



Union County, NJ

HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan & Annual Action Plan

August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2029

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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

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

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

To receive CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, the County must develop a Consolidated Plan. This Consolidated Plan will begin August 01, 2025, and end July 31, 2029.

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

Table 1 - Table 1: Union County Participating Municipalities

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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

PUBLIC SERVICES

The County estimates it will budget about thirteen percent (13%) of its available resources to social service programs that will primarily benefit low and moderate-income populations. Funded programs will include but are not limited to services that target seniors, disabled, at-risk youth, and food pantries.

HOMELESS

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

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

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The CDBG program funding is used for several types of projects, including public facilities, public improvements and infrastructure, public 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 public infrastructure and improvements. The remainder is split between public service programs (13.0%), planning and administration (20%), and economic development (3.5%). In a typical year, CDBG funds will support

projects that create 30 jobs, rehabilitate 60 housing units, and provide services to approximately 75,000 individuals through public services, public facilities, and public infrastructure and improvements.

The ESG program, while small compared to the need, 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 188 emergency shelter beds, 236 transitional beds, and 260 permanent supportive housing beds. The Continuum of Care uses ESG to supplement approximately \$4 million of other homeless resources. In recent years, the emphasis of ESG funds has shifted away from a shelter approach to efforts to get homeless families stabilized in independent housing through homeless prevention and rapid rehousing.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The County amended its Citizen Participation Plan in April 2025 to remove all Covid-19 Pandemic HUD related waivers. The 30-day public review period for the Amended Citizen Participation Plan coincided with the 30-day public review period for the Five-Year Consolidated / Annual Action Plan.

The County followed its amended 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 Meeting Notice

A Public Meeting notice was published in the Star-Ledger on February 11, 2025, and February 18, 2025, announcing a pre-plan public meeting to solicit public input and comment on the plan. The notice of the Public Meeting was also published in the local Spanish-language newspaper La Voz on February 18, 2025.

Availability of the Plan

The Consolidated Plan, both the draft and final versions, will be made available to the public in the Administration Building, with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, and in the Union Township Municipal Building. The County published the proposed plan for public review beginning on April 24, 2025. Notification was given through advertising placed in local newspapers.

Public Hearings

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

The County held the Consolidated Plan public hearing 6:00 PM April 30, 2025 at the Cranford Community Center in Cranford. At the meeting, the County solicited public comments and suggestions about the Five-Year Plan, discussed the past use of funds, and announced the FY 2025 Estimated Preliminary HUD Allocations. Public hearings, specifically on CDBG projects proposed in the municipalities, were held in each of the nineteen municipalities that are part of the Union County Urban

County. At the **June 12, 2025** Board of County Commissioner’s agenda meeting, the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan were presented for public review and comments. All meetings were held in ADA-accessible meeting space.

Revenue Sharing Committee

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

5. Summary of public comments

No comments received to date.

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

No comments received to date.

7. Summary

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

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

The Process

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

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

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

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

Table 2 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

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

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For more information on the Consolidated Plan please contact Philip Kandl at (908) 527-4462 or pkandl@ucnj.org

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

1. Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 3 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 4 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

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

Narrative

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

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

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

Availability of the Plan

The Consolidated Plan were made available to the public in the County Administration Building and on the CDBG webpage at <https://ucnj.org/departments-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/>. The County published the proposed plan for public review beginning April 24, 2025. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan were available for review from April 24, 2025 until May 23, 2025. Notification was given through advertising placed in the Star Ledger online newspaper on April 10, 2025 and April 22, 2025. Also, the public notice was published in La Voz (Spanish Language newspaper) on April 17, 2025.

Public Hearings

A Public Hearing notice was published in the Star-Ledger on April 10, 2025 and April 22, 2025 and La Voz on April 17, 2025 announcing a public hearing scheduled for April 30, 2025 at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford to solicit public comment on the plan. Members of local service agencies and housing/economic development organizations were encouraged to attend & participate in committee and public meetings.

At the public hearing, the County solicited public comments and suggestions about the 5-Year Plan and discussed the past use of funds. Public hearings, specifically on CDBG projects proposed in the municipalities, were held in each of the nineteen municipalities that are part of the Union County Urban County. At the June 12, 2025 Board of County Commissioners agenda meeting, the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan were presented and approved.

Revenue Sharing Committee

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

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

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

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Star Ledger Public Notice on April 10, 2025 and April 22, 2025 included notification of public hearing and 30-day public comment period.	No comments received.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	Public Notice of availability of plan and public meetings published in La Voz on April 17, 2025.	No comments received.		
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	A pre-plan public meeting was held in-person 6:00 PM Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ to solicit citizen comments and participation on the development of the plan.	Speaker #1 commented that the lack of affordable housing was a priority that should be addressed in the plan.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
6	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A Public hearing was held on April 30, 2025 at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford, to solicit citizen comments and participation on the draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan, FY 2025 Annual Action Plan, and Amended Citizen Participation Plan.	No comments received.		

Table 5 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

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

Both CDBG and HOME funds are focused on assisting individuals and households earning less than 80% of the area-median income, based on family size. HUD develops annual **income limits** based on Median Family **Income** estimates and Fair Market Rent area definitions. The national median family **income** for the United States for **FY 2024** is **\$130,300**. There is a new policy limits annual increases in income limits to 5 percent or twice the change in the national median family income, whichever is greater. For the **Year 2024** income limits, the cap is almost **10** percent.

These income limits are published on a yearly basis by HUD. For reference, the income limits for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 are included below.

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

FY 2024 Income Limits Summary

FY 2024 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Click for More Detail	FY 2024 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area	\$130,300	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	45,650	52,150	58,650	65,150	70,400	75,600	80,800	86,000
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Click for More Detail	27,400	31,300	35,200	39,100	42,250	45,400	48,500	52,720
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	68,500	78,250	88,050	97,800	105,650	113,450	121,300	129,100

NOTE: **Union County** is part of the **Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area**, so all information presented here applies to all of the Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area. HUD generally uses the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) area definitions in the calculation of income limit program parameters. However, to ensure that program parameters do not vary significantly due to area definition changes, HUD has used custom geographic definitions for the Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area.

The **Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area** contains the following areas: Essex County, NJ; Morris County, NJ; Sussex County, NJ; and Union County, NJ.

FY 2024 Income Limits Summary

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

Summary of Housing Needs

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

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

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

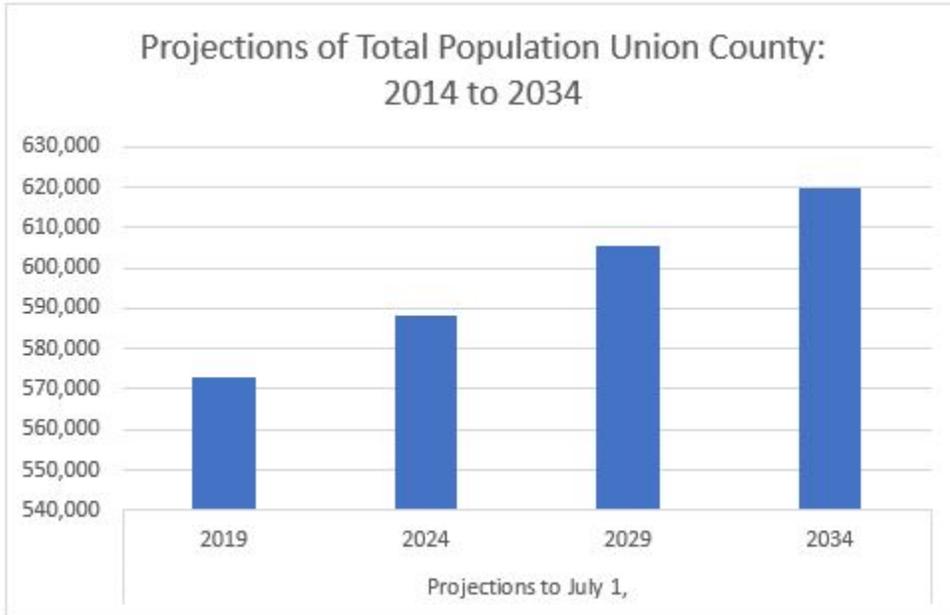
Demographics	Base Year: 2020	Most Recent Year: 2023	% Change
Population	379,312	376,771	-1%
Households	139,548	139,548	0%
Median Income	\$82,644.00	\$101,046.00	22%

Table 6 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

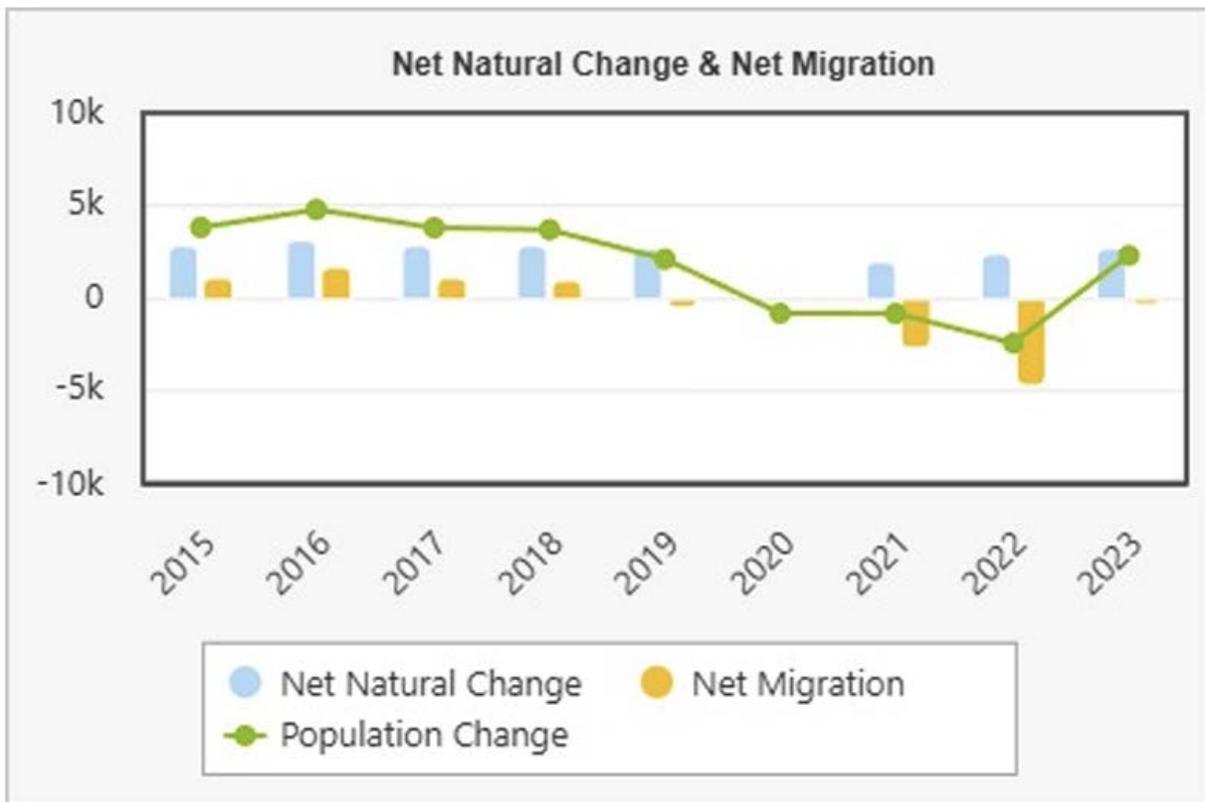
Alternate Data Source Name:

ACS Data

Data Source Comments: ACS 1-Year Estimates 2023, 2016-2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates



Population Projections



Net Natural Change & Net Migration

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	16,474	15,220	23,815	13,945	80,695
Small Family Households	4,399	5,395	9,935	6,680	46,425
Large Family Households	609	1,408	2,450	1,054	9,040
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	4,107	3,233	5,810	3,594	18,925
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	4,246	3,742	4,139	1,668	6,614
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	2,002	2,786	3,483	1,955	6,672

Table 7 - Total Households Table

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

Housing Needs Summary Tables

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

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	304	259	65	90	718	43	99	35	20	197
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	240	340	304	120	1,004	0	4	19	55	78
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	225	585	490	140	1,440	63	214	305	99	681
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	6,189	2,230	525	15	8,959	4,735	3,435	3,805	759	12,734

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	1,175	3,560	4,500	892	10,127	309	2,399	4,660	3,069	10,437
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	668	0	0	0	668	654	0	0	0	654

Table 8 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

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

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	6,964	3,399	1,375	365	12,103	4,850	3,760	4,170	935	13,715
Having none of four housing problems	3,580	4,915	9,155	4,815	22,465	1,089	3,129	9,130	7,825	21,173
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

Housing Problems Overview 1	Owner	Renter	Total
Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems	37,010	43,805	80,815
Household has none of 4 Housing Problems OR cost burden not available, no other problems	78,500	39,190	117,690
Total	115,510	82,995	198,505
Severe Housing Problems Overview 2	Owner	Renter	Total
Household has at least 1 of 4 Severe Housing Problems	17,340	26,060	43,400
Household has none of 4 Severe Housing Problems OR cost burden not available, no other problems	98,170	56,940	155,110
Total	115,510	82,995	198,505

Condition of Units

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	2,814	3,219	2,249	8,282	1,053	1,654	3,477	6,184
Large Related	379	514	445	1,338	213	494	1,031	1,738
Elderly	2,900	1,553	1,232	5,685	3,262	3,398	3,249	9,909
Other	1,929	1,405	1,220	4,554	619	576	922	2,117
Total need by income	8,022	6,691	5,146	19,859	5,147	6,122	8,679	19,948

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	0	0	1,194	1,194	975	1,135	0	2,110
Large Related	0	0	109	109	209	382	423	1,014
Elderly	2,080	635	230	2,945	3,034	1,670	1,310	6,014
Other	0	1,699	555	2,254	615	0	0	615
Total need by income	2,080	2,334	2,088	6,502	4,833	3,187	1,733	9,753

Table 11 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	395	880	679	235	2,189	63	38	124	109	334
Multiple, unrelated family households	59	30	95	25	209	0	174	192	44	410
Other, non-family households	25	25	30	0	80	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	479	935	804	260	2,478	63	212	316	153	744

Table 12 – Crowding Information - 1/2

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

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

Table 13 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

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

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

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

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

Forty-two (42%) of homeless persons reported having some type of disability. 53.6% of counted adults 18 or older reported some type of disability compared to 6% of children. The most common disabilities included physical disabilities and mental health issues. Among disabled adults, 52.7% reported mental health issues making this the most prevalent disability; representing 53.6% of disabled adult homeless population and 21.9% of all adults experiencing homelessness. 46.4% of disabled adults reported a physical disability, followed by 42.8% who reported a chronic health condition. Among disabled homeless children, more disabled homeless children reported developmental disabilities (71.4%) than any other disability.

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

What are the most common housing problems?

In Union County, NJ, the most common housing problem for HUD-defined needs is cost burden, where households spend a significant portion of their income on housing, making it unaffordable. Specifically, data from the 5-Year Consolidated Action Plan shows that cost burden accounts for 95% of households with a housing problem. Additionally, affordable housing, including shelter care, is a critical issue for all age groups and family sizes, particularly those with special needs like the disabled and aging populations, according to a Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment.

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

Cost burden is a problem that affects both owners and renters at every income level. More than 1 of every 4 (27%) of all housing problems experienced by owners within the County are experienced by owner households earning more than the median income. When looking only at income levels eligible for housing assistance, the level of need is evenly split between extremely low income (0-30% AMI), low income (30 to 50% AMI), and moderate income (50-80% AMI). There are approximately 12,780 households with housing problems at each of the three levels.

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

Based on the HUD-provided data above, there are 6,964 households earning less than 30% of the area median income that pay more than 50% of their income toward housing. These households are at imminent risk of homelessness as any disruption of income could lead to eviction. An additional 3,399 renter households at higher income levels experience a severe cost burden and may be at risk of homelessness.

Low-income households that contain at least one person ages 75 or older are at risk due to their respective age and income level. This category in the tables above equated to 4,246 which roughly one-third of the total for (0-30%) HAMFI (16,474).

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

ESG funding is focused on homeless families with children and Rapid Re-Housing services. Proposed allocation for 2025-2026 is as follows: 41.25% allocated to Emergency Shelter, 7.05% allocated to Street Outreach, 1.41% allocated to Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), 17.14% allocated to Rapid Re-Housing, and 32.71% to Homelessness Prevention. In Union County, there is a greater need to funding emergency shelter for those who are currently homeless and assisting households to remain housed through homelessness prevention, therefore the greater percentage of funding being allocated to those two categories.

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

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

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

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

Discussion

- **Owner-Occupied Households**

In 2023, 22.6% of Union County's population with low- and moderate-income owner-occupied households had a housing problem. The most common needs among owner-occupied households are caused by cost burdens and substandard housing. The **high number of foreclosures** reflects owners who can no longer support severe cost burdens.

Rental households earning less than 50% of area median income

According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 36,440 rental households earning less than 50% of the area median income. Eighty-five percent of these households have a housing problem. Most of these housing problems are caused by cost burden which implies there is a large need for more affordable rental units for this income group. Additional rental units can be made affordable through rehabilitation of existing units or the development of new units.

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

According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 9,105 rental households earning between 50% and 80% AMI. Some of the households in this income range without a housing problem may be able to afford a moderately priced home, but do not have the immediate funds necessary for a down payment or closing costs. Direct financial assistance and housing counseling can help these families move into homeownership. More than ever, there is a need to ensure that homebuyers receive financial counseling and proper education before making a home purchase. The counseling will help the homebuyer select a home and a mortgage product that is a viable choice in the long-term.

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

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

Introduction

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

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	13,304	3,183	1,438
White	5,703	1,546	588
Black / African American	4,215	643	475
Asian	392	165	79
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	140	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,739	617	204
0	0	0	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Alternate Data Source Name:

Union County

Data Source Comments:

*The four housing problems are:

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

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	13,120	2,062	0
White	5,329	993	0
Black / African American	3,240	532	0
Asian	350	47	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	3,765	444	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

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

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	14,725	9,090	0
White	5,854	3,974	0
Black / African American	3,870	2,104	0
Asian	578	387	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	4,169	2,374	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

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

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,258	8,675	0
White	2,457	3,938	0
Black / African American	1,020	2,534	0
Asian	363	278	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	15	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,155	1,705	0

Table 17 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

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

Discussion

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

- Extremely-low Income (0-30% AMI): No racial or ethnic disproportionate need;**
- Low Income (30-50% AMI) American Indians (140 households);**
- Moderate Income (50-80% AMI) No racial or ethnic disproportionate need; and**
- Middle Income (80-100% AMI) No racial or ethnic disproportionate need.**

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

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

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

Introduction

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

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

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	11,814	4,669	0
White	5,178	2,103	0
Black / African American	3,580	1,268	0
Asian	387	169	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	140	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,470	896	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

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

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	7,159	8,044	0
White	2,883	3,464	0
Black / African American	1,625	2,155	0
Asian	189	219	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,104	2,105	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

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

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,545	18,285	0
White	2,015	7,828	0
Black / African American	1,350	4,634	0
Asian	313	652	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,820	4,733	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

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

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,300	12,640	0
White	615	5,803	0
Black / African American	224	3,314	0
Asian	95	556	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	15	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	300	2,575	0

Table 21 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

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

Discussion

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

Extremely Low Income (Less than 30% AMI): American Indians (140 households);

Low Income (30-50% AMI): No disproportionate need; and

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

Middle Income (80-100% AMI): American Indians (15 households)

American Indians were the only racial/ethnic group to have a disproportionate need. However, the total population of these income-race combinations (only 155 households) are very small to extrapolate any meaning from the differences in levels of need. 155 households accounts for approximately 1/3 of 1 percent of the extremely low and low-income populations.

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

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

Introduction

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

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

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	96,184	28,912	23,667	1,383
White	54,835	12,915	10,809	729
Black / African American	16,740	7,375	6,150	263
Asian	6,723	1,184	876	80
American Indian, Alaska Native	179	0	0	35
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	15,625	6,654	5,330	258

Table 22 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Discussion

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

African Americans: 45% of African American households experience a housing cost burden greater than 30% compared to 26% of the jurisdiction as a whole.

American Indians: 70% of American Indian households experience a housing cost burden greater than 30%.

Hispanics: 77% of Hispanic households experience a housing cost burden greater than 30% compared to 8% of the jurisdiction as a whole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Of the 120 census tracts in the county, roughly 60% have a minority majority population (i.e. Non-Hispanic whites account for less than half of the population). While the County does not have housing problem data for each of these tracts, median income data can be a useful proxy since the majority of housing problems are related to cost burden.

43 census tracts have minority populations that account for more than 75% of the population. Of these 43 tracts, 19 are considered low income based on the median family income, 19 are considered moderate income, and 8 are considered middle income.

14 census tracts have minority populations that account for more than 90% of the population. Of these 20 tracts, 10 are considered low income based on the median income, 3 have moderate family incomes, and one is considered middle income.

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

When looking at concentrations of specific race and ethnic groups, the strongest correlation between income is with Hispanics. There are 47 census tracts with a Hispanic majority (of any race). Of those, 15 are considered low income, 9 are considered moderate income, and two are considered middle income. For African Americans, there are 13 census tracts with an African American majority. Of those, 8 are moderate income and five are middle income.

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

Introduction

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

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

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

Each of the public housing authorities has its own set of objectives. In consultations with each agency, most agencies had concerns regarding additional rent vouchers, efforts to modernize public housing, and implementation of better security measures

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

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	0	946	3,466	0	3,466	22	0	40

Table 23 - Public Housing by Program Type

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

Alternate Data Source Name:

Union County

Data Source Comments:

Union County Public Housing Agency

The Union County Section 8 Housing Assistance Program is administered by the Division of Housing and is governed by the Union County Board of Commissioners. The program administers **417** Housing Choice Vouchers. The waiting list is down to less than **500**, most of whom are extremely-low income and families with children. The waiting list is currently closed and the PHA expects to reopen the list within the next year (2025).

Linden Housing Authority

This Housing Authority is ranked as high performing. The agency manages a total of **563** housing units. The Authority also administers **362** units under the Section 8 Housing Voucher program plus **201** Public Housing Units. The waiting list is at **500** for housing units and **438** for section 8 vouchers. The Authority’s primary need is lack of funding, according to the Executive Director and information in the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan. Lack of funding reduced the number of maintenance employees. The remaining maintenance staff is required to accept more responsibilities. The Executive Director reports lack of available funds prevents making necessary changes for the housing units to be accessible to persons with disabilities.

Plainfield Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of Plainfield (HAP) is ranked as a standard performer. HAP has a total of 472 Public Housing units. 224 units are for senior citizens and 248 units are for families. HAP also administers 899 Housing Choice 8 vouchers. Currently, there is a 932 person wait list for section 8.

Rahway Public Housing Authority

This PHA is ranked as high performing. The organization manages 273 Public Housing units and 192 Housing Choice vouchers. An activity with possible future benefits would be collaboration of the PHA and Union County to develop an overall plan for implementation which would provide safe havens for relocation of people in case of natural disasters and/or and attempted terrorist attacks. Waiting list is 275.

Union Township Public Housing

Union Township administers a Section 8 Housing Voucher program that provides approximately 167 vouchers. The wait list is 34, including 32 families with children and 2 elderly families. (28 extremely low income, 4 very low income, and 2 low income. The primary need is more affordable rental units for low income households.

Summit Public Housing

The Summit Housing Authority has 195 project-based voucher units. There are approximately 728 applicants on the family waitlist and 333 applicants on the senior waitlist. The family housing waitlist is currently closed, and only applications for senior housing are being accepted at this time.

Elizabeth Public Housing

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

Characteristics of Residents

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

Table 24 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

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

Program Type									
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Asian	0	0	7	7	0	7	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	10	4	0	4	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Table 25 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Program Type									
Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	159	192	0	192	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0	912	1,489	0	1,489	0	0	0

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

Table 26 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

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

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

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

WAITING LISTS:

Linden: 900
Rahway: 232
Plainfield: 932
Summit: 1,061
Union Township: 44
Union County Housing Voucher: 500

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

Given the level of assistance provided, public housing residents and housing voucher users should have no additional need for housing assistance. Overall, the needs for supportive social services, such as job training, day care, and other employment related services to help become self-sufficient are similar to non-assisted households at similar incomes throughout the County.

Discussion

none

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

Introduction:

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

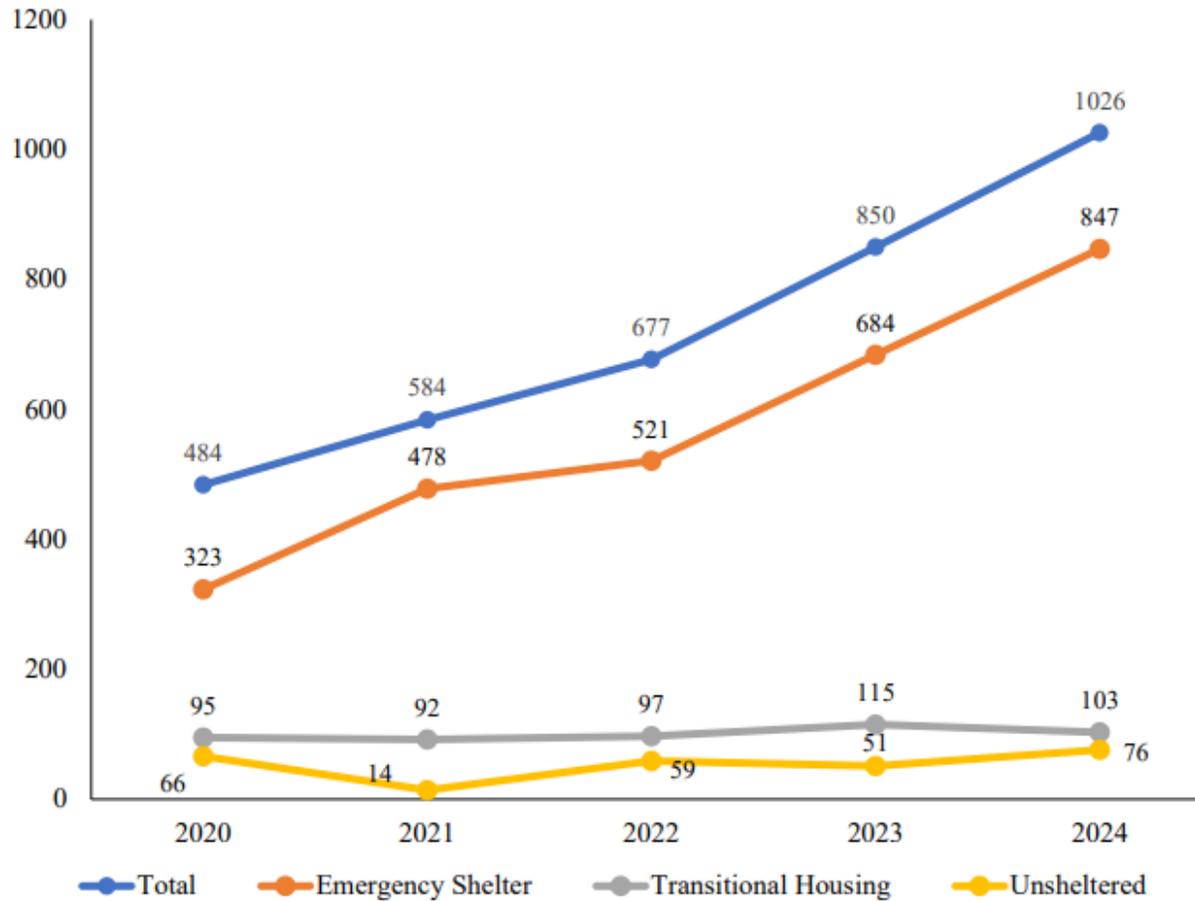
Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	284	83	31	179	63	147
Persons in Households with Only Children	6	0	2	2	1	48
Persons in Households with Only Adults	396	59	328	186	25	178
Chronically Homeless Individuals	124	39	119	17	77	24
Chronically Homeless Families	12	0	16	16	4	11
Veterans	12	1	15	4	5	13
Unaccompanied Child	6	0	2	4	2	2
Persons with HIV	11	1	8	1	10	0

Table 27 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments: 2024 Point In Time Count

Fig. 1: 5-Year Comparison of Total Homeless Population by Housing Situation



5-Year Comparison of Total Homeless Population by Housing Situation

Indicate if the homeless population is: Has No Rural Homeless

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

- CHRONIC HOMELESS: One hundred sixty-three (163) households were chronically homeless according to the 2024 Point-In-Time Count, representing 124 in emergency shelter and 39 unsheltered. This is an overall decreased of 2% from 2023.
- FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN: One hundred forty-five (145) households were homeless families with children according to the 2024 Point-In-Time Count, representing 118 in emergency shelter, 26 in transitional housing and 1 unsheltered.
- UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH: Seventy-five (75) households were homeless unaccompanied youth according to the 2024 Point-In-Time Count, representing 46 in emergency shelter, 26 in transitional housing and 3 unsheltered.
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Nineteen (19) households were homeless domestic violence victims according to the 2024 Point-In-Time Count, representing 15 in emergency shelter, 2 in transitional housing and 2 unsheltered.
- VETERANS: Ten (10) households were homeless veterans according to the 2024 Point-In-Time Count, representing 4 in emergency shelter, 5 in transitional housing and 1 unsheltered. This is an overall increase of 67% from 2023.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	63	31
Black or African American	226	37
Asian	1	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	108	9
Not Hispanic	317	37

Data Source

Comments:

2024 Point In Time Count

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

On the night of January 23, 2024, a total of 1,026 persons in 681 households were experiencing homelessness in Union County. A total of 847 homeless persons stayed in emergency shelters, 103 stayed in transitional housing, and 76 were identified as unsheltered on the night of the count. When compared to 2023, increases are seen in the number of homeless respondents staying in emergency shelter (163 persons, 24%), those identified as unsheltered (25 persons, 49%) while transitional housing saw a decrease (12 persons, 10%). The 2024 Point-In-Time Count also shows that Union County has seen an overall increase of 542 identified persons (112%) from 2020 to 2024. Over this 5-year period, there was a 162% increase in persons staying in emergency shelter, 15% increase in identified unsheltered persons, and an 8% increase in transitional housing.

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

- Persons identifying as Black or African American, non-Hispanic/Latino are overrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness. While 19.4% of the general population, persons identifying as Black or African American are 21.8% of the population in poverty and 58.4% of the population identified as experiencing homelessness.
- Persons identifying as Black or African American, non-Hispanic/Latino represent 61% of the sheltered population (staying in emergency shelter, or transitional housing) and 50% of the identified unsheltered population. Persons identifying as White non-Hispanic/Latino represent 9.4% of the sheltered population and 12.2% of the identified unsheltered population.
- Hispanic/Latino individuals also show a notable presence in homelessness, making up 34% of Union County population and 31.9% of the homeless population and 50.6% in poverty.

- Asian individuals are underrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness, comprising 5.6% of the population and 0.5% of the homeless population but 6.1% in poverty.
- White individuals, while making up a majority of the Union County population (36.3%), are underrepresented in the homeless population (9.4%). The population living in poverty comes out to be 19.5%.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

- Of the 1,026 homeless households identified during the 2024 Point-In-Time Count, 847 homeless persons stayed in emergency shelters, 103 stayed in transitional housing, and 76 were identified as unsheltered on the night of the count. When compared to 2023, increases are seen in the number of homeless respondents staying in emergency shelter (163 persons, 24%), those identified as unsheltered (25 persons, 49%) while transitional housing saw a decrease (12 persons, 10%). The 2024 Point-In-Time Count also shows that Union County has seen an overall increase of 542 identified persons (112%) from 2020 to 2024. Over this 5-year period, there was a 162% increase in persons staying in emergency shelter, 15% increase in identified unsheltered persons, and an 8% increase in transitional housing.
- The goal is to fully implement a Homeless Management Information System that will provide a more reliable count as well as information on the progress of chronic homeless persons in the Continuum of Care (CoC) system. It is likely that these numbers are conservative. Therefore, it is essential that the County focus on a strategy to eliminate chronic homelessness. Union County (receiving the largest pot of money from the State and the Federal government) takes the lead to eliminate homelessness through participation in the CEAS/Continuum of Care Committee.
- Partners in the Continuum of Care (CoC), as well as organizations and systems beyond the traditional homeless network, are utilized to identify and engage chronic homeless individuals in mainstream programs and resources.
- The County will continue to strengthen their efforts to collaborate with service providers, welfare offices, police departments, community and faith-based groups. The Point-In-Time Count and Survey is a valuable vehicle in which to partner with police departments, municipalities, faith-based organizations and others to address the plight of the chronically homeless and provide awareness to the community. Together stakeholders and communities are taking ownership of the problem in their neighborhoods. By forging these relationships, the County will continue to take the lead in engaging partners to participate in outreach and identification of local homeless residents as well as provide entry into the CoC process.

Discussion:

- The 2024 Count indicates a 24% increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness compared to 2023. In 2023, this figure had already surpassed 10,000 for the first time since 2015. The cumulative number now exceeds 12,000. These statistics underscore a convergence of various systemic changes. The COVID-19 eviction moratorium was lifted on January 1, 2022. As the court system clears through the backlog of pending cases, the resulting uptick in evictions

is translating into an increase in eviction-displaced persons and families becoming homeless. This development partly explains the rise in homelessness observed in 2023 and 2024.

- New Jersey, like the rest of the nation, is in the midst of a housing crisis. There are not enough homes affordable to those making 30% of the area's median income or less. The National Low-Income Housing Coalition's Report found that within New Jersey, there are only 30 units available for every 100 families looking for a place to call home. This means there is a shortage of 214,475 homes for extremely low-income households across the state. In much of the state, rent increases have exceeded national averages. According to the Rent Report for March 2024, prepared by rent.com, New Jersey rents increased by 6.2% year over year.
- Because this report focuses on those respondents who meet HUD's definition of homeless, it does not include information about those who may be at risk of homelessness, precariously housed, or considered homeless under other federal statutes. Persons who, on the night of the count, were living doubled up with another household, living in illegal or overcrowded units, being discharged from a jail or health facility with no subsequent residence, scheduled to be evicted, or paying for its own motel unit were not considered homeless. All survey information collected for respondents who were at risk of homelessness or precariously housed was preserved and shared with each community for local planning purposes, but is not included in this report unless otherwise noted.

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

Introduction

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

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

Elderly/Frail Elderly

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

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

- The Arc is a nonprofit agency focused on promoting and protecting the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. Intellectual disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. Generally, an IQ test score of around 70 or as high as 75 indicates a limitation in intellectual functioning.
- It is estimated that approximately 2% of the U.S. population has an intellectual or developmental disability, therefore approximately 178,00 children and adults in New Jersey have developmental disabilities. Applying this percentage to the most recent census annual

population estimates for 2020, approximately 11,500 in Union County and approximately 2,746 in the City of Elizabeth have developmental disabilities.

Persons with Mental Illness

- Individuals experiencing severe and persistent mental illness are often financially impoverished due to the long-term debilitating nature of the illness. The housing needs for this population are similar to other low- and moderate-income individuals except for an additional need for a level of counseling and case management to ensure continued stability. The National Institutes of Mental Health published reports showing 1 in 5 adults live with a mental illness (schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression or other mental health conditions) that vary in degree of severity, ranging from moderate to severe. Individuals requiring the highest level of care based on their diagnosis could require ongoing care and treatment to support recovery in the community.

Persons with Physical Disabilities

- Housing for the disabled must include a variety of options to meet the unique needs of persons with diverse types of disabilities. Service needs included housing placement, intermediate care, supported living programs, supported employment, sheltered workshops, and rental subsidies for independent living.
- Many individuals with disabilities rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for financial support. The maximum monthly SSI benefit for an individual is \$967. Finding affordable and accessible housing is often challenging.

Persons with Alcohol or Substance Misuse

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

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

- Specific information on the special needs populations identified by HUD is not available from census or CHAS data sources. The County has used data from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, The Arc, National Institutes of Mental Health, and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to estimate the number of persons in the County in the special needs population who are not homeless, but who may require supportive housing. Where possible, figures from local sources are used. Some of the consultations and data sources are discussed below.
- The Arc of Union County provides a full array of services to individuals of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities including early intervention, education, workforce development & employment services, day habilitation, residential services, life support ,

transportation services, and family supportive services. The Arc serves more than 1,000 adults and children each month from the 21 towns in Union County. ARC reported two trends in their service population. The adult population is aging which brings an increased level of medical needs. In young adults, they are seeing more challenging behaviors.

- Jewish Family Services provides senior services including nursing services, home health aides and homemakers, and services for persons suffering from dementia. With the aging of the population overall and the large baby boomer population becoming elderly, the needs for these types of services will only increase.
- United Family and Children's Society (UFCS) is a licensed mental health organization that offers outpatient mental health counseling services. Having sufficient clinical slots available is an ongoing challenge. The demand for services remains high and some clients are involved with several systems (DCPP, welfare, school district, law enforcement).
- The Union County Department of Human Services provides a variety of services and resources to persons with alcohol or substance misuse including information and referral to treatment, prevention and education efforts, and funding for non-profit providers to provide direct care. Services available in the community include: outpatient, recovery support, short-term residential, detoxification, halfway house, prevention education, early intervention, and recovery support.
- The County's Division on Aging plans, implements, and coordinates services for residents aged 60 and older and their caregivers. The Division manages 17 congregate lunch sites throughout the County serving hot lunch on weekdays, as well as arranges an array of services including home delivered meals, legal services, homeware, housekeeping, transportation, socialization/recreation, homemaking, adult day care and caregiver services, to name a few.
- The County's Personal Assistance Service Program (PASP) is a personal care assistance program that provides up to 40 hours per week of routine, non-medical personal care assistance to adults with permanent physical disabilities who are 18 years of age or older, who are employed, preparing for employment, attending school or involved in community volunteer work and who are able to self-direct their own services. The goal of this program is to support individuals with physical disabilities so that they can remain active in their community.

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

- The state of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has developed a reporting system for HIV/AIDS cases. Data is available at the state, county, and municipal levels. The latest available data is current as of June 30, 2021. There were 4,794 persons in Union County that had AIDS and 1,766 persons that had HIV or related diseases. However, 2,560 of these cases were in City of Elizabeth. Other cities reporting more than 100 cases included Plainfield (1,281), Rahway (490), Linden (385), Union Township (384), Roselle (357) and Hillside (350).
- The Newark EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council (NEMA) plans for the development, implementation and continual improvement of the health care and treatment services for

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

If the PJ will establish a preference for a HOME TBRA activity for persons with a specific category of disabilities (e.g., persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness), describe their unmet need for housing and services needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2) (ii))

The County is exploring the use of HOME and/or HOME-ARP funding to subsidize newly constructed affordable housing for homeless veterans.

Discussion:

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

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

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

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

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

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

How were these needs determined?

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

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

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

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

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

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

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

How were these needs determined?

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

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Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

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

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

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

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

How were these needs determined?

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

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

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

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

Union County is a highly urbanized and densely populated County located in the northeast portion of New Jersey. Comprised of 102.8 square miles, and 21 municipalities, the County is located within the New York Metropolitan Region and along the Boston-Washington Corridor. This area is known for having the heaviest concentration of population and industry in the nation. Union County is one of the most densely populated counties in America. The population density was approximately 5,573.1 people per square mile according to 2023 ACS 1-Year Estimates.

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

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

Union County is part of the Newark Housing Market Area (HMA), which consists of Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Union Counties in New Jersey and Pike County in Pennsylvania. The current population of the HMA is estimated at 2.49 million (Census 2020). HUD completed a Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis for the HMA in March 2021 and made the following observations:

- Four nonfarm payroll sectors significantly contribute to the local economy. The largest of these is the professional and business services sector, which makes up approximately 20 percent of all nonfarm payroll jobs in the HMA. Additionally, the education and health services sector accounts for 16 percent of jobs in the HMA, whereas the wholesale and retail trade and government sectors each make up 15 percent of jobs in the HMA.
- The Newark Liberty International Airport, on the boundary between the cities of Elizabeth and Newark, has been a major contributor to the economy of the HMA. Employment at the airport is across various sectors, including the transportation and utilities, the wholesale and retail trade, the leisure and hospitality, and the government sectors. The airport supports approximately 23,000 employees who served more than 49 million passengers traveling through it in 2023. The airport contributed about \$11.3 billion in economic activity to the New York/New Jersey region, including \$3.3 billion in wages and salaries for approximately 110,000 jobs derived from airport activity.

- Rental housing market conditions in the Newark HMA are slightly soft, with the overall rental vacancy rate estimated at 2.5 percent 2023 ACS 1-Year Estimates down from the 2021 rental vacancy rate of 7.4 percent (Table 38). The unit mix of occupied rental housing has changed little since 2010. Rental construction activity has remained elevated since 2012. For 2023, approximately 2,000 rental units were permitted, a decline of 50, or 2.5 percent, from the 2,050 units permitted during the previous for 2021. An estimated 23.3 percent of renter households resided in buildings with two to four units in 2023, down from 34 percent in 2019, while 20.8 percent of renter households resided in developments with five or more units, down from 49 percent in 2010.

The overall housing market is tight with a 2.5 overall rental vacancy rate for 2023, down from a vacancy rate of 4.1 percent for 2020. The current apartment vacancy rate in the HMA is 2.9 percent (2023 ACS 1-Year Estimates) down from the first-quarter high of 5.7 percent during 2010. The apartment rent for 2023 averaged \$1,764 up from \$1,462 in 2020: a 20.1% increase.

