



# Gloucester County

HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan Program  
(HOME-ARP)

**ALLOCATION PLAN**

Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan  
March 2023



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**Participating Jurisdiction: Gloucester County, NJ**

**Date: March 27, 2023**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing over 1.9 trillion dollars to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation. Of those funds, \$5 billion was earmarked for homelessness assistance and supportive services for individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include the development and support of affordable housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), the provision of supportive services, and the acquisition and development of congregate and non-congregate shelter units (NCS). Gloucester County received a HOME-ARP allocation of \$2,153,826. The County has completed the required consultation, public participation, analysis of community needs and inventory of resources in the development of this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

## **CONSULTATION**

**Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:**

Gloucester County began the HOME-ARP planning process by first consulting with Gloucester County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) Committee on November 15, 2022. In South Jersey there is a Four County Continuum of Care (CoC), which includes the Counties of Camden, Cape May, Cumberland and Gloucester. This CoC is known as the Southern New Jersey Continuum of Care (SNJCoC). The CEAS Committee represents Gloucester County on the Continuum of Care, with representatives regularly attending the SNJCoC meetings.

The Gloucester County CEAS Committee includes representatives from the following agencies:

- Acenda	- Gloucester County Division of Housing and Community Development
- Catholic Charities	- Gloucester County Division of Human & Special Services
- Center for Family Services	- Monarch Housing
- Community Planning & Advocacy Council	- Senior Citizens United Community Services
- Gloucester County Division of Social Services	- South Jersey Dream Center
- Gloucester County Housing Authority	- United Way of Gloucester County
- Hannah's House	

Gloucester County also consulted with the SNJCoC on January 2, 2023. The CoC Executive Board includes representation from the following organizations:

- ACENDA Health	- Hannah's House
- CAMcare	- Housing Authority of Gloucester County
- Camden City	- Monarch Housing
- Cape May County	- Camden County Domestic Violence Center (NJAC)
- Cape May County Habitat for Humanity	- NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
- Care and Share Meals	- Rutgers Southern Region Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
- Catholic Charities	- South Jersey Behavioral Health
- Center for Family Services	- Veterans Administration
- Collaborative Support Programs of NJ	- Volunteers of America
- Community Planning & Advocacy Council	
- Cumberland County	
- Cumberland Family Shelter (Rural Development Corp)	

Lastly, an online survey and series of focus groups were utilized to gather perspectives from additional service providers in the city. There were 26 participants engaged, representing a range of services that reported serving those experiencing homeless and at-risk of homelessness; those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; veterans and families with a veteran family member, and the housing authority.

**List the organizations consulted:**

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
<i>ACENDA Health</i>	Integrated Healthcare	Presentation at CoC Meeting, Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CEAS/CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>CAMCare</i>	Healthcare	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Camden City</i>	City Government	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Care and Share Meals</i>	Food Resource	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	Social Services, Rental Assistance, Fair Housing, Veterans Assistance, Re-Entry	Presentation at CoC Meeting, Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CEAS/CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Center for Family Services</i>	Social Services including homeless service provider, homelessness prevention, domestic violence and more.	Presentation at CoC Meeting, Discussion at CEAS Meeting, staff participated in online survey/focus groups	The CEAS/CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey</i> <i>Community Planning &amp; Advocacy Council</i>	Behavioral Health	Presentation at CoC Meeting, Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Gloucester County Division of Social Services</i> <i>Gloucester County Housing Authority</i>	Social Services including Senior and Homeless Services	Presentation at CoC Meeting, Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CEAS/CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Gloucester County Division of Housing and Community Development</i> <i>Gloucester County Division of Human &amp; Special Services</i>	Government Agency	Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CEAS provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Hannah's House</i>	Housing Authority	Discussion at CEAS Meeting, staff participated in online survey/focus groups	The CEAS provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Monarch Housing</i>	Government Agency	Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CEAS provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Camden County Domestic Violence Center (NJAC)</i> <i>NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency</i>	Domestic Violence Shelter and Services	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CEAS/ CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
	Housing Consultant	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CEAS/CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
	Domestic Violence Shelter and Services	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
	Housing Finance Agency	Presentation at CoC Meeting, Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process

<i>Rutgers Southern Region Child Care Resource &amp; Referral Agency South Jersey Behavioral Health Veterans Administration</i>	Early Childhood Education and Social Services	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
	Behavioral Health	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
	Veterans Services	Presentation at CoC Meeting	The CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Volunteers of America</i>	Services include homelessness, reentry, veterans' assistance, affordable housing services, substance misuse disorders, mental health, etc.	Presentation at CoC Meeting, Discussion at CEAS Meeting, staff participated in online survey/focus groups	The CEAS/CoC provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>Senior Citizens United Community Services</i>	Senior Services	Discussion at CEAS Meeting, staff participated in online survey/focus groups	The CEAS provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>South Jersey Dream Center United Way of Gloucester County</i>	Social Services	Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CEAS provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
<i>South Jersey Dream Center United Way of Gloucester County</i>	Grantmaking, Programs/Initiatives	Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CEAS provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
	Social Services	Discussion at CEAS Meeting	The CEAS provided feedback on housing/service needs and process
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**Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:**

Much of the feedback received focused on the need for affordable housing. Those consulted shared the need for both housing units and vouchers, recognizing that vouchers are only helpful when there are affordable units available. The Housing Authority has had success with vouchers at 120% of Fair Market Rent, there is further opportunity as HOME-ARP does not have a cap on the rent rate. HOME-ARP provides an opportunity to close some of the gaps in the existing system through the ability to pair wraparound services with vouchers and the ability to issue rental assistance beyond Fair Market Rent (FMR), which is important since landlords are raising rents.

Additionally, feedback was consistent that major housing barriers include security/utility deposits and credit scores. There is a need for housing counseling including outreach services for homeless and those at-risk of homelessness, emergency rental assistance, rental counseling, rental search assistance, housing relocation and housing stabilization. There is also a long-term need for social programs to address low credit scores and criminal records, as both of these are barriers in renting housing.

Lastly, there was a high need expressed for additional non-congregate shelter (NCS) development, as current shelters are past capacity. An alternative to development of additional NCS would be to transition those in NCS into housing vouchers with wraparound services for longer term supportive housing.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**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:**

- Date(s) of public notice: 2/22/23
- Public comment period: start date - 2/27/2023 end date - 3/13/2023
- Date(s) of public hearing: 3/1/2023

**Describe the public participation process:**

The HOME-ARP Public Hearings were held in on March 1, 2023 at noon and 6pm to allow for maximum public participation. The hearings were held as a virtual hearing. During the hearings, an overview of HOME-ARP was given including the County's allocation amount and the range of possibly eligible activities. Participants had an opportunity to share their input. The hearings were attended by County staff and service providers from Center for Family Services and Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey. Public hearing attendees were supportive of the proposed budget and offered constructive questions and feedback. All comments were accepted and notes are included in Appendix B.

