Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 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 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 are 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 and affordable housing, develop a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities. To receive CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, the County must develop a Consolidated Plan. This Consolidated Plan began August 01, 2020 and, will end July 31, 2025.

In addition, the County included that all proposed activity budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</u> The County estimates that it will budget about one third of its available resources for housing. All HOME funds are currently planned to subsidize the development of new affordable units. CDBG funds will continue to fund the housing rehabilitation programs.

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE The County estimates that 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. Examples of facilities projects include upgrades to neighborhood and senior centers, and examples of infrastructure projects include road and ADA curb rehabilitations.

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

<u>HOMELESS</u> Six percent of funds are budgeted for programs that exclusively serve homeless populations. This does not include public/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, which develop affordable housing within the County.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Since its inception, the HOME Program has produced 660 affordable rental units, 103 homebuyer units, and rehabilitated 17 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, which include public facilities, infrastructure, public/social services, housing, and economic development. All of the CDBG-funded programs contribute to 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 public/social service programs (15%), planning and administration (20%), and economic development (3%). In a typical year, CDBG funds support projects that create 30 jobs, rehabilitate 150 housing units, and provide services to 45,000 persons through public/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 321 emergency shelter beds, 125 transitional beds, and 445 permanent supportive housing beds. The Continuum of Care uses ESG to supplement approximately \$4 million of other homeless resources.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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 24, 2022 announcing two public meetings to solicit public comment on the plan. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines, the public hearing meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting using online technology. To address the growing Spanish and Asian populations within Union County, the notice of the Public Hearings were also published in the local Spanish language newspaper LaVoz on March 24, 2022 and the local Chinese language e-book Sino on March 29, 2022 and Sino website on April 1, 2022.

Availability of the Plan The Consolidated Plan, both the draft and final versions, were made available to the public via our County homepage and left with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners at the Administration Building. The County published the proposed plan for public review beginning April 1, 2022 through May 2, 2022. Notification was given through advertising placed in local newspapers.

Public Hearings 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 all public hearings using an online 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 Annual Action 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. On June 9, 2022, the Annual Action Plan will be presented for public review and comments at the monthly Board of Commissioner's agenda meeting. As stated before, all meetings will be 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 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 municipalities' priority list, every non-profit proposal must be signed by the mayor to be considered for funding. The Committee recommends which CDBG projects are to be included in the Annual Action Plan and the funding level of each project.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Please refer to Citizen Participation Minutes for details.

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

Please refer to Citizen Participation Minutes for details.

7. Summary

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

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 1 - Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Union County Department of Economic Development acts as the lead agency for the development and administration of funding all projects. Within the Department, the Bureau of Community Development is responsible for CDBG funds and the Bureau of Housing is responsible for HOME funds. ESG funds are primarily administered through the Department of Human Services.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

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. 19 of our 21 municipalities in Union County participate in the planning and development process of the Consolidated Plan and each Annual Action Plan.

In addition, the County consults with other stakeholders in its jurisdiction that work to expand affordable housing, serve the homeless, and create sustainable communities. These consultations include 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, which include:

- 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 Community Development Revenue Sharing (CDRS) 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 for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

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.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1 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 addre	essed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Market Analysis
		Economic Development
Briefly describe how the Agency/Gr	roup/Organization was consulted. What are the	
	tation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Market Analysis
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

4	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?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
	anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
	Civic Leaders
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Market Analysis
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

8 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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. Wh	nat are the
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coording	

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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

11 Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF PLAINFIELD
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
	Other government - Local
	Civic Leaders
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Market Analysis
	Economic Development
	Anti-poverty Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
	Other government - Local
	Civic Leaders
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Market Analysis
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

15	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
		Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
	anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

17	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
	anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

3	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
	anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

Agency/Group/Organization	UNITED WAY OF GREATER 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
	Regional organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

0 A g	gency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD
Ag	gency/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
W	hat section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Market Analysis
Br	iefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
	ticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

21	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	
	anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
22	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
	what section of the rian was addressed by Consultation:	Non-Housing Community Development
		Non-Housing Community Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
23	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Linden Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
25	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs HOPWA Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
26	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
27	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 Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
28	Agency/Group/Organization	THE SALVATION ARMY OF PLAINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Summit 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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
30	Agency/Group/Organization	COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING COUNSELING - URBAN LEAGUE OF UNION COUNTY
	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. 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	
		Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless	
		Homeless Needs - Families with children	
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans	
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied	
		youth	
		Homelessness Strategy	
		Non-Homeless Special Needs	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

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 Action Plan is guided directly by the Continuum of Care.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(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 notice of opportunities to participate, and publishing the plan for a period of thirty days for review.

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

To include the growing Hispanic and Asian population, the notices were sent to the local Spanish and Chinese newspapers. An interpreter/translator was offered and available for participants during public comments.

A summary of the process is provided below.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/atte ndance	Summary of comments re ceived	Summary of co mments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applica ble)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non- targeted/bro ad community	Public Notice of availability of plan, public hearing and comment period was published in Star Ledger on March 24, 2022.	Please see the attached meeting minutes from April 6th.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/atte ndance	Summary of comments re ceived	Summary of co mments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applica ble)
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	Public Notice of availability of plan and public hearing and comment period was published in La Voz Newspaper on March 24, 2022.	Please see the attached meeting minutes from April 6th.		
3	Public Hearing	Non- targeted/bro ad community	Public hearing held on April 6, 2022 via Zoom.	Please see the attached meeting minutes from April 6th.		
4	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/bro ad community	HOME Public meeting held on April 20, 2022 via Zoom.	No comments received.		
5	Newspaper Ad	Non- targeted/bro ad community	Public Notice of availability of plan and additional public hearing and comment period was published in the Star Ledger on June 1, 2021.	No comments received.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/atte ndance	Summary of comments re ceived	Summary of co mments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applica ble)
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	Public Notice of availability of plan and additional public hearing and comment period was published in the LaVoz Newspaper on June 3, 2021.	No comments received.		
7	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/bro ad community	Public meeting held on June 9, 2021 via Zoom.	No comments received.		
8	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/bro ad community	HOME Public meeting held on June 15, 2021 via Zoom.	No comments received.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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.

The County has been allocated \$4,456,332 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This one time allocation is provided through the HOME Program and will focus on the needs of homeless households, those at risk of homelessness, and veterans. The County has listed the amount available here but will program the funding to specific projects through a substantial amendment after HUD releases guidance on the

use of the funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Ехр	ected Amoun	t Available Yea	ar 1	Expected	Narrative
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
CDBG	public -	Acquisition						
	federal	Admin and Planning						
		Economic Development						
		Housing						
		Public Improvements						
		Public Services	4,744,049	244,884	239,876	5,228,809	5,228,809	
HOME	public -	Acquisition						
	federal	Homebuyer assistance						
		Homeowner rehab						
		Multifamily rental new						
		construction						
		Multifamily rental rehab						
		New construction for						
		ownership						
		TBRA	1,229,585	0	0	1,229,585	1,229,585	

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Exp	ected Amoun	r 1	Expected	Narrative	
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
ESG	public -	Conversion and rehab for						
	federal	transitional housing						
		Financial Assistance						
		Overnight shelter						
		Rapid re-housing (rental						
		assistance)						
		Rental Assistance						
		Services						
		Transitional housing	401,626	0	0	401,626	401,626	

Table 2 - 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. Each sub-recipient is contractually required to provide a 100% match. This is monitored and documented on a monthly basis and verified on a quarterly basis when the sub-recipient submits for reimbursement of services. This documentation is retained and reviewed prior to final payment to the sub-recipient.

For HOME funds, each development that receives funds will be required to generate a 25% match. Home project funds in the amount of \$1,106,626 that will be used for new construction and rehabilitation will have a 25% match requirement of \$692,981. The County may also excessive match generated in prior program years to help satisfy the match requirement.

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

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
1	Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing	City of	Public Facilities	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
				Community	Plainfield		\$520,000	Activities other than
				Development	Rahway			Low/Moderate Income Housing
					Countywide			Benefit: 25000 Persons Assisted
2	Public	2020	2024	Non-Housing	City of	Public	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	Infrastructure			Community	Plainfield	Improvements	\$1,570,000	Activities other than
	Improvements			Development	Rahway			Low/Moderate Income Housing
					Borough of			Benefit: 26000 Persons Assisted
					Roselle Park			
					Borough of			
					Roselle			
					City of Linden			

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
3	Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing	City of	Social Services	CDBG:	Public service activities for
				Community	Plainfield		\$610,000	Low/Moderate Income Housing
				Development	City of			Benefit: 20000 Households
					Hillside			Assisted
					Rahway			
					Borough of			
					Roselle Park			
					Borough of			
					Roselle			
					City of Linden			
					Countywide			
4	Economic	2020	2024	Non-Housing	Countywide	Economic	CDBG:	Jobs created/retained: 15 Jobs
	Development			Community		Development	\$180,000	
				Development				
5	Address	2020	2024	Homeless	Countywide	Homeless	ESG:	Tenant-based rental assistance /
	Homelessness						\$371,505	Rapid Rehousing: 30 Households
								Assisted
								Homeless Person Overnight
								Shelter: 425 Persons Assisted
								Homelessness Prevention: 100
								Persons Assisted

