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Urban Development (HUD)

PY 2026 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan is the County of Union's planning document for funding that identifies how the County will work to utilize funds received by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the upcoming fiscal year to address its community development, housing, public services goals, and priorities described in the PY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan also outlines other projects and programs that leverage program funds to further support the County's efforts to address its goals and priorities as identified in the Consolidated Plan.

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is the County's most flexible funding resource. It can be used for housing and non-housing activities, revitalizing neighborhoods, promoting economic development, and improving community facilities, infrastructure, and services in low-moderate income communities. CDBG funds assist households earning 80% or less of the area median income (AMI) or where 48-51% of a census tract has a population making 80% or less of the AMI.
- The HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program supports homebuyer acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation and down payment assistance for households earning below 80% of the Area Median Income. Furthermore, the HOME Program also supports rehabilitation and new construction of affordable rental housing to residents who are considered very-low income (below 50% AMI) and low-income (51%-80% AMI).
- The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program provides funding for temporary emergency shelter nights with case management supports to stabilize program participants; street outreach as a bridge to linking consumers with the Continuum of Care (CoC) System for homelessness services; Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to provide staffing for HMIS data entry; and tenant based rental assistance in order to obtain and retain housing by rapidly re-house homeless individuals/families, and/or prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless. ESG funds assist households earning up to 30% AMI.

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 and Union, which receive their HOME funds directly from HUD.

For the ESG Program, these funds will serve the entire County. Whenever the words County or countywide are used in this document, unless specified, the City of Elizabeth and Township of Union are not included. The municipalities, which receive HUD funding through the County, are listed on the following table.

The overarching purpose of the CDBG and HOME programs is to assist in the development of viable communities by providing the following, primarily for persons of low and moderate-income earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI): provide decent and affordable housing, develop a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities. To receive CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, the County must develop a Consolidated Plan. This Consolidated Plan began August 01, 2025 and, will end July 31, 2030.

Below are the actual allocation amounts for the proposed activities budgeted.

Entitlement Allocations Name	Administrator	FY2026 Allocation Amount
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	\$4,374,194
HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	\$1,106,235.83
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	\$387,608
TOTAL		\$5,868,037.83

Table 1 - County of Union FY2026 Funding Allocations

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

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

HOUSING – which includes: assisting homeless persons obtain affordable housing; assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless; retaining the affordable housing stock; increasing the availability of affordable permanent housing in standard condition to low-moderate income families, particularly to members of disadvantaged minorities without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability; increasing the supply of supportive housing which includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs (including persons with HIV/AIDS) to live in dignity and independence; and providing affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities.

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE The County estimates that it will budget about one-third of its available resources to public facilities and infrastructure improvements that will primarily benefit low and moderate-income populations. Examples of facilities projects include upgrades to the neighborhood and senior centers, and examples of infrastructure projects include road and ADA curb rehabilitation.

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

HOMELESS The County estimates it will budget about six percent (6%) of funds for programs that exclusively serve homeless populations. This does not include public/social service, housing, and facility programs in other categories that may also benefit the homeless.

EXPANDED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES – which includes: job creation and retention; establishment, stabilization, and expansion of small businesses (including micro-businesses); the provision of public services concerned with employment; the provision of jobs to low-income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities, or jobs resulting from carrying out activities under programs covered by the plan; availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices; access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing and public housing.

One of our sub-recipients that expand economic opportunities is the Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC). Last year, UCEDC provided 352 sessions of various forms of technical assistance and 284 administrative functions for eligible CDBG clients. UCEDC assisted eighteen (18) businesses, closed 18 CDBG-eligible loans totaling \$370,000 which created 0 jobs and retained 21 jobs.

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

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The County recognizes that the evaluation of past performance is critical to ensuring that projects that sub-recipients are implementing can be delivered efficiently and that those activities align with the County's overall strategies and goals. The County considers certain performance indicators in its evaluation of project proposals and tracks the performance history of sub-recipients.

Six years ago, we transitioned to Neighborly Software, which is a grant software system to track and evaluate data and performance, in real-time. This online portal leverages grant management with technology to streamline the process and is fully utilized by staff, committee reviewers, and sub-recipients. The portal supports improved subrecipient performance, program compliance management, from the initial application request, award processes, and project management to the benefit of all involved.

We encourage staff to input accomplishments on an ongoing basis. For additional information on the accomplishments of our programs and services, please refer to the FY2024 CAPER:

<https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/>

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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The County followed its adopted Citizen Participation Plan during the development of the Annual Plan with a 30-day comment period. Procedures for public hearings, planning, annual reporting, amendments, and a complaint process are detailed in the text of the Citizen Participation Plan.

Public Notice - A Public Notice announcing a Public Meeting scheduled for March 5, 2026 was posted on the County landing webpage and the Bureau of Community Development webpage. The notice was published in English and Spanish. The public meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the Cranford Community Center in Cranford, NJ. The Public Meeting was held to solicit input and comment on developing the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan. The County reviewed past program performance (FY 2024) and plan priorities.

A Public Notice announcing a Public Hearing for the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan scheduled for April 30, 2026 was posted on the County landing webpage and the Bureau of Community Development webpage. The notice was published in English and Spanish. The public meeting was held to solicit public comment and receive feedback on the plan.

Availability of the Plan The DRAFT Annual Action Plan is available to the public via download from our County homepage, Bureau of Community Development webpage & hardcopy left with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at the Administration Building. The County published the proposed plan for public review beginning April 9, 2026 and will be available through May 11, 2026. Notification was given through posting on County and Bureau of Community Development webpages and through email communication with non-profit community-based organizations that are members of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) and its subcommittees.

<https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/>

Public Hearings Members of local service agencies & housing/economic development organizations were encouraged to attend and participate in committee and public meetings.

The County held a Public Hearing at the Cranford Community Center on April 30, 2026. At the meeting, the County solicited public comments and were open to any suggestions and/or recommendations about the Action Plan, and a discussion ensued about the past and future use of funds. Public hearings on CDBG projects are proposed in the municipalities and are held in the nineteen municipalities that are part of the Union County Urban Consortium. The meeting was held in an ADA-accessible meeting location.