MA-10 Housing Market Analysis: Number of Housing Units - 91,410, 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

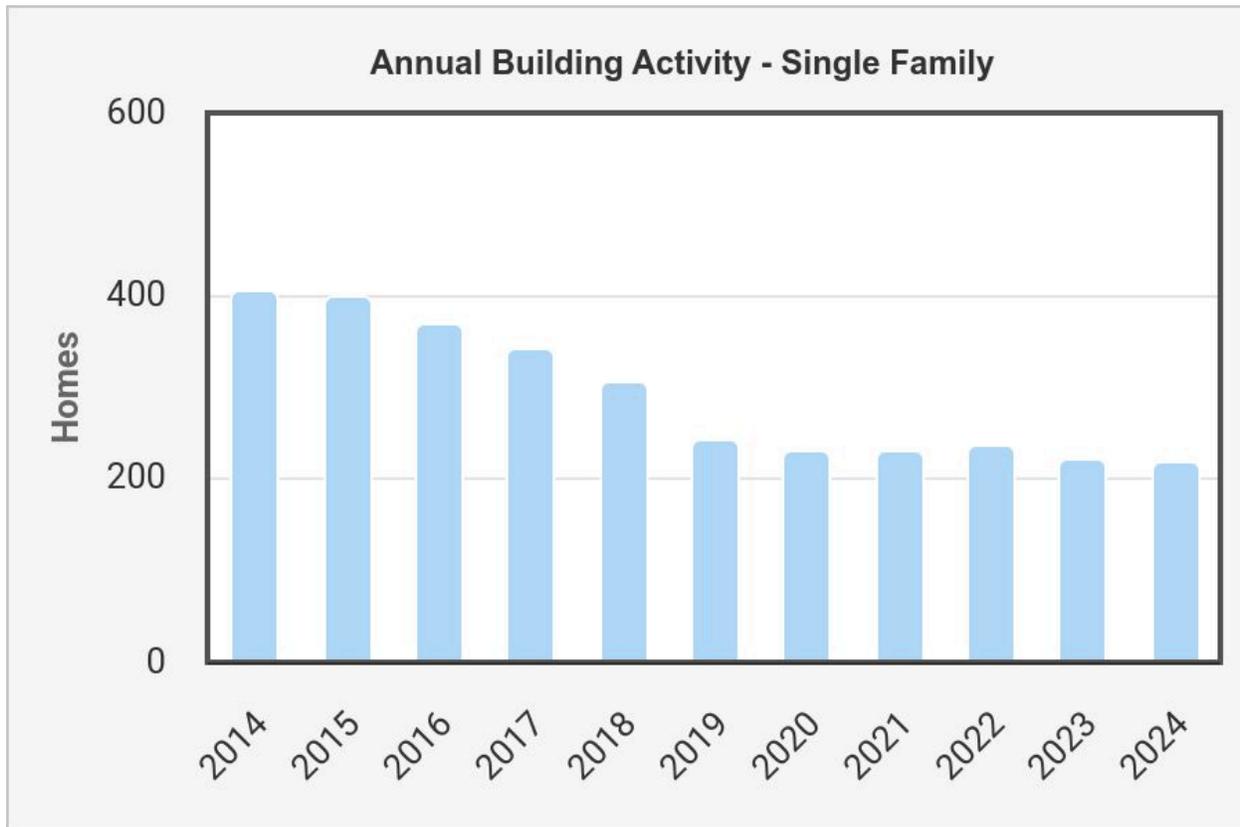
The municipalities within the County offer a variety of housing choices from suburban single-family neighborhoods to large apartment and condominium developments in urban centers.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	97,870	62%
1-unit, attached structure	7,370	5%
2-4 units	28,614	18%
5-19 units	8,834	6%
20 or more units	14,458	9%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	545	0%
Total	157,691	100%

Table 28 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

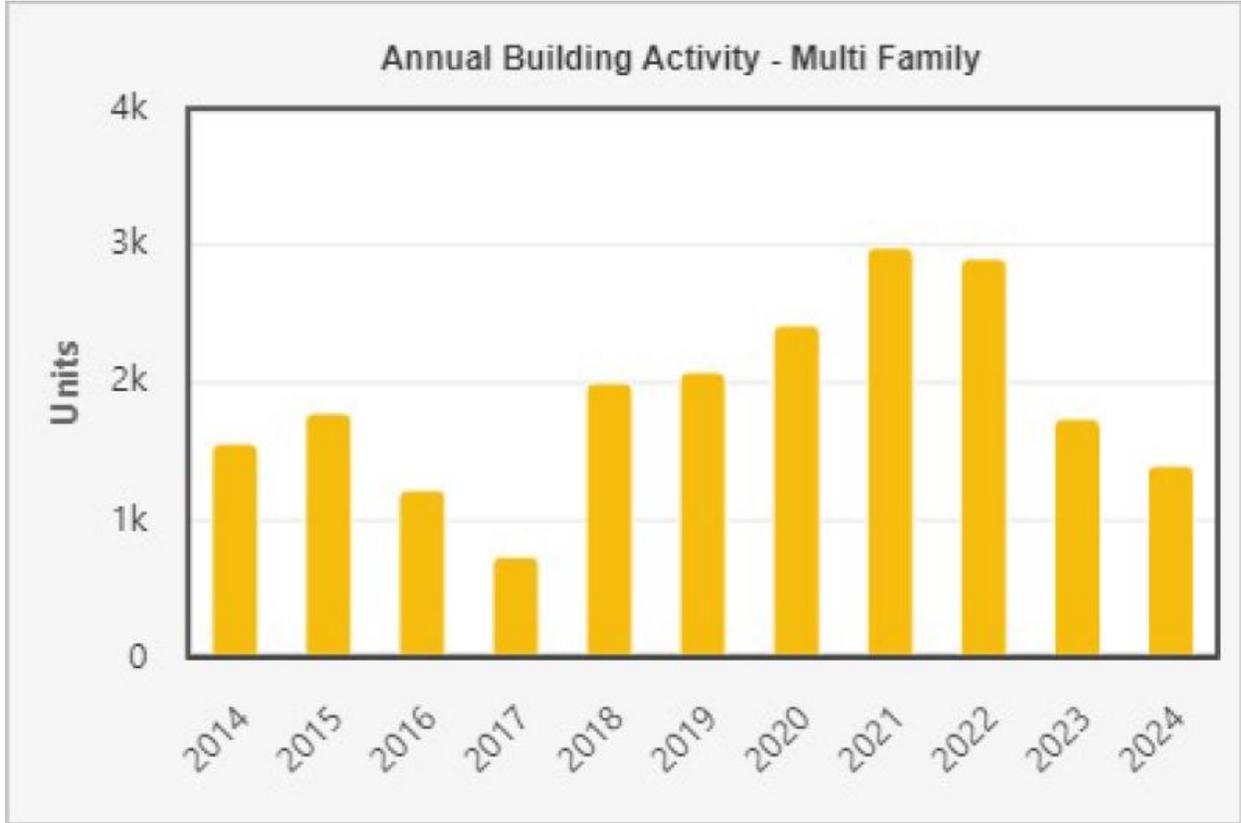


Single Family Permits

Single Family Permits

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

Note: Data for 2024 is preliminary, through November 2024



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

Note: Data for 2024 is preliminary, through November 2024

Multi Family Permits

Final Summary - Fourth Round (2025-35) Obligations by Municipality

County Subdivision FPS Code	DCA Municipality	Municipality	County	Region	Present Need		Prospective Need									
					Present Need	Qualified Urban Aid Municipality	Equalized Nonresident al Valuation Factor	Land Capacity Factor	Income Capacity Factor	Average Allocation Factor	Prospective Need	Prospective Need >1,000?	Total Households (2020 Census)	Subject to 1,000/20% Cap? (P/N > 1,000 or P/N > 20% of Occ. Reg)	Cap	Prospective Need Obligation with 1,000/20% Cap
3.4E+09 2001	Berkeley Heights township	Union	2	0	0	1.10%	1.17%	1.76%	1.34%	275	0	4,484	0	897	275	275
3.4E+09 2002	Clark township	Union	2	71	0	1.33%	0.09%	1.01%	0.81%	166	0	5,919	0	1,000	166	237
3.4E+09 2003	Cranford township	Union	2	204	0	1.42%	0.62%	1.88%	1.31%	268	0	8,891	0	1,000	268	472
3.4E+09 2004	Elizabeth city	Union	2	3,132	1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	46,314	0	1,000	0	3,132
3.4E+09 2005	Farwood borough	Union	2	0	0	0.30%	0.03%	1.26%	0.53%	109	0	2,725	0	545	109	109
3.4E+09 2006	Garwood borough	Union	2	31	0	0.64%	0.01%	0.52%	0.39%	80	0	1,620	0	384	80	111
3.4E+09 2007	Hillside township	Union	2	224	1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	7,517	0	1,000	0	224
3.4E+09 2008	Kearlwort's borough	Union	2	35	0	2.47%	0.09%	0.49%	1.01%	208	0	2,532	0	586	208	243
3.4E+09 2009	Linden city	Union	2	298	0	9.75%	0.74%	1.02%	3.84%	787	0	15,609	0	1,000	787	1,085
3.4E+09 2010	Mountainside borough	Union	2	120	0	0.94%	0.49%	1.07%	0.83%	171	0	2,399	0	480	171	291
3.4E+09 2011	New Providence borough	Union	2	20	0	1.33%	0.23%	1.50%	1.02%	210	0	5,071	0	1,000	210	230
3.4E+09 2012	Mainfield city	Union	2	1,346	1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	16,306	0	1,000	0	1,346
3.4E+09 2013	Rahway city	Union	2	98	1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	11,544	0	1,000	0	98
3.4E+09 2014	Roselle borough	Union	2	380	1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0	8,008	0	1,000	0	380
3.4E+09 2015	Roselle Park borough	Union	2	78	0	0.42%	0.04%	0.64%	0.37%	75	0	5,213	0	1,000	75	153
3.4E+09 2016	Scotch Plains township	Union	2	53	0	0.61%	0.68%	2.29%	1.19%	244	0	8,807	0	1,000	244	297
3.4E+09 2017	Springfield township	Union	2	53	0	2.07%	0.72%	1.37%	1.39%	284	0	6,620	0	1,000	284	337
3.4E+09 2018	Summit city	Union	2	59	0	2.71%	0.24%	2.10%	1.68%	345	0	7,905	0	1,000	345	404
3.4E+09 2019	Union township	Union	2	317	0	5.83%	0.56%	2.18%	2.86%	585	0	20,672	0	1,000	585	902
3.4E+09 2020	Westfield town	Union	2	0	0	2.08%	0.71%	3.02%	1.94%	397	0	10,622	0	1,000	397	397
3.4E+09 2021	Winfield township	Union	2	8	0	0.00%	0.05%	0.10%	0.05%	11	0	692	0	138	11	19
TOTAL					6,508						4,215		200,372		4,215	10,723

DCA October 2024 Affordable Housing Obligations Calculation

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	130	0%	3,319	7%
1 bedroom	2,465	2%	14,860	31%
2 bedrooms	12,410	12%	17,510	37%
3 or more bedrooms	87,210	85%	12,215	25%
Total	102,215	99%	47,904	100%

Table 29 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

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

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

properties are located within Elizabeth. Approximately one third of the 3,157 Section 8 units are within Elizabeth, as well as 1,136 of the 2,587 tax credit units. Ten towns (10), excluding the City of Elizabeth, have Section 8 subsidized housing properties.

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

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program provides a variety of financial assistance to developers and owners of rental properties to provide affordable housing opportunities. The units developed under this program are not administered by the County. The developers and property managers of assisted properties have contractual agreements directly with HUD. In exchange for mortgage assistance, the rental properties pledge to make a certain number of units affordable for the contract period. Once the contract period is over, the project owner has no obligation to maintain the units as affordable and can rent the units at the market rate which would result in a loss of housing affordability within the County. Of the 3,634 units currently assisted, the contractual affordability periods on 605 of those units will expire by the end of the Consolidated Plan.

In addition, a total of 2,587 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units have been placed in service within the County. Most LIHTC properties in New Jersey are subject to a minimum 30 year affordability period, which is composed of a 15 year compliance period plus a 15 year extended use period. During the extended use period, the property owner may request a termination of the affordability period. The New Jersey HMFA has the opportunity to find a buyer who is willing to maintain the property as affordable housing. If they cannot find a buyer, the extended period is over and the housing is no longer subject to the affordability requirements of the LIHTC program. There are approximately 1,510 LIHTC units in the County's jurisdiction that were placed into service before 2005 that may be eligible for termination of the affordability requirements.

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

In terms of quantity, the current supply of owner-occupied housing currently meets the needs of the existing populations. Given the age of the housing stock, there will be on-going need for repair, rehabilitation, and in some cases reconstruction of the existing stock. The currently available rental housing units, as evidenced by the low vacancy rates and the shrinking number of units available for rent, points to a greater demand for rental units. Fair market rents have increased substantially over the last five years for all unit sizes. Housing costs in general for both renters and owners have become a larger percentage of the household budget, especially since the pandemic.

In 1975, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that each municipality has a constitutional obligation to provide a realistic opportunity for the construction of their fair share of affordable housing. The NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) was required under the recently updated law to perform and publish non-binding calculations of each municipality's present and prospective need for affordable housing by October 20, 2024.

The statewide total present need according to DCA's calculations is 65,410, with an average of 116 per municipality. The DCA calculates the statewide prospective need to be 84,698 with an average of 150 per municipality. With adjustments made for the 1,000/20% prospective need obligation cap DCA calculates the statewide total is 80,798 with an average of 143 per municipality.

There is a table listing of each Union County municipality's calculated present and prospective affordable housing needs along with other data . It is important to note that the DCA calculations are non-binding. Each municipality is required to adopt its obligations through binding resolution by January 31, 2025

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

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

Discussion

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

Introduction

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

Population projections for the County were conducted by the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority in 2015 and were projected out to 2050. Overall, the County is projected to add 2,967 persons, or about 993 households, on an annual basis over that time. All communities are projected to add population, ranging in annualized growth rate from 0.3% to 0.8%. The two largest communities, Elizabeth and Union Township are expected to see the largest gains in population, 30,026 and 11,298 respectively.

The primary indicator for demand for owner occupied housing is the sales price. The median price is the price at which half the units would sell for less and half of the units would sell for more. The median home price increased over 40% from a base year of 2019 which equates to a \$152,700 increase in median home prices.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2019	Most Recent Year: 2023	% Change
Median Home Value	380,100	532,800	40%
Median Contract Rent	1,591	1,744	10%

Table 30 – Cost of Housing

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ACS Data

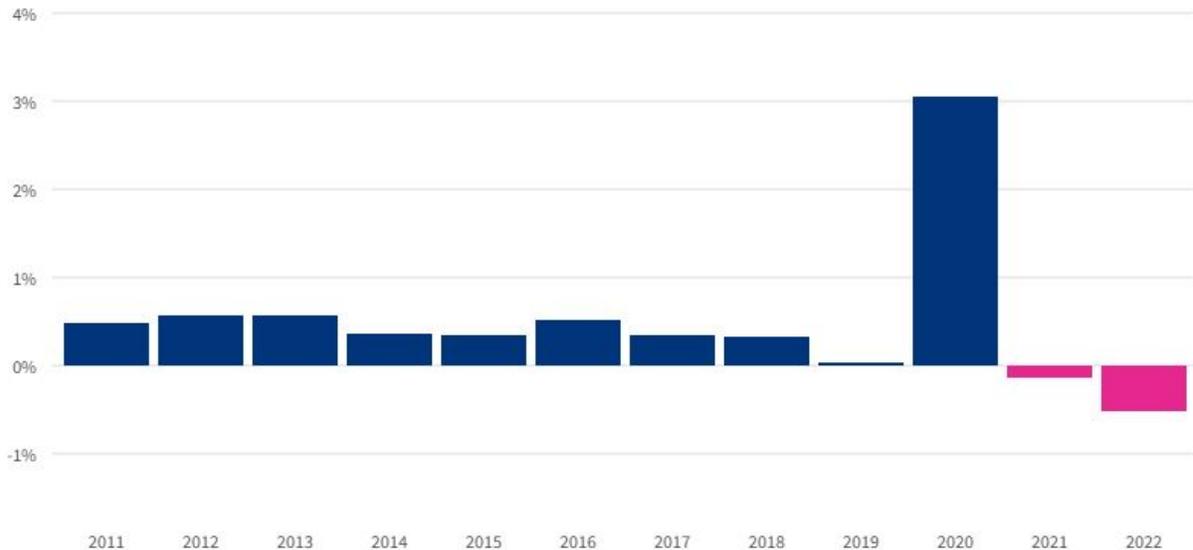
Data Source Comments: 2019 ACS (base year), 2023 ACS 1-Year Estimates

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	5,340	11.2%
\$500-999	7,098	14.8%
\$1,000-1,499	19,107	39.9%
\$1,500-1,999	10,218	21.3%
\$2,000 or more	6,104	12.7%
Total	47,867	99.9%

Table 31 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Annual population change in Union County



Annual Population Change - Union County

Housing Affordability

Number of Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	3,445	No Data
50% HAMFI	8,134	1,684
80% HAMFI	26,172	11,964
100% HAMFI	No Data	23,047
Total	37,751	36,695

Table 32 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	1,129	1,338	1,606	2,038	2,394
High HOME Rent	1,042	1,188	1,447	1,728	1,908
Low HOME Rent	881	943	1,132	1,308	1,458

Table 33 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

The FY 2025 Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area FMRs for All Bedroom Sizes

Final FY 2025 & Final FY 2024 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms					
Year	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
FY 2025 FMR	\$1,551	\$1,768	\$2,140	\$2,695	\$3,065
FY 2024 FMR	\$1,379	\$1,590	\$1,916	\$2,424	\$2,800

Union County, NJ is part of the Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area, which consists of the following counties: Essex County, NJ; Morris County, NJ; Sussex County, NJ; and Union County, NJ. All information here applies to the entirety of the Newark, NJ HUD Metro FMR Area.

FY 2025 Newark Metro Area - Fair Market Rents

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

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

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

If populations continue to grow as projected, the price of all housing will increase and affordability will become a greater challenge for both renters and owners. The entire county is a high cost area where ownership of housing is out of reach for most households below 80% of area median income without some type of financial assistance.

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

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

It is difficult to compare HOME rents and Fair Market Rents (which are gross rents that include tenant paid utilities) and the median contract rent data from the latest ACS (that do not include tenant paid utilities). In terms of impact on strategies, the HOME rents and Fair Market Rents are both too high to be considered affordable to most low-income renters. In order to afford a 2-bedroom unit at fair market rent, a household would need an annual wage of \$79,889 up from \$50,760 in 2020. The area median rent is on average approximately \$200 - \$400 more per unit than County fair market rents depending on number of bedrooms.

Discussion

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

Introduction

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

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

The most recent available data for the age of housing units from the American Community Survey shows 81% of the housing units in Union County, excluding City of Elizabeth, were built before 1980 and is more than 40 years old. The need for major housing repairs (roof, window, siding replacement) begins when housing is approximately 30 years of age. Major rehabilitation projects are common. Utility and maintenance costs are generally higher with older housing. Lead-based paint hazards may exist in housing built before 1978.

There are 160,020 owner occupied housing units and of that 130,504 were built before 1980. Of the condition or rental housing of the 52,419 rental housing units 36,525 were built prior to 1980.

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

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

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	31,510	31%	22,059	46%
With two selected Conditions	659	1%	1,614	3%
With three selected Conditions	120	0%	125	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	69,880	68%	24,140	50%
Total	102,169	100%	47,938	99%

Table 34 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Housing Problems Overview 1	Owner	Renter	Total
Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems	37,010	43,805	80,815
Household has none of 4 Housing Problems OR cost burden not available, no other problems	78,500	39,190	117,690
Total	115,510	82,995	198,505
Severe Housing Problems Overview 2	Owner	Renter	Total
Household has at least 1 of 4 Severe Housing Problems	17,340	26,060	43,400
Household has none of 4 Severe Housing Problems OR cost burden not available, no other problems	98,170	56,940	155,110
Total	115,510	82,995	198,505

Condition of Units
Condition of Units

1. The four housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1 person per room, and cost burden greater than 30%.
2. The four severe housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1 person per room, and cost burden greater than 50%.

CHAS Data: 2017-2021 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	4,569	4%	5,567	12%
1980-1999	6,720	7%	7,536	16%
1950-1979	51,190	50%	19,312	40%
Before 1950	39,720	39%	15,490	32%
Total	102,199	100%	47,905	100%

Table 35 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	90,910	89%	34,802	73%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	3,792	4%	1,958	4%

Table 36 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

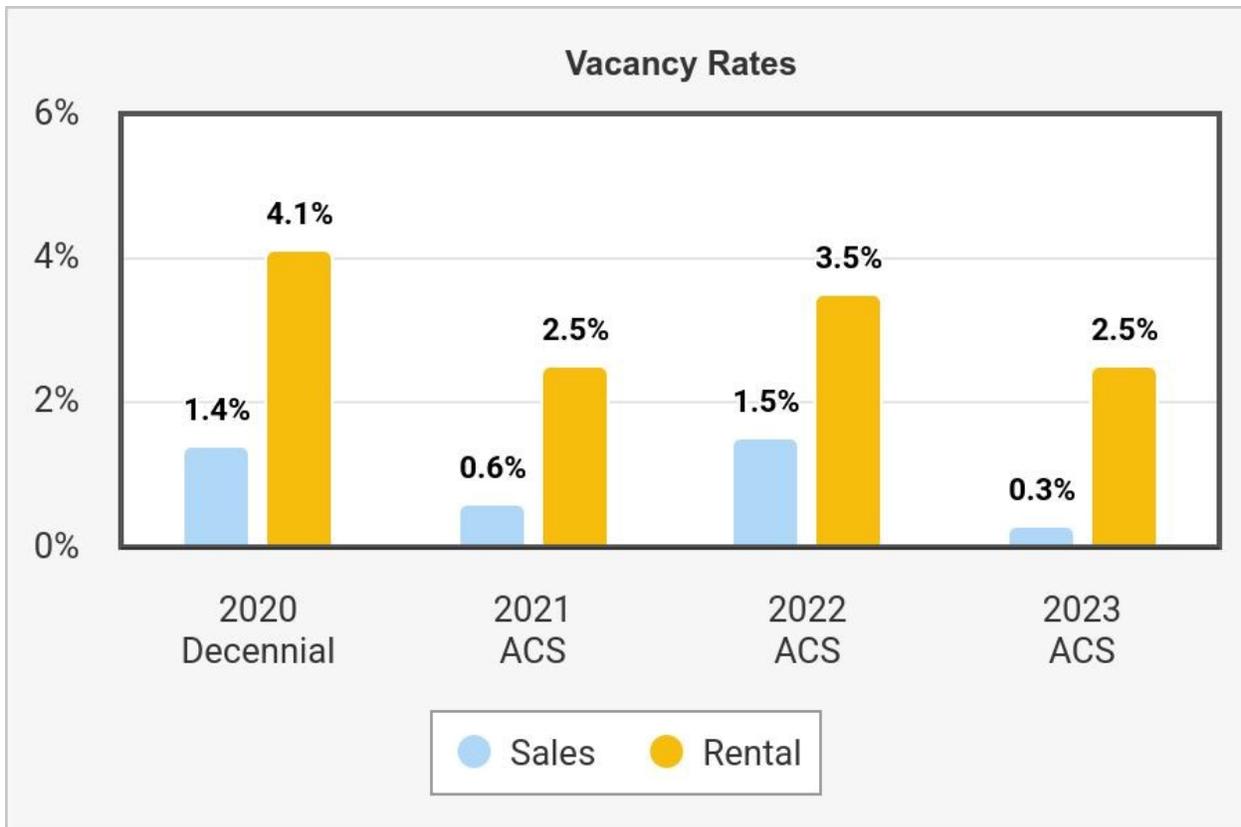
Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS (Total Units) 2016-2020 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

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

Table 37 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS



Vacancy Graph

Housing Inventory by Tenure				
	2020 Decennial	2021 ACS	2022 ACS	2023 ACS
Total Housing Units	209,908	211,071	211,906	213,603
Occupied	200,372	201,392	202,575	206,095
Owners	113,100	115,020	115,513	121,379
% Owners	56.4	57.1	57.0	58.9
Renters	87,272	86,372	87,062	84,716
% Renters	43.6	42.9	43.0	41.1
Total Vacant	9,536	9,679	9,331	7,508
Available for Sale	1,634	671	1,731	350
Available for Rent	3,700	2,204	3,171	2,153
Other Vacant	4,202	6,804	4,429	5,005

Data Source: 2020 Census; 2021, 2022 and 2023 American Community Surveys (1 - Year)

Housing Inventory by Tenure

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

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

Housing built before 1980 can be used as a proxy for housing that potentially contain lead-based paint hazards as lead-paint was banned in 1979. Based on the information above, there are 90,910 owner-occupied units and 34,802 rental units with potential lead-based paint threats.

Lead paint contamination is a major concern. It's hard to calculate the extend of the lead hazard. Of the 160,020 owner occupied housing units a 130,504 (81%) were built before 1980. Of the condition or rental housing of the 52,419 rental housing units 36,525 (70%) were built prior to 1980.

Discussion

Vacant Unit numbers are the correct amount; not default

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

Introduction

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

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

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available			946	3,466		3,466	22	0	40
# of accessible units			0						
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 38 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:

Union County

Data Source Comments:

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

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

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

Linden Housing Authority owns one building. It is Ann Ferguson Towers, which consists of 200 units (120 studios and 80 one-BR apartments). It serves seniors and the disabled. The LHA has had a management agreement with The Linden Housing Corp to manage Murowski Towers (150 units, 90 of which are occupied), and with the Mongil Corp., which owns John T. Gregorio Towers (75 units). Recently both corporations moved to terminate the management agreements, and the LHA filed a lawsuit that is pending.

Rahway Housing Authority has 112 Family Units and 160 Senior Units (Walter Schaffhauser 40 units, Clifford Case Apartments 40 units, J.F. Kennedy 80 units). The Family site is currently involved in a RAD/Section 18 redevelopment. 58 units will be demolished in July of 2025 and rebuilt. HMFA, UPP and LIHTC are being utilized. The remaining 54 units are a Phase II project and will not begin until the Phase I project is completed. The Senior properties are all in good condition. There will be some upcoming re-roofing projects at all three of those sites. The most recent rehab projects were newly renovated H/C units, new security doors, intercom systems and rehabilitated elevators for the seniors.

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

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Linden - Ann J Feruson Towers - 1601 Dill Avenue	83
Linden - John T. Gregorio Towers	90
Linden - Murawski Towers	92
Plainfield - Elmwood Gardens - 532 W 2nd Street	85
Plainfield - Richmond Towers - 510 E Front Street	79
Plainfield - Joanne Hollis Gardens - 518 W 4th Street	70
Rahway - Glendenning Homes - 165 E Grand Avenue	79
Rahway - JF Kennedy - 224 W Grand Avenue	78
Summit - 1-6 Glenwood (No score for RAD Demonstration)	0
Summit - 2 Weaver Street (no score for RAD Demonstration)	0
Summit - Vito Gallow - 12 Chestnut Avenue (No score RAD Demonstration)	0

Table 39 - Public Housing Condition

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

Plainfield Housing Authority

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

Linden Housing Authority

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

The ability to invest in and upgrade apartments has been very limited. Basic requirements, such as painting, replacing appliances, intense maintenance has been the priority.

Rahway Housing Authority

Rahway Housing Authority owns and manages four properties: Clifford Case, Glendenning, JF Kennedy, and Schaffhauser. The properties are well maintained. The Family site is currently involved in a RAD/Section 18 redevelopment. 58 units will be demolished in July of 2025 and rebuilt. HMFA, UPP and LIHTC are being utilized. The remaining 54 units are a Phase II project and will not begin until the Phase I project is completed. Elevators at Clifford Case and Schaffhauser were renovated, new security doors and intercom systems were installed, and 4 H/C units were renovated with partial funding from the Union County CDBG Program. Multiple units were turned over with new kitchens and baths. 2 buildings are undergoing modernization at the J.F. Kennedy site and will serve as housing for the families being temporarily relocated from Phase I of the Family Site.

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

Summit Housing Authority

The Summit Housing Authority owns and manages three properties: the Vito Gallo Building, 2 Weaver Street, and 1–6 Glenwood Place. While our maintenance team excels at general upkeep, the age of the units means several capital improvements will be necessary within the next five years. These include, but are not limited to: concrete and parking lot repairs at all sites; roof replacements at two properties (a total of 10 roofs); replacement of the fire suppression system at our senior building; and stair replacement at one building.

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

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

Plainfield Housing Authority

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

Linden Housing Authority

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

Rahway Housing Authority

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

Summit Housing Authority

Summit Housing Authority believes improving the following will assist the living environment of low and moderate income families: overall maintenance of properties, concrete repairs, parking lot upgrades and tree work.

Discussion:

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

Introduction

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

Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	156	32	236	260	0
Households with Only Adults	155	15	60	231	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	23	0
Veterans	0	0	18	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	20	0	0

Table 40 - Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

Data Source Comments: 2024 Housing Inventory Counts

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

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

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

- The below listed facilities meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals through in-house programs that target this population. Services include but are not limited to: emergency shelter; meals for shelter residents; street outreach; linkages to community, employment/education service, entitlement and workforce development programs; rapid re-housing case management services; behavioral health counseling for substance abuse and/or mental health; rapid re-housing cash assistance for rent/utilities; homelessness prevention case management services, homelessness prevention cash assistance for rent/utilities; transitional housing; and permanent supportive housing. All services provided to homeless persons promote self-sufficiency.
- For a complete, detailed listing of all agencies and services that address homelessness, refer to the County Homeless Services Resource Directory, which can be viewed at the County's Department of Human Services website: <https://ucnj.org/dhs/ohhcoc>
- OUTREACHBridgeway
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
- PREVENTIONCatholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark
Central Jersey Legal Services
Community Health Law Project
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Plainfield Action Services
PROCEED, Inc

The Salvation Army – Elizabeth
Urban League of Union County, Inc.

- EMERGENCY SHELTERCommunity Access Unlimited Youth Shelter
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Family Promise – Union County
The Gateway Family YMCA
The Salvation Army – Elizabeth
YWCA Union County (domestic violence)
- TRANSITIONAL HOUSINGCommunity Access Unlimited
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
PROCEED, Inc.
Raphael's Life House
The Gateway Family YMCA
- PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
Covenant House NJ
Community Access Unlimited
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc
Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity
Volunteers of America
The Gateway Family YMCA
YWCA Union County (domestic violence)

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

Introduction

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

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

Substance Misuse: According to the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in 2023, there were 82,176 treatment admissions reported to DHS/DMHAS by substance treatment providers. In Union County, 3,440 persons were admitted to treatment for substance misuse in 2023. Alcohol (40%) and heroin (32%) accounted for the largest number of admissions, followed by marijuana (10%), cocaine (8%), and other opiates (7%).

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

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

The County proposes to support the following programs & projects in the FY 2025. These projects are projected to renovate two facilities that serve persons with special needs & assist 23 social service programs. The County estimates these programs will benefit approximately 15,000 individuals w/special needs. The Arc of Union County is granted preliminary \$26,000 for 2025-2026 as well as the Cerebral Palsy League receiving \$25,000 in funds.

Facility Improvements

- ARC Residential Improvements-ADA Improvements
- Cerebral Palsy League-ADA Accessible Transportation Shelter
- Kenilworth Senior Center-Window Replacement

- Roselle Borough Hall - First Floor Bathrooms ADA Improvements
- Summit Senior Housing -Fire Pump Replacement
- Scotch Plains Senior Housing Corp - Window Replacements
- Westfield Area YMCA - ADA Bathroom & Shower Renovations
- Hillside Senior Center - Generators Upgrades
- Plainfield - Boys and Girls Club of Union County - ADA Mobility Lift

Social Services

- Berkeley Heights Senior Citizen Public Services Program
- Clark Senior Citizen Public Services Program
- Union County Recreation Program for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs
- Catholic Charities Child Protective Services
- Cranford Senior Citizen Public Services Program
- Family Promise
- Garwood Senior Citizen Public Services Program
- Hillside Senior Citizen Public Services & Health Care Program
- Kenilworth Senior Citizen Public Services Transportation & Health Program
- Mountainside Senior Citizen Public Services Program
- New Providence Senior Citizen Public Service & High Risk Health Care Program
- Plainfield Shut In Council - Family Program
- Plainfield Seniors Citizen Public Services Program - Seniors on the Move
- Urban League of UC - Reentry Reconnections & Job Programs for Plainfield
- Vision & Pathways - Independent Living Skills
- Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry - City of Plainfield Corps - Hygiene Pantry
- Rahway Senior Citizen Public Services Program
- Roselle Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program
- Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program
- Springfield Senior Citizens Transportation Program
- The Arc of Union County, Inc. - Behavioral Health Program
- Summit Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program
- Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program
- Child Focus - County Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, NJ
- The Gateway Family YMCA - Dudley House Veterans & Seniors Program
- Visions & Pathways - Education & Career Program
- The Arc of Union County - Automated External Defibrillators
- Winfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program

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

The following will be provided funds:

Facility Improvements

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- Winfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program

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

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

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

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

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

Introduction

The economy of the Newark HMA has four nonfarm payroll sectors that significantly contribute to the local economy. The largest of these is the professional and business services sector, which makes up approximately 19.6 percent (19.6%) of all nonfarm payrolls in the HMA. During the 12 months ending October 2024, nonfarm payrolls in this sector decreased by 2,500 jobs, or 1.0 percent (1.0%), compared with the previous 12-month period. Additionally, the education and health services, trade, transportation, and utilities, and government sectors account for 16.7 (16.7%), 19.6 (19.6%), and 13.8 (13.8%) percent of all nonfarm payrolls, respectively.

Education and Health Services Sector

Job growth in the Newark HMA continues to be the strongest in the education and health services sector, which increased by an average of 11,000 jobs, or 11 percent (11%), in the twelve month period ending October 2024. Similar to national trends, a majority of the growth in this sector during this period was in the health care and social assistance industry, which was up by an average of 37,567 jobs, or 1.4 percent, annually. Job gains within this industry were largely attributed to a rise in the number of small healthcare facilities. Compared with 2010, the number of establishments in the health care and social assistance industry is up nearly 21.8 percent. **Government Sector**

The government sector is also a major part of the economy of the HMA, but payrolls in the sector have generally declined since 2008. During the 12 month ending October 2024, nonfarm payrolls in the sector increased by 4,4,600 jobs, or 2.6 percent. Within the government sector is Newark Liberty International Airport, which is one of the largest employers in the HMA with approximately 23,000 employees. In June 2017, a \$2.7 billion redevelopment project, known as Terminal One, began at the airport. The project added a new 33-gate terminal to the airport and was completed in 2022. Terminal One is expected to create more than 23,000 jobs and generate \$4.6 billion in economic activity in the New York/New Jersey region (The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey).

Professional, Scientific and Management, and Administrative Services Sector

Jobs have been added at the fastest pace in the HMA, especially from 2010 through 2023, in the **Professional, Scientific and Management, and Administrative Services** sector. During this thirteen-year period, nonfarm payrolls in the sector increased by an average of 30,189 jobs, or 2.01 percent, annually.

Leisure and Hospitality Sector

For the period 2010 to 2023, the Leisure and Hospitality Sector created 79,159 jobs representing a 11.01% increase from 2010. During the twelve-month period ending October 2024, the Leisure and Hospitality Sector lost 2,200 jobs down 2.1 percent (2.1%).

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	134	65	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	14,060	12,316	10	10	0
Construction	6,711	8,264	5	7	2
Education and Health Care Services	28,174	26,654	20	21	1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	14,818	8,594	10	7	-3
Information	4,519	1,335	3	1	-2
Manufacturing	10,109	15,161	7	12	5
Other Services	6,728	7,359	5	6	1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	20,686	14,335	15	11	-4
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	16,877	17,456	12	14	2
Transportation and Warehousing	9,894	5,287	7	4	-3
Wholesale Trade	8,907	9,922	6	8	2
Total	141,617	126,748	--	--	--

Table 41 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS (Workers), 2020 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Largest Non-Government Businesses in Union County by Employment

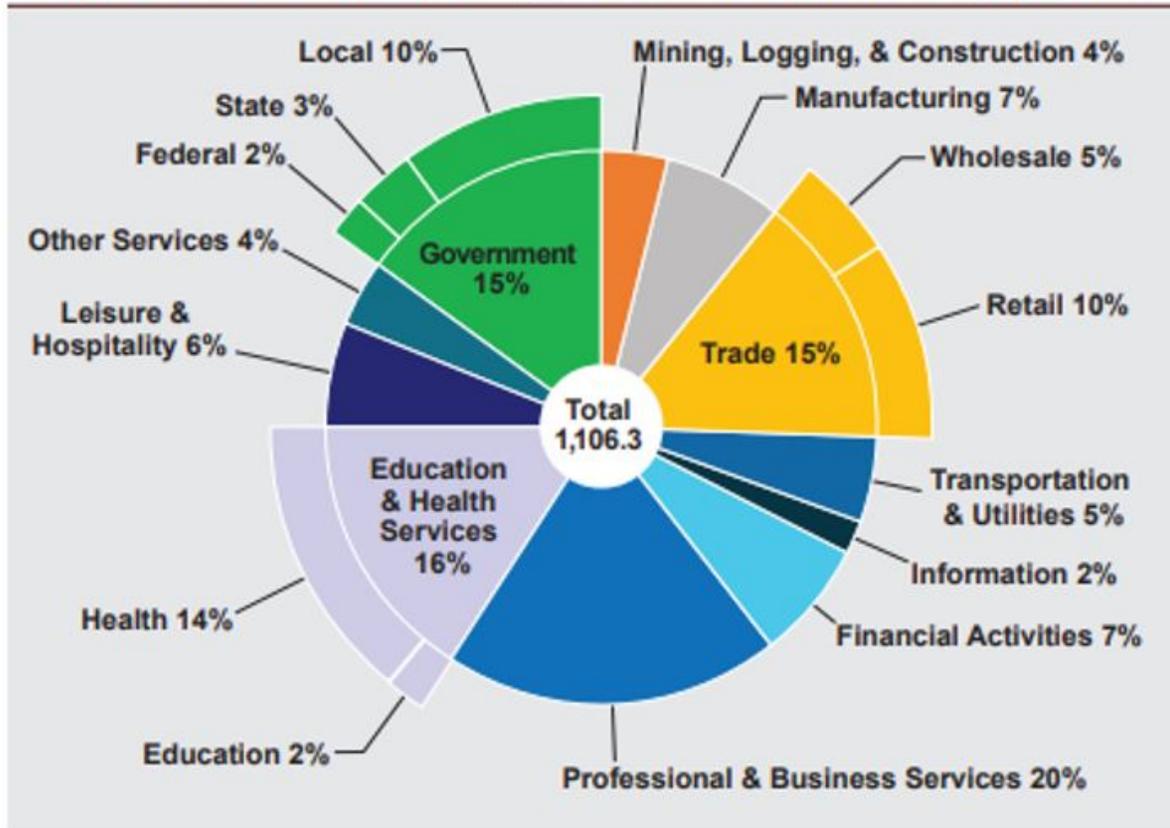
Firm	Location	Nature of Business	Employees
Merck & Co.	Kenilworth & Rahway	Pharmaceuticals	6,000
Overlook Hospital	Summit	Hospital	5,000
Trinitas Regional Medical Center	Elizabeth	Hospital	3,000
Blue Apron	Linden	Meal Service	2,343
Nokia	New Providence	Telecommunication	1,800
Phillips 66 Bayway	Linden	Refinery	800
Summit Medical Group	Various locations	Medical Practice	1,000

Source: UCEDC Major Employers Report, 2022

Please Note: The number of employees shown above is approximate.

Largest Non-Government Businesses in Union County by Employment 2022

Figure 1. Share of Nonfarm Payroll Jobs in the Newark HMA, by Sector



Notes: Total nonfarm payroll is in thousands. Percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. Based on 12-month averages through February 2021. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Share of Nonfarm Payroll Jobs in Newark HMA by Sector

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	199,598
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	187,965
Unemployment Rate	5.83
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	21.74
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.77

Table 42 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

	3-Month Average			3-Month Year-Over-Year Change			
	October 2022	October 2023	October 2024	October 2022 to October 2023		October 2023 to October 2024	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor Force	289,936	295,136	295,460	5,200	1.8	324	0.1
Resident Employment	280,355	280,423	280,933	68	0	510	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	5	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	June 2022	June 2023	June 2024	June 2022 to June 2023		June 2023 to June 2024	
QCEW Employment	227,885	230,614	230,943	2,729	1.2	329	0.1

Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force ÷ Unemployment 3 Month Average 2022-2024

BASELINE SOFT SKILLS, SOFTWARE SKILLS, SPECIALIZED SKILLS MOST REQUESTED

Baseline ('Soft') Skills Most Requested:		Software Skills Most Requested		Specialized Skills Most Requested	
Skills (Baseline)	Job Postings	Software Skills	Job Postings	Skills (Specialized)	Job Postings
Communication Skills	41.0%	Microsoft Office Suite	46.9%	Customer Service	19.0%
Teamwork / Collaboration	25.8%	SQL	3.5%	Scheduling	15.1%
Planning	19.9%	Python	2.8%	Sales	10.7%
Organizational Skills	19.1%	SAP	2.6%	Project Management	8.9%
Problem Solving	16.3%	Java	2.5%	Retail Industry Knowledge	8.0%
Detail-Oriented	15.3%	Software Development	2.4%	Customer Contact	7.7%
Microsoft Excel	15.2%	Software Engineering	2.2%	Budgeting	7.6%
Microsoft Office	14.1%	Oracle	1.8%	Quality Assurance and Control	6.6%
Physical Abilities	12.6%	JavaScript	1.5%	Cleaning	6.5%
Computer Literacy	12.2%	Scrum	1.5%	Repair	6.3%

Baseline Soft Skills, Software Skills, Specialized Skills Most Requested

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	56,910

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	7,228
Service	14,724
Sales and office	42,045
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	12,320
Production, transportation and material moving	10,230

Table 43 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Employment by Industry, 2020

	Number	Percent
TOTAL	181,653	
Health Care	29,676	16.0
Retail Trade	26,336	14.5
Public Sector	29,007	16.0
Manufacturing	18,185	10.0
Administrative/Support	15,167	8.3
Professional/Technical	15,387	8.5
Wholesale Trade	10,562	5.8
Construction	9,142	5.0
Finance/Insurance	6,215	3.4
Other	21,976	12.1

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Bureau of Labor Force Statistics, 2020

Employment by Industry - 2020

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	85,159	50%
30-59 Minutes	53,387	31%
60 or More Minutes	31,376	18%
Total	169,922	100%

Table 44 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	10,313	547	4,368
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	33,695	2,598	9,680
Some college or Associate's degree	34,250	1,713	6,910
Bachelor's degree or higher	79,435	2,560	10,730

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	4,986	0	0	0	0
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	14,048	0	0	0	0
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	20,191	65,250	66,768	133,026	64,472
Some college, no degree	0	0	0	0	0
Associate's degree	0	0	0	0	0
Bachelor's degree	0	27,872	32,141	56,228	23,880
Graduate or professional degree	0	0	0	0	0

Table 46 - Educational Attainment by Age

Alternate Data Source Name:

ACS Data

Data Source Comments: 2016-2020 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	26,430
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	35,342
Some college or Associate's degree	42,242
Bachelor's degree	67,600
Graduate or professional degree	91,241

Table 47 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Alternate Data Source Name:

ACS Data

Data Source Comments: 2016-2020 ACS

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

Current labor market information indicates that the primary growth sectors that provide significant job growth for Union County include Construction; Health Care; Transportation, Logistics & Distribution; and Professional, Scientific, Management & Administrative Services.

Nonfarm payrolls increased only slightly from March 2018 to March 2023: for the five-year period payrolls increased by 3,078 employees. Gains were expected to be largely concentrated in the education and health services and the professional and business services sectors. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA announced plans to move its U.S. headquarters to Morris County. Although the timeline of the move has not been announced, approximately 1,000 new jobs are expected to be created in the HMA.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Compared to New Jersey, fewer residents in Union County have Bachelor's degrees (36.4% vs. 46.6%) and more residents have not attained a high school diploma or GED (21.5% vs. 15.2%). Among the foreign born in Union County, 26.7% have not attained a high school diploma or GED (2023 ACS 1-year estimates). Adults who have limited English skills comprise nearly 10% more of the share of residents in the county as compared to the state (33.7% in Union County vs. 24.2% in New Jersey - 2023 ACS 1-Year Estimates)

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

Union County lost over 23,600 jobs during the Great Recession (December 2007 to June 2009) with many of the job losses concentrated in manufacturing. The manufacturing industry has lost over half of its jobs in the past decade, dropping from 44,000 jobs at the start of 2002 to 20,300 at the close of 2012. For 2023, manufacturing accounted for 14,352 jobs, 7.05% of all jobs. Manufacturing added 3,886 jobs for the ten (10) year period: 2010 to 2020.

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

Clients need assistance with learning English proficiency (reading, writing and speaking). Poor English skills affect people's ability to climb out of poverty through education and employment in jobs that offer wage compensation that support basic needs (food, quality housing, education, etc.) and allow for

people to save some of their income. Poor language skills make it difficult to increase family wealth, assist children with homework, and navigate the variety of social and economic systems that people must interact with directly or indirectly in their daily lives.

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

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILL NEEDS

To succeed in this economy, workers need to continuously develop and upgrade their skills to meet the evolving needs of employers. This can be accomplished through a variety of means, including traditional education, vocational training, and on-the-job training. Additionally, employers and workforce development organizations work together to identify and address skill gaps in the labor market and promote opportunities for workers to gain new skills and advance their careers.

By focusing on employers' employment and skill needs in various industry sectors and occupations, Union County can continue to grow and thrive, providing economic opportunities for its residents and contributing to the broader regional economy. The Baseline Soft Skills, Software Skills, Specialized Skills Most Requested chart offers insight into the skills employers most often list on job postings..

Employers in Union County have diverse employment and skill needs depending on the industry sector and occupation. In general, employers are looking for workers with a range of skills and qualifications, including technical skills, digital skills, communication skills, and problem-solving skills.

ALIGNMENT BETWEEN KEY INDUSTRY PIPELINES

The alignment between key industry pipelines in Union County, NJ, refers to the connection between the thriving and growing industries and the skills and education required for individuals to work in those industries. The alignment represents the fit between the demands of the local job market and the skills and education of the workforce in Union County.

For example, if there is a growing demand for workers with skills in healthcare, then the local educational institutions, training programs, and workforce development initiatives in Union County will focus on providing education and training in healthcare fields. This would create a pipeline of skilled workers who can meet the needs of the local healthcare industry, resulting in an alignment between the industry and the workforce.

This alignment can benefit both the local economy and the workforce. By providing education and training that aligns with the needs of the local job market, individuals can develop skills that are in high demand and increase their employment prospects.

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

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

United Way of Greater Union County, the Union County Board of County Commissioners and the Union County Workforce Development Board, in collaboration with key partner agencies in Union County, have united to form a Youth Employment Program (YEP). The goal of the YEP is to provide support for job readiness, training and employment for youth, ages 14-24 who are economically disadvantaged, preparing them to become financially stable, self-sufficient young adults.

YOUTH CONSORTIUM

The consortium currently includes thirteen organizations, of which five are sub-grantee nonprofit partners: Community Access Unlimited, Urban League of Union County, Inc., Proceed, Inc., and Plainfield Action Services. Agencies provide direct service to eligible participants who are at risk of not graduating high school and/or who are currently not in school or working, to identify and address barriers and work towards obtaining a credential, enter higher education and/or secure employment.

The WDB Center

The Workforce Innovation Business Center builds on the success of Union County's One-Stop Career Centers, and on the Board of County Commissioners' partnership with Union County Community College. Through this program, job seekers can access training and other career services that help match them with prospective employers. The Workforce Innovation Business Center is a full-service learning center serving the business community and local residents of Union County New Jersey and beyond.

The Union County Workforce Development Board understands that addressing barriers and providing support and resources can help to reduce poverty and promote economic stability. The US Census notes that Union County's poverty rate is 8.9% (2023). Furthermore, as of February 1, 2023, the Division of Social Services in Union County reports an increase in Union County residents enrolling in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Medicaid programs but a reduction in the SNAP Program.

The **COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT** is a vital component to making Governor Phil Murphy's vision of creating a "stronger and fairer New Jersey." The idea of the Community College

Opportunity Grant was born when the Governor released “Where Opportunity Meets Innovation: A Student-Center Vision for New Jersey Higher Education.” The Community College Opportunity Grant in New Jersey, which is available through the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, offers financial assistance to cover tuition and approved educational fees for state residents with an annual adjusted gross income between \$0 and \$65,000. Residents with AGIs between \$65,001 and \$80,000 receive reduced tuition costs. To be eligible, students must be a New Jersey resident with AGI between \$0-\$80,000, complete the FAFSA or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application, enroll in at least 6 credits per semester, not have earned a college degree, and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

RCAO Entrepreneur Academy was launched through a Union County Workforce Investment Act Youth Programs Grant. RCAO had tremendous success working with students ages 16-21.

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

Yes

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

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Discussion

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

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

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

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

The County defines an area of low-income concentration as a census block group where at least 49.8% which is the eligibility threshold to meet the CDBG low mod area national objective in FY2025. This percent is equal to the low and moderate-income concentration of the upper quartile of census block groups within the County CDBG jurisdiction. In other words, twenty-five percent of the census block groups within the County CDBG jurisdiction have a low moderate-income population greater than 49.8%.

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

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

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

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

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

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

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

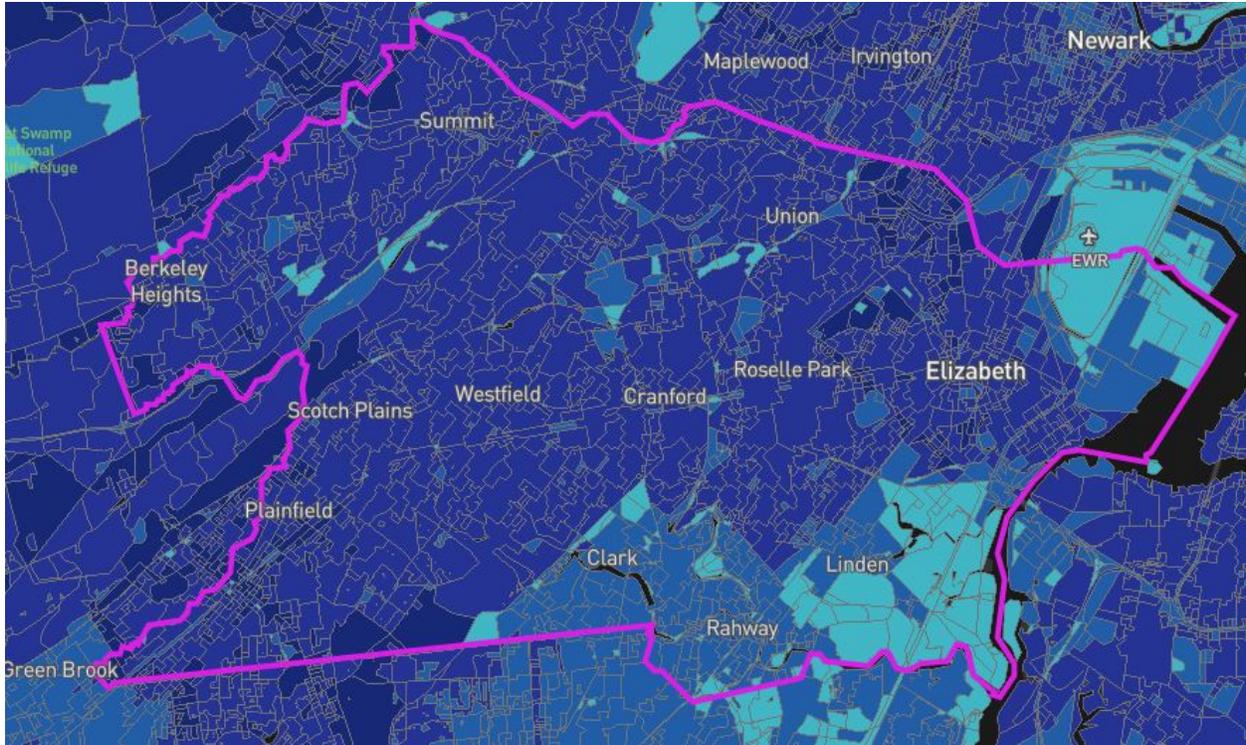
MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

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

According to data from the Federal Communications Commission, the County is well served by fixed broadband. Multiple options for fixed broadband are available in all portions of the County. According to the 2018 5-Year ACS survey, approximately 94.9% of households have a computer in their home and 92.2 % have a broadband internet subscription between 2019 and 2023. While this is a fairly high percentage, this also means there are approximately 10,885 households without broadband internet. While broadband access may be available, the cost may be prohibitive to some low-income households. Two internet providers have low-cost plans available. Comcast Internet Essentials (www.internetessentials.com) provides service for approximately \$10 per month to all HUD-assisted households. In addition to low cost access, they also have a low-cost computing device service. AT&T Access Plan (<https://accessatt.solixcs.com/#/home>) provides discounted service to persons enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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

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



Fixed Broadband Deployment

UNION COUNTY BROADBAND AT A GLANCE



OVER
\$260 Million

Allocated to New Jersey to help improve access to affordable, high-speed, reliable internet in unserved and underserved communities across the state.