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
6	Housing	2020	2024	Affordable	City of	Housing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	Rehabilitation			Housing	Plainfield	Rehabilitation	\$1,400,000	Rehabilitated: 175 Household
					City of			Housing Unit
					Hillside			
					Rahway			
					Borough of			
					Roselle Park			
					Borough of			
					Roselle			
					City of Linden			
					Countywide			
7	Expand Affordable	2020	2024	Affordable	Countywide	Housing	НОМЕ:	Rental units constructed: 117
	Housing			Housing		Development	\$1,106,627	Household Housing Unit
								Homeowner Housing Added: 2
								Household Housing Unit
8	Planning,	2020	2024	Affordable	Countywide	Economic	CDBG:	Other: 10 Other
	Coordination and			Housing		Development	\$948,809	
	Capacity Building			Public Housing		Homeless	номе:	
				Homeless		Housing	\$122,959	
				Non-Homeless		Development	ESG: \$30,121	
				Special Needs		Housing		
				Non-Housing		Rehabilitation		
				Community		Public Facilities		
				Development		Public		
						Improvements		
						Social Services		

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	To make facilities accessible to the handicapped.
2	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Improving infrastructure that meets the short and long-term needs of the community based on potential future growth and development.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide a complete and adequate variety of public services that are responsive to the needs of the Union County residents.
4	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Increased cooperation and coordination between public and private sectors in the formulation of economic development plans and programs.
5	Goal Name	Address Homelessness
	Goal Description	Support City/Town and Union County programs that help people out of poverty, including affordable housing, eviction prevention, skills training and development and temporary financial assistance programs.
6	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	To preserve the attractiveness of the neighborhood, provide safe and healthy homes for low- and moderate-income families, and ensure that older properties do not become dilapidated and negatively impact the community.
7	Goal Name	Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of affordable rental housing through acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units and the construction of new units.

8	3	Goal Name	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
		Goal	Admin funds for CDBG, HOME, ESG.
		Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In FY 2021, 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

Table 4 – Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

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 will target specific municipalities. The table below provides a summary of investments by area and shows the percentage of CDBG funds going to each area.

Update %?

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Plainfield	27
City of Hillside	2
Rahway	17
Borough of Roselle Park	5
Borough of Roselle	4
City of Linden	11
Countywide	34

Table 5 - 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 cite 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.

During the time that this plan was developed, Union County qualified as an exception grantee under the CDBG Program. In Program Year 2021, the County can serve areas where at least 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 County's CDBG jurisdiction that meet this threshold. 9 of the 10 block groups with the highest concentrations of low and moderate income populations are located in Plainfield.

Discussion

Need info?

Affordable Housing

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

Introduction

The County will fund a number of projects focused on expanding the supply of affordable housing units in standard condition. HOME funds will be directed toward 117 units at Glendenning Home in Rahway, 150 units at the Heritage Village at Rosegate in Rahway and 2 units of homebuyer for Morris Habitat for Humanity in Plainfield. CDBG will be used to fund 45 housing rehabilitation programs. The County administers a county-wide program, while nine communities operate programs specific to their jurisdiction.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported				
Homeless	0			
Non-Homeless	269			
Special-Needs	0			
Total	269			

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Sup	ported Through
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	269
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	269

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Prodution of new units 269? That is not true

^{*}In this box we need narrative

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 this, 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 bathrooms, 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 handicap 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 and Facility Improvements throughout the County at approved administrative properties.

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 proves beneficial to both of the agencies.

List all PHA's amd contacts at them

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 with in the County has positions on their board for Public Housing residents.
*Call the PHA's and ask what they currently do
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.
*Please confirm this
Discussion

N/A

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

The County will focus its FY2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to assist the homeless in various ways, as directed by the local Continuum of Care. Approximately 55% of available funding will be used to support the operations and essential services of emergency shelters, including Street Outreach. Approximately 37% of the funds will be used for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing; with a heavy emphasis on the Rapid Re-Housing target population. The remainder of the funds will be used for administration and oversight (7.50%).

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

The Union County Department of Human Services works with the Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee and all social service provider agencies to plan/implement the annual Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Survey count. This collaboration helps to ensure that the entire CoC captures the best count of homeless persons, including unsheltered persons.

In Union County there are 3 ways to get involved with the PIT:

- Street Count The street count in conducted with volunteers, County staff and Union County undercover Sheriff Officers. All meet at 3:00am at the Union County Social Services Offices (DSS) (Elizabeth/Plainfield). County staff reviews with the volunteers the survey and how the survey should be completed with consumers. Groups of 5-6 go together in vans and are accompanied by an undercover Sheriff Officer for volunteers' safety. Each group is provided with bagged food and hats/gloves/blankets/etc. for distribution. Persons surveyed are then encouraged to be transported to DSS. Once in the office, County staff screens each person to see what mainstream resources they are eligible. Regardless of eligibility, housing placement is provided for all those interested.
- Daytime Events In Elizabeth/Plainfield there are Fairs where agencies provide information about programs/services throughout Union County. Food and goods are distributed to call persons in attendance.
- Donation of Goodies for Distribution/Volunteer Transportation All CoC social service providers are encouraged to assist with donating various goods (hats/gloves/scarfs, coats, socks, blankets, toiletries, flashlights, etc.). These are the items that are distributed as described above. They are also asked to assist during the Street Count by having a vans (with a driver) to transport the

volunteer groups.

For all persons that return to DSS, County staff sits to hear their story and provide information about how they can be best assisted to lead them towards self-sufficiency in Permanent Housing.

Additional the Code Blue (CB) Homeless Emergency Shelter Initiative was established in an effort to respond to the plight of homeless individuals and families during severe winter weather. In December 2007 the Union County Department of Human Service, in concert with the Division of Emergency Management and Union County Police implemented the Countywide program to prevent death and injury among homeless people during periods of extreme weather conditions. Union County's CB initiative is the first countywide service of its kind in New Jersey. A CB alert starts with the Union County Office of Emergency Management, which transmits warnings of severe, potentially life-threatening cold weather from the National Weather Service. The threshold for activating CB is an overnight temperature below 25 degrees Fahrenheit or temperature of below 32 degrees Fahrenheit with precipitation. The alert goes out to the county's Department of Human Services, which notifies emergency shelters, community organizations, and the County Police. The County Police get the word out to law enforcement personnel in all 21 municipalities. The early warning gives communities time to identify and locate people potentially in need of help. Shelters get time to arrange for extra beds using cots provided by the County. County and municipal police go on the lookout for persons needing shelter, and assist them with transportation. All CB shelter placements are made by the Union County Division of Social Services (DSS). During the CB period emergency shelters are expected to increase bed capacity.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In Union County, ESG funding addresses the emergency shelter needs of homeless persons through providing basic needs including safe temporary housing, food, and assistance with accessing mainstream resources. Some of the services provided through ESG funding are listed below:

- <u>Shelter Operations:</u> Funding is for general shelter operations, including maintenance, rent, repair, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter. Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a homeless family or individual, a hotel or motel placement is provided to the family or individual needing housing.
- Essential Services: Funding includes case management, life skills training, as well as referral to employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment services. There are also funds related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Service provided includes engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health

services, and transportation.

The CoC continually provides support to all social services provider agencies that plan to develop/implement new permanent affordable housing for all target populations (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth).

Under the current ESG interim regulations, transitional housing is not an eligible activity. Although not funded by ESG dollars, in Union County there are a number of transitional housing programs. The focus is to have all persons in emergency shelter move into permanent housing however there are some individuals/families that need additional time prior to being placed in permanent placement. They are referred to our transitional housing programs in an effort to ensure that the household is able to maintain their housing long after linkage is established.

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

In Union County, there are a number of challenges that an individual/family must face when seeking to transition from emergency shelter to permanent housing. Being an active participant in the CoC, all shelter providers have established relationships with other social service providers to ensure that the transition for the individual/family is a stable one. This linkage includes but not limited to the following:

- Permanent housing
- Permanent supportive housing
- Case Management
- Cash assistance: rental, utility, security assistance
- Life Skills
- Employment and education services
- Health: medical, mental health, substance abuse services

By having the emergency shelter program participants actively working with all the above listed services, it ensures that the household will be able obtain and maintain their permanent housing, ultimately preventing further homelessness. The key piece is housing with full wraparound services. The CoC's goal is to make housing the #1 priority as it helps individuals/families live more stable, productive lives. Permanent housing is the most cost-effective way to homeless persons with the greatest

challenges. It provides permanent affordable housing for vulnerable homeless persons, but it costs less to operate than it does to serve homeless persons through other avenues, i.e. informal network of hospital emergency rooms, jails, and emergency shelters.

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.

As mentioned above, being an active participant in the CoC all Union County shelter providers have established relationships with other social service providers to ensure that the transition to permanent housing for the individual/family is a stable one.

Through ESG funding, Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention services are provided to obtain and maintain permanent housing. Each program participant receives housing relocation and stabilization services as well as rental assistance as necessary to obtain and maintain housing.

- Homelessness Prevention: Services under Homelessness Prevention are to provide assistance to
 a household to regain stability in their current housing or move into other permanent housing
 and achieve stability in that housing.
- Rapid Re-Housing: Services under Rapid Re-Housing are to provide assistance to a household to obtain stable housing as quickly as possible.

Services for both target populations include:

- Housing Stability through case management
- Housing search and placement including barriers, needs and preferences; outreach to and negotiation with owners; assistance with rental applications and understanding leases; assessment for habitability, lead-based paint, rent reasonableness; and tenant counseling.
- Rental assistance short term, medium term and arrearages
- Rental application fees
- Utility assistance current and arrearages
- Legal services/mediation This service is specific to maintaining housing (landlord-tenant mediation and tenant legal services).

As a result of today's economic conditions, specifically the increase in unemployment/under employed and the housing market, the risk of homeless is more prevalent than ever. The most important method

in place to address homeless is to prevent the household from losing their housing in the first place.