An interpreter/translator was offered & available for participants who may have needed it during public comments. **On Thursday, May 28, 2026, the Annual Action Plan was presented for public review & comments at the monthly Board of County Commissioners meeting.**

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

5. Summary of public comments

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

At the March 5, 2026 Pre-Plan Public Meeting, the public was engaged with the plan presentation, and comments received included the need to provide holistic wraparound services and provide services by stand-alone programs.

Please refer to Citizen Participation Minutes for details.

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

Please refer to Citizen Participation Minutes for details.

7. Summary

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	UNION COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	UNION COUNTY	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 of the Annual Action and Five-Year Consolidated Plans and administration of funding all CDBG and HOME projects. Within the Department, the Division of Community Services is responsible for CDBG and HOME funds. ESG funds are primarily administered through the Department of Human Services.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

As an Urban County, Union County partners with its participating cities, townships, boroughs, and towns to broaden the planning process and develop the Consolidated Plan and each Annual Action Plan. The County receives input from elected officials, County departments, local nonprofit organizations, community stakeholders, and entitlement program beneficiaries.

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

The County's Community Services Division will continue to collaborate with all partners to enhance inclusive economic development efforts and better meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

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

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 and participates in, and provides staff support for several commissions in an effort to increase coordination, which include:

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

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

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

The County's public engagement strategies included community outreach partnerships with public and assisted housing, service agencies, and mental health providers; workforce and business developers; and community advocates.

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.

The County is the lead of the Continuum of Care (CoC). County staff in collaboration with umbrella organizations formed a Committee 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 Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee.

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

As mentioned previously, the County is the lead of the Continuum of Care (CoC). County staff in collaboration with umbrella organizations formed a Committee 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 Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee.

The Community Development Director often attends the CEAS/CoC meetings as a way to provide community engagement updates and important information for our bureau. This information covers important dates and updates on a month-to-month basis.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

2	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF PLAINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

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

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

15	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

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

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

19	Agency/Group/Organization	UNITED WAY OF GREATER UNION COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

21	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
22	Agency/Group/Organization	BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Linden Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
26	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
27	Agency/Group/Organization	RAHWAY HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
28	Agency/Group/Organization	THE SALVATION ARMY OF PLAINFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Summit Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

30	Agency/Group/Organization	COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING COUNSELING - URBAN LEAGUE OF UNION COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
32	Agency/Group/Organization	COUNTY OF UNION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Emergency Preparedness
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Verizon
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Broadband Internet Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Internet Services

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	On the National Digital Inclusion Alliance webpage, families are eligible for the Fios Forward 300 plan at \$0 monthly service cost. These plans are offered exclusively to Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) participants who use their ACP benefit to pay for the plan. With the \$30 ACP benefit (\$75 for Tribal participants) applied, these plans come at no cost to the customer.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	THE ARC OF UNION COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

The County did consult with Broadband Internet Providers but encountered data error messages when trying to add one additional organization. See narrative below.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	CEAS/CoC	The homeless portions of this Action Plan are guided directly by the Continuum of Care (CoC).

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

In addition, on the National Digital Inclusion Alliance webpage, families are eligible for the Optimum Advantage Internet plan for \$14.99 monthly service cost. The eligibility criteria for these plans are often broader than those for ACP, and they do not require participation in ACP to qualify for the low-cost offer. Eligibility varies by plan, but is generally based on income, participation in other assistance programs (e.g., Head Start, TANF, LIHEAP), or being part of a target group (e.g., K-12 students, residents of housing authority-owned property).

Please note: There are additional agency/group/organizations that need to be added, however the system will not allow any additional add ons. An error message stated the following: "Request Entity Too Large; The requested resource does not allow request data with POST requests, or the amount of data."

The additional agency/group/organizations are as follows: 1. The Cerebral Palsy League, 2. Institute of Music for Children, 3. Catholic Charities, 4. Family Promise, 5. Roots & Wings, 6. Westfield YMCA, and 7. Union County Economic Development Corporation.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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

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

To include the growing Hispanic population, public notices were posted on the Union County website in both English and Spanish. An interpreter/translator was offered and available for participants during the public hearing and meeting to assist with public comments.

A summary of the process is provided below.

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	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Notice of the pre-plan public meeting posted on the County landing page and Bureau of Community Development webpage February 18 - March 5, 2026	The public was engaged with the plan presentation, and comments received included the need to provide holistic wraparound services and provide services by stand-alone programs. Please see the attached meeting minutes from March 5, 2026.		

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	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	Public Notice of the pre-plan public meeting posted on the County landing page and Bureau of Community Development webpage February 18 - March 5, 2026	The public was engaged with the plan presentation, and comments received included the need to provide holistic wraparound services and provide services by stand-alone programs. Please see the attached meeting minutes from March 5, 2026.		

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-targeted/broad community	The public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 PM Thursday, April 30, 2026 at the Cranford Community Center located at 220 Walnut Ave, Cranford, NJ.	Please see the attached meeting minutes from April 30th.		https://ucnj.org/departments/economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/
4	Public Hearing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	The public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 PM Thursday, April 30, 2026 at the Cranford Community Center located at 220 Walnut Ave, Cranford, NJ.	Please see the attached meeting minutes from April 30th.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Email Directory	Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC)	Public Notice of the availability of the plan, public meeting, public hearing, and comment period was emailed to the members of the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) on June 5, 2024February 18, 2026 and April 8, 2026. The UC HSAC is comprised of non-profit community-based organizations throughout Union County.	No comments were received.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

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

CDBG funds may be used for a broad range of activities, including housing, infrastructure, public facilities, public 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 downpayment assistance.

ESG funds are dedicated to addressing homelessness and will be used for rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and the support of shelters and services that serve the homeless and/or at-risk of homelessness.

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: \$		

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	4,374,194.00	380,000.00	500,000.00	5,254,194.00	0.00	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,106,235.83	0.00	2,351,865.91	3,458,101.74	0.00	Actual Expected Amount for HOME: Annual Allocation: 1,106,235.83 Program Income: 0 Prior Year Resources: 2,351,865.91 Total: 3,458,101.74

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	387,608.00	0.00	0.00	387,608.00	0.00	ESG funds are dedicated to addressing homelessness and will be used for rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and the support of shelters and services that serve the homeless and/or at-risk of homelessness.

Table 3 - 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

ESG-100% Match Requirement:

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.

