community Center Youth Recreation Project
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	328 youth
	Location Description	274 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide recreation activities for the low and moderate income youth in the Township of Hillside and for reimbursement of salaries, supplies and equipment.

44	Project Name	Hillside Maternal Child Healthcare Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05M
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 families
	Location Description	1409 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ
45	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to help address the primary health needs of the very young and provides important maternal and child health services by way of prenatal and post partum counseling and teaching. Hillside's project is an ongoing one, which has developed a modern health station and is providing nursing and physician services to low & moderate income families with infants and children. Hillside will continue with the lead poisoning investigations services conducted as per NJDOH guidelines. Home visiting and nurse counseling are included in the investigations. Funds will also be used for reimbursement of salaries, supplies and equipment for this program.
	Project Name	Kenilworth Senior Citizens Social Services & Health Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,250
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	325 seniors
	Location Description	567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies as well as pay salaries. The program includes a yearly Health Fair, Health Care Screening and continued education for Chronic Illness Program.
46	Project Name	Linden Food Pantry/Nutrition Program
	Target Area	City of Linden
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05W
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2575 persons
	Location Description	14 West Munselle Avenue, Linden, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds are used for payment of rent of food facility, located at 14 West Munsell Ave, Linden. The funding will defray rent allowing dedication to more valuable resources to feeding L/M income households. LINCS food pantry distribute nutritional food & personal items, supplementing families monthly resources. There are many L/M families in the community who need assistance meeting minimal food & nutritional requirements. Funding is needed to reach people and provide services once they are registered.

47	Project Name	Mountainside Senior Citizens Social Service Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,750
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 seniors
	Location Description	1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ
48	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation services for the elderly, including payment of bus driver salaries and transportation related costs. Funds will also be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors and to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries.
	Project Name	New Providence Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,250
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	110

	Location Description	15 East 4th Street, New Providence, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries including a portion of bus drivers salary.
49	Project Name	New Providence Senior Citizen High Risk Healthcare Fair & Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 seniors
	Location Description	15 East Front Street, New Providence, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funding will go toward our annual health fair which includes cholesterol, blood glucose screenings, presentations, guest speakers, equipment and supplies, educational videos and refreshments. These programs are developed with a Senior Coordinator and are given with the assistance of local professionals and organizations including hospitals.
50	Project Name	Second Street Youth Center Afterschool Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05L
	Target Date	8/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 youth
	Location Description	200 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay salaries of qualified staff to provide after-school program and full STEAM AHEAD summer enrichment camp services.
51	Project Name	Second Street Youth Center Teen Resource
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 teens
	Location Description	200 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
52	Planned Activities	Funding will be used to promote the education and social development of teens within the community. Funds will also be used to assist in the continued operation of programming.
	Project Name	Plainfield Shut In Council-Disable Care Services
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A

	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 disabled seniors
	Location Description	510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funding will help provide home visits, phone calls, toiletries, basic clothing needs and other essentials to help shut-in-adults and seniors.
53	Project Name	FISH Hospitality Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03T
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 persons
	Location Description	456 New Market Road, Piscataway, NJ
54	Planned Activities	456 New Market Road, Piscataway, NJ
	Project Name	HOPES CAP Early Childhood and Families Services Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05L

	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	45 children
	Location Description	225 West Second Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to offset Teacher and two assistant teacher salaries.
55	Project Name	Plainfield Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 teens
	Location Description	510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funding will pay for American Red Cross Lifeguard Training program for 5 teenage youth participating in the City of Plainfield Careers in Recreation Aquatic School. The funds will also subsidize lifeguard salaries for the 6 week program.
56	Project Name	Plainfield Senior Citizen Social Services Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$32,250

	Description	HUD Matrix Code:05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1800 seniors
	Location Description	400 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries.
57	Project Name	Neighborhood Health Services Corp. Social Work Project
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200
	Location Description	1700 Myrtle Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	The funds will be used to offset the salary cost of the Social Worker to provide screenings and assessments of pregnant teenagers, assessment and referrals for victims of domestic violence and post partum screenings and intervention as well as referral and follow up services.
58	Project Name	Urban League Reentry Reconnections
	Target Area	City of Plainfield

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05H
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 person
	Location Description	200 West 2nd Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay portion of the Case Managers salary to provide case management services to prison re-entry population with an emphasis on goal development, job readiness, positive communication, mentoring, life skills and strengthening participants self-esteem.
59	Project Name	Toddler Learning Center Daycare
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05L
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	62 children
	Location Description	422 East 6th Street, Plainfield, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will provide affordable day care so parents can go to work, school or job training as well as help pay a portion of the salaries for new instructors.
60	Project Name	Visions & Pathways Prosperity Independent Living Skills Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 youth
	Location Description	1371 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
61	Planned Activities	Funding will be used for a series of workshops including access to mentoring, independent to mentoring, independent living skills education, financial literacy instruction, career counseling, employment preparation through home visits and one-on-one counseling. Funding will be used to help pay Independent Living Skills Counselor.
	Project Name	Boys & Girls Club- Teen Program Activities
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,500
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	630 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funding will help provide free HIV prevention education to approximately 200 students to increase the knowledge regarding HIV/STI transmission and prevention. Funds will also be used to help pay the salary of one project outreach worker.
63	Project Name	Girl's Scouts Heart of NJ- Leadership Experience
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,050
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 underserved girls
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
64	Planned Activities	Funding will be used to pay the salary of the program personnel. Funds will also be used to pay for needed Girl Scout required supplies, summer camp program and camp transportation in the grades Kindergarten to 6th grade.
	Project Name	Covenant Development Corp.-Food Pantry Services
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:05W
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 families
	Location Description	225 East 7th Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funding will be used to purchase food for distribution. Funds will also be used to pay salaries for staff assisting with pantry and farmers market program. The objective is to provide a subsidized gap service that creates financial relief and suitable living conditions to low income clients.
65	Project Name	Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05W
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8120 persons
	Location Description	615 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase household hygiene and cleaning products. (Laundry det., dish soap, shampoo, toothpaste, disinfectant spray) and to cover operating expenses. The objective of the Hygiene Panrty is to provide a subsidized gap service that creates financial relief and suitable living conditions to low income clients.
66	Project Name	Arts of Hospitality Path to Success
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 individuals
	Location Description	537 North Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funding will be used to provide hospitality industry training and education for low to moderate income individuals. Funding will also be used to pay the salary of the Hospitality Industry Training Instructor and provide necessary materials for students.
67	Project Name	Rahway Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,250
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5127 seniors
	Location Description	1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries.
68	Project Name	Roselle Senior Citizens Social Services Transportation Program
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,750
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 Seniors
	Location Description	210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation services for the elderly, including a portion of the bus driver salaries and transportation related costs. Funds will also be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors and purchase supplies for programs.
69	Project Name	Roselle Park Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle Park
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$19,500
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 seniors
	Location Description	314 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries as well as a portion of the bus drivers salary.
70	Project Name	Scotch Plains Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,750
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 seniors
	Location Description	430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries including a portion of the bus drivers salary.
	Project Name	Springfield Senior Citizens Transportation Program

71	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 seniors
	Location Description	Chisholm Recreation Center, Springfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation services for the elderly, including a portion of the bus driver salaries and transportation related costs
72	Project Name	Summit Youth Center
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	102 youth
	Location Description	5 Myrtle Avenue, Summit, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will help provide a free after school program at the Summit Community Center on a daily basis benefitting primarily low income youth from Summit. Funds will also be used to pay salaries of part-time program staff.
73	Project Name	Summit Senior Citizens Transportation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 seniors
	Location Description	5 Myrtle Avenue, Summit, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation services for the elderly and include payment of the bus driver salaries and other transportation related costs.
74	Project Name	Summit YMCA Senior Enrichment Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 Seniors
	Location Description	12 Chestnut Avenue, Summit, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funding will be used to provide exercise and socialization through healthy living and physical wellness activities. Funds will also be used to pay the salaries of the exercise instructors and YMCA support staff.
75	Project Name	Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05B
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 adults with special needs
	Location Description	220 Clark Street, Westfield, NJ
76	Planned Activities	Funding for a part-time recreational therapist and special needs coordinator. The staff will be used for the Dragonfly program for Adults with special needs.
	Project Name	Westfield Senior Citizen Transportation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	700 seniors
	Location Description	425 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation services for the elderly, including a portion of the bus drivers salaries and other transportation related costs.
77	Project Name	United Way Family Strengthening Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05N, 05L, 05D, 05G, 05O, 03T
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15000 persons
	Location Description	Throughout Union County

	Planned Activities	United Way of Greater Union County has partnered with the County of Union to strategically deploy CDBG Funds. They have realigned their funding priorities to focus on the area of Family Strengthening with an emphasis on education, income and health. Resources are aligned in the most effective way to help people gain access to educational, economic and health related opportunities. Activities include mental health services, education - early childhood/childcare and after school youth services, health services, housing and fiscal support- career services. Activities will incorporate the matrix codes listed.
78	Project Name	Winfield Senior Citizens Social Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,700
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 seniors
	Location Description	12 Gulfstream Avenue, Winfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries. Funds will also be used to offset the transportation services for Winfield's senior population.
79	Project Name	Union County Home Improvement Program-Project Cost
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$271,200

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 households
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	The Union County Home Improvement Program provides for housing rehabilitation with Community Block Grant funding not to exceed \$24,999.00 per unit. Funds will assist owner occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households. Participating municipalities are: Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, and Westfield. Program also include \$100,000.00 grant to eligible seniors (\$100,000.00 total) age 60+.
80	Project Name	Union County Home Improvement Program-Consultant
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$67,800
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:14C
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 households
	Location Description	Throughout Union County

	Planned Activities	The Union County Home Improvement Program provides for housing rehabilitation with Community Block Grant funding not to exceed \$24,999.00 per unit. Funds will assist owner occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households. Participating municipalities are: Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, and Westfield. Program also include \$100,000.00 grant to eligible seniors (\$100,000.00 total) age 60+.
81	Project Name	Urban League-Comprehensive Housing Counseling
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 5U
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	525 Households
	Location Description	288 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ
	Planned Activities	Housing Counseling- This agency is a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) designed to increase economic opportunities for low income persons. Scope of services will include: activities needed to address a lack of affordable housing; provision of financial assistance for homebuyer services; peer support programs; counseling and other similar services. Funds will be used to compensate counselors.
82	Project Name	Hillside Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$23,000

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4061 persons
	Location Description	1409 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	The Township of Hillside will reduce the number of violations by inspections throughout the CDBG eligible areas, thus improving the housing stock within the Township. Funds provided will be used to compensate code enforcement officers. Their tasks will include identifying violations and taking steps to abate them. Also, included in the project will be the property clean up and board up of vacant home, which have been vacant by bank foreclosures or legal matters. These homes will identified by the code officials and cost for the clean ups will be established as a lien against the property until the property is reestablished as a ratable and the revenues generated by the liens will go back into the project . Reference 40A:12A-3 & 40A:12A-5 Local and Redevelopment Housing Law
83	Project Name	Linden Home Improvement Program
	Target Area	City of Linden
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$281,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 households

	Location Description	301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ
	Planned Activities	The Linden Home Improvement Program provides for housing rehabilitation with Community Block Grant funding not to exceed \$24,999.00 per unit. Funds will assist owner occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households. Program also includes Senior Grants \$5,000.per household up to \$20,000 in project costs.
84	Project Name	Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$335,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13 households
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
85	Planned Activities	Project is a direct benefit to Section 8 income eligible families by providing interest-free rehabilitation loans for the purpose of abating interior and exterior code violations. Staff will hire a housing consultant to administer the CHAP. Single-family residential structures located in primarily low/moderate income census tracts throughout the City. Such improvements include roof replacements, upgrade of electrical and/or plumbing systems, replacement of heating units, etc.
	Project Name	Plainfield Emergency Housing Assistance Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05Q
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 household
	Location Description	515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	For the provision of Emergency Assistance for relocation or rental assistance at a maximum rate of \$500 per applicant. To stabilize the housing base and ensure the long term viability of the City.
86	Project Name	Rahway Home Improvement Program
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$304,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	16 households
	Location Description	Rahway, NJ

	Planned Activities	Project activity is designed to meet housing needs and correct conditions affecting Section 8 income eligible house-holds in the City of Rahway. Project needs will be addressed by: determination of qualifications of applicants, provisions for building inspections relative to all applicable local and state health / building and occupancy codes. CDBG funds will be used for the Consultants fees and the project cost of the improvement to the individual homes. In addition, a \$5,000 grant will be made available to income eligible senior citizens.
87	Project Name	Rahway Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$27,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 households
	Location Description	1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	This program provides code enforcement to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of residential structures. It funds the salary of one housing/code official who is responsible for the inspection of premises, the issuance of notices, enforcement of violations, and referrals to appropriate agencies or programs. Approximately 250 low/mod income housing units are inspected. Code enforcement is a valuable component in maintaining the overall condition of the housing stock in low/moderate income neighborhoods and helps in the elimination of blighting conditions in the community. Reference Local Redevelopment & Housing Law 40:12A-1 40A:12A-5
88	Project Name	Roselle Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle

	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 person
	Location Description	210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, NJ
	Planned Activities	This project is designed to ensure that residences/business comply with the Board of Ordinances. These Ordinances address Quality of Life Issues that promote/maintain clean environment for all citizens. The funds will be used to pay the Code Enforcement Officer. Presently, the allocated funds are not sufficient to cover the amount of time needed to fulfill the mission of promoting/maintaining safe/desirable living/working conditions on a 12 month year long basis. Reference Local Redevelopment & Housing Law 40A:12-1 & 40A:12A-5
89	Project Name	Union County Economic Development
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$155,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 18B
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 persons & 30 businesses

	Location Description	75 Chestnut Street, Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	CDBG Funds are provided to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, a 501(C)(3) organization to: (A)-Provide technical assistance to business. (B)-administer loan program. The total budget for UCEDC is \$155,000.00 with \$93,000 for technical assistance component and \$62,000 for loan administration. The UCEDC must ensure compliance with the public benefits tests delineated at 24CFR570.209(b); which include a "CDBG cost per job" standard. The provision of the technical and financial assistance by the UCEDC is designed to stimulate business retention, expansion and attraction, as well as the employment of low and moderate-income persons.
90	Project Name	Freeholder Initiative Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: TBD
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6,800 persons
	Location Description	TBD
	Planned Activities	Freeholder Initiative funds will go towards a CDBG eligible activity
91	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration (20%)
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Facilities Public Infrastructure Improvements Public Services Economic Development Address Homelessness Housing Rehabilitation Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Housing Development Public Improvements Public Facilities Social Services Economic Development Homeless Public Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$941,381
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 21A
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A for Administration
	Location Description	N/A for Administration
	Planned Activities	CDBG Planning & Administration (21A) No National Objective required
92	Project Name	HOME Affordable Housing Development (Rental Housing)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$2,621,927
	Description	HOME Funds will be used to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct units that are affordable to low and moderate income persons.

	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 affordable housing units (to be determined)
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	HOME funds will be used for acquisition and/or development of affordable housing units
93	Project Name	HOME CHDO Affordable Housing Development (Home Buyer) (15%)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$188,198
	Description	Funds will be provided to a qualified Community Housing Development Organization to develop housing units affordable to low and moderate income households.
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 units (to be determined)
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	HOME funds will be used to acquisition and/or development of affordable housing units.
94	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development

	Funding	HOME: \$1,254,409
	Description	HOME Funds will be used to pay staff for oversight and administration of HOME funded projects as well as ensure long term affordability of projects funded from prior allocations.
	Target Date	8/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A for Administration
	Location Description	N/A for Administration
	Planned Activities	HOME Planning, Administration Oversight & Reporting No National Objective required
95	Project Name	HOME CHDO Operating Subsidy
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	:
	Description	Funds will subsidize the operations of a qualified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 families
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	CHDO Operating Cost
96	Project Name	ESG20 Allocation + CARES Act
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Address Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	ESG: \$397,064
	Description	The purpose is to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus therefore recipients may use ESG Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter funds for essential supplies and services to reduce the spread of infectious disease in their programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Countywide
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	ESG eligible shelter, prevention, rehousing, and outreach

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Funds targeting affordable housing and homelessness will be used throughout the County. Some Community Development funds will serve the entire County while others target specific municipalities. The Table below provides a summary of investments by area showing the percentage of CDBG funds going to each area.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Plainfield	26
City of Hillside	6
Rahway	15
Borough of Roselle Park	4
Borough of Roselle	5
City of Linden	12
Countywide	24

Table 58 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The affordable housing strategies will not be focused on a specific geography. The data shows that the need for affordable housing is spread across the county. A common concern in community revitalization efforts is the effect of concentrations of subsidized units within one neighborhood. To promote increased housing choice and opportunity, efforts will be made to increase the number of assisted housing units located outside areas of minority and low/moderate income concentration.

Homeless and special needs assistance will be directed to agencies that can best serve target populations regardless of location. The County will balance efforts to integrate transitional and permanent housing for homeless and special needs populations throughout the County and the need to site special needs facilities where supportive services are easily accessible.

The community development strategies will focus on areas with high concentrations of low-income households. This decision is based on the input received in community meetings and the regulatory restrictions that govern the use of CDBG funds. The CDBG regulations limit investment to areas where at

least 51% of the households earn less than 80% of the area median income.

At the time of the development of this plan, Union County qualifies as an exception grantee under the CDBG Program. In FY2020, the County can serve areas where 49.8 percent of the population qualifies as low or moderate income (as opposed to the traditional threshold of 51%). There are 73 Census Block Groups within the CDBG jurisdiction that meet this threshold.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	10
Total	10

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

Table 60 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

The County wishes to maintain an excellent quality of life and living environment for its public housing tenants. To achieve that end, the County allocates CDBG funds in support of programs and activities to enhance the lives of these households. Physical improvements such as modernization of kitchens and baths, upgrading heating systems, exterior renovations, and site work (sidewalks, landscaping, paving) represent on-going efforts in that direction. In addition, window replacement and energy efficiency improvements are all required on a continuing basis even though individual units are themselves in good condition. These operating subsidies help to offset the operating deficits associated with public housing units and to carry out modernization and capital improvement projects. The County also supports the housing authorities' efforts to develop Senior Citizen only housing in response to the increasing number of elderly residents in the County. The County also recognizes the need for additional handicapped units, and supports the renovation and construction programs intended to create more handicapped units. The County also supports the Family Self-Sufficiency Program and other Section 8 programs. None of the public housing authorities or the eight Section 8 programs operating in Union County are designated as "troubled" or otherwise are performing poorly.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The County will use CDBG funds to make ADA improvements at Rahway Housing Authority, Schaffhauser Towers.