On a monthly basis, the Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee compiles of listing of services available to assist in homelessness prevention. It includes the following information:

- Rental assistance
- Security deposit assistance
- Mortgage assistance
- Utility assistance
- Food pantry/vouchers
- Emergency Shelter (including Hotel/Motel vouchers)
- Transitional housing
- Permanent/permanent supportive housing

All of these services are a key component to homeless and/or at risk of homelessness individuals/families to obtain and/or maintain housing (prevention of eviction/foreclosure).

Below is the list of services that are anticipated to be provided under FY2021 ESG funds:

- Emergency shelter nights with case management supports to stabilize program participants
- Street outreach to link consumers with the Continuum of Care system for homelessness services
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to provide staffing for HMIS data entry
- Rapid Re-Housing to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it;
- Homelessness Prevention to individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk
 of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance or assistance to move to
 another unit.

Overall funding will be focused on impacting homeless families with children and on Rapid Re-Housing services.

Match is monitored/documented on a monthly basis and verified on a quarterly basis when the sub-recipient submits for reimbursement of services. This documentation is retained and reviewed prior to final payment to the sub-recipient.

Discussion

ESG funding is used to provide outreach services to people living on the streets by Bridgeway, Inc,. Staff from Bridgeway engages with homeless individuals throughout Union County, including the two large urban areas of Elizabeth and Plainfield. All homeless people, including those with behavioral health and

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substance abuse issues, are provided ongoing case management services. These individuals are linked to mainstream services such as Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), welfare assistance and employment services; as well as housing.

Through effective outreach, Union County works to ensure that homeless people in the CoC are directed to services that will assure success in securing permanent housing and self-sufficiency. There is a continued effort by all entities mentioned above to ensure that homelessness is combatted through the access of all available resources throughout Union County.

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 a public policy perspective 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 origins from higher levels of government than Union County.

The biggest impediment comes from 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 Union 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 code fees and charges, growth limits, zoning ordinances and policies that affect the return on residential investment. To varying degrees, the Consortium's municipalities have each addressed their zoning and land use regulations in an attempt to make them as equitable and as open as possible.

Although they sometimes add costs to construction or rehabilitations, development standards 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.

*Need more

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 large number of vacant and abandoned properties has a blighting effect on neighborhoods and prevents neighborhood revitalization. To address this, the County will coordinate with municipalities and housing professionals through the Union County Foreclosure Task Force.
- 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
 subsidies 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 are 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 provided 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 periods. 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 Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (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, which 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 that 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 still 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 increase 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 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 people most severely affected by lead poisoning. Based on 2011 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

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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, which include 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 people in obtaining high school diplomas or GED's. 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 municipalities (Hillside, Plainfield and Roselle), which are 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 doing so, 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

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Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The County of Union will implement the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan through the Annual Action Plan

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 partners with the Union County Alliance, which is an organization of business, education, government, and civic leaders, that works for legislative change in the areas of economic and community development; the Union County Improvement Authority, which is a public authority that works 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, which is 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 adviser 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.

Although 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.

*Need more

Discussion

N/A

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The County Request for Proposal begins with consulting the County Counsel's Office to set forth terms and conditions. The RFP is published on the County website for thirty days. Once the applications are received, the applicants are interviewed and a decision is rendered.

Added Technical Assistance

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	244,884
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:	244,884

Other CDBG Requirements

 The amount of urgent need activities
 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.

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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 only be used per section 92.205.

The HOME allocation for 2022 is \$1, 375, 568.

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 40% 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 40 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes, and insurance (PITI) and utility allowance. 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 down payment (capital) and capital improvements. The value of the improvements would be multiplied by the consumer price index and added to the initial down payment 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.

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 only be used per section 92.205

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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 if the 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 It 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 It is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or Meets the other definitions of homelessness under 24 CFR 576.2.

When required, the SERVICE PROVIDER will also document if 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 use 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 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.

The Union County Continuum of Care has established a coordinated assessment system (CAS) that meets HUD requirements. Our CoC uses the CAS to assess and assist in meeting the housing and service needs of people experiencing homelessness (with a focus on returning them to housing as quickly as possible) and those who believe they are at imminent risk of homelessness. Key elements of our CAS include:

- The use of standardized assessment tools to assess individual/family's needs;
- Referrals, based on the results of the assessment tools, to homelessness assistance programs (and other related programs when appropriate);
- Capturing and managing data related to assessment and referrals in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and
- Prioritization of individual/families with the most barriers to returning to housing for the most costand service-intensive interventions.

Union County consists of 21 municipalities with 3 municipalities having the largest number of those at-risk of homelessness and those experiencing homelessness. Due to the vast geographic nature of the County, Union County uses a no wrong door approach to assist homeless individuals/families. The CAS will be an open access system for individuals and families to be able to obtain referrals from any Homeless Service provider.

Homeless Providers within Union County will be mandated to use the same CAS Tool, and data collection forms. With a release, data is shared between agencies to maximize service potential and minimize duplication of services.

Procedures:

- A household may go to any homeless service provider within Union County for assistance.
- Once the household is at the homeless service provider site, the provider will complete a CAS tool.
- The provider's role is to use CAS tool to determine a household's next step referral needs. Providers
 have two primary objectives 1) to help a homeless and unstably housed household to obtain
 referrals to appropriate, safe, and stable housing as quickly as possible, and 2) to provide direct
 referrals to a range of services to address the household's current housing crisis as well as other
 assessed needs.
- For providers that do direct HMIS data entry, only the first page of the CAS Tool must be completed. For those providers that do not enter data into HMIS, the complete CAS Tool must be filled out. The last page should be completed by all providers as to recommendations.
- Each provider must then call the referral site in order to make the referral, to ensure availability of funds or services to the site, and to ensure that there is someone in their agency that can meet with the individual/family for an appointment time.

- The provider must then fax or email the coordinated assessment form to the service provider. The provider may also give the individual/family a copy of the assessment form if deemed necessary.
- Copies of the CAS form must be kept in client files and monitored by the Union County Independent Monitoring Unit per agency contracts with the County.

The Coordinated Assessment Work Group meets bi-monthly or more frequently to discuss the implementation of the CAS Tool. 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.

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 Union County Department of Human Services/Division of Planning will coordinate a meeting with the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) to review the funding allocation and proposed spending plan, developed by County staff, for approval and contract award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Every few years, the County will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to award ESG funding. The Union County Department of Human Services/Division of Planning will convene an Evaluation Committee to review and evaluate each proposal on the basis of the RFP criteria. Following its review process, the Department will forward the Committee's recommendations to the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for approval and contract award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

In the RFP release, it lists the Criteria for Awarding the ESG funds. The Eligible Service Categories are an excerpt from the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Rules (12/2011) developed by HUD. The funding priorities and eligible service activities are developed by the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Systems and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee's – Planning/CoC Subcommittee and reviewed/adopted by the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC).

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

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 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 goal. 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

N/A

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

2021 Annual Action Plan
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Division of Community Services

MEMO TO: NJ Advance Media / Legal Department

(Via e-mail legalads@njadvancemedia.com)

FROM: Brandon Givens, Director

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RE: PUBLIC NOTICE (Action Plan FY21)

DATE: March 22, 2021

Please publish the attached public notice in the COUNTY SECTION of the paper on Thursday, March 25th.

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Chairman David Biunno called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Chairman Biunno 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.

Chairman Biunno then led the Plodge of Allegiance.

CDRS Secretary Charlene Bathelus led the attendees check-in.

Attendance*

Adam Farrah, UCEDC
Anna Knight, Plainfield Shut-In Council
Aneesha Ghaly, RCAO
Bonnie Cohen, Westfield Area YMCA
Carol A. Presley, Neigborhood House Assoc.
Cindy Rabinowitz, Cranford Housing Board
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Karen Torian, SHEELD

Kristen Koehler, RCAO

Lauren Pendergast, Girl Scouts Heart of NJ Leanora Colley, Covenant Development Corp. Mariei Hufnagel, CASA of Union County Mark Sheil, Scotch Plains Sentor Housing Corp. Michelle Mobley, New Covenant Church Miriam Hughes Shaw, Tri-Fold Ministries Nikki Brown, Someone's Daughter, Inc. Nixon Oloo, Arc of Union County, Inc. Stephanie Laurenzi, Roots & Wings Sharon Gribbin, Cerebral Palsy League, Inc Shaun Adams, Roots & Wings

*See Township Attendance Sheet attached

Welcome Remarks by Director Brandon Givens welcomed everyone to today's public hearing and thanked the attendees for their participation. Mr. Givens announced that we allocated a little over \$5 million dollars; held level funding. Next year, we will be reprogramming a larger amount from our contingency pool to fund more projects going forward.

Director Givens informed the committee that Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded has served as our Commissioner Liaison for CDBG for the past 2 years. Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded has been extremely vital in helping us navigate throughout our processes. She is one to share her points of views and listen to the concerns of the community.

Chairman Biunno stated that the purpose of the meeting is to obtain citizen input on the proposed Year 47 CDRG Allocations for September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022 and the 2021-2022 Action Plan.