HOME-25% Match Requirement:

Each development that receives funds will be required to generate a 25% match. The County may also use an excessive match generated in prior program years to help satisfy the match requirement.

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

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

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$869,194.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20000 Persons Assisted
2	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Public Improvements	CDBG: \$1,500,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Social Services	CDBG: \$700,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20000 Persons Assisted
4	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$200,000.00	Jobs created/retained: 20 Jobs Businesses assisted: 20 Businesses Assisted
5	Address Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	Countywide	Homeless	ESG: \$358,537.40	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 44 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 94 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 27 Persons Assisted Other: 48 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$1,110,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 175 Household Housing Unit
7	Expand Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Housing Development	HOME: \$3,458,101.74	Rental units constructed: 42 Household Housing Unit
8	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development Homeless Housing Development Housing Rehabilitation Public Facilities Public Improvements Social Services	CDBG: \$875,000.00 HOME: \$110,623.58 ESG: \$29,070.60	Other: 20 Other

Table 4 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	We will support the development of vibrant, equitable, and adaptable neighborhoods by investing in public facilities and critical infrastructure.
2	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	We will strive to improve infrastructure that meets the short and long-term needs of the community based on potential future growth and development.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	We will provide a complete and adequate variety of public services that are responsive to the needs of the Union County residents.
4	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	We will enhance the County's economic stability by investing in inclusive economic growth initiatives that develop and strengthen small businesses and support local entrepreneurs.
5	Goal Name	Address Homelessness
	Goal Description	We will assist individuals and families to gain stable housing after experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis by providing appropriate housing and service solutions grounded in best practices.
6	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	We will work to preserve the attractiveness of the neighborhood, provide safe and healthy homes for low- and moderate-income families, and ensure that older properties do not become dilapidated and negatively impact the community.
7	Goal Name	Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	We will aim to increase the supply of affordable rental housing through acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units and the construction of new units.

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

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In year 2026 -2027, the County will fund 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 Gas Generators
2	Cerebral Palsy League ADA Fire Detection System
3	New Providence ADA Bathroom Upgrade at N.P. Police Department
4	Plainfield -Covenant Development Corporation ADA Bathroom Handicap
5	Plainfield - Neighborhood House Association Student Safety
6	Mount Olive Baptist Church - Warming Center Facility Improvement
7	Plainfield-Second Street Learning Center Replacement of Garbage Enclosure
8	Plainfield - Kings Daughter Day School Window Replacement
9	Rahway Community Action Organization HVAC
10	Rahway Housing Authority Clifford Case ADA Compliant Restrooms
11	Roselle Amalfe Senior Center Improvement Project
12	Summit Senior Housing ADA Compliance Upgrades for Public Restrooms
13	Scotch Plains Senior Housing Window Replacement Project
14	Westfield Area YMCA - ADA Gym Exterior Door with Snowmelt System
15	Westfield Community Center - Recreation Room Restoration
16	Westfield Recreation Department ADA Sidewalk and Curb at Memorial Park
17	Sister2Sister, Inc. Community Kitchen Upgrades
18	Union County Performing Arts Center - Main Stage Lighting Enhancement
19	Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
20	Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
21	Hillside Roadway Rehabilitation
22	Kenilworth ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
23	Linden Roadway Rehabilitation
24	Plainfield - Seilder Basketball Resurfacing
25	Plainfield Roadway Rehabilitation
26	Rahway Roadway Rehabilitation
27	Roselle Roadway Rehabilitation
28	Roselle Park Roadway Rehabilitation
29	Springfield Roadway Rehabilitation
30	Scotch Plains Roadway Rehabilitation
31	Berkeley Heights Senior Citizen Public Services Program
32	Clark Senior Citizen Public Services Program

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

#	Project Name
72	United Way Family Strengthening Program
73	New Providence - LINC Program Inc. - Food Pantry
74	Child Focus - County Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)
75	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, NJ
76	The Gateway Family YMCA(ISHP): Individual Supportive Housing Program
77	HOPES CAP, INC. Financial Literacy Program
78	Winfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program
79	Community Food Bank of New Jersey Food Distribution Program
80	YWCA Union County Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter Advocate
81	Housing Stability and Financial Empowerment Program
82	International Rescue Committee: Advancing Excellence in Economic Opportunity in Union County

Table 5 – Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	The Arc of Union County ADA Gas Generators
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$63,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 individuals
	Location Description	Generators: 1966 Raritan Rd, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 & 11 Paterson Rd, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Bathroom: 253 Friar Lane, Mountainside, NJ 07092
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the installation of gas-powered generators at two residential group homes to ensure uninterrupted power during emergencies, safeguarding residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) \$40,000 & Renovation of bathroom facilities to meet ADA accessibility standards for residents with I/DD \$12,000.00.
2	Project Name	Cerebral Palsy League ADA Fire Detection System
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	69 individuals
	Location Description	Cerebral Palsy, 61 Myrtle Street, Cranford, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the installation of a new fire detection system to improve life safety and code compliance for clients and staff within the facility.
3	Project Name	New Providence ADA Bathroom Upgrade at N.P. Police Department
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$56,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03ENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	New Providence Police Department, 360 Elkwood Ave, New Providence, NJ
Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the renovations to restroom facilities within the New Providence Police Department to bring them into compliance with ADA accessibility standards. Improvements include installation of accessible fixtures, door and clearance modifications, grab bars, and related plumbing and finish work.	
4	Project Name	Plainfield -Covenant Development Corporation ADA Bathroom Handicap
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03ENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,400 individuals
	Location Description	Covenant Development Corporation, 623 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the renovations of male and female restrooms to achieve ADA compliance at Covenant’s facility, improving accessibility for clients and visitors accessing food pantry, health screenings, and community services.
5	Project Name	Plainfield - Neighborhood House Association Student Safety
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03MNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	240 individuals
	Location Description	Neighborhood House Association, 644 West 4th Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for safety-related facility improvements designed to protect students and staff. Improvements may include controlled access upgrades, interior safety modifications, and related building enhancements to support secure program operations.
6	Project Name	Mount Olive Baptist Church - Warming Center Facility Improvement
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,800.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03ENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 individuals
	Location Description	Mount Olive Baptist Church, 216 Liberty St, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for facility improvements to support Code Blue warming center operations, including interior upgrades necessary to safely accommodate residents during extreme cold weather events.
7	Project Name	Plainfield-Second Street Learning Center Replacement of Garbage Enclosure
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$47,500.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03MNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 individuals
	Location Description	Second Street Youth Center, 200 Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the replacement of an existing deteriorated garbage enclosure at the Second Street Youth Center. The new enclosure will improve sanitation, safety, and site appearance, supporting ongoing youth programming and daily operations.
8	Project Name	Plainfield - Kings Daughter Day School Window Replacement
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$62,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03MNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 individuals
	Location Description	Kings Daughters Day School, 502 W Front Street, Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the replacement of existing windows throughout the facility to address deterioration, improve energy efficiency, and enhance building security. The facility is used for community-based programs and services.
9	Project Name	Rahway Community Action Organization HVAC
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$72,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03MNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1893 individuals
	Location Description	Rahway Community Action Organization, 796 E Hazelwood Ave, Rahway, NJ
Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the replacement and upgrading of the HVAC system serving the Rahway Community Action Organization facility. The improvements are intended to ensure reliable heating and cooling, improve indoor air quality, and maintain a safe and functional environment for community services.	