2,086

Locations are unserved in Union County.

Data source: FCC National Broadband Map as of June 30, 2022

ASSET INVENTORY

111

Existing organizations that serve Union County's covered populations focused on digital equity and digital inclusion.



1,899

Locations are underserved in Union County.

Data source: FCC National Broadband Map as of June 30, 2022

Households with no internet subscription

9%

Households with no computer

6%

Data source: American Communities Survey 2022



187,813

Households in Union County

Data source: American Communities Survey 2022

The New Jersey Office of Broadband Connectivity is on a mission to ensure that our residents, businesses, and communities have equitable access to affordable high-speed internet service.



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Broadband Internet in Union County - 2023

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

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

The County is currently in the process of updating their 2021 Union County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan which expires December 2026. The Union County Office of Emergency Management / Division of Emergency Services was the lead agency for the development of the 2021 Plan update. Several individuals and organizations worked together to develop the Plan update. These participants were organized into three tiers of stakeholders who had several opportunities to review and provide comments on plan components. The Core Group also known as the Union County Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee (HMPSC) had direct responsibility for much of the plan update development, with technical support from the consultants.

The HMPSC first reviewed the hazards that were included in the original 2010 Plan update and determined that the hazards from 2010 and the 2016 Plan update would be profiled as part of the 2021 Plan update. The 2021 Plan update was an effort to identify risks and vulnerabilities to natural and man-made hazards across Union County, as well as outline suggested actions aimed at reducing overall risk and building resilience across Union County. After updating the profiles for each hazard and incorporating new data as appropriate, the hazards were prioritized as high, medium, or low for both the main body of the Plan update and the jurisdictional appendices. When deciding how to prioritize the hazards, factors were considered such as how often the hazard has occurred in the past, how bad damages were, how many people affected, and how difficult it was to recover from the event(s). Using this approach, the HMPSC was able to make qualitative determinations that allowed the process to focus more closely on the hazards that are most significant to the County and jurisdictions. For the County, these include the following:

The high hazards are:

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

The DMA 2000 legislation and related FEMA planning guidance require mitigation plans to include discussion of community vulnerability to natural hazards. Vulnerability is generally defined as the damage (including direct damages and loss of function) that would occur when various levels of hazards impact a structure, operation or population. For example, vulnerability can be expressed as the percent

damage to a building when it is flooded, or the number of days that a government office will be shut down after a wind storm, etc., assuming there is sufficient detailed data available to support the calculations. Because this Plan includes many jurisdictions and data is often not detailed, it is not practical to complete vulnerability assessments on the many individual assets, operations and populations in individual jurisdictions. However, it is appropriate for participating municipalities to embark on a program of addressing these data deficiencies over the next five years in anticipation of the next Plan update.

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

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

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

Identifying concentrations of vulnerable populations can assist communities in targeting preparedness, response, and mitigation actions. The Plan identifies vulnerable populations in Union County to include: children, elderly, low income, the physically or mentally disabled, and non-English speakers.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

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

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

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

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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

SOCIAL SERVICES

The County estimates it will budget approximately thirteen percent (13%) of its available resources to

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

HOMELESS

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

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

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

Geographic Area

Table 48 - Geographic Priority Areas

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

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

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

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

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

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

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

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

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

Priority Needs

Table 49 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide
	Associated Goals	Expand Affordable Housing Housing Rehabilitation Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Description	<p>The County identified the preservation of affordable single-family housing stock throughout the County as a high priority need. A corresponding need is the need for code enforcement.</p> <p>According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 24,127 low- and moderate-income owner-occupied households with a housing problem. The most common needs among owner-occupied households are caused by cost burdens and substandard housing.</p>
	Basis for Relative Priority	<p>The affordable housing priorities are based on review and analysis of information summarized in the Consolidated Plan, namely the community participation process, consultations, needs assessment, and housing market analysis.</p> <p>According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 24,127 low- and moderate-income owner-occupied households with a housing problem. The most common needs among owner-occupied households are caused by cost burdens and substandard housing.</p>
2	Priority Need Name	Housing Development

Priority Level	High
Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide
Associated Goals	Expand Affordable Housing Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
Description	<p><u>Rental households earning less than 50% of area median income</u></p> <p>According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 15,107 rental households earning less than 50% of the area median income. Approximately 22,248 rental households have a housing problem. Most of these housing problems are caused by cost burden which implies there is a large need for more affordable rental units for this income group. Additional rental units can be made affordable through rehabilitation of existing units or the development of new units. Statistics from CHAS Data Book show renter households earning less than 50% of the area median income are cost burdened (28,912 rental households).</p> <p><u>Rental households earning between 50% and 80% of area median income.</u></p> <p>According to the latest HUD CHAS data set, there are 5,884 rental households earning between 50% and 80% AMI. Some of the households in this income range without a housing problem may be able to afford a moderately priced home, but do not have the immediate funds necessary for a down payment or closing costs. Direct financial assistance and housing counseling can help these families move into homeownership. More than ever, there is a need to ensure that homebuyers receive financial counseling and proper education before making a home purchase. The counseling will help the homebuyer select a home and a mortgage product that is a viable choice in the long-term.</p>

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

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

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

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

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

<p>Description</p>	<p>This analysis of the unmet homeless needs in the County, or gaps, was prepared by comparing the current inventory of homeless facilities and supportive service slots with the estimated need within each inventory category. The unmet need, or gap, was determined by subtracting the current inventory from the estimated need. The form includes the categories for the three types of housing (emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing), for supportive service slots (job training, case management, and substance abuse treatment), and for subpopulations (chronic substance abusers, seriously mentally ill, and veterans).</p> <p>The Continuum of Care undertakes an annual survey of the homeless population. The survey was conducted for the entire County and its municipalities and contained specific information on each municipality.</p> <p>Key Findings</p> <p>On the night of January 23, 2024, a total of 681 households, including 1026 persons, were experiencing homelessness in Union County, according to the 2024 Point-In-Time Count. A total of 163 persons were identified as chronically homeless. 76 persons were unsheltered on the night of the count.</p> <p>Data contained within this report was collected from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as well as from client-level interviews entered into SurveyMonkey (SM). 50% of data collected for this report was generated through HMIS and 50% was generated through client-level interviews from SM.</p> <p>To complete the Homeless Needs Table for this Consolidated Plan, the County has used data from the survey and the latest Continuum of Care document, which used a January 2024 census of homeless persons. These figures include City of Elizabeth. The total number was 1,026 homeless persons. Of the 681 homeless households counted in Union County in January 2024, 145 (21%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. The chronically homeless number was estimated to be 163 and the number of homeless youth, individuals and families with heads of households 24 years old or younger represented 7.3% of the counted homeless population with 75 persons identified.</p>
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	Basis for Relative Priority	<p>Homeless priorities are primarily based on consultation with homeless service providers and a review and analysis of homeless-specific strategies such as the Continuum of Care’s annual funding application.</p> <p>Relative priority was determined by collaboration of provider agencies and County staff working under the auspices of the CEAS Committee. Factors involved in setting these priorities included the relative numeric size of the gap; the relative capacity of the network providers and response time to the needs in timely fashion, and the likelihood of cutting into the gap successfully; the relative capacity of mainstream housing resources to impact upon gaps; and the relative capacity of mainstream supportive resources to impact upon the gaps.</p> <p>Independent studies conducted under the auspices of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council have documented gaps in the continuum of care due to insufficient housing services for persons infected with HIV/AIDS.</p>
8	Priority Need Name	Public Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Public Housing Residents
	Geographic Areas Affected	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway City of Linden Countywide
	Associated Goals	Housing Rehabilitation Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building Public Facilities Public Infrastructure Improvements

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

Narrative (Optional)

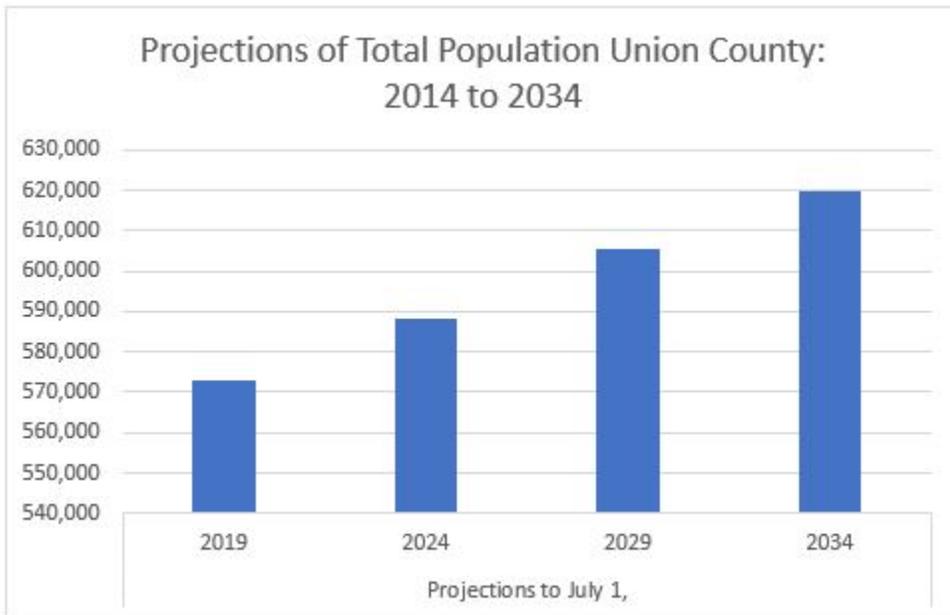
SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions - 91.415, 91.215(b)

Influence of Market Conditions

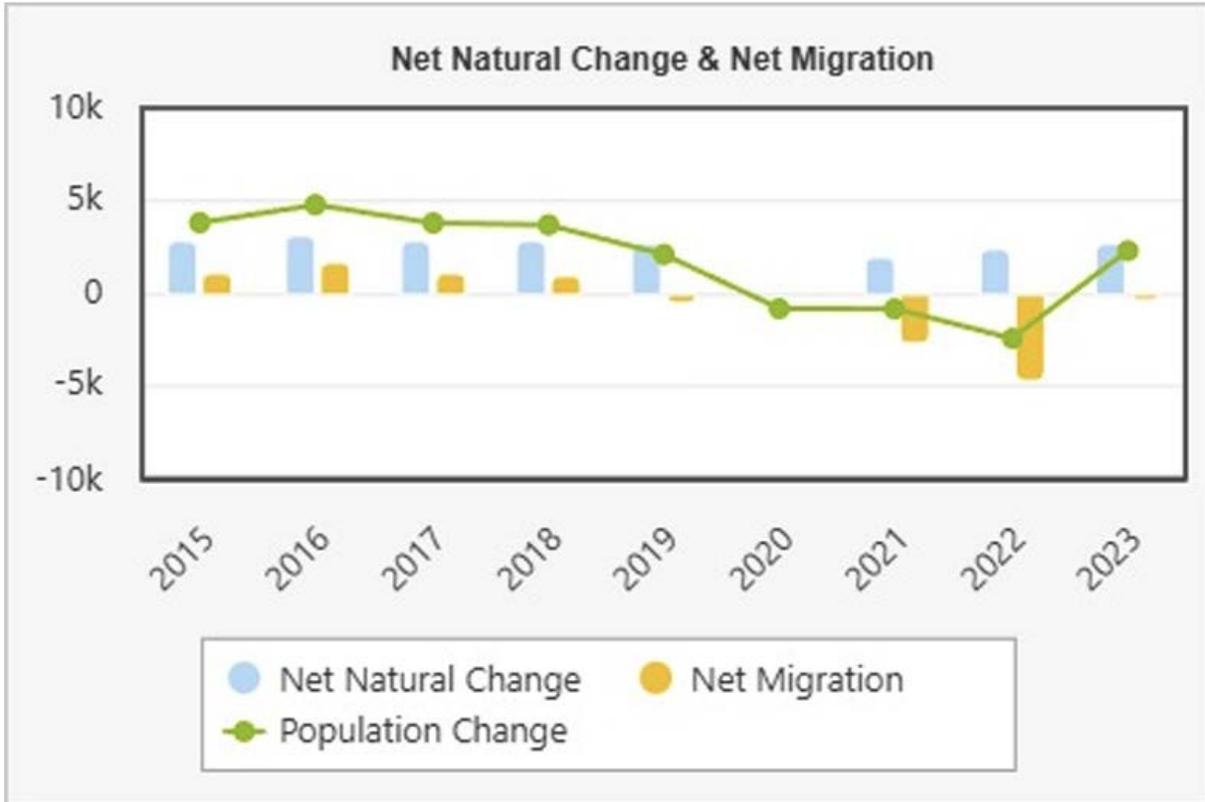
Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
<p>Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)</p>	<p>The cost of rental housing within the market is not reasonable for most households earning less than eighty percent of area median income as evident by the percentage of renters with cost burdens. Overall, 55% of all renters have a housing problem. The overwhelming majority of housing problems are caused by a cost burden where the household pays more than 30% of income toward housing costs.</p> <p>Of course, burdens are greater for families at the lower income levels. Over fifty-five percent of renters earning less than 50% of area median income experience a housing problem. There are 28,912 renters that earn less than 50% of area median income and experience a severe cost burden where more than 50% of their income goes toward housing. These households are at imminent risk of homelessness if there is a disruption in their income.</p> <p>A New Jersey minimum wage earner, earning \$15.49 per hour (in 2025), must work approximately 98 hours per week every year, the equivalent of 2 full time jobs, to afford a two bedroom apartment set at Fair Market Rent.</p> <p>This data supports the use of funds for tenant-based rental assistance. The County may consider using funds to supplement current housing voucher programs by using federal funds covered by this plan for tenant-based rental assistance.</p>
<p>TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>	<p>Monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, which is a common form of income for persons with special needs, averages \$967 per month for an individual. The one-bedroom FMR is \$1,338. Based on this data, there is clearly a market-based need for tenant-based rental assistance for persons with special needs. Anecdotal information gathered during the planning process also supports TBRA for non-homeless special needs populations. For example, Plainfield Senior Center reported an increased demand for emergency funding for rental/housing and electric and gas billing assistance for their clientele.</p>

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
New Unit Production	<p>A review of ACS 2016-2020 (5-Year Estimates) data related to the number of occupied and vacant owner and rental units shows a shift toward the demand for rental units. From 2016 to 2020, the number of units occupied by owners or for sale increase to 59%. Over the same period of time, the number of units rented or available to rent increased by approximately 2,000 units. It should be noted that the number of "other vacant" units, those which are not for sale or rent, decreased to 5.4%, which is near half the rate in NJ 9.8%.</p> <p>This type of data suggests that any new development of affordable housing should be focused on rental units. However, given the age of housing within the County's communities, the established character of neighborhoods, and the number of available single family foreclosures within the neighborhoods, the County sees opportunities in the current market for non-profit developers to acquire, rehabilitate, and sell single family homes where a rental development may not be feasible.</p>
Rehabilitation	Given the age of the housing stock and the built-out nature of the communities throughout the county, rehabilitation is the most cost effective method of increasing the number of affordable housing units in standard condition.
Acquisition, including preservation	The acquisition and preservation of existing units may be used on a strategic basis given the circumstance and nature of each potential opportunity.

Table 50 – Influence of Market Conditions



Population Projections



Net Natural Change ÷ Net Migration

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

Introduction

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

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

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

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

The draft plan was provided to the public for public comment and review the required 30 days (April 24 - May 23, 2025). The draft plan utilized estimated amounts of HUD funding in anticipation of receiving actual awards. The draft plan included the provision that the estimated funding levels will be adjusted proportionately being either increased or decreased.

Union County received funding notice May 14, 2025. The plan herein has been revised with the actual formula funding for FY 2025.

This plan was adopted by the Union County Board of County Commissioners June 12, 2025.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	4,410,172	450,000	500,000	5,360,172	20,368,654	see above
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,130,005	25,460	11,291,307	12,446,772	3,616,018	The County anticipates using \$9,283,225.86 of HOME funds for three (3) projects in FY 2025: Esterbrook Senior Housing: \$7,000,000 AT&T Housing: \$1,559,697.00 Westfield Village: \$723,528.86 Resources for projects to be determined: \$ 2,903,588.57

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	399,360	0	0	399,360	1,520,000	Proposed allocation for 2025-2026 is as follows: 41.55% allocated to Emergency Shelter, 7.05% allocated to Street Outreach, 1.41% allocated to Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), 17.14% allocated to Rapid Re-Housing, and 32.85% to Homelessness Prevention. In Union County, there is a greater need to funding emergency shelter for those who are currently homeless and assisting households to remain housed through homelessness prevention, therefore the greater percentage of funding being allocated to those two categories.

Table 51 - Anticipated Resources

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

For ESG funds each award to agencies will be required to generate a dollar for dollar match. 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 payment to the sub-recipient.

The FY2025 funds will be allocated out to provider agencies through a Request for Proposal (RFP) application process anticipated release in Spring 2025. The RFP process put in place would be used to develop an annual spending plan at a reduced funding amount, while preserving the most critical services. Applicants will be reviewed by the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Resource Allocation and Contract Review Subcommittee. Funding recommendations of the Subcommittee will then be presented to the full HSAC for approval, and then adopted by the Union County Board of County Commissioners for final approval/award of funds. All services are anticipated to begin 8/1/2025. In the RFP it will be required that all services provided will be matched at 100% to be in compliance with the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Regulations. It is anticipated that the following Emergency Solutions Grant 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 Continuum of Care 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. Funding will be focused to impact homeless families with children and on Rapid Re-Housing services.

Planned Activities

Funds will be used for the following:

Emergency Shelter: \$153,489

Street Outreach: \$26,043

HMIS: \$5,209

Rapid Re-Housing: \$63,316

Homelessness Prevention: \$121,351

Administration: \$29,952

Total: \$399,360

Total expected ESG Match: \$399,360

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

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

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

Discussion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 52 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

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

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

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

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

Table 53 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Public Facilities Public Housing	CDBG: \$3,413,826	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 125000 Persons Assisted
2	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Public Housing Public Improvements	CDBG: \$8,100,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 130000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Public Services	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Social Services	CDBG: \$3,315,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100000 Persons Assisted
4	Economic Development	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$1,000,000	Jobs created/retained: 100 Jobs

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Address Homelessness	2025	2029	Homeless	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Homeless	ESG: \$1,919,360	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 200 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 2200 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 500 Persons Assisted
6	Housing Rehabilitation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden	Housing Rehabilitation Public Housing	CDBG: \$5,500,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 885 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Expand Affordable Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Housing Development Housing Rehabilitation	HOME: \$16,062,790	Rental units constructed: 130 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 0 Households Assisted Housing for Homeless added: 10 Household Housing Unit
8	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development Homeless Housing Development Housing Rehabilitation Public Facilities Public Housing Public Improvements Social Services	CDBG: \$4,400,000	Other: 1 Other

Table 54 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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

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

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

Over the course of the five year plan, the County estimates that it will subsidize the development of approximately 130 HOME-assisted units. The number of units will be dependent on the size of future HOME allocations and the type of housing projects undertaken by participating developers.

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

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

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

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

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

The Linden Housing Authority consists of seven (7) members, including a /Section 8 tenant who does not reside in the LHA building. There is an Executive Director, a Deputy Executive Director, a social worker, and a leasing specialist. Section 8 administration is handled by a vendor.

Rahway Housing Authority serves primarily extremely low income Seniors and Families. Each group has a Social Worker that coordinates activities and support. All residents at 4 sites were given the information for forming a tenant association. 2 of the sites chose to do so. Both of those were senior sites. Services include holiday parties, resume assistance, job fairs, summer activities program for children which includes tutoring, assistance with utility discount paperwork, preparation of confidential medical information for first responders, food distribution, flu shots, educational programing for estate planning and avoiding scams, self defense for seniors, etc. HomeVision is a separate entity formed by the former Executive Director to promote homeownership. 4 new homes were constructed. The program was not successful because the participants were never able to rise to the level of income that would allow them to cover the finances. 2 homes were sold and the other 2 became Section 8 properties.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth (HACE) serves a diverse population of low- and moderate-income individuals and families, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Resident engagement is central to our mission. HACE encourages public housing residents to participate in decision-making and property management activities through active Resident Councils, community advisory boards, and regular stakeholder meetings.

Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth (HACE) Resident Services and Support Staff:

- Resident Service Coordinators: 4 full-time staff members support residents with case management, referrals, and community engagement.
- Social Workers: 2 licensed social workers provide behavioral health referrals, crisis support, and aging-in-place services for seniors.
- Youth and Family Coordinators: 2 coordinators run afterschool programming, job readiness workshops, ad parent engagement sessions.
- Homeownership and Financial Literacy Coordinator: 1 staff member provides counseling on budgeting, credit improvement, and pathways to homeownership.
- Senior Support Specialists: 2 team members assist with wellness checks, healthcare access, and transportation coordination.
- These professionals are instrumental in encouraging active resident participation in shaping their communities and achieving long-term stability.

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

No

Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation

N/A

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

Barriers to Affordable Housing

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

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

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

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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

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

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

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

Prevention Strategy

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

Discharge Policies

1. Foster Care - NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF), Div. of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), provides services to adolescents ages 18 - 21 in out-of-home placements/foster care. When adolescents reach age 18, they may continue to receive voluntary services from DCP&P to assist with their transition to adulthood. Cases on these young adults are closed only if they refuse services. NJ General Assistance program (GA), which provides monthly cash assistance to single adults along with emergency housing/shelter assistance, is a mainstream resource which can be accessed by aging out youth.
2. Health Care - Health care providers and UC Emergency Shelter/Code Blue Subcommittee developed a process for referrals from health care facilities to emergency shelters and other homeless services. A streamlined referral form is currently used to help persons secure shelter and identify the necessary medical information needed to procure homeless services offered

through mainstream programs such as TANF, SSI, and GA. Staff from the social services department of Trinitas Regional Medical Center regularly attends CoC Committee and subcommittee meetings.

3. Mental Health - Mental Health protocols in NJ include a system whereby persons discharged either by the court or administratively from a short-term care or psychiatric facility or special psychiatric hospital have a discharge plan prepared by the treatment team at the facility. The treatment team gives the patient an opportunity to participate in the formulation of the discharge plan. In Union County Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams operated by Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, assist in the transitioning of homeless individuals from mental health care facilities to appropriate housing or shelter programs.
4. Corrections - Because the lack of identification plays a significant role in individuals being unable to secure services after incarceration, UC Dept. of Corrections developed a discharge letter (complete with a photo of each inmate) which helps streamline the process of identification for the purpose of securing mainstream services for ex-offenders. Homeless ex-offenders are often placed in emergency shelters or in apartments via Emergency Assistance (EA) or Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) by UCDSS. In addition, to expedite this transition, UCDSS completes GA intake applications with offenders who are incarcerated for an extended period in the UC Jail prior to their release.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

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

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

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

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

The draft plan was provided to the public for public comment and review the required 30 days (April 24 - May 23, 2025). The draft plan utilized estimated amounts of HUD funding in anticipation of receiving actual awards. The draft plan included the provision that the estimated funding

levels will be adjusted proportionately being either increased or decreased.

Union County received funding notice May 14, 2025. The plan herein has been revised with the actual formula funding for FY 2025.

This plan was adopted by the Union County Board of County Commissioners June 12, 2025.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	4,410,172.00	450,000.00	500,000.00	5,360,172.00	20,368,654.00	see above

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,130,005.43	25,460.00	11,291,307.00	12,446,772.43	3,616,018.00	The County anticipates using \$9,283,225.86 of HOME funds for three (3) projects in FY 2025: Esterbrook Senior Housing: \$7,000,000 AT&T Housing: \$1,559,697.00 Westfield Village: \$723,528.86 Resources for projects to be determined: \$ 2,903,588.57

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	399,360.00	0.00	0.00	399,360.00	1,520,000.00	Proposed allocation for 2025-2026 is as follows: 41.55% allocated to Emergency Shelter, 7.05% allocated to Street Outreach, 1.41% allocated to Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), 17.14% allocated to Rapid Re-Housing, and 32.85% to Homelessness Prevention. In Union County, there is a greater need to funding emergency shelter for those who are currently homeless and assisting households to remain housed through homelessness prevention, therefore the greater percentage of funding being allocated to those two categories.

Table 55 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

For ESG funds each award to agencies will be required to generate a dollar for dollar match. 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 payment to the sub-recipient.

The FY2025 funds will be allocated out to provider agencies through a Request for Proposal (RFP) application process anticipated release in Spring 2025. The RFP process put in place would be used to develop an annual spending plan at a reduced funding amount, while preserving the most critical services. Applicants will be reviewed by the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Resource Allocation and Contract Review Subcommittee. Funding recommendations of the Subcommittee will then be presented to the full HSAC for approval, and then adopted by the Union County Board of County Commissioners for final approval/award of funds. All services are anticipated to begin 8/1/2025. In the RFP it will be required that all services provided will be matched at 100% to be in compliance with the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Regulations. It is anticipated that the following Emergency Solutions Grant 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 Continuum of Care 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. Funding will be focused to impact homeless families with children and on Rapid Re-Housing services.

Planned Activities

Funds will be used for the following:

Emergency Shelter: \$153,489

Street Outreach: \$26,043

HMIS: \$5,209

Rapid Re-Housing: \$63,316

Homelessness Prevention: \$121,351

Administration: \$29,952

Total: \$399,360

Total expected ESG Match: \$399,360

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

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

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

Discussion

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

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$700,172.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Public Improvements	CDBG: \$1,650,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 26000 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Social Services	CDBG: \$750,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20000 Persons Assisted
4	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$200,000.00	Jobs created/retained: 15 Jobs Businesses assisted: 8 Businesses Assisted Other: 10 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Address Homelessness	2015	2019	Homeless	Countywide	Homeless	ESG: \$399,360.00	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 30 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 400 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 80 Persons Assisted
6	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$1,140,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 175 Household Housing Unit
7	Expand Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Housing Development	HOME: \$12,186,814.43	Rental units constructed: 40 Household Housing Unit Housing for Homeless added: 5 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$920,000.00	Other: 10 Other

Table 56 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Public facilities will benefit approximately 25,000 individuals with low/moderate income.
2	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Public improvements will benefit approximately 26,000 low to moderate income individuals.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public Service activities will benefit approximately 20,000 low/moderate income individuals

4	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Economic Development will strive to create and retain 15-30 jobs.
5	Goal Name	Address Homelessness
	Goal Description	Homelessness will be addressed through tenant based rental assistance and rapid rehousing and overnight shelter.
6	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	We strive to have approximately 175 homeowner housing rehabilitated units.

7	Goal Name	Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	<p>We strive to have approximately 45 affordable rental units constructed. Of the 45 newly constructed affordable housing units, 5 will be targeted to assist homeless.</p> <p>EXPECTED RESOURCES HOME: \$7,000,000.00</p> <p>PLANNED ACTIVITIES: 35 HOME UNITS FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS</p> <p>(2). PROJECT: A & T HOUSING</p> <p>EXPECTED RESOURCES HOME: \$1,559,697.00</p> <p>PLANNED ACTIVITIES: 7 HOME UNITS FOR VERY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS</p> <p>(3). PROJECT: WESTFIELD VILLAGE</p> <p>EXPECTED RESOURCES HOME: \$723,528.86</p> <p>PLANNED ACTIVITIES: 3 UNITS FOR VERY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS</p> <p>Total Resources to be provided for the three identified projects: \$9,283,225.86</p> <p>Funding for Projects to be determined:\$ 2,903,588.57</p> <p>Total HOME resources for FY 2025: \$ 12,186,814.43</p>

8	Goal Name	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Goal Description	To effectively and efficiently administer the CDBG Program in all aspects of planning, organizing and coordination. The County Bureau of Community Development administers the program setting priorities and allocating resources.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In FY 2025, the County will fund approximately 100 different projects and programs. For detailed information on each project, including descriptions, proposed funding amounts, goals, and regulatory information, please see the Appendix.

#	Project Name
1	The Arc of Union County ADA & Facilities Improvements
2	Cerebral Palsy League ADA Accessible Transportation Shelter
3	Hillside Buie Community Center Parking Lot Replacement
4	Kenilworth Senior Center - Window Replacement
5	New Providence ADA Accessible Ramp
6	Plainfield - Toddler Learning Center Back Porch & Rear Entry Door Upgrades
7	Plainfield - Covenant Development Corporation Food Pantry Improvements
8	Plainfield - Neighborhood House Association Siding Removal & Replacement of Rear Building
9	Plainfield - Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church Parking Lot Pavement
10	Plainfield - Second Street Learning Center Parking Lot Replacement
11	Plainfield - Kings Daughter Day School Communication System Upgrades
12	Rahway Community Action Organization Classroom & Security Upgrades
13	Roselle Borough Hall - Baker Room ADA Improvements
14	Summit Senior Housing Fire Pump Replacement
15	Scotch Plains Senior Housing Window Replacement Project
16	Westfield Area YMCA - ADA Bathroom & Shower Renovations
17	Westfield Community Center - HVAC Replacement Heating & Air System
18	Plainfield - Greater Refuge Church Community Food Pantry Upgrades & Repairs
19	Hillside Senior Center Generator Upgrades
20	Union County Performing Arts Center - Facilities Improvements
21	Plainfield - Boys & Girls Club of Union County - ADA Mobility Lift
22	Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
23	Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
24	Hillside Roadway Rehabilitation
25	Kenilworth ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
26	Linden Roadway Rehabilitation
27	Plainfield - Rushmore Recreational Complex ADA Playground
28	Plainfield Roadway Rehabilitation
29	Rahway Roadway Rehabilitation
30	Roselle Roadway Rehabilitation
31	Roselle Park Roadway Rehabilitation
32	Springfield Roadway Rehabilitation

#	Project Name
33	Scotch Plains Roadway Rehabilitation
34	Berkeley Heights Senior Citizen Public Services Program
35	Clark Senior Citizen Public Services Program
36	Union County Recreation Program for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs
37	Institute of Music for Children Afterschool Institute
39	Cranford Housing Board: Nutrition Program
40	Cranford Senior Citizen Public Services Program
41	Family Promise Transportation Services and Grocery Support
42	Garwood Senior Citizen Public Services Program
43	Roots & Wings - Union County Rise Program
44	Hillside Senior Citizen Public Services & Health Care Program
45	Hillside Buie Center Youth Recreation Program - Youth Reading Program
46	Hillside Maternal Child Health Care Program
47	Kenilworth Senior Citizen Public Services Transportation & Health Program
48	Linden- LINCS Food Pantry
49	Mountainside Senior Citizen Public Services Program
50	New Providence Senior Citizen Public Service & High Risk Health Care Program
51	Plainfield - Second Street Youth Center Afterschool and Summer Program
52	Plainfield - Shut-In-Council Disabled Care Services for Seniors
53	Plainfield - HOPES CAP Early Childhood and Families Services Program
54	Plainfield - Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Program
55	Plainfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program
56	Plainfield - Urban League Reentry Reconnections
57	Plainfield - Toddler Learning Center Day Care Services
58	Plainfield - Vision and Pathways Prosperity Independent Life Skills Program
59	Plainfield - Boys & Girl Club of Union County Teen Program
60	Plainfield - IRIS House Food Assistance Program
61	Plainfield- Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church - Valerie's Soup Kitchen
62	Plainfield - Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry
63	Plainfield - Sister2Sister. Inc. Breast Cancer Assistance Program
64	Rahway Senior Citizens Public Services Program
65	Plainfield - Greater Somerset County YMCA School Age Child Care Program
66	Roselle Senior Citizens Public Service and Transportation Program
67	Roselle Park Senior Citizens Public Service and Transportation Program
68	Scotch Plains Senior Citizens Public Services and Transportation Program
69	Springfield Senior Citizens Public Services Transportation Program
70	The Arc of Union County Behavioral Health Program
71	Summit - GRACE Food and Community Essentials Program
72	Summit Youth Center Program

#	Project Name
73	Summit Senior Citizens Public Services Transportation Program
74	Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program
75	Westfield Senior Citizens Public Services and Transportation Program
76	Plainfield Grassroots - CDC SAT Prep and STEM Programs
77	United Way Family Strengthening Program
78	New Providence - LINC Program Inc. - Food Pantry
79	Child Focus - County Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)
80	Plainfield - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, NJ
81	Plainfield - The Gateway Family YMCA - Dudley House Veterans & Seniors Program
82	Plainfield - HOPES CAP, Inc. Financial Literacy Program
83	Plainfield - Visions & Pathways - Technology, Education & Career Center (TEC)
84	The Arc of Union County - Automated External Defibrillators
85	Winfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program
86	Community Service Association of New Providence-Summer Camp Program
87	Union County Home Improvement Program Project Cost and Consultant
88	Hillside Code Enforcement Program
89	Linden Home Improvement Program
90	Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)
91	Plainfield Office of Community Development Emergency Housing Assistance Program
92	Plainfield Code Enforcement Program
93	Rahway Home Improvement Program
94	Rahway Code Enforcement Program
95	Roselle Code Enforcement Program
96	Plainfield - Morris Habitat for Humanity Home Renovations Program
97	Union County Economic Development Corporation Business Assistance Program
98	Commissioner Initiative Program
99	CDBG Program Administration (20%)
100	HOME Affordable Housing Development (Rental Housing)
101	HOME CHDO Funds (15%) Rental Housing
102	HOME Administration
103	2025 HESG

Table 57 – Project Information

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

As an Urban County, the County must balance the needs of all participating communities when allocating funds. To do this, the County relies on the Development Revenue Sharing Committee, which consists of two representatives from each of the nineteen participating communities. In addition, one Freeholder and the Director of the Division of Planning and Community serve as representatives and

members of the Committee. Each municipality must prioritize its municipally sponsored projects, including those proposed by non-profits operating programs within the municipality.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	The Arc of Union County ADA & Facilities Improvements
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 disabled individuals
	Location Description	279 Oak Ridge Road, Clark, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to remove and replace the existing roof at 279 Oak Ridge Road, Clark, NJ.
2	Project Name	Cerebral Palsy League ADA Accessible Transportation Shelter
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	58 disabled individuals
	Location Description	61 Myrtle Street, Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the construction of an ADA accessible transportation shelter at 61 Myrtle Street, Cranford, NJ.
3	Project Name	Hillside Buie Community Center Parking Lot Replacement
	Target Area	City of Hillside

	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$58,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 youths
	Location Description	274 Hillside Ave, Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the paving of the Buie Community Center parking lot.
4	Project Name	Kenilworth Senior Center - Window Replacement
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	725 individuals
	Location Description	Kenilworth Senior Center
Planned Activities	Funds will be used to remove/replace windows at the Kenilworth Senior Center.	
5	Project Name	New Providence ADA Accessible Ramp
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities

	Funding	CDBG: \$39,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1200 individuals
	Location Description	New Providence Municipal Building in New Providence, NJ.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the construction of an ADA Compliant ramp leading from the gym vestibule to the Recreation office in the Municipal Building.
6	Project Name	Plainfield - Toddler Learning Center Back Porch & Rear Entry Door Upgrades
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03M NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 families
	Location Description	Toddler Learning Center
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to upgrade the facility's back porch and rear entry door.
7	Project Name	Plainfield - Covenant Development Corporation Food Pantry Improvements
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities

	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1200 individuals
	Location Description	Covenant Development Corporation, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to construct a secure storage space at the food pantry & install a camera system for safety and security.
8	Project Name	Plainfield - Neighborhood House Association Siding Removal & Replacement of Rear Building
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03M NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	170 individuals
	Location Description	Neighborhood House Association, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	The funds will be used to remove and replace siding on the second rear building at the facility.
9	Project Name	Plainfield - Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church Parking Lot Pavement
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,500.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	850 families
	Location Description	Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to repave the parking lot (Phase 3 - different location).
10	Project Name	Plainfield - Second Street Learning Center Parking Lot Replacement
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$67,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03M NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	850 individuals
	Location Description	Second Street Youth Center, Plainfeild, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pave and replace the parking lot.
11	Project Name	Plainfield - Kings Daughter Day School Communication System Upgrades
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,600.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03M NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)

	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	112 families
	Location Description	Kings Daughter Day School, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase and upgrade the facility's security/communication system.
12	Project Name	Rahway Community Action Organization Classroom & Security Upgrades
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03M NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1650 individuals
	Location Description	Rahway Community Action Organization, Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the purchase & replacement of four pre-K classrooms, one administrative office, signage & fire escape replacement.
13	Project Name	Roselle Borough Hall - Baker Room ADA Improvements
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$27,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 individuals
	Location Description	Borough Hall, Roselle, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for ADA-compliant improvements of the Baker room. The involved purchase and installation of ADA-compliant door & other improvements.
14	Project Name	Summit Senior Housing Fire Pump Replacement
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$62,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	140 seniors
	Location Description	Summit Senior Housing, Summit, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to replace the original 100 HP fire pump and its associated controls with a new, upgraded fire pump and control system.
15	Project Name	Scotch Plains Senior Housing Window Replacement Project
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	115 individuals
	Location Description	2002 Lake Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the replacement of 32 operable casement windows in apartments located at 2002 Lake Avenue, Scotch Plains.
16	Project Name	Westfield Area YMCA - ADA Bathroom & Shower Renovations
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals
	Location Description	Westfield Area YMCA
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the purchase of materials only for an ADA-accessible bathroom on the first floor.
17	Project Name	Westfield Community Center - HVAC Replacement Heating & Air System
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	210 individuals
	Location Description	Westfield Community Center, Westfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the purchase/replacement of the HVAC system at the facility.
18	Project Name	Plainfield - Greater Refuge Church Community Food Pantry Upgrades & Repairs
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1725 individuals
	Location Description	Greater Refuge Church, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the installation of floors in the basement area to serve clients & community members who benefit from the food pantry and medical and/or classes provided at the facility.
19	Project Name	Hillside Senior Center Generator Upgrades
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	565 individuals
	Location Description	Hillside Senior Center, Hillside, NJ.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the purchase of a gas generator at the Hillside Senior Center.
20	Project Name	Union County Performing Arts Center - Facilities Improvements
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03E NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 individuals
	Location Description	Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for a lighting improvement project that will address electrical issues and improve the building's energy efficiency.
21	Project Name	Plainfield - Boys & Girls Club of Union County - ADA Mobility Lift
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$36,822.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	170 individuals
	Location Description	Boys & Girls Club of Union County, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase and install an ADA incline mobility lift at the facility's Plainfield location.
22	Project Name	Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,750.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15,000 individuals
	Location Description	Various locations throughout Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the construction of concrete curbs and ADA ramps at six different locations: (4) on Hayes Avenue and (2) on Hillside Avenue.
23	Project Name	Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,750.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	23,800 individuals
	Location Description	Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to install/replace thirteen (13) ADA ramps along with the removal of existing stairs. Funds will also be used for the installation of ADA-compliant ramps along Kanishka Passage to provide access to Hillside Avenue school and a pathway from the intersection of Lexington Avenue and South Union Avenue, all the way to Unami Park Lot.
24	Project Name	Hillside Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$97,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,000 families
	Location Description	Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to improve the roadway on Rutgers Avenue from Bloy Street all the way to the dead end.
25	Project Name	Kenilworth ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)

	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	725 individuals
	Location Description	Kenilworth, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to create a walking path around the soccer field located at Dimario Park. The walking path will connect various areas within the park such as the playground and the concession stand and provide easy access from Passaic Avenue.
26	Project Name	Linden Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Linden
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$270,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,500 individuals
	Location Description	Linden, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the reconstruction of deteriorated roadways and will include milling & resurfacing of asphalt surfaces, construction/reconstruction of concrete sidewalks and curbs (including ADA curbs/ramps), rehabilitation of catch basins and manholes, as required by NJDEP and NJDOT, and striping/traffic markings for pedestrian/vehicular safety.
27	Project Name	Plainfield - Rushmore Recreational Complex ADA Playground
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements

	Funding	CDBG: \$61,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03F NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,715 individuals
	Location Description	Rushmore Playground, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Hannah Atkins Park and ADA Accessible Playground. Funds will also be used to purchase the equipment and materials needed for the project and cover the cost of labor.
28	Project Name	Plainfield Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$282,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	54,550 individuals
	Location Description	Third Place, Plainfield, NJ.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to improve the roadway conditions that exist on Third Place. The improvements will include curbing, ADA ramps, bicycle grates, etc. Third Place Roadway Improvement Project.
29	Project Name	Rahway Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$314,000.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,000 individuals
	Location Description	Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to reconstruct roads, curbs, ADA ramps, and sidewalks on three (3) streets in low/mod income neighborhoods: Russell Avenue (from West Lake Ave to Grove Street), Diane Court (from West Lake Ave to Old Lake Ave), and Harris Drive (from Dianne Court to Jefferson Avenue).
30	Project Name	Roselle Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$195,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	905 individuals
	Location Description	Roads throughout Roselle, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to replace curbs, handicap ramps, bicycle grates, select driveway apron repair, mill and overlay, pavement repair, select sidewalks, detectable warning surfaces, pavement markings and traffic signage installation.
31	Project Name	Roselle Park Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle Park
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements

	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$206,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	805 families
	Location Description	Roads in Roselle Park, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to resurface Warren Avenue from Meadow Street to Chestnut Street. Funds will include spot repair of existing curb and sidewalk infrastructure, ADA improvements, new detectable warning surfaces, and new striping/line painting throughout the borough.
32	Project Name	Springfield Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$104,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	Roads in Springfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the milling and resurfacing of Midvale Drive and Northview Terrace. Funds will also be used for partial curb repair, handicapped accessible curb ramps, retroreflective signs, miscellaneous driveway and sidewalk restoration, and cleaning and grouting of sanitary sewers.
	Project Name	Scotch Plains Roadway Rehabilitation

33	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	375 families
	Location Description	Roads throughout Scotch Plains, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the rehabilitation of Farley Avenue from East 2nd Street to the Westerly Terminus. Funds will also be used for milling and resurfacing of the roadways with road base repair as needed, upgrading of existing intersections to bring them into ADA compliance, upgrading of drainage structures to meet the NJDEP storm water regulations, and various other repairs as needed within the municipality.
34	Project Name	Berkeley Heights Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 seniors
	Location Description	Berkeley Heights, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay for fees/salaries for programs for health, wellness, and socialization of our senior population (exercise instructors, crafts, speakers, health screenings, cultural programs, etc.). Funds will also be used to pay for food, supplies for crafts, and the bus driver's salary.
35	Project Name	Clark Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 seniors
	Location Description	Clark, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the salaries of the fitness center funds monitor, fitness class instructors and senior bus driver.
36	Project Name	Union County Recreation Program for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,800.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 individuals

	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay the salary of instructors hired to teach recreation programs for the disabled, such as yoga, karate, cooking, ceramics, golf, etc. Additionally, funds will be used to cover program costs and materials.
37	Project Name	Institute of Music for Children Afterschool Institute
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 youth
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay teacher wages, as well as program supplies, facilities costs, and program marketing to support enrollment.
38	Project Name	Cranford Housing Board: Nutrition Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 seniors

	Location Description	Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay the salary of the Senior Services coordinator.
39	Project Name	Cranford Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 seniors
	Location Description	Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs, pay salaries, and a portion will be utilized to pay the bus driver's salary.
40	Project Name	Family Promise Transportation Services and Grocery Support
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03T NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 individuals

	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to help individuals with transportation support and assist with supplementary grocery support from the emergency shelter, shelter diversion, rental assistance, and stabilization programs.
41	Project Name	Garwood Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 seniors
	Location Description	Garwood, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs and events for Seniors. Funds will also be used to pay for Senior Citizen Directors' and Bus drivers' salaries.
42	Project Name	Roots & Wings - Union County Rise Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,750.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 youth
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to directly support and pay the salaries of the staff who provide one-on-one coaching associated with case management and counseling services. to clients in the Union County Rise Program.
43	Project Name	Hillside Senior Citizen Public Services & Health Care Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	565 seniors
	Location Description	Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors for both the senior social services program and the senior health care program. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as to pay salaries of the staff and nurses.
44	Project Name	Hillside Buie Center Youth Recreation Program - Youth Reading Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,500.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 youth
	Location Description	Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the salary of the reading specialist and two assistants used to implement a comprehensive reading program for children aged 6 to 13 years old. Funds will also be used for direct program instructional materials, supplies (excluding tablets & reading software), and refreshments for family and volunteer engagement.
45	Project Name	Hillside Maternal Child Health Care Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code:05M NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals
	Location Description	Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay salaries of the public nurses and professional services related to this program, as well as office supplies, medical supplies, infant and child diapers, wipes, formula, and nutritional food in clinics.
46	Project Name	Kenilworth Senior Citizen Public Services Transportation & Health Program
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 seniors
	Location Description	Kenilworth, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies as well as pay salaries for all senior classes, for the director, and bus drivers.
47	Project Name	Linden- LINCS Food Pantry
	Target Area	City of Linden Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05W NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3100 individuals
	Location Description	Linden and Union County

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for payment of rent of the food facility, located at 14 West Munsell Ave, Linden. The funding will defray rent, allowing dedication to more valuable resources to feeding low to moderate-income households. LINC'S food pantry distributes nutritional food & personal items, supplementing families' monthly resources.
48	Project Name	Mountainside Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 seniors
	Location Description	Mountainside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation services for the elderly, including payment of bus driver salaries and the salary of our senior citizen coordinator.. Funds will also be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programming for seniors and to purchase supplies for programs.
49	Project Name	New Providence Senior Citizen Public Service & High Risk Health Care Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,750.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	215 seniors
	Location Description	New Providence, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to pay for the salaries of exercise class instructors, a senior bus driver, and for lab work and/or services provided at the Senior Health Fair in the spring of 2025.
50	Project Name	Plainfield - Second Street Youth Center Afterschool and Summer Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05L, 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	215 seniors
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support salaries of afterschool and summer program staff.
51	Project Name	Plainfield - Shut-In-Council Disabled Care Services for Seniors
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)

	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 seniors
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funding will be used to help provide home visits, phone calls, toiletries, basic clothing needs, gift cards, and other essentials to help shut-in adults and seniors.
52	Project Name	Plainfield - HOPES CAP Early Childhood and Families Services Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05L NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 children
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to help support salaries for one cook and one family advocate at the childcare center.
53	Project Name	Plainfield - Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 youth
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay for the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training program for youth participating in the City of Plainfield Careers in Recreation Aquatic School. Funds will also be used to subsidize lifeguard salaries for the 6-week program.
54	Project Name	Plainfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$37,750.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2000 seniors
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay salaries.
55	Project Name	Plainfield - Urban League Reentry Reconnections
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,750.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05H NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)

	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 seniors
	Location Description	Plainfeild, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay a portion of the case managers salary to provide case management services, needs assessment, referral to social services, education, employment, mental health and substance abuse counseling to individuals returning from jail and prison with an emphasis on goal development, job readiness, positive communication, mentoring, life skills and strengthening participants self-esteem.
56	Project Name	Plainfield - Toddler Learning Center Day Care Services
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05L NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 children
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay salaries of instructors and for COVID-related sanitizing supplies.
57	Project Name	Plainfield - Vision and Pathways Prosperity Independent Life Skills Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 youth
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the salary expenses of a Prosperity Independent Living Skill Counselor (ILSC) who will provide independent life skills education and prevention services to the youth.
58	Project Name	Plainfield - Boys & Girl Club of Union County Teen Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 youth
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay salaries of teen program staff.
59	Project Name	Plainfield - IRIS House Food Assistance Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03T NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to assist people living with HIV/AIDS. Funds will be used to provide food gift cards from local supermarkets in Plainfield as well as stamps for postage for clients who are unable to get their gift cards at the office.
60	Project Name	Plainfield- Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church - Valerie's Soup Kitchen
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05W NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to help support the salary for the certified chef who oversees the Tuesday lunch program.
61	Project Name	Plainfield - Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05W NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase essential supplies such as household cleaning products, hygiene supplies & feminine hygiene products.
62	Project Name	Plainfield - Sister2Sister. Inc. Breast Cancer Assistance Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05M NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1500 women
	Location Description	Plainfield and Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay the salaries of the Program Director, Program Assistant, and Program managers.
63	Project Name	Rahway Senior Citizens Public Services Program
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)

	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	450 seniors
	Location Description	Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to support the senior transportation program.
64	Project Name	Plainfield - Greater Somerset County YMCA School Age Child Care Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 children
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay for salary and training for the employees working directly with children in the Plainfield School Age Child Care program.
65	Project Name	Roselle Senior Citizens Public Service and Transportation Program
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,700.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 seniors
	Location Description	Roselle, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the salaries of the senior bus driver and senior bus program coordinator at the Senior Community Center, who manages all planning, services, and transportation.
66	Project Name	Roselle Park Senior Citizens Public Service and Transportation Program
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle Park
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 seniors
	Location Description	Roselle Park, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for the program, as well as pay a portion of the bus drivers' salary and certified instructors' salaries.
67	Project Name	Scotch Plains Senior Citizens Public Services and Transportation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 seniors
	Location Description	Scotch Plains, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as pay a portion of the bus drivers' salary.
68	Project Name	Springfield Senior Citizens Public Services Transportation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	160 seniors
	Location Description	Springfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation services for seniors as well as pay a portion of the bus driver salaries and transportation-related costs.
69	Project Name	The Arc of Union County Behavioral Health Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 individuals
	Location Description	Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay a portion of the Registered Nurses' Salary to administer and oversee the program to provide clinical support to individuals who are diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
70	Project Name	Summit - GRACE Food and Community Essentials Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05W NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2000 individuals
	Location Description	Summit, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide fresh culturally relevant produce, milk, eggs, bread, laundry detergent, and toilet paper, in addition to diapers and wipes for families with young children and period products for women. Funds will also be used to cover a portion of food, supply expenses, and operations support salary for the Operations Director.
	Project Name	Summit Youth Center Program

71	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 youth
	Location Description	Summit, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support salaries of the Summit Youth Center program staff.
72	Project Name	Summit Senior Citizens Public Services Transportation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 seniors
	Location Description	Summit, NJ
Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation services for seniors as well as pay a portion of the bus drivers' salary and other transportation-related costs.	
73	Project Name	Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	425 adults
	Location Description	Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay the salary of all the adult special needs staff: including the special needs coordinator, special needs instructors and special needs assistants to deliver the Y's programming for adults with special needs/disabilities.
74	Project Name	Westfield Senior Citizens Public Services and Transportation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 seniors
	Location Description	Westfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs, classes, events, and to pay a portion of the bus drivers' salary.

