

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
COUNTY OF UNION  
PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2025 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION  
REPORT (CAPER)**

Pursuant to the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Consolidated Plan regulations (24 CFR 91.520), the County of Union, New Jersey is providing notice of the availability of its Fiscal Year 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). This report covers activities funded by HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) during Fiscal Year 2025 (August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026).

In June 2025, the County of Union submitted its Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Consolidated Action Plan for affordable housing, homelessness, and its community development and economic development activities designed to address its priority needs; including: the provision of decent housing and support services, the provision of a suitable living environment, and the expansion of economic opportunities. The CAPER covers the actions taken to address the needs outlined in the Consolidated Action Plan, the accomplishments made, and an assessment of the program's overall performance.

A public hearing on the FY 2025 CAPER will be held in-person at 6:00 PM Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue in Cranford to solicit citizen comment and participation. Public hearing information can be found at the Union County Bureau of Community Development webpage <https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/> or call Charlene Bathelus at 908 527-4023 or email [cbathelus@ucnj.org](mailto:cbathelus@ucnj.org). Members of the public will be able to provide spoken comments during the public comment period of the meeting.

A draft copy of the FY 2025 CAPER will be available for public review online 9:00 AM Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at <https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/>. Hard copies are available upon request. If English is not your first language and you need an interpreter, or you need to have documents translated from English to your native language, please contact our office. Residents wishing to submit comments during the public review and comment period may do so by calling or emailing Charlene Bathelus at 908-527-4023 or [cbathelus@ucnj.org](mailto:cbathelus@ucnj.org). All commentary received will be included in the final report. Commentary period will begin on September 30, 2026 and last a minimum of fifteen days, ending at 5:00 PM on **October 15, 2026**.

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