10	Project Name	Rahway Housing Authority Clifford Case ADA Compliant Restrooms
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14CNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 individuals
	Location Description	Rahway Housing Authority, 165 E Grand Ave, Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for ADA-compliant restroom upgrades at two housing authority facilities. Improvements will include accessibility features to ensure safe use by residents and visitors with disabilities.
11	Project Name	Roselle Amalfe Senior Center Improvement Project
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$67,894.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03ENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	900 individuals
	Location Description	Anthony Amalfe Community Center, 1268 Shaffer Ave, Roselle, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for comprehensive facility upgrades at Amalfe Senior Center, including HVAC improvements, roof repair, ADA restroom renovations, flooring, lighting, and kitchen upgrades.

12	Project Name	Summit Senior Housing ADA Compliance Upgrades for Public Restrooms
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14CNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	139 individuals
	Location Description	Summit Senior Housing
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for ADA-compliant upgrades to public restrooms within housing authority facilities, ensuring accessibility for residents and visitors with disabilities.
13	Project Name	Scotch Plains Senior Housing Window Replacement Project
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$46,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14CNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	109 individuals
	Location Description	Senior Citizen Housing, 2002 Lake Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the replacement of aging and inefficient windows at a senior housing facility. The improvements will enhance energy efficiency, resident comfort, and building integrity.

14	Project Name	Westfield Area YMCA - ADA Gym Exterior Door with Snowmelt System
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03ENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 individuals
	Location Description	Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark Street, Westfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the construction of an ADA-compliant exterior ramp from the gym entrance, including a snowmelt system to ensure year-round safe access. The improvement will enhance accessibility for individuals with mobility impairments.
15	Project Name	Westfield Community Center - Recreation Room Restoration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03ENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 individuals
	Location Description	Westfield Community Center, 558 W Broad St, Westfield, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the restoration of a senior recreation room, including interior repairs, finishes, and accessibility enhancements to ensure safe and functional use by senior residents.
16	Project Name	Westfield Recreation Department ADA Sidewalk and Curb at Memorial Park
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03FNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	700 individuals
	Location Description	Westfield Recreation Department,
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the construction of ADA-compliant sidewalks and curb ramps at Memorial Park to improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities and seniors.
17	Project Name	Sister2Sister, Inc. Community Kitchen Upgrades
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$23,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03ENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 individuals
	Location Description	Sister 2 Sister, 324 Monroe Avenue, Plainfield, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the upgrades to a community kitchen, including installation of commercial dishwashers, new flooring, and a commercial faucet sprayer to support meal preparation and nutrition programs.
18	Project Name	Union County Performing Arts Center - Main Stage Lighting Enhancement
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03ENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,960 individuals
	Location Description	Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the upgrades for the main stage lighting at UCPAC to improve performance quality, energy efficiency, and safety for performers and audiences. Includes installation of LED fixtures, controls, and wiring improvements.
19	Project Name	Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,143 Individuals

	Location Description	Clark, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the replacement of 5 ADA curb ramps including curb, sidewalk and pavement, lawn restoration and striping.
20	Project Name	Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,000 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.
21	Project Name	Hillside Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$87,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,500 individuals
	Location Description	James Street and Howard Street, Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used funds for public improvements along James Street and Howard Street. The project will address deteriorating roadway and pedestrian infrastructure in this residential neighborhood, including the replacement of curbs, sidewalks, and ADA-compliant ramps, as well as targeted roadway milling and paving where necessary. These improvements will enhance accessibility, safety, and neighborhood livability for residents in a designated low- and moderate-income area.
22	Project Name	Kenilworth ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03L NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,225 individuals
	Location Description	Intersection of North 14th Street & Monroe Avenue Intersection of Cross Street & North 18th Streets at the intersection of Washington Avenue 491 Washington Avenue Mid Block crosswalk at North 14th Street Washington Avenue & David Bearly Middle & High School.
Planned Activities	Funds will be used to construct ADA improvements along various streets throughout the municipality. Intersection of North 14th Street & Monroe Avenue Intersection of Cross Street & North 18th Streets at the intersection of Washington Avenue 491 Washington Avenue Mid Block crosswalk at North 14th Street Washington Avenue & David Bearly Middle & High School.	

23	Project Name	Linden Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Linden
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$244,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,931 individuals
	Location Description	Linden, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the reconstruction of deteriorated roadways including milling & resurfacing of asphalt surface, 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.
24	Project Name	Plainfield - Seilder Basketball Resurfacing
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$62,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03F NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20,000 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to resurface the tennis and pickleball courts, currently they are in need of repair to ensure that no hazardous conditions exist. The courts have numerous cracks, and the city would like to resurface the courts to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors utilizing the facilities.
25	Project Name	Plainfield Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15,000 individuals
	Location Description	Stebbins Place from So. Second Street to West Fourth Street, Plainfield, NJ
Planned Activities	Funds will be used to improve the roadway conditions that currently exist on Stebbins Place from So. Second Street to West Fourth Street. The project will include milling and paving, ADA compliant ramps, new curbs, driveway aprons and sidewalks where necessary.	
26	Project Name	Rahway Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$283,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,500 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.
27	Project Name	Roselle Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$175,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,910 individuals
	Location Description	West 2nd Avenue from Amsterdam Avenue to Grove Street, and West 4th Avenue from Locust Street to Walnut Street
Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the pavements on West 2nd Avenue from Amsterdam Avenue to Grove Street, and West 4th Avenue from Locust Street to Walnut Street have reached the end of their useful life. The condition of the roadways presents hazards to pedestrians, vehicles and visitors to the area. The proposed improvements shall include, but are not limited to: select replacement of curb, replacement of handicap ramps, select driveway apron repair, bicycle safe grates, mill and overlay, pavement repair, select sidewalk replacement, pavement markings, and traffic signage installation.	
28	Project Name	Roselle Park Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle Park
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements

	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$188,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD INCOME AREA (LMA)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,300 individuals
	Location Description	Charles Street, a municipal roadway within the Borough of Roselle Park
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the rehabilitation of a Charles Street, a municipal roadway within the Borough of Roselle Park. The project, as conceptualized, will include full-width roadway milling and paving, spot improvement of pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalks and ADA access ramps), spot repair of curbing, and storm water drainage structure cleanout. The project will also include cleaning and televising of subterranean storm sewer system.
29	Project Name	Springfield Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$93,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03K NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	114 individuals
	Location Description	Springfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for milling and paving of Fieldstone Drive, as well as partial curb repair, catch basin installation, concrete sidewalk replacement, traffic striping and markings, installation of retroreflective traffic signs, sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation, and cleaning and grouting of sewers.

30	Project Name	Scotch Plains Roadway Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03KNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	Grant Avenue from Front Street to East 2nd Street
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for roadway rehabilitation of to Grant Avenue from Front Street to East 2nd Street. The roadway rehabilitation would include milling and resurfacing of the roadway with road base repair as needed, upgrading of existing intersections to bring them into ADA compliancy, upgrading of drainage structures to meet the NJDEP stormwater regulations, upgrading of existing traffic signs, and various other repairs as needed within the municipal right of way.
31	Project Name	Berkeley Heights Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	66 individuals

	Location Description	29 Park Avenue, 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.
32	Project Name	Clark Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,000 individuals
	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.
33	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: \$7,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	Throughout Union County, NJ
	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.
34	Project Name	Institute of Music for Children Afterschool Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05D NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 individuals
	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.
35	Project Name	Cranford Housing Board: Nutrition Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	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	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	Cranford, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to pay the salary of the Senior Services coordinator.
36	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	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 individuals
	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.
37	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	7/31/2027

	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 support individuals with transportation and supplementary grocery assistance, including gas, Uber/Lyft, and food gift cards, for those participating in emergency shelter, shelter diversion, rental assistance, and stabilization programs. A portion of the funds will also be used for maintenance and fuel for an 8-passenger van used during the program year.
38	Project Name	Garwood Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	325 individuals
	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.
39	Project Name	Roots & Wings - Union County Rise Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$16,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 individuals
	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.
40	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: \$24,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	565 individuals
	Location Description	Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors through the Senior Public Services and Senior Healthcare programs. Funds will also support program supplies, salaries for the Public Health Nurse, Senior Program Instructors, and Bus Driver, as well as provide ShopRite gift cards to low-income seniors to address food insecurity.
41	Project Name	Hillside Buie Center Youth Recreation Program

	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 individuals
	Location Description	Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide recreational activities for low- and moderate-income youth in the Township of Hillside, including reimbursement for program staff salaries, supplies, and program-related equipment necessary to deliver these activities.
42	Project Name	Hillside Maternal Child Health Care Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05MNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	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 for direct program salary reimbursement to provide essential health services to low- and moderate-income Hillside residents, including prenatal and postpartum counseling, child wellness services, immunizations, lead screenings, and health education. Funding will support a portion of staff salaries, including nursing and pediatric care, as well as professional services and necessary program and medical supplies.
43	Project Name	Kenilworth Senior Citizen Public Services Transportation & Health Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	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.
44	Project Name	LINCS Food Pantry/Nutrition Program
	Target Area	City of Linden Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05WNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	Linden and throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for payment of rent of the food facility, located at 14 West Munsell Ave, Linden, LINCS food pantry distributes nutritional food & personal items, supplementing families' monthly resources.
45	Project Name	Mountainside Senior Citizen Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 individuals
	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.
46	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: \$15,000.00

	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 individuals
	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 2026
47	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: \$14,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05L, 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	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 support salaries of after-school and summer program staff.
48	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: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05A, 05BNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide home visits, wellness phone calls, toiletries, basic clothing items, gift cards, and other essential supplies to shut-in individuals and senior residents of Plainfield.
49	Project Name	HOPES CAP Early Childhood and Families Services Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05LNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	85 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the salary of a Wellness Specialist Assistant to provide play therapy, assist with school transitions, and coordinate special needs and early intervention services for children in the Early Childhood Program.
50	Project Name	Plainfield - Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 individuals
	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.
51	Project Name	Plainfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,800 individuals
	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.
52	Project Name	Plainfield - Urban League Reentry Reconnections
	Target Area	City of Plainfield

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05HNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	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 support a portion of a case manager's salary to provide case management, needs assessments, and referrals to social services, including education, employment, mental health, and substance abuse counseling, with a focus on goal development, job readiness, life skills, and self-sufficiency for individuals returning from jail and prison.
53	Project Name	Plainfield - Toddler Learning Center Day Care Services
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05LNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	42 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will support program instructor/teacher salaries and direct training costs to ensure compliance with all applicable childcare guidelines and standards.