With the exception of the Union County Section 8 Housing Assistance Program, the public housing agencies located within the County are separate and independent entities with no formal relationship with the County. Each is governed by an independent board responsible for its operations. The County will seek to coordinate with each of the PHAs when such coordination will prove beneficial to both of the agencies.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Housing Authority administrative staff meets with the resident associations monthly to encourage residents to become more involved in management. Potential opportunities for residents and any problems the residents are encountering are discussed. At every board meeting the agenda includes a scheduled time for the resident associations to meet and discuss items with the board members. Each Housing Authority within the County has positions on their board for Public Housing residents.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be

provided or other assistance

None of the Public Housing Authorities within the County are designated as troubled.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

The County will focus its Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to assist the homeless in a number of ways, as directed by the local Continuum of Care. Approximately 56% of available funding will be used to support the operations and services of shelters. Approximately one third of funds will be used for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing while the remainder will be used for administration and oversight.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

Outreach services to persons living on the streets are primarily provided by Bridgeway, Inc. Targeting the two large urban areas of Elizabeth and Plainfield, workers from Bridgeway meet with homeless individuals wherever they are. Chronic homeless persons who are mentally ill and those with substance abuse issues are provided ongoing case management services. These individuals are provided early linkages to temporary and permanent housing and referral and advocacy for mainstream services such as Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), welfare assistance and employment services. Others served by this program are referred to appropriate services if they do not suffer from mental illness or substance abuse.

During the winter months, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and City of Elizabeth actively provides outreach to individuals living on the street. They provide transportation and immediate shelter, warm clothing and hot meals to all homeless persons. If a particular client is in danger due to health related illness/disability, it will be addressed immediately and appropriately. If the client's primary immediate need is shelter he/she will be transported to an available shelter or hotel/motel.

Outreach to other homeless persons is conducted by individual homeless providers which conduct extensive outreach and constantly interface with private and public entities to obtain and/or receive referrals. Currently, five emergency shelters and municipal and county welfare offices perform outreach.

This process reviews the current status of the client, identifies needed services, and forms the basis of the individual client's overall case service plan. Service plans developed as a result of the assessment process specifically address the issues pertinent to the client, and serve as a case management roadmap that measures progress and vital points of focus. Services are provided by the organizations listed above

and the following organizations and agencies.

Union County recognizes it is through effective outreach that homeless persons enter the CoC and are directed to the component most likely to assure their success in permanent housing. Outreach is planned for persons living on the streets.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Emergency shelters and transitional housing form the core of the continuum of the homeless service system. Through the Homeless Coalition, the County will continue to support the development of new facilities and the operation of existing emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities to move homeless families and individuals to permanent supportive housing and independent living.

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

Permanent supportive housing (PSH) is a combination of permanent affordable housing with voluntary services that helps people live more stable, productive lives. When developed and implemented well, PSH can be an exceptionally cost-effective way to serve those homeless persons with the greatest challenges. Not only is PSH a humane and compassionate way to provide permanent affordable housing for disabled homeless persons, but it costs no more to operate than it does to serve homeless persons through the traditional, informal network of hospital emergency rooms, jails, and emergency shelters. Beyond the simple monetary savings for communities, PSH has also been shown to contribute to significant positive outcomes for the people it houses. For example, research indicates that when homeless persons reside in PSH they experience decreases of more than 50% in emergency room visits and hospital inpatient days, decreases in use of emergency detoxification services by more than 80%, and increases in the use of preventative health care services. In addition, PSH tenants experience increases of 50% of earned income and 40% in the rate of participant employment when employment services are provided in supportive housing. In sum, PSH is a humane way to provide permanent affordable housing to homeless persons with the greatest needs.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving

assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The risk of homelessness is more prevalent than ever as a result of today's economic conditions and housing market. Households that lost jobs in the sagging construction, manufacturing, and retail sectors and those who have not been able to secure full-time employment are among those facing homelessness. One of the best methods for addressing homelessness is to prevent the household from losing their housing in the first place.

The Union County Continuum of Care Committee has prepared a list of the services in place for the prevention of homelessness in Union County. Rent and mortgage vouchers are available to eligible persons/families to assist them in maintaining permanent housing by preventing displacement, eviction, or foreclosure. Assistance is contingent upon the availability of funds, and eligibility criteria set by the funding sources. This assistance assures action is not taken against the client once the one-time payment is provided, and the client can reasonably maintain future payments. Assistance is provided by the following groups.

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Community Access Unlimited
- Community Initiatives—Trinitas Hospital
- Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
- Homeless Prevention Program
- Homefirst
- Plainfield Action Services
- PROCEED, Inc.
- Urban League of Union County

Utility assistance provides direct payment to a utility company or vendor to prevent a shut-off of utilities. The assistance is contingent upon the availability of funds, and the eligibility criteria set by the

funding source. Service providers include those listed below.

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Community Initiatives—Trinitas Hospital
- Homefirst
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- N.J. Shares
- Plainfield Action Services
- PROCEED, Inc.
- Salvation Army- Elizabeth
- Salvation Army-Plainfield
- Urban League of Union County

The County developed and implements a Discharge Coordination Policy to prevent the discharge of persons from medical institutions or other systems of care resulting in homelessness. Discharge policies and programs are in place for the Union County Department of Social Services, assistance of local non-profits such as Bridgeway, and the joint discharge plans with hospital and jail social workers. The County will continue to coordinate consultation between the agencies and institutions to assure viable and realistic policies and programs. The lack of affordable housing in Union County causes the failure of many individuals who are released from institutions and results have increased.

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing - 91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The national goal of decent, safe and sanitary housing for every American is the basis of the National Affordable Housing Act. In this section, this goal is addressed from the perspective of public policy and its impact on the provision of affordable housing. The programs, regulations and conditions discussed below affect land and housing cost. Some of these policies have their origin in a higher governmental authority than Union County.

The most important impediment revolves around the lack of Federal and State resources for affordable housing initiatives. The lack of programs and resources to reduce excessive rent or mortgage burdens to qualified persons is a key factor.

Union County and its municipalities do not put any limitations on growth. Through vehicles such as zoning ordinances, subdivision controls, permit systems, housing codes and standards, new construction restrictions and rent control, Union County has attempted to minimize the barriers that may impede the development of affordable housing.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The County Consortium has identified the public policies that impact the cost of housing and the incentives to develop, maintain and improve affordable housing. Many of these policies fall beyond the Consortium, which has no legal or regulatory authority of its own. Indeed, some of the issues described above are beyond the authority of any single agency or level of government.

Issues that can be addressed at the municipal level include local tax policy, land use controls, building codes fees and charges, growth limits, zoning ordinances and policies that affect the return on residential investment. To varying degrees the Consortium municipalities each have addressed their zoning and land use regulations in an attempt to make them as equitable and open as possible.

Development standards, though they sometimes add costs to construction or rehabilitation, are necessary for the safety and health of residents and are in place in most of the participating jurisdictions. Efforts have been made to streamline and facilitate the permitting process locally by most of the municipalities. Several municipalities employ impact and linkage fees for new development in an attempt to pay for the construction of roads, sewers and other infrastructure improvements required by

new development.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

In addition to outlining projects that the County will actively pursue with available federal resources, the plan must also describe “other actions” outlined below, as required by the federal regulations.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

- The county will attempt to increase the capacity and coordination of lead-based paint screening and rehabilitation programs.
- The current credit market makes it difficult for low and moderate income homebuyers to qualify for financing. The County will ensure its homebuyer programs provide counseling assistance to maximize success for potential buyers using federally-funded programs.
- Development costs, such as builder insurance, are higher in low-income neighborhoods. The County will work with developers to determine the appropriate amount of development subsidy for each potential project by conducting a subsidy layering analysis.
- Permanent supportive housing is the largest under-served homeless need. The County will coordinate its resources to continue the development of additional supportive housing units.
- Additional funds needed for capital improvements in neighborhoods. In response, the County will seek to combine limited CDBG funds with other funding sources to increase the sustainability of low-income neighborhoods.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The HUD Section 8 Program provides a variety of financial assistance to developers and owners of rental properties to provide affordable housing opportunities. The units developed under this program are not administered by the County. The developers and property managers of assisted properties have contractual agreements directly with HUD. In exchange for mortgage assistance, the rental properties pledge to make a certain number of units affordable for contract period. Once the contract period is over, the project owner has no obligation to maintain the units as affordable and can rent the units at the market rate which would result in a loss of housing affordability within the County. Of the 2,723 units currently assisted, the contractual affordability periods on 1,411 of those units will expire by 2020. The County will monitor the situation of each assisted property and work with owners interested in extending the affordability of the properties.

In addition, a total of 2,683 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units have been placed in service within the County. Most LIHTC properties in New Jersey are subject to a minimum 30 year affordability period, which is composed of a 15 year compliance period plus a 15 year extended use period. During the extended use period, the property owner may request a termination of the affordability period. The

New Jersey HMFA has the opportunity to find a buyer who is willing to maintain the property as affordable housing. If they cannot find a buyer, the extended period is over and the housing is no longer subject to the affordability requirements of the LIHTC program. There are approximately 1,062 LIHTC units in the County's jurisdiction that were placed into service before 2005 that may be eligible for termination of the affordability requirements. The County will coordinate with the state to ensure these properties remain affordable.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead-based paint poses a particular hazard to children under the age of six, and is the focus of efforts by HUD to raise awareness of the problem and mitigate or eliminate the hazard. Lead-based paint was banned in 1975, but housing constructed prior to that time typically contains lead-based paint to some degree.

In the Union County Consortium 92,011 owner-occupied units (90%) were constructed before 1980. Eighty-two percent of all rental units, numbering 35,300, were built before 1980. The threat of lead-based paint hazard increasing based on the age of the unit. That is, a unit constructed between 1960 and 1979 has a 62 percent chance of having this hazard; units built from 1940 to 1959 have an eighty (80) percent chance; units built prior to 1940 have a ninety (90) percent chance. The areas with the highest percentage of pre-1960 housing (over 83 percent of units) are census tracts in Hillside, Union Township, Cranford, Linden, Winfield, Westfield, and Plainfield. Many other tracts contain over 66 percent of units that are pre-1960 construction. Only parts of Scotch Plains, Clark and all of Berkeley Heights have less than one-third of units built before 1960.

Children under six are the persons most severely affected by lead poisoning. Based on CHAS data, there are 2,071 owner units and 1,530 rental units with children present that are at risk of lead paint. There is an overlap between the high concentration of pre-1960 housing and the presence of children under the age of 5 in two census tracts in Westfield – 371.00 and 367.00. These overlap areas are ones that should receive priority in lead hazard mitigation efforts, both in terms of education and public awareness, and rehabilitation of older structures.

The County is addressing the problem through the Union County Home Improvement Program by providing funds to both evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in private housing owned or rented by lower income families. Activities undertaken include the inspection and testing of homes for lead-based hazards, re-mediation of lead hazards, blood testing of young children, providing for the temporary relocation of families during the lead abatement process, and post hazard testing. In addition, community education and outreach activities are undertaken as well as providing training for

contractors to become State certified for lead safe practices.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Poverty reduction requires coordination of programming across broad areas including job training and placement, public services, education, and basic skills development. The County's anti-poverty strategy is linked to economic and educational efforts that have been implemented for several years. It is essential to provide the basic skills, training, and education necessary to make a person employable in today's competitive job market. The County works with the Boards of Education to assist persons to obtain high school diplomas or the GED certificate. The County facilitates and supports programs to coordinate training programs provided by public institutions with the needs of employers.

The County also supports the job creation efforts in several of the municipalities (Hillside Township, Plainfield City and Roselle Borough) is the Urban Enterprise Zones (UEZ). The UEZ programs create new employment and capital investment by providing tax incentives and support to new and existing businesses. UEZ provides direct benefits to businesses. Zone resources are placed in a fund specifically for economic and community development projects.

Other education and training programs contribute to reducing poverty. Examples of these include job training and job placement activities sponsored by the Workforce Investment Board, The Welfare to Work Program, day care funding throughout the County, and long-term employment opportunities for severely disabled adults, and life skills development programs. The Vo-tech schools, the community college, and Continuing Education Programs also provide important training and educational opportunities for local residents.

When feasible, Union County will provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for public housing residents and other low- and moderate-income residents in connection with construction projects funded under the Consolidated Plan. This provision helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. In this way, the County will comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. It is expected that a number of projects selected for Consolidated Plan funding will focus on assisting households in poverty.

Employment programs reach only a part of the poverty population. Many people living in poverty are not employable. The County works cooperatively with public, social, and civic service organizations to develop and implement direct assistance and service delivery programs to improve the quality of life of these persons. This first step in providing health and social services is necessary to enable an

unemployed person to become employable.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The County of Union will implement the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan through the combined efforts of the County CDBG staff and the County's Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, the various sub-committees of the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and, private, non-profit, and for-profit organizations.

The County's housing and community development programs are administered by the Union County Department of Economic Development – Division of Planning and Community Development and the Union County Department of Human Services. The Department of Economic Development works with the Union County Alliance, an organization of business, education, government, and civic leaders that works for legislative change in the areas of economic and community development; with the Union County Improvement Authority, a public authority working to provide lower cost financing and other incentives for economic development and acquisitions; the Union County College Small Business Institute and Center for Advancement, which develops workforce training, continuing education and curriculum to address the needs of the County workforce, the Union County Economic Development Corporation, a private, non-profit organization specializing in business retention and expansion activities; and the Workforce Investment Board, which reviews and approves all applications for government financing of workforce training programs.

The Union County Department of Human Services delivers programs and services that recognize and respond to the quality of life needs of the County's elderly, poor, unemployed, underemployed and youth populations. The Department serves as the facilitator of the Homeless Continuum of Care System.

The Department's Division of Planning is the coordinator and advisor to the County's Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) Committee, the County's primary planning, coordination and advocacy mechanism relating to homelessness. The composition of the Committee includes county and municipal welfare agency directors, homeless advocates and service providers, public sector representatives, government officials and concerned citizens. It is a standing sub-committee of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC), a board appointed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that consolidates data pertinent to homeless services and housing – data that is used to develop both

Union County has worked closely with local non-profit organizations to actively encourage housing programs for very-low, low- and moderate-income persons. The County has been successful in qualifying the following organizations as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's): The Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County; the Puerto Rican Organization for Cultural,

Economic, and Educational Development (PROCEED); Faith, Bricks and Mortar, Partnerships for People; and the Association of Retarded Citizens of Union County.

Though these entities work well together, there are opportunities for improved coordination and communication. All agencies involved in these efforts are seeking new ways to better serve their target populations and the general public.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The County will continue to work with the partners and stakeholders listed above to insure funds are flowing to needed areas of investment.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	200,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	200,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

HOME funds will be used as follows:

\$ 940,987.50 – ENTITLEMENT

\$ 125,224.00 – ADMINISTRATION

\$ 188,197.50 --- CHDO

\$1,254,409.00 SUBTOTAL

\$1,596,297.74 PAYMENT TO LOCAL ACCOUNTS

\$20,984.36 RECAPTURED FUNDS

\$25,460.27 PROGRAM INCOME

\$1,642,742.37 SUBTOTAL

\$2,897,151.37 TOTAL

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

RESALE

If the property is sold during the affordability period, the new homebuyer must be low income 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 30% of their income for principal interest and property taxes and insurance. The property must be the new homebuyer's principal residence. The maximum resale price will be set to provide a fair return to the original owner and is affordable to a household at 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 30 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes, and insurance (PITI). The resale price will not be based upon what

is affordable to the buyer. The original homebuyer will be entitled to a fair return on his investment for initial downpayment (capital) and capital improvements. The value of the improvements would be multiplied by the consumer price index and added to the initial downpayment for the total return to the homebuyer. The homebuyer must produce receipts.

RECAPTURE

The County will recapture the direct subsidy provided to the homebuyer if the housing does not continue to be a principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability. The recaptured amount will be prorated, based on the period of time the owner has owned the house. There will be a ten year affordability period. Each year, 10% will be forgiven. If the net proceeds are less than the prorated amount due, the County of Union will accept the net proceeds. A mortgage and note will be placed on the property.

Homebuyer to be determined \$150,000 will be using the above mentioned Recapture Guidelines.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Please see above.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

HOME funds will not be used to refinance existing debt.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Before providing assistance to a client with ESG funds, the SERVICE PROVIDER must conduct an intake process to determine client meets HUD's definition of homelessness. The SERVICE PROVIDER will use the Participation Eligibility Worksheet or comparable form. In general, an individual or family is considered homeless if:

- It lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, or will imminently lose their primary

nighttime residence within 14 days, no subsequent residence has been identified, and lacks the resources or support networks (e.g. family, friends, or other social networks) needed to obtain other permanent housing, or is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or meets the other definitions of homelessness at 24 CFR 576.2.

- When required, the SERVICE PROVIDER will also document the household's income is less than 30% of the area median income, adjusted for household size. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not discriminate based on the following classes protected under the Fair Housing Act: race, color, national origin, religion, familial status, and disability. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not express a preference based on religious belief. The SERVICE PROVIDER may deny service to any client if the client is under the influence of drugs or alcohol OR is behaving in a way that is a danger to their self or others.
 - At the time of admission, the SERVICE PROVIDER must evaluate the client's opportunities to divert to other viable housing situations, including (1) the potential resolution of any issues with the current housing situation through case management, mediation, or financial assistance, and (2) the evaluation of other viable housing options where the client could potentially safely stay. If the SERVICE PROVIDER determines the client is able to sustain permanent housing, the client shall be referred to the rapid re-housing program. If the SERVICE PROVIDER denies service for any reason, the SERVICE PROVIDER must attempt to divert the client to other viable housing options or refer clients to more appropriate service providers. Clients should be referred to the other shelters based on service priorities. All diversions and referrals must be documented and submitted to the grantee on a periodic basis.
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Currently, the Continuum does not have a centralized or coordinated assessment system. The Coordinated Assessment Working Group meets bi-monthly or more frequently to discuss the development of a Coordinated Assessment Tool and System. The group has reviewed information currently collected in HMIS in an effort to utilize the HMIS system for the purpose of initial assessment and coordination of services and case management. The group is currently in the process of overview and possible implementation of the Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) as a part of our coordinated entry process. This is a survey administered both to individuals and families to determine risk and prioritization when providing assistance to homeless and at-risk of homelessness persons.

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and Plainfield. Applicants supply required documentation and are to be approved or denied within 30 days of application. According to the New Jersey Work First Manual, homeless individuals and families may be deemed eligible for Immediate Need and Emergency Assistance.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The Planning/CoC Subcommittee addresses issues with regard to homelessness, including, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, update of the Ten Year Action Plan, advocacy, funding applications and allocations. This committee oversees the CoC HUD/Emergency Solutions Grant Application process and conducts project ranking for the CoC.