The public review process and the public hearing were noticed in the local paper, in accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan. The County posted the draft of the Allocation Plan on their website for public review. There were no public comments submitted. All relevant documentation is located in Appendix B.

**Describe efforts to broaden public participation:**

Gloucester County, as a HOME Consortium Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), followed their adopted Citizen Participation process. The public notice for the hearing was run in the local paper and posted to the County's website. The public notice included instructions on how the public can request reasonable accommodations and meaningful access to the plan in accordance with the County's citizen participation plan. Although willing to consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan; none have been submitted. As described above, in addition to the Consultation Process, County staff and social service agencies also provided comments through the public hearings. Those comments were accepted by the County.

**Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing or orally at a public hearing:**

Comments reflected agreement on the proposed HOME-ARP activities meeting community need. Comments also included feedback on program structure, budget composition and data utilized.

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

All comments have been accepted.

## **NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAPS ANALYSIS**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing over 1.9 trillion dollars to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation. Of those funds, \$5 billion was earmarked for homelessness assistance and supportive services for individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include the development and support of affordable housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), the provision of supportive services, and the acquisition and development of congregate and non-congregate shelter units (NCS). Current inventory of these resources is considered in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan as well as affordable and permanent supportive rental housing. ARP authorizes the Secretary of HUD to waive or specify alternate requirements for any provision of the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) or regulation for the administration of the HOME-ARP program, except requirements related to fair housing, civil rights, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that the waiver or alternate requirement is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of HOME-ARP funds. Reasonable preferences among qualifying populations may be established to prioritize applicants for HOME-ARP projects or activities based on the Participating Jurisdiction's (PJ) needs and priorities.

This Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis evaluates the size, demographic composition, and priority needs of qualifying populations in Gloucester County as identified in 24 CFR 91.5, 24 CFR 5. 2003, 42 U.S.C. 12742(a), and by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These include the following:

- *Individuals or families who are homeless*
- *Individuals or families who are at risk of homelessness*
- *Individuals or families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking*
- *Populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability*
- *Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of the aforementioned.*

This document identifies the existing shelter and housing inventory in Gloucester County as well as the service delivery system. Additionally, a gap analysis is provided to explore the need for additional housing, shelter, and/or services by using current data, including Point in Time count (PIT), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), data provided by the Continuum of Care (CoC), and consultations with service providers. Additional consideration is provided for the identification of housing characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness. Unless otherwise specified, information presented in this report is provided by the NJ Counts Report compiled by Monarch Housing Associates and The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

In this analysis it is important to consider the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the nation. HUD and the CDC issued a number of safety measures for all communities conducting the 2022 PIT Count. These included but were not limited to the following:

- *Decrease face-to-face interactions with clients;*
- *Decrease the number of volunteers who would need to work in physical proximity*
- *Provide of PPE to all volunteers; and*
- *Design a process that minimizes close contact*

Additional precautions were taken in NJ in the following ways:

- *Elimination or changes to Project Homeless Connect events*
- *7-day outreach and service-based count*
- *Reduction in use of volunteers to support the unsheltered count*
- *Increased connection with community-based services providers such as day-centers, soup kitchens and medical facilities to identify and connect with unsheltered persons*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD gave communities the option to cancel or modify the unsheltered portion of the PIT count based on the potential risk of transmission associated with conducting an in-person survey. Thus, it is important to note that there are significant differences between the 2022 PIT count and that of 2021 as vaccines had not been widely distributed at the time, and outreach restrictions were issued on both the state and federal level. Though most of the report 2022 is utilized, some consideration is given to 2021 data when compared to 2019 data in the interest of evaluating the early impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **SIZE AND DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS**

**Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:**  
The Demographic and socio-economic characteristics of Gloucester County are identified to explain current conditions and trends in the area. This data provides information on the size and demographic composition of Gloucester County and serves as a basis for determining the needs of qualifying populations within its boundaries.

Gloucester County is comprised of 24 communities covering 322 square miles in southwestern New Jersey. The County is located five miles south and east of Philadelphia across the Delaware River. Ten miles to the south-southeast is Wilmington, Delaware. It is forty-five miles east of Gloucester County and the New Jersey shore. Cumberland and Atlantic counties border its southern and southeastern edges, while Camden County and the Delaware River form the border to the west- northwest. Salem County forms its southwestern border.

The population Gloucester County reached 302,294 in 2020, an increase of 14,006 (4.6%) from the 2010 census figure. The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission projects that the population of Gloucester County will continue to grow. From 2015-2045 the County will grow by an additional 84,829 residents, or an increase of 29.1%. The DVRPC also projects that the number of employed residents from 2015-2045 will grow 32.24% from 121,382 in 2015 to 156,686 in 2045. One major reason for the continued growth in the County has been its vehicular transportation spine.

The Point In-Time (PIT) Count of the Homeless is an analysis of the sheltered an unsheltered population experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. Continuums of Care (CoCs) are required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct an annual PIT Count of the population experiencing sheltered homelessness, staying in emergency shelters, safe havens, or transitional housing programs. An additional count of the unsheltered homeless is conducted every other year on odd numbered years.

Unless otherwise specified, information presented in this section is provided by the NJ Counts Report compiled by Monarch Housing Associates and The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

## HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, AS DEFINED IN 24 CFR 91.5

The 2022 PIT count identified 127 persons in 93 homeless households on January 25, 2022. Alarmingly, approximately 70 (72.2%) <sup>1</sup> of these individuals were from Glassboro.

The other 27 homeless persons surveyed were from Deptford (5), Monroe (3), Paulsboro (1), Washington (7), West Deptford (4), Westville (1), and Woodbury (6).