54	Project Name	Plainfield - Vision and Pathways Prosperity Independent Life Skills Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	16 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	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.
55	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: \$8,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	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 pay salaries of teen program staff.
56	Project Name	Plainfield - IRIS House Food Assistance Program

	Target Area	City of Plainfield Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03TNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ and Union County
	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.
57	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: 05WNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the program assistant responsible for distributing items and entering data into tracking databases, as well as to purchase essential supplies such as hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, and feminine hygiene products.
58	Project Name	Plainfield - Sister2Sister. Inc. Breast Cancer Assistance Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05MNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,100 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ 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.
59	Project Name	Rahway Senior Citizens Public Services Program
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	450 individuals

	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.
60	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: \$7,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	91 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support salaries for full-time and part-time Plainfield YMCA afterschool program staff, as well as program supplies, including food items for weekend meals.
61	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: \$8,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	900 individuals

	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.
62	Project Name	Roselle Park Senior Citizens Public Service & Transportation Program
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle Park
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	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.
63	Project Name	Scotch Plains 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: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 individuals
	Location Description	Scotch Plains, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide cultural, educational, nutritional, medical, health-related, and recreational programs for seniors. Funding will also support instructor salaries, program supplies, and a portion of bus driver salaries to expand transportation services for senior participants.
64	Project Name	Springfield Senior Citizens Public Services & Transportation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	160 individuals
	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.
65	Project Name	The Arc of Union County Behavioral Health Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05BNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	64 individuals
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support a portion of the Behavioral Health Program Project Manager's salary to administer and oversee the program and provide mental health services and clinical support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in the agency's care.
66	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: 05WNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,157 individuals
	Location Description	Summit, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for distribution supplies, including fresh food and essential items, and to support staff salaries to operate the program.
67	Project Name	Summit Youth Center Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 individuals
	Location Description	Summit, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support salaries of the Summit Youth Center program staff.
68	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: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 individuals
	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.
69	Project Name	Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05BNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	475 individuals
	Location Description	Westfield, NJ and Countywide
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support salaries for adult special needs program staff, including the Special Needs Coordinator, instructors, and assistants, to deliver programming for adults with disabilities. Services include classes for individuals with Parkinson’s disease, stroke recovery, arthritis, and other physical limitations, as well as the Adapt-Ability Program, which provides physical, recreational, and social activities for adults ages 18 and older with special needs.
70	Project Name	Westfield Senior Citizens Public Service and Transportation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	805 individuals
	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.
71	Project Name	Plainfield Grassroots - Computer Coding Classes
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	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 coding classes for children ages 8–13, including instructor salaries and supplies, to provide affordable access to programming education and build key academic and problem-solving skills.
72	Project Name	United Way Family Strengthening Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05B DISABLED CARE SERVICES, 05L CHILDEN CARE SERVICES, 05O MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, 03T HOMELESSNESS, 05G DOMESTIC VIOLENCENATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	800 individuals
	Location Description	Throughtout 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.

73	Project Name	New Providence - LINC Program Inc. - Food Pantry
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05WNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	210 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.
74	Project Name	Child Focus - County Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05NNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 individuals
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the salary of the advocacy supervisor.
75	Project Name	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, NJ
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05DNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support agency staff responsible for delivering mentoring, case management, and youth development services to Union County Youth.
76	Project Name	The Gateway Family YMCA(ISHP): Individual Supportive Housing Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 03TNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 individuals
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support staff salaries and benefits associated with case management and supportive services within the Individual Supportive Housing Program, including life skills training, mental health counseling, and employment assistance.
77	Project Name	HOPES CAP, INC. Financial Literacy Program

	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05XNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 individuals
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide financial literacy courses to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Plainfield. Funding will support staff salaries for personnel directly working on the project, as well as classroom and office supplies, including pens, paper, ink, printing materials, and light refreshments for participants.
78	Project Name	Winfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05ANATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 individuals
	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.
79	Project Name	Community Food Bank of New Jersey Food Distribution Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05WNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15,000 individuals
	Location Description	Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to purchase nutrient-rich food, focusing on produce and proteins, for distribution to our partners in Union County to support low- and middle-income communities.
80	Project Name	YWCA Union County Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter Advocate
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05GNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 individuals
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the salary of a Shelter Advocate responsible for providing direct assistance and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence, including crisis intervention, safety planning, resource coordination, and referrals to housing and supportive services.
81	Project Name	Housing Stability and Financial Empowerment Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05UNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	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 to support direct program staff salaries and program supplies required for the effective delivery of program services.
82	Project Name	International Rescue Committee: Advancing Excellence in Economic Opportunity in Union County
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00

Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05CNATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD LIMITED CLIENTELE (LMC)
Target Date	7/31/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals
Location Description	Throughout Union County
Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support personnel salaries for staff responsible for delivering services through IRC to eligible Union County residents, excluding those residing in Elizabeth and Union. Funds will also support operational costs necessary to maintain program delivery, including program and office supplies required for workshops and client support, as well as administrative support.

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

The County's previous Consolidated Plan outlined a strategy to incorporate a geographic targeting as a way to help stabilize and improve neighborhoods by directing the investment of HUD resources to geographic areas with the highest need.

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

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Plainfield	24
City of Hillside	4
Rahway	15
Borough of Roselle Park	4
Borough of Roselle	5
City of Linden	9
Countywide	39

Table 6 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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

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

The Community Development strategies will focus on areas with high concentrations of low-income households. This decision is based on the input received in community meetings and the regulatory

restrictions that govern the use of CDBG funds. The CDBG regulations limit investment to areas where at least 51% of the households earn less than 80% of the area median income.

During the time that this plan was developed, Union County qualified as an exception grantee under the CDBG Program. In Program Year 2026, the County will serve areas where at least 49.00 percent of the population qualifies as low or moderate income (as opposed to the traditional threshold of 51%). There are 73 Census Block Groups within the County's CDBG jurisdiction that meet this threshold along with nine out of ten block groups with the highest concentrations of low-and-moderate income populations located in Plainfield (ACS 2020 LMA Data by Block Group).

Discussion

N/A

Affordable Housing

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

Introduction

The County will fund a number of projects focused on expanding the supply of affordable housing units in standard condition. HOME funds will be directed towards 35 units at Esterbrook Senior Housing, LLC in Rahway, NJ, 7 units at A&T Housing LLC in Elizabeth, NJ, and 3 units at 211 South Avenue East in Westfield, NJ. CDBG will be used to fund approximately 15 housing rehabilitation units which are owner occupied within CDBG limits. The County administers a county-wide program, while five (5) communities operate programs specific to their jurisdiction.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	5
Non-Homeless	55
Special-Needs	0
Total	60

Table 7 - 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	45
Rehab of Existing Units	15
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	60

Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The tables above capture units assisted in part with HOME funds.

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

Introduction

The County wishes to maintain an excellent quality of life and living environment for its public housing tenants. To achieve this, the County allocates CDBG funds in support of programs and activities to enhance the lives of these households. Physical improvements such as the modernization of kitchens and bathrooms, upgrading heating systems, exterior renovations, and site work (sidewalks, landscaping, paving) represent on-going efforts in that direction. In addition, window replacement and energy efficiency improvements are all required on a continuing even though individual units are themselves in good condition. These operating subsidies help to offset the operating deficits associated with public housing units and to carry out modernization and capital improvement projects. The County also supports the housing authorities' efforts to develop senior citizen only housing in response to the increasing number of elderly residents in the County. The County also recognizes the need for additional handicap units, and supports the renovation and construction programs intended to create more ADA accessible 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 performing poorly.