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The Continuum of Care provides homeless and formerly homeless persons opportunities to participate in the organization by acting as an Advisor, Community Advocate, and in some cases as an employee for one of the member agencies.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The Continuum of Care has a number of Strategic Goals and performance standards used to measure progress toward meeting those goals:

- Increase Progress Towards Ending Chronic Homelessness. Creating new dedicated permanent supportive housing is one way to achieve this goals. Making more space available by moving people into independent living with programs such as PHA housing vouchers is another.
- Increase Housing Stability.
- Increase project participant's income.
- Increase the number of participants obtaining mainstream benefits.
- Use Rapid Rehousing as a method to reduce family homelessness.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

County of Union
Five Year Strategic Plan for
Program Years 2020-2024
Citizen Participation Comments,
Minutes & Ad

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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DATE: March 9, 2020

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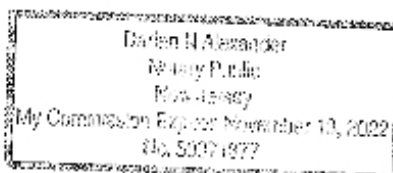
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Public Notice County of Union Proposed Community Development Activities

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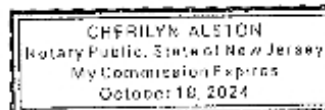
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**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CDBG ALLOCATIONS
APRIL 1st, 2020**

Attendance

Shaun Adams
Maria Anderson, Kenilworth
Isabel Bastos, County
Charlene Bathelus, County
James Baker, County
Joe Billy, Jr., Summit
David Biunno, Roselle
Nakisha Brown, Someone's Daughter
Julian Buitrago, County
Christian C.
Samantha Carpio, County SS
Andrew Casais, Roselle Park
Maria Chernock, Roots & Wings
Bonnie Cohen, Westfield
Fernanda Correia, County
Bernadette Cuccaro, New Providence
Mary Dawkins, Hillside
Jay Dertinger, LINC
Karen DiMaria, Summit YMCA
Joselyn Estevez-Vargas-HOPES
Dawn Glasco, Catholic Charities

Aneesha Ghaly, RCAO
Brandon Givens, County
Sharon Gribben, Cerebral Palsy
Lauren Harmer, Westfield Recreation
Margaret Heisey, Scotch Plains
Harris Laufer, Springfield
J. Maier
Grace Minas, County
Donna Morris, Plainfield
Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded
Maria Nolting, Summit YMCA
Jennifer North, Institute of Music
Brendan O'Reilly
Laura Reinertsen, Winfield
Rupen Shah, Roselle Park
Cindy Solomon, Rahway
Mayor Alexander Smith, Scotch Plains
Mora Tolas, Girls & Boys Club
Christina Topolosky, County DIFSS
Juanita Ayala Vargas, UWGUC
Kathy Villaggio, Garwood
George Vircik, Linden

Brandon Givens called the meeting to order at 4:01p.m.

Brandon Givens did a welcome and thanked the CDRS Committee for working together to allocate over 4 million dollars in funding to much needed organizations.

Chairwoman Cindy Solomon stated that the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Chairwoman Solomon then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brandon Givens led the attendees check-in.

Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded welcomed and thanked everyone on the call and wished everyone safe and positive health.

Committee Reports

- **Chairwoman Donna Morris** reviewed the **Admin Sub-Committee Report**. The committee met on February 11, 2020 and preliminary approved funding for **\$155,000** for Union County Economic Development, **\$50,000** for UC Freeholder Initiative Program, **\$941,810** for CDBG Admin and **\$30,000** for UCCC NJ Small Business Development Center Satellite Office. The amount allocated to UCCC NJ Small Business Development Center was returned. The sub total approved is **\$5,167,610** with **\$30,000** in Discretionary for a total of **\$5,197,610** for all sub-committees with discretionary.
- **Chairman Joe Billy, Jr.** reviewed the **Housing Sub-Committee Report**. The committee met on January 31, 2020 and approved funding for **\$1,375,000**.
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Open for Public Hearing Comments

Speaker #1

Marla Chernock, Roots & Wings Interim Executive Director presented on behalf of Roots & Wings. Ms. Chernock respectfully requested an increase of funding from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

Speaker #2

Maria Nolting, New Director of the **Summit Area YMCA** presented on before Summit Area YMCA. Spoke about partnership with Summit Housing Authority and new senior and youth programming.

Speaker #3

Jennifer North, Director of **Institute of Music** asked about more information regarding the CARES Act stimulus funding.

There being no one else who desired to speak, **Chairwoman Solomon** turned the meeting to **Brandon Givens** for updates and announcements.

Brandon Givens made an announcement regarding the additional \$5 Billion dollars from the federal government. Of which, \$2 Billion will be allocated within the next 30 days. There may be the possibility of waiver for the public service cap of 15% (not 100% sure as of 4/1/2020).

Chairwoman Solomon thanked everyone for attending.

Brandon Givens asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Billy, seconded by George Vircik.

Adjourned at 4:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlene Bathelus
CDRS Committee Secretary

Cc: CDRS Full Committee
CDBG Staff

CB/rs

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2020 ACTION PLAN AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

For Public Commentary July 9, 2020 – July 17, 2020.

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PLAN ESTRATÉGICO 2020-2024, PLAN DE ACCIÓN 2020 Y
PLAN DE PARTICIPACIÓN CIUDADANA**

Para comentario público del 9 de julio de 2020 al 17 de julio de 2020. En conformidad con el CFR (Código de Regulaciones Federales) No. 24, CFR 91.05 (c) (2) y la subparte B de las regulaciones federales relativas a la participación ciudadana, para los Programas de Planificación y Desarrollo Comunitario y las exenciones aplicables, puestas a disposición de esos requisitos, a través de la Ley de Ayuda, Alivio y Seguridad Económica Coronavirus (Ley CARES), el Condado de Union propone modificaciones sustanciales al Plan de Acción Anual 2019-2020, al Plan de Acción Anual 2020, al Plan de Participación Ciudadana y al Plan Quinquenal.

En respuesta a la lucha contra los efectos del COVID-19, el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Estados Unidos (HUD, sus siglas en inglés) asignó fondos especiales del Subsidio Global para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, sus siglas en inglés) a las Entidades de Derecho. El Condado de Union recibirá \$2,770,145 en fondos de Subsidio Global para el Desarrollo Comunitario, que se utilizarán para prevenir, preparar y responder a la emergencia por el COVID-19.

Las actividades propuestas para los fondos de CDBG-CV (Subsidio Global para el Desarrollo Comunitario por Coronavirus) son el pago de una renta residencial de emergencia o hipoteca para residentes del Condado de Union de ingresos bajos o moderados.

Se requiere una enmienda sustancial al plan de acción anual para el año fiscal 2019 y, generalmente, se solicita un período de comentarios públicos de treinta (30) días; sin embargo, el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Estados Unidos (HUD) ha renunciado a este requisito, siempre que no se otorguen menos de cinco días (5) para comentarios públicos sobre cada enmienda sustancial.

Este aviso servirá como la apertura del período de comentarios públicos, que se extenderá entre el jueves 9 de julio y el viernes 17 de julio. El miércoles 15 de julio de 2020, a las 5:00 pm, el Comité de reparto de Ingresos de desarrollo comunitario llevará a cabo una audiencia pública por videoconferencia. El propósito del período de comentarios públicos y la audiencia pública es invitar al público a revisar las enmiendas planteadas y proporcionar información sobre los procesos, programas y actividades propuestos.

La información y la contraseña de la reunión estarán en nuestra página de inicio de Desarrollo Comunitario. El Comité del CDRS hará una recomendación a la Junta de Freeholders Electos para su consideración y adopción final.

El Plan de Acción Modificado, el plan quinquenal y el plan de participación ciudadana están disponibles para revisión pública en Internet: <https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/>. Los residentes que deseen enviar comentarios durante la revisión pública y el período de comentarios pueden hacerlo, escribiendo un correo electrónico a Charlene Batheius a: cbatheius@ucnj.org.

Si el Inglés no es su primer idioma y necesita un intérprete, o requiere que le traduzcan los documentos del inglés a su idioma nativo, comuníquese con nuestra oficina. Las solicitudes deben hacerse al menos 48 horas antes de la reunión. Las solicitudes posteriores se atenderán en la medida de lo posible.

Para obtener más información sobre las enmiendas sustanciales propuestas, comuníquese con el director, Brandon Givens, a través del 908-527-4462 o por correo electrónico a: bgivens@ucnj.org. Los comentarios públicos pueden enviarse por cualquiera de los siguientes medios: por correo electrónico a cbatheius@ucnj.org; por correo postal a: County of Union, Attn: Community Development - CDBG- 3rd Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207; o participando en la audiencia pública.

Brandon Givens, Director
División de Servicios a la Comunidad
Departamento de Desarrollo Económico
Condado de Union.

LA VOZ 9 DE JULIO 2020

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CDBG ALLOCATIONS
VIA ZOOM
July 15, 2020**

Attendance

Maria Anderson, Kenilworth	Geleen Donovan, Family Promise
Isabel Bastos, County	Brandon Givens, County
Charlene Bathelus, County	Donna Morris, Plainfield
James Baker, County	Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded
James Ballentine, Hillside	Sharron Peterson, Plainfield Seniors
Georgette Corelli, County	Laura Reinertsen, Winfield
Shep Brown, Plainfield	Audria Russell, IRIS House, Inc.
Julian Buitrago, County	Cindy Solomon, Rahway
Joseph Chrobak, Linden	Kate Solomon, Summit Area YMCA
Glen Colley	Mayor Alexander Smith, Scotch Plains
Fernanda Correia, County	Bila Teal, Urban League of UC
Jessica Guberman, Roots & Wings	Juanita Ayala Vargas, UWGUC
Mary Dawkins, Hillside	Kathy Villaggio, Garwood

Brandon Givens welcomed everyone to today's public hearing and thanked the attendees for their participation.

Chairwoman Cindy Solomon called the meeting to order at 5:06p.m.

Chairwoman Cindy Solomon stated that the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Chairwoman Solomon then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charlene Bathelus led the attendees check-in.

Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded welcomed and thanked everyone on the call and wished everyone safe and positive health.

Brandon Givens gave a report on the use of funds to the CARES Act funding. The County would like to use the funding for rental assistance for a maximum amount of 3 month period. The County will submit the 2019 Amended Action Plan on or before July 31st to HUD.

Open for Public Hearing Comments

Speaker #1

Mrs. Juanita Vargas, VP of Programs/Operations, United Way of Greater UC

Mrs. Vargas inquired about the eligibility process and if a social security number would be required for potential people receiving funding.

Mr. Givens said as of now, anyone receiving CDBG funds, would have to have a social security number. He will confirm with HUD.

Speaker #2

Ms. Geleen Donovan, Executive Director, Family Promise

Ms. Donovan asked if the eligibility criteria was 30/60% income level.

Mr. Givens responded saying the County is looking at a 50%-80% income level with ESG helping at 30%-50% income level.

Speaker #3

Ms. Audria Russell, Program Manager, IRIS House, Inc

Ms. Russell inquired if the County was looking for non-profits to help with the application process.

Mr. Givens informed Ms. Russell the process will be made available as soon as HUD approves our application.

Speaker #4

Chairwoman Cindy Solomon, City of Rahway

Mrs. Solomon asked if the County is still giving small businesses under 25 people credit/funding through FEMA.

Mr. Givens said yes, with a maximum of \$20,000 per impacted business.

Speaker #5

Mrs. Ella Teal, Urban League of Union County

Mrs. Teal inquired about the time frame the County would receive the CARES Act funding.

Mr. Givens shared that the 5 year action plan has to be complete by 9/21. The County will submit the CARES Act request approximately by 7/31/20 with the hopes to begin on 9/1/2020.

Speaker #6

Ms. Jessica Guberman, Roots & Wings

Ms. Guberman asked if non-profits be able to apply before or after the amended plan is submitted.

Mr. Givens informed her HUD has to approve the plan prior to the County updating the process for non-profits.

There being no one else who desired to speak, **Chairwoman Solomon** turned the meeting to **Brandon Givens** for updates and announcements.

There were no further updates or announcements.

Chairwoman Solomon thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Billy, seconded by George Vircik.

Adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlene Bathelus
CDRS Committee Secretary

Cc: CDRS Full Committee
CDBG Staff

CB/rs

Grantee Unique Appendices

County of Union
Five Year Strategic Plan for
Program Years 2020-2024
Grantee Unique Appendices

CDBG

Year 46 Final Allocations
9/1/20 to 8/31/21
Community Development

Allocations by Committee		Yr. 46 Final
Facilities		\$494,800
Public Improvements		\$1,550,000
Social Services (13.5%)		\$607,000
Housing		\$1,375,000
Admin (20%)		\$941,381
Economic Development		\$155,000
Freeholder Initiative		\$50,000
Total Allocations by Committee		\$5,173,181
Revenues		
HUD Allocation		\$4,708,622
Reprogrammed Funds	Contingency	\$264,559
	Program Income	\$200,000
Total Revenues		\$5,173,181



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

RESOLUTION: 2020-806

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MORABELLA

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 2020-479 the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the 2020-2024 Five (5) Year Consolidated Action Plan and the 2020-2021 (Year 46) Annual Consolidated Action Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Shelter Grant program application for HUD funds in the total amount of \$6,825,324.00; and

WHEREAS, this Board authorized an amendment to Resolution 2020-479 by way of Resolution 2020-535 to include additional Home Action Plan funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,642,742.37, for a revised total of \$8,467,396.37 for the year 2020-2021 Home program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union has received a Corrected Notice from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reflecting corrected allocations resulting in a decrease in CDBG and HOME Fiscal Year (2020) funds by \$670.00, for a new total amount of \$8,467,396.37; and

WHEREAS, the estimated preliminary funding allocation to the County Consortium is as indicated in the summary below:

Summary of All Funding Sources

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

CDBG HUD Grant \$4,788,622.00
Reprogrammed Funds \$ 464,552.00
Subtotal CDBG \$5,173,181.00

HOME Program

HOME HUD Grant \$1,254,409.00
Payment to Local Accounts \$1,596,297.74
Receipts Funds \$20,984.36
Program Income \$25,460.27
Subtotal HOME \$2,897,151.37

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Emergency Solutions Grant \$397,064.00
Subtotal ESG \$397,064.00

Grand Total \$8,467,396.37

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders that it hereby amends resolution 2020-479 and authorizes the County Manager to accept decreased funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to expend funds as specified in the attached approval for the CDBG and HOME Fiscal Year (2020) Reductions of \$670.00 for a total fund of \$8,467,396.37.

No Sufficiency of Funds Required ;
Approved as to Form:
Certifying as to no Original Resolution:
Certified as to a True Copy:

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Vote Received - Resolution 2020-806		Yes/Abs	No/Abst	Abstain	Abstain
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As of:9/24/2020

Account #		Project Title	Final Allocation
		Facilities Sub-Committee	
020-009	Countywide	ARC Residential Improvements - Gas Generators	\$50,000
020-010	Countywide	Cerebral Palsy League - Replace Commercial Exhaust Fans	\$15,000
020-012	Fanwood	ADA Walkway Railings Municipal Bldg. Carriage House	\$10,800
020-028	Kenilworth	Borough Buildings - ADA Door Upgrade	\$18,000
020-039	Plainfield Non-Profit	Toddler Learning Center - Install Security Cameras	\$9,000
020-041	Plainfield Non-Profit	Covenant Dev. Corp. Food Pantry Remodel/Expansion	\$30,000
020-043	Plainfield Non-Profit	Neighborhood House Commercial Washer/Dryer	\$10,000
020-046	Plainfield Non-Profit	Shiloh Entrepreneurial & Eco. Dev. - Lords Kitchen Bathrooms	\$50,000
020-052	Plainfield Non-Profit	Second Street Youth Center - Playground Resurface	\$25,000
020-053	Plainfield Non-Profit	Kings Daughter - Playground Safety Bollards	\$13,000
020-055	Rahway Non-Profit	JFK Community Center Facilities Improvements	\$60,000
020-057	Rahway Non-Profit	Rahway Housing Schaffhauser Towers Elevator Upgrades	\$70,000
020-064	Summit	Summit Housing Authority - Refurbish Elevators	\$50,000
020-065	Scotch Plains N-P	Senior Housing Corp Window Replacements/Kitchen Cabinets	\$30,000
020-072	Roselle Park	ADA Improvements Municipal Building	\$28,000
020-080	Westfield Non-Profit	Westfield Area Y Emergency Video Communication System	\$6,000
020-081	Westfield Non-Profit	Westfield CC Refurbish Gym Facility and Adjacent Parking Lot	\$20,000
		Total	\$494,800

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As of:9/24/2020

Account #		Project Title	Final Allocation
		Public Improvements Sub-Committee	
020-110	Clark	ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$25,000
020-111	Cranford	ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$25,000
020-112	Fanwood	ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$25,000
020-126	Hillside	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$125,000
020-128	Kenilworth	ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$25,000
020-137	Linden	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$281,000
020-151	Plainfield	Rushmore Playground Improvements	\$55,000
020-152	Plainfield	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$345,000
020-158	Rahway	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$270,000
020-163	Roselle	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$135,000
020-172	Roselle Park	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$154,000
020-174	Springfield	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$105,000
		Total	\$1,550,000

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As of:9/24/2020

Account #		Project Title	Final Allocation
		Social Services Sub-Committee	
020-200	Berkeley Heights	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$14,250
020-207	Clark	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$14,250
020-210	Countywide	Someone's Daughter Youth Education Program	\$5,000
020-214	Countywide	Institute of Music for Children Summer Arts Youth Program	\$5,000
020-215	Countywide	Catholic Charities Child Protective Services	\$5,000
020-216	Cranford Non-Profit	Cranford Housing Nutrition Program	\$5,000
020-217	Cranford	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$17,250
020-219	Countywide	Family Promise Transportation of Homeless Services	\$8,000
020-220	Fanwood	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$11,250
020-223	Garwood	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$15,750
020-224	Countywide	Roots & Wings Services for Aged Out Foster Youth	\$12,000
020-226	Hillside	Senior Citizens Healthcare Program	\$12,500
020-227	Hillside	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$10,750
020-229	Hillside	Buie Community Center Youth Recreation Project	\$13,000
020-230	Hillside	Maternal Child Healthcare Program	\$18,000
020-231	Kenilworth	Senior Citizens Social Service & Health Program	\$13,250
020-236	Linden Non-Profit	Food Pantry/Nutrition Program	\$9,000
020-241	Mountainside	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$10,750
020-245	New Providence	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$8,250
020-247	New Providence	Senior Citizens High Risk Healthcare Fair & Program	\$5,000
020-249	Plainfield Non-Profit	Second Street Youth Center Afterschool Service	\$8,000
020-250	Plainfield Non-Profit	Second Street Youth Center Teen Resource	\$5,000
020-252	Plainfield	Shut In Council-Disable Care Services	\$5,000
020-254	Countywide	FISH Hospitality Program	\$8,000
020-255	Plainfield Non-Profit	HOPES CAP Early Childhood and Families Services Program	\$20,000
020-256	Plainfield	Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Program	\$5,000
020-258	Plainfield	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$32,250
020-259	Plainfield Non-Profit	Neighborhood Health Services Corp. Social Work Project	\$8,000
020-260	Plainfield Non-Profit	Urban League - Reentry Reconnections	\$5,000
020-262	Plainfield Non-Profit	Toddler Learning Center - Day Care	\$5,000
020-264	Plainfield Non-Profit	Vision & Pathways -Prosperity Independent Living Skills	\$5,000
020-265	Plainfield Non-Profit	Boys & Girl Club Teen Program	\$5,500
020-266	Plainfield Non-Profit	IRIS House Project T.T.Y.L.	\$6,000
020-269	Plainfield Non-Profit	Girl Scouts Heart of NJ - Leadership Experience	\$5,050
020-270	Plainfield Non-Profit	Covenant Dev. Corp. - Food Pantry Services	\$5,000
020-271	Plainfield Non-Profit	Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry	\$5,000
020-272	Plainfield Non-Profit	Art of Hospitality - Path to Success	\$5,000
020-274	Rahway	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$14,250