75	Project Name	Plainfield Grassroots - CDC SAT Prep and STEM Programs
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the salary of the tutors for the SAT Prep program, facilitators for the College Application workshop, and experienced coding coaches for the STEM program.	
76	Project Name	United Way Family Strengthening Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$112,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05B DISABLED CARE SERVICES, 05L CHILD CARE SERVICES, 05O MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, 03T HOMELESSNESS NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	800 families
	Location Description	Throughout Union County

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide specific activities in the areas of childcare, disabled, domestic violence, mental health, and homeless services. United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC) has partnered with the County of Union to strategically deploy CDBG Funds. UWGUC will provide activities by partnering with 12-14 local nonprofits with access to the community. Activities will incorporate the matrix codes listed.
77	Project Name	New Providence - LINC Program Inc. - Food Pantry
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05W NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	175 individuals
	Location Description	New Providence, NJ
Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase food, hygiene, and cleaning products for the LINC Program Food Pantry in New Providence, NJ.	
78	Project Name	Child Focus - County Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05N NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 youth
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the salary of the advocacy supervisor.
79	Project Name	Plainfield - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, NJ
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 youth
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the agency staff who will be delivering the program. Funds will also be used to pay the cost of the charter buses for the trips, including college tours.
80	Project Name	Plainfield - The Gateway Family YMCA - Dudley House Veterans & Seniors Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03T NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	18 veterans and seniors
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to contract with cleaning services for the Dudley House Veteran and Senior Men Housing, which provides emergency shelter for male veterans and Seniors in Union County, NJ.
81	Project Name	Plainfield - HOPES CAP, Inc. Financial Literacy Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05X NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide Financial literacy courses to low and moderate-income residents from the City of Plainfield. Funds will be used to support the salary of staff who will directly work on this project, Office supplies such as pens, paper, ink, and printing costs/materials.
82	Project Name	Plainfield - Visions & Pathways - Technology, Education & Career Center (TEC)
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used towards the salaries of the direct program staff for the Visions and Pathways TEC Program.
83	Project Name	The Arc of Union County - Automated External Defibrillators
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used towards AED Equipment, AED Kits, AED Cabinents & AED Stickers.
84	Project Name	Winfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)

	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 seniors
	Location Description	Winfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide various cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies for programs as well as provide transportation services for the senior activities.
85	Project Name	Community Service Association of New Providence-Summer Camp Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,250.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals
	Location Description	New Providence, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the summer camp fund programs at the New Providence Recreation Center for families who qualify through the New Providence School District free/reduced lunch program
86	Project Name	Union County Home Improvement Program Project Cost and Consultant
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation

	Funding	CDBG: \$325,500.00
	Description	HUD MATRIX CODE: 14A PROJECT COST, 14H CONSULTANT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 households
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Union County Home Improvement Program to provide rehabilitation, not to exceed a certain amount per unit. Funds will also assist owner-occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households and include small grants to eligible seniors ages 60 and older.
87	Project Name	Hillside Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$31,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15 NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 units
	Location Description	Hillside, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the cost of the inspection of code violations and enforcement of codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas. The program will be focused on the condition of housing and physical structures. Funds will also be used towards the salaries of the Code Enforcement Officers. Recipients of code enforcement funding will adhere to HUD Notice CPD-14-016 issued in October of 2014.
88	Project Name	Linden Home Improvement Program
	Target Area	City of Linden
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$221,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14h CONSULTANT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 individuals and 8 homeowners
	Location Description	Linden, NJ
Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Linden Home Improvement Program to provide rehabilitation, not to exceed a certain amount per unit. Funds will also assist owner-occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households and include small grants to eligible seniors ages 60 and older.	
89	Project Name	Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$222,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14H CONSULTANT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 households
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Plainfield Home Improvement Program (CHAP) to provide rehabilitation, not to exceed a certain amount per unit. Funds will also assist owner-occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households and include small grants to eligible seniors ages 60 and older.
90	Project Name	Plainfield Office of Community Development Emergency Housing Assistance Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Address Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05Q NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 individuals and 15 households
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to benefit low and moderate income persons in need of emergency housing assistance for relocation or rental assistance. Applicants are tenants whose dwelling have been condemned by Code Enforcement; Health Office or Plainfield Fire Division.
91	Project Name	Plainfield Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15 NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 units
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the cost for the inspection of code violations and enforcement of codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas. The program will be focused on the condition of housing and physical structures. Funds will also be used towards the salaries of the Code Enforcement Officers. Recipients of code enforcement funding will adhere to HUD Notice CPD-14-016 issued in October of 2014.
92	Project Name	Rahway Home Improvement Program
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$220,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14h CONSULTANT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 households
	Location Description	Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Rahway Home Improvement Program to provide rehabilitation not to exceed a certain amount per unit. Funds will also assist owner-occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households and include small grants to eligible seniors ages 60 and older.
	Project Name	Rahway Code Enforcement Program

93	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15 NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 units
	Location Description	Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the cost for the inspection of code violations and enforcement of codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas. The program will be focused on the condition of housing and physical structures. Funds will also be used towards the salaries of the Code Enforcement Officers. Recipients of code enforcement funding will adhere to HUD Notice CPD-14-016 issued in October of 2014.
94	Project Name	Roselle Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15 NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 units
	Location Description	Roselle, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the cost for the inspection of code violations and enforcement of codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas. The program will be focused on the condition of housing and physical structures. Funds will also be used towards the salaries of the Code Enforcement Officers. Recipients of code enforcement funding will adhere to HUD Notice CPD-14-016 issued in October of 2014.
95	Project Name	Plainfield - Morris Habitat for Humanity Home Renovations Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14H CONSULTANT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 homeowners
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to service senior homeowners who qualify for the program if they own and live in their home full time, and are 62 or older in Plainfield.
96	Project Name	Union County Economic Development Corporation Business Assistance Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 18BNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD JOBS (LMJ)
	Target Date	8/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 individuals and 35 businesses
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to businesses and administer loan program as well as cover loan administration. The UCEDC must ensure compliance with the public benefits tests delineated at 24CFR570.209(b); which include a “CDBG cost per job” standard. The provision of the technical and financial assistance by the UCEDC is designed to stimulate business retention, expansion and attraction, as well as the employment of low and moderate-income persons.
97	Project Name	Commissioner Initiative Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	:
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: TBD NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: TBD
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To Be Determined
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	To Be Determined
98	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration (20%)
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Facilities Public Infrastructure Improvements Public Services Economic Development Address Homelessness Housing Rehabilitation Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Housing Development Public Improvements Public Facilities Social Services Economic Development Homeless Public Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$920,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 21A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: N/A
	Target Date	8/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A for Administration
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for CDBG Planning and Administration. No national objective is required.
99	Project Name	HOME Affordable Housing Development (Rental Housing)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Address Homelessness Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$12,186,814.43
	Description	HOME funds will be used for new construction of 45 units that are affordable for very low and low income households.
	Target Date	7/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Anticipating new construction of 45 affordable housing units. 45 families will benefit.
	Location Description	<p>The County anticipates using \$9,283,225.86 of HOME funds for three (3) projects in FY 2025:</p> <p>Esterbrook Senior Housing: \$7,000,000 AT&T Housing: \$1,559,697.00 Westfield Village: \$723,528.86</p> <p>Resources for projects to be determined: \$ 2,903,588.57</p>
	Planned Activities	<p>(1) PROJECT: ESTERBROOK SENIOR HOUSING EXPECTED RESOURCES HOME: \$7,000,000.00 PLANNED ACTIVITIES: 35 HOME UNITS FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS</p> <p>(2) PROJECT: A & T HOUSING EXPECTED RESOURCES HOME: \$1,559,697.00 PLANNED ACTIVITIES: 7 HOME UNITS FOR VERY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS</p> <p>(3) PROJECT: WESTFIELD VILLAGE EXPECTED RESOURCES HOME: \$723,528.86 PLANNED ACTIVITIES: 3 UNITS FOR VERY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS</p> <p>Total resources to be provided for the three anticipated projects: \$9,283,225.86</p> <p>Resources for projects to be determined: \$ 2,903,588.57</p>
100	Project Name	HOME CHDO Funds (15%) Rental Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$155,975.00

	Description	Funds will be provided to a qualified Community Housing Development Organization to development housing units affordable to very low and low income households.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We anticipate benefiting ten (10) families with newly constructed affordable housing units.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Rental units to be rented to very low income families.
101	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$103,983.00
	Description	HOME funds will be used to pay staff for oversight and administration of HOME funded projects as well as ensure long-term affordability of projects.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
Planned Activities		
102	Project Name	2025 HESG
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Address Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	ESG: \$399,360.00

Description	To provide emergency shelter nights with case management supports to stabilize program participants; street outreach as a bridge to link consumer homeless services; homeless management information System (HMIS) to provide staffing for HMIS data entry; and tenant based rental assistance in order through a CoC strategy to promote long-term self-sufficiency and obtain a better quality of life.
Target Date	7/31/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	Throughout Union County
Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the following: Emergency Shelter: \$137,570, Street Outreach: \$28,149; HMIS: \$5,615, Rapid Re-Housing: \$68,449; Homelessness Prevention: \$130,626; Administration: \$29,951. Total; \$399,360

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

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

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

Geographic Distribution

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

Table 58 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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

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

The community development strategies will focus on areas with high concentrations of low-income households. This decision is based on the input received in community meetings and the regulatory restrictions that govern the use of CDBG funds. The CDBG regulations limit investment to areas where at least 51% of the households earn less than 80% of the area median income.

At the time of the development of this plan, Union County qualifies as an exception grantee under the CDBG Program. In FY2020, the County can serve areas where 49.8 percent of the population

qualifies as low or moderate income (as opposed to the traditional threshold of 51%).

Within Union County, NJ's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) jurisdiction, 25% of the census block groups have a low or moderate income population greater than 49.8%. This means that approximately one-quarter of the block groups within the county are considered to have a high concentration of low or moderate-income residents.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

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

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	7
Non-Homeless	61
Special-Needs	0
Total	68

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	68
Rehab of Existing Units	13
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	81

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

Discussion

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

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

be provided or other assistance

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

Discussion

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

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) charges communities that receive funds under the Homeless CoC Program of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH) with specific responsibilities.

The Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee has established several sub-committees including a committee to address homeless and at-risk of homelessness households; the intersections of homelessness and older adults; health and homelessness; and to address veteran and youth homelessness.

The County will focus its FY2025 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to assist the homeless in various ways, as directed by the local Continuum of Care. Approximately 41.25% of available funding will be used to support the operations and essential services of emergency shelters, including Street Outreach. Approximately 51.25% 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%).

The recognition of homelessness as a social and economic issue is crucial for service providers, the business community, and the public and private sectors. As well as, adopting best practices to end Veterans and chronic homelessness, and improving the system to rapidly re-house individuals and families.

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 4 ways to get involved with the PIT:

- **Street Count:** The street count is 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.

- 7-Day Methodology: In addition to the Street Count, groups of 3-5 people (different community partners, along with County staff) went out to various municipalities each day during different times of the day to capture as many unsheltered persons on the night of the Count.
- Daytime Events: In Elizabeth/Plainfield there are Service 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 van (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.

Additionally, 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 is at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. 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. All CB shelter placements are made by the 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:

- Shelter Operations: 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 to 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 help 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:

- Homelessness Prevention: Services under Homelessness Prevention are to assist a household 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 assist a household in obtaining

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

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 & Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee compiles a 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 FY2024 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 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 the perspective of public policy and its impact on the provision of affordable housing. The programs, regulations and conditions discussed below affect land and housing cost. Some of these policies have their origin in a higher governmental authority than Union County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Discussion

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

Introduction

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

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

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

In addition, a total of 2,683 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units have been placed in service within the County. Most LIHTC properties in New Jersey are subject to a minimum 30 year affordability period, which is composed of a 15-year compliance period plus a 15- year extended use period. During the extended use period, the property owner may request a termination of the affordability period. The New Jersey HMFA has the opportunity to find a buyer who is willing to maintain the property as affordable housing. If they cannot find a buyer, the extended period is over

and the housing is no longer subject to the affordability requirements of the LIHTC program. There are approximately 1,062 LIHTC units in the County's jurisdiction that were placed into service before 2005 that may be eligible for termination of the affordability requirements. The County will coordinate with the state to ensure these properties remain affordable.

Due to the high cost of housing caused by a combination of high mortgage interest rates and the median price of houses sold at \$565,000.00, the County of Union's funding sources and the eligible household mortgages from banks cannot make homebuyer new construction, rehabilitation and down payment assistance possible. The County is looking to partner with State of New Jersey programs to bring additional funding to produce eligible homebuyer projects.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

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

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

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

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

for contractors to become State certified for lead safe practices.

The County of Union's Home Investment Partnerships Program rental and homebuyer rehabilitation program conducts risk-assessments, lead abatement remediation and lead clearance for all rehabilitation projects. Each project must have a lead certified abatement contractor to remove any lead present in the project. Risk assessments and clearance must be done by a separate contractor than the lead certified abatement contractor. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant rental rehabilitation program perform risk assessments, remediation and lead clearance.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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

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

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

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

that a number of projects selected for Consolidated Plan funding will focus on assisting households in poverty.

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

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

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

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

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

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 is actively pursuing

Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's).

Union County has worked closely with local non-profit developers/organizations and for-profit developers to actively encourage housing programs for low- and very-low income persons. The County encourages all developers to apply for Home Investment Partnerships Program funding through its annual Request for Proposals process. Funding is available for new construction/rehabilitation of rental housing and homebuyer projects, Down payment Assistance for homebuyers and TBRA. The County encourages non-profit organizations to apply for CHDO status to increase affordable housing supply in the County. Previously, the County funded tax-credit projects, HUD-funded section 202 and 811 projects, which are mostly fifty or more-unit buildings. Smaller six to ten-unit buildings have been funded with HOME and Department of Community Affairs funds also. Some tax-credit and section 202 projects were designated for senior citizens, certain section 811 projects were designated for persons with disabilities.

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

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

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	450,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	450,000

Other CDBG Requirements

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

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

In addition to HOME funding, projects will be funded by Low Income Tax Credits, Housing Trust Fund, and NJ HMFA Mortgages, and private bank financing.

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 within the affordability period, the new homebuyer must be low income 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 45% of their income, inclusive of monthly payments for the principal, interest, property taxes, mortgage and property insurance, as well as other monthly expenses/costs (front- and back-end ratios factors). The property must be their principal residence. The maximum resale price will be set to provide a fair return to the original homebuyer and is affordable to a household at 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 45% percent of their income, inclusive of front- and back-end ratio factors. 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 their investment for initial down payment (capital) and capital improvements. The value of the improvements will be multiplied by the then current Consumer Price Index and added to the initial down payment for the total return to the original homebuyer. The original homebuyer must produce receipts to support their claims. A mortgage, note, deed restriction, and Homebuyer agreement will be placed on the property in the name of the new homebuyer.

Recapture

The County will recapture the direct subsidy (funded) if the property does not continue to be a principal residence of the homebuyer for the duration of the affordability period. The recaptured amount will be prorated, based on the period of time the homebuyer owned the property, measured against the required affordability period. If the net proceeds are less than the prorated amount due, the County will accept the net proceeds. A mortgage, note, deed restriction, and Homebuyer agreement will be placed on the property in the name of the new homebuyer.

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

Please see above.

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

HOME funds will not be used to refinance existing debt.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

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6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

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7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

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

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

Before providing assistance to a client with ESG funds, the service provider must conduct an intake process to determine 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 (AMI), 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 cost- and 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 share the coordinated assessment form with 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 Individual & Family Support Services 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 County Commissioners.

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 Individual & Family Support Services 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 County Commissioners.

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 as an employee for one of the member agencies.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

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

- Housing Stability: Provide 110 follow-up case management within three months after cash assistance services to assess success in obtaining/maintaining permanent housing. Provide 65% referrals and follow-up to ensure the clients secure the services identified and reflected in the intake/assessment. Data entry in HMIS will be completed within 72-hours of identification/referral/walk-in etc. Provide 2,500 emergency shelter program participants with hot meals to

meet basic needs and promote health; ensuring they receive at least one hot meal daily, guaranteeing a minimum of good nutrition and calorie intake daily.

Attachments

County of Union
2025-2029
Five Year Strategic
Plan
Citizen Participation
Comments, Minutes
& Ads

COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Division of Community Services

MEMO TO: NJ Advance Media / Legal Department
(Via e-mail legalads@njadvancemedia.com)
FROM: Phil Kandl, Director
Division of Community Services
RE: PUBLIC NOTICE (SYR Consolidated Plan & Amended
Citizen Participation Plan FY25-29)
DATE: April 1, 2025

Please post the attached public notice in the UNION COUNTY SECTION of the paper on **Thursday, April 10th AND Tuesday, April 22nd**.

Thank You.

Please send *signed invoice* to:

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Division of Community Services
Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor
Elizabethtown Plaza
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County of Union
Proposed FY 2025 Communi-
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Five (5) Year Consolidated
Plan & Amended Citizen
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Amended Citizen Participation Plan

**COUNTY OF UNION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
AMENDED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)
PROGRAMS**

Pursuant to the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR Section 91.115, the County of Union, hereinafter referred to as the "County", sets forth the following Citizen Participation Plan as it relates to the Consolidated Planning process for housing and community development programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Citizen Participation Plan presents the County's plan for providing and encouraging all citizens, particularly low- and moderate-income citizens, to participate in the development and adoption of four components of the consolidated planning process.

The Division of Community Services of the County is the lead agency responsible for the Consolidated Planning process and the administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), including the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). All of these funds are collectively known as Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds.

Subsequent to approval of this Citizen Participation Plan by the County, the Plan shall be effective until it is amended or otherwise replaced.

The following describes the process and procedures related to the development of the Citizen Participation Plan from the Policy Manual of the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee.

25.3 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

This Citizen Participation Plan has been amended as of April 2025 to remove all Covid-19 Pandemic HUD related waivers.

In order to meet the requirements under Section 104 (a) (3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee has adopted a citizen participation plan that sets forth its policies and procedures.

The Citizen Participation Plan must provide for and encourage participation by low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in slum and blighted areas and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used, and by residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, as defined by the jurisdiction.

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

1. The two members of the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee from each municipality attend monthly meetings, receive detailed correspondence on appropriate regulations and situations concerning the entire county Community Development Program, and maintain voting privileges regarding the distribution of the grant and other matters. Correspondence includes updates on changing HUD requirements, copies of the draft and final Consolidated Plan, and periodic data sheets covering the fiscal progress of the entire Community Development Program. The Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee members represent the residents of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods in the respective communities. Staff maintains direct contact with all Community Development Revenue Sharing members via meetings, mail and telephone correspondence. Staff maintains direct contact with the representatives of projects serving eligible residents via site visits, public/virtual meetings, written correspondence and telephone/email contact.
2. Prior to the submission of proposals for the coming year, each participating municipality holds a local public meeting, after 10 days public notice, to receive citizen input on proposed projects and to determine municipal project priorities for the forthcoming program year. Each non-profit agency shall submit a copy of its proposal to the municipality within which it is located for review at the public meeting. Minutes of this meeting are forwarded to the Union County Community Development Office. Special efforts shall be made by the municipalities to contact residents of low and moderate income and blighted areas.

The Citizen Participation Plan must provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the grantee's proposed use of the funds, as required by regulations of the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under this title.

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

1. Staff conforms to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, section 213 (Open Public Meeting Act) and HUD requirements by publishing proper notices in advance of all public meetings.
2. Correspondence is also sent directly to local agencies participating in the CD program, such as the notice of the start of the yearly planning process, the proposal submission forms and accompanying instructions, scopes of

service forms, contracts, monthly /quarterly progress reports, forms and notices of the Workshop, Seminar meetings and the Public meeting to discuss the proposed projects for the coming year. All correspondence offers further assistance from staff.

3. Calendars of Community Development activities and meetings for the year are provided to all interested parties.
4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. (New Jersey Right to Know Law), all records pertaining to the Union County Community Development Program are available to the public for perusal at the Office of Community Development, 3rd floor, Union County Administration Building, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

The Citizen Participation Plan must provide for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals with the level and type of assistance to determine by the grantee:

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

1. A seminar will be held annually in October to acquaint public, (with direct mailing to agencies serving low- and moderate-income groups), with the technical assistance available to them from the Community Development Staff in developing acceptable proposals. An interpreter will be provided for foreign speaking individuals, if requested in writing, at least 5 days prior to the meeting.
2. Staff site visits will be made to all participating agencies, private and public, in order to provide instructions and technical assistance to those agency directors and clients in developing proposals, when requested.
3. Annual workshops for sub grantees and Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee members will be held in January to provide comprehensive technical assistance on all aspects of the CDBG Program.
4. Correspondence to municipalities and agencies offers staff names, email and telephone numbers, especially letters regarding proposal submission instructions and forms, and notices of workshops and hearings. Staff emphasizes the willingness to instruct and assist interested parties in the Community Development Program. All records are kept in the Community Development office and are open to the public.
5. Community Development staff maintains income data and other census data, as well as maps delineating the low-income areas of the county, which information is provided to the general public, consultants, agencies and municipalities as a means of providing technical assistance.

The Citizen Participation Plan must provide for public hearing to obtain citizen views

and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for the handicapped.

Activities necessary to meet this requirement as follows:

1. As previously stated, each municipality is required to hold a public meeting, with 10 days' notice to the public, to obtain citizen views to projects needed (development of needs) and proposals to be submitted for the coming year. This meeting is to be held prior to the proposal submission deadline established.
2. A countywide Public Hearing will be held, after due Public Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and the Community Development webpage. At the hearing, copies of the Draft Consolidated Plan will be distributed and made available for review of program performance presented, for citizen comment. The hearing will be held at a central county location for the convenience of low- and moderate- income citizens, and will be assessable to the handicapped. Final decisions on funding will be made after citizen input is expressed and considered.

The Citizen Participation Plan must provide that the proposed Consolidated Plan be published so that affected citizens have sufficient opportunity to review it and provide comments.

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

1. Staff prepares a summary of the proposed Consolidated Plan and places it in one or more newspapers of general circulation. The summary describes contents and purpose of the Consolidated Plan and includes a list of locations where copies of the entire plan may be examined.
2. Citizens will be provided a period of not less than 30 days prior to the submission of the Consolidated Plan to submit comments.
3. Staff will respond, in writing, within 15 working days to any written complaints submitted by the general public.

The draft Citizen Participation Plan will be made available for public review for a 30-day period on the CDBG's website at <https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/> prior to consideration and adoption, and may be done concurrently with the public review and comment process for the Five-

Year Consolidated Plan. The Citizen Participation Plan shall be provided in a format accessible to persons with disabilities upon request. Such formats may include, but are not limited to providing oral, Braille, electronic or large print versions of the plan to those visually impaired and delivering copies to those who are homebound.

The Citizen Participation Plan will encourage comment and participation by minority persons and non-English speakers, and, when feasible, translation services will be available upon request by contacting the County contact person listed above, or a designee.

Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

- The County shall follow the following procedure to amend the Citizen Participation Plan, as needed.

Amendment Considerations

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

- The County shall amend the Citizen Participation Plan, as necessary, to ensure adequate engagement and involvement of the public in making decisions related to the programs and documents governed by 24 CFR Part 91.115. Formal amendment of the Citizen Participation Plan may be required should a provision of the Citizen Participation Plan be found by the County to conflict with HUD regulations. At a minimum, the Citizen Participation Plan shall be reviewed, and amended as needed, every five years in conjunction with the preparation of the Consolidated Plan.

Amendment Review and Public Comment

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

- The county will consider any comments from citizens received in writing or orally at public hearing in preparing this Citizen Participation Plan, the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan, CAPERs, AFH, and/or substantial amendments to these plans. A summary of all comments will be attached and submitted to HUD. The County will respond to written complaints received relating to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan, CAPERs, AFH, and/or substantial amendments. Written complaints must describe the objection and provide contact information of the complaint. The County will respond to

complaints within 15 working days of receiving the written complaint, acknowledging the letter and identifying a plan of action, if deemed necessary.

Revisions to the plan that only include updated contact information or editorial changes for clarity will not be released for public review and comment. Copies will be made available following the process.

Public Hearing

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

- The County shall conduct a public hearing to review and accept public comments on the draft amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan prior to its approval and submittal to HUD. After public comments are heard and considered by the County, it may approve or reject the amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan.

Submittal to HUD

Activities necessary to meet this requirement are as follows:

- A copy of the Amended Citizen Participation Plan, including a summary of all written comments and those received during the public hearing as well as the County's responses and proof of compliance with the minimum 5-day public review and comment period requirement, shall be submitted to HUD. A summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore shall be supplied to HUD.

For more information, contact Philip Kandl, Director, at 908-527-4482 or by email at pkandl@ucnj.org. Public comments may be submitted via any of the following: by email at cbathelus@ucnj.org; by mail at County of Union, Attn: Community Development - CDBG - 3rd Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207; or by participating in the public hearing.

**Phillip Kandl, Director, Community Development
Department of Economic Development
County of Union**



2025
Public Hearing
PowerPoint
Presentation



County of Union
Division of Community Services
Department of Economic Development

PUBLIC HEARING

- FY 2025 – 2029 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN / FY 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
- AMENDED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

CRANFORD COMMUNITY CENTER, CRANFORD, NJ
6:00 PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025



Agenda

- ▶ Welcome & Introduction
- ▶ Hearing Called to Order
- ▶ Pledge of Allegiance
- ▶ Purpose of the Public Hearing
- ▶ Five-Year Consolidated Plan & Amended Citizen Participation Plan Presentation
- ▶ Public Comments/Questions
- ▶ Closing Remarks
- ▶ Adjournment




Purpose of Public Hearing

- ▶ The purpose of the meeting is to obtain the views and input from citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties into the development of the Five-Year Strategic Plan and to help align community needs with available HUD resources
- ▶ Your input is invaluable - to help guide the use of federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- ▶ To help identify priorities that inform public investments in housing development and other public service programs
- ▶ The objective of the CDBG entitlement program is to develop urban communities by providing safe and decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, principally for low/moderate income persons/families.




Consolidated Plan Background

- ▶ Under the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Plan, HUD funds will be received for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).
- ▶ The Consolidated Plan includes a needs assessment, five-year strategy, and a Union County One-Year Action Plan.
- ▶ The County program's geographic area, the Union County Consortium, includes the municipalities of: Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, Westfield, and Winfield.
- ▶ Funds will be used to address priority housing, homeless, special needs, and community and economic development needs identified in the plan.



CDBG Projects / Activities



- ▶ Program activities must meet at least one of three national objectives outlined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Activities must benefit either:
 1. **Low- to moderate income persons / households**
 2. **Prevent or eliminate slums or blight**
 3. **Address an emergency need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community**
- ▶ Projects are eligible if at least 49% of those individuals and families being directly assisted meet low- & moderate-income criteria; or projects that benefit a clientele that is generally presumed to be low & moderate income.
- ▶ This presumption of benefit covers abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults and persons living with HIV/AIDS.



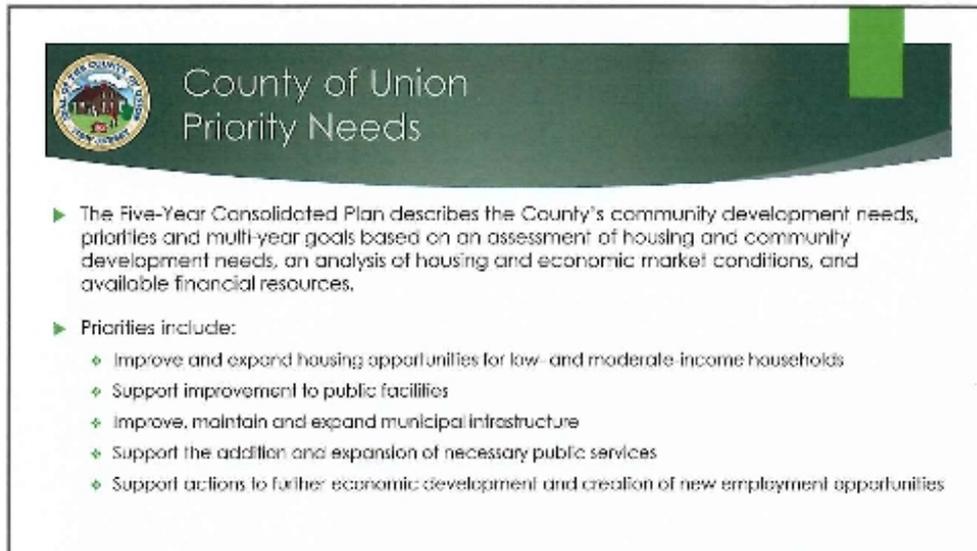
CDBG Overview



Eligible Activities:
CDBG can support a variety of project types – Most activities that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and meet the needs of the community are eligible.

Five Primary Funding Categories

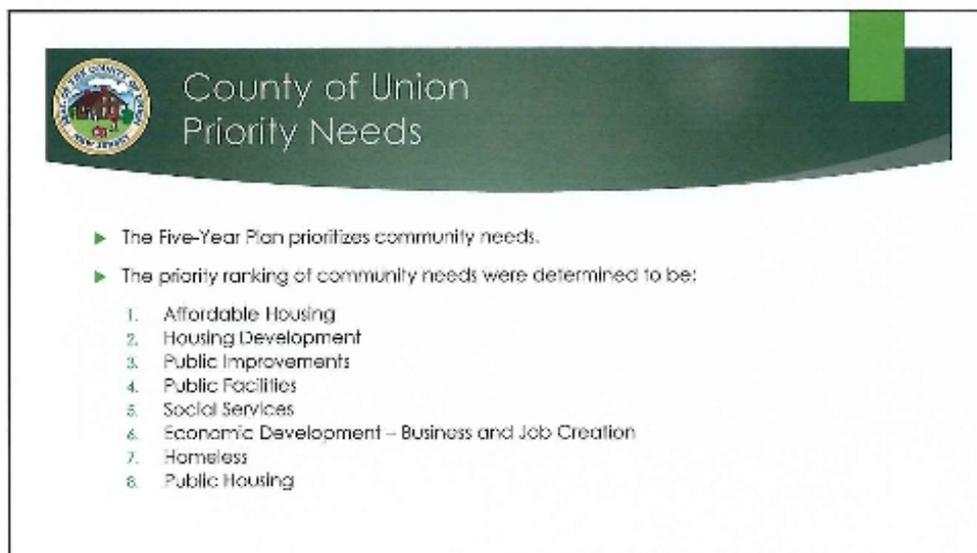
- ▶ **Economic Development**
- ▶ **Housing**
- ▶ **Public Facilities**
- ▶ **Public Improvements**
- ▶ **Public Services**



The slide features a dark green header with the County of Union logo on the left and the title "County of Union Priority Needs" in white. Below the header, there are two main bullet points. The first bullet point describes the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The second bullet point lists five specific priorities, each preceded by a diamond-shaped icon.

County of Union Priority Needs

- ▶ The Five-Year Consolidated Plan describes the County's community development needs, priorities and multi-year goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions, and available financial resources.
- ▶ Priorities include:
 - ◆ Improve and expand housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households
 - ◆ Support improvement to public facilities
 - ◆ Improve, maintain and expand municipal infrastructure
 - ◆ Support the addition and expansion of necessary public services
 - ◆ Support actions to further economic development and creation of new employment opportunities



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County of Union Priority Needs

- ▶ The Five-Year Plan prioritizes community needs.
- ▶ The priority ranking of community needs were determined to be:
 1. Affordable Housing
 2. Housing Development
 3. Public Improvements
 4. Public Facilities
 5. Social Services
 6. Economic Development – Business and Job Creation
 7. Homeless
 8. Public Housing



County of Union FY 2025 Estimated Funding Allocation

- ▶ **This is a draft Plan utilizing estimated amounts of HUD funding in anticipation of receiving actual awards.**
- ▶ **When actual allocation amounts are received the estimated funding levels will be adjusted proportionately being either increased or decreased.**



Grant Allocations

- ▶ FY 2024 (August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025)
- ▶ FY 2025 (Preliminary August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026)

	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025 (estimated)</u>
◆ CDBG:	\$4,543,983.00	\$4,022,000.00
◆ HOME:	\$1,142,670.59	\$1,039,830.24
◆ ESG:	\$ 401,027.00	\$ 401,027.00



Grant Allocations – ESG

FY2025 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grants Program

Eligible Activities	Activity Amount	Total by Category	% by Category
Emergency Shelter	\$ 137,140	\$165,905	41.25%
Operation	\$ 100,676		
Essential Service	\$ 26,369		
Street Outreach – Essential Services	\$ 28,266		
HMIS	\$ 5,638	\$205,544	51.25%
Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 68,735		
Recovery Respite & Stabilization Services	\$ 19,103		
Tenancy-Based Rental Assistance	\$ 49,612		
Homelessness Prevention	\$ 131,171		
Recovery Respite & Stabilization Services	\$ 35,316		
Tenancy-Based Rental Assistance	\$ 91,855		
Emergency Solutions Grants Subtotal:	\$ 370,050		
Administration	\$ 30,077		
Total Grant Amount:		\$ 401,027	

The FY2025 funds will be allocated out to provider agencies through a Request for Proposal (RFP) application process anticipated release in Spring 2025. The RFP process put in place would be used to develop an annual spending plan of a reduced funding amount, while preserving the most critical services.



FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant

- FY 2025 CDBG Preliminary Allocation (estimated): \$ 4,022,000.00 + \$950,000 of Reprogrammed Funds
- Estimated Total Allocation: \$4,972,000.00
- Administration: 20% Maximum

PROJECT CATEGORY	RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE	PROJECTS
Public Facilities	\$ 625,000.00	23
Public Improvements	\$ 1,522,000.00	12
Public Services	\$ 675,000.00	67
Housing	\$ 1,050,000.00	10
Economic Development	\$ 200,000.00	1



FY 2024 HOME Investment Partnerships Program

The County of Union has allocated HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) grant funds for the following projects:

- ◆ Westfield NJ Veteran's Organization (*Housing for Homeless Veterans*): \$ 2,487,882.00
- ◆ Community Health Law Project (*Housing Legal Services*): \$ 100,000.00
- ◆ Visions and Pathways (*Services For Homeless Youth*): \$ 100,000.00
- ◆ Urban League of Union County (*Housing Counseling*): \$ 100,000.00



FY 2025 HOME Investment Partnerships Program

▶ Annual Allocation (Estimated):	\$ 1,039,830.24
▶ Program Income	\$ 25,460.27
▶ Prior Year Resources	\$ 11,291,306.59
Total Available Funding:	\$ 12,356,597.10

▶ Projects Allocated Funding	
▶ Esterbrook Senior Housing (35 Senior Units)	\$ 7,000,000.00
▶ A & T Housing (7 low-income units)	\$ 1,559,697.00
▶ Westfield Village (3 low-income units)	\$ 725,528.86



CDBG - FY 2025 PRELIMINARY ALLOCATION BY CATEGORY & ACTIVITY

► **Category: Public Facilities & Improvements**

Activity	Allocation
Facilities for Persons with Disabilities	\$ 115,000.00
Neighborhood Facilities	\$ 418,400.00
Street Improvements	\$ 1,466,000.00
Child Care Centers	\$ 22,600.00



CDBG - FY 2025 PRELIMINARY ALLOCATION BY CATEGORY & ACTIVITY

► **Category: Public Services**

Activity	Allocation
Homeless/AIDS Patient Programs	\$ 28,000.00
Senior Services	\$ 295,750.00
Services for Persons with Disabilities	\$ 58,750.00
Youth Services	\$ 74,000.00
Employment Training	\$ 18,500.00
Childcare Services	\$ 60,000.00
Health Services	\$ 30,000.00
Services for Abused & Neglected Children	\$ 20,000.00
Food Banks	\$ 48,000.00



Amended Citizen Participation Plan

- ▶ **The Citizen Participation Plan has been amended to reflect HUD Covid-19 Pandemic waivers that have since been rescinded**
- ▶ **Waivers were issued to allow virtual public hearings in lieu of in-person hearings and the public comment period was shortened substantially.**
- ▶ **The Citizen Participation Plan has now been reset to provide the required 30-day public comment period for Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Reports, and any major changes to the plans.**



Public Hearing Wrap-up

- ▶ **Public Comments and Questions?**
- ▶ **This concludes the Union County 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan and Amended Citizen Participation Plan Public Hearing**
- ▶ **Thank you for your interest and participation**

County of Union
Five Year Strategic
Plan for
Program Years
2025-2029
Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of Public Hearing on
2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan & Amended
Citizen Participation Plan Update
Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Street, Cranford, NJ
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

Chairwoman Mary Dawkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Chairwoman Dawkins then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CDRSC Secretary Charlene Bathelus completed the attendee's attendance.

Attendance

Adriana Machado – HOPES Cap, Inc.	Laura Reinertsen - Winfield
Alejandra Londono - United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC)	Linda Ferraro- County of Union
Aneesha Ghaly – RCAO	Mary Dawkins – Hillside
Carol Presley – Neighborhood House	Michélie Mobley - New Covenant Church
Charlene Bathelus - County of Union	Miranda Quails – Greater Refuge Church
Christina Topolosky – County of Union	Natalia Sardo – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties
Edward Jordan – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties	Nicholas Micheludis – County of Union
Fernanda Correa – County of Union	Nicholas Stevens – Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
Georgette Corvelli – County of Union	Pete Beck - Westfield
Isabel Bastos - County of Union	Philip Kandi – County of Union
John Figueiredo - County of Union	Rita Cerbone – County of Union
Joseph Chrobak - Linden	Rodger Koerber – Gateway Family YMCA
Katherine Mann – Mountainside	Theresa McCoy – TGFYMCA
Kim Moriak – Mountainside	

Welcome Remarks and Introduction by Director Philip Kandi:

"I would like to welcome you to the FY 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Hearing for the County of Union. In addition, the public hearing will cover the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an amended Citizen Participation Plan.

Thank you for your participation at this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend County staff and members of the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee for their dedication and hard work over the past few months to review project applications, schedule interviews, and interview prospective applicants. We received more project requests than we could fund and it was a herculean task to prioritize the projects that would provide the greatest benefit to the various communities across the County.

For those agencies that have been preliminary awarded CDBG funds for FY 2025, it is imperative that you follow program guidelines and be aware of timeliness in reporting and requesting drawdowns. CDBG staff are available to answer any questions and our role is to be a resource to guide the project from start to completion.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide for public input and feedback to the Union County FY 2025 Five-Year Plan and Annual Action Plan. We will report out on the preliminary allocations per subcommittee for FY 2025.

After all subcommittees have concluded their reports, applicants and the public will have the opportunity to speak and have their comments a part of the record. We ask that all speakers keep their comments under three (3) minutes. If there are any follow-up questions, we will make ourselves available.”

Quick Recap

Last Year – FY 2024

Allocated a total of **\$5,492,000** in CDBG Funding

This Year – FY 2025

Preliminary estimated funding allocations: **\$4,972,000**

That is a decrease of **\$520,000** that is due to an expected reduction in CDBG funding.

Purpose of this Meeting

Chairwoman Dawkins stated that the **purpose of this meeting** is to obtain citizen participation and input on the proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the proposed Year 51 CDBG program allocations from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026 and the Amended Citizen Participation Plan.

Five-Year Consolidated Plan & Amended Citizen Participation Plan Update and Report

Philip Kandi, Director

- See public hearing power point presentation attached.

Open for Public Hearing Comments

Chairwoman Dawkins asked speakers to state their name, organization affiliation and limit their comments to no more than 3 minutes.

Speaker #1

Anesha Ghaly, Executive Director, Rahway Community Action Organization

Ms. Ghaly thanked the CDRS Committee for their support of nonprofits in Union County. She stated she was fortunate to have received funding in the past which has helped to change both the trajectory of her organization and the clients' lives, and appreciates the consideration for this Year 51 application.

Speaker #2

Ms. Theresa McCoy, Senior Director of Housing, The Gateway Family YMCA

Ms. McCoy thanked the committee for the funding that was received by the Gateway Family YMCA.

Speaker #3

On behalf of Marla Itzkin, Director of Communications & Development

Ms. Charlene Bathelus read an email submitted by **Ms. Itzkin**:

"Thank you for your letters dated April 18, 2025 informing us of preliminary approval of Year 51 CDBG funding for two Westfield Area YMCA projects: Accessible Adults Bathrooms Renovation and Adult Special Needs Program.

We have a long history over 10 years, of successfully completed projects funded in part by CDBG including accessible family and special needs locker rooms, accessible open outdoor community space, support for the adult special needs program and more.

The Westfield Area YMCA has been meeting the needs of our community for over 100 years. We believe in improvement projects that deliver accessible spaces for all, and that adults of all abilities should be able to participate in our programs and service. Our partnership with the County of Union in funding these projects benefits our community today and will impact lives for years to come.

Thank you, and the entire committee, for the support of our work. We would have liked to express our thanks at the April 30th public hearing in person, but are unfortunately not available to attend. We would be grateful if this letter of thanks could be read at the hearing."

Speaker #4

Natalia M. Sardo, Chief of Staff, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, NJ

Ms. Sardo thanked the committee for the funding that was received by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties of New Jersey.

Speaker #5

Ms. Miranda Quarles, Greater Refuge Church

Ms. Quarles thanked the committee for the funding that was received by the Greater Refuge Church.

There being no one else who desired to speak, **Chairwoman Dawkins** turned the meeting to **Director Kandl** for comments/remarks.

Director Kandl stated the following:

"Thank you everyone for participating in today's public hearing for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. We appreciate all comments and feedback."

Chairwoman Dawkins stated the following:

"I would like to take a moment to thank Director Philip Kandl, and all of the chair members and their committees for their efforts in supporting the residents of Union County. I want to also recognized the County staff for all their hard work. Your contributions are invaluable, and I appreciate all of your efforts."

There were no further updates or announcements.

Motion to adjourn was made by **Ms. Laura Reinertsen**, seconded by **Mr. Joseph Chrobak**.
Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlene Bathelus
CDRS Committee Secretary

Cc: CDRS Full Committee
CDBG Staff

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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: Phil Kandl, Director
Division of Community Services
RE: PUBLIC NOTICE (UC HOME PROGRAM RFP 2025)
DATE: February 11, 2025

Please publish the attached public notice in the COUNTY SECTION of the paper on **THURSDAY, February 20th**.

Thank You.

Please send *signed invoice* to:

County of Union
Division of Community Services
Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor
Elizabethtown Plaza
Elizabeth, NJ 07207
Attn: Rosa Santos

Should you not receive all of the information indicated, and /or have any questions, please call Rosa at (908) 527-4197 or email at rsantos@ucnj.org

****PLEASE USE STAR LEDGER ACCOUNT #1130834**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
AND
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

Notice is hereby given that the **COUNTY OF UNION** will receive and open proposals on **Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 11:30 AM** in the Union County Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Department of Economic Development, Community Services/Bureau of Housing Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207 for:

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM – UC-HOME RFP

Proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4.