Fig. 1: Total Homeless Population by Housing Situation

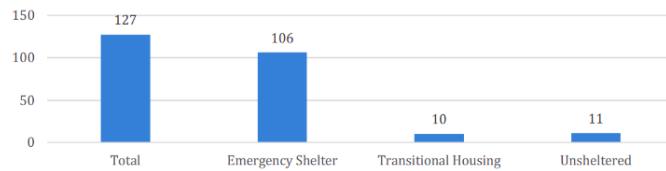


Figure i. Number of Homeless Persons by Municipality and Percentage of County Total						
Municipality	Total Homeless Persons	% of Total Homeless Persons	Sheltered Homeless Persons	% of Sheltered Homeless Persons	Unsheltered Homeless Persons	% of Unsheltered Homeless Persons
Deptford	5	5.2%	1	1.1%	4	40.0%
Glassboro	70	72.2%	69	79.3%	1	10.0%
Monroe	3	3.1%	3	3.4%	0	0.0%
Paulsboro	1	1.0%	0	0.0%	1	10.0%
Washington	7	7.2%	7	8.0%	0	0.0%
West Deptford	4	4.1%	2	2.3%	2	20.0%
Westville	1	1.0%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%
Woodbury	6	6.2%	4	4.6%	2	20.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97*</b>		<b>87</b>		<b>10*</b>	

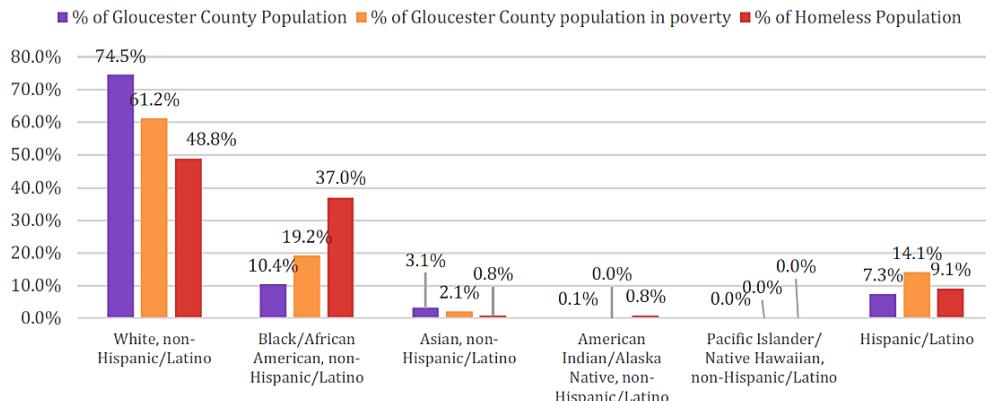
Out of the 93 homeless households counted in 2022, 20 (22%) households (51 persons) had at least one child under the age of 18. None of these households were unsheltered, 18 (19%) were in emergency shelters, and 2 (2%) families were in transitional housing. According to the 2022 PIT count, 12 (9%) of those surveyed identified as homeless adults between the ages of 18 and 24, and 29 (3%) as children under 18 years old.

Additionally, 37.8% (48) of the homeless population identified as male, and 59.1% (75) identified as female.

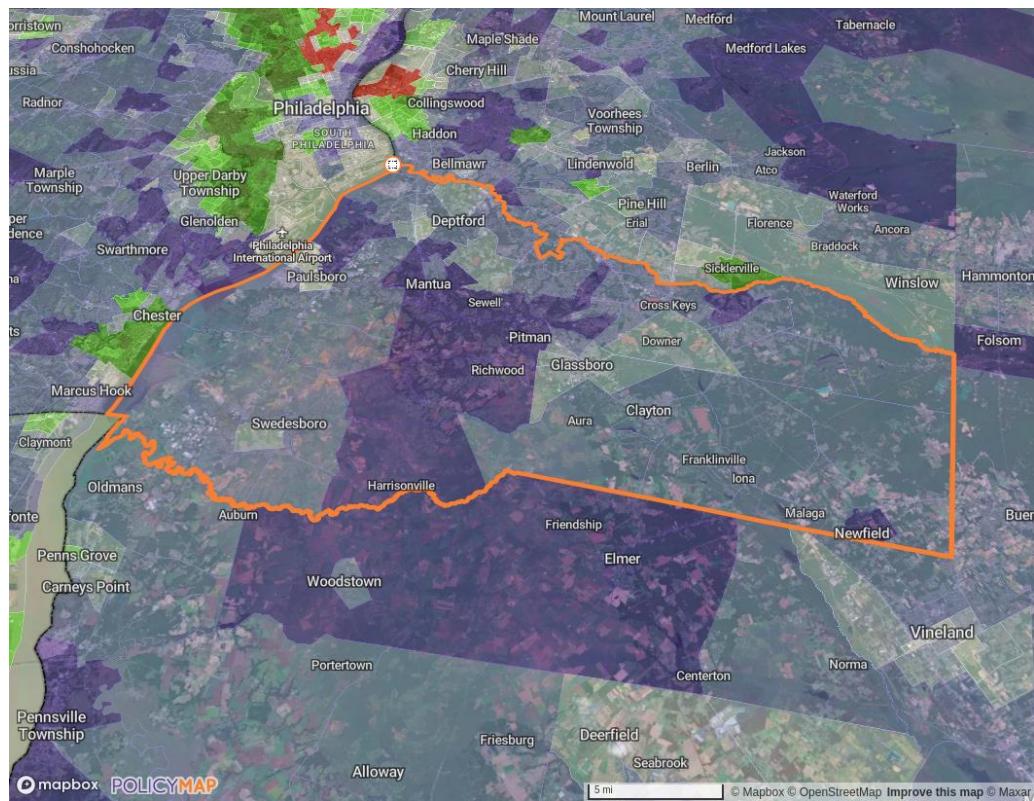
<sup>1</sup> This value does not represent the total number of homeless persons counted as some survey responses did not include a municipality.

The 2022 PIT Count showed a strong correlation between poverty and homelessness, marking poverty as a key indicator to the issue. However, upon a closer examination of the racial breakdown of the general population, disparate impacts along racial lines are evident