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

The County will use CDBG funds to make ADA and Facility Improvements throughout the County. With the exception of the Union County Section 8 Housing Assistance Program, the Public Housing agencies located within the County are separate and independent entities with no formal relationship with the County. Each is governed by an independent board responsible for its operations. The County will seek to coordinate with each of the PHAs when such coordination proves beneficial to both of the agencies.

Specifically, CDBG funds will be used to address the needs of Rahway Clifford Case Housing Authority by upgrading to ADA compliant bathrooms.

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 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. Below, please

refer to some of the specific services provided by some housing authorities within the County.

Public Housing Authorities in Union County

Elizabeth Housing Authority (EHA) -688 Maple Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ-908-965-2400

- Did not respond to our inquiries.

Linden Housing Authority (LHA)-1551 Dill Avenue, Linden, NJ-908-298-3820

- The LHA 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.
- LHA serves approximately 455 seniors and disabled adults.
- Employs 1 Social Worker
- LHA provides the following services: assistance with food obtaining food stamps, provide access to an onsite medical and eye doctor.

Plainfield Housing Authority-510 E. Front Street, Plainfield, NJ-908-769-6335

- Did not respond to our inquiries.

Rahway Housing Authority (RHA)-165 E. Grand Avenue, Rahway, NJ-732-499-0066

- Rahway Housing 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 programming 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.
- RHA serves 115 families and 165 seniors.
- Employs 1 Family & Senior Coordinator and 1 Senior Services Coordinator who serves as an assistant.
- Families meet at the Enrichment Center Family Site
- RHA provides the following services: summer camp, after school programs, resume/job search, financial counseling, limited mental health services, information on Medicare insurance, fraud

prevention, exercise programs, bingo and word search activities.

Summit Housing Authority (SHA)- 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ-908-273-6413

- SHA serves 125 seniors and 70 non-seniors
- Employs 2 social workers
- SHA provides the following services: assistance with Medicare, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications and any services needed by the families.

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

N/A

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 FY2026 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 County 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.). They are 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 to respond to the plight of homeless individuals and families during severe winter weather. In December 2007, the Department of Human Services, in concert with the Division of Emergency Management and Union County Police implemented the Countywide program to prevent death and injury among homeless people during periods of extreme weather conditions. Union County's CB initiative is the first countywide service of its kind in New Jersey. A CB alert starts with the Union County Office of Emergency Management, which transmits warnings of severe, potentially life-threatening cold weather from the National Weather Service. The threshold for activating CB is an overnight temperature below 25 degrees Fahrenheit or temperature below 32 degrees Fahrenheit with precipitation. The alert goes out to the county's Department of Human Services, which notifies emergency shelters, community organizations, and the County Police. The County Police get the word out to law enforcement personnel in all 21 municipalities. The early warning gives communities time to identify and locate people potentially in need of help. Shelters get time to arrange for extra beds using cots provided by the County. County and municipal police go on the lookout for persons needing shelter and assist them with transportation. All CB shelter placements are made by the 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 obtain and maintain their permanent housing, ultimately preventing further homelessness. The key piece is housing with full wraparound services. The CoC's goal is to make housing the #1 priority as it helps individuals/families live more stable, productive lives. Permanent housing is the most cost-effective way to homeless persons with the greatest challenges. It provides permanent affordable housing for vulnerable homeless persons, but it costs less to operate than it does to serve homeless persons through other avenues, i.e. informal network of hospital emergency rooms, jails, and emergency shelters.

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

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

Through ESG funding, Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention services are provided to obtain and maintain permanent housing:

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

Services for both target populations include:

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

- Utility assistance – current and arrearages

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 County of Union has made efforts to work with each municipality to identify and correct barriers that affect affordable housing. With that said, the national goal of decent, safe and sanitary housing for every American is the basis of the National Affordable Housing Act. In this section, this goal is addressed from a public policy perspective and its impact on the provision of affordable housing. The programs, regulations and conditions discussed below affect land and housing cost. Some of these policies have origins from higher levels of government than Union County.

Common local policy barriers to affordable housing:

- Land use policies
- Zoning regulations
- Density limits
- Height restrictions
- Parking requirements
- Lengthy permitting and approval processes

Potential actions/solutions:

- Local governments can alter existing zoning to allow for more "by right" housing development. This means the zoning code allows for specific types of development and does not require a variance, planned unit development, or any added administrative review.
- Remove/reduce minimum parking requirements
- Provide density bonuses (allow more units)
- Allow for innovative/alternative building methods, including manufactured housing
- Shorten time for local review/approvals for development (i.e. one-stop permitting)

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

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

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

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

Discussion

Union County is addressing the barriers that hinder affordable housing and residential investment with the following strategies:

Offering incentives to affordable housing developers which include technical assistance, such as help with securing tax credits; pre-development assistance on loans and grants to help non-profits.

In addition, we created a community survey with a variety of questions about community development, homeless/housing insecurities, concerns to be addressed in the future, future usage of CDBG funds, etc.

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

Introduction

This section discusses the County's efforts in addressing the needs of the underserved, expanding and preserving affordable housing, reducing lead-based paint hazards, and developing institutional structure for delivering housing and community development activities.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The HUD Section 8 Program provides a variety of financial assistance to developers and owners of rental properties to provide affordable housing opportunities. The units provided under this program are not administered by the County. The developers and property managers of assisted properties have contractual agreements directly with HUD. In exchange for mortgage assistance, the rental properties pledge to make a certain number of units affordable for contract periods. Once the contract period is over, the project owner has no obligation to maintain the units as affordable and can rent the units at the market rate, which would result in a loss of housing affordability within the County. The County will review HOME funding applications in the RFP process from tax-credit units in order to extend the affordability period.