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As of:9/24/2020

Account #		Project Title	Final Allocation
020-276	Roselle	Senior Citizens Transportation Program	\$12,750
020-282	Roselle Park	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$19,500
020-283	Scotch Plains	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$10,750
020-287	Springfield	Senior Citizens Transportation Program	\$8,000
020-294	Summit	Summit Youth Center	\$5,000
020-295	Summit	Summit Senior Citizens Transportation Program	\$5,000
020-296	Summit	Summit YMCA SHA Senior Enrichment Programming	\$5,000
020-298	Countywide	Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program	\$5,000
020-299	Westfield	Senior Citizen Transportation Program	\$10,000
020-321	Countywide	United Way Family Strengthening Program	\$150,000
020-331	Winfield	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$10,700
		Total	\$607,000

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Account #		Project Title	Final Allocation
		Housing Sub-Committee	
020-400P	Countywide	Union County Home Improvement Program - Project Cost	\$271,200
020-400C	Countywide	Union County Home Improvement Program - Consultant	\$67,800
020-403	Countywide	Urban League - Comprehensive Housing Counseling	\$40,000
020-417	Hillside	Code Enforcement Program	\$23,000
020-427	Linden	Home Improvement Program	\$281,000
020-436	Plainfield	Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)	\$335,000
020-437	Plainfield	Office of C.D. Emergency Housing Assistance Program	\$6,000
020-441	Rahway	Home Improvement Program	\$304,000
020-442	Rahway	Code Enforcement Program	\$27,000
020-446	Roselle	Code Enforcement Program	\$20,000
		Total	\$1,375,000

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As of: 11/24/2020

Account #		Project Title	Final Allocation
		Admin Sub-Committee	
020-504	Countywide	Union County Economic Development	\$155,000
020-505	County of Union	Freeholder Initiative Program	\$50,000
020-600	County of Union	CDBG Admin (20%)	\$941,381
		Total	\$1,146,381.00
		Total All Sub-Committees	\$5,173,181

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HOME

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP
FY 2020-2021 ALLOCATION

\$ 940,987.50 --- ENTITLEMENT

\$ 125,224.00 -- ADMINISTRATION

\$ 188,197.50 --- CHDO

\$1,254,409.00 SUBTOTAL

\$1,596,297.74 PAYMENT TO LOCAL ACCOUNTS

\$20,984.36 RECAPTURED FUNDS

\$25,460.27 PROGRAM INCOME

\$1,642,742.37 SUBTOTAL

\$2,897,151.37 TOTAL

HOME FINAL PROJ AMT 2020-2021
JH:cb 11/9/2020

2020-2021 HOME ACTION PLAN PROJECTS

<u>SUBGRANTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Rental Housing	\$2,621,927.37
HOME BUYER	\$150,000.00
TOTAL:	\$2,771,927.37

HOME FINAL PROJ AMT 2019-2020
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2020-2021 HOME ACTION PLAN
MATCH REQUIREMENTS

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MATCH OBLIGATION (DEBIT)</u>	<u>MATCH REQUIREMENT (CREDIT)</u>
Rental Housing	2,621,927.37	655,481.83	655,481.83 Will use Previous Excessive Match
Homebuyer	150,000.00	37,500.00	37,500.00 Will use Previous Excessive Match

HOME FINAL PROJ AMT 2019-2020
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UNION COUNTY
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
Resale & Recapture Agreement
ACTION PLAN FY2020-2021 ALLOCATION

RESALE

If the property is sold within the affordability, the new homebuyer must be low income 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 38% of their income for principal interest and property taxes and insurance. The property must be their principal residence.

The maximum resale price will be set to provide a fair return to the original and is affordable to a house hold at 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 38% percent of income for principal interest property taxes and insurance. The resale price will not be based upon what is affordable to the buyer.

The original homebuyer will be entitled to a fair return on his investment for initial downpayment (capital) and capital improvements. The value of the improvements would be multiplied by the consumer price index and added to the initial downpayment for the total return to the homebuyer. The homebuyer must produce receipts.

RECAPTURE

The County will recapture the direct subsidy (funded) if the housing does not continue to be a principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability. The recaptured amount will be prorated, based on the period of time the owner has owned the house. Each year, 10% will be forgiven. If the net proceeds are less than the prorated amount due, the County of Union will accept the net proceeds. A mortgage and note and Homebuyer Agreement will be placed on the property.

Homebuyer to be determined \$150,000.00 will be using the above mentioned Recapture Guidelines.

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ESG

2020-2021 Proposed ESG Match Dollars

Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
State	NJDMHAS	\$ 31,315.00
	Total:	\$ 31,315.00

Central Jersey Legal Services		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
State	State Sub Grant Filing Fees & Treasury	\$ 6,100.00
	Total:	\$ 6,100.00

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
Federal	FEMA	\$60,000.00
State	SSH	\$69,000.00
Other	Private Grant- HealthCare Foundation of NJ	\$15,000.00
	Total:	\$144,000.00

Family Promise		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
Federal	CSBG	\$ 32,620.00
Federal	Union County CDBG	\$ 8,000.00
Local	Union County Homeless Trust Fund	\$ 28,955.00
	Total:	\$ 69,575.00

PROCEED, Inc.		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
State	DCA - HPRP	\$ 43,886.00
	Total:	\$ 43,886.00

The Salvation Army (Elizabeth)		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
Other	Shelter Receipts	\$ 44,610.00
	Total:	\$ 44,610.00

The Gateway Family YMCA		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
Federal	UC SOCIAL SERVICES TANF	\$ 29,061.00
State	UC SOCIAL SERVICES GA	\$ 13,896.00
Other	YMCA GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,354.00
	Total:	\$ 46,311.00

Urban League of Union County		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
State	City of Elizabeth	\$ 11,334.00
	Total:	\$ 11,334.00

YWCA of Eastern Union County		
Match Source	Name of Source	Match Amount
State	NJDCP&P	\$ 16,100.00
	Total:	\$ 16,100.00

Grand Total Match: \$ 413,231.00

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Union County 2020 Consolidated Plan Homeless Summary

1. Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Figure

Forty two (42%) of homeless persons reported having some type of disability. 53.6% of counted adults 18 or older reported some type of disability compared to 6% of children. The most common disabilities included physical disabilities and mental health issues. Among disabled adults, 52.7% reported mental health issues making this the most prevalent disability; representing 53.6% of disabled adult homeless population and 21.9% of all adults experiencing homelessness. 46.4% of disabled adults reported a physical disability, followed by 42.8% who reported a chronic health condition. Among disabled homeless children, more disabled homeless children reported developmental disabilities (71.4%) than any other disability.

On the night of January 28, 2020 out of the 484 persons identified as homeless in Union County, 33 households of Domestic Violence were identified representing 6.8% of the total homeless population counted. The majority of these households were families with adults and children. Of the 33 households, 30 were in an emergency shelter setting, 2 in transitional housing and 1 identified as unsheltered.

2. Discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance.

ESG funding is focused on homeless families with children and Rapid Re-Housing services. The actual percentage for 2019-2020 was 29% allocated to Rapid Re-Housing, 8% to Homeless Prevention, and 53% to Emergency Shelter. In Union County, there is a greater need to funding emergency shelter for those who are currently homeless and assisting them with being rapidly rehoused, therefore the greater percentage of funding being allocated to those two categories.

3. If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

CHRONIC HOMELESS

Forty two (42) households, made up of 61 adult individuals, were chronically homeless according to the 2020 Point-In-Time Count, representing 8.7% of the counted homeless population. Over the past five years the total of chronically homeless has fluctuated, but has decreased (by 21 persons, 74%) during that time. Of the 61 chronically homeless persons counted in 2020, 25 (41%) were staying in emergency shelters on the night of the count while 17 were unsheltered.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Of the 349 homeless households counted in Union County in 2020, 65 (19%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. This is a decrease of about 4% from the number counted in 2019. These families included 189 persons, including 111

Union County 2020 Consolidated Plan Homeless Summary

children under age 18 and 78 adults. The average family size was 2.9 persons. There were no counted unsheltered families with children under the age of 18.

UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

There were 1 household with only children under 18 years old reported on the night of the 2020 count.

VETERANS

Twenty (20) homeless veterans, in 20 households, were counted on the night of the count. All were single adults. The largest contingent of homeless veterans was found to be staying in transitional housing with 14 persons (70%), 4 persons (20%) in emergency shelter and 2 veterans were unsheltered (10%) with approximately 80% identifying at least one disability. The two most common disabilities among these were physical disability and chronic health conditions, with about half reporting more than 1 disability. Twelve (12) veterans said they had physical disabilities and five (5) reported substance abuse disorders. One (1) reported having a developmental disability. The three types of services that homeless veterans sought the most were emergency shelter, housing, and veterans' services.

4. Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

The 2020 Count showed a total of 349 households, including 484 homeless men, women and children, 65 (19%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. These individuals met the (HUD) McKinney-Vento Act definition of homelessness. Contributing factors to homelessness were stated as follows: 41 households reported loss or reduction of benefits and job income and cannot find work, 64 stated housing costs were too high and were evicted, 61 were asked to leave a shared residence, 9 reported medical/disability, 9 had relationship/family breakup or death, 15 have alcohol or drug abuse problems, and 17 reported domestic violence. In addition, 22 people were discharged into homelessness from incarceration, foster care, mental health facility or substance abuse treatment center. The largest numbers of homeless persons are sheltered in transitional housing; 66 households or 62 persons of the homeless responders were un-sheltered the night of the count.

The overall number of homeless persons in Union County has decreased by 4%. The average family size is 2.9 persons. Eighty (80%) of the identified homeless households in Union County were households without children under 18, and they were composed of 290 adults. This is an increase of 26% from the number of adult only households in 2019.

There was a total of 46 (10%) homeless adults between 18 and 24 years old, 316 (66%) adults over age 24, and 116 (25%) children under 18 years old experiencing homelessness. The age range most represented is adults between 18 and 24, of these 54.1% were male and 45.9% female. The length of the 107 homelessness households varies 3-6 months and 65 households to more than a year.

5. Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

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The largest number of homeless people in the 2020 count were African-Americans 262, followed by Hispanic/Latinos 119 and Caucasians 79, American Indian or Alaska Natives 0, Asians 1, and Multiracial 4.

6. Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

Sixty two (62) households, made up of 66 persons, were living unsheltered according to the 2020 Point-In-Time Count. The largest portion of the unsheltered in 2020, 25.8% was between 45 and 54 years old, followed by those between 55 and 64 (25.7%). Nearly 54.1% (258) of homeless persons were male and 45.9% (219) were female. Nearly 42% of homeless persons reported having some type of disability. The disabilities most commonly identified were mental health issues and physical disabilities. One unsheltered single adult reported being a victim of domestic violence. Two unsheltered adults were veterans.

The goal is to fully implement a Homeless Management Information System that will provide a more reliable count as well as information on the progress of chronic homeless persons in the Continuum of Care (CoC) system. It is likely that these numbers are conservative. Therefore, it is essential that the County focus on a strategy to eliminate chronic homelessness. Union County (receiving the largest pot of money from the State and the Federal government) takes the lead to eliminate homelessness through participation in the CEAS/Continuum of Care Committee.

Partners in the Continuum of Care (CoC), as well as organizations and systems beyond the traditional homeless network, are utilized to identify and engage chronic homeless individuals in mainstream programs and resources.

The County will continue to strengthen their efforts to collaborate with service providers, welfare offices, police departments, community and faith-based groups. The Point-In-Time Count and Survey is a valuable vehicle in which to partner with police departments, municipalities, faith-based organizations and others to address the plight of the chronically homeless and provide awareness to the community. Together stakeholders and communities are taking ownership of the problem in their neighborhoods. By forging these relationships, the County will continue to take the lead in engaging partners to participate in outreach and identification of local homeless residents as well as provide entry into the CoC process.

7. Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

Mainstream services such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance (GA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid, are sought for those persons experiencing homelessness in Union County. When appropriate, homeless persons are provided with assistance under the TANF and GA programs in the form of Emergency Assistance (EA) for shelter placement or Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) to secure an apartment. Substance Abuse/mental health services are identified. For those that are EA and non-EA eligible, where appropriate, other local, state, and Federal grant resources are identified to assist persons who are homeless

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and imminently homeless with housing, support, and legal services (ie. Social Services for the Homeless (non-EA), Homeless Trust Fund, Community Services Block Grant, Alcohol/Drug Abuse funding, Peer Grouping/GAP funding, ESG, CoC, etc). Union County One-Stop Centers are available in Elizabeth and Plainfield, and the Union County Workforce Development Center is available in Elizabeth. All facilities offer job search and employment assistance services. Referrals are also provided to the local CEAS/CoC organizations for additional support services.

8. List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals.

The below listed facilities meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals through in house programs that target this population. Services include but are not limited to: emergency shelter; meals for shelter residents; street outreach; linkages to community, employment/education service, entitlement and workforce development programs; rapid re-housing case management services; behavioral health counseling for substance abuse and/or mental health; rapid re-housing cash assistance for rent/utilities; homelessness prevention case management services, homelessness prevention cash assistance for rent/utilities; transitional housing; and permanent supportive housing. All services provided to homeless persons promote self-sufficiency.

Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services	Shelter Plus Care Program
	Supportive Housing Program
	Street Outreach
Community Access Unlimited	Emergency Capacity System
	Developmental Disabilities
	Youth Emergency Shelter
Covenant House NJ (Raphael's Life House)	Supportive Housing Program
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless	Operation Warm Heart - Seasonal Shelter Hotel/Motel bed nights
Family Promise	Emergency Shelter - Families Only
FISH Hospitality (designated beds for Union County)	Emergency Shelter – Families Only
Homefirst	Shelter Plus Care Program
	Supportive Housing Program
The Gateway Family YMCA	Madison House
	Men's Dormitory
	Transitional Housing
	Project Sustain
	Supportive Housing Program
The Salvation Army	Emergency Shelter
YWCA of Eastern Union County	Project Protect (designated domestic violence shelter)

9. Strategy to reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs.

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Outreach services to families are conducted by organizations active in UC-CoC. Specifically, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, PROCEED, and Prevention Links provide outreach at various locations throughout the County. Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services provides outreach services to homeless persons (mental health/co-occurring) on the street, in local homeless shelters, and in the Union County jail. The County's Code Blue Emergency Shelter program, activated during periods of severe weather, also provides outreach and aids in identifying homeless families with children and linking them to shelter and housing programs. The Code Blue system, whereby individuals and families are provided shelter, regardless of eligibility serves to identify and bring in from the cold persons who routinely sleep on the streets, in cars, train stations and abandoned buildings, etc. Code Blue represents a collaborative effort between the CoC, County and local police, shelter providers and homeless service providers. Screening and referral is conducted by the Union County Division of Social Services. Persons are evaluated for mainstream services and provided emergency assistance through such services when eligibility can be established. In addition, the CoC conducts an early morning (3AM) Point-In-Time Count Initiative annually, locating persons on the street and linking them with services whenever possible.

10.Strategy to addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

When available, persons are moved from emergency shelter to transitional housing. Case management services are vital in assisting persons in moving from transitional housing to permanent housing. Agencies also operating rapid re-housing programs with limited funding (ESG, Homeless Trust Fund) will move homeless persons and/or those in emergency shelter directly into permanent housing, using a "housing first" model. The Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) reviews annual and new funding sources that include homeless and homeless prevention services. Geographic need and target populations are assessed. Priorities and funding allocations are endorsed through CEAS/CoC and the HSAC. The CEAS/CoC specifically reviews and endorses CoC funding.

11.Strategy to helping homeless persons 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.

CoC funding is utilized to provide Permanent Supportive Housing, however the turnover rate for this type of housing is low. The lack of living wages and affordable housing in Union County, coupled with long waiting lists for Section 8 subsidized housing makes transitioning to permanent housing difficult for homeless persons in Union County. Agencies also operating rapid re-housing programs with limited funding (ESG, Homeless Trust Fund) will move homeless persons and/or those in emergency shelter directly into permanent housing, using a "housing first" model.

12. Strategy for Homelessness Prevention

For those that are EA and non-EA eligible, where appropriate, local, State, and Federal grant resources are utilized to assist persons who are homeless and imminently homeless with

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housing/rental assistance, case management, employment, legal, and other support services [i.e. Social Services for the Homeless (non-EA), Homeless Trust Fund (prevention services), Community Services Block Grant, Peer Grouping/GAP funding, ESG, etc]. Local One-Stop Centers are available on both ends of the County (Elizabeth and Plainfield) for job search and employment assistance services. Referrals are also provided to the local CEAS/CoC organizations for additional housing and support services. The Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) reviews annual and new funding sources that include homeless and homeless prevention services. Geographic need and target populations are assessed. Priorities and funding allocations are endorsed through CEAS/CoC and the HSAC.

Discharge coordination policies

- 1. Foster Care** - NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF), Div. of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), provides services to adolescents ages 18 - 21 in out-of-home placements/foster care. When adolescents reach age 18, they may continue to receive voluntary services from DCP&P to assist with their transition to adulthood. Cases on these young adults are closed only if they refuse services. NJ General Assistance program (GA), which provides monthly cash assistance to single adults along with emergency housing/shelter assistance, is a mainstream resource which can be accessed by aging out youth.
- 2. Health Care** - The 2020 Point-In-Time Count and Survey of the homeless indicated that less than 1% of respondents stated they were discharged from medical facility into homelessness. This percentage may include persons who were homeless prior to admission and those homeless individuals treated in the emergency room. To address this issue, health care providers and UC Emergency Shelter/Code Blue Subcommittee developed a process for referrals from health care facilities to emergency shelters and other homeless services. Members of UC-CoC including UCDHS, the Division of Social Services (CWA), and shelter providers met with hospital social workers to develop protocols for these referrals. A streamlined referral form is currently used to help persons secure shelter and identify the necessary medical information needed to procure homeless services offered through mainstream programs such as TANF, SSI, and GA. Staff from the social services department of Trinitas Regional Medical Center regularly attends CoC Committee and subcommittee meetings.
- 3. Mental Health** - The 2020 Point-In-Time Count and Survey of the homeless indicates that only 2 respondents stated they were discharged from a state or county mental health facility into homelessness. Mental Health protocols in NJ include a system whereby persons discharged either by the court or administratively from a short-term care or psychiatric facility or special psychiatric hospital have a discharge plan prepared by the treatment team at the facility. The treatment team gives the patient an opportunity to participate in the formulation of the discharge plan. In Union County Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams operated by Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, assist in the transitioning of homeless individuals from mental health care facilities to appropriate housing or shelter programs.