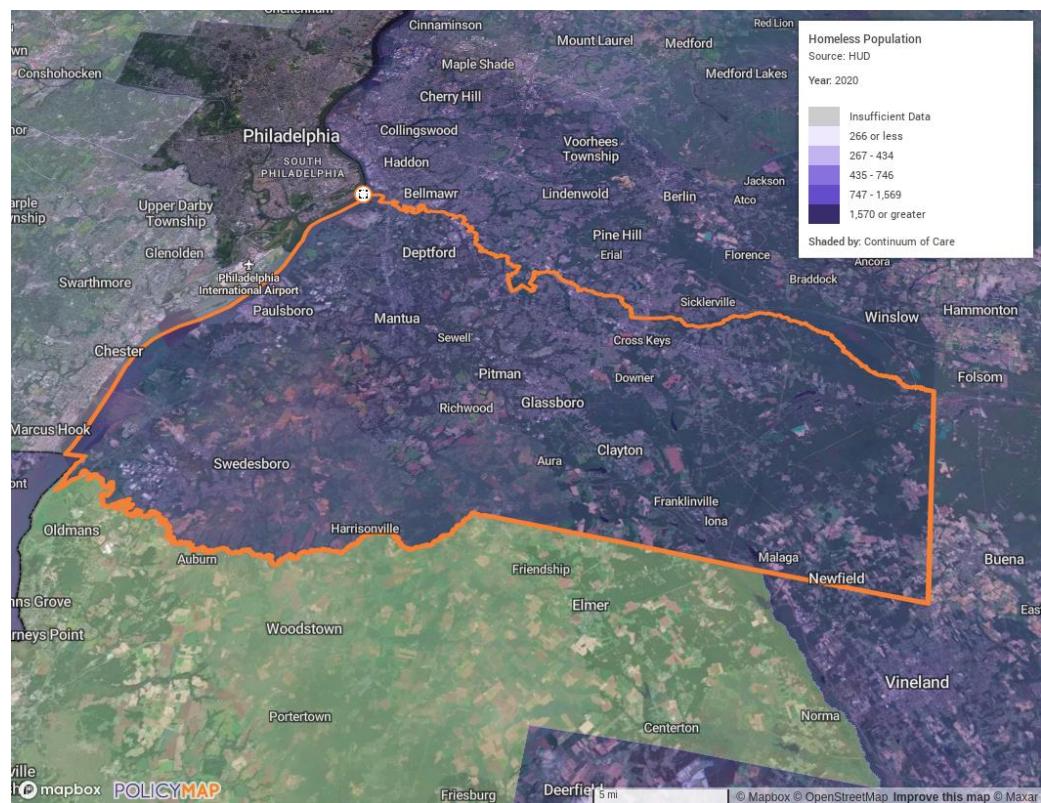
**Fig. R.1: Percent of Population by Race and Ethnicity**



The Black or African American non-Hispanic community is overrepresented in the homeless population. Although the majority (48.8%) of the population experiencing homelessness identify as White non-Hispanic, 74.4% of the population in Gloucester County is White non-Hispanic. In comparison, the Black/African American homeless population makes up a mere 10.4% of the population in Gloucester County while representing 37% percent of the homeless population. As shown in the maps bellow, race is a critical component of the conversation of homelessness. Therefore, it appears that race rather than poverty is the more accurate predictive indicator as to whom will experience homelessness.



Source – US Census: American Community Survey



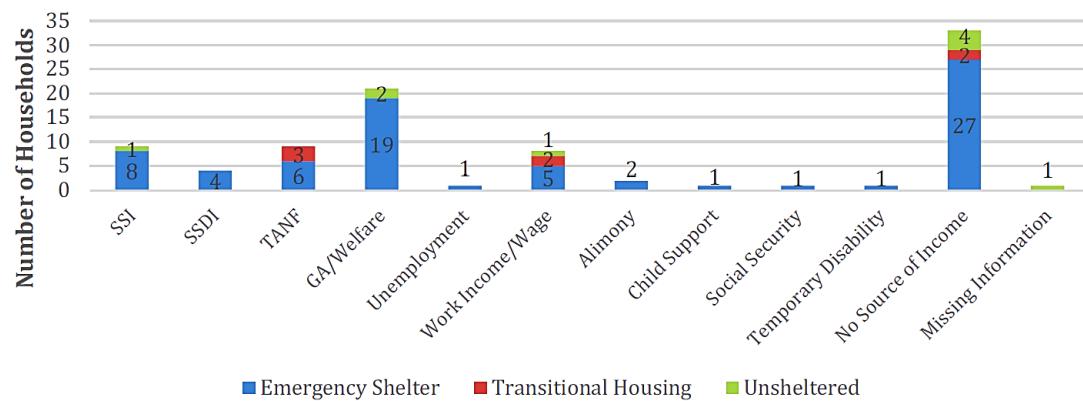
Source – HUD PIT Count Estimates of 2020

## AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AS DEFINED IN 24 CFR 91.5

In Gloucester County on the night of the PIT count, 36.7% of the households experiencing homelessness had no source of income. Of those surveyed, 8.9% reported having a source of earned income. The most common source was General Assistance/Welfare Programs (23.3%) followed by Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Other sources of income reported included Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), Work Income/Wage, Unemployment, Alimony, Child Support, and Temporary Disability. The average monthly income among households in Emergency Shelter was \$467.73, \$592 for those in Transitional Housing Programs, and \$187.75 for the unsheltered. Additionally, out of those surveyed, 6.5% reported having received non-cash benefits such as Medicaid (45.2%).

**Fig. 8: Income by Housing Situation**



Cost burden is the ratio of housing costs to household income. It serves as an indicator of housing need, and the need for reduced rental costs. For renters, housing costs is gross rent (contract rent plus utilities). Renter households who spend more than 30% of their income in rent and utilities are considered ***“cost burdened”***. Per HOME ARP Guidance, households at risk of homelessness are those whose income falls below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI) that do not have resources or family, friend, or faith-based support networks to prevent homelessness.

Renter households who spend more than 50% of their income on the same are considered ***“severely cost burdened”***. Those who fall under the severely cost burdened category are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Unless otherwise specified, the information provided in this section is gathered from the CHAS (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) database based on 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates. This data, broken down by Continuum of Care regions, demonstrates the extent of the housing problems and housing needs in the area of interest, particularly for low-income households.

A household is said to have a housing problem if they have any 1 or more of these problems:

1. *housing unit lacks complete kitchen facilities*
2. *housing unit lacks complete plumbing facilities*
3. *household is overcrowded*
4. *household is cost burdened*

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy  
Income by Housing Problems 2015-2019