This Notice solicits proposals from providers of housing for the purpose of providing affordable housing for the residents of Union County. The County of Union intends to invest HOME funds into projects that further expand the availability of affordable housing through rental new construction, rental rehabilitation, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) or homebuyer new construction, rehabilitation, and downpayment assistance for low income households.

The HOME Program is designed to form partnerships with non-profit organizations and private developers committed to affordable housing, and may be mixed-income and/or mixed use. The County of Union reserves the right to review the amount and form of any investments(s) with any number of partners in order to achieve its affordable housing goals.

This Notice announces that approximately **\$2,200,000.00** may be available from the HOME Program, of which approximately **\$330,000.00** will be available for activities provided by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). HOME Program funding is governed by the federal National Affordable Housing Act; further information is available in the Application Package. The County of Union reserves the right to amend, modify, or waive conditions of this Request for Proposals (RFP) and/or reject any or all proposals submitted.

The RFP may be obtained either by downloading it from the County of Union's website <http://ucnj.org/vendor-opportunities/rfqs-and-rfps/current> or via U.S. Postal Service upon written request. Fax your request for an RFP package to: (908) 352-3980 or write to: HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Division of Community Services/Bureau of Housing, Union County Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 3rd floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207 beginning on Thursday, February 20, 2025. The RFP may also be obtained upon request by calling the Bureau of Housing at (908) 527-4258. All questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing by no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2025 to Nicholas Micheludis in the Division of Community Services/Bureau of Housing at nmicheludis@ucnj.org. Proposers should be aware that the County of Union may issue addenda to the RFP package. The County of Union is only obligated to inform proposers of such addenda if they have obtained a package directly from the County of Union or have downloaded it from the County of Union's website. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to be

knowledgeable of any and all addenda related to this RFP. Therefore, interested parties should check the website throughout the RFP process for any updates.

Interested applicants are *strongly encouraged* to attend the Technical Assistance meetings. The Technical Assistance meetings will be held for all interested proposers via Zoom from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on the following dates: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Thursday, March 6, 2025, Wednesday March 12, 2025, and Wednesday, March 19, 2025, via the links provided below:

March 4, 2025 Session:

<https://ucnj-org.zoom.us/j/81191306651>

Meeting ID: 811 9130 6651
Passcode: 771113

March 6, 2025 Session:

<https://ucnj-org.zoom.us/j/81588708899>

Meeting ID: 815 8870 8899
Passcode: 783617

March 12, 2025 Session

<https://ucnj-org.zoom.us/j/83106220053>

Meeting ID: 831 0622 0053
Passcode: 240674

March 19, 2025 Session

<https://ucnj-org.zoom.us/j/86435253742>

Meeting ID: 864 3525 3742
Passcode: 389596

To RSVP for a Technical Assistance meeting, please contact Nicholas Micheludis at nmicheludis@ucnj.org by 3:00 PM the day before your preferred meeting date.

Proposers are reminded to review their submissions for any information they consider to be confidential. The County of Union is not responsible for the release of any information contained in the proposal package which may be subject to confidentiality.

Proposal delivery is strongly encouraged to be made via commercial mail carrier (USPS, FedEx, UPS) so that tracking information is confirmed. The County of Union is not responsible for late delivery by the U.S. Postal Service or any other carrier. No late proposals will be accepted. No proposals submitted via fax or email will be accepted.

If a proposal will include relocation of individuals, the proposer is *strongly encouraged to* submit a one-page summary of its relocation plan. The proposer must send General Information Notices (GIN) to all of their tenants including businesses and non-profits, via certified mail return receipt requested prior to submitting its application on or before March 27, 2025. The GIN notices may also be hand delivered with notarized signature of receipt on or before March 27, 2025. When the proposal is submitted to the County of Union, the proposer will need to include a minimum of ten (10) General Information Notices, with certified mail proof of delivery and receipt. Regulations: Home Final Rule: 24 CFR 92; HOME Program Recordkeeping regulations: 24 CFR 92.508; HOME Program Relocation regulations: 24 CFR 92.353.

All information requested in the RFP must be provided or the proposal may be disqualified. **All proposals MUST BE SEALED AND CLEARLY LABELED Attention: "PROPOSAL FOR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM: UC-HOME RFP"**. Proposals must be submitted in the form required by the specifications including **one (1) original paper hard copy, along**

with six (6) paper hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the Application Package, in Word and Excel application format, with the required scanned attachments on a USB drive. Proposals must be received by 11:30 AM on March 27, 2025.

Packages may be received prior to the due date and should be addressed to:

Joseph J. Altavilla, Jr., Esq.
County of Union
Office of the County Counsel
10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 5th Floor
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

**Attention: PROPOSAL FOR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM:
UC-HOME RFP**

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, and to accept any proposals which, in their judgment, are most advantageous, price and other factors considered, and will best serve the interest of the County of Union.

Proposers are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27, and N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2.

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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: Phil Kandl, Director
Division of Community Services
RE: PUBLIC NOTICE (SYR Consolidated Plan Public Mtg.)
DATE: February 6, 2025

Please publish the attached public notice in the COUNTY SECTION of the paper on Tuesday, February 11th and Tuesday, February 18th.

Thank You.

Please send *signed invoice* to:

County of Union
Division of Community Services
Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor
Elizabethtown Plaza
Elizabeth, NJ 07207
Attn: Rosa Santos

Should you not receive all of the information indicated, and /or have any questions, please call Rosa at (908) 527-4197 or email at rsantos@ucnj.org

****PLEASE USE STAR LEDGER ACCOUNT #1130834**

Public Notice
County of Union
Five (5) Year Consolidated
Plan
Public Meeting

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<https://form-jotform.com/250013972331043>

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Philip Kandl, Director
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Union County Department of
Economic Development
2/11, 28/25

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Union County Department of Economic Development**



County of Union
Five Year Strategic
Plan for
Program Years
2025-2029
Grantee Unique
Appendices

CBDG

**Year 51 Final Allocations
9/1/25 to 6/30/26
Community Development**

Allocations by Committee		Yr. 51 Final Allocations
Facilities		\$700,172
Public Improvements		\$1,650,000
Social Services (13.5%)		\$750,000
Housing		\$1,140,000
Admin (20%)		\$920,000
Discretionary		
Economic Development		\$200,000
Total Allocations by Committee		\$5,360,172
Revenues		
HUD Allocation		\$4,410,172
Reprogrammed Funds	Contingency	\$500,000
	Program Income	\$450,000
Total Revenues		\$5,360,172



UNION COUNTY Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2025-556

6/12/2025

Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the National Affordable Housing Act and the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 requires that, in order to apply for and receive monies from certain U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) programs, Union County must have an approved Annual Consolidated Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the County of Union, through the consortium, wishes to be a part of the FY 2025-2029 5-Year Consolidated Action Plan and the FY 2025-2026 (Year 5) Annual Consolidated Action Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated preliminary funding allocation to the County Consortium is as indicated in the summary below:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	
CDBG HUD Grant:	\$4,410,172.00
Reprogrammed Funds:	\$950,000.00
Subtotal CDBG:	\$5,360,172.00

HOME Grant	
HOME HUD Grant:	\$1,130,005.43
Subtotal HOME:	\$1,130,005.43

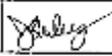
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	
ESG Grant:	\$399,360.00
Subtotal ESG:	\$399,360.00

Grand Total:	\$6,889,537.43
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Board of County Commissioners that it does hereby approve the FY 2025-2029 5-Year Consolidated Action Plan and the FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, including the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program application for HUD funds and authorizes the County Manager, Clerk of the Board and other appropriate County officials to submit said Plan on behalf of the Union County Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, so the projects as listed therein may be undertaken within the County of Union; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager, Clerk of the Board and the Director of the Department of Finance, are hereby authorized to apply for and to receive such funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board authorizes the County Manager and any other appropriate County Official to expend funds as specified in said approved FY 2025-2029 5-Year Consolidated Action Plan and FY 2025-2026 (Year 51) Annual Consolidated Action Plan.

Sufficiency Subject to Inclusion in the Budget	
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Approved as to Form:	
Certifying as an Original Resolution:	
Certified as a True Copy:	

Vote Record - RES-2025-558					
		Yea/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	James Baker Jr.	X			
X Adopted	Michelle S. Deflorit	X			
___ Adopted as Amended	Sergio Grenados				X
___ Defeated	Bette Jane Kowalski	X			
___ Tabled	Alexander Minabele	S			
___ Withdrawn	Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded	X			
	Rebecca Lynn Williams	X			
	Joseph C. Bodak	M			
	Lourdes M. Leon	X			

YEAR 51 Final Sub-Committee Allocations				
Account #	Neighborty Case#		Project Title	
Facilities Sub-Committee				Final Allocation
025-009	33722	Countywide	The Arc of Union County ADA & Facilities Improvements	\$ 21,000.00
025-010	33801	Countywide	Cerebral Palsy League ADA Accessible Transportation Shelter	\$ 25,000.00
025-026	33778	Hillside	Hillside Buis Community Center Parking Lot Replacement	\$ 59,500.00
025-028	33785	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Senior Center - Window Replacement	\$ 33,500.00
025-036	33748	New Providence	New Providence ADA Accessible Ramp	\$ 39,500.00
025-039	33673	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Toddler Learning Center Back Porch & Rear Entry Door Upgrades	\$ 12,000.00
025-041	33704	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Covenant Development Corporation Food Pantry Improvements	\$ 12,000.00
025-043	33729	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Neighborhood House Association Siding Removal & Replacement of Rear Building	\$ 40,000.00
025-044	33717	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church Parking Lot Pavement	\$ 50,500.00
025-052	33683	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Second Street Learning Center Parking Lot Replacement	\$ 67,250.00
025-053	33698	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Kings Daughter Day School Communication System Upgrades	\$ 12,000.00
025-055	33769	Rahway Non-Profit	Rahway Community Action Organization Classroom & Security Upgrades	\$ 45,000.00
025-083	33804	Roselle	Roselle Borough Hall - Baker Room ADA Improvements	\$ 27,500.00
025-084	33814	Summit	Summit Senior Housing Fire Pump Replacement	\$ 62,000.00
025-085	35680	Scotch Plains N.P	Scotch Plains Senior Housing Window Replacement Project	\$ 34,000.00
025-080	33788	Westfield	Westfield Area YMCA - ADA Bathroom & Showers Renovations	\$ 22,500.00
025-081	33774	Westfield Non-Profit	Westfield Community Center - HVAC Replacement Heating & Air System	\$ 29,000.00
025-082	33860	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Greater Refuge Church Community Food Pantry Upgrades & Repairs	\$ 17,500.00
025-084	33754	Hillside	Hillside Senior Center Generator Upgrades	\$ 40,000.00
025-087	33764	Countywide	Union County Performing Arts Center - Facilities Improvements	\$ 14,000.00
025-089	33813	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Boys & Girls Club of Union County - ADA Mobility Lift	\$ 36,822.00
			Total	\$ 700,172.00

YEAR 51 Final Sub-Committee Allocations				
Account #	Neighborhood Case#		Project Title	
Account #	Neighborhood Case#		Public Improvements Sub-Committee	Final Allocation
025-110	33743	Clark	Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$ 21,750.00
025-111	33800	Cranford	Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$ 21,750.00
025-126	33793	Hillside	Hillside Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ 97,500.00
025-128	33714	Kenilworth	Kenilworth ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	\$ 22,000.00
025-137	33791	Linden	Linden Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ 270,000.00
025-151	33721	Plainfield	Plainfield - Rushmore Recreational Complex ADA Playground	\$ 61,000.00
025-152	33701	Plainfield	Plainfield Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ 282,000.00
025-156	33779	Rahway	Rahway Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ 314,000.00
025-163	33803	Roselle	Roselle Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ 195,000.00
025-172	33746	Roselle Park	Roselle Park Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ 206,000.00
025-174	33793	Springfield	Springfield Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ 104,000.00
025-176	33782	Scotch Plains	Scotch Plains Roadway Rehabilitation	\$ 55,000.00
			Total	\$ 1,850,000.00

YEAR 51 Final Sub-Committee Allocations				
Account #	Neighborhood Case#		Project Title	
Account #	Neighborhood Case#		Public Services Sub-Committee	Final Allocation
025-200	33730	Berkeley Heights	Berkeley Heights Senior Citizen Public Services Program	\$ 18,000.00
025-207	33799	Clark	Clark Senior Citizen Public Services Program	\$ 18,000.00
025-208	33786	Countywide	Union County Recreation Program for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs	\$ 8,800.00
025-214	33771	Countywide	Institute of Music for Children Afterschool Institute	\$ 9,000.00
025-216	33773	Cranford Non-Profit	Cranford Housing Board - Nutrition Program	\$ 6,250.00
025-217	33777	Cranford	Cranford Senior Citizen Public Services Program	\$ 21,000.00
025-218	33817	Countywide	Family Promise Transportation Services and Grocery Support	\$ 11,000.00
025-223	33795	Garwood	Garwood Senior Citizen Public Services Program	\$ 18,000.00
025-224	33788	Countywide	Roots & Wings - Union County Rise Program	\$ 16,750.00
025-227	33758	Hillside	Hillside Senior Citizen Public Services & Health Care Program	\$ 25,000.00
025-228	33792	Hillside	Hillside Buie Center Youth Recreation Program - Youth Reading Program	\$ 14,500.00
025-230	33759	Hillside	Hillside Maternal Child Health Care Program	\$ 20,000.00
025-231	33787	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Senior Citizen Public Services Transportation & Health Program	\$ 16,500.00
025-236	33818	Linden Non-Profit	Linden- LINC'S Food Pantry/Nutrition Program	\$ 20,000.00
025-241	33857	Mountainside	Mountainside Senior Citizen Public Services Program	\$ 16,500.00
025-247	33772	New Providence	New Providence Senior Citizen Public Service & High Risk Health Care Program	\$ 16,750.00
025-249	33886	Plainfield Non-Profit	Second Street Youth Center Afterschool Service and Summer Program	\$ 14,500.00
025-252	33862	Plainfield	Plainfield Shut In Council Disabled Care Services for Seniors	\$ 6,000.00
025-255	33731	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - HOPES CAP Early Childhood and Families Services Program	\$ 24,500.00
025-256	33680	Plainfield	Plainfield - Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Program	\$ 8,500.00
025-258	33678	Plainfield	Plainfield Seniors Citizen Public Services Program	\$ 37,750.00
025-260	33688	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Urban League of UC - Reentry Reconnections	\$ 6,750.00
025-262	33683	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Toddler Learning Center Day Care Services	\$ 6,250.00
025-264	33671	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Vision & Pathways Prosperity Independent Living Skills Program	\$ 8,500.00
025-265	33809	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Boys & Girl Club of Union County Teen Program	\$ 11,000.00
025-266	33728	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - IRIS House Food Assistance Program	\$ 6,250.00
025-267	33678	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church - Valerie's Soup Kitchen	\$ 5,000.00
025-271	33642	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry	\$ 5,000.00
025-273	33702	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Sisters2Sisters Inc. Breast Cancer Assistance Program	\$ 17,000.00
025-274	33751	Rahway	Rahway Senior Citizen Public Services Program	\$ 18,000.00
025-275	33643	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Greater Somerset County YMCA School Age Child Care Program	\$ 8,250.00
025-276	33787	Roselle	Roselle Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program	\$ 9,700.00
025-282	33746	Roselle Park	Roselle Park Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program	\$ 24,000.00
025-283	33736	Scotch Plains	Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program	\$ 14,000.00
025-287	33756	Springfield	Springfield Senior Citizens Public Services & Transportation Program	\$ 13,000.00
025-289	33711	Countywide	The Arc of Union County Behavioral Health Program	\$ 12,000.00
025-291	33755	Summit-Non Profit	Summit - GRACE Food and Community Essentials Program	\$ 8,000.00
025-294	33781	Summit	Summit Youth Center Program	\$ 9,500.00
025-295	33806	Summit	Summit Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program	\$ 5,000.00
025-298	33787	Countywide	Westfield YMCA Adult Social Needs Program	\$ 8,250.00
025-299	33757	Countywide	Westfield Senior Citizens Public Services & Transportation Program	\$ 12,500.00
025-302	33655	Plainfield-Non Profit	Plainfield Grassroots - CDC SAT Prep and STEM Programs	\$ 8,250.00
025-321	33807	Countywide	United Way Family Strengthening	\$ 112,000.00
025-322	33789	New Providence-Non	New Providence- LINC Program Inc. - Food Pantry	\$ 8,250.00
025-323	33744	Countywide	Child Focus - County Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)	\$ 12,000.00
025-324	33651	Plainfield	Plainfield - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, NJ	\$ 6,250.00
025-325	33713	Plainfield-Non Profit	Plainfield - The Gateway Family YMCA - Dudley House Veterans & Seniors Program	\$ 16,000.00

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YEAR 51 Final Sub-Committee Allocations				
Account #	Neighbory Case#		Project Title	
025-328	33692	Plainfield-Non Profit	Plainfield - HOPES CAP, Inc. Financial Literacy Program	\$ 6,250.00
025-327	35812	Plainfield-Non Profit	Plainfield - Visions & Pathways - Technology, Education & Career Center (TEC)	\$ 6,250.00
025-328	33719	Countywide	The Arc of Union County - Automated External Defibrillators	\$ 6,250.00
025-331	35810	Winfield	Winfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program	\$ 14,000.00
025-333	33790	New Providence	Community Service Association of New Providence- Summer Camp Program	\$ 6,250.00
				\$ 750,000.00

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Account #	Neighbory Case#		Project Title	
Account #	Neighbory Case#		Housing Sub-Committee	Final Allocation
025-400	33778	Countywide	Union County Home Improvement Program Project Cost & Consultant	\$ 325,500.00
025-417	33760	Hillside	Hillside Code Enforcement Program	\$ 31,000.00
025-427	33796	Linden	Linden Home Improvement Program	\$ 221,500.00
025-436	33659	Plainfield	Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)	\$ 222,000.00
025-437	33687	Plainfield	Plainfield Office of Community Development Emergency Housing Assistance Program	\$ 7,000.00
025-438	33683	Plainfield	Plainfield Code Enforcement Program	\$ 30,000.00
025-441	33754	Rahway	Rahway Home Improvement Program	\$ 220,000.00
025-442	33753	Rahway	Rahway Code Enforcement Program	\$ 30,500.00
025-446	33802	Roselle	Roselle Code Enforcement Program	\$ 30,500.00
025-447	33710	Plainfield-Non Profit	Plainfield - Morris Habitat for Humanity - Home Renovations	\$ 22,000.00
			Total	\$ 1,140,000.00

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Account #	Neighbory Case#		Project Title	
Account #	Neighbory Case#		Admin Sub-Committee	Final Allocation
025-504		Countywide	Union County Economic Development Corporation Business Assistance Program	\$ 200,000.00
025-505		County of Union	Commissioner Initiative Program	\$ -
025-600		County of Union	CDBG Program Administration (20%)	\$ 920,000.00
			Total	\$ 1,120,000.00
			Total All Sub-Committees	\$ 6,360,172.00
			Discretionary	\$ -
			Total All Sub-Committees with Discretionary	\$ 6,360,172.00

HOME

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP
FY 2025-2026 ALLOCATION

\$	847,504.08	ENTITLEMENT
\$	113,000.54	ADMINISTRATION
\$	169,500.81	CHDO
	\$1,130,005.43	SUBTOTAL
	\$1,130,005.43	TOTAL

HOME FINAL PROJ AMT 2025-2026
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2025-2026 HOME ACTION PLAN PROJECTS

<u>SUBGRANTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Rental Housing	\$1,017,004.89
TOTAL:	\$1,017,004.89

HOME FINAL PROGRAM 2025-2026
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2025-2026 HOME ACTION PLAN
MATCH REQUIREMENTS

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MATCH OBLIGATION (DEBIT)</u>	<u>MATCH REQUIREMENT (CREDIT)</u>
Rental Housing	1,017,004.89	254,251.89	254,251.89 Will use Previous Excessive Match

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UNION COUNTY
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
Resale & Recapture Agreement
ACTION PLAN FY2025-2026 ALLOCATION

RESALE

If the property is sold within the affordability period, the new homebuyer must be low income 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 45% of their income, inclusive of monthly payments for the principal, interest, property taxes, mortgage and property insurance, as well as other monthly expenses/costs (front-and back-end ratios factors). The property must be their principal residence.

The maximum resale price will be set to provide a fair return to the original homebuyer and is affordable to a household at 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 45% percent of their income, inclusive of front- and back-end ratio factors. 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 their investment for initial downpayment (capital) and capital improvements. The value of the improvements will be multiplied by the then current Consumer Price Index and added to the initial downpayment for the total return to the original homebuyer. The original homebuyer must produce receipts to support their claims. A mortgage, note and deed restriction, and homebuyer agreement will be placed on the property in the name of the new homebuyer.

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 in the period of affordability. 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, Note, Deed Restriction and Homebuyer Agreement will be placed on the property. The Mortgage and Deed Restriction will be recorded in the County of Union's Clerks Office.

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ESG

FY2025 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grants Program Allocations

Emergency Solutions Grants Program	Eligible Activities	Activity Amount	Total by Category	% by Category
	Emergency Shelter	\$ 136,570	\$ 164,719	41.25%
	<i>Operation</i>	\$ 100,256		
	<i>Essential Service</i>	\$ 36,314		
	Street Outreach - Essential Services	\$ 28,149	\$ 204,690	51.25%
	HMIS	\$ 5,615		
	Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 68,449		
	<i>Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services</i>	\$ 19,022		
	<i>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</i>	\$ 49,427		
	Homelessness Prevention	\$ 130,626		
	<i>Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services</i>	\$ 36,170		
	<i>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</i>	\$ 94,456		
	Emergency Solutions Grants Subtotal:	\$ 369,409		
	Administration	\$ 29,951	7.50%	
	Total Grant Amount:	\$ 399,360		

The FY2025 funds will be allocated out to provider agencies through a Request for Proposal (RFP) application process anticipated release in Spring 2025. The RFP process put in place would be used to develop an annual spending plan at a reduced funding amount, while preserving the most critical services. Applicants will be reviewed by the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Resource Allocation and Contract Review Subcommittee. Funding recommendations of the Subcommittee will then be presented to the full HSAC for approval, and then adopted by the Union County Board of County Commissioners for final approval/award of funds. All services are anticipated to begin 8/1/2025. In the RFP it will be required that all services provided will be matched at 100% to be in compliance with the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Regulations. It is anticipated that the following Emergency Solutions Grant 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 Continuum of Care 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. Funding will be focused to impact homeless families with children and on Rapid Re-Housing services.

As of: 6/30/2025 cmt

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"PROPOSED" USE OF YEAR 2025-26 ESG PROGRAM FUNDS

8/1/2025-7/31/2026

Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services

\$16,996.00

A total of 50 households will be served through ESG funding. Of the 50 households that will be served, Bridgeway will provide 50 unsheltered homeless individuals/families with outreach services; 30 individuals/families received case management assistance to obtain housing with follow-up case management services three months after the completion of services; 25 individuals/families received linkages to housing (temporary/permanent); 17 individuals/families received linkages to substance abuse services.

Catholic Charities of the Archdioceses of Newark

\$24,315.00

A total of 3 households will be served through ESG funding. Of the 3 households that will be served, Catholic Charities will provide 1 individuals/families with rental assistance (rapid re-housing) payments to obtain housing, thereby avoiding homelessness; provide case management assistance to 7 households in order to obtain housing (rapid re-housing); provide individuals/families with rental assistance (homeless prevention) payments to obtain housing, thereby avoiding homelessness; provide case management assistance to 2 households in order to maintain housing (homeless prevention); and provide 2 individuals/families with follow-up case management services three months after the completion of services during the contract period.

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless

\$110,579.00

A total of 80 households will be served through ESG funding. Of the 80 households that will be served, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless will provide 840 motel/hotel nights to approximately 60 homeless individuals/families; provide 20 households with rental assistance (Rapid Re-Housing) to obtain affordable permanent housing; provide 20 households with comprehensive case management (Rapid Re-Housing); provide 20 households with rental assistance (Homeless Prevention) to maintain their housing; provide 20 households with comprehensive case management (Homeless Prevention); and provide 20 individuals/families with follow-up case management services three months after the completion of services during the contract period.

Family Promise Union County

\$46,884.00

A total of 8 households will be served through ESG funding. Of the 8 households that will be served, Family Promise will provide 8 individuals/families with rental assistance (prevention) payments to maintain their current housing thereby avoiding eviction and homelessness; provide 8 individuals/families with case management services to maintain their current housing thereby avoiding eviction and homelessness (prevention); provide individuals/families with living arrangements, home inspections, and overall habitability of apartment to be rented, and follow-up visits; and provide follow-up case management services three months after the completion of services during the contract period.

PROCEED, Inc.

\$21,529.00

A total of 7 households will be served through ESG funding. Of the 7 households that will be served, PROCEED will provide 3 individuals/families with rental assistance (rapid re-housing) payments to obtain housing, thereby avoiding homelessness; provide case management assistance to 7 households in order to obtain housing (rapid re-housing); provide 3 individuals/families with rental assistance (homeless prevention) payments to obtain housing, thereby avoiding homelessness; provide case management assistance to 4 households in order to maintain housing (homeless prevention); and provide 3 individuals/families with follow-up case management services three months after the completion of services during the contract period.

The Salvation Army (Elizabeth)

\$27,198.00

A total of 34 households will be served through ESG funding. The Salvation Army-Elizabeth will provide 34 households with emergency shelter placement and case management services (including case management follow-up); in addition, 2,573 hot meals will be provided to shelter residents during the contract period.

The Gateway Family YMCA

\$43,980.00

A total of 39 households will be served through ESG funding. The Gateway Family YMCA will provide 39 single women/families residing at Madison House with emergency shelter and case management services (including case management follow-up) during the contract period.

Urban League

\$64,413.00

A total of 6 households will be served through ESG funding. Of the 6 households served, Urban League will provide 2 individuals/families with rental assistance (rapid re-housing) payments to obtain housing, thereby avoiding homelessness; provide case management assistance to 2 households in order to obtain housing (rapid re-housing); provide 3 individuals/families with rental assistance (homeless prevention) payments to obtain housing, thereby avoiding homelessness; provide case management assistance to 3 households in order to maintain housing (homeless prevention); and provide 6 individuals/families with follow-up case management services three months after the completion of services during the contract period.

YWCA Union County

\$13,515.00

A total of 6 households will be served through ESG funding. The YWCA Union County will provide 6 individuals/families with emergency shelter placement and case management services (including case management follow-up); and education on Federal, State and community resources available to victims of domestic violence during the contract period. While residing in the shelter, the shelter advocate will provide crisis counseling and advocacy to help clients become self-sufficient and lead independent lives.

12-Month Administration

\$29,951.00

This includes the payment of salaries/fringe benefits, indirect costs, and other costs related to the administration/coordination of the ESG program by the UCDHS/DIFSS.

Grand Total: \$399,360.00

159 individuals/families will be served.

Goal Outcome Indicators	
#12: Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	24 household will be assisted
#13: Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	100 persons will be assisted
#15 Homelessness Prevention	35 persons will be assisted

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).

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

On the night of January 23, 2024, out of the 1,026 persons identified as homeless, there were a total of 163 chronically homeless persons, representing 15.9% of the counted homeless population. There were 10 homeless veterans representing 1.4% of the counted homeless adult population. 19 victims of domestic violence were identified representing 1.9% of the total identified homeless population. Homeless youth (individuals and families with heads of households 24 years old or younger) represented 7.3% of the counted homeless population with 75 persons identified.

Of persons identifying a developmental disability, 66% identified as Black or African American, non-Hispanic/Latino, compared to 16% and 13% of persons identifying as White, non-Hispanic/Latino and Hispanic/Latino, respectively.

Thirty-three percent (33%) of homeless persons reported having some type of disability. Forty-three (43%) of adults 18 or older reported some type of disability compared to 7% of children. The most common disabilities included mental health issues and substance abuse disorder. Among persons identifying a disability, 49% reported mental health issues; this accounts for 16% of the total identified population experiencing homelessness. An additional 39% of disabled adults reported a substance abuse disorder.

2. Discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance.

ESG funding is focused on homeless families with children, Homelessness Prevention and Emergency Shelter services. The actual percentage for 2024-2025 was 34.20% in Emergency Shelter and 32.71% in Homelessness Prevention. In Union County, there is a need to fund emergency shelter for those who are currently homeless and assisting them with being rapidly rehoused.

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

CHRONIC HOMELESS

On the night of January 23, 2024, a total of 163 persons were identified as chronically homeless. This represents 15.9% of the counted homeless population. The chronically homeless also has a notable number (39 persons) as unsheltered. There is a 288% increase since 2020 and a 2% decrease since 2023.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Of the 681 homeless households counted in Union County in 2024, 145 (21%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. These families included 444 persons, including 237 children under age 18 and 207 adults. The average family size was 3.0 persons.

UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

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There were 9 unaccompanied youth households with 9 persons identified in 2024. The majority of them resided in emergency shelter (78%) on the night of the count.

VETERANS

On the night of January 23, 2024, there were 10 homeless veterans representing 1.4% of the counted homeless adult population. There was a 67% increase since 2023 and a 50% decrease since 2020. Of the veterans counted, 50% of identify with a disability.

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

The 2024 Count showed a total of 349 households, including 10 homeless veterans, of which only two (20%) were families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one adult. These individuals met the (HUD) McKinney-Vento Act definition of homelessness. Contributing factors to homelessness were stated as follows: loss or reduction of benefits and job income and cannot find work, housing costs were too high and were evicted, household was asked to leave a shared residence, reported medical/disability, household had a relationship/family breakup or death, household reported an alcohol or drug abuse problem, and household reported domestic/sexual violence.

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

The largest number of homeless people in the 2024 count were African-Americans 58.4%, followed by Hispanic/Latinos 31.9% and Caucasians 9.4%, American Indian or Alaska Natives 0.6%, Asians 0.5%, Pacific Islander/ Native Hawaiian 0.3% and Middle Eastern/North African 0.1.

6. Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

On the night of January 23, 2024, a total of 76 persons representing 73 households were unsheltered. This increased from 2023 (which was 51) and decreased from 2020 (which was 66). Of the 76 persons counted, a notable 39 persons that were unsheltered meet the chronically homeless definition. The top reported barriers for those residing in unsheltered locations were having no ID/documents (40 households) and did not qualify for specific services/lack of transportation (22 households, respectively).

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

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

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

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

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

8. List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals.

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

Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services	Continuum of Care: Shelter Plus Care Program
	Street Outreach
Community Access Unlimited	Emergency Capacity System
	Developmental Disabilities
	Youth Emergency Shelter
	Continuum of Care: Supportive Housing Program

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Covenant House NJ (Raphael's Life House)	Continuum of Care: Supportive Housing Program
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless	Operation Warm Heart - Seasonal Shelter Hotel/Motel bed nights
Family Promise	Emergency Shelter - Families Only
The Gateway Family YMCA	Madison House
	Men's Dormitory
	Transitional Housing
	Project Sustain
The Salvation Army	Continuum of Care: Supportive Housing Program Emergency Shelter
YWCA of Eastern Union County	Project Protect (designated domestic violence shelter)

9. Strategy to reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs.

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

10.Strategy to addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

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

11.Strategy to helping homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to

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affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

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

1.2.Strategy for Homelessness Prevention

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

Discharge coordination policies

1. **Foster Care** - NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF), Div. of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), provides services to adolescents ages 18 - 21 in out-of-home placements/foster care. When adolescents reach age 18, they may continue to receive voluntary services from DCP&P to assist with their transition to adulthood. Cases on these young adults are closed only if they refuse services. NJ General Assistance program (GA), which provides monthly cash assistance to single adults along with emergency housing/shelter assistance, is a mainstream resource which can be accessed by aging out youth.
2. **Health Care** - The 2024 Point-In-Time Count (PITC) and Survey of the homeless indicated that less than 1% of respondents stated they were discharged from medical facility into homelessness. This percentage may include persons who were homeless prior to admission and those homeless individuals treated in the emergency room. To address this issue, health care providers and UC Emergency Shelter/Code Blue Subcommittee developed a process for referrals from health care facilities to emergency shelters and other homeless services. Members of UC-CoC including UCDHS, the Division of Social Services (CWA), and shelter providers developed protocols for these referrals with hospital social workers. A streamlined referral form is currently used to help persons secure shelter and identify the necessary medical information needed to procure homeless services offered through mainstream programs such as TANF, SSI, and GA. Staff from the social services department of Trinitas Regional Medical Center regularly attends CoC Committee and subcommittee meetings.

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3. **Mental Health** - The 2024 Point-In-Time Count (PITC) and Survey of the homeless indicated that that no respondents stated they were discharged from a state or county mental health facility into homelessness. Mental Health protocols in NJ include a system whereby persons discharged either by the court or administratively from a short-term care or psychiatric facility or special psychiatric hospital have a discharge plan prepared by the treatment team at the facility. The treatment team gives the patient an opportunity to participate in the formulation of the discharge plan. In Union County Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams operated by Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, assist in the transitioning of homeless individuals from mental health care facilities to appropriate housing or shelter programs.
4. **Corrections** - The 2024 Point-In-Time Count (PITC) and Survey of the homeless indicated that no respondents stated they were discharged from a city, county or state correctional facility into homelessness. Homeless ex-offenders are often placed in emergency shelters or in apartments via Emergency Assistance (EA) or Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) by UCDSS. In addition, to expedite this transition, UCDSS completes GA intake applications with offenders who are incarcerated for an extended period prior to their release.

COC Strategies

1. End Chronic Homelessness in 5 years;
2. Prevent and End Homelessness among Veterans in 5 years;
3. Prevent and End Homelessness for Families, Youth and Children in 10 years; and
4. Set a Path to Ending All Types of Homelessness.

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	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year-Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds		Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	156	32	236	260	0
Households with Only Adults	155	15	60	231	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	23	0
Veterans	0	0	18	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	20	0	0

The above information was based on the 2024 Housing Inventory Counts.

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Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Homelessness Prevention Services	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Counseling/Advocacy	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Catholic Charities Community Access Unlimited Central Jersey Legal Services Community Health Law Project Early Intervention/Trinitas Regional Medical Center El Centro Hispanoamericano Elizabeth Coalition Elizabethport Presbyterian Center Esperanza Self Help Center Family & Children's Services Family Promise Intensive Family Support Services Jefferson Park Ministries Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Raphael's Life House Union County Rape Crisis Center St. Joseph's Social Service Center Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield United Family & Children's Society United Way of Greater Union County Urban League of Union County The Gateway Family YMCA YWCA Union County	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Catholic Charities Community Access Unlimited Central Jersey Legal Services Community Health Law Project Early Intervention/Trinitas Regional Medical Center El Centro Hispanoamericano Elizabeth Coalition Elizabethport Presbyterian Center Esperanza Self Help Center Family & Children's Services Family Promise Jefferson Park Ministries Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Raphael's Life House St. Joseph's Social Service Center Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield United Family & Children's Society United Way of Greater Union County Urban League of Union County The Gateway Family YMCA YWCA Union County	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Catholic Charities Central Jersey Legal Services Early Intervention/Trinitas Regional Medical Center Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp PROCEED St. Joseph's Social Service Center Salvation Army-Elizabeth Salvation Army-Plainfield United Way of Greater Union County	

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Legal Assistance	Central Jersey Legal Services Community Health Law Project	Central Jersey Legal Services Community Health Law Project	Central Jersey Legal Services
Mortgage Assistance	Urban League of Union County	Urban League of Union County	Central Jersey Legal Services
Rental Assistance	Catholic Charities Elizabeth Coalition Family Promise Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth Urban League of Union County	Catholic Charities Elizabeth Coalition Family Promise Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth Urban League of Union County	Catholic Charities PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth
Utilities Assistance	Catholic Charities Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth	Catholic Charities Plainfield Action Services PROCEED Salvation Army-Elizabeth	Catholic Charities PROCEED
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Elizabeth Coalition PROCEED Prevention Links	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Elizabeth Coalition PROCEED Prevention Links	PROCEED

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		Supportive Services	
Alcohol & Drug Abuse		Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services CURA High Focus Centers Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Center New Hope Foundation Organization for Recovery Overlook Hospital Prevention Links PROCEED Summit Oaks Hospital Sunrise House Sunrise/Dudley House Trinitas Regional Medical Center Turning Point Community Coordinated Childcare Elizabeth Coalition Jefferson Park Ministries The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Operations PROCEED The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Centers	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services PROCEED Trinitas Regional Medical Center Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Center Overlook Hospital Sunrise/Dudley House Trinitas Regional Medical Center Community Coordinated Childcare Elizabeth Coalition Jefferson Park Ministries The Gateway Family YMCA PROCEED The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Centers
Child Care		Community Coordinated Childcare Elizabeth Coalition Jefferson Park Ministries The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Operations PROCEED The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Centers	Community Coordinated Childcare Elizabeth Coalition Jefferson Park Ministries The Gateway Family YMCA PROCEED The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Centers
Education		Union County One-Stop Operations PROCEED The Gateway Family YMCA Union County One-Stop Centers	PROCEED Union County One-Stop Centers
Employment and Employment Training		Jewish Family Services Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Integrated Case Management Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center Hyacinth AIDS Foundation	Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center Hyacinth AIDS Foundation
Healthcare		Jewish Family Services Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Integrated Case Management Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center Hyacinth AIDS Foundation	Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center Hyacinth AIDS Foundation
HIV/AIDS		Jewish Family Services Mt. Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Integrated Case Management Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center Hyacinth AIDS Foundation	Jewish Family Services Neighborhood Health Services Corp Trinitas Regional Medical Center Hyacinth AIDS Foundation

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Life Skills	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth Coalition The Gateway Family YMCA YWCA Union County	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Community Access Unlimited Elizabeth Coalition The Gateway Family YMCA YWCA Union County	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Community Access Unlimited
Mental Health Counseling	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Family & Children's Services High Focus Jewish Family Services Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Center Overlook Hospital RWJ University Hospital Summit Oaks Hospital Trinitas Regional Medical Center United Family & Children's Society	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Family & Children's Services Jewish Family Services Trinitas Regional Medical Center	Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services Jewish Family Services Trinitas Regional Medical Center
Transportation	Access Link NJ Transit Union County Division of Social Services Union County Paratransit	Union County Division of Social Services	
Other	Other		

TABLE 1 - HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES SUMMARY

County of Union
Five Year Strategic
Plan for
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2025-2029
Grantees SF-424's &
Certification(s)



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June 13, 2025

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To Whom This May Concern:

Enclosed please find the 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan and Year 51 Annual Action Plan Grant Certifications and SF-424 forms for the County of Union.

The Public Commentary period was from April 24, 2025 through May 23, 2025; there were no comments received.

If you have any questions pertaining to this application for HUD funding, please contact Amy C. Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director of Economic Development at 908-527-4802.

Thank you for your consideration on this proposal.

Very truly yours,

Edward T. Oatman
County Manager

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U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Expiration Date: 03/28/2027

Instructions for the HUD-424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications, which replace any requirement to submit an SF-424-B or SF-424-D. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.53, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to affect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.0, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

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

*Authorized Representative Name:

Prefix: [redacted] *First Name: Edward
Middle Name: [redacted]
*Last Name: Carlson
Suffix: [redacted]
*Title: County Manager
*Applicant Organization: County of Union

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.
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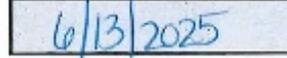
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*Signature:



*Date:



Form HUD-424-B (02/22)

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, add the appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="05/20/20"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text" value="County of Union"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text" value="B-25-UC-36-0106"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="County of Union"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="22-6022431"/>	* c. VSI: <input type="text" value="VHFGDARW6E7"/>	
d. Address:		
* Street: <input type="text" value="10 Elizabethtown Plaza"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* City: <input type="text" value="Elizabethtown"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text" value="NJ: New Jersey"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="07002-3951"/>	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Economic Development"/>	Division Name: <input type="text" value="Community Services"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Tony"/>	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="C."/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Magner"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="Director of Economic Development"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="008-327-4802"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="804-259-0180"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="tmagner@econj.org"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SP-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:	
B: County Government	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:	
* Other (specify):	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
11. Assistance Listing Number:	
14.218	
Assistance Listing Title:	
Community Development Block Grant Program	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:	
14.218	
* Title:	
Community Development Block Grant Program	
13. Competition Identification Number:	
Title:	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Area"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Area"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:	
2025 Allocation for Community Development Block Grant Program	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.	
<input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

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

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	4,410,172.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	500,000.00
* f. Program Income	430,000.00
* g. TOTAL	5,340,172.00

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

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

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

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

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

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1004)

** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

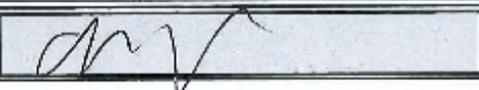
* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

Instructions for the HUD-424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications, which replace any requirement to submit an SF-424-B or SF-424-D. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.57, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with these authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.25.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

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

*Authorized Representative Name:

Prefix:	Mr.	*First Name:	Edward
Middle Name:			
*Last Name:	O'Brien		
Suffix:			
*Title:	County Manager		
*Applicant Organization:	County of Union		

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.
2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).
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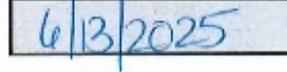
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*Signature:



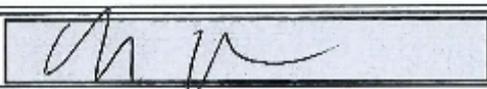
*Date:



Form HUD-424-B (02/23)

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
*1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		
*2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		
*3. Revision, select appropriate label(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>		
*4. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
6a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		6b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only: 6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		
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3. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
*a. Legal Name: <input type="text"/>		
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text"/>		*c. UEI: <input type="text"/>
d. Address:		
* Street 1: <input type="text"/>		
* Street 2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: <input type="text"/>		
* County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: <input type="text"/>		
* Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: <input type="text"/>		
* Zip/Postal Code: <input type="text"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text"/> * First Name: <input type="text"/>		
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 8. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="9: County Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Assistance Listing Number: <input type="text" value="14.239"/>	
Assistance Listing Title: <input type="text" value="HOME Investment Partnerships Program"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="14.239"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="HOME Investment Partnerships Program"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/>	
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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="2025 Allocation for HOME Investment Partnerships Program"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Update Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant	7 10 13
* b. Program/Project	7 10 13
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date	08/01/2025
* b. End Date	07/31/2026
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	1,130,005.43
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	11,291,307.00
* f. Program Income	25,460.00
* g. TOTAL	12,446,772.43
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	Mr.
* First Name:	Edward
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Dotman
Suffix:	
* Title:	County Manager
* Telephone Number:	508-521-4200
Fax Number:	
* Email:	edotman@ucnj.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	10/15/2025

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Expiration Date: 03/28/2027

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

*Authorized Representative Name:

Prefix: Mr. *First Name: Andrew
Middle Name:
Last Name: Carlson
Suffix:

*Title: County Manager

*Applicant Organization: County of Union

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

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*Signature:



*Date:



Form HUD-424-B (09/2015)

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/> 09/16/2020		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/> County of Union
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/> K-25-UC-34-0106
State Use Only: 6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/> 7. State Application Number: <input type="text"/>		
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text"/> County of Union		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text"/> 22-660240		* c. UIC: <input type="text"/> V8100880007
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text"/> 10 Elizabethown Plaza		
Street2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: <input type="text"/> Elizabeth		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: <input type="text"/> NJ: New Jersey		
Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: <input type="text"/> USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip/Postal Code: <input type="text"/> 07202-3451		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text"/> Economic Development		Division Name: <input type="text"/> Community Services
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text"/> Sr.		* First Name: <input type="text"/> Jay
Middle Name: <input type="text"/> C.		
* Last Name: <input type="text"/> Wagner		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text"/> Director of Economic Development		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text"/> 908-527-4402		Fax Number: <input type="text"/> 908-283-0100
* Email: <input type="text"/> AWagner@unionj.org		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="D: County Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other Applicant: <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Assistance Listing Number: <input type="text" value="14.231"/>	
Assistance Listing Title: <input type="text" value="Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="14.231"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)"/>	
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Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Save Attachment"/>	
* 16. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="2025 Allocation for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Mark Attachment"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="7 10 13"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="7 10 13"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="09/01/2025"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="07/31/2026"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="399,360.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="399,360.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
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21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
<small>** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.</small>	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Edward"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Castron"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="County Manager"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="908-521-4200"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="edcastron@ucnj.org"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="6/13/2025"/>

County of Union
Five Year Strategic
Plan for
Program Years
2025-2029
Certification(s)

CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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

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

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

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

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



Signature of Authorized Official

6/13/2025

Date

County Manager

Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan – Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifics both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan – It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds – It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2025 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force – It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Eric J. Cash
Signature of Authorized Official

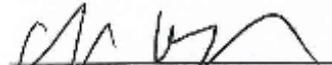
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.


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6/13/2025
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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;



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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 emergency 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 renovation 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 program.

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.



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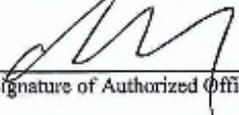
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.



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10/13/2025
Date

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

HOME-ARP

County of Union
Department of Economic
Development
Division of Community Services /
Bureau of Housing



Home Investment Partnerships
Program-American Rescue Plan





UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION: 2023-278
MARCH 16, 2023
CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Board of County Commissioners that it hereby amends Resolution 2022-132 to apply for and accept the remaining HOME-ARP funds for the purpose and benefit to provide housing and supportive services for all qualifying populations, in an amount not to exceed \$4,233,515.40.

No Sufficiency of Funds Required :
 Approved as to Form:
 Certifying as to an Original Resolution:
 Certified as to a True Copy:

✓ Vote Record - Resolution 2023		Yea/Aye	No/ Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Jaime Boas Jr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended	Joseph C. Hoylek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Deleted	Angela K. Carstairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdraw	Beth Jane Kowalski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template

Guidance

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

Participating Jurisdiction: County of Union

Date: March 23, 2023

Consultation

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

Summarize the consultation process:

The County of Union (The County) recognizes that consultation is important to support evidence-based solutions and intentional planning. The County made this a top priority to comply with all regulatory guidelines governing HOME-ARP funds, including Notice CPD-21-

10: Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (the Notice). The County consulted a multitude of stakeholders including those required under the Notice, such as:

- The CoC serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area,
- Homeless service providers,
- Domestic violence service providers,
- Veterans’ groups,
- The public housing agency,
- Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and
- Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

For all processes involving the administration of funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the County follows consultation and public participation criteria outlined in our approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The County’s CPP encourages input from the community and emphasizes involvement of low and moderate-income persons of the community, particularly those living in the targeted areas. The Plan also encourages comments and participation from all city residents, including minorities, non-English speaking persons, and individuals with disabilities. For the purposes of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, consultation and public participation focused on receiving input from qualifying populations, as defined above, and related service providers.

All stakeholders were provided the opportunity to complete a priority needs survey, a quick poll regarding gaps in the homeless services delivery system, exchange ideas related to HOME-ARP funding priorities, and ask questions about the County’s HOME-ARP allocation.

Stakeholders were also consulted directly via interviews where discussions involved soliciting input on the housing and service needs of the qualifying populations, identifying gaps in the housing inventory and homeless services delivery system, and revealing resources available for assisting qualifying populations. The consultation process involved the service organization and its clientele. Direct consultations took place during December of 2022 - January and February of 2023.