Sub-Committee Reports

- CDRS Secretary Ms. Bathelus reviewed the Admin Sub-Committee Report. The committee met on February 10, 2021 and preliminary approved funding for \$155,000 for Union County Economic Development, \$25,000 for UC Commissioners Initiative Program. The sub total approved is \$5,185,031 with \$30,000 in Discretionary for a total of \$5,215,031 for all sub-committees with discretionary.
- Chairwoman Kathy Mitchell reviewed the Facilities Sub-Committee Report. The committee met on February 3rd and February 4th, 2021, interviewed 17 organizations and approved preliminary funding for \$500,000 that will assist 17 organizations within Union County.
- Chairwoman Maria Anderson reviewed the Housing Sub-Committee Report. The committee met on February 8, 2021 to discuss 10 organizations and approved preliminary funding for \$1,400,000 that will assist 10 organizations within Union County.
- Mr. Baker reviewed the Public Improvements Sub-Committee Report on behalf of Chairwoman Laura Reinertsen. The committee met on February 9, 2021, interviewed 11 organizations and approved preliminary funding for \$1,570,000 that will assist 11 organizations within Union County.
- Chairwoman Mary Dawkins reviewed the Public Service Sub-Committee Report. The committee met on February 19th and March 5th, interviewed 9 new organizations and approved preliminary funding for \$600,000 that will assist 49 organizations within Union County.

Open for Public Hearing Comments

Speaker #1

Mariel S. Hufuagel, Executive Director of CASA of Union County Ms. Hufnagel respectfully requested an increase of funding for Public Service project "Foster Youth Advocacy" which was preliminary funded at \$4,750.

Speaker #2

Mr. Adam Farrah, President of Union County Economic Development Corporation Mr. Farrah thanked the committee for their generous and long term support. Mr. Farrah said that UCEDC provides financing, training, technical assistance and guidance on helping small businesses. He indicated that the CD funds received last year has helped dozens of small business. Mr. Parrah thanked the committee members for their time and work to help underserved businesses throughout Union County.

Speaker #3

Mirlam Hughes Shaw, Executive Director of Tri-Fold Ministries

Ms. Hugh Shaw respectfully requested her Public Service project "Innovations & Recovery for Community Families" to be reconsidered for funding since funding was not allocated for this project. Funding request was for \$20,000 for domestic violence in Plainfield.

Speaker #4

Karen Torian, Executive Director of SHEELD

Ms. Torian wanted to thank the County for its ongoing support. SHRELD soup kitchen serves over 1,000 individuals per month. Ms. Torian respectfully requested an increase of funding for the SHEELD facilities project "Men's Bathrooms Renovation" which was preliminary funded at \$32,000.

Speaker #5

Nixon Oloo, Clinical Lead, The Arc of Union County

Mr. Oloo respectfully requested an increase of funding for Public Service project Behavioral Health Program which was preliminary funded at \$4,750.

Speaker #6

Jennifer North, Director of Institute of Music

Ms. North wanted to thank the County for previous support. Ms. North shared a video of the work done as a result of CDBG funding.

Speaker #7

Ms. Ancesha Ghaly. Executive Director, Rahway Community Action Organization Ms. Ghaly thanked the County of Union for their continued support in funding various projects to the JFK Community Center. Ms. Ghaly respectfully requested an increase of funding for RCAO facilities project "Replace Freezer, HVAC Kitchen, Playground" which was preliminary funded at \$55,000.

Speaker #8

Edwin Asuta, Clinical Lead, The Arc of Union County

Mr. Asuta thanked the CDBG committee members for the support. Mr. Asuta respectfully requested his Public Service project "Nutrition/Dictician Services & Nursing" to be reconsidered for funding since funding was not allocated for this project. Funding request was for \$27,000.

Speaker #9

Mr. James Horne, President & CEO, United Way of Union County

Mr. Horne thanked the Union County Board of Commissioner and Committee for their continued support.

Speaker #10

Ms. Carol Presicy, Executive Director, Neighborly House Association

Ms. Presley thanked Committee for their continued support. Inquired if the committee received additional funding as a result of COVID-19. Mr. Givens informed Ms. Presley that all funding received was allocated towards rental and mortgage assistance for Union County residents.

There being no one else who desired to speak, Chairman Biunno turned the meeting to Mr. Givens for comments/remarks.

Mr. Givens requested clarification from each speaker who requested an increase in funding or reconsideration of funds.

Mr. Givens informed the participants that the Admin Committee will review the notes from today's Public Hearing and make a recommendation; the full committee will vote on April 21st.

Chairman Biunno reminded everyone of the next Full CDRS Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 21st at 4:00pm.

There were no further updates or announcements.

Chairman Blunno thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Laura Reinertsen, seconded by Ms. Mary Dawkins

Adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bathelus

CDRS Committee Secretary

Cc: CDRS Full Committee CDBG Staff

CB/rs

PUBLIC HEARING-2021 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN APRIL 7, 2021 AT 4PM

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COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ELIZABETH, NJ 07207

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Division of Community Services

MEMO TO: NJ Advance Media / Legal Department

(Via e-mail legalads@njadvancemedia.com)

FROM: Brandon Givens, Director

Division of Community Services

RE: PUBLIC NOTICE (Consolidated Action Plan FY21-Revised)

DATE: May 25, 2021

Please publish the attached public notice in the COUNTY SECTION of the paper on Tuesday, June 1st.

Thank You.

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Elizabeth, NJ 07207
Attn: Rosa Santos

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PUBLIC NOTICE COUNTY OF UNION PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2021 ACTION PLAN (YEAR 47)

For Public Commentary June 3, 2021 to July 3, 2021.

On or about July 26th, the County of Union will submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) our Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021, for the following grants:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
HOME Investment Partnership Program
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Programs

The Action Plan is intended to serve the following purpose/function:

(1) It is a planning document for the County which builds upon citizen participation process; (2) it is an application for Pederal funds under the above mentioned grant process; (3) it is a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and (4) it is an Action Plan that provides a basis for assessing performance. This Action Plan constitutes the Foderal Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Plan for the Five Year (2020-2024) Consolidated Plan. It sets forth a description of the activities for use of HUD funds that are expected to become available during the coming years, determines goals for individuals and households to be served, and describes the implementation plan and location of the activities to be undertaken.

The funds are intended to provide very low, low, and moderate income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities include rehabilitation of community facilities, public improvements, housing rehabilitation, public services, economic development, planning and administration.

The Action Plan is available for public review online at https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/burgau-of-econ

A resolution authorizing the submission of the 2021 Action Plan has been scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 22rd.

Given the current public health crisis, a virtual hearing is being held in lieu of an in-person hearing. Public hearings on the Action Plan will be held on the following dates via Zoom:

CDBG- June 9th at 9:00 A.M. HOME- June 15th at 1:00 P.M.

If English is not your first language and you need an interpreter, or you need to have documents translated from English to your native language, please contact our office. If you would like to attend the public hearing meetings, please call Director of Community Development Brandon Givens at 908-527-4462 or small <u>bejvens@menj.org</u> for links and/or additional information.

For more information, please contact Brandon Givens, Director, at 908-527-4462 or by email at bgivens@ucnj.org.

Brandon Givens, Director Community Development Department of Economic Development County of Union



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Division of Community Services

MEMO TO: LaVoz Newspaper

(Via e-mail LaVozNJ@aol.com)

FROM: Brandon Givens, Director

Division of Community Services

RE: PUBLIC NOTICE (Consolidated Action Plan FY21-REVISED)

DATE: May 25, 2021

Please publish the attached public notice in the paper on Thursday, June 3rd.

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AVISO PUBLICO CONDADO DE UNION ACTIVIDADES PROPUESTAS PLAN DE ACCIÓN PARA EL ANO FISCAL 2021 (AÑO 47)

Pare comentatios públicos del 3 de junio de 2021 al 3 de julio de 2028

El 26 de julio o alrodedor de esa facha, el Condato de Unión plesentaya al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de Estados Unidos nuestro Plan de aptión usas el año fissal 2021; para las seguentos subvençiones.

Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG).

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Programas de Subvenciones para Refugios de Emergencia (ESG):

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CDBC- 9 de junio a las 9:00 am. -HOME- 15 de junio a la 1:00 pm.

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UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE (CDRSC)

MEETING ON JUNE 9, 2021 AT 9:00AM

Meeting called to order by Administrative Sub-Committee Chairman George Vircik at 9:02 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Maria Anderson

David Biunno

Mary Dawkins

Katherine Mitchell

George Vircik

COUNTY STAFF:

Isabel Bastos

Charlene Bathelus

Julian Buitrago

Rita Cerbone

Fernanda Correia

Georgette Corvelli

Brandon Givens

A meeting of the Administrative Subcommittee of the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM via Zuom. Adequate notice for the meeting had been given in accordance with requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

AVAILABLE CONTINGENCY

as of June 7, 2021

5341,950.95

CANCELLATION/TRANSFER OF CDBG FUNDS

Acct. # 020-046 <u>Town</u> Plainfield Grant Amt. \$50,000 Name of Grant Shileh- Lord's Kitchen Amt. Cancelled \$50,000

Bathroom

Total Cancellation \$50,000

Motion to accept the transfer of CDBG funds was made by Ms. Dawkins, seconded by Mr. Biunno. Motion passed.

CONTINGENCY FUND REQUESTS

None

PROGRAM INCOME REQUESTS

None

SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTS

Summit Housing Authority

(CD YR 46) (Acet, #020-064) (Grant Amt. \$50,000) (Grant Bal. \$50,000) Requesting a scope change to add two (2) ADA compliant power-door entry systems at the Summit Senior Housing for accessibility, seniors, and disabled residents.

Motion to approve scope of service request was made by Mr. Blunno and seconded by Ms. Dawkins. Motion passed.

CONTRACT EXTENSION REQUESTS

None

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

 YR 46 Open Balance Report as of June 7, 2021 Committee members were given capies of the report via email.

County staff reviewed the YR 46 Open Balance report by committee. Many projects are complete; drawdowns are continually being processed.