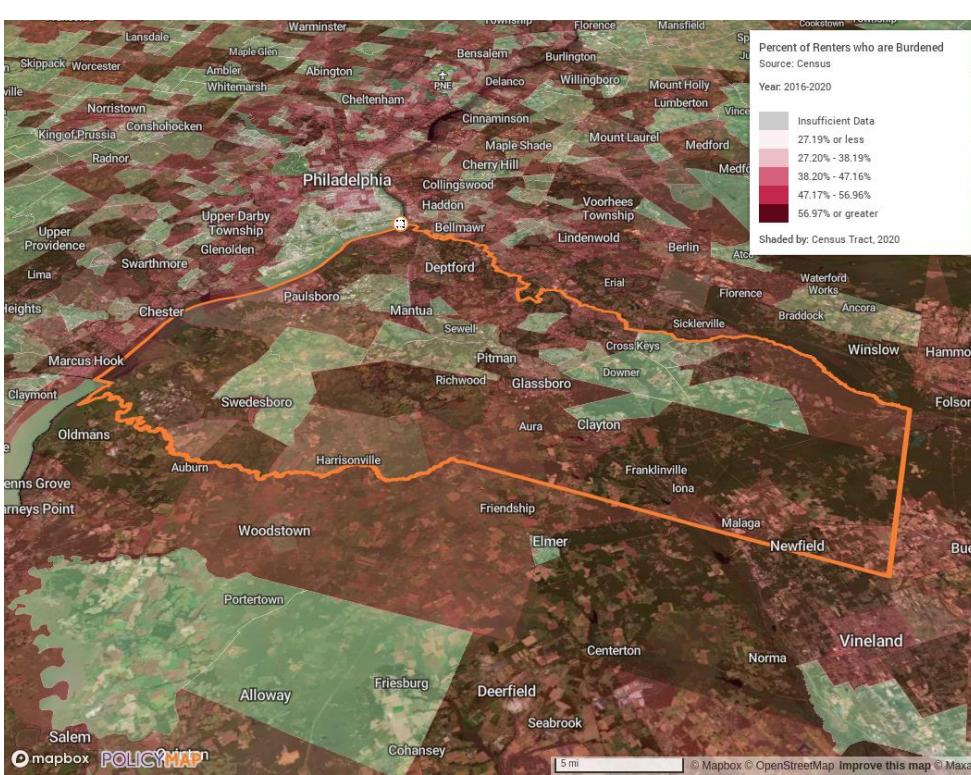
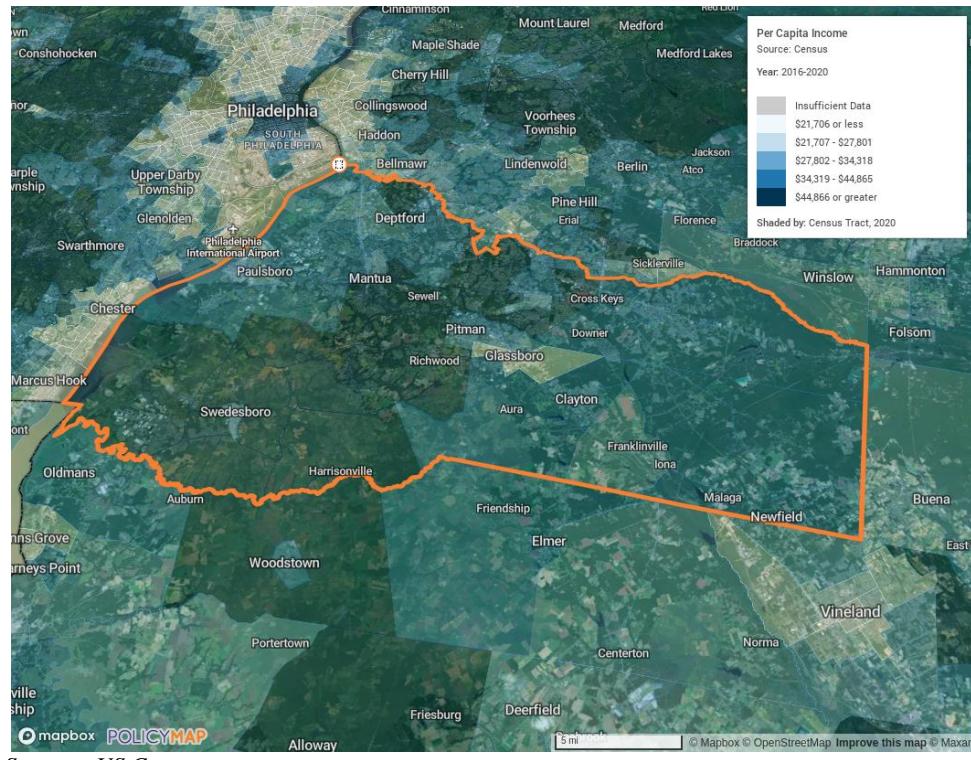
OWNERS & RENTERS	Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems	Household has none of 4 Housing Problems OR cost burden not available	Total	OWNERS & RENTERS
	no other problems			
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	8,965	2,045	11,010	
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	8,630	2,065	10,690	
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	8,130	8,215	16,345	
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	3,035	7,380	10,415	
Household Income >100% HAMFI	4,280	52,175	56,455	
Total	33,030	71,875	104,910	
			Total	
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	4,360	1,355	5,715	
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	3,405	745	4,150	
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	2,120	2,245	4,365	
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	430	1,515	1,945	
Household Income >100% HAMFI	255	4,425	4,680	
Total	10,565	10,285	20,850	
			Total	
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	4,605	690	5,295	
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	5,225	1,320	6,540	
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	6,010	5,970	11,980	
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	2,605	5,865	8,470	
Household Income >100% HAMFI	4,025	47,750	51,775	
Total	22,465	61,590	84,055	

Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data (CHAS) for 2015-2019

\* HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI)

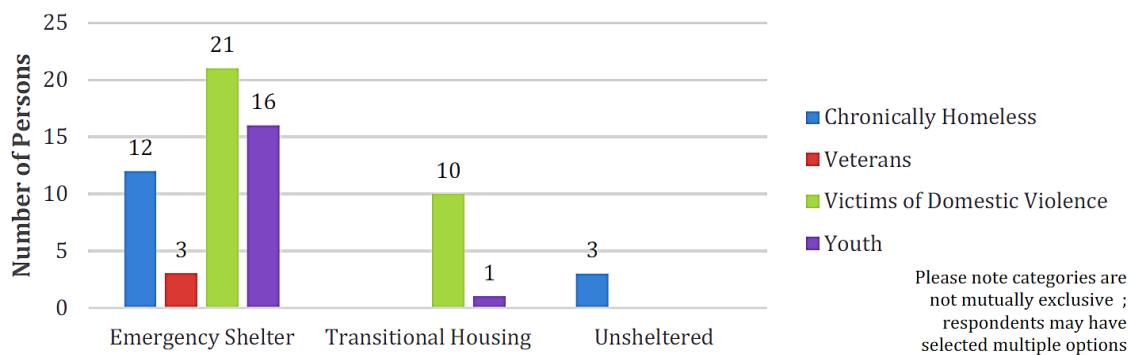
According to CHAS, out of 20,850 renters in Gloucester County, it is estimated that 10,565 (50.1%) have a housing problem. Of those with a housing problem 4,360 (41.3%) fall under the 30% HAMFI threshold, and 3,405 (32.2%) fall under the 50% HAMFI threshold.

There is a significant overlap between income and those households in Gloucester County which are cost-burdened. When compared to the racial distribution/concentrations of the homeless populations in Gloucester County. The African American community is overrepresented in both the low-income and cost burdened sections of this plan.



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**Fig. 5: Subpopulations by Housing Situation**



HOME ARP guidelines identify victims of domestic violence as a qualifying population eligible to receive assistance. Specifically, those individuals “Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking”. Individuals whom fleeing, or attempting to flee other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member are also included as part of this qualifying population.

