

Union County, NJ

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

PY 2026 Annual Action Plan

August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027

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 Investment Partnerships Program, the County serves the entire County except for the City of Elizabeth, which receives its HOME Program 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	PY2026 Allocation
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	$4,374,194.00
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	$387,608.00
TOTAL		$5,868,037.83

Table 1 - County of Union PY2026 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.

For PY 2026, the County transitioned to a new CDBG application software provided by Usona Development. The online portal streamlined the application process. The portal supports improved 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 in a timely manner into the project file and IDIS 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.

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 was made 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 remained 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.

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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 6:00 PM. 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 PY 2026 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 that combine services offered by stand-alone programs.

Please refer to Citizen Participation Minutes for details.

At the April 30, 2026 PY 2026 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing we heard comments from twelve agencies. The majority of the agencies expressed extreme gratitude for the funding and the ability to provide needed services in the community. One person commented that the County through its use of the CDBG funds continues to benefit and make a positive difference in our communities.

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

The priorities and goals of this Annual Action Plan focus on housing, homelessness and investments in public facilities and infrastructure improvements that primarily benefit low-and-moderate income persons. Geographically, the highest levels of need are within Plainfield, Linden, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, and Hillside.

The County estimates that it will budget about one third of its available resources to housing, one third to public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and the remainder to public services that will primarily benefit low-and-moderate income populations, such as the homeless and non-homeless special needs populations.

The County also has set aside funding for economic development, planning, administration, and operating support for CHDO organizations, which develop affordable housing within the County.

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 Other government - Local
	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	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 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 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?	

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 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?	

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?	Housing Need Assessment 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 AND GIRLS CLUB 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?	
23	**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?	
24	**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?	

25	**Agency/Group/Organization**	RAHWAY HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	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**	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?	

27	**Agency/Group/Organization**	SUMMIT PUBLIC HSG AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Agency - Emergency Management 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?	
28	**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?	
29	**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?	
30	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Verizon
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	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.
31	**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-annual action 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 that combine services offered by stand-alone programs. Please see the attached meeting minutes from March 5, 2026.		https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/

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 that combine services offered by stand-alone programs. Please see the attached meeting minutes from March 5, 2026.		https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/

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 was 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/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/
4	Public Hearing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	The public hearing was 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/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/

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 February 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 Annual Action Plan will come from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

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

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

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

Union County received HUD funding notice April 10, 2026. The draft plan included final actual allocations. The draft plan was provided to the

public for public comment and review the required 30 days (April 9 - May 11, 2026).

The plan was adopted by the Union County Board of County Commissioners at their May 28, 2026 meeting.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	4,374,194.00	380,000.00	500,000.00	5,254,194.00	15,114,460.00	see above

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,106,235.83	0.00	2,351,865.91	3,458,101.74	6,458,101.74	Actual Expected Amount for HOME: Annual Allocation: 1,106,235.83Program Income:0 Prior Year Resources: 2,351,865.91Total: 3,458,101.74Expected Amount Remainder of Consolidated Plan: $1,000,000 x 3 years = $3,000,000 + 3458101.74 = 6,458,101.74FY 2026-2027 Allocation ($1,106,235.83):Entitlement $829,676.88Administration $110,623.58CHDO $165,935.378

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	1,113,032.00	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.Proposed allocation for 2026-2027 is as follows: 34.50% allocated to Emergency Shelter, 7.10% allocated to Street Outreach, 1.40% allocated to Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), 17.02% allocated to Rapid Re-Housing, and 32.49% to Homelessness Prevention. In Union County, there is a greater need to fund emergency shelter for those who are currently homeless and assisting households to remain housed through homelessness prevention, therefore the greater percentage of funding being

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: $		
								allocated to those two categories.

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

For ESG funds each award to agencies will be required to generate a dollar for dollar match. Each sub-recipient is contractually required to provide a 100% match. This is monitored and documented on a monthly basis and verified on a quarterly basis when the sub-recipient submits for reimbursement of services. This documentation is retained and reviewed prior to payment to the sub-recipient.

The PY 2026 funds will be allocated out to provider agencies through a Request for Proposal (RFP) application process anticipated release in Spring 2026. The RFP process put in place would be used to develop an annual spending plan at a reduced funding amount, while preserving the most critical services. Applicants will be reviewed by the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Resource Allocation and Contract Review Subcommittee. Funding recommendations of the Subcommittee will then be presented to the full HSAC for approval, and then adopted by the Union County Board of County Commissioners for final approval/award of funds. All services are anticipated to begin 8/1/2026. In the RFP it will be required that all services provided will be matched at 100% to be in compliance with the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Regulations. It is anticipated that the following Emergency Solutions Grant activities will be implemented: emergency shelter nights will be provided with case management supports to stabilize program participants; street outreach will be conducted as a bridge to linking consumers with the Continuum of Care system for homelessness services; Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will be used to provide staffing for HMIS data entry; Rapid Re-Housing will be provided to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it; and Homelessness Prevention will be provided to individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance or assistance to move to another unit. Funding will be focused to impact homeless families with children and on Rapid Re-Housing services.

Planned Activities

Funds will be used for the following:

Emergency Shelter: $133,656.00

Street Outreach: $27,550.00

HMIS: $5,415.00

Rapid Re-Housing: $65,988.00

Homelessness Prevention: $125,929.00

Administration: $29,070.00

Total: $387,608.00

Total expected ESG Match: $387,608.00

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

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

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

Discussion

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

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Public Facilities	CDBG: $869,194.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Public Improvements	CDBG: $1,500,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18000 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Social Services	CDBG: $700,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20000 Persons Assisted
4	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development	CDBG: $200,000.00	Jobs created/retained: 20 Jobs Businesses assisted: 20 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Address Homelessness	2015	2019	Homeless	Countywide	Homeless	ESG: $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
6	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Plainfield City of Hillside Rahway Borough of Roselle Park Borough of Roselle City of Linden Countywide	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: $1,110,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 175 Household Housing Unit
7	Expand Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Housing Development	HOME: $3,347,478.16	Rental units constructed: 37 Household Housing Unit Housing for Homeless added: 5 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Economic Development Homeless Housing Development Public Facilities Public Improvements Social Services	CDBG: $875,000.00 HOME: $110,623.58 ESG: $29,070.60	Other: 10 Other

Table 4 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Public facilities will benefit approximately 20,000 individuals with low/moderate income.
2	**Goal Name**	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Public improvements will benefit approximately 18,000 low to moderate income individuals.
3	**Goal Name**	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public Service activities will benefit approximately 20,000 low/moderate income individuals

4	**Goal Name**	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Economic Development will strive to create and/or retain 15-30 jobs. and support 20 businesses.
5	**Goal Name**	Address Homelessness
	Goal Description	Homelessness will be addressed through tenant based rental assistance and rapid rehousing and overnight shelter.
6	**Goal Name**	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	We strive to have approximately 175 homeowner housing units rehabilitated.
7	**Goal Name**	Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	We strive to have approximately 42 affordable rental units constructed. Of the 42 newly constructed affordable housing units, 5 will be targeted to assist homeless.
8	**Goal Name**	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Goal Description	To effectively and efficiently administer the CDBG Program in all aspects of planning, organizing and coordination. The County Bureau of Community Development administers the program setting priorities and allocating resources.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In PY 2026, the County will fund approximately 100 different projects and programs. For detailed information on each project, including descriptions, proposed funding amounts, goals, and regulatory information, please see the Appendix.

#	Project Name
1	The Arc of Union County ADA 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	Urban League of Union County - Housing Stability and Financial Empowerment Program
82	International Rescue Committee: Advancing Excellence in Economic Opportunity in Union County
83	Union County Home Improvement Program Project Cost & Consultant
84	Hillside Code Enforcement Program
85	Linden Home Improvement Program Project Cost & Consultant
86	Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)
87	Plainfield Office of Community Development Emergency Housing Assistance Program
88	Plainfield Code Enforcement Program
89	Rahway Home Improvement Program Project Cost & Consultant
90	Rahway Code Enforcement Program
91	Roselle Code Enforcement Program
92	Plainfield - Morris Habitat for Humanity Home Renovations Program
93	Union County Economic Development Corporation Business Assistance Program
94	CDBG Program Administration (20%)
95	HOME Affordable Housing Development (Rental Housing)
96	HOME CHDO Funds (15%) Rental Housing
97	HOME Administration
98	2026 HESG

Table 5 – Project Information

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

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	The Arc of Union County ADA Gas Generators
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: $63,000.00
	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	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 Facilities
	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 Facilities
	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	1,890 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 individauls
	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 Brearley 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 Brearley 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	3,930 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 indivduals
	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: 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	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	65 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	Countywide
	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 individauls
	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	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	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	
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.
	Project Name	Plainfield - Boys & Girl Club of Union County Teen Program

55	**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.
	Project Name	Plainfield - Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry

57	**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	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide specific activities in the areas of childcare, disabled, domestic violence, mental health, and homeless services. United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC) has partnered with the County of Union to strategically deploy CDBG Funds. UWGUC will provide activities by partnering with 12-14 local nonprofits with access to the community. Activities will incorporate the matrix codes listed.
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	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**	Urban League of Union County - 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 in 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.
83	**Project Name**	Union County Home Improvement Program Project Cost & Consultant
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $292,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14H CONSULTANT NATIONAL 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	5 units/households
	Location Description	Participating municipalities are: Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit and Westfield.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Union County Home Improvement Program to provide rehabilitation, not to exceed a certain amount per unit. Funds will also assist owner-occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households and include small grants to eligible seniors ages 62 and older.
84	**Project Name**	Hillside Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	City of Hillside
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $33,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15 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	100 units
	Location Description	1409 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the cost of the inspection of code violations and enforcement of codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas. The program will be focused on the condition of housing and physical structures. Funds will also be used towards the salaries of the Code Enforcement Officers. Recipients of code enforcement funding will adhere to HUD Notice CPD-14-016 issued in October of 2014.
85	**Project Name**	Linden Home Improvement Program Project Cost & Consultant
	Target Area	City of Linden
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $222,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14H CONSULTANT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 units
	Location Description	Linden, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Linden Home Improvement Program to provide rehabilitation, not to exceed a certain amount per unit. Funds will also assist owner-occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households and include small grants to eligible seniors ages 62 and older.
86	**Project Name**	Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation

	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $222,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14H CONSULTANT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 households
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Plainfield Home Improvement Program (CHAP)to provide rehabilitation, not to exceed a certain amount per unit. Funds will also assist owner-occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households and include small grants to eligible seniors ages 62 and older.
87	**Project Name**	Plainfield Office of Community Development Emergency Housing Assistance Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Address Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $10,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 05Q 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	10 units
	Location Description	Throughout Plainfield, NJ

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to benefit low- and moderate-income persons in need of emergency housing assistance for relocation or rental assistance. Applicants are tenants whose dwelling have been condemned by Code Enforcement; Health Office or Plainfield Fire Division.
88	**Project Name**	Plainfield Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $33,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15NATIONAL 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	100 units
	Location Description	Throughout Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the cost for the inspection of code violations and enforcement of codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas. The program will be focused on the condition of housing and physical structures. Funds will also be used towards the salaries of the Code Enforcement Officers. Recipients of code enforcement funding will adhere to HUD Notice CPD-14-016 issued in October of 2014.
89	**Project Name**	Rahway Home Improvement Program Project Cost & Consultant
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $222,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14H CONSULTANT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD HOUSING (LMH)
	Target Date	7/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 units
	Location Description	Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the Rahway Home Improvement Program to provide rehabilitation not to exceed a certain amount per unit. Funds will also assist owner-occupied HUD Section 8 eligible income households and include small grants to eligible seniors ages 62 and older.
90	**Project Name**	Rahway Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	Rahway
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $33,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15 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	100 units
	Location Description	Rahway, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the cost for the inspection of code violations and enforcement of codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas. The program will be focused on the condition of housing and physical structures. Funds will also be used towards the salaries of the Code Enforcement Officers. Recipients of code enforcement funding will adhere to HUD Notice CPD-14-016 issued in October of 2014.
91	**Project Name**	Roselle Code Enforcement Program
	Target Area	Borough of Roselle
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation

	Funding	CDBG: $33,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 15 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	100 units
	Location Description	Roselle, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to cover the cost for the inspection of code violations and enforcement of codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas. The program will be focused on the condition of housing and physical structures. Funds will also be used towards the salaries of the Code Enforcement Officers. Recipients of code enforcement funding will adhere to HUD Notice CPD-14-016 issued in October of 2014.
92	**Project Name**	Plainfield - Morris Habitat for Humanity Home Renovations Program
	Target Area	City of Plainfield
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $10,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 14A PROJECT COST, 14H CONSULTANT NATIONAL 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	4 units
	Location Description	Plainfield, NJ
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to service senior homeowners who qualify for the program if they own and live in their home full time, and are 62 or older in Plainfield. Funds will be used to support "Home Repair and Aging in Place".

93	**Project Name**	Union County Economic Development Corporation Business Assistance Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: $200,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 18B NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: BENEFIT LOW/MOD JOBS (LMJ)
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 individuals and 35 businesses
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will go towards providing technical assistance to businesses and to administer loan program. The total budget for UCEDC is $200,000.00 with $115,000.00 for technical assistance component and $76,670.00 for loan administration, and audit $8,330.00The UCEDC must ensure compliance with the public benefits; which include a “CDBG cost per job” standard. The provision of the technical and financial assistance by the UCEDC is designed to stimulate business retention, expansion and attraction, as well as the employment of low and moderate-income persons.
94	**Project Name**	CDBG Program Administration (20%)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities Public Infrastructure Improvements Public Services Economic Development Address Homelessness Housing Rehabilitation Expand Affordable Housing Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building

	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Housing Development Public Improvements Public Facilities Social Services Economic Development Homeless Public Housing
	Funding	CDBG: $875,000.00
	Description	HUD Matrix Code: 21A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: N/A
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A for Administration
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for CDBG Planning and Administration.
95	**Project Name**	HOME Affordable Housing Development (Rental Housing)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: $3,181,542.79
	Description	HOME funds will be used for new construction of units that are affordable for very low and low income households.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	The County will be conducting an RFP, sometime in 2026. We are looking to receive applications for low to very low-income housing.

96	**Project Name**	HOME CHDO Funds (15%) Rental Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: $165,935.37
	Description	Funds will be provided to a qualified Community Housing Development Organization to develop housing units affordable to very low and low income households.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	N/A
97	**Project Name**	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Planning, Coordination and Capacity Building
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: $110,623.58
	Description	HOME funds will be used to pay staff for oversight and administration of HOME funded projects as well as ensure long-term affordability of projects funded from No National objective is required.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for Administrative oversight and reporting.
	Project Name	2026 HESG

98	**Target Area**	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Address Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	ESG: $387,608.00
	Description	To provide 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. This effort will be structured through a CoC strategy to promote long-term self-sufficiency and obtain a better quality of life.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Various locations throughout Union County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the following: Emergency Shelter: $133,656.00 Street Outreach: $27,550.00 HMIS: $5,415.00 Rapid Re-Housing: $65,988.00 Homelessness Prevention: $125,929.00 Administration: $27,070.00

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	23
City of Hillside	4
Rahway	15
Borough of Roselle Park	4
Borough of Roselle	5
City of Linden	9
Countywide	40

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 48.00 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

In the Union County Consortium, the highest concentrations of low- and moderate-income (low-mod) families reside in the urban center of **Plainfield:** qualifying the City as a high-priority area for CDBG funded projects and programs.

- **Plainfield:** The City possess the highest density of low-mod populations in the county, often housing more than 15% of their populations below the federal poverty line.
- **Targeted Neighborhoods:** Specific census tracts (such as Census Tract 304, 306, 317, 319.04, 389, and 393) have been formally designated as high-poverty areas by the State of New Jersey.
- Portions of **Hillside**, **Roselle**, and **Rahway** also feature significant pockets of low-to-moderate-income families that require subsidized housing or community development assistance.

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 and 7 units at A&T Housing LLC in Elizabeth, 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 that end, the County allocates CDBG funds in support of programs and activities to enhance the lives of these households. Physical improvements such as modernization of kitchens and baths, upgrading heating systems, exterior renovations, and site work (sidewalks, landscaping, paving) represent on-going efforts in that direction. In addition, window replacement and energy efficiency improvements are all required on a continuing basis even though individual units are themselves in good condition. These operating subsidies help to offset the operating deficits associated with public housing units and to carry out modernization and capital improvement projects. The County also supports the housing authorities' efforts to develop Senior Citizen only housing in response to the increasing number of elderly residents in the County. The County also recognizes the need for additional handicapped units, and supports the renovation and construction programs intended to create more handicapped units. The County also supports the Family Self-Sufficiency Program and other Section 8 programs. None of the public housing authorities or the eight Section 8 programs operating in Union County are designated as "troubled" or otherwise are performing poorly.