- Question/Comment; CDRS Chairman Biunno stated that over the last several months, the cost of materials have skyrocketed, do we have any mechanism to take that into consideration because of the cost of facilities projects?
- Mr. Givens stated that the contingency funds are typically used for situations like this. If there are any projects that have experience an unforeseen price increase, they can send a request to use contingency funds to the Admin Committee and it would be up to the committee's discretion to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

YR 47 Action Plan-Status Update

Ms. Bathelus presented an update on the status of the YR 47 Action Plan. Ms. Bathelus informed the committee that the action plan is on track to be submitted by the end of June; HOME & ESG parts have been received and will be added to the action plan.

Shared Service Agreements

Ms. Correis informed the committee that the request will be going out to the Mayors and municipal clerks for adoption on Monday, June 14th and will await the dates and approved resolutions.

· Public Hearing

Mr. Givens informed the conjuntate that our HOME department had to delay and extend their RFP process. We recently received the RFP's back and will be reviewing them. However, we had to have an additional 30 days for public comments. We had to postpone submitting our 2021 Annual Action Plan. In addition, today was a listed Public Hearing meeting during our Admin New Business portion. If there is anyone on from the public, they can feel free to ask any questions and bave it on record. Lastly, HOME will have their public hearing this Tuesday, Jone 15th at IPM as a means to receive comments regarding development, affordable housing, etc. For the past couple years, the County has been working with HUD and the OIG Audit office on an audit which will hopefully come to an end within the next few months. Once the sudit is complete, we will be able to use the available money on development throughout the County.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:17 AM by Mr. Blunno and seconded by Ms. Dawkins. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bathelus

CDRS Committee Secretary

CB/s

Co; CDBG Staff

Attachment: 2021 BPU Energy Assistance Flyer

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) FY 2021-2022 ALLOCATION VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

James Heim, Union County, Community Organization Specialist opened the zoom meeting & called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and waited for any participants to check-in via zoom.

Mr. Helm stated that the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the requirements of NJ.S.A. 10:4-10 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

This Public Hearing was to discuss the Union County HOME allocation for the FY 2021-2022. After waiting and seeing no attendees check-in; Mr. Heim adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

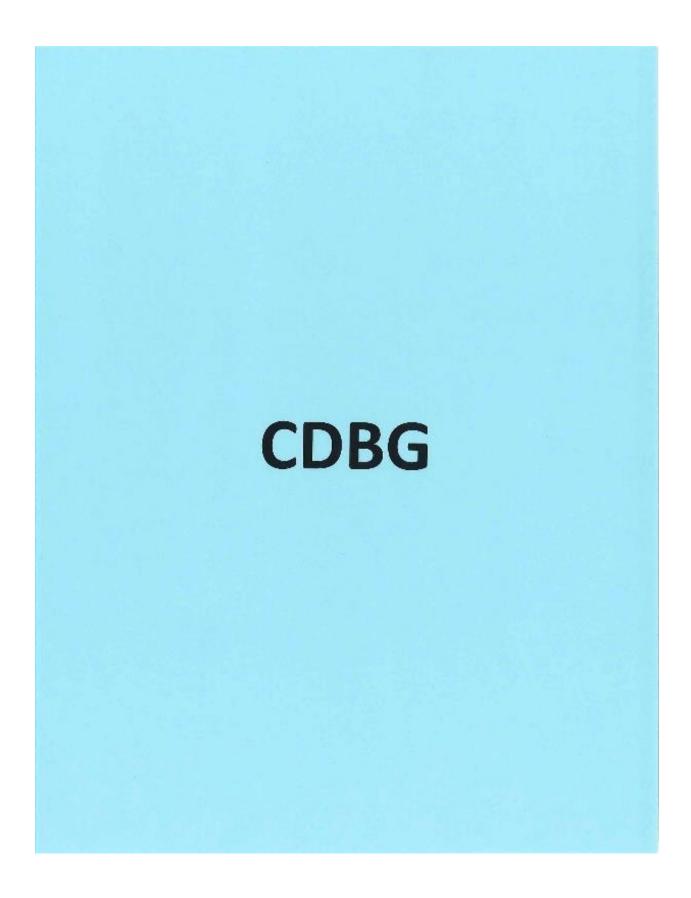
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Grantee Unique Appendices

2021 Annual Action Plan Grantee Unique Appendices



9/1/21 to 8/31/22 Community Development

Allocations by Committee		Yr. 47 Preliminary
Facilities		\$520,000
Public Improvements		\$1,570,000
Social Services (13.5%)		\$610,000
Housing		\$1,400,000
Admin (20%)	ELEK BAZ	\$948,809
Discretionary		\$0
Economic Development		\$155,000
Freeholder Initiative		\$25,000
Total Allocations by Committee		\$5,228,809
Revenues		
HUD Allocation	34	\$4,744,049
Reprogrammed Funds	Contingency	\$239,878
	Program Income	\$244,884
Total Revenues		\$5,228,809



Union County Board of County Commissioners Resolution: 2021-583

CHAIRMAN ALKENNOGE MINASCILA

WHEREAS, Take I of the National Affordable Housing Act and the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 requires that, in order to apply for and receive mories from certain U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Covelapment (HUD) programs, Union County most lines on approved America Consolidated Plan; and

HHEREAS, the County of Union, together with 19 municipalities and the Township of Union have entered into a consection; to complete the yearly Action Plan in order to jointly cooperate in the application for funds mude availables under said National Affordable Housing Act and the Housing Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHERRAS, the County of Union, through the constrtient, wishes to be a part of the 2021-2022 (Year 47) Amount Convolidated Action Pier, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Proteinships Program and the Emergency Schattons (Heart Program; and

WHEREAS, the application window for the Community Development Black Grant (Calber) Program opened on October 29, 2020 and ended December 11, 2020; and

WHERE45, the estimated preliminary funding affective to the County Connectium is as indicated in the summury below:

Summery of All Funding Sources

Community Development Black Crant (CDBG)

CORG HUD Grand Contingency Funds \$4,744,049.00 \$139,876,00

Program Income Total CDBG

5244,884.00

HOME PROFILE

HUD HUD Grant Total HOOLE

\$1,329,585,00

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

KSC HED Grant

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		Facilities Sub-Committee	
021-009	Countywide	Arc Residential Improvements - Gas Generators	\$22,000
021-010	Countywide	Cerebral Palsy League - Replace Restroom	\$25,000
021-026	Hillside	Hillside Buie Community Center- Floor Replacement	\$26,000
021-036	New Providence	DeCorso Community Center- Parking Lot Repaying	\$20,000
021-039	Plainfield Non-Profit	Toddler Learning Center - Upgrade & Renovations	\$40,000
021-041	Plainfield Non-Profit	Covenant Development Corp Food Pantry Remodel & Expansion	\$50,000
021-043	Plainfield Non-Profit	Neighborhood House Association -Children & Staff Safety	\$16,000
021-046	Plainfield Non-Profit	Shiloh Entrepreneurial & Eco. Dev Men's Bathroom Renovation	\$42,000
021-052	Plainfield Non-Profit	Second Street Youth Center - Air Disinfection System	\$38,000
021-055	Rahway Non-Profit	Rahway Community Action- Facilities Improvements	\$65,000
021-057	Rahway Non-Profit	Rahway Housing Authority Clifford P.Case Apartments-Elevator Upgrades	\$44,000
021-065	Scotch Plains N-P	Senior Citizen Housing CorpWindows & Kitchen Cabinets Replacements	\$30,000
021-080	Westfield Non-Profit	Westfield Area YMCA - Handicapped Accessible Locker Space Materials	\$10,000
021-081	Westfield Non-Profit	Westfield Community Center- Reurbish Bathrooms	\$18,000
021-082	Plainfield Non-Profit	Greater Refuge Church - Interior & Exterior Upgrades & Repairs	\$14,000
021-083	Westfield	ADA Compliant Ramp at Tamaques Cabin	\$10,000
021-084	Hillside	Senior Citizen Center Roofing	\$50,000
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		Public Improvements Sub-Committee	
021-110	Clark	ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$25,000
021-111	Cranford	ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$25,000
021-126	Hillside	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$130,000
021-128	Kenilworth	ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$25,000
021-137	Linden	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$269,000
021-151	Plainfield	Rushmore Playground Improvements - Sports Lights	\$57,000
021-152	Plainfield	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$352,000
021-158	Rahway	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$278,000
021-163	Roselle	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$140,000
021-172	Roselle Park	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$159,000
021-174	Springfield	Roadway Rehabilitation	\$110,000
021-174	Opringilora	Total	\$1,570,000