Out of the 127 individuals who identified as homeless on January 25, 2022, 31 (24.4%) were victims of domestic violence. Out of those identified as victims of DV, 58.1% identified as white non-Hispanic, and 78% were households without children. The majority of DV victims were in emergency shelter (21) on the night of the count and the rest were in transitional housing programs (10).

When filtered to only Domestic Violence Service Providers, the HOME-ARP Consultation Survey results confirmed that DV providers see case management, housing and mental health services as the highest need priority areas. Housing includes rental counseling and search assistance, relocation and stabilization, rental assistance, and security and utility deposit assistance. When asked about tenant-based rental assistance needs, DV providers answered that there is a high need for security and utility deposit assistance, short-term rental assistance (0-3 months) and medium-term assistance (4-24 months). DV providers also responded that there is high need for increased availability of non-congregate shelter.

## OTHER POPULATIONS REQUIRING SERVICES OR HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER POPULATIONS AT GREATEST RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY, AS DEFINED BY HUD IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE

### CHRONICALLY HOMELESS:

Chronically homeless households, as defined by HUD, are those with a long-term disabling condition who have been continually homeless for a year or more, or at least four times in the past three years where the length of time in those episodes add up to a year or more.

Supportive services and enhanced case management are required for the chronically homeless once housing is secured.

Of 127 surveyed, 15 (11.8%) individuals were chronically homeless. The majority of the chronically homeless were in emergency shelter (12), the rest were unsheltered (3). Out of those who identified as chronically homeless, 53% identified as White non-Hispanic. Out of those who identified as chronically homeless, 60% also identified as male and 40% as female.

### UNSHeltered HOMELESS:

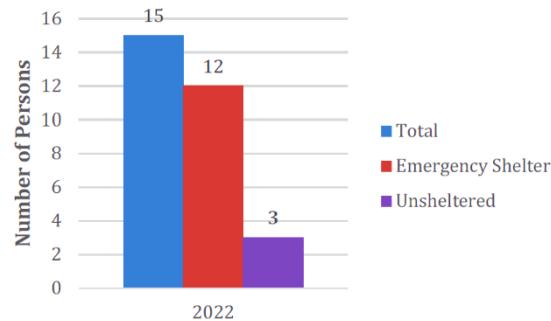
HUD identifies the unsheltered homeless population as any individual or family ““with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.”

The unsheltered are especially vulnerable in extreme weather conditions; thus, it is imperative to understand why some of the homeless remain unsheltered. Of the 11 unsheltered individuals identified in the 2022 PIT count, 90.9% identified as White non-Hispanic and 81.8% identified as male; 3 of these individuals were also chronically homeless. It is also important understand that these categories are not mutually exclusive as one respondent may identify with one or more of these classifications.

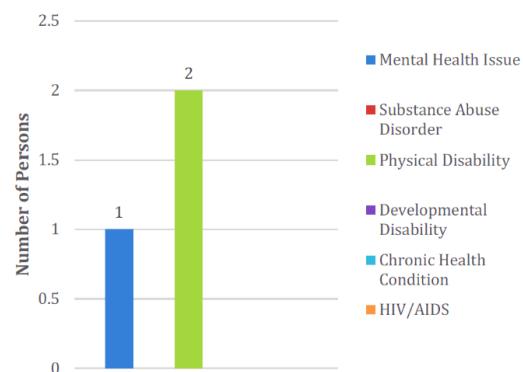
### VETERANS:

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) has prioritized ending homelessness among veterans. Thus, veterans are identified as a qualifying population in the HOME ARP guidelines. Veterans are those persons at or above the age of 18 who have served in any branch of the US Armed Forces. For the PIT count this definition also includes those whom have served but are not eligible for services through the U.S Department of Veteran Affairs.

**Fig. 15: Chronic Homeless Population by Housing Situation**



**Fig. 26: Number of Veteran Persons by Disability Type**



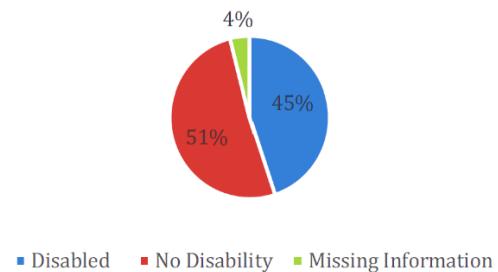
Out of the 127 individuals who identified as homeless on January 25, 2022, 3 (3.1%) were homeless veterans; all of whom were in emergency shelter. Of those surveyed, 67% of homeless veterans identified as White non-Hispanic and also identified a disability (67%). Of these 3 individuals, 2 identified a physical disability and 1 identified a chronic health condition.

#### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

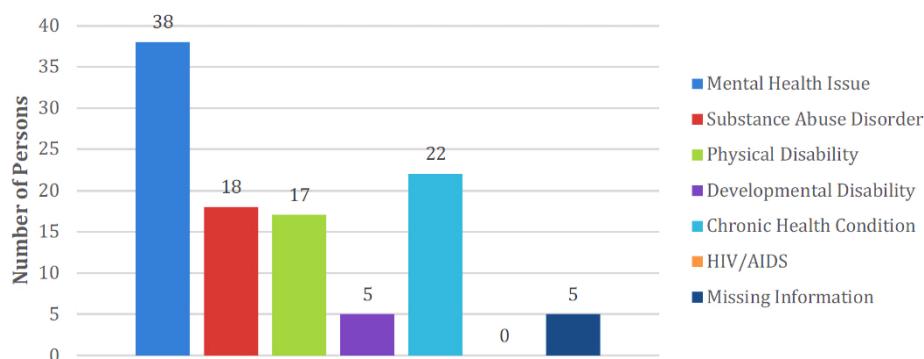
Out of those individuals whom identified as homeless during the PIT count in January of 2022, 45% reported having some type of disability; additionally, 56.1% of adults 18 or older reported some type of disability compared to 6.9% of children.

The most common disability identified was mental health (66.7%) in 29.9% of the total homeless population identified. This was then followed by the following disability types: chronic health condition, substance abuse disorder, physical disability, and developmental disability.

**Fig. 6: Percent of Population with a Disability**



**Fig. 7: Number of Persons by Disability Type**



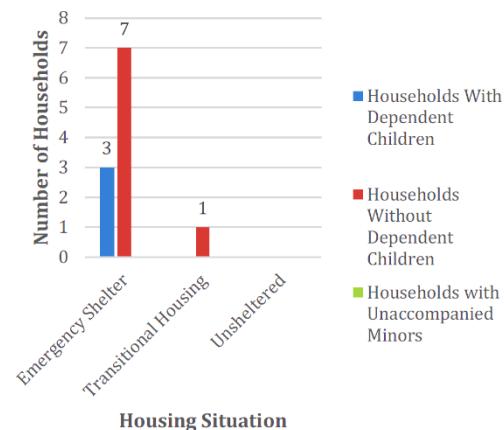
#### HOMELESS YOUTH:

Youth are defined as persons under the age of 25 whom are not accompanied by a parent or guardian. Homeless youth can include individual youth (18-24 years old), unaccompanied minors (17 years old 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.