The data received from service providers, County internal departments, and CoC/RSG committees helped to inform the funding priorities identified in this plan.

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

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Community Access Unlimited, Inc.	Service provider that addresses the needs of persons with	Survey (Survey Monkey)	CAU’s most pressing needs involve unaccompanied youth. Increase production and preservation of affordable housing. Gaps in housing

	disabilities and at-risk youth.		and service needs include rental assistance and 1000+ units. Provide homeless residents with housing and full supportive services
Family Promise Union County	Service provider that addresses needs of homeless / at-risk families / DV	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Families at-risk of homelessness is the most pressing issue. Rental units with full supportive services, such as TBRA and case management support. Transitional housing is the best option in terms of non-congregate shelter. Create individual housing units, such as hotel/motel conversion for 1-2 BR units. "Rather than create more shelter beds, focus on the creation of non-congregate shelters, including SROs, or any other way to offer individual living space."
Community Investment Strategies, Inc.	Organization that addresses affordable housing for at-risk of homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	"General lack of affordability" is the most pressing issue. Prioritize production and preservation of affordable housing units. Housing and service needs gap that needs to be addressed is affordability. The best option to address this is building of new rental housing and case management services for residents. More apartments as opposed to non-congregate shelters. Barriers to quality housing include lack of housing in/near areas of opportunity.
City of Linden Social Services	Public agency that addresses needs of at-risk homeless single adults	Survey (Survey Monkey)	At-risk homelessness for single adults is the most pressing issue. Priority includes Supportive/homeless prevention services and purchase of non-congregate shelter. Housing shelter inventory gaps include affordable housing and financial literacy. Best homelessness prevention options include Case management/Home Ownership education, and life skills training. Supportive services that can be utilized are 6 month financial education courses with all housing programs, as well as promotion of home ownership with case management services for the first year. Landlord/tenant rights

			education for single parent households.
County of Union, Department of Human Services - DHPSS	Continuum of Care	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Most pressing issues are at-risk homeless single adults. Prioritize production and prevention of affordable housing, and TBRA. On the topic of current shelter and housing inventory, shelter for homeless individuals is a major gap in the housing shelter inventory. The best option to provide housing and prevent homelessness are conversion of hotels to serve the homeless population. Case management should be emphasized for social services funding.
HOPES CAP, Inc.	Public agency that provides supportive services to homeless/at-risk of homeless families	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Homeless families are the most pressing issue. Priority for funding should address supportive/homeless prevention services and purchasing of non-congregate shelters, along with TBRA. There is an inventory gap in shelters for homeless individuals. Provide rental housing with full supportive services, including homelessness prevention and financial literacy. Funding should be appropriated to UC based agencies that provide these social services. Build larger non-congregate shelters and address the cost of housing in UC.
Ingerman Developers	Private organization that addresses affordable housing needs to those at risk of homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Families at-risk of homelessness is the most pressing issue. Prioritize production and prevention of affordable housing, and TBRA. The largest gap in housing shelter inventory is rental assistance. Providing rental housing with full supportive services, including housing counseling, landlord-tenant rights, housing search, budgeting, credit education/repair. Barriers include lack of housing near areas of opportunity.
Visions and Pathways	Public organization that deals with homeless youth	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Visions and Pathways provide emergency/temporary shelter for homeless youth and persons with mental health issues. Priorities should be more supportive/

	and mental health issues		homeless prevention services and counseling, production/preservation of affordable housing. The most significant gap in homeless shelter inventory is lack of housing for homeless youth. Homelessness prevention services, such as case management, life skills training and medical/mental health services. Regarding non-congregate shelters, transitional, affordable housing for youth, adults and families is the best option. Cost of living is a major barrier. Provide free mental health services for youth as well as case management. "Our youth and families need affordable housing AND supportive services in order to thrive and not continue the poverty cycle."
County of Union Department of Social Services	Continuum of Care: Homeless (+at-risk), domestic violence victims fleeing from domestic violence, mental health issues.	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize production and preservation of affordable housing, and supportive services designed to prevent homelessness. Families at-risk of homelessness are the population with the most critical needs. Biggest gaps in current housing shelter inventory are lack of rental assistance and job/financial counseling. Best options to prevent homelessness are providing rental housing with full supportive services and life skills training. ARP funds can be utilized to provide employment/financial coaching services.
City of Elizabeth, New Jersey	Homeless (+at-risk)	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize production and preservation of affordable housing, as well as supportive services, homeless prevention services and housing counseling. There is a gap in shelters for homeless families and the best options to deal with that include building new rental housing. In terms of supportive services, rental assistance would be the most effective to prevent homelessness. Barriers to quality affordable housing are the lack of affordable housing options available in certain areas. Existing buildings should be

			converted into non-congregate shelters.
Neighborhood Health Services Corporation	Health Service Provider for low-income individuals	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize purchase/development of non-congregate shelter, production and development of affordable housing. Lack of shelter for homeless individuals is a major gap in the current shelter and housing inventory. Rental housing with full supportive services is the best option to provide housing for the homeless, coupled with homelessness prevention service. Cost of housing is a major barrier in finding quality affordable housing. Smaller, non-congregate shelters throughout the jurisdiction.
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark	Homeless/ At-risk of homelessness affordable housing and service provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Production and preservation of affordable housing, along with supportive, homeless services and housing counseling should be prioritized. Unaccompanied youth have the highest need based on their experience. Major gaps in the housing shelter inventory is the lack of rental assistance, but with "looser qualifications" to include more residents in need. Not enough non-congregate affordable housing, which should involve an increase in smaller shelters throughout the jurisdiction. Cost of housing is a major barrier in quality affordable housing. "(State-funded) Rental assistance dollars come with very specific requirements that many people in need do not meet. If the funds are left unspent year after year, they should re-assess those requirements."
YWCA of Union County	Public Org. assist those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Purchase/development of non-congregate shelter, production of affordable housing and supportive services are priorities that should be addressed with ARP funds. Population with the highest needs are those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking. Current gaps in the

			<p>housing inventory are lack of shelters for those individuals who survived or are fleeing domestic violence. Increase affordable housing options with supportive services, which could include case management. Larger shelters and affordable housing options in "certain" areas are a barrier to finding quality housing. "programs and services should be designed to also address the underlying causes of homelessness including mental health and substance abuse, in addition to domestic violence etc."</p>
Volunteers of America, Greater New York	Private organization that provides affordable housing	Survey (Survey Monkey)	<p>Increase in production and preservation of affordable housing should be a priority, along with the purchase/development of non-congregate shelter. Lack of shelter for homeless individuals is a major gap in the shelter/housing inventory. Increase the amount of non-congregate shelters for homeless individuals and families. The best option for providing housing to homeless residents are "development opportunities for affordable home ownership for low income individuals." Supportive services should include housing counseling, consisting of landlord-tenant rights, housing search, budgeting, credit education/repair, etc. Training for case managers in engagement skills (developing trust and relationships) and trauma training when working with the homeless. Available funds for resources for the consumers (food, motel stays, application costs, background checks, etc.) Non-congregate shelters could be created by converting existing buildings into shelters. Barriers to quality affordable housing include lack of accessibility for people with disabilities. "Resources are needed so agencies can hire trained workers to do homeless outreach work. Even</p>

			with trained staff, there are so many barriers to finding not only shelters but affordable housing. There is too much paperwork, hoops to jump through, and barriers to placement."
Urban League of Union County	Non-Profit Homeless Service Provider, Fair housing services provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, Housing counseling and Purchase of non-congregate shelter should be prioritized for ARP funding. Gap in the current shelter/housing inventory are the lack of rental assistance available for residents. Increase the programs available that provide rental assistance to prevent homelessness. The best option to provide and prevent homelessness are rental housing with full supportive services, such as housing counseling. "Need for more housing counseling services along with rental assistance to prevent evictions which are on the rise. The problem stems from the aftermath of the pandemic in which many people have lost their jobs and have not been able to find work that provides a living wage."
Rahway Community Action Organization	Homeless Service Provider (Families with dependents under 18)	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Produce and preserve more affordable housing projects, and increase the amount of supportive and homeless prevention services. A major gap in the current shelter and housing inventory is the lack of supportive services for homeless individuals, providing rental housing with full supportive services is the best option to fill this gap. The best option for non-congregate shelters is making more by converting existing buildings into shelters. Another barrier that should be closed is the lack of affordable housing in certain areas. "Because the majority of our funding is tailored towards families with dependents under 18, we are able to assist them. However, we receive a high volume of requests for assistance from at risk single adults in need of housing or rental assistance."

Development Directions, I.J.C	Private Homeless Service Provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Emphasize the production and preservation of affordable housing and provide THRA to those experiencing homelessness. Homeless Veterans are a major unmet housing and service need among Qualifying Populations. Some gaps that should be addressed are the lack of rental assistance. Best options to provide housing for homeless residents are assisting landlords with housing and providing homeless residents with housing counseling. ARP funding should be used for life skills training as well. Build smaller non-congregate shelters throughout the jurisdiction. Cost of housing is a serious barrier to finding quality affordable housing.
United Way of Greater Union County	Private Homeless Service Provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	A pressing issue for UWGUC is the need to stabilize families living in financial crises who are at risk of falling into homelessness. There needs to be an increase in supportive and homeless prevention services, along with housing counseling. Financial stability is an unmet housing need for Qualifying populations. Supportive services for households and individuals at risk of homelessness presents a gap in the current housing/shelter inventory. There is also a lack of a coordinated approach to helping families in need. Providing rental housing with full supportive services and homeless prevention services are the best options to preventing homelessness. In terms of ARP funding for social services, long term assistance helps families become financially stable - helping families understand income vs expense and having the income to meet more than basic needs". Cost of housing is a barrier to quality affordable housing. More non-congregate shelters should be produced by converting existing buildings into shelters.

The Gateway Family YMCA	Non-Profit Homeless (+At-Risk) Service Provider, Fair Housing Service Provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize the production and preservation of affordable housing units and provide supportive services, such as homelessness prevention and housing counseling. Unmet housing and service needs for residents fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking should be addressed by producing shelters for victims. In regards to providing housing for homeless residents, the best option would be creating rental housing with full supportive services, such as case management. There should be larger non-congregate shelters built. Cost of housing is a major barrier for QPs trying to get affordable housing for themselves. "Provide a central location that the at risk and homeless community can go to for resources."
Linden Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency, Civil Rights, Fair Housing	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Most pressing needs to address are homeless veterans. Produce more affordable housing and purchase more non-congregate shelters. Among qualifying populations, at-risk of homeless single adults have significant unmet housing and service needs. The best option to provide housing to homeless residents is rental housing with full supportive services. Those supportive services should include various housing counseling services such as landlord/tenant rights, housing search, budgeting, etc. Cost of living is a major barrier to affordable housing, and non-congregate shelters should be produced by converting existing buildings into shelters. "Hire in a clinic setting a medical Doctor, Psychiatrist, Nutritionist, Physical Therapist, Ophthalmologist so one can visit on certain dates for service"

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless	Homeless/ At-Risk of Homelessness, Fair Housing	Survey (Survey Monkey)	<p>Prioritize the purchase and/or development of Non-congregate shelter, along with the production of affordable housing and TBRA. Unmet housing and service needs for youth, those fleeing, undocumented and households who have no income need to be addressed. Gaps in the current shelter and housing inventory include shelters for all residents of Union County, including persons with mental health conditions. There are not enough beds to address the homelessness issue in Union County, especially for those with mental health conditions. The best option for providing housing to homeless residents is building rental housing with full supportive services, this should be coupled with housing counseling services.</p>
Rahway Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency, Fair Housing, Civil Rights	Survey (Survey Monkey)	<p>Production and preservation of affordable housing, along with the purchase/development of non-congregate shelter should be a priority. There is a gap of available housing for about 1000 families and 250 seniors. Building affordable housing with affordable rents is the best option to provide housing to homeless residents, "rents are completely unmanageable." Supportive services for the homeless could involve "mandatory flexible work internships with support services." In terms of non-congregate shelters, an idea could be to create SRO units in old factory buildings. In addition, providing a fleet of electric vehicles so that the cost of car ownership is not needed, those vehicles could be owned and monitored by the Housing Authority.</p> <p>"The biggest problem is the residents do not know how to dress for work, show up on time, maintain a job when difficulties arise, and keep a job. All of this has to be mandatory, but with counseling, child care and</p>

			clothing provided. Obviously some are not able to work, but that is a small category."
NAACP-Rahway Branch	Civil Rights, Fair Housing, Homelessness & At-Risk of Homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Increase the production and preservation of affordable housing and provide TBRA. Current gaps in the current shelter and housing inventory include the lack of rental assistance and affordable housing options for renters. Utilization of homelessness prevention services are important to help the homeless stay housed. Convert existing buildings into non-congregate shelters. Barriers to finding good and affordable housing are the cost of housing. "We are a social justice agency so we help our constituency advocate for themselves as opposed to supplying the service."
County of Union Office of Veteran Services	Public Agency that addresses the needs of Veterans	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Priorities for HOME-ARP funds should involve more supportive services, homeless prevention services and housing counseling. In addition, purchase and/or development of non-congregate shelter and TBRA should be on the priority list. Current gaps in the housing shelter and inventory are the lack of shelter for Veterans. Rental housing with full supportive services are the best options for providing housing to homeless residents, including services that revolve around housing counseling. Funds could be used for additional social services such as "additional grants for qualified homeless veterans to

			<p>accommodate 50-75 Veterans per year."</p> <p>Barriers to finding good and affordable housing include the lack of housing near areas of opportunity.</p> <p>"Locate or convert additional shelters for homeless or at-risk homeless Veterans in other Union County communities besides Plainfield and Elizabeth."</p>
Jewish Family Services Central New Jersey	Homeless, At-Risk of Homelessness, Religious Organization	Survey (Survey Monkey)	<p>Prioritization of the production and preservation of affordable housing, as well as the purchase/development of non-congregate shelter. There are unmet housing and service needs for homeless families in the County, a major gap for that QP is the lack of shelter. The best choice for providing housing for homeless residents is building new rental housing. In terms of supportive services, the funding can be used to address the cost of housing. Conversion of existing buildings into non-congregate shelters is an option.</p> <p>"Developers have no incentive to create housing for lower income individuals. This is where the government may need to step in with regulations or put up housing. Housing needs to be accompanied by connected social services and quality programs/education."</p>

Masjidullah, Incorporated (Plainfield, NJ)	Homeless, at-risk of homelessness, Religious Organization	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Production and preservation of affordable housing, along with supportive services should be prioritized. There are unmet housing and service needs for at-risk homeless single adults that should be addressed. There are also gaps in supportive services for homeless individuals. The best option to provide housing for homeless individuals should involve purchasing and renovating existing housing. Supportive services that could be funded include job training for individuals that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Barriers to affordable housing include the cost of housing. In terms of non-congregate shelter, the best option should be conversion of existing buildings into shelters.
Housing Authority of Plainfield	Public Housing Agency, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Homeless, At-risk of homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Ranked by priority, the production of affordable housing and tenant-based rental assistance, along with the preservation of affordable housing should be the focus. In regards to the current shelter and housing inventory, there is a gap in shelters for homeless individuals. There are unmet housing and service needs for Veterans in the County. The best option for providing affordable housing would be rental housing with full supportive services, that include homeless prevention services. Major barriers to affordable housing are the cost of housing itself. In regards to non-congregate shelter, the conversion of existing buildings would be the strongest option.

The Salvation Army Union County	Homeless, at-risk of homeless, Religious Organization	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Supportive Services, production and preservation of affordable housing should be prioritized in that order. At-risk of homeless single adults have unmet housing and service needs, and there is a gap in shelters available for homeless families. The best option to provide housing for homeless individuals is providing rental housing with full supportive services. Cost of housing is a major barrier to obtaining affordable housing. In regards to non-congregate shelters, the conversion of existing buildings into shelters is the most effective option.
Equities Development Group	Affordable housing provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	In order of priority, supportive services, production and preservation of affordable housing should be focused on with HOME-ARP funds. Homeless families deal with unmet housing and service needs, and lack of shelters for homeless families are a major gap. Best options to provide housing include building new rental housing. In regards to supportive services, housing counseling should be utilized. The best choice in terms of non-congregate shelters are building/preserving smaller shelters throughout the County.

The Arc of Union County	Affordable Housing Provider, Persons with Disabilities	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Production and preservation of affordable housing and purchase/development of non-congregate shelters should be prioritized. Populations with the highest need based on the agency's experience are persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities with no income. Gaps in the shelter/housing inventory are group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities. Supportive services such as housing counseling is important to helping residents stay housed and not return to homelessness. A barrier to finding good and affordable housing in Union County are accessibility for people with disabilities.
Sister2Sister, Incorporated	Homeless/At-Risk of homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	<p>Prioritize ARP funding in the following order: Production and Preservation of affordable housing and tenant-based rental assistance. At-risk homeless families have the highest need based on the agency's experience. Current gaps in shelter/housing inventory are lack of rental assistance. Best option to provide housing for homeless residents is to buy and renovate existing housing. In regards to support services, life skills training would help prevent a resident from falling back into homelessness. For non-congregate shelters, utilizing hotels/motels are a way to provide shelter to homeless residents.</p> <p>Fund counseling centers for people dealing with mental health /addiction issues, as well as providing assistance to those populations. Additionally, providing life skills and job training.</p>

Morris Habitat for Humanity	Homeless/ At-Risk of Homelessness, Affordable Housing Provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	ARP funding categories should be prioritized in the following order: production of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services/homeless prevention and housing counseling. Homeless families have unmet housing and service needs, and shelter for these families is a major gap that needs to be addressed. The best options to provide housing for homeless residents are to assist landlords with housing services. Supportive services could include job training. In regards to non-congregate shelters, the production of transitional housing could be effective. A major barrier for finding affordable housing is the cost of housing.
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During the consultation process, Union County reached out to over 50 Community Organizations – including organizations serving the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, public housing organizations, Veterans organizations, and civil rights agencies – through the HOME-ARP Needs Assessment Survey. The County sent frequent follow up reminders via email/phone in order to ensure they had an ample opportunity to have their input included in the HOME-ARP planning process.

Stakeholders noted in the chart above who participated prioritized affordable rental housing development and the provision of supportive services as activities most needed to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability within the County. However, there was an additional need for TBRA, indicating the community feels there is a need for funding most eligible activities.

Some providers advocated for the sub-population they work with directly, while others advocated for sub-populations where they saw a gap in services. A common thread throughout the consultation meetings was that HOME-ARP funds provide an opportunity for additional services that will help people exit homelessness.

There was consensus around the need for supportive services to assist with housing navigation and educating prospective and current tenants on their legal rights, as well as housing stability case management to help people post-move-in maintain their housing. Several stakeholders stressed the need for more outreach services. Additional feedback received highlights the difficulty of housing clients with physical and mental disabilities, advocacy for additional shelter opportunities, addiction and mental health support, and the need for additional rental housing for low and very

low-income housing. Consultation with these entities focused on the community's needs and how the funds can best meet those needs within the structure of eligible activities.

Public Participation

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

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

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

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

- *Public comment period: start date - February 13th, 2023 end date - February 28th, 2023*
- *Public hearing: February 15th, 2023*

Due to the "moderate" community risk level and recommendations around COVID-19, the public hearing was done via Zoom instead of public gatherings and social distancing protocols.

The County of Union held a virtual public hearing via zoom on February 15th, 2023. A public notice was procured and posted to various sources in order to give the public notice of comment period. Those sources include:

- Posted on UCNJ.org
- Posted in English in the Star Ledger
- Posted in Mandarin Chinese in the Sino-Monthly Magazine
- Posted in Spanish in the La Voz Newspaper

There were no further comments or recommendations as a result of our public hearing/comment period.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

The Citizen Participation process was crucial to the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and was encouraged throughout all stages of the consultation process. Union County promoted the surveys, community and focus group meetings, 15-day comment period, and public hearings. Consultation provided multiple opportunities in various formats for stakeholders and residents to share their experiences with working and providing services to qualified populations.

Our Public Hearing was held as an opportunity to comment on the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, budget, and recommended activities. The hearing was held on February 15, 2023, via Zoom.

To broaden public participation, all correspondence including surveys and public notices were posted to the County's website. Other outlets such as newspapers with the widest circulation in English, Spanish and Chinese. Our social media and emails to over 50 stakeholders and over 75 community non-profit organizations were utilized.

- **Union County HOME-ARP Summary Webpage**
- **Surveys**
- **Stakeholder/Organization Community Meeting**
- **Individual Focus Group Meetings**

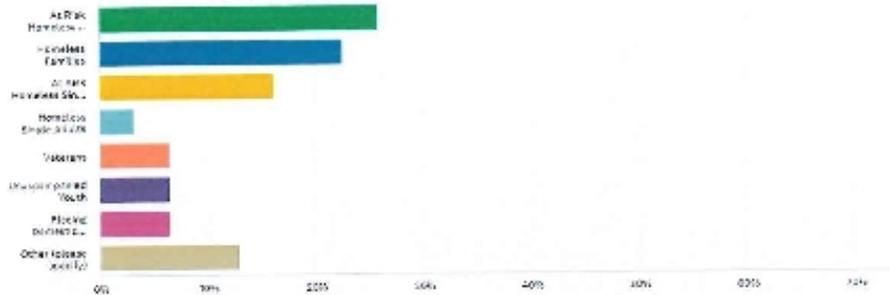
Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process:

The survey we sent out to community stakeholders (via survey monkey) was effective in identifying the needs of qualifying populations around the County of Union. We targeted organizations that work directly with those qualifying populations in order to get the most accurate representation of the needs of these particular residents. When asked about the qualifying population with the most pressing needs in the County, the top three responses by our stakeholders were (1) At-Risk of Homelessness (~25% of respondents), (2) Homeless families (~20% of respondents), (3) At-Risk Homeless single adults (~15% of respondents) (see Chart 1).

Chart 1- UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)

From the list below, please identify the population with the highest need based on your agency's experience.

Question 21 Skipped 0



We posed a similar question to the community, this time we asked which of the eligible funding categories should be prioritized. In this order, the recommended priorities should be: (1) Production of Affordable Housing (2) Social Services/Homelessness Prevention and (3) Preservation of Affordable Housing (see Chart 2). The County wanted to get a clearer picture regarding the gaps in our housing/shelter inventory, many of the stakeholders deal with emergency temporary shelter and social services, so they understand how the cost of housing is a serious impediment to preventing homelessness. When asked about the housing and shelter needs, over 30% of the respondents noted that rental assistance, or lack of rental assistance, was a gap that needed to be addressed using HOME ARP funds (see Chart 3). You will further note that lack of shelters for the various qualifying populations are the next most pressing gap for our stakeholders.

Chart 2 - UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)

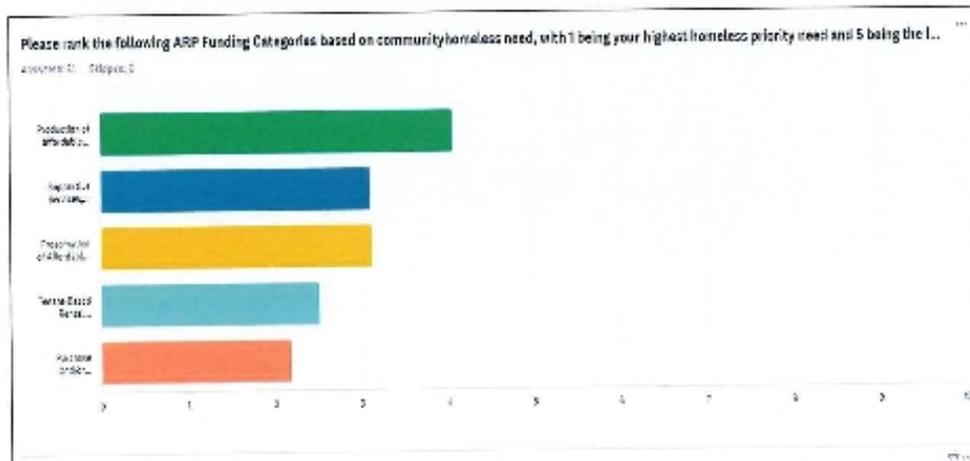
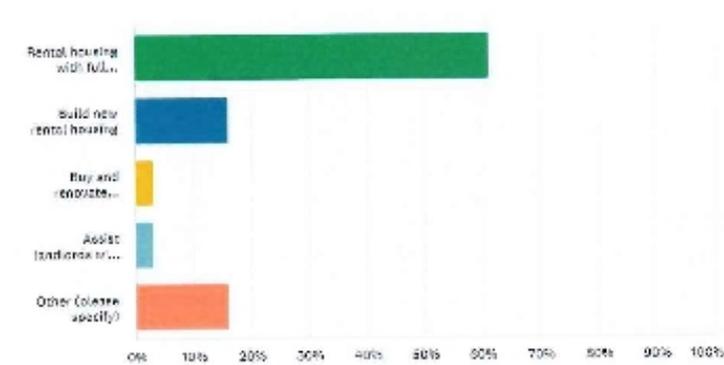


Chart 4- UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)

What do you think are the best options to provide housing for homele...

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



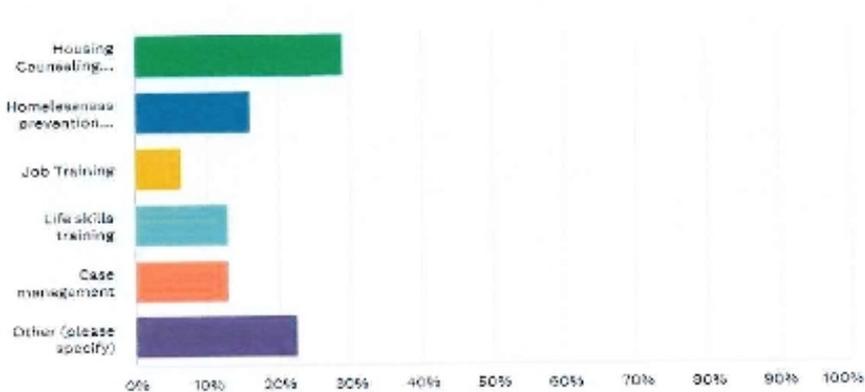
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Chart 5- UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)

For support services for the homeless, what do you think is important...

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



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

N/A

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis sections of this plan utilized multiple data sources. These include but are not limited to the Census, 2021/2022/2023 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) for homeless individuals, the local Continuum of Care (CoC), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and Union County Human Service Needs Assessment Report, among other sources.

This is in addition to consultation from CoC's, Homeless and Domestic Violence Service Providers, Veterans Groups, Housing Authorities, Public Service Providers, and organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

Union County evaluated the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assessed the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, we identified any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system.

The below table (Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table) includes data from the 2022 Point In-Time and Housing Inventory Count Report.

Homeless/At-Risk of Homelessness

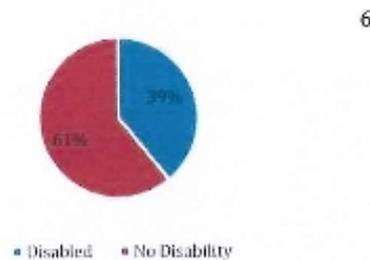
In regards to the needs of homeless individuals and families in the County of Union, our data breaks down the current inventory of Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing for families as well as individuals. There are currently 35 beds and 35 units available in emergency shelters for families (at least 1 child in the household). Transitional housing inventory for families in the County currently stands at 66 beds and 58 units, while permanent supportive housing inventory shows 99 beds and 71 units available for families in need. There are currently 205 family households (with at least 1 child), our data further shows 81 families who are considered sheltered homeless and 0 families who are unsheltered homeless.

There is a slightly higher inventory in housing options for adults only, with emergency shelter options providing 139 beds and units available. Permanent supportive housing options for adults show 133 beds and 69 units available. The amount of beds/units available drops for transitional housing options for adults, showing about 21 beds and 23 units for adults. The homeless population for the County's adult homeless population are as follows: for other permanent housing, there are currently 171 adults. There are a total of 360 sheltered homeless adults and 56 who are unsheltered.

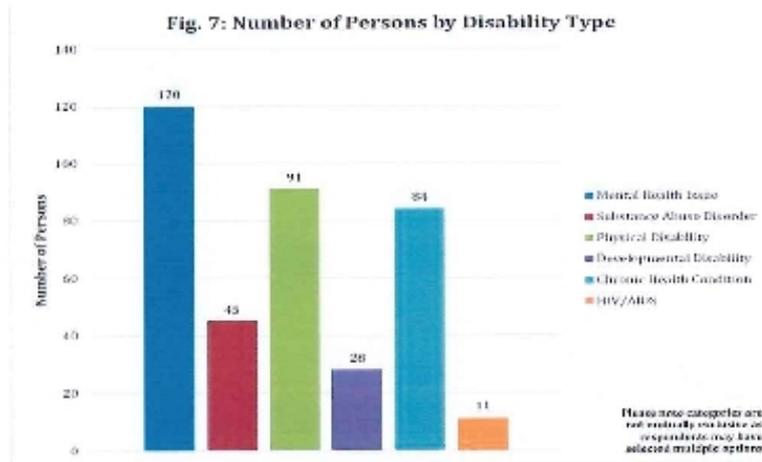
When looking at data for families/individuals who are at-risk of homelessness, data from the American Community Survey show that when breaking down residents by income, specifically, those who make >\$20,000, \$20,000 - \$24,999 and \$35,000-\$49,000 annually. You will see that most of the people in those respective income brackets pay over 30% of their incomes in housing costs.

Homeless/At-Risk of Homeless Persons with Disabilities, Mental Health Issues

The Point in Time analysis expands on the count of homeless individuals in the County by further breaking down the population to distinguish those dealing with mental health issues and/or disabilities. Demonstrated by figure 6 (below), it was concluded that 39% of the homeless individuals counted were dealing with some sort of disability.

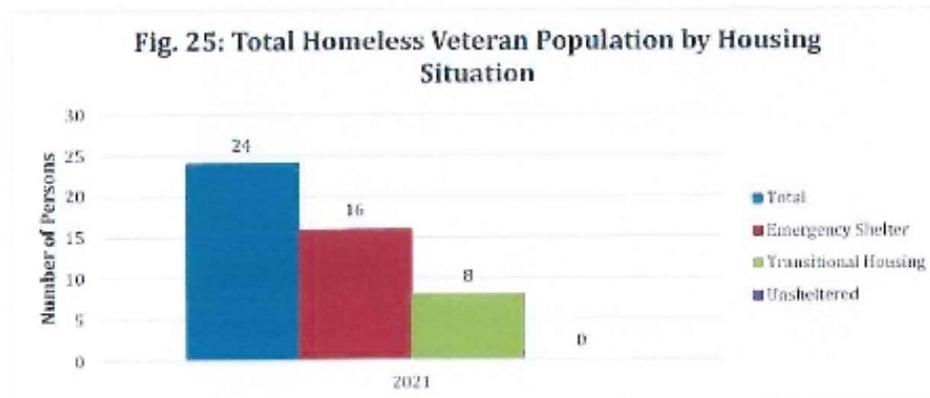


Furthermore, the same homeless population saw over 65% of those respondents listing mental health issues as the most prevalent among disabilities. The next most common disability among the homeless count were physical disabilities, coming in around 42% of those residents.

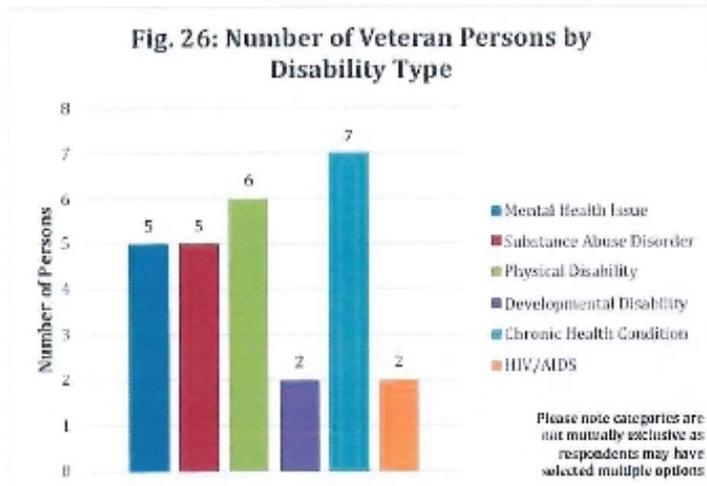


Veterans

The current housing inventory for Veterans in Union County consists of 15 beds available in emergency shelters. There are currently 10 beds available in transitional houses while there are four (4) beds available in permanent supportive housing options. The homeless Veteran population, and their current housing situation stands at 10 Veterans using other permanent housing options. Our data shows 16 Veterans who are homeless but sheltered, and two (2) who are considered homeless. The Point in Time count gives us a breakdown of the housing situation for Union County Veterans, as well as a breakdown of disability type among the population that was counted (see Figures 25 & 26):



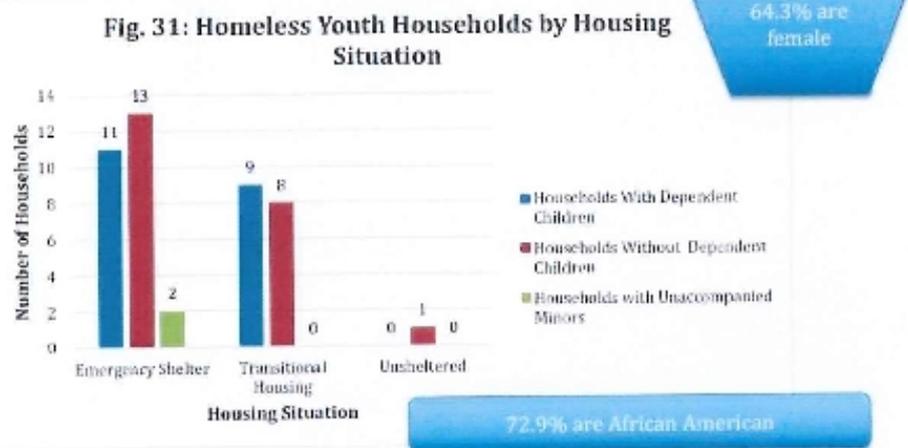
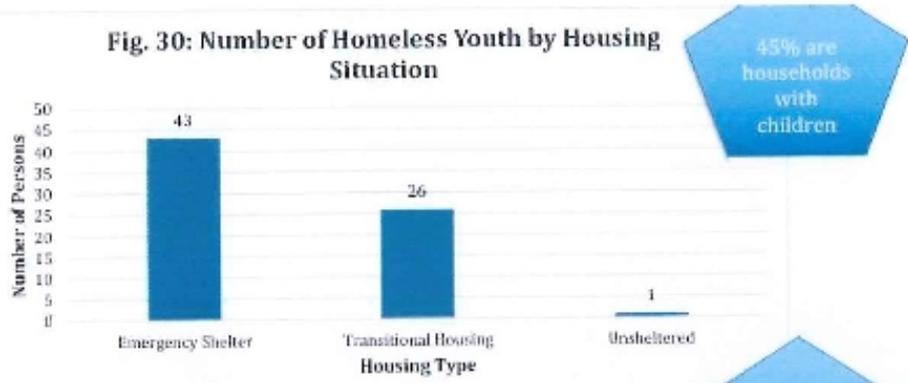
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58.3% of homeless veterans identified a disability

Homeless Youth

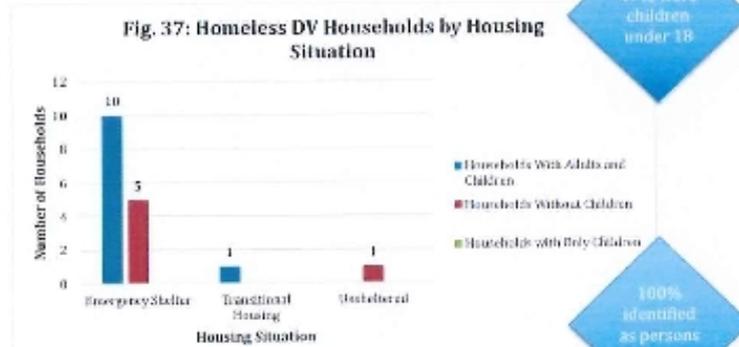
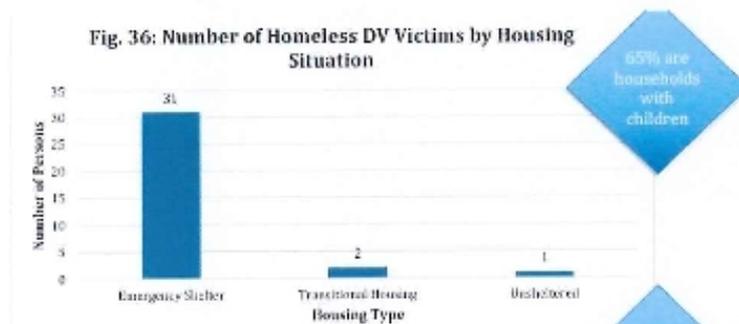
A breakdown of homeless youth in the County was also provided by the 2021 Point in Time count. The data identifies youth as follows: "persons under the age of 25 who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian. This can include individual youth (18-24 years old), unaccompanied minors (17 or younger), households of 2 or more youth presenting together as a household, and pregnant or parenting youth who are the legal guardians of one or more children." (UC Point in Time Count 2021, p. 24)



Figures 30 and 31 (above) give us a breakdown of the current housing situations among homeless youth. There are currently 26 households utilizing emergency shelters in Union County. Among those households, 11 were households with dependent children, 13 households did not have dependent children while two (2) households were unaccompanied minors. In regards to transitional housing, 17 households were noted, nine (9) of which have dependent children and eight (8) were households without dependent children. There was a single household without dependent children that were completely unsheltered. Over 60% of households are female, and over 70% are African-American.

Those Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking & Human Trafficking

The current data available to us regarding victims of domestic violence in Union County show that there are currently zero (0) residents currently utilizing emergency shelter. However, there are 58 residents currently considered sheltered but homeless, while there are about 3 individuals who are homeless and unsheltered. The initial Point in Time Count for Union County (2021) provides a graph of the current situation for homeless domestic violence victims (see figure 36 & 37 below):



65% are households with children

47% were children under 18

100% identified as persons of color

Figures 36 and 37 provide an extensive look into the current housing situation for many homeless victims of domestic violence. When the Point in Time count of 2021 took place, there were 15 households using emergency shelter options. Of those 15 households, there were 10 families with at least one child, the remaining five (5) were adults only. The total number of

individuals utilizing emergency shelters were about 31, while there were two (2) individuals using transitional housing and one (1) individual who was unsheltered. Supplemental data from public consultation and CoC inventory added more individuals to those totals, giving us the aforementioned amount of people mentioned in our data chart. (see Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table - CoC)

It should also be noted that 100% households who were included in the Point in Time count were persons of color, and in regards to households with children, 47% were under 18 years old.

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table - CoC

	Homeless												
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Wpts	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (two or more)	Wpts	Kitchens of Day	Family		Adults Only	
# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	
Emergency Shelter	35	35	139	139	15								
Transitional Housing	56	58	21	23	10								
Permanent Supportive Housing	99	71	133	69	4								
Other Permanent Housing						205	171	10	0				
Sheltered Homeless						81	360	16	58				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	56	2	3				
Current Gap										86	142	383	356

Suggested Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table- need to check.

	Non-Homeless	
	Current Inventory	Level of Need
	# of Units	# of Households
Total Rental Units	90,951	
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	20,235	
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	5,008	
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		15,905
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		13,450
Current Gaps		5,112

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

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

According to the American Community Survey 2021 annual estimates prepared by the Census Bureau, about 572,114 people live in Union County, and 9% (51,490 persons) of Union County residents are living below the poverty line.

Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness

In Union County persons identifying as Black or African American are overrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness. While 20.3% of the general population, persons identifying as Black or African American are 28% of the population in poverty and 54.1% of the population counted as experiencing homelessness. Persons identifying as Black or African American represent 57% of the sheltered population (staying in emergency shelter, transitional housing or safe havens) and 55.1% of the counted unsheltered population. Persons identifying as White and not Hispanic or Latino represent 16.5% of the sheltered population and 22.4% of the counted unsheltered population. Persons identifying as Hispanic/Latino represent 26.2% of the sheltered population and 22.4% of the counted unsheltered population. Of those unsheltered 53% reported a disability.

Veterans

The Union County Veteran population has seen an increase in homelessness. Since 2019 there has been a 189% increase in those in Emergency shelters, transitional housing, or unsheltered. 80% of homeless veterans identified a disability.

Those Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking & Human Trafficking

Findings for Victims of Domestic Violence include 72.7% females, 18.2% are African American. According to the Point in Time data from 2021, the County currently has just under 60 residents who are utilizing shelters but are still considered homeless. There are two victims of domestic violence currently utilizing transitional housing, while one person is unsheltered. 100% of the people counted in the 2021 P.I.T. report identified as persons of color.

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

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

- *Individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence; and*
- *Veterans and their families who fit the previous criteria*

As the most frequently raised issue, the need for affordable housing is clearly the highest unmet need in the county. Issues exist related to availability of shelter beds, transitional housing, long term affordable housing, and housing for seniors and individuals with disabilities. While the county has taken efforts to address the needs of homeless people, including developing warming centers, and engaging the faith-based community in this effort, concentrated efforts are still needed to make the housing system, limited as it is, more responsive to resident needs. To accomplish this, the following activities are recommended:

Short-term:

- Under the public/community partnership, create a workgroup focused on homelessness
- Design and implement an organized system of services for homeless individuals and families.
- Establish a single point of intake and service routes for homeless services.
- Create strategies for "housing first" and homeless prevention in addition to crisis-based services.
- Consider best practice models/strategies from within NJ and nationally (e.g., Mercer County and Denver, Colorado).
- Utilize a unified, consistent approach to shelter development among faith-based providers.
- Review the use of the Homeless Trust Fund in the context of emerging strategies.

Longer-term:

- Engage federal and state officials, municipal officials, developers and landlords to create a Union County Housing Task Force to confront and resolve the many challenging issues identified in the Community Needs Assessment (CNA) related to affordable housing and income disparities.

Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Populations

As part of discovering the unmet need for the homeless population, we reviewed the CoC's most recent 5-year plan. It outlines the following strategies to address immediate unmet needs

In addition to the strategies to meet immediate needs listed above, both the housing response system and crisis response system must also be strengthened. To address these needs, the CoC has also identified the following ways to refine engagement strategies for people living unsheltered:

- Expand the number of outreach teams and staff to ensure appropriate coverage to all geographies throughout the CoC. Coordinate outreach teams to ensure standardization of outreach practices, schedules, and engagement strategies across all outreach efforts.

- Undertake proactive, non-punitive responses to outreach, which are critical when there are high numbers of people who are unsheltered to reduce significant dangers found at encampments.
- Expand crisis housing response to include a navigation/ engagement center for the most vulnerable unsheltered people who require specialized services to address comorbidities of mental illness, substance use disorders, chronic health conditions and prolonged social dislocation.

At-Risk of Homelessness

Half of all renters in the County are considered cost-burdened, including a quarter who are severely cost burdened or spend more than 50% of their income on housing. More than half of renter households earning between \$35,000 and \$50,000—which is the range that includes the median renter household income (\$42,000) in 2019—are considered cost-burdened.

Lack of Homes available to Extremely Low-Income Households

One primary issue is the lack of homes that serve households earning less than \$23,000 per year, or 30% AMI. Because of this lack, 90% of these households are cost-burdened and end up renting homes that would otherwise be affordable to residents earning higher incomes. This, in turn, squeezes the available housing supply for those residents and causes housing shortages at the 30-60% AMI level as well.

Housing Quality and Maintenance Challenges

In some cases, affordable homes may not have the high-quality, healthy living environment that families are seeking. Homeowners may face heavy burdens keeping up with needed maintenance, particularly in older homes.

Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The pandemic has increased housing instability for many families through losses of jobs and income, leading more families to become cost-burdened. In addition, lumber prices and other prices of goods have substantially increased during the pandemic, which has increased the price of new construction and home repairs.

Individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence

Those that were able to leave their partners but could not access resources increased their chance of homelessness. Over half of the victims experienced homelessness at least once in their lifetime. A secure job would help the victim achieve a safe exit plan; however, most of the participants have children that would require childcare. Without childcare services or schooling for children - it is difficult to maintain a job.

Based on the results of the PIT and HIC data, and consultation with community stakeholders the priority needs for Domestic Violence victims should include:

- Case Management Services
- Childcare Services
- Available access to Shelters
- Affordable Rental Units
- Services for Victims who are exiting incarceration or undocumented individuals

Veterans

According to data provided by our Point-in-Time Count 2021, as well as consultations from Veterans organizations, we are able to see that most homeless/at-risk of homeless Veterans in the County of Union are utilizing transitional and other permanent housing options. However, P.I.T. 2021 data shows that a significant amount of Veterans that were surveyed are dealing with disabilities. In fact, almost 60% of the homeless Veterans have identified some sort of disability. The disabilities that were identified for Veterans in the County include: mental issues, substance abuse, physical and developmental disabilities, HIV/AIDS and the most prevalent, chronic health issues.

Consultations with community stakeholders also identified the need for permanent housing options for Veterans, and with the prevalence of disabilities within this population, that housing should be packaged with social services, including services that will address the disabled homeless Veteran populations. Many housing options currently available for Veterans are concentrated in Elizabeth and Plainfield, community Veterans organizations have recommended the development of additional shelters in other municipalities, preferably in areas of opportunity that have access to quality employment opportunities and health service providers.

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

The County of Union, internally and through partnerships with community housing/service providers, employs a variety of services and programs designed to assist qualifying populations. These programs and services include:

- Home Investment Partnerships Program
- Community Development Block Grant
- Union County Housing Assistance Payment Program (Section 8)
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- Office of Veteran's Services

- UC Veteran's Services helps Veterans navigate different programs and services that are typically provided through the federal Veterans Administration (VA). Due to the fact that V.A. programs and services can be difficult to manage, Veteran's Services acts as a liaison to help assist eligible residents with their benefits and entitlements provided by the federal government. This office also assists the loved ones of Veterans who need assistance navigating programs.
- Home Improvement Grant
 - This program is designed to assist Union County homeowners, who are considered low and moderate income, with repair services for their homes.
- Senior Home Improvement Grant
 - The Senior version of the Home Improvement Grant is similar to the latter in terms of residents who are eligible for funds. However, the money that gets awarded is capped at \$10,000.
- Office of Social Services, County of Union
 - The Office of Social Services has two offices around the County, Elizabeth and Plainfield. They provided a variety of services to low income individuals who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. Eligible residents can reach out to get information on:
 - Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)
 - Assistance with Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards.
 - Assistance with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
- Department of Human Services
 - Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs
 - This office provides social and recreational services for residents with disabilities and special needs, including but not limited to rental/utility assistance, entitlements, and accessibility issues.
 - Office on Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse
 - In addition to providing residents with substance and alcohol abuse prevention services, this office provides resources to people dealing with mental health issues. Some resources include a hotline for residents in need of emergency psychiatric services as well as a comprehensive guide to mental health services in Union County that can be found on the office's website.
 - Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU)
 - The Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU) is a legislatively mandated program for families experiencing family conflict, runaway behavior, truancy, minor delinquency, threat to safety issues, and human trafficking within the family unit warranting intervention. The goal is to mediate the immediate crisis and make recommendations to prevent involvement or further involvement with the court. When all appropriate resources have been utilized, and the family is still in crisis, FCIU has the option of filing a Family Crisis Petition with Family Court. This program has 24/7 response capability.
 - Continuum of Care/Homeless Unit.
 - The goal of the CoC is to provide information and resources regarding safety net services to help residents of Union County become self-sufficient. The CoC works directly with community organizations that specialize in homelessness and homelessness prevention services.