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4. **Corrections** - The 2020 PITC indicates 2.4% of respondents stated they were discharged from a city, county or state correctional facility into homelessness, a reduction from 6.3% in 2019. Because the lack of identification plays a significant role in individuals being unable to secure services after incarceration, UC Dept. of Corrections developed a discharge letter (complete with a photo of each inmate) which helps streamline the process of identification for the purpose of securing mainstream services for ex-offenders. Homeless ex-offenders are often placed in emergency shelters or in apartments via Emergency Assistance (EA) or Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) by UCDSS. In addition, to expedite this transition, UCDSS completes GA intake applications with offenders who are incarcerated for an extended period in the UC Jail prior to their release.

COC Strategies

1. End Chronic Homelessness in 5 years;
2. Prevent and End Homelessness among Veterans in 5 years;
3. Prevent and End Homelessness for Families, Youth and Children in 10 years; and
4. Set a Path to Ending All Types of Homelessness.

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Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	254	0	1,097	485	235	103
Persons in Households with Only Children	5	0	6	6	6	30
Persons in Households with Only Adults	225	65	1,115	250	240	103
Chronically Homeless Individuals	19	17	99	52	34	200
Chronically Homeless Families	3	0	99	6	3	30
Veterans	21	2	53	40	16	21
Unaccompanied Child	3	0	4	6	4	15
Persons with HIV	13	1	24	20	12	42

The above information was based on the 2020 Point-In-Time Count & Survey and HMIS data for calendar year 2020 (Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing).

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds		Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	44	36	61	350	0
Households with Only Adults	87	118	83	53	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	2	121	0
Veterans	0	6	18	8	0
Unaccompanied Youth	10	2	3	14	0

The above information was based on the 2019 Housing Inventory Counts.

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Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Counseling/Advocacy	<p>American Red Cross Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Catholic Charities Community Access Unlimited Central Jersey Legal Services Community Health Law Project Early Intervention/Trinitas Regional Medical Center El Centro Hispanoamericano Elizabeth Coalition Elizabethport Presbyterian Center Esperanza Self Help Center Family & Children's Services Family Promise FISH Hospitality Homefirst Intensive Family Support Services Jefferson Park Ministries Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Raphael's Life House Union County Rape Crisis Center</p>	<p>American Red Cross Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Catholic Charities Central Jersey Legal Services Early Intervention/Trinitas Regional Medical Center Homefirst Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp PROCEED St. Joseph's Social Service Center Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield StreetLight Mission United Way of Greater Union County</p>	<p>American Red Cross Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Catholic Charities Central Jersey Legal Services Early Intervention/Trinitas Regional Medical Center Homefirst Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp PROCEED St. Joseph's Social Service Center Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield StreetLight Mission United Way of Greater Union County</p>

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(Counseling/Advocacy-continued)		St. Joseph's Social Service Center Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield StreetLight Mission United Family & Children's Society United Way of Greater Union County Urban League of Union County The Gateway Family YMCA YWCA of Central New Jersey – Project Protect	St. Joseph's Social Service Center Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield StreetLight Mission United Family & Children's Society United Way of Greater Union County Urban League of Union County The Gateway Family YMCA YWCA of Central New Jersey – Project Protect
Legal Assistance		Central Jersey Legal Services Community Health Law Project Urban League of Union County	Central Jersey Legal Services Community Health Law Project Urban League of Union County
Mortgage Assistance		Urban League of Union County	Urban League of Union County
Rental Assistance		Catholic Charities Community Access Covenant House CSPNU Elizabeth Coalition Family Promise Homefirst Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield Union County HIV/AIDS Services (UCDHS-HOPWA) Urban League of Union County	Catholic Charities Community Access CSPNU Elizabeth Coalition Family Promise Homefirst Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield Union County HIV/AIDS Services (UCDHS-HOPWA) Urban League of Union County
Utilities Assistance		Catholic Charities Homefirst Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield	Catholic Charities Homefirst Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield

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Street Outreach Services		
Law Enforcement		
Mobile Clinics		
Other Street Outreach Services	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Elizabeth Coalition Homefirst PROCEED Prevention Links	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Elizabeth Coalition Homefirst PROCEED Prevention Links
		Homefirst PROCEED

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Supportive Services		
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	<p>Alfred/Mrs. Wilsons Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services CURA High Focus Centers JFK Steps Recovery Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Center New Hope Foundation Organization for Recovery Overlook Hospital Prevention Links Princeton House PROCEED Summit Oaks Hospital Sunrise House Sunrise/Dudley House Trinitas Regional Medical Center Turning Point UCPC Behavioral Health</p>	<p>Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services PROCEED Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Center Overlook Hospital Sunrise/Dudley House Trinitas Regional Medical Center UCPC Behavioral Health</p>
Child Care	<p>Community Coordinated Childcare Elizabeth Coalition Jefferson Park Ministries The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Operations</p>	<p>Community Coordinated Childcare Elizabeth Coalition Jefferson Park Ministries The Gateway Family YMCA</p>
Education	<p>PROCEED The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Centers</p>	<p>PROCEED Union County One-Stop Centers</p>

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Healthcare	HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Services Jewish Family Services Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Integrated Case Management Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center	HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Services Jewish Family Services Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Integrated Case Management Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center	HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Services Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center
HIV/AIDS	HIV Counseling, Testing, & Referral Services Hyacinth AIDS Foundation Union County HIV/AIDS Services (UCDHS-HOPWA)	Union County HIV/AIDS Services (UCDHS-HOPWA)	HIV Counseling, Testing, & Referral Services Hyacinth AIDS Foundation Union County HIV/AIDS Services (UCDHS-HOPWA)
Life Skills	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth Coalition Homefirst The Gateway Family YMCA YWCA of Eastern Union County	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth Coalition Homefirst The Gateway Family YMCA YWCA of Eastern Union County	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Community Access Unlimited Homefirst

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Mental Health Counseling	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Cornerstone Family & Children's Services Gen Psych High Focus Jewish Family Services Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Center Overlook Hospital RWJ University Hospital Resolve Community Counseling Center Summit Oaks Hospital Trinitas Regional Medical Center UCPC Behavioral Health United Family & Children's Society	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Family & Children's Services Jewish Family Services Trinitas Regional Medical Center UCPC Behavioral Health	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Jewish Family Services Trinitas Regional Medical Center UCPC Behavioral Health
Transportation	Access Link NJ Transit Union County Division of Social Services Union County Paratransit	Union County Division of Social Services	
Other	Other		

TABLE 1 - HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES SUMMARY

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

County of Union
Five Year Strategic Plan for
Program Years 2020-2024
Grantees SF-424's and Certification(s)



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September 25, 2020

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Dear Ms. Uebbing:

Enclosed please find the 2020-2024 Five Year Action Plan Grant
Certifications and SF-424 forms for the County of Union.

The Public Commentary period was from March 19th through May 1st,
2020; there were no comments received.

If you have any questions pertaining to this application for HUD funding,
please contact Amy C. Wagner, Deputy County manager/Director of
Economic Development at 908-527-4802.

Thank you for your consideration on this proposal.

Very truly yours,

Edward T. Oatman
County Manager

cc: Amy C. Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director of Economic
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STATE CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The State will affirmatively further fair housing.

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 has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the State'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-L.L.J., "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreement(s) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of State -- The submission of the consolidated plan is authorized under State law and the State possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs under the consolidated plan for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the State's consolidated plan.

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 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

9/25/2020
Date

County Manager
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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The State certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR §91.115 and each unit of general local government that receives assistance from the State is following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR §570.486.

Consultation with Local Governments --

1. It has consulted with affected units of local government in the nonentitlement area of the State in determining the method of distribution of funding;
2. It engages in or will engage in planning for community development activities;
3. It provides or will provide technical assistance to units of local government in connection with community development programs; and
4. It will not refuse to distribute funds to any unit of general local government on the basis of the particular eligible activity selected by the unit of general local government to meet its community development needs, except that a State is not prevented from establishing priorities in distributing funding on the basis of the activities selected.

Local Needs Identification -- It will require each unit of general local government to be funded to identify its community development and housing needs, including the needs of low-income and moderate-income families, and the activities to be undertaken to meet these needs.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available.
2. **Overall Benefit.** In the aggregate, not less than 70 percent of the CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, received by the State during the following fiscal year(s) 2020-2024 [a period designated by the State of one, two, or three specific consecutive fiscal year(s)] will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG Funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It will require units of general local government that receive CDBG funds to certify that they have adopted and are enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature of Authorized Official

9/25/2020
Date

County Manager
Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The State certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to use HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance, tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the State's consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §92.205 through §92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy Layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, the State or its recipients will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date



Title

Emergency Solutions Grant Certifications

Each State that seeks funding under the Emergency Solutions Grants Program must provide the following certifications:

Matching Funds – The State will obtain any matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201 in a manner so that its subrecipients that are least capable of providing matching amounts receive the benefit of the exception under 24 CFR 576.201(a)(2).

Discharge Policy – The State will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for those persons.

Confidentiality – The State will develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

The State will ensure that its subrecipients comply with the following criteria:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the building will be maintained as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the building will be maintained as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the building will be maintained as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – If ESG funds are used for shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the subrecipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the applicant serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, veterans, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The subrecipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the subrecipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under ESG, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted ESG.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the subrecipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the State's current HUD-approved consolidated plan.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date



Title

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The State HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under the program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years, in the case of any building or structure purchased, leased, rehabilitated, renovated, or converted with HOPWA assistance,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years, in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.


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Date


Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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:


- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 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.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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 status(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination status(s) which may apply to the application.

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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
	County Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
County of Union	9/25/2020

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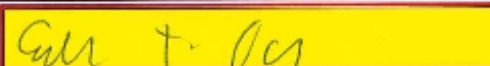
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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 22-6362461		* c. Organizational DUNS: 0853170440000
d. Address:		
* Street: 10 Elizabethtown Plaza Street2: * City: Elizabeth County/Parish: Union * State: NJ: NEW JERSEY Province: * Country: USA: UNITED STATES * Zip / Postal Code: 07202-3451		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Economic Development		Division Name: Community Services
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Ray Middle Name: J. * Last Name: Wagner Suffix:		
Title: Director of Economic Development		
Organizational Affiliation:		
* Telephone Number: 908-537-3802		Fax Number: 908-209-0180
* E-mail: rwagner@unionnj.org		

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* a. Start Date: 09/01/2020	* b. End Date: 08/31/2021
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal:	4,700,622.00
* b. Applicant:	0.00
* c. State:	0.00
* d. Local:	0.00
* e. Other:	0.00
* f. Program Income:	200,000.00
* g. TOTAL:	4,900,622.00
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Edward
Middle Name:	
* Last Name: DeLeon	
Suffix:	
* Title: County Manager	
* Telephone Number: 505-527-4200	Fax Number:
* Email: ead@unionnj.org	
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	* Date Signed: 11/18/2020

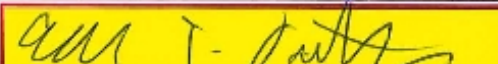
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<p>5b. Federal Award Identifier:</p> <p>H20-DC34-0222</p>		
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<p>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 22-8082461</p>		
<p>* c. Organizational DUNS: 0832130440000</p>		
<p>d. Address:</p>		
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<p>County/Parish: Union</p>		
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<p>* Country: USA UNITED STATES</p>		
<p>* Zip / Postal Code: 07202-3451</p>		
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<p>Department Name: Economic Development</p>		
<p>Division Name: Community Services</p>		
<p>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</p>		
<p>Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Amy</p>		
<p>Middle Name: C.</p>		
<p>* Last Name: Wagner</p>		
<p>Suffix: <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>Title: Director of Economic Development</p>		
<p>Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>* Telephone Number: 908 527 4802</p>		
<p>Fax Number: 908 269 6150</p>		
<p>* Email: awagner@ucnj.org</p>		

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18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	0,254,409.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	1,596,297.74
* e. Other	20,584.35
* f. Program Income	25,469.27
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Authorized Representative:	
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* First Name:	Edward
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Swenson
Suffix:	
* Title:	County Manager
* Telephone Number:	308-527-6200
Fax Number:	
* Email:	edswenson@unij.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	11/18/2020

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* Street: 10 Elizabethtown Place Street2: _____ * City: Elizabeth County/Parish: Union * State: NJ: New Jersey * Country: USA: UNITED STATES * Zip / Postal Code: 08826-1481		
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Department Name: Economic Development		Division Name: Community Services
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* b. Applicant	0.00
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	Mr.
* First Name:	Edward
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Catucci
Suffix:	
* Title:	County Manager
* Telephone Number:	908-627-4200
Fax Number:	
* Email:	ed@unionnj.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	10/18/2020

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	Data Source Name Union County
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. ...
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. ...
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? ...
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population? ...
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	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)? ...
2	Data Source Name maplebrook
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. ...
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. ...
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	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>...</p>
3	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>ACS Data</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>US Census Bureau</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
	<p>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</p> <p>For this plan, most data is based on 2007-2011 5 Year Estimates.</p>
	<p>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
	<p>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
	<p>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
4	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>Continuum of Care Consultation</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Union County Department of Human Services - Continuum of Care/Homeless Unit</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>Information is based on Point in Time survey results and CoC records of available inventory and services.</p>

What was the purpose for developing this data set?
To develop sound planning and strategies to address homelessness in Union County
How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?
Data coverage is for the entire county
What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?
The information is updated on an annual basis
What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?
The information is current (complete)

Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary – 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The 2020 Consolidated Plan for the Township of Union, New Jersey has been prepared in response to the consolidated process developed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan is a collaborative process in which the community can develop a unified and coherent vision for community development actions for a five-year planning period. The community, with the active participation of its citizens and community organizations, can shape its housing and development programs, prepare comprehensive and coordinated programs, and reduce duplication of effort, both in planning and in program execution.

This planning effort provides an opportunity to analyze programs in the context of the total local effort, and in relation to linkages and relations with state and regional programs. The nature of the process requires that economic, physical, environmental, community, and human development plans and programs be integrated and coordinated. Further, the requirements of this process force the establishment of specific, measurable goals and objectives and the creation of project monitoring processes so that progress can be measured and lessons learned over time.

The Consolidated Plan also meets the application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME). This process replaces prior Community

Planning and Development (CPD) planning and an application requirement with a single document, and satisfies the minimum statutory requirements of the four CPD formula programs for local jurisdictions. Although the Township is a CDBG entitlement jurisdiction it also participates as Consortium member to Union County HOME program. It is as a CDBG entitlement though that the Township is required to prepare and submit a Consolidated Plan to HUD in order to receive CDBG funds.

For the record, the Township is publically recognizing that, in this new Consolidated Plan period, the potential for additional federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic will become available. Once formally received, these funds along with related project(s) will be added to the new 2020 Action Plan as an amendment. The first allocation of COVID-19 funds has already been incorporated as an amendment into the 2019 Action Plan.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The Township's top priority continues to be the improvement of the quality of life for its low to moderate income residents. To that end the objectives of the Township in this Action Plan period are as follows.

- Stabilization and improvement of neighborhoods;
- Continued support for provision of services to those individuals and groups with special needs, such as the elderly and the disabled;
- Execution of anti-poverty efforts that support and build on existing programs, relate to economic development efforts, and integrate job training and placement, welfare to work initiatives, and other programs aimed at improving opportunities for economic self-sufficiency;
- Continued support of key public service programs, the improvement of public facilities and infrastructure and;
- Maintenance and improvement of the existing housing stock

In terms of outcomes, the Township expects to achieve progress in the areas listed below.

- Suitable Living Environment - Outcomes

- Maintain and improve housing stock for low and moderate income households including seniors; Improved quality of life for youth; Improved quality of life through improved conditions for children; Improved quality of life through improved facility conditions; Improved quality of life for poverty level terminally ill patients; Improved quality of life for low-income elderly and disabled citizens; Improved quality of life for frail elderly residents by providing home assistance to prevent health and

safety concerns and to help maintain self-sufficiency; and Improved quality of life for functionally impaired residents of the Township who are age fifty and over.

- Provide Decent and Affordable Housing - Outcomes

- Maintain and improve housing stock for low and moderate income households including senior citizens.

3. Evaluation of past performance

During the prior five year Consolidated Plan period, the Township identified specific goals in the categories of housing, non-housing, and special needs. Throughout this prior period, the Township has either exceeded or been on target in meeting the goals established for the prior plan particularly in the areas of housing and non-housing community development. As a result, residents are now experiencing decent and affordable housing arrangements, as well as suitable living environments through improved access to high quality public services and public facilities. This success has significantly informed Township's efforts in moving forward.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Citizens are provided adequate opportunities to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation and assessing the CDBG program. The Township has full responsibility and authority for the development of the application and execution of its Community Development (CD) Program.

The Citizen Participation Plan has been formulated to allow for the maximum dissemination of Community Development information and citizen's input. The plan structures an ongoing citizen's participation program that will function throughout each year of the Community Development Program. Citizens are informed of all program developments and citizen participation is an important element of the overall program.

The Township followed the steps and procedures outlined in its Citizen Participation Plan. As part of the Plan development process, public hearings were held on December 19, 2019; January 16, 2020 and February 20, 2020. A Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting was held on March 20, 2020. The purpose of the public meetings/hearings was to obtain the views of citizens, public officials and agencies and other interested parties regarding the housing and community development needs of the jurisdiction. Public meetings/hearings are listed on TV34 and the Township's calendars distributed throughout the township.

The development of the Action Plan involved consultation with those agencies in delivering housing and public services within the Township. Meetings and discussions were held between the staff of the Township Community Development Block Grant Program Office, the Township Division of Planning, the Township Board of Health and the Township of Union Community Development Citizens Advisory Board. In addition, there were meetings conducted with appropriate housing and social service agencies regarding the housing needs of children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and homeless persons. These agencies included the Township Housing Agency.

Federal regulations require that a summary of the Action Plan be published in one or more local, general circulation newspapers. This summary describes the purpose and priorities of the plan, type and location of activities and the location of the complete document. Copies of the draft Action Plan were available for inspection and review at the Community Development Block Grant Office in the Municipal Building and on the Township's website. The document was available for review on April 15, 2020 and citizens had a 30-day period to review the document and submit comments to the Office of Community Development, Municipal Building, and 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083. The Township received no comments during this period via e-mail uniontownship.com.