Of those surveyed, 17 (13.4%) were homeless youth (individuals and families with heads of household under 24 years old or younger).

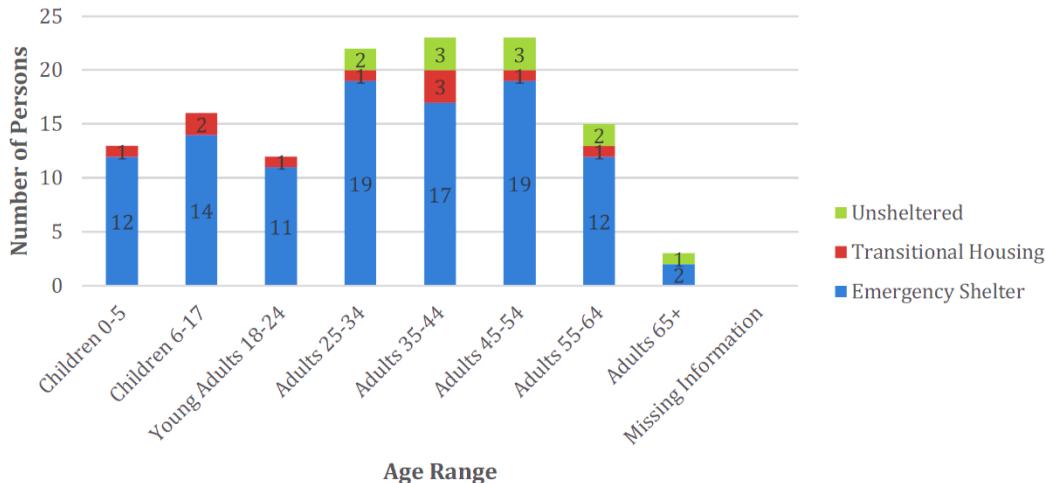
Of the homeless youth identified, 47.1% identified as Black/African American and 58.8% identified as female. Additionally, of the 17 homeless youth

**Fig. 31: Homeless Youth Households by Housing Situation**



surveyed, 35.3% identified a disability; these included mental health (5), substance abuse disorder (1), and developmental disability (1).

**Fig. 4: Age Range by Housing Situation**



The majority of homeless youth were in emergency shelter (26) and the rest in a transitional housing program (1), no homeless youth was unsheltered.

#### **CURRENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST QUALIFYING POPULATIONS**

**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 (Optional):**

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of provider programs within a CoC that provides beds and units for people experiencing homelessness.

##### Congregate and Non-Congregate Shelter Units

As of 2021, Gloucester County's homeless system had a total of 741 year-round beds available for people experiencing homelessness in its congregate and non-congregate shelters; 364 (49%) beds for "households with no children" and 377 (51%) beds for "households with children". Of these, 120 were reserved for homeless veterans and 21 for homeless youth.

##### Affordable and Permanent Supportive Rental Housing

As of 2021, Gloucester County's homeless system had a total of 1273 year-round beds in permanent housing available through Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing programs; 670 (53%) beds were for "households with no children" and 603 (47%) beds are for "households with children". Of these total year-round beds, 410 were reserved for veterans and 59 for homeless youth.

Housing Inventory Count for 2021  
NJ-503 - Camden City & County/Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total Beds
Total Year-Round Beds	481	260	0	741
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	411	196	0	607
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	397	196	0	593
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds	82.54%	75.38%	0.00%	
Total Units for Households with Children	198	20	0	218
Total Beds for Households with Children	288	89	0	377
Total Beds for Households without Children	193	171	0	364
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Veteran Beds	0	120	0	120
Dedicated Youth Beds	0	21	0	21
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0	0
Total Overflow Beds	342	0	0	342
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	0	0	0	0
	Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	Total Permanent Housing
Total Year-Round Beds	147	1044	82	1273
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	129	1001	82	1212
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	126	594	68	788
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds	85.71%	56.90%	82.93%	
Total Units for Households with Children	34	210	22	266
Total Beds for Households with Children	83	452	68	603
Total Beds for Households without Children	64	592	14	670
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Veteran Beds	55	341	14	410
Dedicated Youth Beds	1	58	0	59
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0	0
Total Overflow Beds	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	0	607	0	607

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

### Supportive Services

Gloucester County has multiple supportive service agencies that serve the County. They also have a established a collaborative structure through the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) Committee.

The Gloucester County CEAS Committee includes representatives from the following supportive service agencies:

- Acenda
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Family Services
- Community Planning & Advocacy Council
- Hannah's House
- Senior Citizens United Community Services
- South Jersey Dream Center
- United Way of Gloucester County

Furthermore, in South Jersey there is a Four County Continuum of Care (CoC), which includes the Counties of Camden, Cape May, Cumberland and Gloucester. This CoC is known as the Southern New Jersey Continuum of Care (SNJCoC). The CEAS Committee represents Gloucester County on the Continuum of Care, with representatives regularly attending the SNJCoC meetings. This allow Gloucester County residents to access services provided by the CoC as a whole.

#### Tenant Based Rental Assistance/Vouchers

According to consultation with the Gloucester County Housing Authority, they have 350 new vouchers open, however there are currently an approximate 2,000 persons on their waiting list. The Housing Authority advised that there is difficulty placing voucher holders due to limited rental stock and rising rents. They are operating vouchers up to 120% of FMR in order to address the gap between voucher amount and rents charged. Housing Authority staff confirmed the need for additional housing vouchers, the need for service provision to continue for the household after the voucher is confirmed and the need for housing search assistance and housing counseling to accompany vouchers.