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

Through consultations with the Continuum of Care and local stakeholders, we have determined the cost and availability of housing in Union County presents a significant gap in the current housing and shelter inventory. According to HUD's assessment of the Metropolitan area, the following are the Fair Market Rents, by bedroom size, for the fiscal year 2023:

Efficiency ... \$1,129.00
 1-Bedroom... \$1,338.00
 2-Bedroom... \$1,606.00
 3-Bedroom...\$2,038.00
 4- Bedroom...\$2,394.00

Data from the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), which identifies "housing problems" for owners and renters, such as cost burden. The data provided shows that nearly 200,000 residents are struggling with the cost of living in Union County, the wide majority of the residents identified in the CHAS data are below the 50% HAM/L. (Please see chart below)

Housing Cost Burden Overview 3	Owner	Renter	Total
Cost Burden less than or= 30%	74,095	40,145	114,240
Cost Burden >30% to less than or= 50%	20,025	19,225	39,250
Cost Burden >50%	16,655	18,175	34,830
Cost Burden not available	570	1,200	1,770
Total	111,350	78,750	190,100

Union County residents/families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness, who would likely be included in the lowest income bracket represented by the CHAS dataset, which indicates that residents who make the lowest incomes in the County are at the highest risk of losing their housing, regardless of whether they own or rent their dwelling, which totals out to over 114,000 residents.

Additionally for homeowners, the costs associated with "cost burden" mainly involve "select monthly owner costs" which includes mortgage payments, utilities, association fees, insurance and real estate taxes (CHAS). For renters, the cost burden lies mainly in the amount of *gross* rent (contract rent plus utilities) they are required to pay.

Using data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) to take a deeper look into the housing cost burden in the County:

Monthly Housing Costs as a percentage of Household income	Owner Occupied Housing Units	Renter Occupied Units
> \$20,000 annual income	4782	12,062
<20% (of income)	144	332
20-29% (of income)	216	1,245
>30% (of income)	4,422	10,485
\$20,000 - \$34,999 annual income	5,148	14,143
<20% (of income)	359	1,006
20-29% (of income)	349	1,634
>30% (of income)	4,440	11,503
\$35,000 - \$49,999 annual income	7,280	10,346
<20% (of income)	690	561
20-29% (of income)	764	1,678
>30% (of income)	5,826	8,107

(Data from American Community Survey S2503 FINANCIAL CHARACTERISTICS)

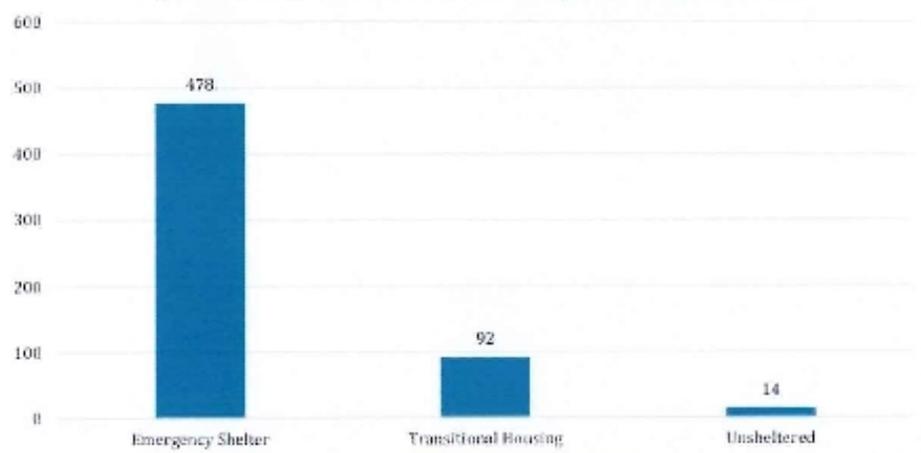
The data from ACS S2503 further displays that despite ownership or rental status of the household, the lower the income of the household makes them more likely to pay a larger

percentage of income towards housing costs. Furthermore, the majority of the residents in each income bracket pay greater than 30% of their income in housing costs.

Lack of Shelters in Union County

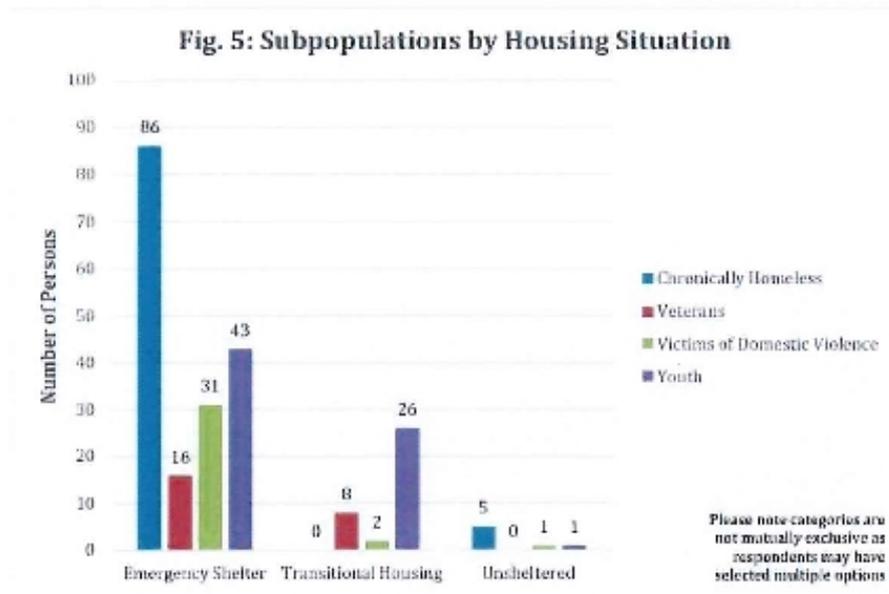
Based on various consultations with CoC and community stakeholders, we received input that allowed us to recognize that, although shelter providers in the County do a great job of providing some sort of housing to most of the homeless individuals in the County, there is still a significant amount of homeless individuals that do not have any sort of shelter. (Union County Point In Time Count 2021). On top of that, most of the current homeless shelters are concentrated in the City of Elizabeth, a common suggestion made by community stakeholders is to have smaller shelters that are spread more evenly around the County.

Fig. 1: Total Homeless Population by Housing Situation



(Union County Point in Time Count 2021)

The Point in Time count recently completed also gives us insight into the shelter situations for many of the County's most vulnerable populations, specifically those residents who are considered Qualifying Populations by HUD. Emergency shelters (see figure 5 below):



To demonstrate the concentration of shelters in Union County, please see the graph below provided by HomelessSheltersDirectory.org ([Column 2](#) indicates how many shelters are in the municipality, [Column 3](#) indicates shelters nearby):

Westfield		1	Union 	Feb 21, 2023
Windsor		1	Union 	Feb 23, 2023
Union	1	1	Union 	Feb 28, 2023
Summit		1	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Springfield		1	Union 	Feb 23, 2023
Scotch Plains Township		1	Union 	Feb 23, 2023
Scotch Plains		1	Union 	Feb 21, 2023
Roselle Park		1	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Roselle		4	Union 	Feb 20, 2023
Hightstown Parkville		1	Union 	Feb 19, 2023
Hightway		1	Union 	Feb 21, 2023
Blainfield		1	Union 	Feb 24, 2023
New Providence		4	Union 	Feb 26, 2024
Mountainside		1	Union 	Feb 21, 2023

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Union	3	Union 	Feb 23, 2023
Berhanath	1	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Hillside Township	1	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Hillside	1	Union 	Feb 23, 2023
Garwood	1	Union 	Feb 21, 2023
Garwood	2	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Elizabethport	5	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Elizabeth	3	Union 	Feb 24, 2023
Cranford Township	1	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Cranford	1	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Clark	1	Union 	Feb 23, 2023
Berkeley Heights Township	3	Union 	Feb 25, 2023
Berkeley Heights	3	Union 	Feb 25, 2023

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of “other populations” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The priority needs for each qualifying population in Union County, which include but are not limited to: **Homeless, At-Risk of Homelessness, Victims of Domestic Violence and Veterans**, are for shelter space, including shelter specifically for the aforementioned qualifying populations who are fighting substance abuse and mental health, and for permanent supportive housing to move homeless households into permanent housing with the comprehensive services they need to ensure their housing stability.

Another priority is for permanent affordable housing serving those with housing instability, and those with a range of disabilities including behavioral health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), to improve their housing security and decrease their risk of becoming homeless.

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

The County of Union was able to determine the current needs and gaps of qualifying populations using public data such as the American Community Survey (ACS) , Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) as well as internal data such as the 2022 Point-In-Time Count. In addition to those data sets, we relied heavily on information that was provided by the Department of Human Services and Continuum of Care. Survey results from our community stakeholders provided supplemental information on the needs and gaps they witness when they are working with qualifying populations.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Pending HUD approval of its HOME-ARP allocation plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment, the County of Union will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for interested homeless service agencies, affordable housing developers and experienced developers of permanent supportive housing and/or affordable housing. In addition, there will be a posted public notice in the local newspaper as well as on the County's website, County Home Program

staff will determine which applicants have the capacity to undertake a given Home-ARP activity in accordance with HUD regulations.

The County will not administer any eligible activities directly and has also decided it will not be giving preference to any specific qualifying population. In partnership with the Continuum of Care, the County will be utilizing the Coordinated Entry System to determine which applicants are eligible for Home-ARP activities.

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

N/A

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 300,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 900,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 1,500,000		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,500,000		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 100,000	2.2 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 100,000	2.2 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 56,332	1.2 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 4,456,332		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

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

The County of Union reviewed the needs and gap data for shelter, affordable rental housing, the available resources and investments from other sources for all eligible activities, and the input received from stakeholders working with people experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, and housing insecurity. The data and stakeholder input demonstrate significant resource gaps across all HOME-ARP eligible activities

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

Approximately 200 - 250

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

Preferences

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

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

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

No preferences will be given

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

No preference will be given

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)](#). The guidelines must describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

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

Union County does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

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

Enter narrative response here.

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

The County intends to invest HOME ARP funds to maintain current affordable units.

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

The County will require a 20 year compliance period.

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

The County will not use HOME ARP funds to refinance any multifamily loans or insured by any Federal program, including CDBG.

- *Other requirements in the P.I.'s guidelines, if applicable:*

N/A

What is missing from having stable inventory and programs? If available please provide an estimate of the gap in inventory.

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For supportive services, what specific needs do you see and how might funding be used to address those needs? If available, please provide an estimate...

1/1/2021 10:30 AM

Use the following information to help us:

Describe your population and the specific needs of your community.

Describe the current services provided to your community.

HOME ARP funding is a one-time opportunity to create programs/services that should have a significant impact on reducing homelessness in this...

1/1/2021 10:30 AM

Describe your population and the specific needs of your community.

Describe the current services provided to your community.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Answered: 11 | 10/24/21

1. What actions are most important?

What about connecting more services? For example, if you get placed in a home care situation you are eligible for counseling from a counselor.

No

What are some other things you would like to see done for the residents at the agency? (Please type in as many things as you like.)

Provide a few different types of services for the residents at the agency, such as counseling, job training, and other services.

No

No

Could you please provide us with additional comments (up to 400 characters)?

Our organization is currently in a state of transition and we are looking for ways to improve our services. We are currently looking for ways to improve our services and we are looking for ways to improve our services. We are currently looking for ways to improve our services and we are looking for ways to improve our services.

Additional comments and suggestions are appreciated. Please provide your comments in the space below.

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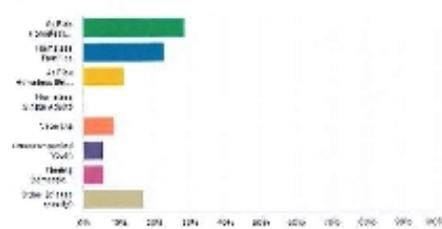
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Union County, New Jersey



From your organization's perspective, what are the most pressing needs?

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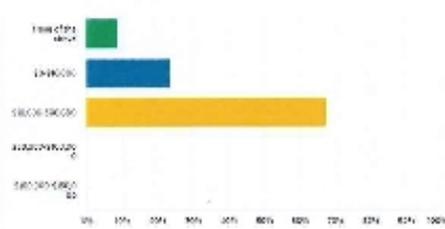


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What is your approximate average household income that your agency works with?

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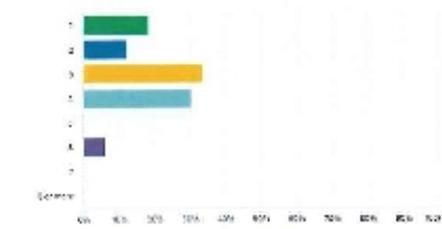


Union County, New Jersey



What is your approximate average household size your agency works with?

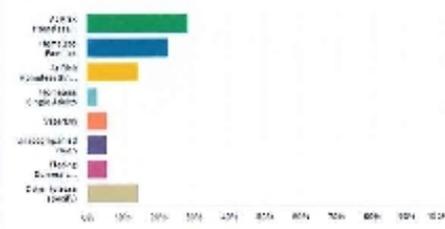
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From the list below, please identify the population with the highest number of...

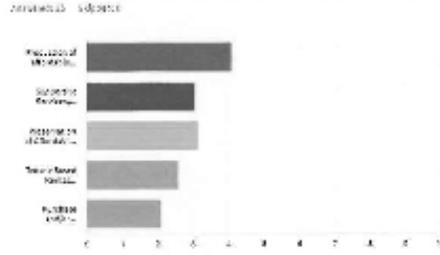
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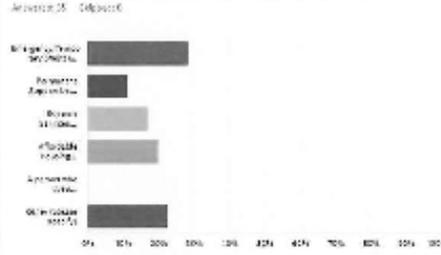


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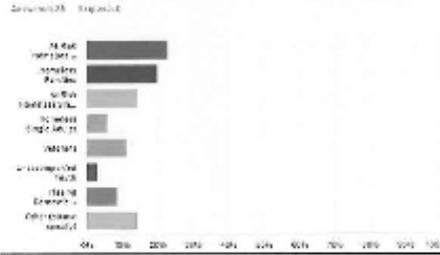
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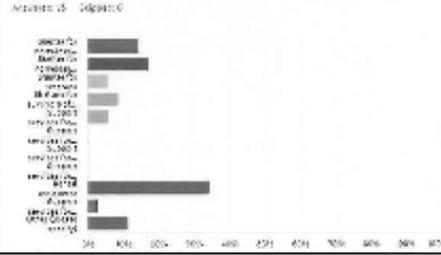


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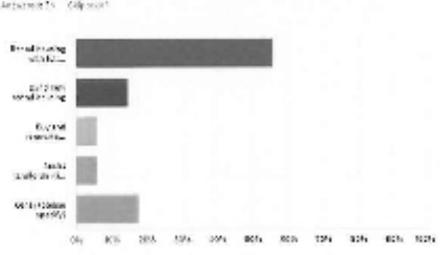
What unmet housing and service needs do you see among "Qualifying ..."



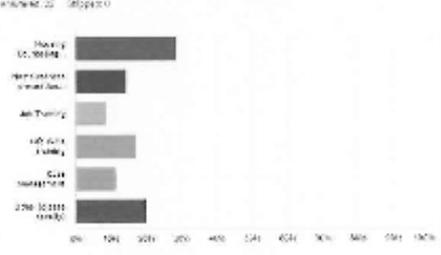
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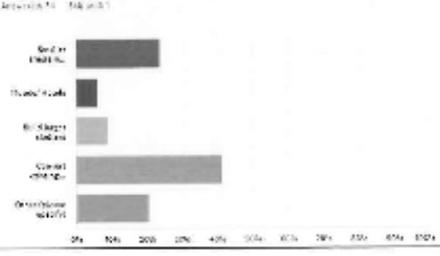
What do you think are the best options to provide housing for homeless...



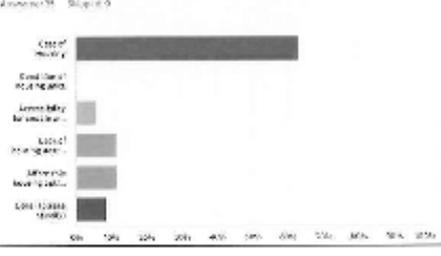
For support services for the homeless, what do you think is important...



For non-congregate shelters for the homeless, what do you think are the...



What are the barriers to finding good and affordable housing in Union ...



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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d. Address:		
* Street: <input type="text" value="10 Elizabethtown Plaza"/>		
Street: <input type="text"/>		
* City: <input type="text" value="Elizabeth"/>		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: <input type="text" value="NJ: New Jersey"/>		
Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="07202-3651"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Economic Development"/>		Division Name: <input type="text" value="Community Services / Housing"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Amy"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="Crisp"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Wagner"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Director of Economic Development"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(908) 527-4200"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text" value="(908) 289-0180"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="AWAGERS@COUCHD.ORG"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="B: County Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.329"/>	
CFLA Title: <input type="text" value="Home Investment Partnerships Program"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="14.329"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Home Investment Partnerships Program"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Merge Attachments"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="Pecorel program year 2021."/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Merge Attachments"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant	7, 8, 10 12
* b. Program/Project	7, 8, 10 12
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
<input type="text" value="DC Congressional Districts DDMS exp 2023.P"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date	09/01/2021
* b. End Date	08/31/2022
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	4,456,332.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	4,456,332.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix	Mr. * First Name: Edward
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Bateman
Suffix:	
* Title:	County Manager
* Telephone Number:	(908) 321-4208 Fax Number:
* Email:	EDBATMAN@COCKE.OIG
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	<i>Edward Bateman</i> * Date Signed: 3/21/2023

7th	Kean, Thomas	R	251 CHOB	(202) 225-5361	Foreign Affairs Transportation and Infrastructure Science, Space, and Technology
8th	Menendez, Robert	D	1007 LHOB	(202) 225-7919	Homeland Security Transportation and Infrastructure
9th	[REDACTED]	D	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
10th	Payne, Donald	D	106 CHOB	(202) 225-3436	Homeland Security Transportation and Infrastructure
11th	[REDACTED]	D	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
12th	Watson Coleman, Bonnie	D	168 CHOB	(202) 225-5801	Appropriations

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

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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
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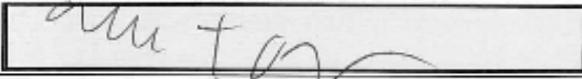
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION County of Union	DATE SUBMITTED 3/23/2023

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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

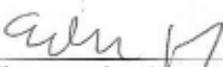
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
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-114, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

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



Signature of Authorized Official

3/21/2023
Date

County Manager
Title

ATTENTION UNION COUNTY
RESIDENTS
UNION COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES / BUREAU OF
HOUSING
PUBLIC HEARING AND NO-
TICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD

A Public Hearing regarding Union County's HOME Investment Partnerships Program American Rescue Plan will be held by the Department of Economic Development, Division of Community Services/Bureau of Housing. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to invite public comment and input of the Draft HOME-American Rescue Plan submission (HOME-ARP). The Department of Housing and Urban Development has requested that the County of Union develop and submit a plan for the \$4,400,000.00 one-time fund allocation reserved for Union County. The HOME-ARP funds are intended to provide housing, shelter, and supportive services for persons experiencing, or at-risk of homelessness. The HOME-ARP submission describes the activities proposed by the County of Union Division of Community Services/Bureau of Housing and other community stakeholders.

The 15 day public comment period for the HOME-ARP plan will start on February 13, 2023 and end on February 28, 2023. Copies of the Draft HOME-ARP plan are available on the County of Union Division of Community Services webpage at: ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development.

Public participation for the County of Union Division of Community Services/Bureau of Housing Public Hearing of February 15, 2023 is available via phone (call in) or web conferencing (Zoom).

Date: February 15, 2023
Time: 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

County of Union is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84042683132?pwd=b2lSa1hVb1VqbKxFdKv0bVNLZU9mQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 4268 3132

Passcode: 601265

Members of the public will be able to provide spoken and text comments during the public comment period of the meeting.

For more information, or if you are unable to attend and would like to submit your comments/questions, contact Nicholas Micheludis of the Division of Community Services/Bureau of Housing at (908) 527-4258 or email nmicheludis@ucnj.org.

In accordance with Housing and Urban Development Regulation 24 CFR 91.105, the County of Union is prepared to provide a translator for non-English speaking residents who request one in advance of the public hearing. The County further requests a notice in advance for any residents with disabilities in order to provide reasonable accommodations.
2/16/2023 \$100.62

**ATENCIÓN RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO DE UNION
DEPARTAMENTO DE DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO
DEL CONDADO DE UNION
DIVISIÓN DE SERVICIOS COMUNITARIOS / OFICINA DE VIVIENDA
AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA Y AVISO DE PERÍODO PARA COMENTARIOS
PÚBLICOS**

El Departamento de Desarrollo Económico, División de Servicios Comunitarios de la Oficina de Vivienda llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública sobre el Plan "American Rescue" (Rescate Americano) del Programa de Asociaciones de Inversión HOME del Condado de Union. El propósito de esta Audiencia Pública es invitar a hacer comentarios públicos y aportes sobre la presentación del Borrador del Plan de Rescate de HOME-American (HOME-ARP). El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano ha solicitado que el Condado de Union desarrolle y presente un plan para la asignación única de fondos de \$4,400,000.00, reservada para el Condado de Union. Los fondos de HOME-ARP están destinados a proporcionar vivienda, refugio y servicios de apoyo a personas que experimentan o están en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar. La presentación de HOME-ARP describe las actividades propuestas por la División de Servicios Comunitarios de la Oficina de Vivienda del Condado de Union y otras partes interesadas de la comunidad.

El período de comentarios públicos de 15 días para el plan HOME-ARP es del 13 al 26 de febrero, 2023. Las copias del borrador del plan HOME-ARP están disponibles en la página web de la División de Servicios Comunitarios del Condado de Union: ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development.

La participación pública para la Audiencia Pública de la División de Servicios Comunitarios / Oficina de Vivienda del Condado de Union del 15 de febrero de 2023 está disponible por teléfono (llamada) o conferencia web (Zoom).

Fecha: 15 de febrero de 2023. Horario: de 6:00 a 7:00 PM.

El Condado de Union le invita a una cita para una reunión por Zoom

Únase a la reunión de Zoom usando el link:
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Los miembros del público podrán proporcionar comentarios orales y de texto durante el período de comentarios públicos de la reunión.

Para obtener más información, o si no puede asistir y desea enviar sus comentarios o preguntas, comuníquese con Nicholas Micheludis, de la División de Servicios Comunitarios de la Oficina de Vivienda, al (308) 527-4258, o envíe un correo electrónico a nmicheludis@ucnj.org.

De acuerdo con el Reglamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano 24 CFR 91.105, el Condado de Union está preparado para proporcionar un traductor para los residentes que no hablen Inglés y que lo soliciten antes de la audiencia pública. Además, el condado solicita un aviso por adelantado para cualquier residente con discapacidades, a fin de proporcionar adaptaciones razonables.

聯合郡居民注意 聯合郡經濟發展局 社區服務處/房屋局 公開聽證會和公眾意見徵詢通知期限

經濟發展部社區服務司/住房局將舉行關於聯合郡家庭投資合作夥伴計劃美國救援計劃的公開聽證會。本次公開聽證會的目的是邀請公眾對 HOME-American Rescue Plan 提交草案 (HOME-ARP) 提出意見和貢獻。住房和城市發展部已要求聯合郡制定並提交一份為聯合郡保留的 1,400,000.00 美元一次性資金分配計劃。HOME-ARP 資金旨在為經歷或可能無家可歸的人提供住房、住所和支持服務。HOME-ARP 提交描述了聯合郡社區服務部/住房局和其他社區利益相關者提議的活動。

HOME-ARP 計劃的 15 天公眾意見徵詢期將從 2023年2月13日開始，到2023年2月28日結束。HOME-ARP 計劃草案的副本可在 County of Union Division of Community Services 網頁上獲取：nemj.org/department-of-economic-development。

2023年2月15日聯合郡社區服務部/住房局公共聽證會的公眾參與可通過電話（電話）或網絡會議（縮放）獲得。

日期：2023年2月15日時間：下午 8:00 - 下午7:30。

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根據住房和城市發展條例 24 CFR 91.105，聯合郡準備為在公開聽證會前提出要求的非英語居民提供翻譯。該郡還要求提前通知任何殘障居民，以便提供合理的便利。

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	Data Source Name Union County
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. ...
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. ...
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? ...
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population? ...
	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set? ..
	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)? ...
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Data Source Name maplebrook	
List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. ...	
Provide a brief summary of the data set. ...	
What was the purpose for developing this data set? ...	
How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population? ...	
What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set? ...	

	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>...</p>
3	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>ACS Data</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>US Census Bureau</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
	<p>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</p> <p>For this plan, most data is based on 2016-2020 ACS 5 Year Estimates.</p>
	<p>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
	<p>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
	<p>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</p> <p>For more information, see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p>
4	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>Continuum of Care Consultation</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Union County Department of Human Services - Continuum of Care/Homeless Unit</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>Information is based on Point in Time survey results and CoC records of available inventory and services.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>To develop sound planning and strategies to address homelessness in Union County</p>
	<p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>Data coverage is for the entire county</p>

	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>The information is updated on an annual basis</p>
	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>The information is current (complete)</p>
5	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>HUD Multifamily Properties Assisted</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>HUD</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>The data set includes Assisted Units/Total Units/ Client Group Type/and location</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>To determine the number of subsidized housing units in Union County.</p>
	<p>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</p> <p>Current year 2024</p>
	<p>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</p>
	<p>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</p> <p>All Union County subsidized housing units.</p>
	<p>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</p>
6	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>NJ Guide to Affordable Housing 2022</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>NJ Department of Community Affairs</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>This Guide to Affordable Housing lists income-restricted affordable housing units for rent and for sale in New Jersey. The Guide includes public housing agencies and Section 8 vouchers per municipality.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>To help individuals find affordable housing, becoming knowledgeable about housing programs can help in your search.</p>

<p>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</p> <p>2022</p>
<p>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</p>
<p>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</p> <p>Affordable housing throughout New Jersey.</p>
<p>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</p> <p>This Guide to Affordable Housing lists income-restricted affordable housing units for rent and for sale in New Jersey.</p> <p>There are three housing types. “Family” housing is open to those who meet income requirements. “Age” refers to age-restricted housing for individuals 55 years and older or 62 years and older. “Special” refers to special-needs housing and includes veterans housing, homeless shelters, and group homes for the developmentally disabled.</p>

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for the Township of Union, New Jersey has been prepared in response to the consolidated process developed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan is a collaborative process in which the community can develop a unified and coherent vision for community development actions for a five-year planning period. The community, with the active participation of its citizens and community organizations, can shape its housing and development programs, prepare comprehensive and coordinated programs, and reduce duplication of effort, both in planning and in program execution.

This planning effort provides an opportunity to analyze programs in the context of the total local effort, and in relation to linkages and relations with state and regional programs. The nature of the process requires that economic, physical, environmental, community, and human development plans and programs be integrated and coordinated. Further, the requirements of this process force the establishment of specific, measurable goals and objectives and the creation of project monitoring processes so that progress can be measured and lessons learned over time.

The Consolidated Plan also meets the application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME). This process replaces prior Community Planning and Development (CPD) planning and an application requirement with a single document, and satisfies the minimum statutory requirements of the four CPD formula programs for local jurisdictions. Although the Township is a CDBG entitlement jurisdiction it also participates as Consortium member to Union County HOME program. It is as a CDBG entitlement though that the Township is required to prepare and submit a Consolidated Plan to HUD in order to receive CDBG funds.

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

The Township's top priority continues to be the improvement of the quality of life for its low to moderate income residents. To that end the objectives of the Township in this Action Plan period are as follows.

- Stabilization and improvement of neighborhoods;
- Continued support for provision of services to those individuals and groups with special needs, such as the elderly and the disabled;
- Execution of anti-poverty efforts that support and build on existing programs, relate to economic development efforts, and integrate job training and placement, welfare to work initiatives, and other programs aimed at improving opportunities for economic self-sufficiency;
- Continued support of key public service programs, the improvement of public facilities and infrastructure and;
- Maintenance and improvement of the existing housing stock

In terms of outcomes, the Township expects to achieve progress in the areas listed below.

- Suitable Living Environment - Outcomes

- Maintain and improve housing stock for low and moderate income households including seniors; Improved quality of life for youth; Improved quality of life through improved conditions for children; Improved quality of life through improved facility conditions; Improved quality of life for poverty level terminally ill patients; Improved quality of life for low-income elderly and disabled citizens; Improved quality of life for frail elderly residents by providing home assistance to prevent health and safety concerns and to help maintain self-sufficiency; and Improved quality of life for functionally impaired residents of the Township who are age fifty and over.

- Provide Decent and Affordable Housing - Outcomes

- Maintain and improve housing stock for low and moderate income households including senior citizens.

3. Evaluation of past performance

During the prior five year Consolidated Plan period, the Township identified specific goals in the categories of housing, non-housing, and special needs. Throughout this prior period, the Township has either exceeded or been on target in meeting the goals established for the prior plan particularly in the areas of housing and non-housing community development. As a result, residents are now experiencing decent and affordable housing arrangements, as well as suitable living environments through improved access to high quality public services and public facilities. This success has significantly informed Township's efforts in moving forward.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Citizens are provided adequate opportunities to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation and assessing the CDBG program. The Township has full responsibility and authority for the development of the application and execution of its Community Development (CD) Program.

The Citizen Participation Plan has been formulated to allow for the maximum dissemination of Community Development information and citizen's input. The plan structures an ongoing citizen's participation program that will function throughout each year of the Community Development Program. Citizens are informed of all program developments and citizen participation is an important element of the overall program.

The Township followed the steps and procedures outlined in its Citizen Participation Plan. As part of the Plan development process, public hearings were held on December 19, 2024, January 16, 2025, February 20, 2025 and March 20, 2025. There was not a quorum for the April 16 meeting; therefore, the meeting was postponed to May. A Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting was held on May 15, 2025. The purpose of the public meetings/hearings was to obtain the views of citizens, public officials, agencies and other interested parties regarding the housing and community development needs of the jurisdiction. Public meetings/hearings are listed on TV34 and the Township's calendars distributed throughout the township.

The development of the Action Plan involved consultation with those agencies in delivering housing and public services within the Township. Meetings and discussions were held between the staff of the Township Community Development Block Grant Program Office, the Township Division of Planning, the Township Board of Health and the Township of Union Community Development Citizens Advisory Board. In addition, there were meetings conducted with appropriate housing and social service agencies regarding the housing needs of children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and homeless persons. These agencies included the Township Housing Agency.

Federal regulations require that a summary of the Consolidated Plan be published in one or more local, general circulation newspapers. This summary describes the purpose and priorities of the plan, type and location of activities and the location of the complete document. Copies of the draft Consolidated Plan were available for inspection and review at the Community Development Block Grant Office in the Municipal Building and on the Township's website. The document was available for review on April 10, 2025 and citizens had a 30-day period to review the document and submit comments to the Office of Community Development, Municipal Building, and 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083. The Township received no comments during this period via e-mail uniontownship.com.

The Final 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, 2025 Action Plan and Resolution was placed on the Township Agenda and authorized for submission at the May 27, 2025 Township Committee Meeting.

5. Summary of public comments

No comments to date.

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

No comments to date.

7. Summary

See comments above.

The Process

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	UNION TOWNSHIP (UNION COUNTY)	Community Development Agency

Table 61– Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Agency responsible for the plan is the Community Development Agency.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The Township recognizes that the preparation of the plan requires discussion and consultation with many diverse groups, organizations, and agencies. Meetings and discussions were held between the staffs of the Township Community Development Block Grant Program Office and the Township Division of Planning, the Township Board of Health, and the Union County Division of Planning and Community Development. The Public Housing Agency was also consulted.

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

The Township has predetermined meetings that are conducted with appropriate housing and social service agencies regarding the needs of children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and homeless persons. The Township also has a Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, made up of two persons each from the Township's ten census tracts, as well as a special task force representing special needs. The committee acts in an advisory capacity. These organized events are the principle way that the Township engages local stakeholders.

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

Throughout the new five year Consolidated Plan period, the Township's strategy for implementing its homelessness program will be a multiple approach to the problem, focusing upon assisting the homeless and then upon preventing homelessness through Union County Continuum of Care Programs. Treating the homeless and providing the means and support necessary to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living are all a part of the efforts and programs in place in the Township and/or the County Home Consortium.

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

All of the efforts to provide continuum of care is coordinated via the County Home Consortium. In September 2009, New Jersey's County Homelessness Trust Fund Act, P.L. 2009, c. 123, became law which permits counties to establish a Homelessness Trust Fund for the purpose of moving the homeless and formerly homeless into permanent affordable housing. In order to fund this initiative, those counties that establish such a fund may add a \$5 surcharge to recording fees. Union County's start date was January 1, 2020.

The Township's internal strategy for eliminating chronic homelessness has been to focus on a specific housing emphasis identified in the five-year consolidate plan and annual action plans under the Housing strategy category. They included:

- Single Family Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
- Section 8 Rental Assistance
- Programs offered via Union County Home Consortium
- Referral Services

In establishing the Township's priorities, the prevention of homelessness has been a key element in our efforts. By providing rehabilitation assistance, rental assistance and referral services for low-income households the Township has contributed to reducing the conditions that would precipitate homelessness.

Consistent with the Consolidated Plan during program years 2020-2024, the Township will be directing all of its housing funds under the CDBG program toward single family owner-occupied rehabilitation. Of the units that received housing rehabilitation assistance the majority were low to moderate income households. These homeowners are cost burdened and/or have no funds to contribute to maintaining or repairing their homes. Historically and more currently, the Township feels its best utilization of funds to prevent homelessness is to support households by providing rehabilitation loans for maintenance. This enables current homeowners to maintain their housing, prevent homelessness and protects housing stock as potential purchase units for the low income market. As mentioned previously, the Township's HUD funded Section 8 rental assistance program seeks to serve the lowest income households by providing voucher support. Other programs and referral services are offered via the Union County Home Consortium.

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

Table 62– Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CENTER FOR HOPE HOSPICE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is continued hospice care to terminally ill patients.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	JEWISH FAMILY AGENCY-HOMEMAKER SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Outcome is to help keep the frail elderly out of a nursing home and enable them to live in the dignity of their own home.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is continued facilitation of independent living for seniors and safe, educational, environment for children in childcare services.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA of Eastern Union County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is continued support of persons with dementia.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Union Township Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization is part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is movement of families from wait lists to actual units.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Affordable Housing Developments (COAH)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives are part of regular committee group that contributes to plan development annually and each five year submission. Anticipated outcome is getting households into homeownership.

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

Not applicable.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Union County Human Services - Union County Home Consortium	Our goals do not overlap as Township grant funds are not spent on homelessness. Nevertheless, the Township assists with temporary shelter and bed support as needed via the Union County Home Consortium. Recent Information on the homeless was provided by the Union County Continuum of Care based upon a recently completed field survey as well as upon additional information collected from agencies providing homeless assistance. The data covered the entire county.

Table 63– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

Union Township is a member of the Union County Home Consortium. The county is responsible for developing the housing needs and market analysis for the consortium including Union Township. As such, the Township's housing profile and subsequent strategy to address needs is influenced by their plan and is in conjunction with the County's plan.

Narrative

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

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

This Consolidated Plan results from a process of consultation and citizen participation, building upon existing participation mechanisms and venues. Jurisdictions have the flexibility to choose the participation process that works best for the residents of low- and moderate-income areas. Citizens, not-for-profit organizations, and interested parties were afforded a variety of opportunities to provide input on the plan.

In addition to citizen participation mechanisms and open public hearings, Union Township utilized the Union Township Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee. This Committee consists of two representatives from each of the Township's ten census tracts as well as representatives from special needs populations. This group acts in an advisory capacity. The Township also participates in the Union County Home Consortium meetings.

All participation efforts resulted in determining goals for Township priority need areas for housing, public services and public improvements.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Low/Mod Individuals	Not applicable	None received.	Not applicable.	http://worrall-media.com/legals/Union/

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Citizen's Advisory Participation meetings were most fruitful as participants are regular contributors to community development plans and provided recommendations as provided.</p>	None.	Not applicable.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Town wide	n/a	n/a		Uniontownship.com
4	Community Outreach	Town wide	n/a	n/a	n/a	Uniontownship.com
5	Community Outreach	Low/Mod Individuals	General interest.	n/a	n/a	

Table 64– Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

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Needs Assessment Overview

Although Union County is responsible for the development of the housing plan as the lead consortium member, the Township offers a summary perspective on its housing needs assessment.

Housing

Similar to the 2020 – 2024 priority needs, the Township’s three priorities over the 2025 – 2029 period will be to continue preserving and maintaining the current housing stock, encourage households, especially very low- and low-income households in becoming homeowners via the Union County Home Consortium and continue assisting very low-income households facing housing problems.

Homeless

The Township continues to observe that the best possible approach to homelessness is one that treats the root causes of the problem, including employment, transportation, special physical and mental health needs, and affordable housing. Programs and assistance must be provided that prevents homelessness from occurring. Assistance must result in new employment opportunities and the acquisition of basic life skills and the elimination of health problems. Of primary importance is the preservation and availability of affordable, safe shelter for individuals and families. Services are provided via the Union County Consortium.

Public Housing

The Township of Union does not have any public housing units but it does have a Housing Agency (PHA), which administers the Township’s Section 8 Housing Voucher Program. The mission of the PHA is “To provide safe, decent, affordable housing to eligible residents of the Township of Union”. The PHA has four (4) Strategic Goals are (1) Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing (2) Improve community quality of life and economic vitality, (3) Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals, and (4) Ensure equal opportunity in housing for all Americans.

Non-Housing Community Development

The primary objective of the Township's non-housing community development activities is the provision of a suitable living environment and the expansion of economic opportunity in conjunction with the Township and County's Economic Development Departments for low and moderate-income persons. This definition includes a wide range of programs and activities.

Non-housing Community Development needs and priorities were identified and re-considered in the course of preparing this Consolidated Plan through the input of community leaders, citizen participation, and requests and ideas from a wide range of service providers and public agencies. These inputs were provided in a series of meetings and public hearings, described in the public participation section of this Plan. The Township has been in touch with agency officials and organization heads, forwarding program information to them prior to meetings and hearings as required. The Community Development Office is in contact with other Township and county offices and agencies that often raise issues and concerns or make requests about improvements or conditions in the low/mod neighborhoods. As in prior Consolidated Plan processes the Township continues to consider the many and varied needs, and the funding and project selection process reflect the input and weighing of needs and requests in light of the overall objective.

If the PJ will establish a preference for a HOME TBRA activity for persons with a specific category of disabilities (e.g., persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness), describe their unmet need for housing and services needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2) (ii))

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

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

As was the case for the 2020 Consolidated Plan, the most frequently mentioned item during consultation both on the forms and in the discussions was the necessity to provide new or upgraded, public facilities to residents of the low/mod neighborhoods. These needs ranged from improvements to facilities to assistance to specific organizations and functions, as listed below. The overall objective, and the reason for a high priority ranking, is to improve the living conditions and environment for the 19,055 low- and moderate-income persons in the Township according to the 2023 American Community Survey.

How were these needs determined?

The Office of Community Development solicited input from public and local officials by disseminating information about this effort and conducting needs assessment meetings. In addition to program information, forms asking for ideas and priorities were distributed to this group for discussion at the meetings.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Similarly to public facilities, public improvements were also identified for upgrade or new construction.

How were these needs determined?

Determined during consultation via public meetings and survey instruments.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The commonly referenced areas of public service need were assistance for childcare, housing counseling, and elderly services. Of particular note was that health-related services were listed as areas of special concern. Feedback from respondents noted that many of the top concerns revolved around the elderly, and children in low- and moderate-income households.

How were these needs determined?

The survey information and needs assessment meetings among local and public officials and Community Based Organizations.

Based on the needs analysis above, describe the State's needs in Colonias

Housing Market Analysis

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Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The Township's analysis in this section is mostly limited to non housing community development concerns since Union County provides the housing market analysis for consortium members. The primary objective of the Township's non-housing community development activities is the provision of a suitable living environment and the expansion of economic opportunity for low and moderate-income persons. This definition includes a wide range of programs and activities. Generally, upgraded and new public facilities as well as assistance for child care, and elderly support were prominently identified by multiple agencies and service providers.

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

Introduction

Economic development has been a particular challenge in both the Township and northeastern New Jersey since the economic turndown. Nevertheless, during this period the Township has been able to direct its limited resources towards supporting job training and preparedness programs as well as investments in public infrastructure improvements. These two areas are essential for economic revitalization as new and current businesses require navigable transportation access for both goods and services and for associated workforce needs. These efforts will continue during the new consolidated plan period.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	40	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,480	1,972	10	7	-3
Construction	1,074	880	4	3	-1
Education and Health Care Services	5,850	3,877	24	14	-10
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,987	1,092	8	4	-4
Information	613	752	3	3	0
Manufacturing	1,557	1,681	6	6	0
Other Services	1,127	1,644	5	6	1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	2,910	5,976	12	22	10
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	3,168	5,826	13	22	9
Transportation and Warehousing	1,908	931	8	3	-5
Wholesale Trade	1,459	2,412	6	9	3
Total	24,173	27,043	--	--	--

Table 65 - Business Activity

Data Source Comments: Alternate Data Source 2019-2023 ACS

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	0
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	31,805
Unemployment Rate	5.22
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	1.90
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.30

Table 66 - Labor Force

Data Source Comments: Alternate Data Source 2019-2023 ACS

Occupations by Sector		Number of People
Management, business and financial	8,390	
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,599	
Service	3,040	
Sales and office	7,565	
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	2,285	
Production, transportation and material moving	2,120	

Table 67 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source Comments: Alternate Data Source 2019-2023 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	15,579	53%

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
30-59 Minutes	10,376	35%
60 or More Minutes	3,632	12%
Total	29,587	100%

Table 68 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Travel Time

In Union Township long commute times are not a significant issue. Fifty-three percent of all persons commuting to work have a commute of less than 30 minutes each way. Approximately 12% of all employed persons have a commute of 60 minutes or more, to and from work each day.

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	1,645	115	779
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	5,910	235	1,450
Some college or Associate's degree	7,689	343	1,099
Bachelor's degree or higher	11,130	360	1,624

Table 69 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Education ABES

Educational attainment is one of the best indicators of economic success, both in securing employment and earning higher wages. In the township, the unemployment rate for individuals without a high school diploma is approximately 4.52%, while the rate for those with a bachelor's degree or higher is only 2.74%. The labor force participation rate also increases with higher educational attainment. About 30% of those without a high school diploma are not in the workforce, compared to just 2.7% for individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	30	70	254	850	1,200
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	374	200	395	778	520
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,595	1,105	1,445	5,060	4,135
Some college, no degree	2,980	1,610	1,590	3,385	1,315
Associate's degree	275	550	740	1,275	235
Bachelor's degree	744	2,925	2,330	3,775	1,780
Graduate or professional degree	15	940	1,119	2,030	824

Table 70 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Education Attainment by Age

There are over 2,404 residents with less than a 9th-grade education, with the majority being over the age of 45. Additionally, approximately 2,267 residents have completed some high school but do not have a diploma. As noted above, education is closely related to employment, and those without a high school diploma or equivalent may face challenges in securing stable jobs.

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	64,948
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	112,380
Some college or Associate's degree	143,340
Bachelor's degree	178,795
Graduate or professional degree	117,703

Table 71 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Median Earnings

The 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan data for Educational Attainment and median earning in the past 12 months show a correlation between higher education attainment and higher median earning. In the most recent census individuals with less than a high school education have a median income of \$64,948, while high school graduates earned significantly more (\$112,380). Data consistently shows that workers with higher levels of education earned \$30,960 more with some college experience or an Associate's degree. Similarly, those with a Bachelor's degree earn over 59% more than those who completed high school. Individuals with a graduate or professional degree earned \$117,703.

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

Based on the Business Activity Table above the sectors with the greatest number of jobs in Union Township are Education and Health Care Services (3,877); Professional, Scientific, Management Services (5,976); Retail Trade (5,826); and Wholesale Trade (2,412). However, these figures are different for the sector with the greatest number of workers. There are fewer jobs available in several sectors than workers, meaning residents are commuting outside of the Township to work.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Most Union Township residents work in Education and Health Care Services; Professional, Scientific, Management Services and Retail Trade.

Improvements to the Township will help create job opportunities for low-income residents near and within the township and increase foot traffic to stimulate the local economy. Infrastructure needs to include sidewalks, streetscape improvements, and parking.

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

Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

The Township of Union outlined some 2019 redevelopment initiatives including demolition of the old CC Mugs on Stuyvesant Avenue near Stanley Terrace. The site will feature a new church and a community center for the religion institution and eight residential units. The Garden

State Motel was demolished in 2020 with a Fairfield by Marriot Hotel, a WaWa with a gas station, a Burger King and a Cube Smart storage facility replacing it.

The decades-long vacant Money Store, at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Spruce Street, was purchased by Children’s Specialized Hospital.

The Union Center American Landmark project will “continue to transform and modernize the Center” with the goal of increasing foot traffic in the Center. Phases I and II, of four, is completed.

Titan Union, formerly the Connect One Bank in Union Center, once complete, will include a co-working space, community area and an arts and culture element. Phase I at Vermella Union, near Union Station, is complete with 75 units leased. Phase II is underway. Phase I of Summit Court, with 130 fully occupied units, is complete. Phase II is in the planning stages.

These projects represents a total investment in Union of more than an impressive \$1 billion dollars. Economic development, business retention and attraction in Union Center and beyond has always been a priority for the Township.

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

Generally, the relationship between skills and education of the current work force is compatible except in the case of the unemployed or those no longer in the labor force. Proportionally, the higher skilled jobs employ 57% of persons in the Township. Comparatively, the higher skilled jobs are occupied by 56% of persons who have some college or have a degree.

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

During the consolidated planning period the Township anticipates continued support of program involving Welfare to Work, job training, and placement programs and youth opportunity and work preparedness efforts as applicable. Through these efforts future jobs that are created in the Township will have be supported by program training via Consortium efforts.

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

Yes

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

The County of Union is the designated negotiation entity for the County Municipalities.