The Final 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020 Action Plan and Resolution were placed on the Township Agenda and authorized for submission at the May 26, 2020 Township Committee Meeting.

5. Summary of public comments

No comments to date.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments to date.

7. Summary

See comments above.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	UNION TOWNSHIP (UNION COUNTY)	Community Development Agency

Table 61– Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Agency responsible for the plan is the Community Development Agency.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(l) and 91.315(l)

1. Introduction

The Township recognizes that the preparation of the plan requires discussion and consultation with many diverse groups, organizations, and agencies. Meetings and discussions were held between the staffs of the Township Community Development Block Grant Program Office and the Township Division of Planning, the Township Board of Health, and the Union County Division of Planning and Community Development. The Public Housing Agency was also consulted.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The Township has predetermined meetings that are conducted with appropriate housing and social service agencies regarding the needs of children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and homeless persons. The Township also has a Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, made up of two persons each from the Township's ten census tracts, as well as a special task force representing special needs. The committee acts in an advisory capacity. These organized events are the principle way that the Township engages local stakeholders.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

Throughout the new five year Consolidated Plan period, the Township's strategy for implementing its homelessness program will be a multiple approach to the problem, focusing upon assisting the homeless and then upon preventing homelessness. Treating the homeless and providing the means and support necessary to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living are all a part of the efforts and programs in place in the Township and/or the County Home Consortium.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

Most of the efforts to provide continuum of care is coordinated via the County Home Consortium. In September 2009, New Jersey's County Homelessness Trust Fund Act, P.L. 2009, c. 123, became law which permits counties to establish a Homelessness Trust Fund for the purpose of moving the homeless and formerly homeless into permanent affordable housing. In order to fund this initiative, those counties that establish such a fund may add a \$3 surcharge to recording fees. Union County's start date was January 1, 2020.

Throughout the new five year Consolidated Plan period, the Township's strategy for preventing homelessness will be a multiple approach to the problem, focusing upon assisting the homeless and then upon preventing homelessness. Treating the homeless and providing the means and support necessary to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living are all a part of the efforts and programs in place in the Township and/or the Union County Home Consortium.

The Township's internal strategy for eliminating chronic homelessness has been to focus on a specific housing emphasis identified in the five-year consolidate plan and annual action plans under the Housing strategy category. They included:

- Single Family Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
- Section 8 Rental Assistance
- Programs offered via the County Home Consortium
- Referral Services

In establishing the Township's priorities, the prevention of homelessness has been a key element in our efforts. By providing rehabilitation assistance, rental assistance and referral services for low-income households the Township has contributed to reducing the conditions that would precipitate homelessness.

Consistent with the Consolidated Plan during program years 2015-2019, the Township will directing all of its housing funds under the CDBG program toward single family owner-occupied rehabilitation. Of the units that received housing rehabilitation assistance the majority were low to moderate income households. These homeowners are cost burdened and/or have no funds to contribute to maintaining or repairing their homes. Historically and more currently, the Township feels its best utilization of funds to prevent homelessness is to support households by providing rehabilitation loans for maintenance. This enables current homeowners to maintain their housing, prevent homelessness and protects housing stock as potential purchase units for the low income market. As mentioned previously, the Township's HUD funded Section 8 rental assistance program seeks to serve the lowest income households by providing voucher support.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 62– Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CENTER FOR HOPE HOSPICE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is continued hospice care to terminally ill patients.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	JEWISH FAMILY AGENCY-HOMEMAKER SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Outcome is to help keep the frail elderly out of a nursing home and enable them to live in the dignity of their own home.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is continued facilitation of independent living for seniors and safe, educational, environment for children in childcare services.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA of Eastern Union County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is continued support of persons with dementia.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Union Township Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is movement of families from wait lists to actual units.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Affordable Housing Developments (COAH)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives are part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is getting households into homeownership.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Not applicable.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Union County Human Services - Union County Home Consortium	Our goals do not overlap as Township grant funds are not spent on homelessness. Nevertheless, the Township assists with temporary shelter and bed support as needed via the Union County Home Consortium. Recent Information on the homeless was provided by the Union County Continuum of Care based upon a recently completed field survey as well as upon additional information collected from agencies providing homeless assistance. The data covered the entire county.

Table 63– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))**

Union Township is a member of the Union County Home Consortium. The county is responsible for developing the housing needs and market analysis for the consortium including Union Township. As such, the Township's housing profile and subsequent strategy to address needs is influenced by their plan and is in conjunction with the County's plan.

Narrative

PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

This Consolidated Plan results from a process of consultation and citizen participation, building upon existing participation mechanisms and venues. Jurisdictions have the flexibility to choose the participation process that works best for the residents of low- and moderate-income areas. Citizens, not-for-profit organizations, and interested parties were afforded a variety of opportunities to provide input on the plan.

In addition to citizen participation mechanisms and open public hearings, Union Township utilized the Union Township Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee. This Committee consists of two representatives from each of the Township's ten census tracts as well as representatives from special needs populations. This group acts in an advisory capacity. The Township also participates in the Union County Home Consortium meetings.

All participation efforts resulted in determining goals for Township priority need areas for housing, public services and public improvements.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Low/Mod Individuals	Not applicable	None received.	Not applicable.	https://www.njpublicnotices.com/

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	Citizen's Advisory Participation meetings were most fruitful as participants are regular contributors to community development plans and provided recommendations as provided.	None.	Not applicable.	
3	Township Website	Town wide	n/a	n/a		Uniontownship.com
4	Township Website	Town wide	n/a	n/a	n/a	
5	Township Website	Low/Mod Individuals	General interest.	n/a	n/a	

Table 64– Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

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Needs Assessment Overview

Although Union County is responsible for the development of the housing plan as the lead consortium member, the Township offers a summary perspective on its housing needs assessment.

Housing

Similar to the 2015 – 2019 priority needs, the Township’s three priorities over the 2020 – 2024 period will be to continue preserving and maintaining the current housing stock, encourage households, especially very low- and low-income households in becoming homeowners and continue assisting very low-income households facing housing problems.

Homeless

The Township continues to observe that the best possible approach to homelessness is one that treats the root causes of the problem, including employment, transportation, special physical and mental health needs, and affordable housing. Programs and assistance must be provided that prevents homelessness from occurring. Assistance must result in new employment opportunities and the acquisition of basic life skills and the elimination of health problems. Of primary importance is the preservation and availability of affordable, safe shelter for individuals and families. Services are provided via the Union County Consortium.

Public Housing

The Township of Union does not have any public housing units but it does have a Housing Agency (PHA), which administers the Township’s Section 8 Housing Voucher Program. The mission of the PHA is “To provide safe, decent, affordable housing to eligible residents of the Township of Union”. The PHA has four (4) Strategic Goals are (1) Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing (2) Improve community quality of life and economic vitality, (3) Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals, and (4) Ensure equal opportunity in housing for all Americans.

Non-Housing Community Development

The primary objective of the Township's non-housing community development activities is the provision of a suitable living environment and the expansion of economic opportunity for low and moderate-income persons. This definition includes a wide range of programs and activities.

Non-housing Community Development needs and priorities were identified and re-considered in the course of preparing this Consolidated Plan through the input of community leaders, citizen participation, and requests and ideas from a wide range of service providers and public agencies. These inputs were provided in a series of meetings and public hearings, described in the public participation section of this Plan. The Township has been in touch with agency officials and organization heads, forwarding program information to them prior to meetings and hearings as required. The Community Development Office is in contact with other Township and county offices and agencies that often raise issues and concerns or make requests about improvements or conditions in the low/mod neighborhoods. As in prior Consolidated Plan processes the Township continues to consider the many and varied needs, and the funding and project selection process reflect the input and weighing of needs and requests in light of the overall objective.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

As was the case for the 2015 Consolidated Plan, the most frequently mentioned item during consultation both on the forms and in the discussions was the necessity to provide new or upgraded, public facilities to residents of the low/mod neighborhoods. These needs ranged from improvements to facilities to assistance to specific organizations and functions, as listed below. The overall objective, and the reason for a high priority ranking, is to improve the living conditions and environment for the 19,055 low- and moderate-income persons in the Township according to the American Community Survey 2011-2015.

How were these needs determined?

The Office of Community Development solicited input from public and local officials by disseminating information about this effort and conducting needs assessment meetings. In addition to program information, forms asking for ideas and priorities were distributed to this group for discussion at the meetings.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Similarly to public facilities, public improvements were also identified for upgrade or new construction.

How were these needs determined?

Determined during consultation via public meetings and survey instruments.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The commonly referenced areas of public service need were assistance for childcare, housing counseling, and elderly services. Of particular note was that health-related services were listed as areas of special concern. Feedback from respondents noted that many of the top concerns revolved around the elderly, and children in low- and moderate-income households.

How were these needs determined?

The survey information and needs assessment meetings among local and public officials and Community Based Organizations.

Based on the needs analysis above, describe the State's needs in Colonias

Housing Market Analysis

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Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The Township's analysis in this section is mostly limited to non housing community development concerns since Union County provides the housing market analysis for consortium members. The primary objective of the Township's non-housing community development activities is the provision of a suitable living environment and the expansion of economic opportunity for low and moderate-income persons. This definition includes a wide range of programs and activities. Generally, upgraded and new public facilities as well as assistance for child care, and elderly support were prominently identified by multiple agencies and service providers.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

Introduction

Economic development has been a particular challenge in both the Township and northeastern New Jersey since the economic turndown. Nevertheless, during this period the Township has been able to direct its limited resources towards supporting job training and preparedness programs as well as investments in public infrastructure improvements. These two areas are essential for economic revitalization as new and current businesses require navigable transportation access for both goods and services and for associated workforce needs. These efforts will continue during the new consolidated plan period.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	21	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,319	2,093	10	9	-1
Construction	1,040	1,117	4	5	1
Education and Health Care Services	5,407	3,192	23	13	-10
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,979	1,118	9	5	-4
Information	669	650	3	3	0
Manufacturing	1,553	2,137	7	9	2
Other Services	1,080	1,602	5	7	2
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	2,745	3,162	12	13	1
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	3,333	5,921	14	25	11
Transportation and Warehousing	1,573	936	7	4	-3
Wholesale Trade	1,477	2,112	6	9	3
Total	23,196	24,040	--	--	--

Table 65 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Workers), 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	31,755
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	28,655
Unemployment Rate	9.77
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	28.02
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	6.53

Table 66 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Occupations by Sector		Number of People
Management, business and financial	7,305	
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,400	
Service	2,475	
Sales and office	7,750	
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	1,760	
Production, transportation and material moving	1,305	

Table 67 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	14,570	53%

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
30-59 Minutes	8,830	32%
60 or More Minutes	4,035	15%
Total	27,435	100%

Table 68 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	1,725	165	860
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	5,400	765	1,880
Some college or Associate's degree	7,400	665	1,425
Bachelor's degree or higher	9,730	470	1,145

Table 69 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	4	70	220	880	1,065
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	255	190	295	1,095	790
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,455	1,470	1,795	4,780	3,785
Some college, no degree	3,090	1,400	2,125	3,805	1,080
Associate's degree	260	570	530	1,055	280
Bachelor's degree	735	2,110	2,055	3,740	1,030

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Graduate or professional degree	35	755	630	2,045	670

Table 70 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	33,640
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	37,422
Some college or Associate's degree	44,361
Bachelor's degree	61,889
Graduate or professional degree	69,240

Table 71 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

Relative to the overall business sector it appears that in terms of growth the following sectors appear in need: (1) Information; (2) construction; (3) public administration; and (4) agriculture, mining, oil & gas extraction. The neediest in the workforce appears to be the 16 -24 age range with a very large unemployment rate. Clearly this population is a candidate to fill the gap between jobs and workers evidenced in the education, and health care services as well the finance, insurance and real estate sectors. But of course, these special skill jobs require some form of advanced training and/or two to four years of college at a minimum. Wholesale trade appears to have the lowest percentage of jobs among businesses.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

In terms of workers, office and sales at 7,750 is first followed by management, business, and financial at 7,305, followed by service at 2,475 and construction, extraction, maintenance and repair and natural resources at 1760, farming, fisheries and forestry occupations at 1,400 and production, transportation and material moving at 1,305.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

The Township of Union outlined some 2019 redevelopment initiatives including demolition of the old CC Mugs on Stuyvesant Avenue near Stanley Terrace. The site will feature a new church and a community center for the religion institution and eight residential units. The Garden State Motel is slated for demolition this year with a Fairfield by Marriot Hotel, a WaWa with a gas station, a Burger King and a Cube Smart storage facility replacing it.

The decades-long vacant Money Store, at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Spruce Street, was purchased by Children’s Specialized Hospital.

The Union Center American Landmark project will “continue to transform and modernize the Center” with the goal of increasing foot traffic in the Center. Phase I on Bonnell Court is complete and opened in early March. Phase II, at the old Rite Aid site, is scheduled for completion in 2021 and Phase III, at the old Terminal Mills and Unity Bank site, is scheduled for completion in 2022.

Titan Union, formerly the Connect One Bank in Union Center, once complete, will include a co-working space, community area and an arts and culture element. Phase I at Vermella Union, near Union Station, is complete with 75 units leased. Phase II is underway. Phase I of Summit Court, with 130 fully occupied units, is complete. Phase II is in the planning stages.

These projects represents a total investment in Union of more than an impressive \$1 billion dollars. Economic development, business retention and attraction in Union Center and beyond has always been a priority for the Township.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Generally, the relationship between skills and education of the current work force is compatible except in the case of the unemployed or those no longer in the labor force. Proportionally, the higher skilled jobs employ 79% of persons in the Township. Comparatively, the higher skilled jobs are occupied by 67% of persons who have some college or have a degree.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

During the consolidated planning period the Township anticipates continued support of program involving Welfare to Work, job training, and placement programs and youth opportunity and work preparedness efforts as applicable. Through these efforts future jobs that are created in the Township will have be supported by program training via Consortium efforts.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The County of Union is the designated negotiation entity for the County Municipalities.

The Township of Union's Department of Economic Development has begun an effort to improve its ability for future development. The township has begun a review of its Master Plan in order to change existing outdated regulations. New projects must now be viewed differently than in the past. We have relaxed parking requirements and will be making changes in existing zones. The township must become more aggressive in attracting new business and retaining existing businesses.

The short term goals are to assist approved stalled projects to move forward and guide them through completions. Continued efforts will be made to fill vacancies in existing retail, commercial and industrial properties. There are several previously approved residential developments on vacant industrial site. The completion of these developments will help our affordable housing obligations for COAH.

The township will continue with infrastructure road improvement and work with both county and state offices to improve our major highways and connecting roads. The Township of Union acknowledges that our access to RT 22, RT 82, RT 78 and the Garden State Parkway are major assets for its continued economic growth.

Union Station along NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line opened in May 2003. The station's growth has been consistent since its inception, which had originally been targeted for 500-600 rides per day after 5 years. Ridership has now reached over 1200 daily passengers.

Discussion

The Township recognizes the need for job development and economic growth. To that end, changes in zoning, more relaxed parking arrangements, infrastructure improvements, and stimulants for retail, commercial and industrial development are being encouraged.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Per the lead Home Consortium agency, Union County, no determination was made regarding concentration of housing problems within the Township. Their analysis did not provide a discussion of housing problems particular to local jurisdictions generally and Union Township specifically. In summary though, the County concluded that the most common housing problems involved aging housing stock and cost burden to both homeowners and renters and all low to moderate income levels.

Township's review of 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) reveals that there are approximately 118 units in the Township that lack complete plumbing and/or a complete kitchen. This represents 0.6% of housing units in the Township. Also there are approximately 17 units (0.1%) in which no fuel are used, which is another indication of substandard housing. Although 2013-2017 ACS was not reviewed on a census tract level by the County, the Township's inspections of housing units in the Vauxhall neighborhood tend to reflect either single or multiple housing problems.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The Township's definition for concentration is any minority population greater than 50% of households in census tracts and 60% or more persons at the low to moderate income level is considered a concentration.

In terms of a general minority concentration, six of the ten Township census tracts have greater than 50% minority households which is an aggregate of all minority groups. According to the 2013-2017 ACS households in this category included census tracts 326, 327, 328, 329.01, 331, and 332. African Americans households make up the majority of this minority population at 42.66 and minorities represent 67.09% of the population overall in these neighborhoods. Geographically, minority households are located in the north to northeast neighborhood of the Township.

In terms of low income households, two census tract areas within the Township met the criterion for low income concentration and that was tracts 326 - block group 1 and 328 - block group 2 (Vauxhall Neighborhood).

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

In these neighborhoods and across the Township generally, housing stock is older with 67.6 percent of the units having been constructed prior to 1960. The median year of the units in the Township continues to be approximately 1953. Half of the housing units in the Township are sixty or more years

old. This implies that rehabilitation and upgrading of these older units continues to be a priority for the Township. The supply of housing is not increasing rapidly in Union County according to New Jersey Department of Codes and Standard figures. Building permits have generally increased in New Jersey since 2014. Over the 2015 - 2019 period, the Township realized an issuance of a total of forty-nine building permits the majority in 1-4 family unit structures per the New Jersey state website (Department of Labor and Workforce Development).