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

The County will use CDBG funds to make ADA 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 with in 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 programing for estate planning and avoiding scams, self-defense for seniors, etc. HomeVision is a separate entity formed by the former Executive Director to promote homeownership. 4 new homes were constructed. The program was not successful because the participants were never able to rise to the level of income that would allow them to cover the finances. 2 homes were sold and the other 2 became Section 8 properties.
- 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 41.59% of available funding will be used to support the operations and essential services of emergency shelters, including Street Outreach. Approximately 50.91% 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 assist a household regain stability in their current housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
- Rapid Re-Housing: Services under Rapid Re-Housing are to assist a household in obtaining stable

housing as quickly as possible.

Services for both target populations include:

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

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

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

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

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

Below is the list of services that are anticipated to be provided under FY 2026 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)

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

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

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning

ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

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

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

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.

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

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

- The County will attempt to increase the capacity and coordination of lead-based paint screening and rehabilitation programs.
- The 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. The Department of Economic Development works with the Union County Alliance, an organization of business, education, government, and civic leaders that works for legislative change in the areas of economic and community development; with the Union County Improvement Authority, a public authority working to provide lower cost financing and other incentives for economic development and acquisitions; the Union County College Small Business Institute and Center for Advancement, which develops workforce training, continuing education and curriculum to address the needs of the County workforce, and the Union County Economic Development Corporation, a private, non-profit organization specializing in business retention and expansion activities.

The Union County Department of Human Services delivers programs and services that recognize and respond to the quality of life needs of the County's elderly, poor, unemployed, underemployed and

youth populations. The Department serves as the facilitator of the Homeless Continuum of Care System.

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

Union County has worked closely with local non-profit organizations to actively encourage housing programs for very-low, low- and moderate-income persons. The County is actively pursuing Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's).

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

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

The County will continue to work with the partners and stakeholders listed 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(l)(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(l)(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:

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

   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)).

   N/A

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)).

   N/A

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).

   Funding for Esterbrook Senior Housing Project in Rahway would provide **five (5)** homeless units at 30% Area Median Income or below. These **five (5)** units will be funded with HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds.

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

- The use of standardized assessment tools to assess individual/family's needs;
- Referrals, based on the results of the assessment tools, to homelessness assistance programs (and other related programs when appropriate);
- Capturing and managing data related to assessment and referrals in a Homeless Management

Information System (HMIS); and

- Prioritization of individual/families with the most barriers to returning to housing for the most cost- and service-intensive interventions.

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

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

Procedures:

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

The Coordinated Assessment Work Group meets bi-monthly or more frequently to discuss the implementation of the CAS Tool. The group has reviewed information currently collected in HMIS in an effort to utilize the HMIS system for the purpose of initial assessment and coordination of services and case management.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to

private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The Union County Department of Human Services/Division of Individual & Family Support Services will coordinate a meeting with the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for to review the funding allocation and proposed spending plan (developed by County staff) for approval and contract award by the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

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

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

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

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

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

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

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

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 FY2026 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 2026. The FY2026 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds will be allocated at approximately 41.59% to support the operations/essential services of emergency shelters, including Street Outreach and approximately 50.91% 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.

Attachments

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Annual Action Plan

Citizen Participation Comments, Minutes & Ad

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HUD Year 52 (FY 2026 – 2027) Consolidated Annual Action Plan

- Draft PY 2026 Annual Action Plan < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Yr-52-Annual-Action-Plan-4-28-26.pdf>
- Public Hearing Notice: 6:00 PM Thursday, April 30, 2026 < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Yr-52-Action-Plan-Public-Hearing-Public-Notice-FY-2026.pdf>
- Aviso de audiencia pública: 6:00 p. m. del jueves 30 de abril de < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Yr-52-Action-Plan-Public-Hearing-Public-Notice-FY-2026_Spanish.pdf>

Combined Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) And Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOIRROF) Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Program Years 2018 – 2023

- Click here < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/UCHOMEPUBLICNOTICEENVIROREVIEW1152026-REVISED-FINAL.pdf>

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CDRS Full Committee Meeting

Zoom information for all future meetings

Check this page before each meeting incase of a meeting link changes

- **https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88183352068 < https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88183352068>**
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- Passcode: 501808

Documents

- HOME 2026 RFP Public Notices – **English < https://ucnj.org/vendor-opportunities/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2026/05/FINAL-HOME-2026-RFP-Public-Notice-English.pdf>** / **Spanish < https://ucnj.org/vendor-opportunities/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2026/05/FINAL-HOME-2026-RFP-Public-Notice-Spanish.pdf>**
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- HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2025-2029 including FY 2025 Annual Action Plan < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2025-2029-Five-Year-Consolidated-Plan-Amended-3-3-2026-Complete-Download-3-3-26.pdf>
- Citizen Participation Plan < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Citizen-Participation-Plan-Final-4-3-25-1.pdf>
- FY 2024 CAPER < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Citizen-Participation-Plan-Final-4-3-25.pdf>
    - Application with Attachments < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/FY-2024-CAPER-Final-Includes-Attachments.pdf>
- FY 2025 – 2026 Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee Meeting Schedule < https://ucnj.org/press-releases/public-info/2025/09/03/fy-2025-2026-community-development-revenue-sharing-committee-meeting-schedule/>
- HOME Tech assistance 2025 slides < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/County-of-Union-HOME-Tech-assistance-2025-slides.pdf>
- 2024 Action Plan Final < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2024-Annual-Action-Plan-Final.pdf>
- CAPER 2023 Final < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2023-CAPER-Final.pdf>
- County of Union Home Investment Partnerships Program Policies and Procedures < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/County-of-Union-Home-Investment-Partnerships-Program-Policies-and-Proced.pdf> Updated March 5, 2024
- CDBG Practices and Operational Procedures Manual < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/CDBG-Practices-

and-Operational-Procedures-Manual-rev-2019-Updated.pdf>

- **County of Union Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (RARAP) < https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/residential-anti-displacement-and-relocation-assistance-plan/>**
- New Federal Requirements for CDBG Funded Projects
  - **Key Changes < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Key-Changes-of-Section-3-Final-Rule-Summary-Chart.pdf>**
  - **Section 3 < https://www.hud.gov/section3>**
  - **BABA < https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/general_counsel/BABA>**
- **2023 Annual Action Plan Final < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-Annual-Action-Plan-FINAL.pdf>**
- **Census Low Mod Block Groups 2023 Maps < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Census-Low-Mod-Block-Groups-2023.pdf>**
  - *Elizabeth and Union are excluded*
- **CAPER 2021 Final < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Consolidated-Annual-Performance-Evaluation-Report-CAPER-FY21-FINAL.pdf>**
- **2022 Annual Action Plan Final < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Annual-Action-Plan-Final.pdf>**
- **2021 Annual Action Plan Final < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2021-Action-Plan-FINAL.pdf>**
- **CAPER 2020 Final < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/CAPER-2020-Final.pdf>**
- **2020 CAPER < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/CAPER-2020.pdf>**

- **5 Year Consolidated Action Plan 2020 Final < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/5-Year-Consolidated-Action-Plan-2020-Final.pdf>**
- **CDRS Policy Manual < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CDRS-Policy-Manual-2021.pdf>**
- **CDBG Program Manual < https://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Community-Development-Block-Grant-2023.pdf>**

Community Development Block Grant Revenue Sharing Committee Commissioner Liaison



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Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort

What is the Community Development Block Grant Program?

The Community Development Block Grant program is a federal program that began operation in 1974, making it one of the longest running programs by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD). It is the principal federal program providing States and Local Governments grants to devise innovative and constructive approaches that improve the physical, economic, and social conditions within communities. These improvements primarily benefit persons of low and moderate income.

National Objectives

The primary National Objective of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is the "development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, particularly for persons of low and moderate incomes." Section 102(a)(20) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 defines the term 'low-and moderate income persons' as families and individuals whose incomes are no more than 80 percent of the median income of the area involved (refer to page 10 of this manual for current HUD income limits). All project proposals submitted for funding through the CDBG Program must document the achievement of at least one of the following National Objectives:

- Primarily benefit low and moderate income persons
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight

Project Eligibility

There are a wide range of projects that may be eligible for funding through the use of CDBG funds, as long as the program meets the National Objectives as previously outlined. CDBG funds may NOT be used for activities which do not meet these broad national objectives.

- Projects that can be undertaken with CDBG funds include but are not limited to:
- Relocation and demolition

- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes
- Public services (within certain limits)
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities

Generally, the following types of activities are ineligible:

- Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government
- Political activities
- Certain income payments
- Construction of new housing by units of general local government
- Removal of architectural barriers in school buildings
- Environmental and health hazard clean-up associated with a project site except for lead based paint
- Payment of rent, utilities, or maintenance in a municipality owned facility

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Proposed FY 2026 Community Development Activities
Year 52 Annual Action Plan & Public Hearing

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The Consolidated Plan is intended to serve the following purpose/functions: (1) it is a planning document for the County which builds upon a citizen participation process; (2) it is an application for federal funds under the above-mentioned grant programs; (3) it is a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and (4) it is an action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance. This Consolidated Action Plan constitutes the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Plan for the period August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

The overall goals of the programs are to provide safe, sanitary and affordable housing; neighborhood revitalization; economic development; and improved community facilities and services. Each activity must benefit low- and moderate-income persons and/or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight and/or respond to emergency needs.

The County program's geographic area, the Union County Consortium, includes the municipalities of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, Westfield, and Winfield.

A draft copy of the Union County Year 52 Consolidated Annual Action Plan will be available for public review online April 9, 2026 through May 11, 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 All commentary received will be included in the final report. Commentary period will begin on April 9, 2026 and last a minimum of thirty days, ending at 5 p.m. on **May 11, 2026.**

Public hearing on the Year 52 Consolidated Annual Action Plan will be held 6:00 PM Thursday, April 30, 2026 at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford, NJ to solicit citizen comment and participation.

Philip Kandl, Director
Division of Community Services
Department of Economic Development
County of Union

Minutes of Public Hearing on 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan

Minutes of Public Hearing on
2026 - 2027 Annual Action Plan
Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Street, Cranford, NJ
Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Remarks and Introduction by Director Philip Kandl:

"Welcome and Good evening. I am Philip Kandl, Director of the Division of Community Services for the County of Union. On behalf of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, our Commissioner Liaison Ms. Michele Delisfort, Deputy County Manager Ms. Amy Wagner and our current Chairwoman Ms. Mary Dawkins, I would like to welcome you to this public hearing for the PY 2026 Annual Action Plan.

Thank you for your interest and participation at this event. And now I have the pleasure of turning over the public hearing to Chairwoman Mary Dawkins."

Chairwoman Mary Dawkins called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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

Chairwoman Dawkins then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CDRSC Secretary Charlene Bathelus completed the attendee's attendance.

There were 26 organizations and municipalities present, plus 10 County staff members present. The attendance sign in sheet is attached.

Purpose of this Meeting

Chairwoman Dawkins stated that the **purpose of this meeting** is to obtain citizen participation and input on the proposed YR 52 CDBG program allocations for the period of August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027 and the Program YR 2026 Annual Action Plan.

Public Hearing Protocol

Director Phil Kandl stated the following regarding the Public Hearing Protocol:

- This is an opportunity to provide public comments and statements. Comments will be included in the meeting minutes and PY 2026 Annual Action Plan.

Public Hearing Protocol *(cont.)*

- At the conclusion of the PY 2026 Action Plan presentation, applicants and the public will have the opportunity to speak and have their comments be a part of the record.
- Please address your comments to me.
- Speakers should state their name and address and affiliation (if desired) for the record prior to making their statement.
- Comments must be directly related to the Annual Action Plan.
- Those making comments are respectfully requested to make their comments as succinct as possible to allow everyone an opportunity to be equally heard. We ask that all speakers keep their comments under three (3) minutes.
- Written comments will be included in the annual action plan and summarized in the minutes to these proceedings.
- Public comments will be closed when there are no more requests to speak from the floor, or the facilitator has determined that a sufficient amount of time has been provided to adequately garner public comment.
- If you have not as yet signed in, please sign in at the registration table to record your attendance.

2026 Annual Action Plan Presentation

Director Phil Kandl presented the 2026 Annual Action Plan and stated the following:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend County staff and members of the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee for their dedication and hard work over the past few months to review project applications, schedule interviews, and interview prospective applicants.

I would also like to thank Christina Topolosky, Director of the Division of Individual and Family Support Services for her assistance in the development of the Plan, specifically regarding sections related to the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Unfortunately, as in previous years, we received more project requests that could be funded. It was a herculean task to prioritize the projects that would provide the greatest benefit to low- and moderate-income communities countywide.

Congratulations to the successful subrecipients for Program YR 2026. For those agencies that have been preliminary awarded CDBG funds for Program YR 2026, it is imperative that you follow HUD program guidelines and be aware of timeliness in reporting and requests for drawdowns. CDBG Staff are available to answer any questions and our role is to be a resource, to guide the project from start to completion.

2026 Annual Action Plan Presentation *(cont.)*

For PY 2026 projects, once notified of the preliminary award it is important to begin the procurement process ASAP. This is especially important this year as the contract period will be for eleven (11) months: beginning August 1, 2026 and ending July 31, 2027. Preliminary award letters should have been received by now.

Quick Recap - Last Year - PY 2025

Allocated a total of **$5,360,172** in CDBG Funding for **97 Projects**

This Year - PY 2026

Preliminary funding allocations: **$5,254,194** CDBG Funding for **93 Projects**

That is a decrease of **$105,978** in funding for projects this year. The CDBG entitlement formula allocation for PY 2026 is **$35,978 less** than for PY 2025. Approximately $880,000 of funding was reprogrammed by the County Commissioners and the Revenue Sharing Committee to put these funds back on the street to provide additional needed services.

For this public hearing we will report out on the preliminary allocations per subcommittee for PY 2026.

- See public hearing power point presentation attached.

Open for Public Hearing Comments

Director Kandl asked speakers to state their name, organization affiliation and limit their comments to no more than 3 minutes.

Speaker #1
Kevin Brown, Railway Community Action Organization

Mr. Brown thanked the CDRS Committee for their support of nonprofits in Union County. He stated he was fortunate to have received funding in the past which has helped to change both the trajectory of the organization and the clients' lives, and appreciates the consideration for this YR 52 application.

Speaker #2
Susan Kerpel, Union County Care Council

Ms. Kerpel discussed the programs their organization offers and to be reconsidered for funding. ***Ms. Kerpel Public Services*** *application did not get funded and is respectfully requesting a reconsideration of funding.*

Speaker #3

Mr. Erich Peter, Executive Vice President, Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC)

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

Speaker #4

Ms. Tress Parker, Sister2Sister

Ms. Parker stated that she is the proud President of Sister2Sister Incorporated. This year, we are celebrating 26 years of service, an incredible milestone that reflects our commitment to supporting those impacted by breast cancer.

On behalf of the Sister2Sister Wellness Initiative, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Rita, Phil, and the entire committee for trusting us with these valuable resources. Because of your support, we are able to renovate and upgrade our kitchen. Years ago, we were able to install essential appliances, and now, with this funding, we are improving our flooring to ensure a safer, non-slip environment for everyone we serve.

These funds are not just improving a space, they are helping us expand our impact in the community. Breast cancer continues to affect individuals at an alarming rate. In the United States alone, there were approximately 279,000 new cases reported, and more than 42,000 lives lost in recent years. When you think about the women in your own lives, your mothers, sisters, friends, it becomes clear how widespread this disease truly is.

Even more concerning is the disproportionate impact on underserved communities. While advances in medicine, new therapies, and dedicated physicians have improved outcomes overall, Black women still face a 42% higher mortality rate compared to others. That is a statistic we cannot ignore.

Through our partnership with the County, this support allows us to deepen our work. We provide hands-on demonstrations that teach healthy food preparation, host community support programs, offer support groups, and assist individuals with financial and administrative challenges when they have nowhere else to turn."

Speaker #5

Ms. Patricia Tekel, The Cerebral Palsy League

Ms. Tekel thanked members of the committee for supporting their project. **Ms. Tekel** stated this program serves individuals with a variety of intellectual and physical disabilities. These individuals come to the program to learn new skills, socialize with peers, personal care needs met and health monitored by a nurse but most importantly to be active members of the community. Again, **Ms. Tekel**, thanked the committee for the funding that was received by the Cerebral Palsy League.

Speaker #6

Ms. Susan Morton, Westfield YMCA

Ms. Morton thanked the committee for the funding that was received by the Westfield YMCA. The Westfield Area building was built in 1929 and we do everything we can to make ourselves accessible to the community that comes and uses our services. **Ms. Morton** thanked Rita, Julian, Charlene and Phil for their continued support.

Speaker #7

Pastor Dr. Leanora Colley, Covenant Development Corporation

Ms. Colley thanked the committee for the funding that was received by the Covenant Development Corporation and discussed some of the initiatives their organization offered.

Speaker #8

Ms. Velvet Rogers, Westfield Community Center

Ms. Rogers thanked the committee for the funding that was received by the Westfield Community Center.

Speaker #9

Pastor Eric Wallace, Mount Olive Baptist Church

Pastor Wallace thanked the committee for the funding and support that was received by the Mount Olive Baptist Church. Pastor Wallace offered is sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Speaker #10

On behalf of Mr. Mark Sheil, Regional Manager, The Senior Housing Corp of Scotch Plains

Director Kandl read an email submitted by **Mr. Sheil:**

"I would like to send my appreciation on behalf of The Senior Housing Corp of Scotch Plains for the funding of our window replacement project. With the generosity of the CDBG program, we have been able to replace windows at a much faster pace while keeping rents well below market. This has provided a sustainable and comfortable environment for our seniors who would otherwise have difficulty in finding an affordable and well-maintained place to stay. We look forward to working with CDBG and are always grateful for any funds they are able to grant us."

Speaker #11

On behalf of Ms. Danni Newbury, Executive Director, Union County Performing Arts Center

Director Kandl read an email submitted by **Ms. Newbury:**

"Union County Performing Arts Center is grateful to the CDBG Commissioners and the County of Union for your support. As the nonprofit organization operating the UCPAC in Rahway, we are responsible for all equipment in the building. CDBG support is integral to providing the capital resources required by artists, renters, and patrons and allows us

Director Kandl read an email submitted by **Ms. Newbury:** *(cont.)*

to keep ticket and program prices accessible and affordable for our community which is the core principle of our mission, and for that we thank you."

There being no one else who desired to speak, **Chairwoman Dawkins** turned the meeting to **Director Kandl** for comments/remarks.

Director Kandl stated the following:
"On behalf of **Chairperson Dawkins** and the **County Board of County Commissioners**, I would like to thank you for participating in today's public hearing for the PY 2026 Union County HUD Annual Action Plan. We appreciate all comments and feedback received. Next steps will include: The Administrative Subcommittee will meet May 13th and will review the notes from today's Public Hearing and will consider any additional funding requests. If additional funding requests are approved, you will receive notification via email within 2-3 business days.

It is anticipated that the CDBG annual workshop will be scheduled for August 2026 and the next round of CDBG funding applications for Program YR 2027 will be made available in late October to early November 2026.

Thank you for attending and taking the time to participate in the public hearing."

Chairwoman Dawkins stated the following:

"Good evening again, and thank you to everyone who came forward to share information about your programs, requests, and the impactful projects being carried out in our communities on behalf of the Union County Revenue Sharing Committee.

We do not take this work lightly. We make it a priority to sit down, carefully review, read, and fully understand each project that comes before us. Every project is important because each one represents the needs and well-being of individuals and families within our community.

At this time, I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the county staff. They have done a fantastic job, and we truly appreciate their dedication and commitment to this process. We also appreciate the many subrecipients who spoke tonight and shared how these awarded funds have supported new and ongoing projects. Thank you for continuing to work so closely with us and for the meaningful work you do throughout the community."

There were no further updates or announcements.

Motion to adjourn was made by **Mr. David Biunno,** seconded by **Mr. Joseph Chrobak.** **Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Charlene Bathelus
CDRS Committee Secretary

Cc: CDRS Full Committee
CDBG Staff
Attachment: Mt. Attendance List

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County of Utah
FY 2026 Annual Action Plan
Public Hearing
12:00 PM Agenda Item
Overland Community Center
Sign In Sheet

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[illegible]	[illegible]	Bike Dimmesdale Bee Sisters of Sharp Rides	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Natalie	Secody	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
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County of Union
FY 2026 Annual Action Plan
Public Hearing
5:00 PM April 30, 2025
Cranford Community Center

Sign-In Sheet

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Connie	Bain	The Arc of Union County	732-287-6464	cbain@arcofunion.org	
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Jennifer	Maiese	Parkway Housing Auth	908 813 5050	jmaiese@phaunion.org	
Mary	Dan Kuos	Hillside Township	908 355 8028	mdankuos@hillside-nj.org	
Steve	Kopil	Union County CDBG Consortium	908-965-4300	skopil@ucnj.org	
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Annual Action Plan

Grantee Unique Appendices

UNION COUNTY Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2026-387
5/28/2026
Chairman Joseph C. Bodek

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the National Affordable Housing Act and the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 requires that, in order to apply for and receive monies from certain U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) programs, Union County must have an approved Annual Consolidated Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the County of Union, through the consortium, wishes to be a part of the 2026-2027 (Year 52) Annual Action Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated preliminary funding allocation to the County Consortium is as indicated in the summary below:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

CDBG HUD Grant $4,374,194.00

Sufficiency Subject to Inclusion in the Budget	

Approved as to Form:		
Certifying as an Original Resolution:		
Certified as a True Copy:		

Vote Record - RES-2026-387

		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
X Adopted	James E. Baker, Jr.	✓			
___ Adopted as Amended	Michèle S. Delisfort	✓			
___ Defeated	Lourdes M. Leon	✓			
___ Tabled	Alexander Mirabella M	✓			
___ Withdrawn	Stanley J. Neron	✓			
	Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded S	✓			
	Joseph Signorelle III	✓			
	Rebecca L. Williams	✓			
	Joseph C. Bodek	✓			

Reprogrammed Funds $890,000.00

Subtotal CDBG $5,254,194.00

HOME Grant

HOME HUD Grant $1,106,235.83

Subtotal HOME $1,106,235.83

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

ESG Grant $387,608.00

Subtotal ESG $387,608.00

Grand Total $6,748,037.83

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Board of County Commissioners that it hereby approves the submission of said 2026-2027 (Year 52) Annual Action Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program application for HUD funds and authorizes the County Manager, Clerk of the Board and other appropriate County officials to submit said Plan on behalf of the Union County Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development so that the projects as listed therein may be undertaken within the County of Union; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager, Clerk of the Board and the Director of the Department of Finance, are hereby authorized to apply for and to receive such funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board authorizes the County Manager and any other appropriate County Official to expend funds as specified in said approved Consolidated Action Plan.

CDBG

2026

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects

As of:6/1/2026

YEAR 52 FINAL Sub - Committee Allocations			
		Project Title	
Account #		Facilities Sub-Committee	Final Allocations
026-009	Countywide	The Arc of Union County ADA Gas Generators	$ 63,000.00
026-010	Countywide	Cerebral Palsy League ADA Fire Detection System	$ 55,000.00
026-036	New Providence	New Providence ADA Bathroom Upgrade at N.P. Police Department	$ 56,000.00
026-041	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield -Covenant Development Corporation ADA Bathroom Handicap	$ 55,000.00
026-043	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Neighborhood House Association Student Safety	$ 49,000.00
026-047	Plainfield Non-Profit	Mount Olive Baptist Church - Warming Center Facility Improvement	$ 50,800.00
026-052	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield-Second Street Learning Center Replacement of Garbage Enclosure	$ 47,500.00
026-053	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield - Kings Daughter Day School Window Replacement	$ 62,000.00
026-055	Rahway Non-Profit	Rahway Community Action Organization HVAC	$ 72,000.00
026-057	Rahway	Rahway Housing Authority Clifford Case ADA Compliant Restrooms	$ 25,000.00
026-063	Roselle	Roselle Amalfe Senior Center Improvement Project	$ 67,894.00
026-064	Summit	Summit Senior Housing ADA Compliance Upgrades for Public Restrooms	$ 60,000.00
026-065	Scotch Plains N-P	Scotch Plains Senior Housing Window Replacement Project	$ 46,000.00
026-080	Westfield	Westfield Area YMCA - ADA Gym Exterior Door with Snowmelt System	$ 35,000.00
026-081	Westfield Non-Profit	Westfield Community Center - Recreation Room Restoration	$ 35,000.00
026-083	Westfield	Westfield Recreation Department ADA Sidewalk and Curb at Memorial Park	$ 49,000.00
026-086	Plainfield Non-Profit	Sister2Sister, Inc. Community Kitchen Upgrades	$ 23,000.00
026-087	Rahway - Non Profit	Union County Performing Arts Center - Main Stage Lighting Enhancement	$ 15,000.00
		TOTAL	$ 869,194.00
Account #		Public Improvements Sub-Committee	Final Allocations
026-110	Clark	Clark ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	$ 21,000.00
026-111	Cranford	Cranford ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	$ 21,000.00
026-126	Hillside	Hillside Roadway Rehabilitation	$ 87,000.00
026-128	Kenilworth	Kenilworth ADA Curb/Ramp Rehabilitation	$ 21,000.00
026-137	Linden	Linden Roadway Rehabilitation	$ 244,000.00
026-151	Plainfield	Plainfield - Milt Campbell Tennis & Pickleball Courts Resurfacing Project	$ 62,000.00
026-152	Plainfield	Plainfield Roadway Rehabilitation	$ 250,000.00
026-158	Rahway	Rahway Roadway Rehabilitation	$ 263,000.00
026-163	Roselle	Roselle Roadway Rehabilitation	$ 175,000.00
026-172	Roselle Park	Roselle Park Roadway Rehabilitation	$ 188,000.00
026-174	Springfield	Springfield Roadway Rehabilitation	$ 93,000.00
026-176	Scotch Plains	Scotch Plains Roadway Rehabilitation	$ 55,000.00
		TOTAL	$ 1,500,000.00

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YEAR 52 FINAL Sub - Committee Allocations			
		Project Title	
Account #		Public Services Sub-Committee	Final Allocations
026-200	Berkeley Heights	Berkeley Heights Senior Citizen Public Services Program	$ 17,000.00
026-207	Clark	Clark Senior Citizen Public Services Program	$ 17,000.00
026-209	Countywide	Union County Recreation Program for Persons with Disabilites and Special N	$ 7,000.00
026-214	Countywide	Institute of Music for Children - Afterschool Programs	$ 7,000.00
026-216	Cranford Non-Profit	Cranford Housing Board - Nutrition Program	$ 6,000.00
026-217	Cranford	Cranford Senior Citizen Public Services Program	$ 21,000.00
026-219	Countywide	Family Promise - Transportation Services & Grocery Support	$ 11,000.00
026-223	Garwood	Garwood Senior Citizen Public Services Program	$ 17,000.00
026-224	Countywide	Roots & Wings - Union County Rise Program	$ 16,000.00
026-227	Hillside	Hillside Senior Citizen Public Services & Health Care Program	$ 24,000.00
026-229	Hillside	Hillside Bulc Center Youth Recreation Program	$ 14,000.00
026-230	Hillside	Hillside Maternal Child Health Care Program	$ 19,000.00
026-231	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Senior Citizen Public Services Transportation & Health Program	$ 15,000.00
026-236	Linden Non-Profit	LINCS Food Pantry	$ 20,000.00
026-241	Mountainside	Mountainside Senior Citizen Public Services Program	$ 14,000.00
026-247	New Providence	New Providence Senior Citizen Public Service & High Risk Health Care Program	$ 15,000.00
026-249	Plainfield Non-Profit	Second Street Youth Center Afterschool Service & Summer Program	$ 14,000.00
026-252	Plainfield	Plainfield Shut In Council - Disabled Care Services for Seniors	$ 5,000.00
026-255	Plainfield Non-Profit	HOPES CAP, Inc. Early Childhood and Families Services Program	$ 20,000.00
026-256	Plainfield	Plainfield Careers in Recreation Lifeguard Progam	$ 5,000.00
026-258	Plainfield	Plainfield Seniors Citizen Public Services Program	$ 34,000.00
026-260	Plainfield Non-Profit	Urban League of UC - Reentry Reconnections	$ 5,000.00
026-262	Plainfield Non-Profit	Toddler Learning Center - Day Care Services	$ 5,000.00
026-264	Plainfield Non-Profit	*Vision & Pathways* Prosperity Independent Living Skills Program	$ 7,000.00
026-265	Plainfield Non-Profit	Boys & Girl Club - Teen Program	$ 8,000.00
026-266	Plainfield Non-Profit	IRIS House - Food Program Assistance	$ 6,000.00
026-271	Plainfield Non-Profit	Salvation Army Hygiene Pantry	$ 5,000.00
026-273	Plainfield-Non Profit	Sisters2Sisters Inc. - Breast Cancer Assistance Program	$ 15,000.00
026-274	Rahway	Rahway Senior Citizen Public Services Program	$ 17,000.00
026-275	Plainfield Non-Profit	Plainfield Greater Somerset YMCA School Child Care Program	$ 7,000.00
026-276	Roselle	Roselle Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program	$ 8,000.00
026-282	Roselle Park	Roselle Park Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program	$ 21,000.00
026-283	Scotch Plains	Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program	$ 13,000.00
026-287	Springfield	Springfield Senior Citizens Public Services & Transportation Program	$ 12,000.00
026-289	Countywide	The Arc of Union County Behavioral Health Program	$ 10,000.00
026-291	Summit-Non Profit	GRACE Food and Community Essentials Program	$ 9,000.00
026-294	Summit	Summit Youth Center Program	$ 7,000.00
025-295	Summit	Summit Senior Citizen Public Services & Transportation Program	$ 5,000.00
026-298	Countywide	Westfield YMCA Adult Special Needs Program	$ 6,000.00
026-299		Westfield Senior Citizens Public Service & Transportation Program	$ 11,000.00
026-302	Plainfield-Non Profit	Plainfield Grassroots - Computer Coding Classes	$ 5,000.00
026-321	Countywide	United Way Family Strengthening Program	$ 90,000.00

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YEAR 52 FINAL Sub - Committee Allocations			
		Project Title	
026-322	New Providence-Non	LINC Program Inc. - Food Pantry	$ 8,000.00
026-323	Countywide	Child Focus - County Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)	$ 10,000.00
026-324	Plainfield	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties, NJ	$ 5,000.00
026-325	Plainfield-Non Profit	The Gateway Family YMCA(ISHP): Individual Supportive Housing Program	$ 13,000.00
026-326	Plainfield-Non Profit	HOPES CAP, INC.- Financial Literacy Program	$ 5,000.00
026-331	Winfield	Winfield Senior Citizens Public Services Program	$ 13,000.00
026-332	Countywide	Community Food Bank of New Jersey Food Distribution Program	$ 25,000.00
026-334	Countywide	YWCA Union County - Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter Advocate	$ 5,000.00
026-335	Countywide	Urban League of Union County - Housing Stability and Financial Empowerme	$ 8,000.00
026-336	Countywide	International Rescue Committee: Advancing Excellence in Economic Opportu	$ 20,000.00
		TOTAL	**$ 700,000.00**
Account #		**Housing Sub-Committee**	**Final Allocations**
026-400	Countywide	Union County Home Improvement Program	$ 292,000.00
026-417	Hillside	Hillside Code Enforcement Program	$ 33,000.00
026-427	Linden	Linden Home Improvement Program	$ 222,000.00
026-436	Plainfield	Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)	$ 222,000.00
026-437	Plainfield	Plainfield Office of C.D. Emergency Housing Assistance Program	$ 10,000.00
026-438	Plainfield	Plainfield Code Enforcement Program	$ 33,000.00
026-441	Rahway	Rahway Home Improvement Program	$ 222,000.00
026-442	Rahway	Rahway Code Enforcement Program	$ 33,000.00
026-446	Roselle	Roselle Code Enforcement Program	$ 33,000.00
026-447	Plainfield-Non Profit	Morris Habitat for Humanity - Home Repairs and Aging In Place	$ 10,000.00
		TOTAL	**$ 1,110,000.00**
Account #		**Admin Sub-Committee**	**Final Allocations**
026-504	Countywide	Union County Economic Development Corporation Business Assistance Program	$ 200,000.00
026-600	County of Union	CDBG Admin (20%)	**$ 875,000.00**
		TOTAL	**$ 1,075,000.00**
		Total All Sub-Committees	**$ 5,254,194.00**
		Discretionary	$ -
		Total All Sub-Committees with Discretionary	**$ 5,254,194.00**

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HOME

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP
FY 2026-2027 ALLOCATION

$	829,676.88	ENTITLEMENT
$	110,623.58	ADMINISTRATION
$	165,935.37	CHDO
	$1,106,235.83	SUBTOTAL
	$1,106,235.83	TOTAL

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2026-2027 HOME ACTION PLAN PROJECTS

SUBGRANTEE	AMOUNT
Rental Housing	$995,612.25
TOTAL:	$995,612.25

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2026-2027 HOME ACTION PLAN
MATCH REQUIREMENTS

PROJECT	AMOUNT	MATCH OBLIGATION (DEBIT)	MATCH REQUIREMENT (CREDIT)
Rental Housing	995,612.25	248,903.06	248,903.06 Will use Previous Excessive Match

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UNION COUNTY
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
Resale & Recapture Agreement
ACTION PLAN FY2026-2027 ALLOCATION

RESALE

If the property is sold within the affordability period, the new homebuyer must be low income 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 45% of their income, inclusive of monthly payments for the principal, interest, property taxes, mortgage and property insurance, as well as other monthly expenses/costs (front-and back-end ratios factors). The property must be their principal residence.

The maximum resale price will be set to provide a fair return to the original homebuyer and is affordable to a household at 60% to 80% of the median income paying no more than 45% percent of their income, inclusive of front- and back-end ratio factors. The resale price will not be based upon what is affordable to the buyer.

The original homebuyer will be entitled to a fair return on their investment for initial downpayment (capital) and capital improvements. The value of the improvements will be multiplied by the then current Consumer Price Index and added to the initial downpayment for the total return to the original homebuyer. The original homebuyer must produce receipts to support their claims. A mortgage, note and deed restriction, and homebuyer agreement will be placed on the property in the name of the new homebuyer.

RECAPTURE

The County will recapture the direct subsidy (funded) if the housing does not continue to be a principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability. The recaptured amount will be prorated, based on the period of time the owner has owned the house in the period of affordability. Each year, 10% will be forgiven. If the net proceeds are less than the prorated amount due, the County of Union will accept the net proceeds. A Mortgage, Note, Deed Restriction and Homebuyer Agreement will be placed on the property. The Mortgage and Deed Restriction will be recorded in the County of Union's Clerks Office.

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Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Proposed Use of Funds

FY2026 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grants Program Allocations

Emergency Solutions Grants Program	Eligible Activities	Activity Amount	Total by Category	% by Category
	Emergency Shelter	**$ 133,656.00**	$ 161,206.00	41.59%
	Operation	$ 98,117.00		
	Essential Service	$ 35,539.00		
	Street Outreach - Essential Services	**$ 27,550.00**		
	HMIS	**$ 5,415.00**	$ 197,332.00	50.91%
	Rapid Re-Housing	**$ 65,988.00**		
	Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services	$ 18,338.00		
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	$ 47,650.00		
	Homelessness Prevention	**$ 125,929.00**		
	Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services	$ 34,869.00		
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	$ 91,060.00		
	Emergency Solutions Grants Subtotal:	**$ 358,538.00**		
	Administration	**$ 29,070.00**	7.50%	
	Total Grant Amount:	***$ 387,608.00***		

The FY2025 funds will be allocated out to provider agencies through a Request for Proposal (RFP) application process anticipated release in late Spring 2026. The RFP process put in place would be used to develop an annual spending plan at a reduced funding amount, while preserving the most critical services. Applicants will be reviewed by the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Resource Allocation and Contract Review Subcommittee. Funding recommendations of the Subcommittee will then be presented to the full HSAC for approval, and then adopted by the Union County Board of County Commissioners for final approval/award of funds. All services are anticipated to begin 8/1/2026. In the RFP it will be required that all services provided will be matched at 100% to be in compliance with the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Regulations. It is anticipated that the following Emergency Solutions Grant activities will be implemented: emergency shelter nights will be provided with case management supports to stabilize program participants; street outreach will be conducted as a bridge to linking consumers with the Continuum of Care system for homelessness services; Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will be used to provide staffing for HMIS data entry; Rapid Re-Housing will be provided to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it; and Homelessness Prevention will be provided to individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance or assistance to move to another unit. Funding will be focused to impact homeless families with children and on Rapid Re-Housing services.

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FY2026-27 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Proposed Use of Funds

Introduction: 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 41.59% of available funding will be used to support the operations and essential services of emergency shelters, including Street Outreach. Approximately 50.91% 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.

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 CoC Advisory Board has established several committees including a committee to address homelessness; the intersections of homelessness and older adults; health and homelessness; and to address veteran and youth homelessness.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs (4,000 character max): The Union County Department of Human Services works with the Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee and all social service provider agencies to plan/implement the annual Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Survey count. This collaboration helps to ensure that the entire CoC captures the best count of homeless persons, including unsheltered persons.

In Union County there are 4 ways to get involved with the PIT:

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

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

Additionally, the Code Blue (CB) Homeless Emergency Shelter Initiative was established in an effort to respond to the plight of homeless individuals and families during severe winter weather. In December 2007, the Union County Department of Human Service, in concert with the Division of Emergency Management and Union County Police implemented the Countywide program to prevent death and injury among homeless people during periods of extreme weather conditions. Union County's CB initiative is the first countywide service of its kind in New Jersey. A CB alert starts with the Union County Office of Emergency Management, which transmits warnings of severe, potentially life-threatening cold weather from the National Weather Service. The threshold for activating CB is an overnight temperature is at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. The alert goes out to the county's Department of Human Services, which notifies emergency shelters, community organizations, and the County Police. The County Police get the word out to law enforcement personnel in all 21 municipalities. The early warning gives communities time to identify and locate people potentially in need of help. Shelters get time to arrange for extra beds using cots provided by the County. 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 assist a household regain stability in their current housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
- Rapid Re-Housing: Services under Rapid Re-Housing are to assist a household in obtaining stable housing as quickly as possible.

Services for both target populations include:

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

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

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

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

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

Below is the list of services that are anticipated to be provided under FY2026 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.

ESG Allocation Process: 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).

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

2026

Annual Action Plan Grantee SF-424, SF-424D, HUD 424-B and Certifications

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)

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June 1, 2026

Ms. Yasmin Thorton-Boady, CPD Representative
Community Planning & Development Division
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Newark Field Office-Region II
One Newark Center, 13th Floor
Newark, New Jersey, 07102-5260

Dear Ms. Thorton-Boady:

Enclosed please find the 2026 2027 Action Plan Grant Certifications, SF-424, SF-424D and HUD 424-B forms for the County of Union.

The Public Commentary period was held from April 9, 2026, through May 11, 2026; there were no comments received.

If you have any questions pertaining to this application for HUD funding, please contact Amy C. Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director of Economic Development at 908-527-4802.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Very truly yours,

Edward T. Oatman
County Manager

cc: Amy C. Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director of Economic Development
Philip Randl, Director, Division of Community Services
Christina M. Topolusky, Director, ESG
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: ☐ Preapplication ☒ Application ☐ Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Continuation ☐ Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): * Other (Specify):
* 3. Date Received: 06/20/2026	4. Applicant Identifier: County of Union	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-26-UC-34-0106	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:	

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:	County of Union
* b. Employer/Taxpayer conification Number (EIN/TIN):	* c. UEI:
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d. Address:

* Street1:	10 Elizabethtown Plaza
Street2:	
* City:	Elizabeth
County/Parish:	
* State:	NJ: New Jersey
Province:	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	07202-3461

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:	Division Name:
Economic Development	Community Services

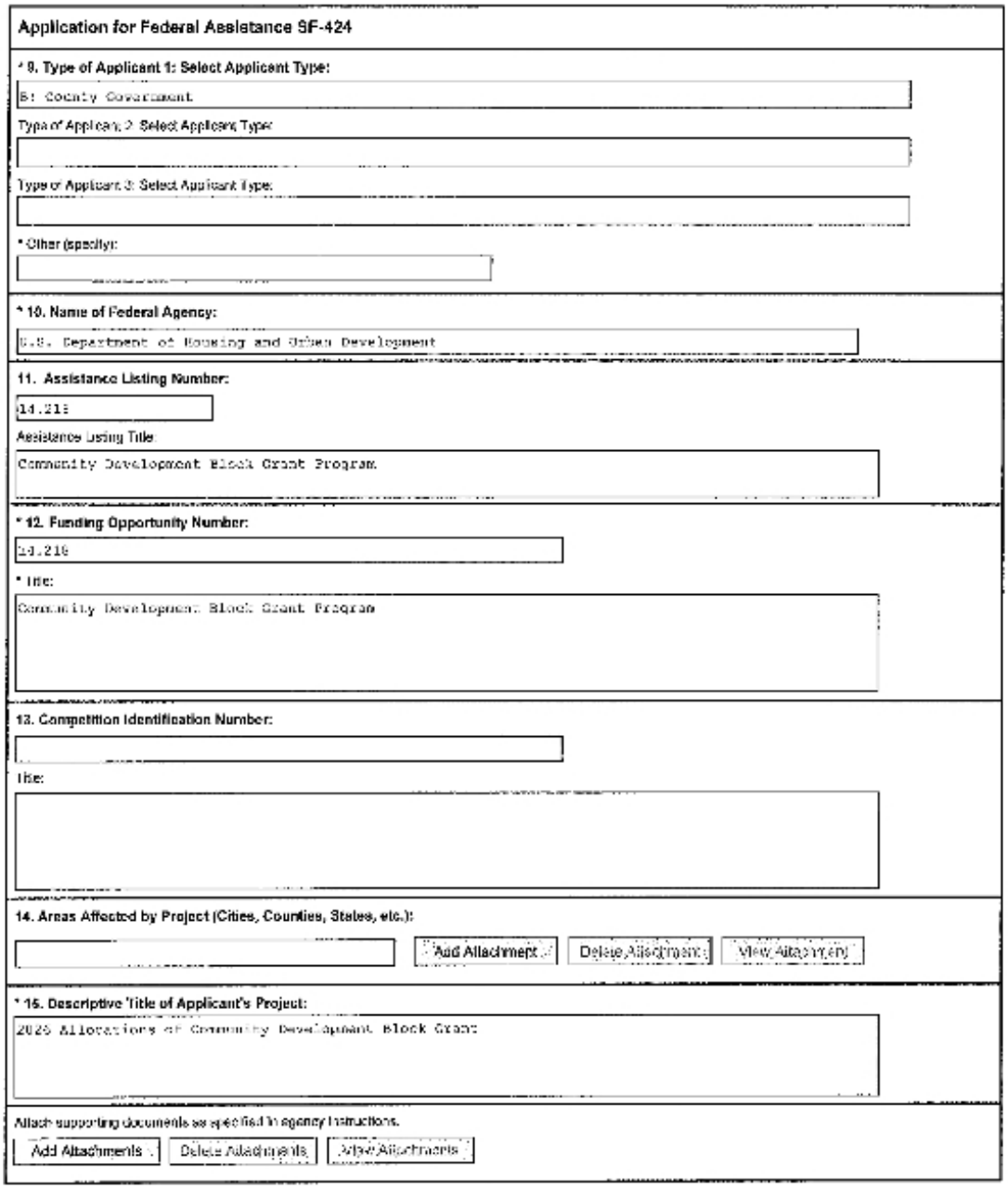
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:	Ms.	* First Name:	Amy
Middle Name:	C.		
* Last Name:	Maglaki		
Suffix:			

Title: Director of Economic Development

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:	908-527-4602	Fax Number:	908-208-8100
* Email:	AMaglaki@ucnj.org		



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Assistance Listing Number:

14.218

Assistance Listing Title:

Community Development Block Grant Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.218

* Title:

Community Development Block Grant Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

2026 Allocations of Community Development Block Grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: 7 10 13 * b. Program/Project: 7 10 13

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 08/01/2026 * b. End Date: 09/31/2027

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	4,374,194.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	380,000.00
* g. TOTAL	4,754,194.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:	Ms.
* First Name:	Amy
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Wagner
Suffix:	
* Title:	Deputy County Manager/Director of Econ. Dev.
* Telephone Number:	908-527-4602
Fax Number:	908-209-0100
* Email:	AWagner@somj.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	Amy C Wagner
* Date Signed:	7/15/26

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Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Expiration Date: 2/28/2027

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [Insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:
EDWARD DATMAN
*Title: COUNTY MANAGER
*Applicant/Recipient Organization:
COUNTY OF UNION

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et.seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et.seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

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* Signature:

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy): 6/1/2026

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
[signature]	County Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
County of Nolan	6/1/2026

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HOME

OMB Number: 4040-0004
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:
- [ ] Preapplication
- [x] Application
- [ ] Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:
- [x] New
- [ ] Continuation
- [ ] Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received: 08/01/2025

4. Applicant Identifier: County of Union

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-25-UC-340222

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: County of Union

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 22-6002451

* c. UEI: VHPCDSBMDGY7

d. Address:

* Street1: 10 Elizabethtown Plaza
Street2:
* City: Elizabeth
County/Parish:
* State: NJ: New Jersey
Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: 07202-3451

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Economic Development

Division Name: Community Services

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.
* First Name: Amy
Middle Name: C.
* Last Name: Wagaw
Suffix:

Title: Director of Economic Development

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 908-527-4838
Fax Number: 908-289-0180

* Email: AWagaw@ucnj.org

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Assistance Listing Number:

14.239

Assistance Listing Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.239

* Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Add Attachment | Delete Attachment | View Attachment

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

2026 Allocations of HOME Investment Partnerships Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments | Delete Attachments | View Attachments

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: 7 10 13 * b. Program/Project: 7 10 13

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

Add Attachment | Delete Attachment | View Attachment

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 08/01/2026 * b. End Date: 07/31/2027

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	1,106,235.83
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	1,106,235.83

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:	Ms.
* First Name:	Amy
Middle Name:	C
* Last Name:	Wagner
Suffix:	
* Title:	Deputy County Manager/Director of Econ. Dev
* Telephone Number:	908-527-4802
Fax Number:	908-289-0180
* Email:	AWagner@uncj.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	Amy C Wagner
* Date Signed:	7/15/26

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
[signature]	County Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
County of Union	6/1/2026

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Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0044
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Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

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By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: (Insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature):

*Authorized Representative Name:
EDWARD GATMAN
*Title: [illegible]
*Applicant/Recipient Organization:
COUNTY OF UNION

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* Signature:

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy): 6/1/2026

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: ☐ Preapplication ☒ Application ☐ Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: ☐ New ☒ Continuation ☐ Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): * Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received: 09/09/2025	4. Applicant Identifier: County of Union
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-26-UC-34-0106

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: County of Union	
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 22-6002401	* c. UEI: WZTSDARNKXY7

d. Address:

* Street1:	10 Elizabethtown Plaza
Street2:	
* City:	Elizabeth
County/Parish:	
* State:	NJ: New Jersey
Province:	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	07202-3452

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Economic Development	Division Name: Community Services

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.	* First Name: Amy
Middle Name: L.	
* Last Name: Wagner	
Suffix:	
Title: Director of Economic Development	
Organizational Affiliation:	
* Telephone Number: 908-527-4197	Fax Number: 908 209 0160
* Email: AWagner@ucnj.org	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Assistance Listing Number:

14.231

Assistance Listing Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.231

* Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

2026 Allocations of Emergency Solutions Grant Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments | Delete Attachments | View Attachments

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: 7 10 13 * b. Program/Project: 7 10 13

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 06/01/2026 * b. End Date: 07/31/2027

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	387,608.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	387,608.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:	Mr.
* First Name:	Edward
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Oatman
Suffix:	
* Title:	County Manager
* Telephone Number:	908-525-4200
Fax Number:	
* Email:	EOatman@ucnj.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	6/11/2026

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.) as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).

18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
[signature]	County Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
County of Union	6/1/2026

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Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Expiration Date: 2/28/2027

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [Insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:
EDWARD DATMAN
*Title: COUNTY MANAGER
*Applicant/Recipient Organization:
COUNTY OF UNION

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et.seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et.seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true, accurate, and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802; 24 CFR §28.10(b)(1)(iii)).

* Signature:

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy): 6/1/2026

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



Signature of Authorized Official

6/1/2026

Date

County Manager

Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2026 - 2027 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.

Signature of Authorized Official

6/1/2026
Date

County Manager
Title

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Signature of Authorized Official

6/1/2026
Date

County Manager
Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

Signature of Authorized Official

6/1/26
Date

County Manager
Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

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

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

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

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

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

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

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

Signature of Authorized Official

6/1/2026
Date

County Manager
Title

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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

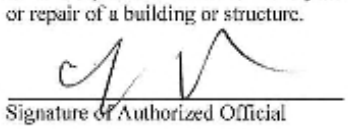
The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,

2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.



Signature of Authorized Official

6/1/2026

Date

County Manager

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

HOME-ARP

Union County, NJ

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Amended: April 2026

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template

Guidance

- To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, a PJ must:
  - Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations;
  - Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,
  - Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.
- To submit: a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan in IDIS as an attachment next to the "HOME-ARP allocation plan" option on either the AD-26 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 2-5 annual action plan) or the AD-25 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 1 annual action plan that is part of the 2021 consolidated plan).
- PJs must also submit an SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D, and the following certifications as an attachment on either the AD-26 or AD-25 screen, as applicable:
  - Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
  - Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;
  - Anti-Lobbying;
  - Authority of Jurisdiction;
  - Section 3; and,
  - HOME-ARP specific certification.

Participating Jurisdiction: County of Union Date: March 23, 2023

Consultation

Before developing its plan, a PJ must consult with the CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities, at a minimum. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state's boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

Summarize the consultation process:

The County of Union (The County) recognizes that consultation is important to support evidence-based solutions and intentional planning. The County made this a top priority to comply with all regulatory guidelines governing HOME-ARP funds, including Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (the

Notice). The County consulted a multitude of stakeholders including those required under the Notice, such as:

- The CoC serving the jurisdiction's geographic area,
- Homeless service providers,
- Domestic violence service providers,
- Veterans' groups,
- The public housing agency,
- Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and
- Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

For all processes involving the administration of funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the County follows consultation and public participation criteria outlined in our approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The County's CPP encourages input from the community and emphasizes involvement of low and moderate-income persons of the community, particularly those living in the targeted areas. The Plan also encourages comments and participation from all city residents, including minorities, non-English speaking persons, and individuals with disabilities. For the purposes of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, consultation and public participation focused on receiving input from qualifying populations, as defined above, and related service providers.

All stakeholders were provided the opportunity to complete a priority needs survey, a quick poll regarding gaps in the homeless services delivery system, exchange ideas related to HOME-ARP funding priorities, and ask questions about the County's HOME-ARP allocation.

Stakeholders were also consulted directly via interviews where discussions involved soliciting input on the housing and service needs of the qualifying populations, identifying gaps in the housing inventory and homeless services delivery system, and revealing resources available for assisting qualifying populations. The consultation process involved the service organization and its clientele. Direct consultations took place during December of 2022 - January and February of 2023.

The data received from service providers, County internal departments, and CoC/ESG committees helped to inform the funding priorities identified in this plan.

List the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Community Access Unlimited, Inc.	Service provider that addresses the needs of persons with	Survey (Survey Monkey)	CAU's most pressing needs involve unaccompanied youth. Increase production and preservation of affordable housing. Gaps in housing

	disabilities and at-risk youth.		and service needs include rental assistance and 1000+ units. Provide homeless residents with housing and full supportive services
Family Promise Union County	Service provider that addresses needs of homeless / at-risk families / DV	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Families at-risk of homelessness is the most pressing issue. Rental units with full supportive services, such as TBRA and case management support. Transitional housing is the best option in terms of non-congregate shelter. Create individual housing units, such as hotel/motel conversion for 1-2 BR units. "Rather than create more shelter beds, focus on the creation of non-congregate shelters, including SROs, or any other way to offer individual living space."
Community Investment Strategies, Inc.	Organization that addresses affordable housing for at-risk of homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	"General lack of affordability" is the most pressing issue. Prioritize production and preservation of affordable housing units. Housing and service needs gap that needs to be addressed is affordability. The best option to address this is building of new rental housing and case management services for residents. More apartments as opposed to non-congregate shelters. Barriers to quality housing include lack of housing in/near areas of opportunity.
City of Linden Social Services	Public agency that addresses needs of at-risk homeless single adults	Survey (Survey Monkey)	At-risk homelessness for single adults is the most pressing issue. Priority includes Supportive/homeless prevention services and purchase of non-congregate shelter. Housing shelter inventory gaps include affordable housing and financial literacy. Best homelessness prevention options include Case management/Home Ownership education, and life skills training. Supportive services that can be utilized are 6 month financial education courses with all housing programs, as well as promotion of home ownership with case management services for the first year. Landlord/tenant rights

			education for single parent households.
County of Union, Department of Human Services - DIFSS	Continuum of Care	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Most pressing issues are at-risk homeless single adults. Prioritize production and prevention of affordable housing, and TBRA. On the topic of current shelter and housing inventory, shelter for homeless individuals is a major gap in the housing shelter inventory. The best option to provide housing and prevent homelessness are conversion of hotels to serve the homeless population. Case management should be emphasized for social services funding.
HOPES CAP, Inc.	Public agency that provides supportive services to homeless/ at-risk of homeless families	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Homeless families are the most pressing issue. Priority for funding should address supportive/homeless prevention services and purchasing of non-congregate shelters, along with TBRA. There is an inventory gap in shelters for homeless individuals. Provide rental housing with full supportive services, including homelessness prevention and financial literacy. Funding should be appropriated to UC based agencies that provide these social services. Build larger non-congregate shelters and address the cost of housing in UC.
Ingerman Developers	Private organization that addresses affordable housing needs to those at risk of homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Families at-risk of homelessness is the most pressing issue. Prioritize production and prevention of affordable housing, and TBRA. The largest gap in housing shelter inventory is rental assistance. Providing rental housing with full supportive services, including housing counseling, landlord-tenant rights, housing search, budgeting, credit education/repair. Barriers include lack of housing near areas of opportunity.
Visions and Pathways	Public organization that deals with homeless youth	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Visions and Pathways provide emergency/temporary shelter for homeless youth and persons with mental health issues. Priorities should be more supportive/

	and mental health issues		homeless prevention services and counseling, production/preservation of affordable housing. The most significant gap in homeless shelter inventory is lack of housing for homeless youth. Homelessness prevention services, such as case management, life skills training and medical/mental health services. Regarding non-congregate shelters, transitional, affordable housing for youth, adults and families is the best option. Cost of living is a major barrier. Provide free mental health services for youth as well as case management. "Our youth and families need affordable housing AND supportive services in order to thrive and not continue the poverty cycle."
County of Union Department of Social Services	Continuum of Care: Homeless (+at-risk), domestic violence victims fleeing from domestic violence, mental health issues.	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize production and preservation of affordable housing, and supportive services designed to prevent homelessness. Families at-risk of homelessness are the population with the most critical needs. Biggest gaps in current housing shelter inventory are lack of rental assistance and job/financial counseling. Best options to prevent homelessness are providing rental housing with full supportive services and life skills training. ARP funds can be utilized to provide employment/financial coaching services.
City of Elizabeth, New Jersey	Homeless (+at-risk)	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize production and preservation of affordable housing, as well as supportive services, homeless prevention services and housing counseling. There is a gap in shelters for homeless families and the best options to deal with that include building new rental housing. In terms of supportive services, rental assistance would be the most effective to prevent homelessness. Barriers to quality affordable housing are the lack of affordable housing options available in certain areas. Existing buildings should be

			converted into non-congregate shelters.
Neighborhood Health Services Corporation	Health Service Provider for low-income individuals	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize purchase/development of non-congregate shelter, production and development of affordable housing. Lack of shelter for homeless individuals is a major gap in the current shelter and housing inventory. Rental housing with full supportive services is the best option to provide housing for the homeless, coupled with homelessness prevention service. Cost of housing is a major barrier in finding quality affordable housing. Smaller, non-congregate shelters throughout the jurisdiction.
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark	Homeless/ At-risk of homelessness affordable housing and service provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Production and preservation of affordable housing, along with supportive, homeless services and housing counseling should be prioritized. unaccompanied youth have the highest need based on their experience. Major gaps in the housing shelter inventory is the lack of rental assistance, but with "looser qualifications" to include more residents in need. Not enough non-congregate affordable housing, which should involve an increase in smaller shelters throughout the jurisdiction. Cost of housing is a major barrier in quality affordable housing. "(State-funded) Rental assistance dollars come with very specific requirements that many people in need do not meet. If the funds are left unspent year after year, they should re-assess those requirements."
YWCA of Union County	Public Org. assist those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Purchase/development of non-congregate shelter, production of affordable housing and supportive services are priorities that should be addressed with ARP funds. Population with the highest needs are those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking. Current gaps in the

			housing inventory are lack of shelters for those individuals who survived or are fleeing domestic violence. Increase affordable housing options with supportive services, which could include case management. Larger shelters and affordable housing options in “certain” areas are a barrier to finding quality housing. “programs and services should be designed to also address the underlying causes of homelessness including mental health and substance abuse, in addition to domestic violence etc.”
Volunteers of America, Greater New York	Private organization that provides affordable housing	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Increase in production and preservation of affordable housing should be a priority, along with the purchase/development of non-congregate shelter. Lack of shelter for homeless individuals is a major gap in the shelter/housing inventory. Increase the amount of non-congregate shelters for homeless individuals and families. The best option for providing housing to homeless residents are “development opportunities for affordable home ownership for low income individuals.” Supportive services should include housing counseling, consisting of landlord-tenant rights, housing search, budgeting, credit education/repair, etc.Training for case managers in engagement skills (developing trust and relationships) and trauma training when working with the homeless. Available funds for resources for the consumers (food, motel stays, application costs, background checks, etc.) Non-congregate shelters could be created by converting existing buildings into shelters. Barriers to quality affordable housing include lack of accessibility for people with disabilities. “Resources are needed so agencies can hire trained workers to do homeless outreach work. Even

			with trained staff, there are so many barriers to finding not only shelters but affordable housing. There is too much paperwork, hoops to jump through, and barriers to placement."
Urban League of Union County	Non-Profit Homeless Service Provider, Fair housing services provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, Housing counseling and Purchase of non-congregate shelter should be prioritized for ARP funding. Gap in the current shelter/housing inventory are the lack of rental assistance available for residents. Increase the programs available that provide rental assistance to prevent homelessness. The best option to provide and prevent homelessness are rental housing with full supportive services, such as housing counseling. "Need for more housing counseling services along with rental assistance to prevent evictions which are on the rise. The problem stems from the aftermath of the pandemic in which many people have lost their jobs and have not been able to find work that provides a living wage."
Rahway Community Action Organization	Homeless Service Provider (Families with dependents under 18)	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Produce and preserve more affordable housing projects, and increase the amount of supportive and homeless prevention services. A major gap in the current shelter and housing inventory is the lack of supportive services for homeless individuals, providing rental housing with full supportive services is the best option to fill this gap. The best option for non-congregate shelters is making more by converting existing buildings into shelters. Another barrier that should be closed is the lack of affordable housing in certain areas. "Because the majority of our funding is tailored towards families with dependents under 18, we are able to assist them. However, we receive a high volume of requests for assistance from at risk single adults in need of housing or rental assistance."

Development Directions, LLC	Private Homeless Service Provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Emphasize the production and preservation of affordable housing and provide TBRA to those experiencing homelessness. Homeless Veterans are a major unmet housing and service need among Qualifying Populations. Some gaps that should be addressed are the lack of rental assistance. Best options to provide housing for homeless residents are assisting landlords with housing and providing homeless residents with housing counseling. ARP funding should be used for life skills training as well. Build smaller non-congregate shelters throughout the jurisdiction. Cost of housing is a serious barrier to finding quality affordable housing.
United Way of Greater Union County	Private Homeless Service Provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	A pressing issue for UWGUC is the need to stabilize families living in financial crises who are at risk of falling into homelessness. There needs to be an increase in supportive and homeless prevention services, along with housing counseling. Financial stability is an unmet housing need for Qualifying populations. Supportive services for households and individuals at risk of homelessness presents a gap in the current housing/shelter inventory. There is also a lack of a coordinated approach to helping families in need. Providing rental housing with full supportive services and homeless prevention services are the best options to preventing homelessness. In terms of ARP funding for social services, long term assistance helps families become financially stable - helping families understand income vs expense and having the income to meet more than basic needs". Cost of housing is a barrier to quality affordable housing. More non-congregate shelters should be produced by converting existing buildings into shelters.

The Gateway Family YMCA	Non-Profit Homeless (+At-Risk) Service Provider, Fair Housing Service Provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize the production and preservation of affordable housing units and provide supportive services, such as homelessness prevention and housing counseling. Unmet housing and service needs for residents fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking should be addressed by producing shelters for victims. In regards to providing housing for homeless residents, the best option would be creating rental housing with full supportive services, such as case management. There should be larger non-congregate shelters built. Cost of housing is a major barrier for QPs trying to get affordable housing for themselves. "Provide a central location that the at risk and homeless community can go to for resources."
Linden Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency, Civil Rights, Fair Housing	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Most pressing needs to address are homeless veterans. Produce more affordable housing and purchase more non-congregate shelters. Among qualifying populations, at-risk of homeless single adults have significant unmet housing and service needs. The best option to provide housing to homeless residents is rental housing with full supportive services. Those supportive services should include various housing counseling services such as landlord/tenant rights, housing search, budgeting, etc. Cost of living is a major barrier to affordable housing, and non-congregate shelters should be produced by converting existing buildings into shelters. "Hire in a clinic setting a medical Doctor, Psychiatrist, Nutritionist, Physical Therapist, Opthamologist so one can visit on certain dates for service"

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless	Homeless/ At-Risk of Homelessness, Fair Housing	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize the purchase and/or development of Non-congregate shelter, along with the production of affordable housing and TBRA. Unmet housing and service needs for youth, those fleeing, undocumented and households who have no income need to be addressed. Gaps in the current shelter and housing inventory include shelters for all residents of Union County, including persons with mental health conditions. There are not enough beds to address the homelessness issue in Union County, especially for those with mental health conditions. The best option for providing housing to homeless residents is building rental housing with full supportive services, this should be coupled with housing counseling services.
Rahway Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency, Fair Housing, Civil Rights	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Production and preservation of affordable housing, along with the purchase/development of non-congregate shelter should be a priority. There is a gap of available housing for about 1000 families and 250 seniors. Building affordable housing with affordable rents is the best option to provide housing to homeless residents, "rents are completely unmanageable." Supportive services for the homeless could involve "mandatory flexible work internships with support services." In terms of non-congregate shelters, an idea could be to create SRO units in old factory buildings. In addition, providing a fleet of electric vehicles so that the cost of car ownership is not needed, those vehicles could be owned and monitored by the Housing Authority. "The biggest problem is the residents do not know how to dress for work, show up on time, maintain a job when difficulties arise, and keep a job. All of this has to be mandatory, but with counseling, child care and

			clothing provided. Obviously some are not able to work, but that is a small category."
NAACP-Rahway Branch	Civil Rights, Fair Housing, Homelessness & At-Risk of Homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Increase the production and preservation of affordable housing and provide TBRA. Current gaps in the current shelter and housing inventory include the lack of rental assistance and affordable housing options for renters. Utilization of homelessness prevention services are important to help the homeless stay housed. Convert existing buildings into non-congregate shelters. Barriers to finding good and affordable housing are the cost of housing. "We are a social justice agency so we help our constituency advocate for themselves as opposed to supplying the service."
County of Union Office of Veteran Services	Public Agency that addresses the needs of Veterans	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Priorities for HOME-ARP funds should involve more supportive services, homeless prevention services and housing counseling. In addition, purchase and/or development of non-congregate shelter and TBRA should be on the priority list. Current gaps in the housing shelter and inventory are the lack of shelter for Veterans. Rental housing with full supportive services are the best options for providing housing to homeless residents, including services that revolve around housing counseling. Funds could be used for additional social services such as "additional grants for qualified homeless veterans to

			accommodate 50-75 Veterans per year." Barriers to finding good and affordable housing include the lack of housing near areas of opportunity. "Locate or convert additional shelters for homeless or at-risk homeless Veterans in other Union County communities besides Plainfield and Elizabeth."
Jewish Family Services Central New Jersey	Homeless, At-Risk of Homelessness, Religious Organization	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritization of the production and preservation of affordable housing, as well as the purchase/development of non-congregate shelter. There are unmet housing and service needs for homeless families in the County, a major gap for that QP is the lack of shelter. The best choice for providing housing for homeless residents is building new rental housing. In terms of supportive services, the funding can be used to address the cost of housing. Conversion of existing buildings into non-congregate shelters is an option. "Developers have no incentive to create housing for lower income individuals. This is where the government may need to step in with regulations or put up housing. Housing needs to be accompanied by connected social services and quality programs/education."

Masjidullah, Incorporated (Plainfield, NJ)	Homeless, at-risk of homelessness, Religious Organization	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Production and preservation of affordable housing, along with supportive services should be prioritized. There are unmet housing and service needs for at-risk homeless single adults that should be addressed. There are also gaps in supportive services for homeless individuals. The best option to provide housing for homeless individuals should involve purchasing and renovating existing housing. Supportive services that could be funded include job training for individuals that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Barriers to affordable housing include the cost of housing. In terms of non-congregate shelter, the best option should be conversion of existing buildings into shelters.
Housing Authority of Plainfield	Public Housing Agency, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Homeless, At-risk of homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Ranked by priority, the production of affordable housing and tenant-based rental assistance, along with the preservation of affordable housing should be the focus. In regards to the current shelter and housing inventory, there is a gap in shelters for homeless individuals. There are unmet housing and service needs for Veterans in the County. The best option for providing affordable housing would be rental housing with full supportive services, that include homeless prevention services. Major barriers to affordable housing are the cost of housing itself. In regards to non-congregate shelter, the conversion of existing buildings would be the strongest option.

The Salvation Army Union County	Homeless, at-risk of homeless, Religious Organization	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Supportive Services, production and preservation of affordable housing should be prioritized in that order. At-risk of homeless single adults have unmet housing and service needs, and there is a gap in shelters available for homeless families. The best option to provide housing for homeless individuals is providing rental housing with full supportive services. Cost of housing is a major barrier to obtaining affordable housing. In regards to non-congregate shelters, the conversion of existing buildings into shelters is the most effective option.
Equities Development Group	Affordable housing provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	In order of priority, supportive services, production and preservation of affordable housing should be focused on with HOME-ARP funds. Homeless families deal with unmet housing and service needs, and lack of shelters for homeless families are a major gap. Best options to provide housing include building new rental housing. In regards to supportive services, housing counseling should be utilized. The best choice in terms of non-congregate shelters are building/preserving smaller shelters throughout the County.

The Arc of Union County	Affordable Housing Provider, Persons with Disabilities	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Production and preservation of affordable housing and purchase/development of non-congregate shelters should be prioritized. Populations with the highest need based on the agency's experience are persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities with no income. Gaps in the shelter/housing inventory are group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities. Supportive services such as housing counseling is important to helping residents stay housed and not return to homelessness. A barrier to finding good and affordable housing in Union County are accessibility for people with disabilities.
Sister2Sister, Incorporated	Homeless/At-Risk of homelessness	Survey (Survey Monkey)	Prioritize ARP funding in the following order:Production and Preservation of affordable housing and tenant-based rental assistance. At-risk homeless families have the highest need based on the agency's experience. Current gaps in shelter/housing inventory are lack of rental assistance. Best option to provide housing for homeless residents is to buy and renovate existing housing. In regards to support services, life skills training would help prevent a resident from falling back into homelessness. For non-congregate shelters, utilizing hotels/motels are a way to provide shelter to homeless residents. Fund counseling centers for people dealing with mental health /addiction issues, as well as providing assistance to those populations. Additionally, providing life skills and job training.

Morris Habitat for Humanity	Homeless/ At-Risk of Homelessness, Affordable Housing Provider	Survey (Survey Monkey)	ARP funding categories should be prioritized in the following order: production of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services/homeless prevention and housing counseling. Homeless families have unmet housing and service needs, and shelter for these families is a major gap that needs to be addressed. The best options to provide housing for homeless residents are to assist landlords with housing services. Supportive services could include job training. In regards to non-congregate shelters, the production of transitional housing could be effective. A major barrier for finding affordable housing is the cost of housing.

During the consultation process, Union County reached out to over 50 Community Organizations – including organizations serving the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, public housing organizations, Veterans organizations, and civil rights agencies – through the HOME-ARP Needs Assessment Survey. The County sent frequent follow up reminders via email/phone in order to ensure they had an ample opportunity to have their input included in the HOME-ARP planning process.

Stakeholders noted in the chart above who participated prioritized affordable rental housing development and the provision of supportive services as activities most needed to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability within the County. However, there was an additional need for TBRA, indicating the community feels there is a need for funding most eligible activities.

Some providers advocated for the sub-population they work with directly, while others advocated for sub-populations where they saw a gap in services. A common thread throughout the consultation meetings was that HOME-ARP funds provide an opportunity for additional services that will help people exit homelessness.

There was consensus around the need for supportive services to assist with housing navigation and educating prospective and current tenants on their legal rights, as well as housing stability case management to help people post-move-in maintain their housing. Several stakeholders stressed the need for more outreach services. Additional feedback received highlights the difficulty of housing clients with physical and mental disabilities, advocacy for additional shelter opportunities, addiction and mental health support, and the need for additional rental housing for low and very

low-income housing. Consultation with these entities focused on the community's needs and how the funds can best meet those needs within the structure of eligible activities.

Public Participation

PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of no less than 15 calendar days. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment" for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

- The amount of HOME-ARP the PJ will receive,
- The range of activities the PJ may undertake.

Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- Public comment period: start date - February 13th, 2023 end date - February 28th, 2023
- Public hearing: February 15th, 2023

Due to the "moderate" community risk level and recommendations around COVID-19, the public hearing was done via Zoom instead of public gatherings and social distancing protocols.

The County of Union held a virtual public hearing via zoom on February 15th, 2023. A public notice was procured and posted to various sources in order to give the public notice of comment period. Those sources include:

- Posted on UCNJ.org
- Posted in English in the Star Ledger
- Posted in Mandarin Chinese in the Sino-Monthly Magazine
- Posted in Spanish in the La Voz Newspaper

There were no further comments or recommendations as a result of our public hearing/comment period.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

The Citizen Participation process was crucial to the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and was encouraged throughout all stages of the consultation process. Union County promoted the surveys, community and focus group meetings, 15-day comment period, and public hearings. Consultation provided multiple opportunities in various formats for stakeholders and residents to share their experiences with working and providing services to qualified populations.

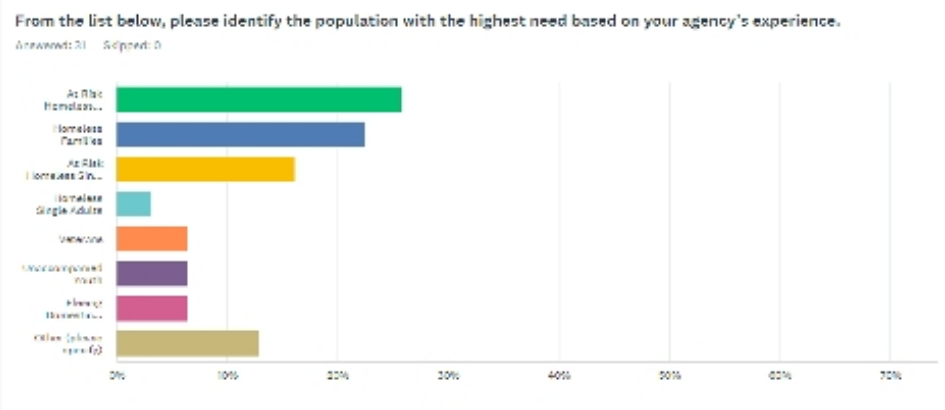
Our Public Hearing was held as an opportunity to comment on the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, budget, and recommended activities. The hearing was held on February 15, 2023, via Zoom.

To broaden public participation, all correspondence including surveys and public notices were posted to the County's website. Other outlets such as newspapers with the widest circulation in English, Spanish and Chinese. Our social media and emails to over 50 stakeholders and over 75 community non-profit organizations were utilized.

- Union County HOME-ARP Summary Webpage
- Surveys
- Stakeholder/Organization Community Meeting
- Individual Focus Group Meetings

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process:
The survey we sent out to community stakeholders (via survey monkey) was effective in identifying the needs of qualifying populations around the County of Union. We targeted organizations that work directly with those qualifying populations in order to get the most accurate representation of the needs of these particular residents. When asked about the qualifying population with the most pressing needs in the County, the top three responses by our stakeholders were (1) At-Risk of Homelessness (~25% of respondents) , (2) Homeless families (~20% of respondents), (3) At-Risk Homeless single adults(~15% of respondents) (see Chart 1).

Chart 1- UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)



We posed a similar question to the community, this time we asked which of the eligible funding categories should be prioritized. In this order, the recommended priorities should be: (1) Production of Affordable Housing (2) Social Services/Homelessness Prevention and (3) Preservation of Affordable Housing (see Chart 2). The County wanted to get a clearer picture regarding the gaps in our housing/shelter inventory, many of the stakeholders deal with emergency temporary shelter and social services, so they understand how the cost of housing is a serious impediment to preventing homelessness. When asked about the housing and shelter needs, over 30% of the respondents noted that rental assistance, or lack of rental assistance, was a gap that needed to be addressed using HOME ARP funds (see Chart 3). You will further note that lack of shelters for the various qualifying populations are the next most pressing gap for our stakeholders.

Chart 2 - UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)

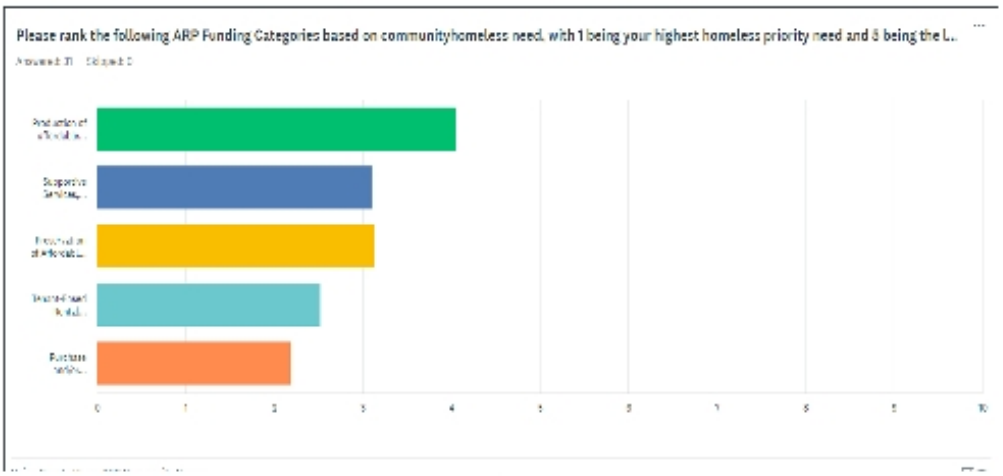
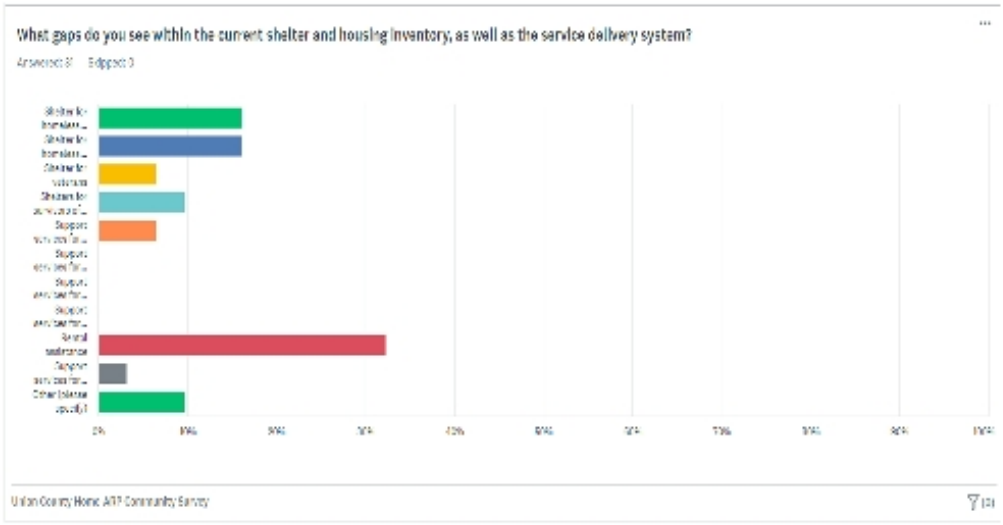


Chart 3 - UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)



The final part of our survey was intended to ask the community what the solutions to these issues are. The County wanted to know what the best solutions are to provide housing for qualifying populations, the wide majority, over 60% of respondents said that providing rental housing with full supportive services was the most effective option. After that, we had the construction of new rental housing, and "other". There were some varied answers with the stakeholders that responded with "other" to this question. Some of the respondents implied that we lack new affordable housing in areas of opportunity, such as areas with quality schools and more employment opportunities for residents. We also had a few community stakeholders, in relation to supportive services, who think the funding should go towards life skills and job training, landlord-tenant rights training, financial literacy as well as case management services. There was also a recommendation to hire medical and mental health personnel that can be available to eligible residents regularly for emergency or preventative medical care (see Charts 4 and 5)

Chart 4- UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)

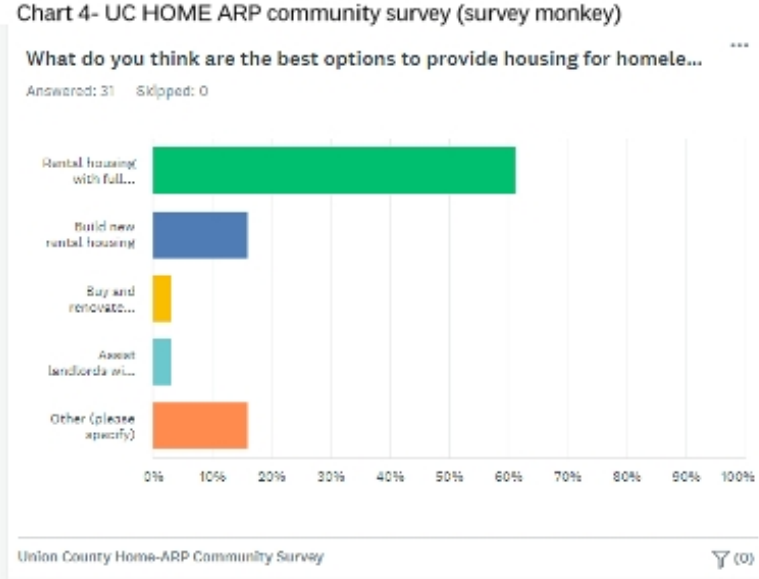
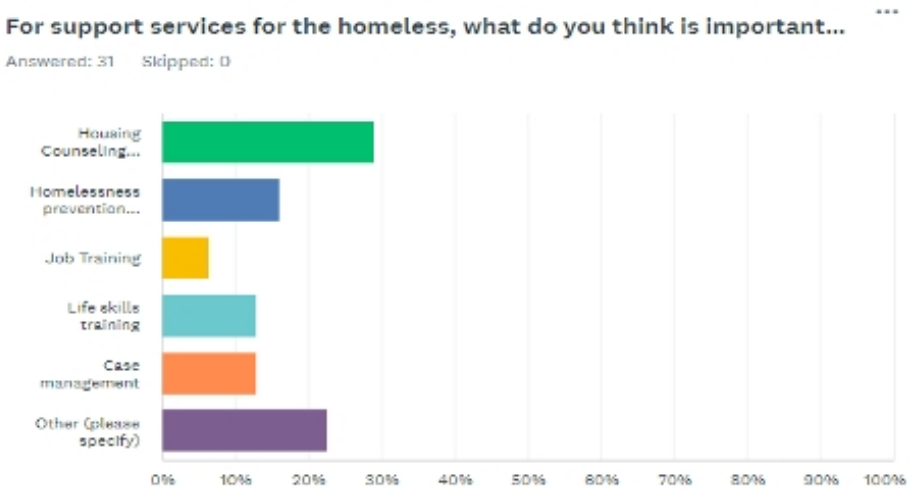


Chart 5- UC HOME ARP community survey (survey monkey)



Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

N/A

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis sections of this plan utilized multiple data sources. These include but are not limited to the Census, 2021/2022/2023 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) for homeless individuals, the local Continuum of Care (CoC), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and Union County Human Service Needs Assessment Report, among other sources.

This is in addition to consultation from CoC's, Homeless and Domestic Violence Service Providers, Veterans Groups, Housing Authorities, Public Service Providers, and organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

Union County evaluated the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assessed the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, we identified any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system.

The below table (Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table) includes data from the 2022 Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Count Report.

Homeless/At-Risk of Homelessness

In regards to the needs of homeless individuals and families in the County of Union, our data breaks down the current inventory of Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing for families as well as individuals. There are currently 35 beds and 35 units available in emergency shelters for families (at least 1 child in the household). Transitional housing inventory for families in the County currently stands at 66 beds and 58 units, while permanent supportive housing inventory shows 99 beds and 71 units available for families in need. There are currently 205 family households (with at least 1 child), our data further shows 81 families who are considered sheltered homeless and 0 families who are unsheltered homeless.

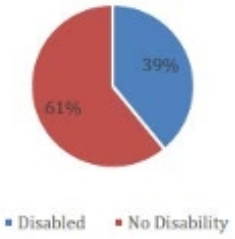
There is a slightly higher inventory in housing options for adults only, with emergency shelter options providing 139 beds and units available. Permanent supportive housing options for adults show 133 beds and 69 units available. The amount of beds/units available drops for transitional housing options for adults, showing about 21 beds and 23 units for adults. The homeless population for the County's adult homeless population are as follows: for other permanent housing, there are currently 171 adults. There are a total of 360 sheltered homeless adults and 56 who are unsheltered.

When looking at data for families/individuals who are at-risk of homelessness, data from the American Community Survey show that when breaking down residents by income, specifically, those who make >$20,000, $20,000 - $24,999 and $35,000-$49,000 annually. You will see that most of the people in those respective income brackets pay over 30% of their incomes in housing costs.

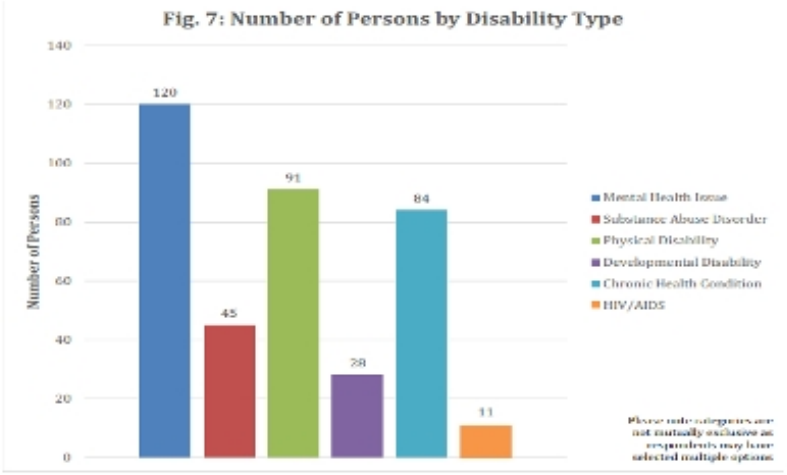
Homeless/At-Risk of Homeless Persons with Disabilities, Mental Health Issues

The Point in Time analysis expands on the count of homeless individuals in the County by further breaking down the population to distinguish those dealing with mental health issues and/or disabilities. Demonstrated by figure 6 (below), it was concluded that 39% of the homeless individuals counted were dealing with some sort of disability.

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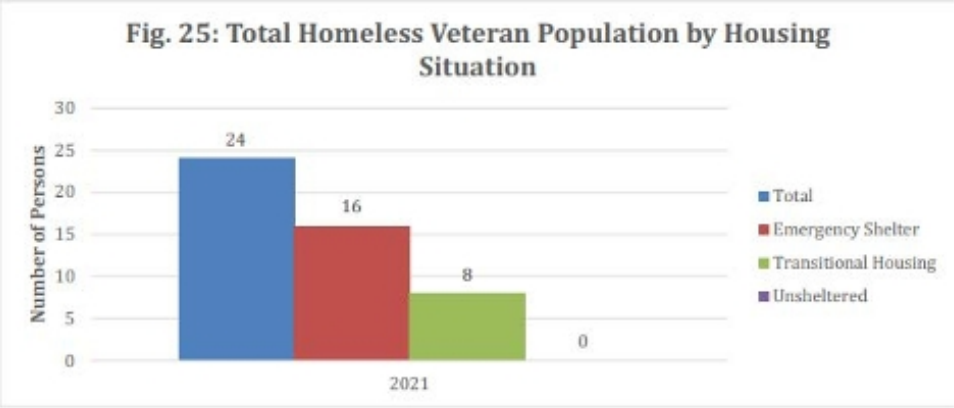


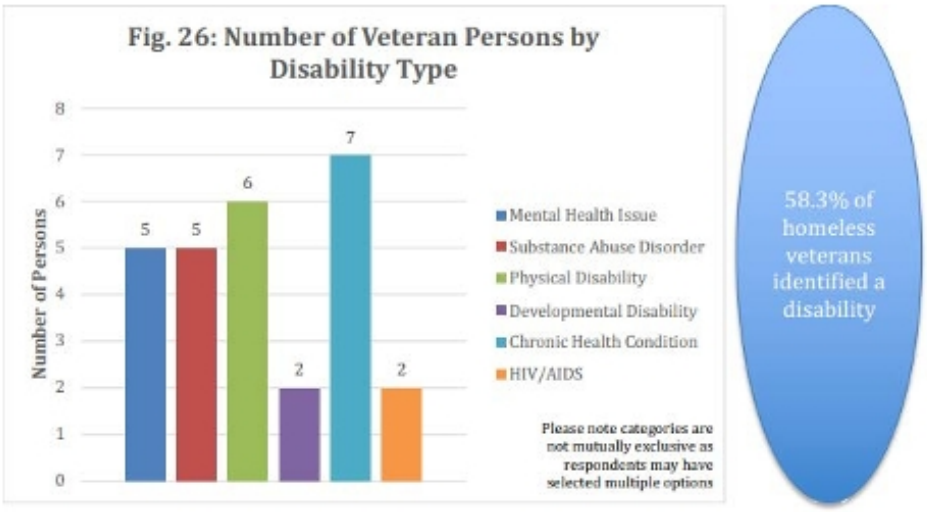
Furthermore, the same homeless population saw over 65% of those respondents listing mental health issues as the most prevalent among disabilities. The next most common disability among the homeless count were physical disabilities, coming in around 42% of those residents.



Veterans

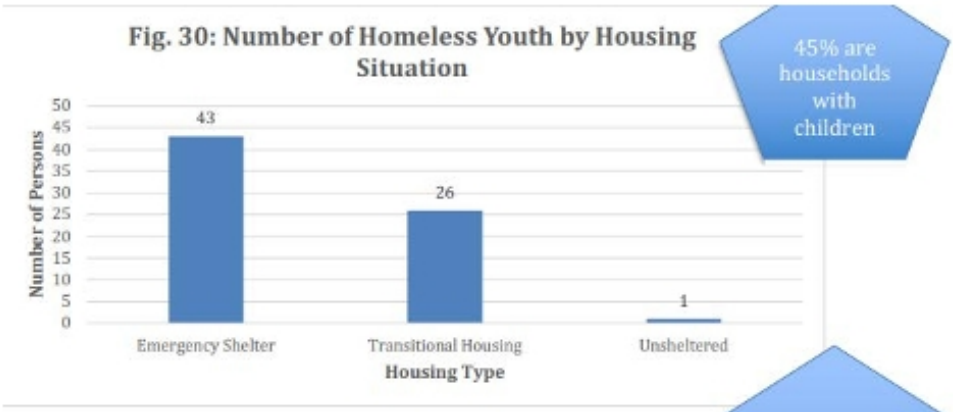
The current housing inventory for Veterans in Union County consists of 15 beds available in emergency shelters. There are currently 10 beds available in transitional houses while there are four (4) beds available in permanent supportive housing options. The homeless Veteran population, and their current housing situation stands at 10 Veterans using other permanent housing options. Our data shows 16 Veterans who are homeless but sheltered, and two (2) who are considered homeless. The Point in Time count gives us a breakdown of the housing situation for Union County Veterans, as well as a breakdown of disability type among the population that was counted (see Figures 25 & 26):

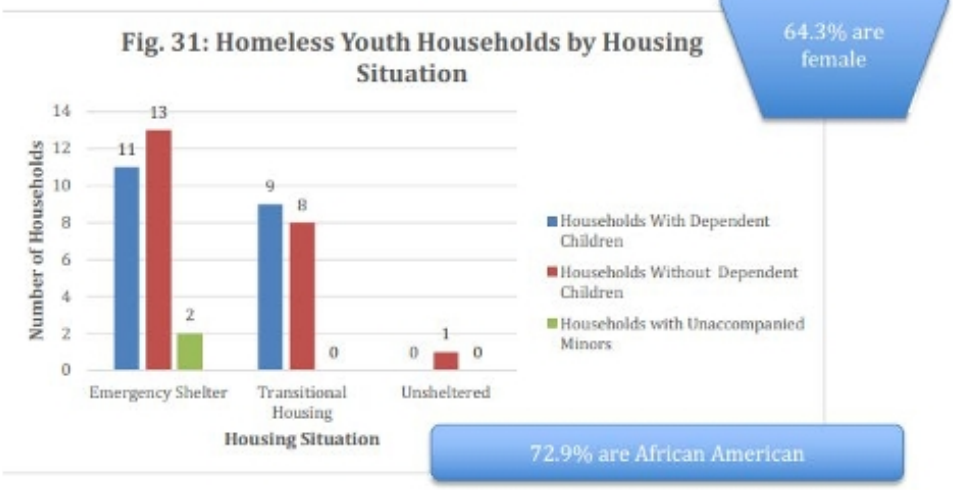




Homeless Youth

A breakdown of homeless youth in the County was also provided by the 2021 Point in Time count. The data identifies youth as follows: "persons under the age of 25 who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian. This can include individual youth (18-24 years old), unaccompanied minors (17 or younger), households of 2 or more youth presenting together as a household, and pregnant or parenting youth who are the legal guardians of one or more children." (UC Point in Time Count 2021, p. 24)

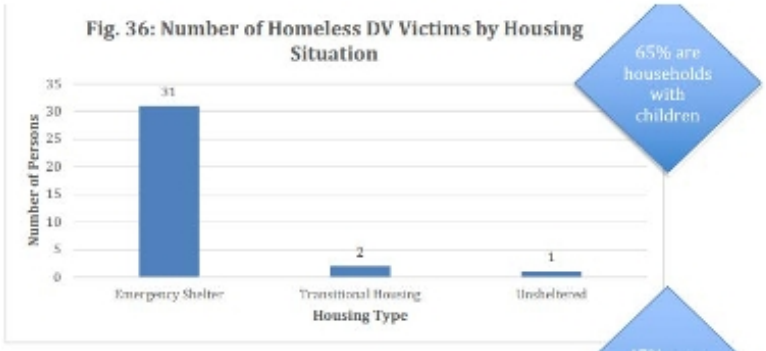


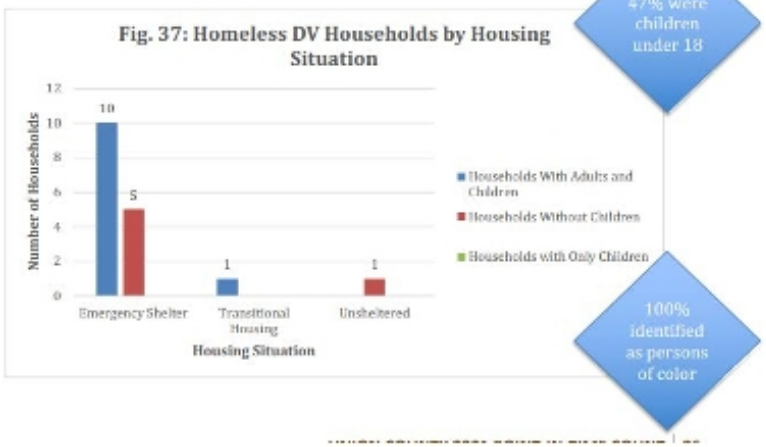


Figures 30 and 31 (above) give us a breakdown of the current housing situations among homeless youth. There are currently 26 households utilizing emergency shelters in Union County. Among those households, 11 were households with dependent children, 13 households did not have dependent children while two (2) households were unaccompanied minors. In regards to transitional housing, 17 households were noted, nine (9) of which have dependent children and eight (8) were households without dependent children. There was a single household without dependent children that were completely unsheltered. Over 60% of households are female, and over 70% are African-American.

Those Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking & Human Trafficking

The current data available to us regarding victims of domestic violence in Union County show that there are currently zero (0) residents currently utilizing emergency shelter. However, there are 58 residents currently considered sheltered but homeless, while there are about 3 individuals who are homeless and unsheltered. The initial Point in Time Count for Union County (2021) provides a graph of the current situation for homeless domestic violence victims (see figure 36 & 37 below):





Figures 36 and 37 provide an extensive look into the current housing situation for many homeless victims of domestic violence. When the Point in Time count of 2021 took place, there were 15 households using emergency shelter options. Of those 15 households, there were 10 families with at least one child, the remaining five (5) were adults only. The total number of individuals utilizing emergency shelters were about 31, while there were two (2) individuals using transitional housing and one (1) individual who was unsheltered. Supplemental data from public consultation and CoC inventory added more individuals to those totals, giving us the aforementioned amount of people mentioned in our data chart. (see Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table - CoC)

It should also be noted that 100% households who were included in the Point in Time count were persons of color, and in regards to households with children, 47% were under 18 years old.

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table - CoC

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	35	35	139	139	15								
Transitional Housing	66	58	21	23	10								
Permanent Supportive Housing	99	71	133	69	4								
Other Permanent Housing						205	171	10	0				
Sheltered Homeless						81	360	16	58				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	56	2	3				
Current Gap										86	142	383	356

Suggested Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table- need to check.

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	90,051		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	20,235		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	5,008		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		16,905	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		13,450	
Current Gaps			5,112

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:
According to the American Community Survey 2021 annual estimates prepared by the Census Bureau, about 572,114 people live in Union County, and 9% (51,490 persons) of Union County residents are living below the poverty line.

Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness

In Union County persons identifying as Black or African American are overrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness. While 20.3% of the general population, persons identifying as Black or African American are 28% of the population in poverty and 54.1% of the population counted as experiencing homelessness. Persons identifying as Black or African American represent 57% of the sheltered population (staying in emergency shelter, transitional housing or safe havens) and 55.1% of the counted unsheltered population. Persons identifying as White and not Hispanic or Latino represent 16.5% of the sheltered population and 22.4% of the counted unsheltered population. Persons identifying as Hispanic/Latino represent 26.2% of the sheltered population and 22.4% of the counted unsheltered population. Of those unsheltered 53% reported a disability.

Veterans

The Union County Veteran population has seen an increase in homelessness. Since 2019 there has been a 189% increase in those in Emergency shelters, transitional housing, or unsheltered. 80% of homeless veterans identified a disability.

Those Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking & Human Trafficking

Findings for Victims of Domestic Violence include 72.7% females, 18.2% are African American. According to the Point in Time data from 2021, the County currently has just under 60 residents who are utilizing shelters but are still considered homeless. There are two victims of domestic violence currently utilizing transitional housing, while one person is unsheltered. 100% of the people counted in the 2021 P.I.T. report identified as persons of color.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness;
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations;
- Individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence; and
- Veterans and their families who fit the previous criteria

As the most frequently raised issue, the need for affordable housing is clearly the highest unmet need in the county. Issues exist related to availability of shelter beds, transitional housing, long term affordable housing, and housing for seniors and individuals with disabilities. While the county has taken efforts to address the needs of homeless people, including developing warming centers, and engaging the faith-based community in this effort, concentrated efforts are still needed to make the housing system, limited as it is, more responsive to resident needs. To accomplish this, the following activities are recommended:
Short-term:

- Under the public/community partnership, create a workgroup focused on homelessness
- Design and implement an organized system of services for homeless individuals and families.

- Establish a single point of intake and service routes for homeless services.
- Create strategies for "housing first" and homeless prevention in addition to crisis-based services.
- Consider best practice models/strategies from within NJ and nationally (e.g., Mercer County and Denver, Colorado).
- Utilize a unified, consistent approach to shelter development among faith-based providers.
- Review the use of the Homeless Trust Fund in the context of emerging strategies.

Longer-term:

- Engage federal and state officials, municipal officials, developers and landlords to create a Union County Housing Task Force to confront and resolve the many challenging issues identified in the Community Needs Assessment (CNA) related to affordable housing and income disparities.

Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Populations

As part of discovering the unmet need for the homeless population, we reviewed the CoC's most recent 5-year plan. It outlines the following strategies to address immediate unmet needs

In addition to the strategies to meet immediate needs listed above, both the housing response system and crisis response system must also be strengthened. To address these needs, the CoC has also identified the following ways to refine engagement strategies for people living unsheltered:

- Expand the number of outreach teams and staff to ensure appropriate coverage to all geographies throughout the CoC. Coordinate outreach teams to ensure standardization of outreach practices, schedules, and engagement strategies across all outreach efforts.

- Undertake proactive, non-punitive responses to outreach, which are critical when there are high numbers of people who are unsheltered to reduce significant dangers found at encampments.

- Expand crisis housing response to include a navigation/ engagement center for the most vulnerable unsheltered people who require specialized services to address comorbidities of mental illness, substance use disorders, chronic health conditions and prolonged social dislocation.

At-Risk of Homelessness

Half of all renters in the County are considered cost-burdened, including a quarter who are severely cost burdened or spend more than 50% of their income on housing. More than half of renter households earning between $35,000 and $50,000—which is the range that includes the median renter household income ($42,000) in 2019—are considered cost-burdened.

- Lack of Homes available to Extremely Low-Income Households

  One primary issue is the lack of homes that serve households earning less than $23,000 per year, or 30% AMI. Because of this lack, 90% of these households are cost-burdened and end up renting homes that would otherwise be affordable to residents earning higher incomes. This, in turn, squeezes the available housing supply for those residents and causes housing shortages at the 30-60% AMI level as well.

- Housing Quality and Maintenance Challenges

  In some cases, affordable homes may not have the high-quality, healthy living environment that families are seeking. Homeowners may face heavy burdens keeping up with needed maintenance, particularly in older homes.

- Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic

  The pandemic has increased housing instability for many families through losses of jobs and income, leading more families to become cost-burdened. In addition, lumber prices and other prices of goods have substantially increased during the pandemic, which has increased the price of new construction and home repairs.

Individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence

Those that were able to leave their partners but could not access resources increased their chance of homelessness. Over half of the victims experienced homelessness at least once in their lifetime. A secure job would help the victim achieve a safe exit plan; however, most of the participants have children that would require childcare. Without childcare services or schooling for children - it is difficult to maintain a job.

Based on the results of the PIT and HIC data, and consultation with community stakeholders the priority needs for Domestic Violence victims should include:

- Case Management Services
- Childcare Services
- Available access to Shelters
- Affordable Rental Units
- Services for Victims who are exiting incarceration or undocumented individuals

Veterans

According to data provided by our Point-in-Time Count 2021, as well as consultations from Veterans organizations, we are able to see that most homeless/at-risk of homeless Veterans in the County of Union are utilizing transitional and other permanent housing options. However, P.I.T. 2021 data shows that a significant amount of Veterans that were surveyed are dealing with disabilities. In fact, almost 60% of the homeless Veterans have identified some sort of disability. The disabilities that were identified for Veterans in the County include: mental issues, substance abuse, physical and developmental disabilities, HIV/AIDS and the most prevalent, chronic health issues.

Consultations with community stakeholders also identified the need for permanent housing options for Veterans, and with the prevalence of disabilities within this population, that housing should be packaged with social services, including services that will address the disabled homeless Veteran populations. Many housing options currently available for Veterans are concentrated in Elizabeth and Plainfield, community Veterans organizations have recommended the development of additional shelters in other municipalities, preferably in areas of opportunity that have access to quality employment opportunities and health service providers.

Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing

The County of Union, internally and through partnerships with community housing/service providers, employs a variety of services and programs designed to assist qualifying populations. These programs and services include:

- Home Investment Partnerships Program
- Community Development Block Grant
- Union County Housing Assistance Payment Program (Section 8)
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- Office of Veteran's Services
    - UC Veteran's Services helps Veterans navigate different programs and services that are typically provided through the federal Veterans Administration (VA). Due to the fact that V.A. programs and services can be difficult to manage, Veteran's Services acts as a liaison to help assist eligible residents with their

benefits and entitlements provided by the federal government. This office also assists the loved ones of Veterans who need assistance navigating programs.

- Home Improvement Grant
  - This program is designed to assist Union County homeowners, who are considered low and moderate income, with repair services for their homes.
- Senior Home Improvement Grant
  - The Senior version of the Home Improvement Grant is similar to the latter in terms of residents who are eligible for funds. However, the money that gets awarded is capped at $10,000.

- Office of Social Services, County of Union
  - The Office of Social Services has two offices around the County, Elizabeth and Plainfield. They provided a variety of services to low income individuals who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. Eligible residents can reach out to get information on:
    - Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)
    - Assistance with Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards.
    - Assistance with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
    - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
    - Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)

- Department of Human Services
  - -Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs
    - This office provides social and recreational services for residents with disabilities and special needs, including but not limited to rental/utility assistance, entitlements, and accessibility issues.
  - Office on Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse
    - In addition to providing residents with substance and alcohol abuse prevention services, this office provides resources to people dealing with mental health issues. Some resources include a hotline for residents in need of emergency psychiatric services as well as a comprehensive guide to mental health services in Union County that can be found on the office's website.
  - Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU)
    - The Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU) is a legislatively mandated program for families experiencing family conflict, runaway behavior, truancy, minor delinquency, threat to safety issues, and human trafficking within the family unit warranting intervention. The goal is to mediate the immediate crisis and make recommendations to prevent involvement or further involvement with the court. When all appropriate resources have been utilized, and the family is still in crisis, FCIU has the option of filing a Family Crisis Petition with Family Court. This program has 24/7 response capability.
    - Continuum of Care/Homeless Unit.
      - The goal of the CoC is to provide information and resources regarding safety net services to help residents of Union County become self-sufficient. The CoC works directly with community organizations that specialize in homelessness and homelessness prevention services.

Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

Through consultations with the Continuum of Care and local stakeholders, we have determined the cost and availability of housing in Union County presents a significant gap in the current housing and shelter inventory. According to HUD's assessment of the Metropolitan area, the following are the Fair Market Rents, by bedroom size, for the fiscal year 2023:

Efficiency ... $1,129.00
1-Bedroom... $1,338.00
2-Bedroom... $1,606.00
3-Bedroom...$2,038.00
4- Bedroom...$2,394.00

Data from the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), which identifies "housing problems" for owners and renters, such as cost burden. The data provided shows that nearly 200,000 residents are struggling with the cost of living in Union County, the wide majority of the residents identified in the CHAS data are below the 50% HAMFI. (Please see chart below)

Housing Cost Burden Overview 3	Owner	Renter	Total
Cost Burden less-than or= 30%	74,095	40,145	114,240
Cost Burden >30% to less-than or= 50%	20,025	19,225	39,250
Cost Burden >50%	16,655	18,175	34,830
Cost Burden not available	570	1,200	1,770
Total	111,350	78,750	190,100

Union County residents/families that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, who would likely be included in the lowest income bracket represented by the CHAS dataset, which indicates that residents who make the lowest incomes in the County are at the highest risk of losing their housing, regardless of whether they own or rent their dwelling, which totals out to over 114,000 residents.

Additionally for homeowners, the costs associated with "cost burden" mainly involve "select monthly owner costs" which includes mortgage payments, utilities, association fees, insurance and real estate taxes (CHAS). For renters, the cost burden lies mainly in the amount of gross rent (contract rent plus utilities) they are required to pay.

Using data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) to take a deeper look into the housing cost burden in the County:

Monthly Housing Costs	Owner Occupied Housing Units	Renter Occupied Units

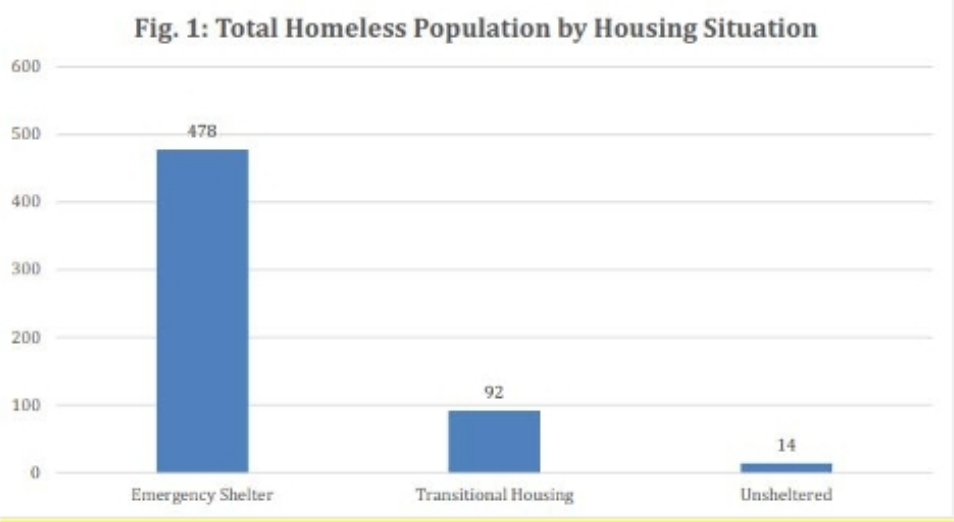
as a percentage of Household income		
> $20,000 annual income	4782	12,062
<20% (of income)	144	332
20-29% (of income)	216	1,245
>30% (of income)	4,422	10,485
$20,000 - $34,999 annual income	5,148	14,143
<20% (of income)	359	1,006
20-29% (of income)	349	1,634
>30% (of income)	4,440	11,503
$35,000 - $49,999 annual income	7,280	10,346
<20% (of income)	690	561
20-29% (of income)	764	1,678
>30% (of income)	5,826	8,107

(Data from American Community Survey S2503 FINANCIAL CHARACTERISTICS)

The data from ACS S2503 further displays that despite ownership or rental status of the household, the lower the income of the household makes them more likely to pay a larger percentage of income towards housing costs. Furthermore, the majority of the residents in each income bracket pay greater than 30% of their income in housing costs.

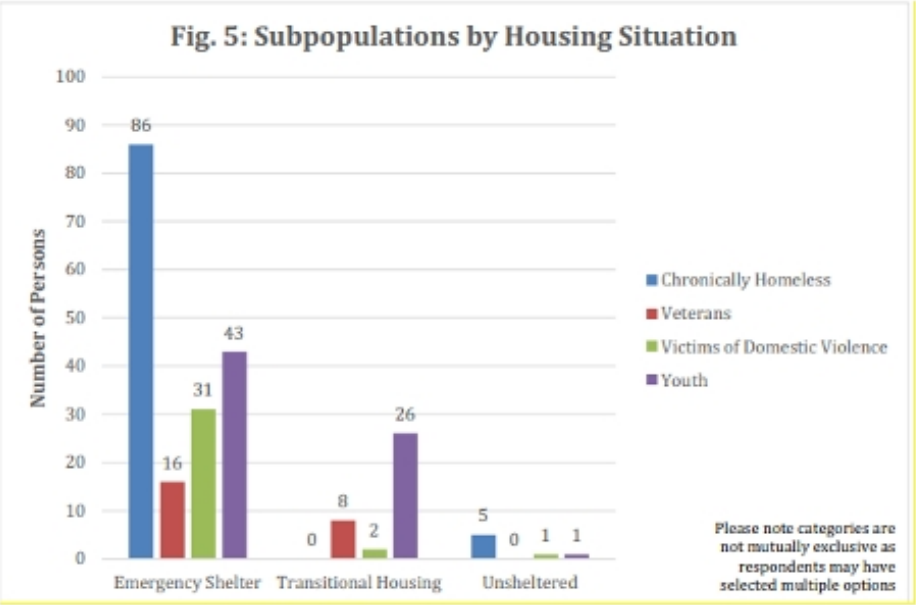
Lack of Shelters in Union County

Based on various consultations with CoC and community stakeholders, we received input that allowed us to recognize that, although shelter providers in the County do a great job of providing some sort of housing to most of the homeless individuals in the County, there is still a significant amount of homeless individuals that do not have any sort of shelter. (Union County Point In Time County 2021). On top of that, most of the current homeless shelters are concentrated in the City of Elizabeth, a common suggestion made by community stakeholders is to have smaller shelters that are spread more evenly around the County.



(Union County Point in Time Count 2021)

The Point in Time count recently completed also gives us insight into the shelter situations for many of the County's most vulnerable populations, specifically those residents who are considered Qualifying Populations by HUD. Emergency shelters (see figure 5 below):



To demonstrate the concentration of shelters in Union County, please see the graph below provided by HomelessSheltersDirectory.org (Column 2 indicates how many shelters are in the municipality, Column 3 indicates shelters nearby):

Westfield		1	Union	Feb 21, 2023
Vauxhall		1	Union	Feb 23, 2023
Union	1	1	Union	Feb 28, 2023
Summit		1	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Springfield		1	Union	Feb 23, 2023
Scotch Plains Township		1	Union	Feb 23, 2023
Scotch Plains		1	Union	Feb 21, 2023
Roselle Park		1	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Roselle		4	Union	Feb 20, 2023
Ridgefield Park village		1	Union	Feb 19, 2023
Rahway		1	Union	Feb 21, 2023
Plainfield		1	Union	Feb 24, 2023
New Providence		4	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Mountainside		1	Union	Feb 21, 2023

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Linden		3	Union	Feb 23, 2023
Kenilworth		1	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Hillside Township		1	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Hillside		1	Union	Feb 23, 2023
Garwood		1	Union	Feb 21, 2023
Fanwood		2	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Elizabethport		5	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Elizabeth	3	1	Union	Feb 24, 2023
Cranford Township		1	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Cranford		1	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Clark		1	Union	Feb 23, 2023
Berkeley Heights Township		3	Union	Feb 25, 2023
Berkeley Heights		3	Union	Feb 25, 2023

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of "other populations" as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The priority needs for each qualifying population in Union County, which include but are not limited to: Homeless, At-Risk of Homelessness, Victims of Domestic Violence and Veterans, are for shelter space, including shelter specifically for the aforementioned qualifying populations who are fighting substance abuse and mental health, and for permanent supportive housing to move homeless households into permanent housing with the comprehensive services they need to ensure their housing stability.

Another priority is for permanent affordable housing serving those with housing instability, and those with a range of disabilities including behavioral health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), to improve their housing security and decrease their risk of becoming homeless.

Explain how the level of need and gaps in its shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan were determined:

The County of Union was able to determine the current needs and gaps of qualifying populations using public data such as the American Community Survey (ACS) , Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) as well as internal data such as the 2022 Point-In-Time Count. In addition to those data sets, we relied heavily on information that was provided by the Department of Human Services and Continuum of Care. Survey results from our community stakeholders provided supplemental information on the needs and gaps they witness when they are working with qualifying populations.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Pending HUD approval of its HOME-ARP allocation plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment, the County of Union will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for interested homeless service agencies, affordable housing developers and experienced developers of permanent supportive housing and/or affordable housing. In addition, there will be a posted public notice in the local newspaper as well as on the County's website. County Home Program

staff will determine which applicants have the capacity to undertake a given Home-ARP activity in accordance with HUD regulations.

The County will not administer any eligible activities directly and has also decided it will not be giving preference to any specific qualifying population. In partnership with the Continuum of Care, the County will be utilizing the Coordinated Entry System to determine which applicants are eligible for Home-ARP activities.

If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds were provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

N/A

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	$ 725,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	$ 475,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	$ 1,500,000		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	$ 1,500,000		
Non-Profit Operating	$ 100,000	2.2 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	$ 100,000	2.2 %	5%
Administration and Planning	$ 62,994	1.2 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	$ 4,462,994		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

The County of Union reviewed the needs and gap data for shelter, affordable rental housing, the available resources and investments from other sources for all eligible activities, and the input received from stakeholders working with people experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, and housing insecurity. The data and stakeholder input demonstrate significant resource gaps across all HOME-ARP eligible activities

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

Approximately 200 - 250

Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how it will address the PJ's priority needs:

Preferences

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.

If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or category of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

No preferences will be given

If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:

No preference will be given

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with 24 CFR 92.206(b). The guidelines must describe the conditions under with the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

- Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity

  Union County does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

- Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.

  Enter narrative response here.

- State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.

  The County intends to invest HOME ARP funds to maintain current affordable units.

- Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.

  The County will require a 20 year compliance period.

- State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

  The County will not use HOME ARP funds to refinance any multifamily loans or insured by any Federal program, including CDBG.

- Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:

  N/A