The Township of Union’s Department of Economic Development has begun an effort to improve its ability for future development. The township has begun a review of its Master Plan in order to change existing outdated regulations. New projects must now be viewed differently than in the past. We have relaxed parking requirements and will be making changes in existing zones. The township must become more aggressive in attracting new business and retaining existing businesses.

The short term goals are to assist approved stalled projects to move forward and guide them through completions. Continued efforts will be made to fill vacancies in existing retail, commercial and industrial properties. There are several previously approved residential developments on vacant industrial site. The completion of these developments will help our affordable housing obligations.

The Township will continue with infrastructure road improvement and work with both county and state offices to improve our major highways and connecting roads. The Township of Union acknowledges that our access to RT 22, RT 82, RT 78 and the Garden State Parkway are major assets for its continued economic growth.

Union Station along NJ Transit’s Raritan Valley Line opened in May 2003. The station’s growth has been consistent since its inception, which had originally been targeted for 500-600 rides per day after 5 years. Ridership has now reached over 1200 daily passengers.

Discussion

The Township recognizes the need for job development and economic growth. To that end, changes in zoning, more relaxed parking arrangements, infrastructure improvements, and stimulants for retail, commercial and industrial development are being encouraged.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

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

Per the lead Home Consortium agency, Union County, no determination was made regarding concentration of housing problems within the Township. Their analysis did not provide a discussion of housing problems particular to local jurisdictions generally and Union Township specifically. In summary though, the County concluded that the most common housing problems involved aging housing stock and cost burden to both homeowners and renters and all low to moderate income levels.

Township's review of 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) reveals that there are approximately 89 units in the Township that lack complete plumbing and/or a complete kitchen. This represents 0.43% of housing units in the Township. Also there are approximately 80 units (0.4%) in which no fuel are used, which is another indication of substandard housing. Although 2023 ACS was not reviewed on a census tract level by the County, the Township's inspections of housing units in the Vauxhall neighborhood tend to reflect either single or multiple housing problems.

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

The Township's definition for concentration is any population greater than 50% of households in census tracts and 60% or more persons who are low to moderate income at the block group level is considered concentration.

According to the 2023 ACS households in this category included census tracts 326, 327.1, 327.2 and 328.

In terms of low income persons, two block group areas within the Township met the criterion for low income concentration and that was block groups 328.3, and 329.01.3.

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

In these neighborhoods and across the Township generally, housing stock is changing with about eleven percent of the units having been constructed prior to 1990. Over fifty percent of the home were construction during the last decade. Half of the housing units in the Township are sixty or more years old. This implies that rehabilitation and upgrading of these older units continues to be a priority for the Township.

The supply of housing is not increasing rapidly in Union County according to New Jersey Department of Codes and Standard figures. Building permits have generally increased in New Jersey since 2019. Over the 2020 - 2024 period, the Township realized an issuance of a total of six hundred forty six building

permits the majority in 1-4 family unit structures per the New Jersey state website (Department of Labor and Workforce Development).

The demand for affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households has been persistent throughout the decade. The public housing agency continues to have substantial waiting list of 5,533 days for Section 8 vouchers. The current wait list of 34 applicants includes 32 families with children and 2 elderly families. The majority of the wait list consist of 28 (82.35%) extremely low income families followed by 4 very low income families (11.76%) and 2 low income families representing 5.9 percent. As indicated previously, the areas of concentration involve higher percentage of low to moderate income households which translates typically into lower resources for home improvement for homeowners and limited choices for better than substandard housing for both renters, homeowners and potential homebuyers.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Community assets include the Union Township Community Action Organization, playgrounds, Vauxhall Branch Library, Vauxhall Branch Post Office, Jefferson school, churches and Congressman Donald Payne Meeting Center.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Assist the municipality in the development and maintenance of public Buildings, parks and centers that benefit the residents, but especially those in low/mod income areas. Continue and enhance the provision of public services to low and moderate income residents as well as Infrastructure Improvement Programs.

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

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

Union Public Library patrons who would like a connection to the internet can take home Chromebooks and mobile hotspots through our Connect2Success library program. Mobile hotspots tap into local WiFi networks enabling users to connect to the Internet for free, while Chromebooks allow patrons to access online resources.

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

The Township currently has multiple broadband providers including AT&T, Xfinity and Optimum, Verizon. Xfinity installers reach 99% of the Township. Residents face challenges to affording services, not access. Attempts to provide access to free services have been detailed in the previous response.

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

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

The Township participated in the Union County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update that took place in 2015. At that time, the Township of Union Planning Committee identified the hazards of concern, the completed the request for information (RFI), reviewed the plan documents and vulnerability assessment, identified local stakeholders for outreach, and worked collectively to update the mitigation strategy.

Like all the other jurisdictions in Union County, the Township of Union is potentially subject to the effects of all the hazards that are considered in the mitigation plan.

However, the majority of these hazards have minimal impacts on the area, and are discussed in detail in the County part of the mitigation plan. FEMA mitigation planning guidance requires that County mitigation plans include a risk assessment section that assesses each jurisdiction's risks where they vary from the risks facing the entire planning area" (44CFR 201.6 (c) (2) (iii).

The hazards that scored highest of Township concerns were (1) Flood, (2) Hamats - Transportation, (3) High Wind - Straight Line Winds, (4) Ice Storm, and (5) Severe Storm Winter Weather.

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

As with all Township households, low to moderate income households are subject to potential damages resulting from the high priority hazard sources identified in the mitigation plan. Hence efforts to minimize the damage has been directed towards public facility and infrastructure stability and improvements throughout the Township including low to moderate income areas. On infrastructure projects, the Township of Union mitigates various hazards including but not limited to the removal or pruning of overgrown street trees that can take down power lines and can cause personal property damage during wind storms; rehabilitation of cracked or collapsed sanitary sewers that can cause sewer backups in residential homes; removal of uplifted sidewalks that can cause trip and fall accidents; correction of drainage problems that can cause localized street flooding; elimination of street potholes that can cause accidents and damages to vehicles; and implementation of handicap ramps to increase the mobility of wheelchairs.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

Each of the objectives, issues, and concerns described in this plan has been reviewed carefully by the local officials and the public to obtain consensus on the relative importance of each. Further, efforts were made to ensure that all topics of concern were fairly included and presented in this plan.

Please note that not all topics suggested in the regulations and plan guidelines are priority elements in the Township. The Township has identified 3 areas of priority need (1) Decent and Affordable Housing; (2); Enhanced Public Services and (3) Improved Public Facilities and Improvements.

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

Geographic Area

Table 72 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	Vauxhall CT 328
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	North of I78 and west of Stuyvesant Avenue with its own ZIP code 07088.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	Comprised of census tract 328. Per the 2022 ACS, has a total of 1,893 housing units with a total of 1,728 occupied. There is no major industry and only limited retail services.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	Citizens, non-profit organizations, and interested parties were afforded a variety of opportunities to contribute during meetings and planning sessions, review and comment, received information about the meetings, the plan, and comments made, participate in public hearings. In addition, Union Township utilized the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee. This group acts in an advisory capacity to the Township.
Identify the needs in this target area.	There are many needs in all of the areas: Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Public Services, and Economic Development. The development of more and better jobs for low and moderate income persons would help reduce the scale and scope of need as well. Much of the housing stock contains lead and requires abatement or remediation and structural improvements.	

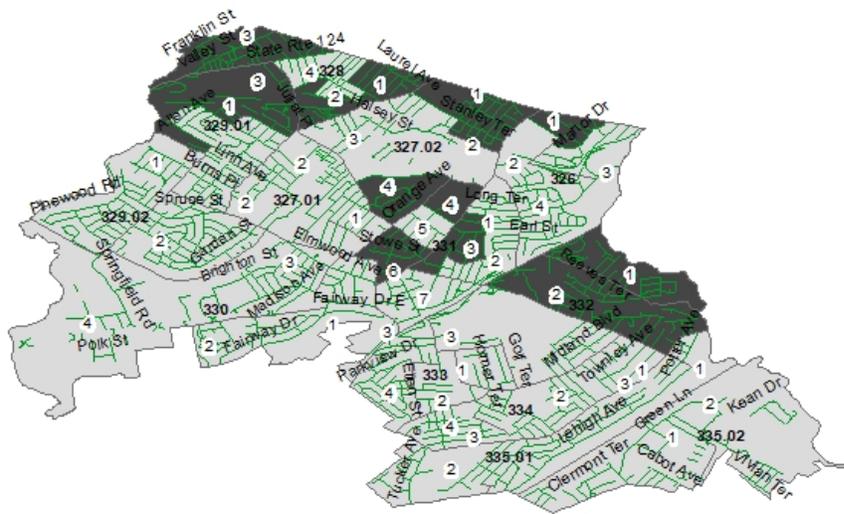
<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>Provide educational information, Companion Aide services, assist Adult Day Care programs, assist with Utility Payments Programs, help fund in home assistance for the elderly, finance Adolescent Health Service Programs, offer affordable Infant/Toddler Care, and offer Hospice Care.</p>
<p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>The primary obstacle to meeting needs is funding. Due to local budget constraints, economic downturns and limited federal resources all housing, public services and public facilities needs cannot be met via the township's CDBG grant.</p>

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

In terms of geography only public facilities and improvements will be assisted on this basis. The Township has identified CDBG eligible areas (see map) based on low mod populations where investments can be made. The Vauxhall neighborhood continues to be a focus of infrastructure efforts and will continue to be so during this consolidated plan period. The Vauxhall neighborhood has a low mod percentages of 47.60 which exceeds the exception criterion of 47.13% and will have a focus of capital improvements and child care and senior services. It is located in the Southwest section of the Township.

Union Township CDBG Eligible Areas



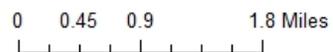
Legend

- Tract (13)
- Roads

Block Groups

Percent Low/Mod Persons

- <42.5% Ineligible
- =>42.5% Eligible



Source: American Community Survey 2016-2020

Eligible Areas

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

Priority Needs

Table 73 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Decent and Affordable Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Vauxhall CT 328
	Associated Goals	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing Administration
	Description	<p>There continues to be very little land available for housing construction in the Township, and it has been well documented that property costs for most households is mostly unaffordable but this is particularly true for many first-time homebuyers. Figures on persons in the housing market who are discouraged by costs are not available. Nevertheless, in 2019-2023 the Median Household Income in the township was \$115,938, and the median sale price of a home was \$421,400. Thus, using the “rule of thumb” of two and one-half times income as a measure of affordability, there was a gap of \$131,555 between what the typical family could afford and the mean price. The gap is necessarily greater for low and moderate-income households.</p> <p>The Township anticipates providing assistance to those seeking to acquire a home through the Union County HOME Consortium First-Time Homebuyers Program, CDBG funds are not used for this program. The consortium program is time tested and very successful in assistance to potential homebuyers through its program expertise and consistent availability of funding.</p>
	Basis for Relative Priority	As mentioned previously housing stock in the Township is very old and subject to lead so these conditions are extremely important for families with children.

2	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	Vauxhall CT 328
	Associated Goals	Continuation of High Quality Public Services Administration
	Description	The survey information and needs assessment meetings among local and public officials echoed concerns from the 2020 period that certain services provided by the Township were not adequate to level of need. In particular, assistance for childcare, housing counseling, elderly services and health-related services were listed as areas of special concern. Feedback from respondents noted that many of the top concerns revolved around the elderly, and children in low- and moderate-income households. Fortunately, the Township has maintained an annual funding commitment to services for the elderly via our elderly service providers.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Township consultation indicated that public services have been inadequate to the needs of the community across a number of areas including seniors, youth, and health care.
3	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Vauxhall CT 328
	Associated Goals	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements Administration
	Description	The Office of Community Development solicited input from public and local officials by disseminating information about this effort and conducting needs assessment meetings. In addition to program information, forms asking for ideas and priorities were distributed to this group for discussion at the meetings. As was the case for the 2020 Consolidated Plan, the most frequently mentioned item both on the forms and in the discussions was the necessity to provide new or upgraded, public facilities to residents of the low/mod neighborhoods. These needs ranged from improvements to facilities to assistance to specific organizations and functions, as listed below. The overall objective, and the reason for a high priority ranking, is to improve the living conditions and environment for the 18,090 low- and moderate-income persons in the Township.

Basis for Relative Priority	Consultation identified public facilities and improvements as high priority.
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Narrative (Optional)

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

Introduction

The Township's grant resources have fluctuated over recent years and don't anticipate significant increases in future federal allocations. With that in mind, the Township depends on the primary resources secured by community stakeholders to effectively address financial requirements of their programs.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	611,899	110,000	0	721,899	2,887,596	Entitlement Grant and program income.

Table 74 - Anticipated Resources

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

CDBG in most cases is a very small portion of the available resources for public service providers, as well as funding investments for down payment assistance through the Union County Home Consortium. CDBG will in most cases be the sole funding resources for housing rehabilitation.

The Township anticipates that service providers will continue to acquire primary funds from private contributions and other governmental agencies. These funds make up the majority of social service agencies' budgets and receive 15% of CDBG funds as leverage. In 2025, social services are expected to provide approximately \$1,309,954.24 in leverage funding. Agency funding for 2025 is provided in the accompanying table.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

Again, with limited resources the Township will continue to assist homeowners, homebuyers, public service providers and its public works department at funding levels consistent with recent allocation levels.

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

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

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
CENTER FOR HOPE HOSPICE	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, INC.	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION	Non-profit organizations	Rental public services	Jurisdiction
YMCA of Eastern Union County	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
Union Township Public Housing Agency	Other	Public Housing	Jurisdiction
Community Health Center	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction

Table 75 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The strengths of the delivery system are consistent leveraging of CDBG funds by partnership agencies as well as the extensive outreach and support for seniors, disabled persons and youth.

The Township maintains a working relationship with social service agencies that address various needs including services for youth, elderly and disabled persons. Agencies such as Center for Hope Inc., Jewish Family Services, Community Action Organization, and The Gateway YMCA WISE provide a stable social service infrastructure for the Township.

The Township also maintains a close relationship with the Union County Division of Planning and Community Development, and coordinates efforts with that agency, which administers the County CDBG programs. Depending upon the situation and the need, Township officials coordinate with or call upon County offices, such as the Department of Health and Human Services, or programs for information or assistance.

Although not specifically a gap the Township has had limited involvement with nonprofit housing corporations in the past but has formally incorporated these agencies into the con plan process.

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

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance			
Mortgage Assistance			
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance			
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement			
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services	X		
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X		
Child Care	X		
Education			
Employment and Employment Training			
Healthcare	X		
HIV/AIDS			
Life Skills			
Mental Health Counseling			
Transportation	X		
Other			

Table 76 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

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

Housing Services

There are agencies within the county trying to develop permanent housing opportunities for the homeless and the near homeless.

There are two government supported traditional programs, e.g., public housing and Section 8. Eight municipalities in the County have their own public housing and/or Section 8 programs, usually run by a municipal housing authority or agency. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs also operates a Section 8 program.

In addition there are 14 municipalities in Union County that have affordable housing including Berkley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit and Union.

Traditional Housing Services

The Township of Union provides referral for transitional housing service needs by utilization of two resource centers. These include Community Access Unlimited and Proceed in Elizabeth.

The New Jersey DCA approved emergency shelters in Union County. These include the Elizabeth YMCA, the Plainfield YMCA, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless in Plainfield and the Salvation Army in Elizabeth.

Emergency Shelter

The New Jersey DCA approved emergency shelters in Union County. These include the Elizabeth Coalition, Family Promise, the Gateway Family YMCA, and the Salvation Army in Elizabeth.

Preventative Services

DCA's Homeless Prevention Program is funded each fiscal year. Due to limited resources and staff, it has been forced to suspend operation intake at different times throughout the year; therefore, there has not been continuity of services. These agencies in Catholic Charities, Community Access, Elizabeth Coalition, Family Promise, Proceed, The Salvation Army in Elizabeth and Plainfield and Urban League.

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

Services are provided to township resident in collaboration with the County's Home Consortium. In terms of special needs, the Township considers its strength as the continuation of funding and oversight through the social service agencies that serves this population. Again, at this point, any discernible gap is attributable to the declining availability of federal funds available to support all Township programs from the stand point of CDBG funds.

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

This is evidenced by a greater role played by these agencies during the consultation process for the consolidated plan. Local housing agencies play a greater role during the consolidated process for the Consolidated Plan.

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Vauxhall CT 328	Decent and Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1,674,987	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit
2	Continuation of High Quality Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Vauxhall CT 328	Public Services	CDBG: \$458,924	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 275 Persons Assisted
3	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Vauxhall CT 328	Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG: \$863,685	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 26050 Persons Assisted
4	Administration	2025	2029	Administration	Vauxhall CT 328	Decent and Affordable Housing Public Facilities and Improvements Public Services	CDBG: \$611,899	Other: 1 Other

Table 77 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing
	Goal Description	The Housing Rehabilitation Program allows the township to direct housing funds to one family owner occupied properties. These homeowners are cost burdened and/or have no funds to contribute to maintaining or repairing their homes. Providing this assistance ensures that these homeowners can continue to occupy their homes. As an older community, many of the housing units may contain lead based paint. This program also makes it possible to evaluate and reduce lead based paint.
2	Goal Name	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Goal Description	Services to the elderly with assistance in housing rehabilitation and emergency repairs, providing transportation and meals, and providing respite care services. Day care to assist in the proper development of children and young adults in low and moderate income neighborhoods are also supported through this program.
3	Goal Name	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	To provide high quality public facilities, such as parks and community centers to low and moderate income persons and to provide adequate public improvements, such as streets, sidewalks and sewer, in low and moderate income neighborhoods.
4	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Program Planning and Administration

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

Extremely low: 10; Low: 25; Moderate: 15

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

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

To combat lead based paint hazards the Township's Health Department has established the following initiatives and activities:

- (1) Lead screening of children provided at CHC
- (2) Environmental (Dwellings and Soil) Lead Investigations as required
- (3) Continuation of educational programs on Lead Hazards, Hygiene and Diet
- (4) New State of the Art Lead Analyzer made available to qualified local inspectors

The Township's Rehabilitation program provides LBP remediation and abatement.

The County offers Lead Based Paint remediation and abatement program through 2 Union County Agencies Proceed and United Way of Greater Union County.

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

Typically children under six are the persons most severely affected by lead poisoning. These children typically constitute about seven (7) percent of the population in an area. An examination of the census data indicates that many census tracts, especially in the northern portions of the Township have a concentration of young children. Census Tract 333 in particular has a concentration of young children and a high percentage of pre-1978 housing.

None of the census tracts has a concentration of children under the age of five above the norm. The potential hazard then is focused upon the census tracts with concentrations of pre-1978 housing and the one tract (333) that does have both a high number of children and houses likely to have lead paint.

The Township's Rehabilitation program provides LBP remediation and abatement. The health department refer low/mod income households to the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

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

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

Eliminating poverty continues to be a primary concern for the Township and various efforts are under way to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of Union residents. To that end, these programs cover a wide range of topics and measures to improve the lives of residents. The following services are available to township resident via the township and Union County Home Consortium.

- Education and Job Training
- Job Placement
- Day Care
- Family Counseling
- Energy Management and Weatherization
- Small Business Development
- Budget/Credit Counseling
- Food Resources and Nutrition Services

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

The Township's anti-poverty strategy is inextricably linked to the Economic Programs that have been implemented and operated for several years. The objective of poverty reduction requires programming from broad areas including job training and placement, public services, education, and basic skills development. The overriding principle however is to create new jobs and opportunities for households with incomes below the poverty level. It is only through comprehensive, coordinated strategies that nurture skills and provide opportunities to gain and retain employment and thus improve the quality of life that people can improve their situation.

One cornerstone of the Township's antipoverty efforts is the work of the Union County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) committee, which in particular recommends or endorses grants applications to the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. This organization, composed of a broad range of County stakeholders, meets regularly to discuss and analyze economic development and economic development projects across the County and to facilitate the sharing of information and ideas to support economic growth.

It is essential to provide the basic skills, training, and education necessary to make a person employable in today's competitive job market. The Township works with the Board of Education to assist persons obtain high school diplomas or the GED certificate. The Township supports programs to coordinate training programs provided by public institutions with the needs of employers.

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

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

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

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

Performance monitoring is an important component in the long-term success of this program in this Consolidated Plan. The Township will be responsible for developing standards and procedures for ensuring that the recipients of housing funds meet the purposes of the appropriate legislation and regulations, and that funds are disbursed in a timely fashion.

The Division of Housing and Community Development administers the Township's housing programs, and is responsible for all performance measurement activities. The Division incorporates measurement standards and methods into the process of awarding funds, allocating resources to programs and agencies, and obtaining progress and completion reports from those programs and agencies. The Township conducts two types of monitoring: desk monitoring and on-site monitoring. Desk monitoring involves the review of all documentation submitted by sub-recipients, such as funding applications, monthly and quarterly reports. The monitoring requirements and procedures under this Consolidated Plan will build upon existing monitoring systems and experience in administering federal and state programs and funds.

The Division administers the Community Development Block Grant Program using federal funds. The Division executes a housing rehabilitation program for single family owner occupied houses owned by low- and moderate-income persons. The Division funds Social Service programs and is also responsible for the implementation of public improvement and facilities projects in targeted areas of the community.

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

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

The Division will review all proposed activities for eligibility under statutory and regulatory requirements, and for meeting identified needs in this plan.

Both the Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan will be monitored through the use of checklists and forms that are currently used to facilitate uniform monitoring of program activity. The Division will

identify performance measures in advance of allocating funds. Each description of projects and activities will contain the specific measures by which the project will be evaluated. The strategies presented earlier each present measures that can or may be employed. Measures will be kept as simple and direct as possible.

Fiscal monitoring will include review and approval of budgets, compliance with executed Grant Agreements, review and approval of vouchers, review of fiscal reports from the Treasurer's Office on a monthly basis, and a review of municipal and non-profit audits on an annual basis.

Monitoring will occur through regular telephone and on-site monitoring visits. These visits will occur as necessary, but will be conducted at least once every two years.

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

There are monitoring responsibilities that go beyond the time of completion of various activities. For Community Development public facilities and infrastructure projects, site visits will be conducted at least once a year to assure benefit to low-income residents.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Township's grant resources have fluctuated over recent years and don't anticipate significant increases in future federal allocations. With that in mind, the Township depends on the primary resources secured by community stakeholders to effectively address financial requirements of their programs.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	611,899.00	110,000.00	0.00	721,899.00	2,887,596.00	Entitlement Grant and program income.

Table 78 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG in most cases is a very small portion of the available resources for public service providers, as well as funding investments for down payment assistance through the Union County Home Consortium. CDBG will in most cases be the sole funding resources for housing rehabilitation.

The Township anticipates that service providers will continue to acquire primary funds from private contributions and other governmental agencies. These funds make up the majority of social service agencies' budgets and receive 15% of CDBG funds as leverage. In 2025, social services are expected to provide approximately \$1,309,954.24 in leverage funding. Agency funding for 2025 is provided in the accompanying table.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

Again, with limited resources the Township will continue to assist homeowners, homebuyers, public service providers and its public works department at funding levels consistent with recent allocation levels.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Vauxhall CT 328	Decent and Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$334,997.35	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
2	Continuation of High Quality Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Vauxhall CT 328	Public Services	CDBG: \$91,784.85	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 55 Persons Assisted
3	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Vauxhall CT 328	Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG: \$172,737.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5210 Persons Assisted
4	Administration	2025	2029	Administration	Vauxhall CT 328	Decent and Affordable Housing Public Facilities and Improvements Public Services	CDBG: \$122,379.80	Other: 1 Other

Table 79 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing
	Goal Description	Goal will address diverse rehabilitation construction needs throughout the Township's eligible low mod population.
2	Goal Name	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Goal Description	The Township is committed to supporting its elderly, youth and low mod populations with high quality public services.
3	Goal Name	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	Improved public infrastructure is a high priority during the next five year period.
4	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Program Planning and Administration

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The formula allocation for the Community Development Block Grant program is \$611,899 with approximately \$110,000 in anticipated program income available during the program year. The activities to be undertaken include housing rehabilitation, public facilities, infrastructure improvements and services.

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Housing Rehabilitation
3	Roads Program
4	WISE Community Services
5	Infant/Toddler Daycare
6	Companion Aide
7	Homemaker Service
8	Hospice Care

Table 80 – Project Information

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

The allocation priorities are a function of the decision made via the consultation and citizen participation process. Again, the priorities are the maintenance of decent and affordable housing, and suitable living environments including the provision of multiple social services and access to public facilities and infrastructure improvements.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Decent and Affordable Housing Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$122,379.80
	Description	Administrative and Support Services for the Office of Community Development for the HUD Community Development Block Grant Services. Funds enable Staff to prepare plans for CDBG grant generate CAPER, Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan projects and other necessary costs to enhance staffs ability to effectively administer the Community Development Program.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Program costs.
2	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitate Owner Occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Decent and Affordable Housing

	Funding	CDBG: \$334,997.35
	Description	Program Project Delivery costs as well as hard costs associated with rehabilitation construction and lead based paint hazard control.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Ten one family owner occupied households will benefit from the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Township also plans rehabilitation investment in both Newtowne Village and Lenox Meadows Owner Occupied Affordable Housing Properties as directed by the Township of Union. Includes Staff Delivery.
	Location Description	Vauxhall CT 328.
	Planned Activities	Substantial, minor and emergency rehabilitation.
3	Project Name	Roads Program
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	Enhanced Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$172,737.00
	Description	Franklin Street, West Line Avenue, East Branch Place and Muir Place Roadway Improvements.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,210 persons will be assisted 2,480 of whom are low to moderate income.
	Location Description	Franklin Street, West Line Avenue, East Branch Place and Muir Place Roadway Improvements.
	Planned Activities	Street improvements.
4	Project Name	WISE Community Services
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328

	Goals Supported	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,160.85
	Description	The WISE Community Services Program provides services for the elderly including daily supervision and stimulation to functionally impaired low and moderate income clients/residents who are age 50 and over (includes seniors age 62+) and have difficulty paying for the program.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The WISE Community Services Program provides services for the elderly including daily supervision and stimulation to functionally impaired low and moderate income clients/residents who are age 50 and over (includes seniors age 62+) and have difficulty paying for the program.
	Location Description	Vauxhall CT 328.
	Planned Activities	Senior services.
5	Project Name	Infant/Toddler Daycare
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,662.00
	Description	The Union Township Community Action Organization Infant/ Toddler Program provides subsidized day care services to infants and toddlers of low and moderate income parents to allow them to work or attend school.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6 Children - Single Parents/Families with children 6 months to 2 ½ years.

	Location Description	2410 Springfield Ave, Vauxhall, NJ 07088.
	Planned Activities	Child care services.
6	Project Name	Companion Aide
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,792.00
	Description	The Union Township Community Action Organization Companion Aide Program provides services to the frail, elderly, or disabled residents of Union Township on a monthly basis.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 Seniors.
	Location Description	Vauxhall and Vicinity.
	Planned Activities	Services to elderly, frail, and disabled.
7	Project Name	Homemaker Service
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,085.00
	Description	The Homemaker Services provide homemaker services to the frail and elderly in Union Township. These services include light housekeeping, laundry, shopping, personal grooming and companionship.
	Target Date	7/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 seniors.
	Location Description	Town wide.
	Planned Activities	Services to seniors and frail.
8	Project Name	Hospice Care
	Target Area	Vauxhall CT 328
	Goals Supported	Continuation of High Quality Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,085.00
	Description	Hospice for the terminally ill. Provides services to patients who are terminally ill and at the l/m income level. Services include physician, nurse, home health aide, social worker, therapist, volunteer, spiritual counselor as well as necessary drugs and medical equipment as needed.
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 Clients of different family types.
	Location Description	Town wide.
	Planned Activities	Services for the terminally ill.

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

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

Twelve of the Township's census tract/block group combinations qualify under the low mod threshold of 42.5%. They are 326.00/1; 327.02/1, 2, 4; 328.00/1, 3, (Vauxhall); 329.01/3, 331.00/3, 4, 6; 332.00/1, 2. These census areas are generally the target for housing rehabilitation and public facility improvements but not exclusively so. Concentrations at the aggregate level for all groups is now located in both northern and southern sections of the Township separated by Morris Ave. Those in the north include tracts 331, 326, 327, 328, and 329.01. Those in the south include 330, 333, 334 and 335.

Public service programs run by UTCAO including Companion Aid and Infant Toddler operate out of the agency locations which are in the Vauxhall neighborhood. These programs generally serve Vauxhall residents. In addition, the road improvement program starting with 2025 will also concentrate on the Vauxhall neighborhood.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Vauxhall CT 328	43

Table 81 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Again, these are the low to moderate income concentration populations which statistically speaking are those neighborhoods with higher priority needs.

Discussion

As a high low income area, Vauxhall will be the principle target area for CDBG funds throughout the 2025-2029 con plan period. As previously stated, public service funds for child care and senior services as well as road improvements will be directed towards the neighborhood.

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

Introduction

Other actions by the Township are identified in the following sections.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Foster and maintain affordable housing

The Township will continue its efforts to foster and maintain affordable housing through its housing rehabilitation program, its Housing Program (now providing for rental units), the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments program administered by the Housing Program (now providing for rental units), and the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments program administered by the Public Housing Agency.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

During 2025 the Township proposes to rehabilitate ten (10) single family owner occupied homes as the keystone of its housing plan. Additionally through referrals to housing agencies, both first time home buyer candidates and homeless persons, will be encouraged to access opportunities available through those resources via the County Consortium.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Township of Union Department of Health's 2019 lead based paint activities will include the following:

- Perform State mandated childhood lead poisoning environmental investigations.
- Monitor Welligent (State web-based lead patient tracking program) and responds to NJDOHSS blood lead analysis result notifications.
- Maintain state of the art XRF testing equipment and has the capacity to take physical test samples (e.g. paint chip, dust, soil, and water) for outsourced analysis.
- Partner with professional associations to meet mandatory Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor licensure requirements.
- Provide guidance to renovators, remodeling contractors, and painters looking to meet Federal

RRP certification requirements.

- Lead based paint abatement, stabilization, and remediation

The Township's Rehabilitation program provides LBP remediation and abatement.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Antipoverty Strategy

Not unlike any urban area, poverty remains a concern in the Township of Union. Similar to growing levels of unemployment at the national and state levels, Union continues to have relatively high unemployment, and the latest poverty figures indicate that 6.3 percent of the Township's population, concentrated primarily in several pockets, lives in poverty. This is an increase of .4 percent from 2020, approximately 3,662 persons.

Eliminating this poverty continues to be a primary concern for the Township and County. Various efforts are under way to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of Union residents. To that end, these programs cover a wide range of topics and measures to improve the lives of residents. The following services are available to township resident via the township and Union County Home Consortium.

- Education and Job Training
- Job Placement
- Day Care
- Family Counseling
- Energy Management and Weatherization
- Small Business Development
- Budget/Credit Counseling
- Food Resources and Nutrition Services

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

New initiatives will be discussed at the regular annual meetings involving all community stakeholders.

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

Will be discuss at the regular annual meetings involving all community stakeholders.

Discussion

The Township has been engaged in addressing all needs either directly or otherwise across the spectrum

of community development and housing each program year. There are many success stories that have materialized from the efforts of the varied community stakeholders and from Township efforts. Nevertheless much work remains to be done and the Township will be active in supporting and participating in both current and future programs in and around the jurisdiction during the current Action Plan year and subsequent years.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The Township anticipates \$110,000 in program income during PY 2025. These funds are expected to be available throughout the Action Plan Year and will be applied to program activities requiring immediate cash payouts in conjunction with requesting US Treasury account funds for CDBG.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	110,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	110,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(5)

1. Distribution of Funds

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).

n/a

b. Describe the jurisdiction's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.

n/a

c. Describe the selection criteria that the jurisdiction will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.

n/a

d. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on geographic distribution, which is a description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year.

n/a

e. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.

n/a

f. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which rents for units in the rental project are affordable to extremely low-income families.

n/a

g. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.

n/a

h. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the jurisdiction (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).

n/a

i. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the location of existing affordable housing.

n/a

j. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources.

n/a

2. Does the jurisdiction's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds?

3. Does the jurisdiction's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements?

4. Performance Goals and Benchmarks. The jurisdiction has met the requirement to provide for performance goals, consistent with the jurisdiction's goals established under 24 CFR 91.215(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

5. Rehabilitation Standards. The jurisdiction must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The jurisdiction's description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The jurisdiction must attach its rehabilitation standards below. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds for the rehabilitation of housing, enter "N/A".

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable); and broadband infrastructure (if applicable).

n/a

6. Resale or Recapture Guidelines. Below, the jurisdiction must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

n/a

7. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the jurisdiction intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter “N/A”.

n/a

8. Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences. Describe how the jurisdiction will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan. If the jurisdiction will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter “N/A.”

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the jurisdiction must not limit or give preferences to students. The jurisdiction may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303 only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

n/a

9. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the jurisdiction’s refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the jurisdiction will refinance existing rental housing project debt. The jurisdiction’s refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the jurisdiction will not refinance existing debt, enter “N/A.”

n/a

Discussion

n/a

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments



Township of Union, New Jersey
Five Year Consolidated Plan
FY 2025-2030

Municipio de Unión, Nueva Jersey
Cinco Años Plan Consolidado
FY 2025-2030

SUMMARY OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN
AND 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

RESUMEN DEL PLAN CONSOLIDADO
Y PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL 2025

The Consolidated Plan for the Township of Union has been prepared in response to a mandated process developed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for use of its formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The Township participates in the CDBG program and is a member of the Union County HOME Program Consortium. It is required to prepare and submit a consolidated plan in cooperation with the County of Union for HUD approval in order to receive Community Development Grant funds.

El Plan Consolidado para el Municipio de Unión se elaboró en respuesta a un proceso establecido desarrollado por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) para cumplir con un programa de subvenciones de fórmula. Subvenciones de fórmula para el Municipio Consolidado (CDBG), Asociación de Inversión (HOME/HOMES), Subvenciones para Hogares de Emergencia (ESG) y Oportunidades de Vivienda para Personas con SIDA (HOPWA). El municipio participa en el programa CDBG y es miembro del Consorcio del Programa HOME del Condado de Unión. Para recibir fondos de la Subvención para el Desarrollo Comunitario, debe preparar y presentar un plan consolidado, junto con el Condado de Unión, para su aprobación por parte del HUD.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

The Consolidated Plan is intended to serve the following functions: 1) A planning document for the Township, which builds upon a citizen participation process; 2) An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs; 3) A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and, 4) An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance. The first year Action Plan describes specific Township efforts to address priority needs identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan including the type of activities, location of activities where appropriate, and the location of the complete document. Federal regulations require that this summary be published in one or more local, general circulation newspapers.

OBJETIVO Y FUNCIONAMIENTO

El Plan Consolidado tiene como objetivo cumplir las siguientes funciones: 1) Un documento de planificación para el Municipio, basado en un proceso de participación ciudadana; 2) Una aplicación de fondos federales para los programas de subvenciones de fórmula del HUD; 3) Una estrategia a seguir para la obtención de los recursos del HUD; y 4) Un plan de acción que proporciona una base para evaluar el desempeño. El Plan de Acción del primer año describe los esfuerzos específicos del Municipio para abordar las necesidades prioritarias identificadas en el Plan Consolidado Quintenario, incluyendo el tipo de actividades, la ubicación de las mismas, cuando sea apropiada, y la ubicación del documento completo. La normativa federal exige que este resumen se publique en uno o más periódicos locales de circulación general.

The Township of Union's Five Year Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan will be available in cooperation with the County of Union's HOME Consortium. A draft copy of the Township's Five Year Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan are available for review and comment at the Office of Community Development in the Municipal Building and at the Township's Website at www.unionnj.com/CommunityDevelopment as of April 10, 2025. Citizens have 30 days to review the document and submit comments. Citizen comments on the plan should be submitted to the Office of Community Development, Municipal Building, 1970 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07088 or via email community.development@unionnj.com. All citizen comments will be considered in preparing the final Consolidated Plan. A summary of those comments, if any, and a summary of any comments or issues not accepted and the reasons therefore, will be attached to the final Consolidated Plan.

El Plan Consolidado Quintenario y el Plan de Acción Anual del Municipio de Unión se presentarán en colaboración con el Consorcio HOME del Condado de Unión. Un borrador del Plan Consolidado Quintenario y del Plan de Acción Anual del Municipio está disponible para su revisión y comentario en la Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario, ubicada en el Edificio Municipal y en el sitio web del Municipio, www.unionnj.com, en la sección Desarrollo Comunitario, a partir del 10 de abril de 2025. Los ciudadanos tienen 30 días para revisar el documento y enviar sus comentarios. Los comentarios de los ciudadanos sobre el plan deben enviarse a la Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario, Edificio Municipal, 1970 Morris Avenue, Unión, Nueva Jersey 07088, o por correo electrónico a community.development@unionnj.com. Todos los comentarios de los ciudadanos se considerarán en la elaboración del Plan Consolidado final. Se adjuntará a Plan Consolidado final un resumen de los comentarios y sugerencias, así como los comentarios de los ciudadanos a quienes se les rechazó, con una explicación de las razones.

SUMMARY OF PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

As part of the Plan development process, public hearings were held on December 19, 2024; January 16, 2025; February 20, 2025 and March 20, 2025. A Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 16, 2025. The purpose of these meetings was to obtain the views of citizens, public officials and agencies and other interested parties regarding the housing and community development needs of the jurisdiction.

RESUMEN DEL PROCESO DE DESARROLLO DEL PLAN

Como parte del proceso de desarrollo del plan, se celebraron audiencias públicas el 19 de diciembre de 2024, el 16 de enero de 2025, el 20 de febrero de 2025 y el 20 de marzo de 2025. El 16 de abril de 2025 se celebró una reunión del Comité Asesor Ciudadano. El propósito de estas reuniones fue obtener la opinión de los ciudadanos, funcionarios públicos y otras partes interesadas sobre las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario de la jurisdicción.

In addition, information was obtained from appropriate housing and social services agencies regarding the housing needs of children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, transitional persons. These agencies included the Township Housing Agency and the County of Union Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC).

Además, se obtuvo información de las agencias de vivienda y servicios sociales pertinentes sobre las necesidades de vivienda de niños, personas mayores, personas con discapacidades y personas en transición. Estas agencias incluyeron a la Agencia de Vivienda del Municipio y el Comité Asesor de Servicios Humanos del Condado de Unión (HSAC).

ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan describes by level of government and by private sources, all resources and programs expected to be available to the Township for use in carrying out its community development program practices to address priority needs. It sets forth a description of activities for the use of funds that are expected to become available during the coming Federal fiscal year, determines goals for individuals and households to be served, and describes the opportunities plan and geographic location of the resources to be undertaken. The formula allocation for the Community Development Block Grant program is \$ 619,914* with approximately \$1,000,000 in anticipated program income available during the program year. The activities to be undertaken include housing rehabilitation, facilities, infrastructure improvements and public services. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the Township Committee for final approval at the May 27, 2025 Township Committee Meeting.

PLAN DE ACCIÓN

El Plan de Acción describe, por nivel de gobierno y por fuentes privadas, todos los recursos y programas que se espera estén disponibles para el Municipio en el momento de su ejecución y de su ejecución para el programa de desarrollo comunitario para abordar las necesidades prioritarias. Describe la asignación de fondos que se espera que se convierta en disponible durante el próximo año fiscal federal, determina los objetivos para individuos y hogares que se beneficiarán y describe el plan de actividades y la ubicación geográfica de los recursos a ser realizados. La asignación por fórmula para el programa de subvenciones de fórmula para el Desarrollo Comunitario es de \$619,914*, con aproximadamente \$1,000,000 en ingresos programados disponibles durante el año del programa. Las actividades que se realizarán incluyen la rehabilitación de viviendas, instalaciones, mejoras de infraestructura y servicios públicos. El Plan Consolidado Quintenario y el Plan de Acción Anual se someterán al Comité Municipal para su aprobación final en la reunión del Comité Municipal el 27 de mayo de 2025.

2025 and 2026 FUNDING REQUIREMENT SUMMARY		2025
CONSOLIDATED PLAN FUNDING REQUIREMENT SUMMARY		2025
PROGRAM YEAR: 2025 - JULY 31, 2026		2025
PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST
A. HOUSING	1. HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) - 2025-2026	\$ 2,000,000
B. INFRASTRUCTURE	1. WATER MAINS REPLACEMENT PROJECTS - 2025-2026	\$ 1,500,000
C. PUBLIC SERVICES	1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - 2025-2026	\$ 619,914
D. PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION	1. PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION - 2025-2026	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL		\$ 5,129,914

PROGRAMAS DE FONDOS Y REQUERIMIENTOS		2025
RESUMEN DEL PLAN CONSOLIDADO DE REQUERIMIENTOS DE FONDOS		2025
AÑO DEL PROGRAMA: 2025 - JULIO 31, 2026		2025
PROYECTO	DESCRIPCIÓN	COSTO ESTIMADO
A. VIVIENDA	1. PARTNERÍAS DE INVERSIÓN EN EL HOGAR (HOME) - 2025-2026	\$ 2,000,000
B. INFRAESTRUCTURA	1. PROYECTOS DE REEMPLAZO DE CAJEROS DE AGUA - 2025-2026	\$ 1,500,000
C. SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS	1. DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO - 2025-2026	\$ 619,914
D. PLANIFICACIÓN Y ADMINISTRACIÓN	1. PLANIFICACIÓN Y ADMINISTRACIÓN - 2025-2026	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL		\$ 5,129,914

* El costo de \$1,000,000 para el programa de desarrollo comunitario se basa en la asignación por fórmula para el programa de subvenciones de fórmula para el Desarrollo Comunitario de \$619,914 y en los ingresos programados de aproximadamente \$380,086 durante el año del programa.

* El costo de \$1,000,000 para el programa de desarrollo comunitario se basa en la asignación por fórmula para el programa de subvenciones de fórmula para el Desarrollo Comunitario de \$619,914 y en los ingresos programados de aproximadamente \$380,086 durante el año del programa.

UNION NJ, April 10, 2025 [1645.00]

UNION NJ, April 10, 2025 [1645.00]

RESOLUTION

Where, the Union Township Citizen Advisory Committee has been delegated the responsibility of formulating a Community Development Block Grant Program for recommendation to the community and Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Advisory Committee has conducted a series of public hearings and a meeting to review requests for funding under the projected 2025 program budget; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Advisory Committee has prepared a budget recommendation in accordance with Regulation promulgated by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Community Development Block Grant Proposal dated May 15, 2025 is approved and recommended to the Township Committee for final consideration and for publication as the program proposed under the Consolidated Plan.

Passed: May 15, 2025

Signed: _____

Witness: _____

**RESOLUTION FOR 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, provides for a program of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union is an entitlement municipality as defined under said Act and is eligible for financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has, pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Consolidated Plan requirements solicited citizen comments and recommendations as to a 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Program and has held meetings for such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Union held public meetings for the purpose of providing citizens with an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the application; and,

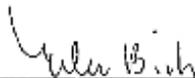
WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for said grant conforms to the Plan requirements as contained in Federal Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to submit the Consolidated Plan documents, including all understandings and assurances contained therein to the fullest extent of the funding allowed and determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to act as the authorized representative of the Township of Union and to provide such additional information as may be required.
2. That the Mayor and such other appropriate and responsible officials be and they are authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Township of Union such certification and certifications as may be required under the Program/Plan.

Resolution passed by the Township Committee on May 27, 2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Township of Union, this 28th day of May, 2025.



Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Summary of citizen participation process

The Township complied with the citizen participation and consultation requirements of the regulations by doing the following:

- Publishing informational notices about the plan prior to public hearings on the plan;
- Holding two or more public meetings (December 19, 2024 through May 13, 2025) in accessible places at convenient times after providing reasonable notice; There was not a quorum for the April 16 meeting; therefore, the meeting was postponed to May.
- Held public hearing with the Township's Community Development and Housing Rehabilitation Citizen Advisory Board
- Received nonprofit feedback concerning community needs based on detailed survey;
- Publishing a Summary of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, describing its contents and purpose and a listing of where the entire plan could be examined;
- Making the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan available for public examination and comment for a period of thirty (30) days before submission to HUD
- Providing citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable access to records regarding any uses of any assistance for affordable and supportive housing that the Township may have received during the preceding five years; and
- Considering the views and comments of citizens, and preparing a summary of those views for consideration with the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan submission

Summary of public comments

There were no comments.

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4040-0004
 Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changes/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: 06/20/2025	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
6a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	6b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: TOWNSHIP OF UNION		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 22-0022349	* c. UEI: RP555BCHW7JL3	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 1975 MORRIS AVENUE	<input type="text"/>	
Street2: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* City: ONICHA	<input type="text"/>	
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* State: NJ: New Jersey	<input type="text"/>	
Province: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: 07053	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: JAMES	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: BOWSER	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: Jr.	<input type="text"/>	
Title: MAYOR		
Organizational Affiliation: TOWNSHIP OF UNION		
* Telephone Number: 908-610-7071	Fax Number: 908-651-3502	
* Email: JAMES@TOWNSHIP.COM		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 8. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="C: City or Township Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14-210"/> CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="EMPLOYMENT GRANT CDBG"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
* 16. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="10"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="10"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="08/01/2025"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="07/31/2026"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="611,095.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="110,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="721,095.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="JAMES"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="BOONICKS"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text" value="Jr."/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="MAYOR"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="908-851-1011"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="908-851-8502"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="BOONICKS@UNIONTOWNSHIP.COM"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="05/27/2025"/>

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.6, 3.116, 8.50, and 149.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with these authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.6, 3.116, 8.57, or 149.36.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [Insert below the Name and Title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:

JAMES BOWSER JR.

*Title: OWNER

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 20006) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, be subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 804 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 9, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-37) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 140 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation in designated populations, then the applicant

will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.105 as applicable.

6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. 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) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Stansam Form-U.L.L. Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true, accurate, and correct. **WARNING:** Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §§723, 3802; 24 CFR §§26.10(b)(1)(III)).

* Signature:

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy): 09/30/2025

Public Reporting Burden Statement: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing this burden can be sent to: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Chief Data Officer, R, 451 7th St SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-50116. Do not send completed HUD 424-B forms to this address. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to collect this information under the authority cited in the Notice of Funding Opportunity for this grant program. The information collected provides assurances and certifications for legal requirements related to the administration of this grant program. HUD will use this information to ensure compliance of its grantees. This information is required to obtain the benefit sought in the grant program. This information will not be held confidential and may be made available to the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552).

Form HUD 424-B (1/27/2023)

CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

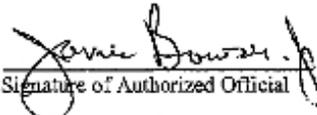
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

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

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

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


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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2025 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

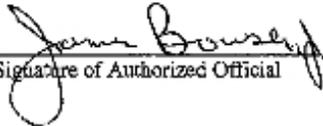
Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


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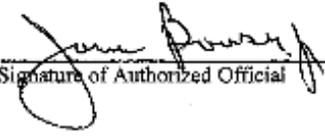
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.



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Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	Data Source Name
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	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.
	Provide a brief summary of the data set.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.