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		Social Services Sub-Committee	
021-200	Berkeley Heights	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$14,250
021-207	Clark	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$14,250
021-209	Countywide	Union County Recreation Program for Disabled Adults	\$5,000
021-209	Countywide	Someones Daughter Youth Education Program	\$5,000
021-215	Countywide	Catholic Charities Child Protective Services	\$5,000
021-216	Cranford Non-Profit	Cranford Housing Nutrition Program	\$5,000
021-217	Cranford	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$17,250
021-217	Countywide	Family Promise Transportation & Food Services	\$8,000
021-218	Garwood	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$15,750
021-224	Countywide	Roots & Wings Services for Aged Out Foster Youth	\$12,000
021-224	Hillside	Senior Health Care Program	\$12,500
021-227	Hillside	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$10,750
021-229	Hillside	Bule Community Center Youth Recreation Project	\$13,000
021-229	Hillside	Maternal Child Healthcare Program	\$18,000
021-231	Kenilworth	Senior Citizens Social Service & Health Program	\$13,250
021-236	Linden Non-Profit	Food Pantry & Nutrition Program	\$9,000
021-230	Mountainside	Senior Citizens Social Services & Transporation Program	\$10,750
021-241	New Providence	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$8,250
021-245	New Providence	Senior Citizens High Risk Healthcare Fair & Program	\$5,000
021-247	Plainfield Non-Profit		\$8,000
021-249	Plainfield Non-Profit		\$5,000
021-252	Plainfield	Shut In Council Disable Care Services	\$5,000
021-254	Countywide	Fish Hospitality Program	\$8,000
021-255	Plainfield Non-Profit	December 1	\$20,000
021-256	Plainfield	Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Progam	\$5,000
021-258	Plainfield	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$32,250
021-259	Plainfield Non-Profit	William Design	\$8,000
021-259	Plainfield Non-Profit		\$5,000
021-262		Toddler Learning Center - Day Care	\$5,000
021-264	Plainfield Non-Profit	Visions & Pathways - Independent Living Skills	\$5,000
021-265	Plainfield Non-Profit	Boys & Girl Club Teen Program Activities	\$5,500
021-266	Plainfield Non-Profit	IRIS House Project T.T.Y.L.	\$6,000
021-269	Plainfield Non-Profit		\$5,050
021-270	Plainfield Non-Profit		\$5,000
021-271	Plainfield Non-Profit		\$5,000
021-274	Rahway	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$14,250
021-275	Plainfield-Non	Plainfield YMCA Food Security Program	\$4,750
021-276	Roselle	Senior Citizens Social Services & Transportation Program	\$12,750
021-282	Roselle Park	Senior Citizens Social Services & Transportation Program	\$19,500

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021-283	Scotch Plains	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$10,750
021-287	Springfield	Senior Citizens Transportation Program	\$8,000
021-288	Countywide	CASA - Foster Youth Advocacy	\$9,750
021-289	Countywide	The Arc Behavioral Health Program	\$9,750
021-294	Summit	Summit Youth Center - Share the Fun Club	\$5,000
021-295	Summit	Summit Senior Citizens Transportation Program	\$5,000
021-298	Countywide	Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program	\$5,000
021-299	Westfield	Senior Transportation Program	\$10,000
021-321	Countywide	United Way Family Strengthening Program	\$150,000
021-331	Winfield	Senior Citizens Social Services Program	\$10,700
021-001	771111010	Total	\$610,000

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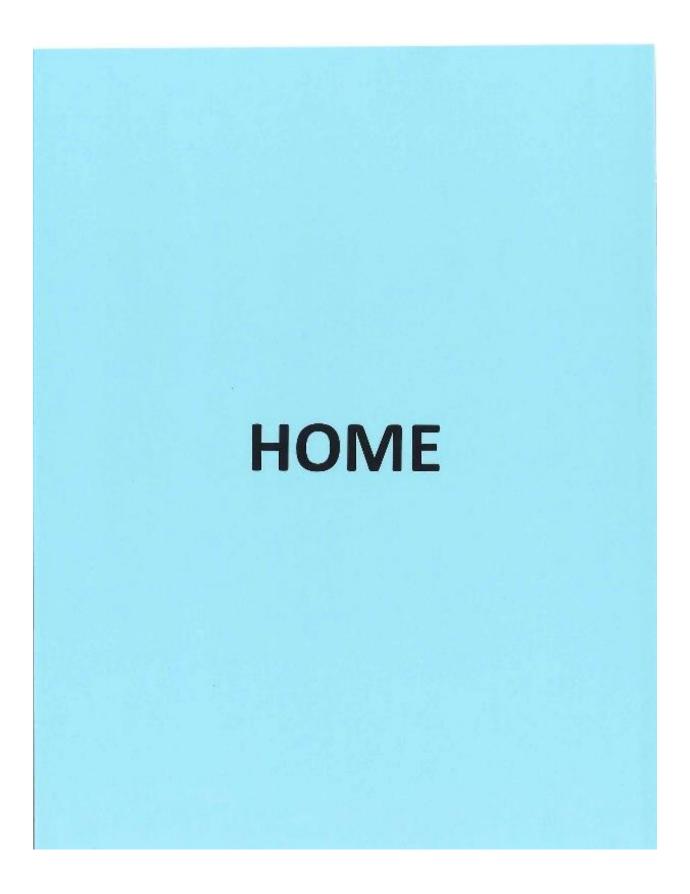
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		Housing Sub-Committee	
021-400P	Countywide	Union County Home Improvement Program - Project Cost	\$271,200
021-400C	Countywide	Union County Home Improvement Program - Consultant	\$67,800
021-403	Countywide	Urban League - Comprehensive Housing Counseling	\$40,000
021-417	Hillside	Code Enforcement Program	\$24,000
021-427	Linden	Home Improvement Program	\$281,000
021-436	Plainfield	Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)	\$335,000
021-437	Plainfield	Office of Community Development Emergency Housing Assistance Program	\$6,000
021-438	Plainfield	Code Enforcement Program	\$23,000
021-441	Rahway	Home improvement Program	\$304,000
021-442	Rahway	Code Enforcement Program	\$24,000
021-446	Roselle	Code Enforcement Program	\$24,000
021-440		Total	\$1,400,000

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		Admin Sub-Committee		
021-504	Countywide	Union County Economic Development	\$155,000	
021-505	County of Union	Commissioner Initiative Program	\$25,000	
021-600	County of Union	CDBG Admin (20%)	\$948,809	
		Total	\$1,128,809.00	
		Total All Sub-Committees	\$5,228,809	

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HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FY 2021-2022 ALLOCATION

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\$	922,188.75	-	ENTITLEMENT

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2021-2022 HOME ACTION PLAN PROJECTS

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Rental Housing	\$922,188.75
HOME BUYER	\$184,437.75

AMOUNT

\$1,106,626.55

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TOTAL:

SUBGRANTEE

2021-2022 HOME ACTION PLAN MATCH REQUIREMENTS

PROJECT	AMOUNT	MATCH OBLIGATION (DEBIT)	MATCH REQUIREMENT (CREDIT)
Rental Housing	922,188.75	230,547.20	655,481.83 Will use Previous Excessive Match
Homebuyer	184,437.75	46,109.44	37,500.00 Will use Previous Excessive Match

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UNION COUNTY HOME Investment Partnerships Program Resale & Recapture Agreement ACTION PLAN FY2021-2022 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 40% of their income for principal, interest, property taxes, insurance and utilities. 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 40% percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes, insurance and utilities. The resale price will not be based upon what is affordable to the buyer.

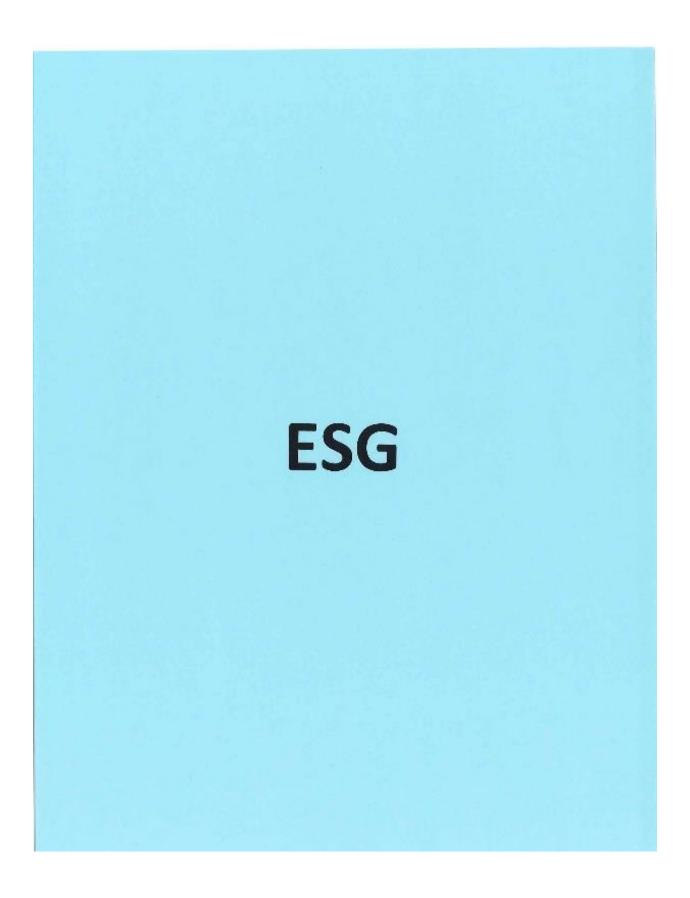
The original homebuyer will be entitled to a fair return on his investment for initial downpayment (capital) and capital improvements. The value of the improvements would be multiplied by the consumer price index and added to the initial downpayment for the total return to the homebuyer. The homebuyer 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 \$184,437.75 will be using the above mentioned Recapture Guidelines.

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FY2021 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grants Program Allocations

n	Eligible Activities	Activ	ity Amount	Total by Category	% by Category
Sialis	Emergency Shelter	\$	195,400		
	Operation	\$	133,700	A 222 200	er ====
	Essential Service	\$	61,700	\$ 223,200	55.57%
_	Street Outreach - Essential Services	\$	27,800		
ogram	HMIS	\$	5,589		
5	Rapid Re-Housing	\$	107,700		
_	Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services	\$	23,800		
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$	83,900	\$ 148,305	36.93%
	Homelessness Prevention	S	35,016		
6	Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services	\$	6,935	The state of the s	
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$	28,081		
	Emergency Solutions Grants Subtotal:	\$	371,505		
	Administration	\$		7.50%	
	Total Grant Amount:	\$	401,626		

The FY2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds will be allocated at approximately 55.57% to support the operations/essential services of emergency shelters, including Street Outreach and approximately 36.93% towards Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing and HMIS.