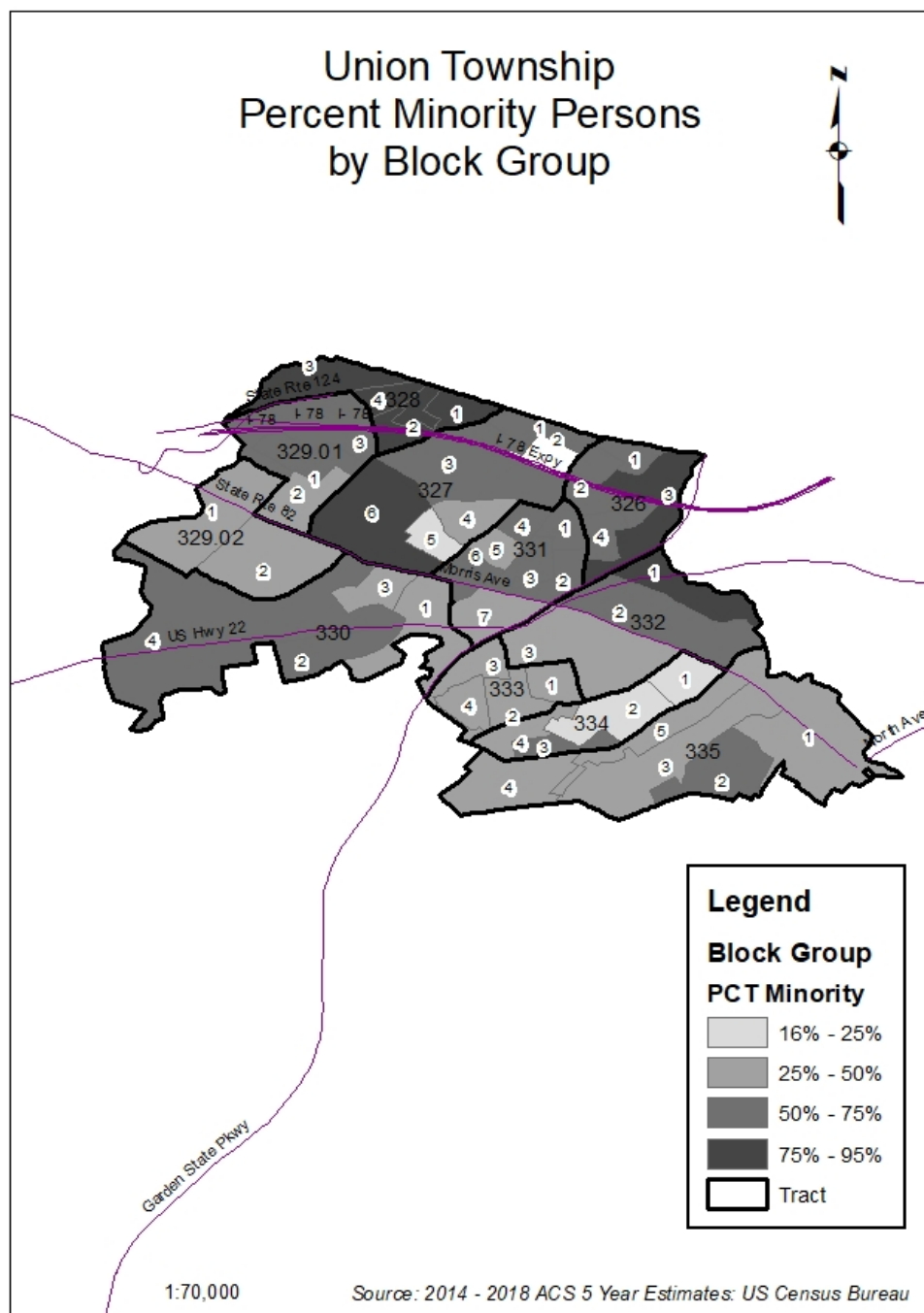
The demand for affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households has been persistent throughout the decade. The public housing agency continues to have substantial waiting list of 5,163 days for Section 8 vouchers. The current wait list of 66 applicants includes 59 families with children, 4 elderly families and 2 families with disabilities. Majority of the wait list consist of 43 (65.15%) extremely low income families followed by 19 very low income families (28.79%) and 2 low income families representing 3.03 percent. As indicated previously, the areas of concentration involve higher percentage of low to moderate income households which translates typically into lower resources for home improvement for homeowners and limited choices for better than substandard housing for both renters, homeowners and potential homebuyers.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

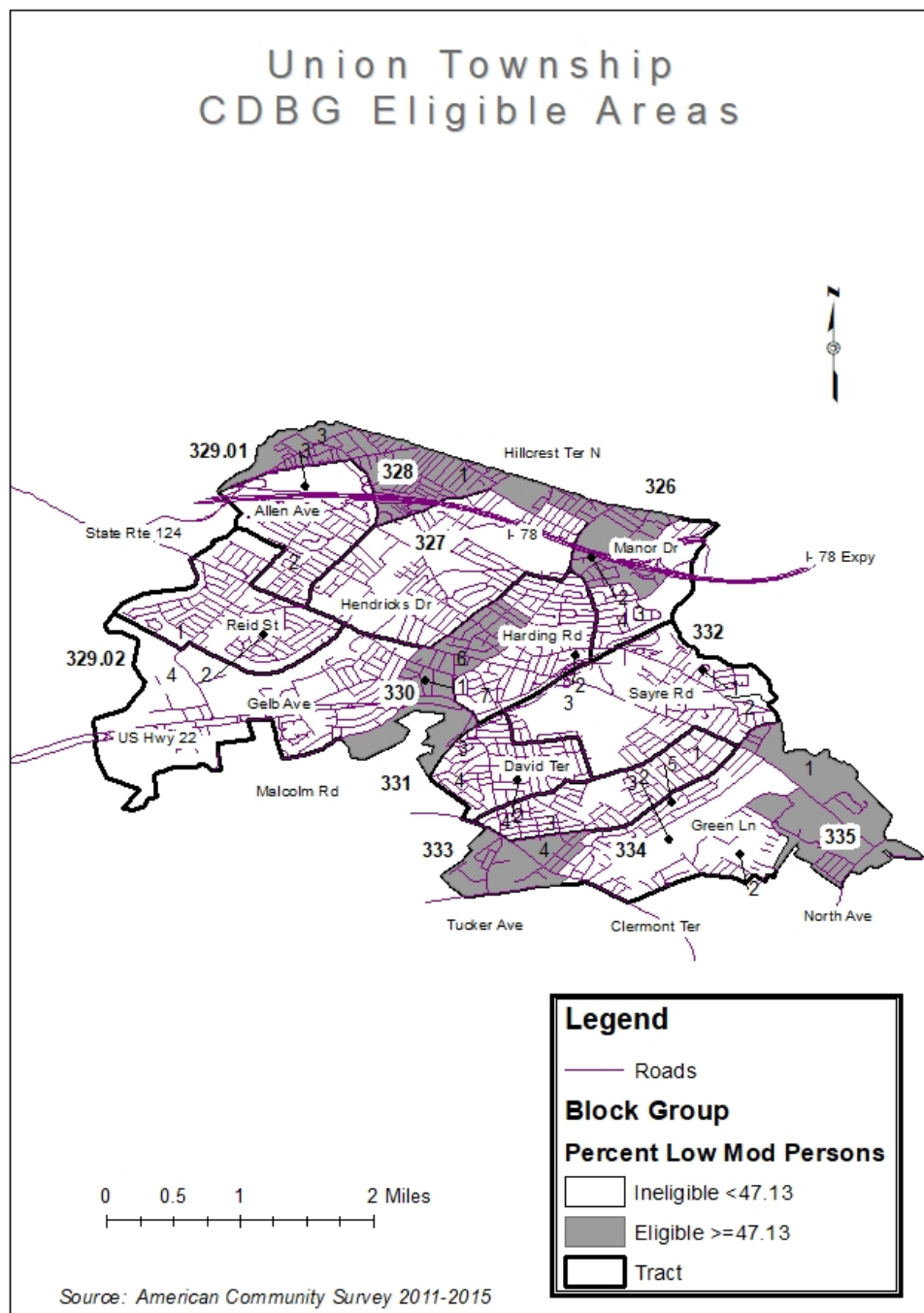
Community assets include the Union Township Community Action Organization, playgrounds, Vauxhall Branch Library, Vauxhall Branch Post Office, Jefferson school, churches and Congressman Donald Payne Meeting Center.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Assist the municipality in the development and maintenance of public Buildings, parks and centers that benefit the residents, but especially those in low/mod income areas. Continue and enhance the provision of public services to low and moderate income residents as well as Infrastructure Improvement Programs.



Minority Map



Eligible Areas

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

Union Public Library patrons who would like a connection to the internet can take home Chromebooks and mobile hotspots through our Connect2Success library program. Mobile hotspots tap into local WiFi networks enabling users to connect to the Internet for free, while Chromebooks allow patrons to access online resources.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

The Township currently has multiple broadband providers including AT&T, Xfinity and Optimum, Verizon. Xfinity installers reach 99% of the Township. Residents face challenges to affording services, not access. Attempts to provide access to free services have been detailed in the previous response.

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

The Township participated in the Union County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update that took place in 2015. At that time, the Township of Union Planning Committee identified the hazards of concern, the completed the request for information (RFI), reviewed the plan documents and vulnerability assessment, identified local stakeholders for outreach, and worked collectively to update the mitigation strategy.

Like all the other jurisdictions in Union County, the Township of Union is potentially subject to the effects of all the hazards that are considered in the mitigation plan.

However, the majority of these hazards have minimal impacts on the area, and are discussed in detail in the County part of the mitigation plan. FEMA mitigation planning guidance requires that County mitigation plans include a risk assessment section that assesses each jurisdiction's risks where they vary from the risks facing the entire planning area" (44CFR 201.6 (c) (2) (iii)).

The hazards that scored highest of Township concerns were (1) Flood, (2) Hamats - Transportation, (3) High Wind - Straight Line Winds, (4) Ice Storm, and (5) Severe Storm Winter Weather.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

As with all Township households, low to moderate income households are subject to potential damages resulting from the high priority hazard sources identified in the mitigation plan. Hence efforts to minimize the damage has been directed towards public facility and infrastructure stability and improvements throughout the Township including low to moderate income areas. On infrastructure projects, the Township of Union mitigates various hazards including but not limited to the removal or pruning of overgrown street trees that can take down power lines and can cause personal property damage during wind storms; rehabilitation of cracked or collapsed sanitary sewers that can cause sewer backups in residential homes; removal of uplifted sidewalks that can cause trip and fall accidents; correction of drainage problems that can cause localized street flooding; elimination of street potholes that can cause accidents and damages to vehicles; and implementation of handicap ramps to increase the mobility of wheelchairs.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

Each of the objectives, issues, and concerns described in this plan has been reviewed carefully by the local officials and the public to obtain consensus on the relative importance of each. Further, efforts were made to ensure that all topics of concern were fairly included and presented in this plan.

Please note that not all topics suggested in the regulations and plan guidelines are priority elements in the Township. The Township has identified 3 areas of priority need (1) Decent and Affordable Housing; (2); Enhanced Public Services and (3) Improved Public Facilities and Improvements.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 72 - Geographic Priority Areas

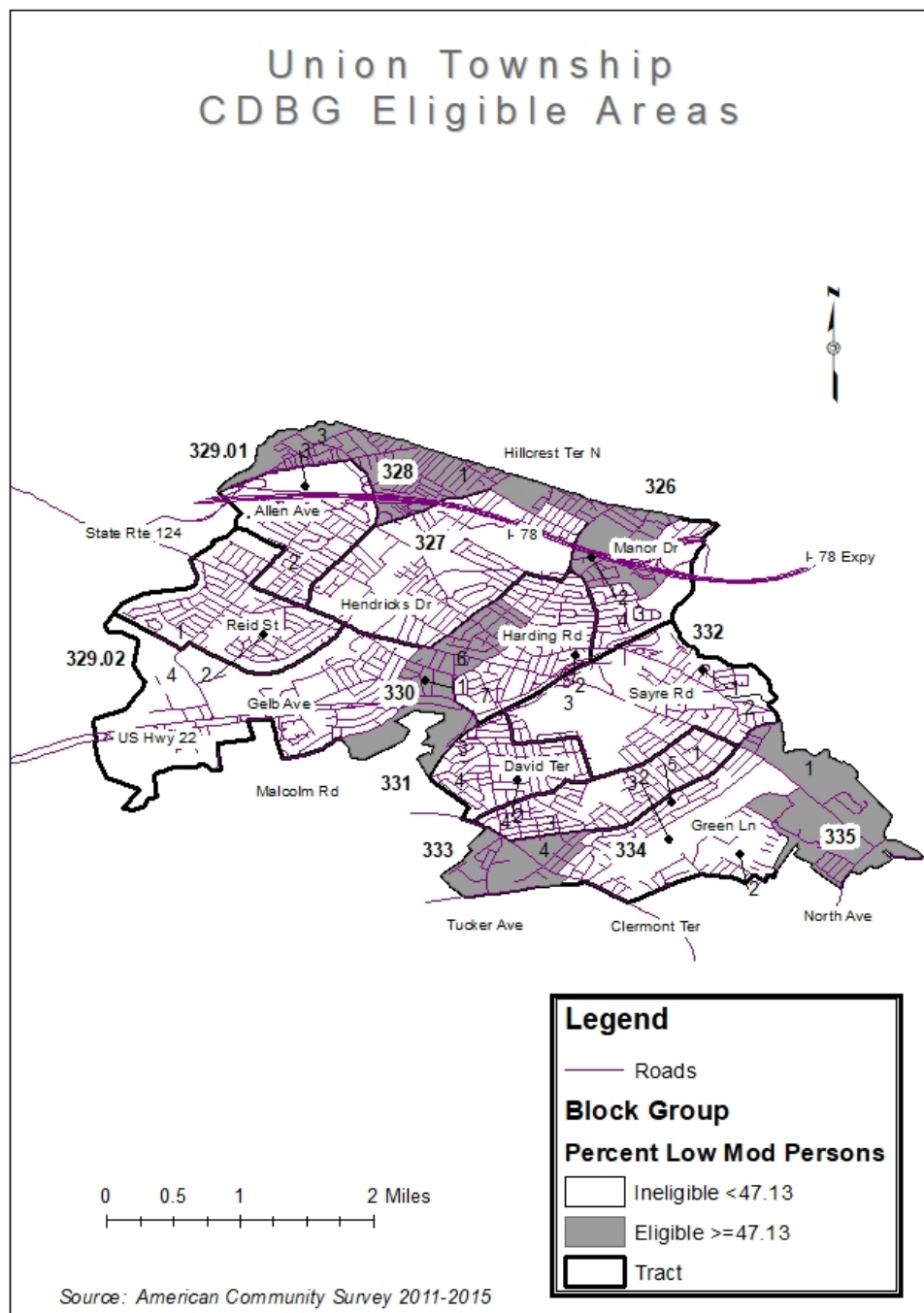
1	Area Name:	Vauxhall CT 328
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	North of I78 and west of Stuyvesant Avenue with its own ZIP code 07088.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	Comprised of census tract 328. Has a total of 2,018 housing units with a total of 1,777 occupied. There is no major industry and only limited retail services.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	Citizens, non-profit organizations, and interested parties were afforded a variety of opportunities to contribute during meetings and planning sessions, review and comment, received information about the meetings, the plan, and comments made, participate in public hearings. In addition, Union Township utilized the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee. This group acts in an advisory capacity to the Township.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	There are many needs in all of the areas: Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Public Services, and Economic Development. The development of more and better jobs for low and moderate income persons would help reduce the scale and scope of need as well. Much of the housing stock contains lead and requires abatement or remediation and structural improvements.

	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	Provide educational information, Companion Aide services, assist Adult Day Care programs, assist with Utility Payments Programs, help fund in home assistance for the elderly, finance Adolescent Health Service Programs, offer affordable Infant/Toddler Care, and offer Hospice Care.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The primary obstacle to meeting needs is funding. Due to local budget constraints, economic downturns and limited federal resources all housing, public services and public facilities needs cannot be met via the township's CDBG grant.

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

In terms of geography only public facilities and improvements will be assisted on this basis. The Township has identified CDBG eligible areas (see map) based on low mod populations where investments can be made. The Vauxhall neighborhood continues to be a focus of infrastructure efforts and will continue to be so during this consolidated plan period. The Vauxhall neighborhood has a low mod percentages of 54.12 which exceeds the exception criterion of 47.13% and will have a focus of capital improvements and child care and senior services. It is located in the Southwest section of the Township.



Eligible Areas

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 73 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Decent and Affordable Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Vauxhall CT 328
	Associated Goals	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing
	Description	<p>There continues to be very little land available for housing construction in the Township, and it has been well documented that property costs for most households is mostly unaffordable but this is particularly true for many first-time homebuyers. Figures on persons in the housing market who are discouraged by costs are not currently available. Nevertheless, in 2013-2017 the Median Household Income in the township was \$79,324, and the median sale price of a home was \$315,000. Thus, using the “rule of thumb” of two and one-half times income as a measure of affordability, there was a gap of \$177,000 between what the typical family could afford and the mean price. The gap is necessarily greater for low and moderate-income households.</p> <p>The Township anticipates providing assistance to those seeking to acquire a home through the Union County HOME Consortium First-Time Homebuyers Program, CDBG funds are not used for this program. The consortium program is time tested and very successful in assistance to potential homebuyers through its program expertise and consistent availability of funding.</p>

	Basis for Relative Priority	As mentioned previously housing stock in the Township is very old and subject to lead so these conditions are extremely important for families with children.
2	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	Vauxhall CT 328
	Associated Goals	Continuation of High Quality Public Services

	Description	The survey information and needs assessment meetings among local and public officials echoed concerns from the 2015 period that certain services provided by the Township were not adequate to level of need. In particular, assistance for childcare, housing counseling, elderly services and health-related services were listed as areas of special concern. Feedback from respondents noted that many of the top concerns revolved around the elderly, and children in low- and moderate-income households. Fortunately, the Township has maintained an annual funding commitment to services for the elderly via our elderly service providers.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Township consultation indicated that public services have been inadequate to the needs of the community across a number of areas including seniors, youth, and health care.
3	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Vauxhall CT 328
	Associated Goals	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements

	Description	<p>The Office of Community Development solicited input from public and local officials by disseminating information about this effort and conducting needs assessment meetings. In addition to program information, forms asking for ideas and priorities were distributed to this group for discussion at the meetings.</p> <p>As was the case for the 2015 Consolidated Plan, the most frequently mentioned item both on the forms and in the discussions was the necessity to provide new or upgraded, public facilities to residents of the low/mod neighborhoods. These needs ranged from improvements to facilities to assistance to specific organizations and functions, as listed below. The overall objective, and the reason for a high priority ranking, is to improve the living conditions and environment for the 19,055 low- and moderate-income households in the Township.</p>
	Basis for Relative Priority	<p>Consultation identified public facilities and improvements as high priority.</p>

Narrative (Optional)

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Township's grant resources have fluctuated over recent years and don't anticipate significant increases in future federal allocations. With that in mind, the Township depends on the primary resources secured by community stakeholders to effectively address financial requirements of their programs.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	649,814	95,000	0	744,814	2,599,732	Entitlement Grant and program income.

Table 74 - Anticipated Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG in most cases is a very small portion of the available resources for public service providers, as well as funding investments for down payment assistance. CDBG will in most cases be the sole funding resources for housing rehabilitation.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the state that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not applicable.

Discussion

Again, with limited resources the Township will continue to assist homeowners, homebuyers, public service providers and its public works department at funding levels consistent with recent allocation levels.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
CENTER FOR HOPE HOSPICE	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, INC.	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION	Non-profit organizations	Rental public services	Jurisdiction
YMCA of Eastern Union County	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
Union Township Public Housing Agency	Other	Public Housing	Jurisdiction
Community Health Center	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction

Table 75 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The strengths of the delivery system are consistent leveraging of CDBG funds by partnership agencies as well as the extensive outreach and support for seniors, disabled persons and youth.

The Township maintains a working relationship with social service agencies that address various needs including services for youth, elderly and disabled persons. Agencies such as Center for Hope Inc., Jewish Family Services, Community Action Organization, and YMCA of Eastern NJ WISE provide a stable social service infrastructure for the Township.