Based on the HUD National Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Database (April 2026), a total of 3,652 LIHTC units have been placed in service within the County in forty (40) LIHTC Properties. Most LIHTC properties in New Jersey are subject to a minimum 30 year affordability period, which is

composed of a 15 year compliance period plus a 15 year extended use period. During the extended use period, the property owner may request a termination of the affordability period. The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) has the opportunity to find a buyer who is willing to maintain the property as affordable housing. If they cannot find a buyer, the extended period is over and the housing is no longer subject to the affordability requirements of the LIHTC program. There are approximately 1,062 LIHTC units in the County's jurisdiction, which were placed into service before 2005, that may be eligible for termination of the affordability requirements.

The County of Union is a resource and point of contact for local governments, individuals, and developers for information and guidance to assist with expanding affordable housing opportunities countywide. The County releases a RFP for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program annually that solicits requests for affordable housing projects with the intent to increase affordable housing countywide. Through our CDBG funded Home Improvement Programs, the County of Union, City of Linden, City of Rahway, and City of Plainfield provide eligible homeowners assistance to make emergency repairs. These repairs help keep residents in their homes and keep housing 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 \$529,200 (2024 ACS 5-Year Estimates), 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 still contains lead-based paint to some degree.

In the Union County Consortium, 106,003 housing units were constructed prior to 1980 (2024 1-Year Estimates). There were 77,645 owner-occupied units (86%) constructed before 1980 (ACS 2024-1 Year Estimate). Of the 48,751 Renter Occupied Units, 28,358 (58%), were built before 1980 (ACS 2024-1 Year Estimate). The threat of lead-based paint hazard increase based on the age of the unit. That is, a unit constructed between 1960 and 1979 has a 62 percent chance of having this hazard; units built from 1940 to 1959 have an eighty (80) percent chance; units built prior to 1940 have a ninety percent chance. The areas with the highest percentage of pre-1960 housing (over 83 percent of units) are census tracts in Hillside, Union Township, Cranford, Linden, Winfield, Westfield, and Plainfield. Many other tracts contain over 66 percent of units that are pre-1960 construction. Only parts of Scotch Plains, Clark and all of Berkeley Heights have less than one-third of units built before 1960.

Children under six are the people most severely affected by lead poisoning. Based on 2011 CHAS data, there are 2,071 owner units and 1,530 rental units with children present that are at risk of lead paint.

There is an overlap between the high concentration of pre-1960 housing and the presence of children under the age of 5 in two census tracts in Westfield – 371.00 and 367.00. These overlap areas are ones that should receive priority in lead hazard mitigation efforts, both in terms of education and public awareness, and rehabilitation of older structures.

The County is addressing the problem through the Union County Home Improvement Program by providing funds to both evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in owner occupied homes of lower income families. Activities undertaken include the inspection and testing of homes for lead-based hazards, re-mediation of lead hazards, 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, which include job training and placement, public services, education, and basic skills development. The County's anti-poverty strategy is linked to economic and educational efforts that have been implemented for several years. It is essential to provide the basic skills, training, and education necessary to make a person employable in today's competitive job market. The County works with the Boards of Education to assist people in obtaining high school diplomas or GED's. The County facilitates and supports programs to coordinate training programs provided by public institutions with the needs of employers.

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

Other education and training programs contribute to reducing poverty. Examples of these include job training and job placement activities sponsored by the Workforce Development Board, the Welfare to Work Program, day care funding throughout the County, and long-term employment opportunities for

severely disabled adults, and life skills development programs. The Vo-tech schools, the community college, and continuing education programs also provide important training and educational opportunities for local residents.

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

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

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 and the Union County Department of Human Services. The Department of Economic Development partners with the Union County Improvement Authority, which is a public authority that works to provide lower cost financing and other incentives for economic development and acquisitions; the Union College of Union County Industry-Business Institute (IBI), which develops workforce customized training and curriculum to address the needs of the County workforce; the Union County Economic Development Corporation, which is a private, non-profit organization specializing in business retention and expansion activities; and the Workforce Development Board, which reviews and approves all applications for government financing of workforce training programs.

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

The Department's Division of Planning is the coordinator and adviser to the County's Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) Committee, the County's primary planning, coordination and advocacy mechanism relating to homelessness. The composition of the Committee includes county and

municipal welfare agency directors, homeless advocates and service providers, public sector representatives, government officials and concerned citizens. It is a standing sub-committee of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC), a board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners that consolidates data pertinent to homeless services and housing – data that is used to develop both.

Union County has worked closely with local non-profit organizations to actively encourage housing programs for very-low, low- and moderate-income persons. The County 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 to ensure funds are flowing to needed areas of investment.

Meals on Wheels provides meals for private housing.

IRIS House provides STD/HIV testing and food assistance for HIV/AIDS patients.

Sister2Sister, Inc. provides breast cancer resources and programming to those affected by breast cancer and survivors.

Community Access Unlimited provides social services for people with special needs.

Mountainside Senior Citizens Public Services program delivers meals to private homes.

Community Food Bank of NJ provides a vast amount of food throughout Union County and New Jersey.

Discussion

N/A

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The County Request for Proposal begins with consulting the County Counsel's Office to set forth terms and conditions. The RFP is published on the County website for thirty days. Once the applications are received, the applicants are interviewed and a decision is rendered. Every year, the staff conducts a technical assistance training to review protocols to ensure all accounts have a successful and productive process.

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	380,000
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:	380,000

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(l)(2)

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

HOME funds will only be used per section 92.205.

The HOME allocation for 2026 is: \$1,106,235.83

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:

The County does not use HOME funds 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)).

Not applicable

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)).

Not applicable

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).

Not applicable

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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

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

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

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

When required, the service provider will also document if the household's income is less than 30% of the Area Median Income (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 (CoC) 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 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.

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 Individual & Family Support Services;

- provide data collection and reporting for ESG through the participation in the State-wide initiative of the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) internet based tracking system; and to comply if asked to participate in HUD-sponsored research and evaluation of ESG; and
- participate in the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Systems & Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee, and/or Subcommittee(s).
- provide 100% mandatory matching funds (non ESG funds including the City of Elizabeth ESG funding). Documentation per the funding regulations (24 CFR 576.201) will be required for reimbursement.

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

The FY2024 funds will be allocated out to provider agencies through contract renewal based off of awards received from a Request for Proposal (RFP) released in spring 2022. The FY2024 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds will be allocated at approximately 41.25% to support the operations/essential services of emergency shelters, including Street Outreach and approximately 51.25% towards Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing and HMIS. 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.