Per ESG Interim Rule and HUD guidance, there will be a heavy emphasis on the Rapid Re-Housing target population.

The following ESG activities will be implemented: emergency shelter nights will be provided with case management supports to stabilize program participants; street outreach will be conducted as a bridge to linking consumers with the CoC system for homelessness services; Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will be used to provide staffing for HMIS data entry; Rapid Re-Housing will be provided to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it; and Homelessness Prevention will be provided to individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance or assistance to move to another unit.

Overall funding will be focused on impacting homeless families with children and on Rapid Re-Housing services.

The remainder of the funds will be used for administration and grant oversight.

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FY2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Proposed Use of Funds

Introduction: The County will focus its FY2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to assist the homeless in various ways, as directed by the local Continuum of Care. Approximately 55% of available funding will be used to support the operations and essential services of emergency shelters, including Street Outreach. Approximately 37% of the funds will be used for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing; with a heavy emphasis on the Rapid Re-Housing target population. The remainder of the funds will be used for administration and oversight (7.50%).

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs: The Union County Department of Human Services works with the Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee and all social service provider agencies to plan/implement the annual Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Survey count. This collaboration helps to ensure that the entire CoC captures the best count of homeless persons, including unsheltered persons.

In Union County there are 3 ways to get involved with the PIT:

- Street Count The street count in conducted with volunteers, County staff and Union County undercover Sheriff Officers. All meet at 3:00am at the Union County Social Services Offices (DSS) (Elizabeth/Plainfield). County staff reviews with the volunteers the survey and how the survey should be completed with consumers. Groups of 5-6 go together in vans and are accompanied by an undercover Sheriff Officer for volunteers' safety. Each group is provided with bagged food and hats/gloves/blankets/etc. for distribution. Persons surveyed are then encouraged to be transported to DSS. Once in the office, County staff screens each person to see what mainstream resources they are eligible. Regardless of eligibility, housing placement is provided for all those interested.
- Daytime Events In Elizabeth/Plainfield there are Fairs where agencies provide information about programs/services throughout Union County. Food and goods are distributed to call persons in attendance.
- Donation of Goodies for Distribution/Volunteer Transportation All CoC social service providers are
 encouraged to assist with donating various goods (hats/gloves/scarfs, coats, socks, blankets,
 toiletries, flashlights, etc.). These are the items that are distributed as described above. They are
 also asked to assist during the Street Count by having a vans (with a driver) to transport the
 volunteer groups.

For all persons that return to DSS, County staff sits to hear their story and provide information about how they can be best assisted to lead them towards self-sufficiency in Permanent Housing.

Additional the Code Blue (CB) Homeless Emergency Shelter Initiative was established in an effort to respond to the plight of homeless individuals and families during severe winter weather. In December 2007 the Union County Department of Human Service, in concert with the Division of Emergency Management and Union County Police implemented the Countywide program to prevent death and injury among homeless people during periods of extreme weather conditions. Union County's CB initiative is the first countywide service of its kind in New Jersey. A CB alert starts with the Union County Office of Emergency Management, which transmits warnings of severe, potentially lifethreatening cold weather from the National Weather Service. The threshold for activating CB is an overnight temperature below 25 degrees Fahrenheit or temperature of below 32 degrees Fahrenheit with precipitation. The alert goes out to the county's Department of Human Services, which notifies emergency shelters, community organizations, and the County Police. The County Police get the word out to law enforcement personnel in all 21 municipalities. The early warning gives communities time to identify and locate people potentially in need of help. Shelters get time to arrange for extra beds

using cots provided by the County. County and municipal police go on the lookout for persons needing shelter, and assist them with transportation. All CB shelter placements are made by the Union County Division of Social Services (DSS). During the CB period emergency shelters are expected to increase bed capacity. Once shelters are filled to capacity alternate arrangements will be made by DSS. Along with providing temporary shelter, CB helps tackle issues related to chronic homelessness. Persons seeking emergency shelter on a CB alert are provided with screening and counseling to help them get back on their feet over the long run. There is a subcommittee that meets regularly during the season to discuss client needs and to work collaboratively to ensure that persons remain housed and assisted to lead them towards self-sufficiency in Permanent Housing.

Through ESG funding, outreach services to persons living on the streets is provided by Bridgeway, Inc. Staff from Bridgeway engages with homeless individuals throughout Union County including the two large urban areas of Elizabeth and Plainfield. All homeless persons, including chronic homeless persons who are demonstrate behavioral health and those substance abuse issues are provided ongoing case management services. These individuals are linked to mainstream services such as Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), welfare assistance and employment services; as well as housing.

Union County recognizes it is through effective outreach that homeless persons in the CoC are directed to all the components that will assure success in permanent housing and self-sufficiency. There is a continued effort by all entities mentioned above to ensure that homelessness is combatted through the accessing all the resources available throughout Union County.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons: In Union County, ESG funding addresses the emergency shelter needs of homeless persons through providing basic needs including safe temporary housing, food, and assistance with accessing mainstream resources. Some of the services provided through ESG funding are listed below:

<u>Shelter Operations</u>: Funding is for general shelter operations, including maintenance, rent, repair, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter. Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a homeless family or individual, a hotel or motel placement is provided to the family or individual needing housing.

Essential Services: Funding includes case management, life skills training, as well as referral to
employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, mental health
services, and substance abuse treatment services. There are also funds related to reaching out to
unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing,
or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Service provided
includes engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, and
transportation.

The CoC continually provides support to all social services provider agencies that plan to develop/implement new permanent affordable housing for all target populations (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth).

Under the current ESG interim regulations, transitional housing is not an eligible activity. Although not funded by ESG dollars, in Union County there are a number of transitional housing programs. The focus is to have all persons in emergency shelter move into permanent housing however there are some individuals/families that need additional time prior to being placed in permanent placement. They are referred to our transitional housing programs in an effort to ensure that the household is able to maintain their housing long after linkage is established.

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: In Union County, there are a number of challenges that an individual/family must face when seeking to transition from emergency shelter to permanent housing. Being an active participant in the CoC, all shelter providers have established relationships with other social service providers to ensure that the transition for the individual/family is a stable one. This linkage includes but not limited to the following:

- Permanent housing
- Permanent supportive housing
- Case Management
- Cash assistance: rental, utility, security assistance
- Life Skills
- Employment and education services
- Health: medical, mental health, substance abuse services

By having the emergency shelter program participants actively working with all the above listed services, it ensures that the household will be able obtain and maintain their permanent housing, ultimately preventing further homelessness. The key piece is housing with full wraparound services. The CoC's goal is to make housing the #1 priority as it helps individuals/families live more stable, productive lives. Permanent housing is the most cost-effective way to homeless persons with the greatest challenges. It provides permanent affordable housing for vulnerable homeless persons, but it costs less to operate than it does to serve homeless persons through other avenues, i.e. informal network of hospital emergency rooms, jails, and emergency shelters.

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: As mentioned above, being an active participant in the CoC all Union County shelter providers have established relationships with other social service providers to ensure that the transition to permanent housing for the individual/family is a stable one.

Through ESG funding, Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention services are provided to obtain and maintain permanent housing. Each program participant receives housing relocation and stabilization services as well as rental assistance as necessary to obtain and maintain housing.

- Homelessness Prevention: Services under Homelessness Prevention are to provide assistance to a
 household to regain stability in their current housing or move into other permanent housing and
 achieve stability in that housing.
- Rapid Re-Housing: Services under Rapid Re-Housing are to provide assistance to a household to
 obtain stable housing as quickly as possible.

Services for both target populations include:

- Housing Stability through case management
- Housing search and placement including barriers, needs and preferences; outreach to and negotiation with owners; assistance with rental applications and understanding leases; assessment for habitability, lead-based paint, rent reasonableness; and tenant counseling.

- Rental assistance short term, medium term and arrearages
- o Rental application fees
- Utility assistance current and arrearages
- Legal services/mediation This service is specific to maintaining housing (landlord-tenant mediation and tenant legal services).

As a result of today's economic conditions, specifically the increase in unemployment/under employed and the housing market, the risk of homeless is more prevalent than ever. The most important method in place to address homeless is to prevent the household from losing their housing in the first place.

On a monthly basis, the Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee compiles of listing of services available to assist in homelessness prevention. It includes the following information:

- Rental assistance
- · Security deposit assistance
- Mortgage assistance
- Utility assistance
- Food pantry/vouchers
- Emergency Shelter (including Hotel/Motel vouchers)
- Transitional housing
- Permanent/permanent supportive housing

All of these services are a key component to homeless and/or at risk of homelessness individuals/families to obtain and/or maintain housing (prevention of eviction/foreclosure).

Below is the list of services that are anticipated to be provided under FY2021 ESG funds:

- Emergency shelter nights with case management supports to stabilize program participants
- Street outreach to link consumers with the Continuum of Care system for homelessness services
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to provide staffing for HMIS data entry
- Rapid Re-Housing to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it;
- Homelessness Prevention to Individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance or assistance to move to another unit

Overall funding will be focused on impacting homeless families with children and on Rapid Re-Housing services.

Below is the list of providers that are anticipated to be awarded under FY2021 ESG funds:

- Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services
- Central Jersey Legal Services
- Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
- Family Promise (Union County)
- PROCEED
- The Salvation Army (Elizabeth)
- . The Gateway Family YMCA
- · Urban League of Union County
- YWCA of Eastern Union County

All funded agencies are required to:

participate in the annual Point-In-Time count at a time designated by the County of Union, DHS/Division of Planning;

provide data collection and reporting for ESG through the participation in the State-wide initiative of the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) internet based tracking system; and to comply if asked to participate in HUD-sponsored research and evaluation of ESG; and

participate in the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Systems/Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC)

Committee, and/or Subcommittee(s).

provide 100% mandatory matching funds (non ESG funds including the City of Elizabeth ESG funding). Documentation per the funding regulations (24 CFR 576.201) will be required for reimbursement.

Match is monitored/documented on a monthly basis and verified on a quarterly basis when the subrecipient submits for reimbursement of services. This documentation is retained and reviewed prior to final payment to the sub-recipient.

ESG Allocation Process: The Union County Department of Human Services/Division of Planning will coordinate a meeting with the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for to review the funding allocation and proposed spending plan (developed by County staff) for approval and contract award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Every few years the County will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to award ESG funding. The Union County Department of Human Services/Division of Planning will convene an Evaluation Committee to review and evaluate each proposal on the basis of the RFP criteria. Following its review process, the Department will forward the Committee's recommendations to the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for approval and contract award by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

In the RFP release, it lists the Criteria for Awarding the ESG funds. The Eligible Service Categories are an excerpt from the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Rules (12/2011) developed by HUD. The funding priorities and eligible service activities are developed by the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Systems and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee's – Planning/CoC Subcommittee and reviewed/adopted by the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC).

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

2021 Annual Action Plan Grantee SF-424, SF-424D, and Certifications



COUNTY OF UNION

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER Edward T. Outman, County Manager

July 1, 2021

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Community Planning & Development Division U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Newark Field Office-Region II One Newark Center, 13th Floor Newark, New Jersey, 07102-5260

Dear Ms. Uebbing:

Enclosed please find the 2021-2021 Action Plan Grant Certifications, SF-

424 and SF 424D forms for the County of Union.

The Public Commentary period was held from April 1st through May 1st, 2021 and again, June 3rd through July 3rd, 2021; there were no comments

received.

If you have any questions pertaining to this application for HUD funding, please contact Arny 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. Odtman County Manager

cc: Amy C. Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director of Economic

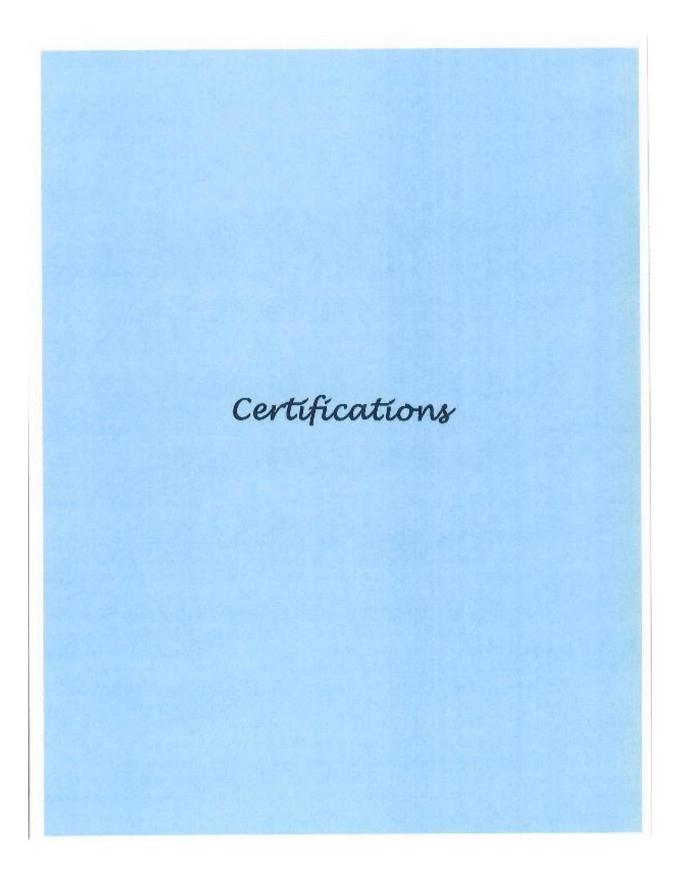
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CERTIFICATIONS

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:

- 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
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- 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. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

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 compilance 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 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 Peasible 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 stums 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) 2021-2022 [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 Socion 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 (han 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:

- A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil tights demonstrations; and
- A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically harring 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.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

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 CDBGassisted 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.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its 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, it 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

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation — If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building 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 recipient will maintain the building 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 recipient will maintain the building 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 — In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or energency shelter, the recipient 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 recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation — Any repovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds - The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality — The recipient has established and is implementing 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.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the erroram.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

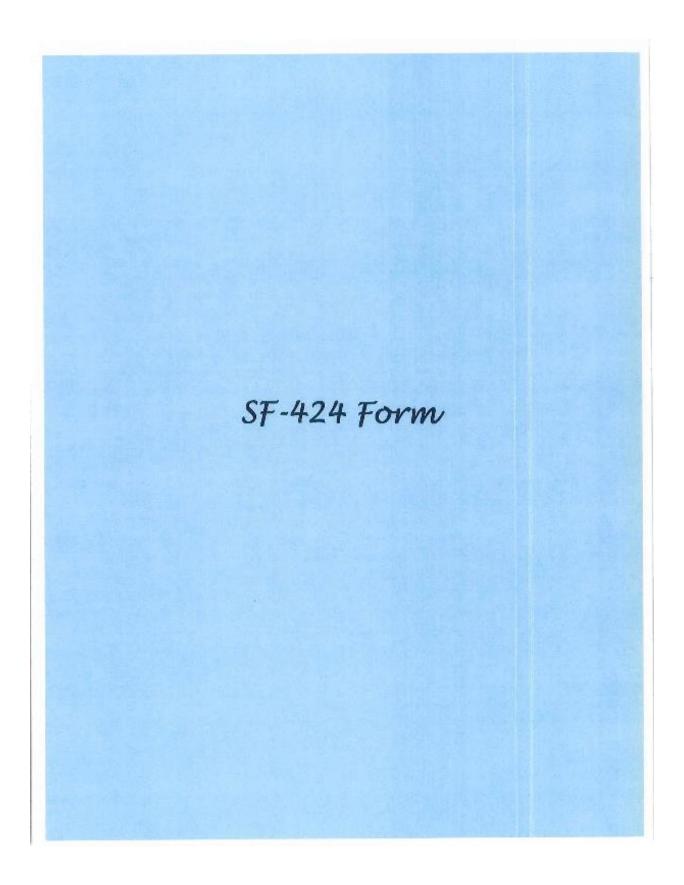
Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

County Manager

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

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This certification is a material representation of fact apon 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 fallure.



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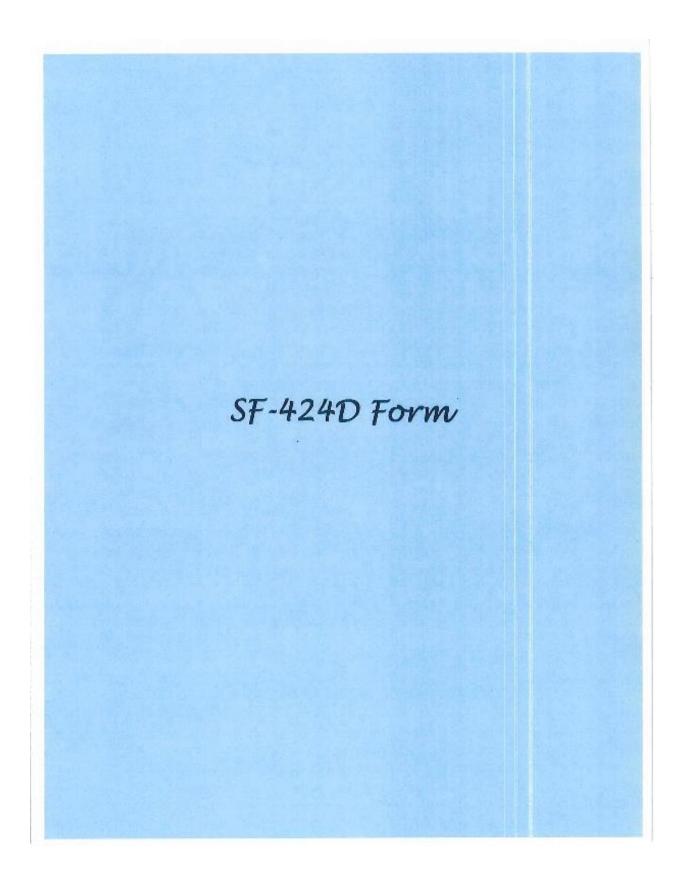
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant; I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, end the institutional, manegerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, manegement and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptrollar General
 of the United States and, if appropriate, the State,
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- 5. 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 everting agency. Will record the Federal available agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired is whole or in part with Federal essistance funds to besure 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.
- 5. Will provide and maintain comparent and adequace engineering supervision at the construction sits to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plens and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the psalatance awarding agency or State.
- Well 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 condict 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 fluxfed 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 Point Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based point in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendmenss 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. 5794), which prohibits discrimination on the besis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§8101-8107), which prohibits discrimination on the besis of age; (e) the Drug Abusa Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-265), as emended 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. 91-615), as amended, relating to nondestrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse of alcoholism; (a) §§623 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 sicohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et \$40.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the apacific status(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondlecrimination statue(s) which may apply to the application.

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