The Township also maintains a close relationship with the Union County Division of Planning and Community Development, and coordinates efforts with that agency, which administers the County CDBG programs. Depending upon the situation and the need, Township officials coordinate with or call upon County offices, such as the Department of Health and Human Services, or programs for information or assistance.

Although not specifically a gap the Township has had limited involvement with nonprofit housing corporations in the past but has formally incorporated these agencies into the con plan process.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance			
Mortgage Assistance			
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance			
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement			
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services	X		
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X		
Child Care	X		
Education			
Employment and Employment Training			
Healthcare	X		
HIV/AIDS			
Life Skills			
Mental Health Counseling			
Transportation	X		
Other			

Table 76 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

Housing Services

There are agencies within the county trying to develop permanent housing opportunities for the homeless and the near homeless.

There are two government supported traditional programs, e.g., public housing and Section 8. Eight municipalities in the County have their own public housing and/or Section 8 programs, usually run by a municipal housing authority or agency. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs also operates a Section 8 program.

Traditional Housing Services

The Township of Union provides referral for transitional housing service needs by utilization of four resource centers. These include the Interfaith Council for the Homeless in Plainfield, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless in Elizabeth, Homes for the Homeless in New Providence, Proceed in Elizabeth, and Community Access Unlimited in Elizabeth.

Emergency Shelter

The New Jersey DCA approved emergency shelters in Union County. These include the Elizabeth YMCA, the Plainfield YMCA, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless in Plainfield and the Salvation Army in Elizabeth.

Preventative Services

DCA's Homeless Prevention Program is funded each fiscal year. Due to limited resources and staff, it has been forced to suspend operation intake at different times throughout the year; therefore, there has not been continuity of services.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

Services are provided to township resident in collaboration with the County's Home Consortium. In terms of special needs, the Township considers its strength as the continuation of funding and oversight through the social service agencies that serves this population. Again, at this point, any discernible gap is attributable to the declining availability of federal funds available to support all Township programs from the stand point of CDBG funds.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

This is evidenced by a greater role played by these agencies during the consultation process for the consolidated plan. Local housing agencies play a greater role during the consolidated process for the Consolidated Plan.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Vauxhall CT 328	Decent and Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1,112,282	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit
2	Continuation of High Quality Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Vauxhall CT 328	Public Services	CDBG: \$487,450	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 230 Persons Assisted
3	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Vauxhall CT 328	Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG: \$1,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 23375 Persons Assisted

Table 77 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing
	Goal Description	The Housing Rehabilitation Program allows the township to direct housing funds to one family owner occupied properties. These homeowners are cost burdened and/or have no funds to contribute to maintaining or repairing their homes. Providing this assistance ensures that these homeowners can continue to occupy their homes. As an older community, many of the housing units may contain lead based paint. This program also makes it possible to evaluate and reduce lead based paint.
2	Goal Name	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Goal Description	Services to the elderly with assistance in housing rehabilitation and emergency repairs, providing transportation and meals, and providing respite care services. Day care to assist in the proper development of children and young adults in low and moderate income neighborhoods are also supported through this program.
3	Goal Name	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	To provide high quality public facilities, such as parks and community centers to low and moderate income persons and to provide adequate public improvements, such as streets, sidewalks and sewer, in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

Extremely low: 10; Low: 25; Moderate: 15

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

To combat lead based paint hazards the Township's Health Department has established the following initiatives and activities:

- (1) Lead screening of children provided at CHC
- (2) Environmental (Dwellings and Soil) Lead Investigations as required
- (3) Continuation of educational programs on Lead Hazards, Hygiene and Diet
- (4) New State of the Art Lead Analyzer made available to qualified local inspectors

The Township's Rehabilitation program provides LBP remediation and abatement.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

Typically children under six are the persons most severely affected by lead poisoning. These children typically constitute about seven (7) percent of the population in an area. An examination of the census data indicates that many census tracts, especially in the northern portions of the Township have a concentration of young children. Census Tract 333 in particular has a concentration of young children and a high percentage of pre-1978 housing.

None of the census tracts has a concentration of children under the age of five above the norm. The potential hazard then is focused upon the census tracts with concentrations of pre-1978 housing and the one tract (333) that does have both a high number of children and houses likely to have lead paint.

The Township's Rehabilitation program provides LBP remediation and abatement. The health department refer low/mod income households to the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

Eliminating poverty continues to be a primary concern for the Township and various efforts are under way to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of Union residents. To that end, these programs cover a wide range of topics and measures to improve the lives of residents. The following services are available to township resident via the township and Union County Home Consortium.

- Education and Job Training
- Job Placement
- Day Care
- Family Counseling
- Energy Management and Weatherization
- Small Business Development
- Budget/Credit Counseling
- Food Resources and Nutrition Services

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The Township's anti-poverty strategy is inextricably linked to the Economic Programs that have been implemented and operated for several years. The objective of poverty reduction requires programming from broad areas including job training and placement, public services, education, and basic skills development. The overriding principle however is to create new jobs and opportunities for households with incomes below the poverty level. It is only through comprehensive, coordinated strategies that nurture skills and provide opportunities to gain and retain employment and thus improve the quality of life that people can improve their situation.

One cornerstone of the Township's antipoverty efforts is the work of the Union County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) committee, which in particular recommends or endorses grants applications to the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. This organization, composed of a broad range of County stakeholders, meets regularly to discuss and analyze economic development and economic development projects across the County and to facilitate the sharing of information and ideas to support economic growth.

It is essential to provide the basic skills, training, and education necessary to make a person employable in today's competitive job market. The Township works with the Board of Education to assist persons obtain high school diplomas or the GED certificate. The Township supports programs to coordinate training programs provided by public institutions with the needs of employers.

However, other education and training programs contribute to achieving the objective of reducing poverty. Examples of these include job training and job placement activities sponsored by the Workforce Investment Board, the Welfare to Work Program, day care funding throughout the County, long-term employment opportunities for severely disabled adults, and life skills development programs. The Vo-tech schools and Continuing Education Programs also provide important training and educational opportunities for local residents.

Employment programs reach only a part of the poverty population. Many of the people living in poverty are not employable and thus the Township works cooperatively with numerous public, social, and civic service organizations such as the library to implement service delivery programs to improve the quality of life of these persons. This first step in providing health and social services is necessary to enable an unemployed person to become employable.

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Performance monitoring is an important component in the long-term success of this program in this Consolidated Plan. The Township will be responsible for developing standards and procedures for ensuring that the recipients of housing funds meet the purposes of the appropriate legislation and regulations, and that funds are disbursed in a timely fashion.

The Division of Housing and Community Development administers the Township's housing programs, and will be responsible for most performance measurement activities. The Division will incorporate measurement standards and methods into the process of awarding funds, allocating resources to programs and agencies, and obtaining progress and completion reports from those programs and agencies. The monitoring requirements and procedures under this Consolidated Plan will build upon existing monitoring systems and experience in administering federal and state programs and funds.

The Division administers the Block Grant Program using federal funds. The Division executes a housing rehabilitation program for houses owned by low- and moderate-income persons. The Division is also responsible for the implementation of public improvement and facilities projects in targeted areas of the community.

The Township's standards and procedures for monitoring are designed to ensure that:

- 1) Objectives of the National Affordable Housing Act are met,
- 2) Program activities are progressing in compliance with the specifications and schedule for each program, and
- 3) Recipients are in compliance with other applicable laws, implementing regulations, and with the requirements to affirmatively further fair housing and minimize displacement of low-income households.

The Division will review all proposed activities for eligibility under statutory and regulatory requirements, and for meeting identified needs in this plan.

Both the Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan will be monitored through the use of checklists and forms that are currently used to facilitate uniform monitoring of program activity. The Division will identify performance measures in advance of allocating funds. Each description of projects and activities will contain the specific measures by which the project will be evaluated. The strategies presented earlier each present measures that can or may be employed. Measures will be kept as simple and direct as possible.

Fiscal monitoring will include review and approval of budgets, compliance with executed Grant Agreements, review and approval of vouchers, review of fiscal reports from the Treasurer's Office on a monthly basis, and a review of municipal and non-profit audits on an annual basis.

Monitoring will occur through regular telephone and on-site monitoring visits. These visits will occur as necessary, but will be conducted at least once every two years.

All sub-recipients must identify the personnel working on the project, keep accurate records and filing systems to document program benefits and compliance, maintain an appropriate financial management system, submit to an audit, and submit a final report as a closeout procedure.

There are monitoring responsibilities that go beyond the time of completion of various activities. For Community Development public facilities and infrastructure projects, site visits will be conducted at least once a year to assure benefit to low-income residents.

The Township will utilize HUD's Performance Measurement System designed to measure both the productivity and impact of the Township's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

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Table 78 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how

matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG in most cases is a very small portion of the available resources for public service providers, as well as funding investments for down payment assistance. CDBG will in most cases be the sole funding resources for housing rehabilitation.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not applicable.

Discussion

Again, with limited resources the Township will continue to assist homeowners, homebuyers, public service providers and its public works department at funding levels consistent with recent allocation levels.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Vauxhall CT 328	Decent and Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$447,324	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
2	Continuation of High Quality Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Vauxhall CT 328	Public Services	CDBG: \$97,490	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 46 Persons Assisted
3	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Vauxhall CT 328	Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG: \$200,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4675 Persons Assisted

Table 79 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing
	Goal Description	Goal will address diverse rehabilitation construction needs throughout the Township's eligible low mod population.

2	Goal Name	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Goal Description	The Township is committed to supporting its elderly, youth and low mod populations with high quality public services.
3	Goal Name	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	Improved public infrastructure is a high priority during the next five year period.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The formula allocation for the Community Development Block Grant program is \$649,933 with approximately \$95,000 in anticipated program income available during the program year. The activities to be undertaken include housing rehabilitation, public facilities, infrastructure improvements and services.

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Single Family Housing Rehabilitation
3	Roads Program
4	Adult Day Care Services
5	Infant/Toddler Daycare
6	Companion Aide
7	Homemaker Service
8	Hospice Care

Table 80 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The allocation priorities are a function of the decision made via the consultation and citizen participation process. Again, the priorities are the maintenance of decent and affordable housing, and suitable living environments including the provision of multiple social services and access to public facilities and infrastructure improvements.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$129,987
	Description	Program administration.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City Office.
	Planned Activities	Program administration.
2	Project Name	Single Family Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Decent and Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$317,338
	Description	Program includes staff costs as well hard costs associated with rehabilitation construction and lead based hazard removal.

	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 low to moderate income households.
	Location Description	Vauxhall and township wide.
	Planned Activities	Substantial, minor and emergency rehabilitation.
3	Project Name	Roads Program
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	Street Improvements.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,675 persons in low/mod areas.
	Location Description	Burkley Place/Elm Street/Hunt Avenue.
	Planned Activities	Street improvements.
4	Project Name	Adult Day Care Services
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,774

	Description	The WISE Adult Day Services Program provides services for the elderly including daily supervision and stimulation to functionally impaired low and moderate income clients/residents who are age 50 and over and have difficulty paying for the program.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 families.
	Location Description	Vauxhall Neighborhood.
	Planned Activities	Multiple services to the elderly and low mod persons.
5	Project Name	Infant/Toddler Daycare
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,569
	Description	The Union Township Community Action Organization Infant/ Toddler Program provides subsidized day care services to infants and toddlers of low and moderate income parents to allow them to work or attend school.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6 families.
	Location Description	Vauxhall.
	Planned Activities	Child care services.
	Project Name	Companion Aide

6	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,648
	Description	The Union Township Community Action Organization Companion Aide Program provides services to the frail, elderly, or disabled residents of Union Township on a monthly basis.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 families.
	Location Description	2410 Springfield Ave, Vauxhall, NJ 07088
	Planned Activities	Services to elderly, frail, and disabled.
7	Project Name	Homemaker Service
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,749
	Description	The Homemaker Services provide homemaker services to the frail and elderly in Union Township. These services include light housekeeping, laundry, shopping, personal grooming and companionship.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 families.

	Location Description	Vauxhall Neighborhood.
	Planned Activities	Services to seniors and frail.
8	Project Name	Hospice Care
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,749
	Description	Hospice for the terminally ill. Provides services to patients who are terminally and at the poverty level. Services include physician, nurse, home health aide, social worker, therapist, volunteer, spiritual counselor as well as necessary drugs and medical equipment as needed.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 families.
	Location Description	Vauxhall Neighborhood.
	Planned Activities	Services for the terminally ill.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Twelve of the Township's census tract/block group combinations qualify under the low mod threshold of 47.13%. They are 326.00/1, 2; 327.00/1; 328.00/1, 2, 3, 4 (Vauxhall); 330.00/1; 331.00/5, 6; 335.00/1, 4. These census areas are generally the target for housing rehabilitation and public facility improvements but not exclusively so. Minority concentrations at the aggregate level for all minority groups is now located in both northern and southern sections of the Township separated by Morris Ave. Those in the north include tracts 331, 326, 327, 328, and 329.01. Those in the south include 330, 333, 334 and 335. Again in these neighborhoods minority households are greater than 50% of all households. African American households are the only individual minority group that exceeds 50% of households in a census tract. These are tracts 326, 331, and 328 (Vauxhall).

Public service programs run by UTCA including Companion Aid and Infant Toddler operate out of the agency locations which are in the Vauxhall neighborhood. These programs generally serve Vauxhall residents. In addition, the road improvement program starting with 2015 will also concentrate on the Vauxhall neighborhood.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Vauxhall CT 328	42

Table 81 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Again, these are the high minority concentration populations which statistically speaking are those neighborhoods with higher priority needs.

Discussion

As a high minority low income area, Vauxhall will be the principle target area for CDBG funds throughout the 2020-2024 con plan period. As previously stated, public service funds for child care and senior services as well as road improvements will be directed towards the neighborhood.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Other actions by the Township are identified in the following sections.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Foster and maintain affordable housing

The Township will continue its efforts to foster and maintain affordable housing through its housing rehabilitation program, its Housing Program (now providing for rental units), the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments program administered by the Housing Program (now providing for rental units), and the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments program administered by the Public Housing Agency.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

During 2020 the Township proposes to rehabilitate ten (10) single family owner occupied homes as the keystone of its housing plan. Additionally through referrals to housing agencies, both first time home buyer candidates and homeless persons, will be encouraged to access opportunities available through those resources via the County Consortium.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Township of Union Department of Health's 2019 lead based paint activities will include the following:

- Perform State mandated childhood lead poisoning environmental investigations.
- Monitor Welligent (State web-based lead patient tracking program) and responds to NJDOHSS blood lead analysis result notifications.
- Maintain state of the art XRF testing equipment and has the capacity to take physical test samples (e.g. paint chip, dust, soil, and water) for outsourced analysis.
- Partner with professional associations to meet mandatory Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor licensure requirements.
- Provide guidance to renovators, remodeling contractors, and painters looking to meet Federal

RRP certification requirements.

- Lead based paint abatement, stabilization, and remediation

The Township's Rehabilitation program provides LBP remediation and abatement.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Antipoverty Strategy

Not unlike any urban area, poverty remains a concern in the Township of Union. Similar to growing levels of unemployment at the national and state levels, Union continues to have relatively high unemployment, and the latest poverty figures indicate that 6.2 percent of the Township's population, concentrated primarily in several pockets, lives in poverty. This is an increase of 1.1 percent from 2015, approximately 3,550 persons.

Eliminating this poverty continues to be a primary concern for the Township and County. Various efforts are under way to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of Union residents. To that end, these programs cover a wide range of topics and measures to improve the lives of residents. The following services are available to township resident via the township and Union County Home Consortium.

- Education and Job Training
- Job Placement
- Day Care
- Family Counseling
- Energy Management and Weatherization
- Small Business Development
- Budget/Credit Counseling
- Food Resources and Nutrition Services

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

New initiatives will be discussed at the regular annual meetings involving all community stakeholders.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Will be discuss at the regular annual meetings involving all community stakeholders.

Discussion

The Township has been engaged in addressing all needs either directly or otherwise across the spectrum

of community development and housing each program year. There are many success stories that have materialized from the efforts of the varied community stakeholders and from Township efforts. Nevertheless much work remains to be done and the Township will be active in supporting and participating in both current and future programs in and around the jurisdiction during the current Action Plan year and subsequent years.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The Township anticipates \$95,000 in program income during PY 2020. These funds are expected to be available throughout the Action Plan Year and will be applied to program activities requiring immediate cash payouts in conjunction with requesting US Treasury account funds for CDBG.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	95,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	95,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

Discussion

Attachments

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Resolution No. 2020-172
Twp. Mtg. May 26, 2020

**RESOLUTION FOR 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, provides for a program of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union is an entitlement municipality as defined under said Act and is eligible for financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has, pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Consolidated Plan requirements solicited citizen comments and recommendations as to a 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Program and has held meetings for such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Union held public meetings for the purpose of providing citizens with an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the application; and

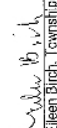
WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for said grant conforms to the Plan requirements as contained in Federal Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to submit the Consolidated Plan documents, including all understandings and assurances contained therein to the fullest extent of the funding allowed and determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to act as the authorized representative of the Township of Union and to provide such additional information as may be required.
2. That the Mayor and such other appropriate and responsible officials be and they are authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Township of Union such certification and certifications as may be required under the Program/Plan.

Resolution passed by the Township Committee on May 26, 2020

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Township of Union, this 27 day of May, 2020.


Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION


Where, the Union County Township Citizen Advisory Committee has been delegated the responsibility of formulating a Community Development Block Grant Program for recommendation to the community and Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Advisory Committee has conducted a series of public hearings on meeting to review requests for funding under the projected 2020 program budget; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Advisory Committee has prepared a budget recommendation in accordance with Regulation promulgated by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Community Development Block Grant Proposal dated March 19, 2020 is approved and recommended to the Township Committee for final consideration and for publication as the program proposed under the Consolidated Plan.

Passed: _____ March 19, 2020

Signed: 


Witness: 

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4040-0001
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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* Title: <input type="text" value="COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT"/>	
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date <input type="text" value="6/1/2020"/>	* b. End Date <input type="text" value="7/31/2020"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="649,814.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
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* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="744,814.00"/>
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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 28, Section 1001).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** 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: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="MICHAEL"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="DELLISPORT"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="908-251-8380"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="MDELLISPORT@UNIONTOWNSHIP.NJ.GOV"/>	
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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:


- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 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.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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 1685-1688), 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 cc 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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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 11736; (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	DATE SUBMITTED
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY COBG	12/22/2020

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CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

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 has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701n) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2020 (a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

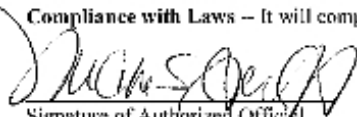
Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.


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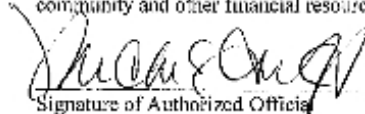
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.


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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources