



PUBLIC NOTICE
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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HOME – AMERICAN RESCUE AMENDMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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Bergen County was awarded \$10,376,279 in HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in a one-time allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a condition for receiving these funds, the County submitted a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which HUD subsequently approved.

HOME-ARP funding will assist individuals or households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan addresses the needs of qualifying populations through HUD-approved eligible activities. These activities include the development and support of affordable rental housing, provision of supportive services, and tenant-based rental assistance. Bergen County’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Substantial Amendment will include:

I. Use of HOME-ARP Funding

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan allocated funding amounts to each of the HOME-ARP activities. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan’s budget will be amended to the following:

| | Funding Amount | Percent of the Grant | Statutory Limit |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Supportive Services | \$ 5,175,782.00 | | |
| Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters | \$ 0 | | |
| Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) | \$ 1,200,000.00 | | |
| Development of Affordable Rental Housing | \$ 2,444,056.00 | | |
| Non-Profit Operating | \$ 0 | 0 % | 5% |
| Non-Profit Capacity Building | \$ 0 | 0 % | 5% |
| Administration and Planning | \$ 1,556,441.00 | 15 % | 15% |
| Total HOME ARP Allocation | \$ 10,376,279.00 | | |

II. Preferences

In the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, no preference was originally given to any qualifying populations or subpopulations. In the Substantial Amendment, BCDCD will establish preferences for the following two projects:

1. Emerson Veteran Housing – The Valor: Priority will be given in the selection of applications for veterans within any of the four Qualifying Populations.
2. Hudson Hill at Arch Street, Ramsey: Priority will be given in the selection of applications for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), as defined under Qualifying Population 4.

These subpopulations will receive preference in alignment with the County's commitment to serving vulnerable groups.

A copy of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Substantial Amendment draft will also be available on the Bergen County Division of Community Development website at:

<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/community-development/home-american-rescue-plan-arp>.

The Bergen County Division of Community Development will accept comments on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Substantial Amendment draft via email at ebesserer@co.bergen.nj.us and by phone at (201) 336 7230 or by U.S. Mail submitted to Emily Besserer at the Bergen County Division of Community Development at One Bergen County Plaza, 4th floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601. The deadline for comments to be received is Friday, November 15, 2024.

Translation and Disability Assistance

It is the intention of the County to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. The County will make efforts to provide translation assistance for program information. Please contact the Bergen County Division of Community Development office if translation services or accommodations are needed. To request assistance, please contact Emily Besserer at the Bergen County Division of Community Development via email at ebesserer@co.bergen.nj.us or call at (201) 336-7230.

James J. Tedesco III, County Executive

Thomas J. Sullivan, Chair, Board of Commissioners