**Housing Inventory Count Change "Pre & Post" COVID-19**  
 Camden City & County / Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)			Transitional Housing (TH)			Safe Haven (SH)					
	2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%
Total Year-Round Beds	468	481	13	2.8%	232	260	28	12.1%	0	0	0	0
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	383	411	28	7.3%	196	196	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	383	397	14	3.7%	196	196	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds	81.84%	82.54%	0.007	0.9%	84.48%	75.38%	-0.091	-10.8%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0
Total Units for Households with Children	196	198	2	1.0%	9	20	11	122.2%	0	0	0	0
Total Beds for Households with Children	259	288	29	11.2%	61	89	28	45.9%	0	0	0	0
Total Beds for Households without Children	209	193	-16	-7.7%	171	171	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Veteran Beds	0	0	0	0	120	120	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Youth Beds	0	0	0	0	21	21	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Overflow Beds	253	342	89	35.2%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)												
2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%	
Total Year-Round Beds	224	147	-77	-34.4%	703	1044	341	48.5%	101	82	-19	-18.8%
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	224	129	-95	-42.4%	689	1001	312	45.3%	101	82	-19	-18.8%
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	224	126	-98	-43.8%	583	594	11	1.9%	81	68	-13	-16.0%
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds	1	85.71%	-0.1429	-14.3%	82.93%	56.90%	-0.2603	-31.4%	0.802	82.93%	0.0273	3.4%
Total Units for Households with Children	62	34	-28	-45.2%	159	210	51	32.1%	22	22	0	0.0%
Total Beds for Households with Children	152	83	-69	-45.4%	290	452	162	55.9%	68	68	0	0.0%
Total Beds for Households without Children	72	64	-8	-11.1%	413	592	179	43.3%	33	14	-19	-57.6%
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Veteran Beds	123	55	-68	-55.3%	40	341	301	752.5%	33	14	-19	-57.6%
Dedicated Youth Beds	4	1	-3	-75.0%	58	58	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Overflow Beds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	0	0	0	0	303	607	304	100.3%	0	0	0	0
Total Beds												
2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%	
Total Year-Round Beds	700	741	41	5.9%								
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	579	607	28	4.8%								
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	579	593	14	2.4%								
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds												
Total Units for Households with Children	205	218	13	6.3%								
Total Beds for Households with Children	320	377	57	17.8%								
Total Beds for Households without Children	380	364	-16	-4.2%								
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0	0								
Dedicated Veteran Beds	120	120	0	0.0%								
Dedicated Youth Beds	21	21	0	0.0%								
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0	0								
Total Overflow Beds	253	342	89	35.2%								
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	0	0	0	0								
<b>3157</b>	<b>3383</b>	<b>226</b>										
Total Permanent Housing												
2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%	
Total Year-Round Beds	1028	1273	245	23.8%								
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	1014	1212	198	19.5%								
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	888	788	-100	-11.3%								
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds												
Total Units for Households with Children	243	266	23	9.5%								
Total Beds for Households with Children	510	603	93	18.2%								
Total Beds for Households without Children	518	670	152	29.3%								
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0	0								
Dedicated Veteran Beds	196	410	214	109.2%								
Dedicated Youth Beds	62	59	-3	-4.8%								
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0	0								
Total Overflow Beds	0	0	0	0								
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	303	607	304	100.3%								
<b>4762</b>	<b>5888</b>	<b>1126</b>										

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

### The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Housing Inventory and Services for the Homeless

The COVID-19 pandemic had a notable impact on the homeless population as well as the services available to them. In Gloucester County the Rapid Rehousing and Other Permanent Housing were reduced and converted to serve a broader array of homeless individuals. There was minimal re-structuring in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing program as well; but, the change was minimal in comparison to the aforementioned. All of the services at the Rapid Re-housing program were cut. However, this was offset by a surge in services offered through the Permanent Supportive Housing program.

From 2019 to 2021 there was an 11.3% reduction in total HMIS year-round beds across programs as well as a 4.8% reduction in dedicated youth beds offered. The total amount of dedicated veteran beds available was doubled due to a drastic increase in veteran-specific services via the Permanent Supportive Housing Program. That same program also doubled its services for the chronically homeless in the same time period. There was an overall increase in services for total non-DV year-round beds, total units and beds for households with children as well as for households without children.

## UNMET HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations

### HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, AS DEFINED IN 24 CFR 91.5

The Point-In-Time Count of 2022 reported a total of 127 homeless individuals in Gloucester County. Just a few months prior in 2021, the Home Inventory Count for Gloucester County reported a year-round bed inventory of 741 total year-round beds. Of these, some beds are reserved for specific populations such as veterans or victims of domestic abuse.

The most notable gap in the data provided by the Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Counts are in services for homeless households without children and dedicated beds for the chronically homeless. There is also some need for dedicated veteran beds at emergency shelter programs.

### AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AS DEFINED IN 24 DFR 91.5

Cost burden serves as an indicator of housing need, and the need for reduced rental costs. Renter households who spend more than 30% of their income in rent and utilities are considered “cost burdened” and are at risk of homelessness, especially those that do not have resources or family, friend, or faith-based support networks to prevent homelessness. Renter households who spend more than 50% of their income on the same are considered “severely cost burdened” and are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Need v. Inventory Gaps in Gloucester County											
	Emergency Shelter (ES)			Transitional Housing (TH)			Safe Haven (SH)			%	
	Need	Inventory	Gap	%	Need	Inventory	Gap	%	Need	Inventory	
Total Year-Round Beds	103	481	378	367.0%	10	260	250	75.0%	0	0	0.00%
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	411	411	0	0.0%	196	196	0	0.0%	0	0	0.00%
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	397	397	0	0.0%	196	196	0	0.0%	0	0	0.00%
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds	82.54%	83%			75.38%	75%			0.00%	0	
Total Units for Households with Children	18	198	180	1000.0%	2	20	18	900.0%	0	0	0.00%
Total Beds for Households with Children	46	288	242	526.1%	5	89	84	1680.0%	0	0	0.00%
Total Beds for Households without Children	57	193	136	238.6%	5	171	166	3320.0%	0	0	0.00%
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.00%
Dedicated Veteran Beds	3	0	-3	-100.0%		120	120		0	0	0.00%
Dedicated Youth Beds	0	0	0	0.0%		21	21		0	0	0.00%
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0	0.0%		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.00%
Total Overflow Beds	342	342	0	0.0%		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.00%
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	12	0	-12	-100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.00%
Total Beds											Unsheltered Need
	Need	Inventory	Gap								
Total Year-Round Beds	113	741	628								
Total Non-DV Year-Round Beds	0	607	607								
Total HMIS Year-Round Beds	0	593	593								
HMIS Participation Rate for Year-Round Beds	20	218	198								
Total Units for Households with Children	51	377	326								
Total Beds for Households with Children	62	364	302								
Total Beds for Households without Children	0	0	0								
Total Beds for Households with only Children	0	0	0								
Dedicated Veteran Beds	3	120	117								
Dedicated Youth Beds	0	21	21								
Total Seasonal Beds	0	0	0								
Total Overflow Beds	0	342	342								
Dedicated Chronically Homeless Bed	12	0	-12								
	261	3,383.00									

Data Source: PIT and HIC Counts

According to CHAS, out of 20,850 renters in Gloucester County, it is estimated that 10,565 (50.1%) have a housing problem. Of those with a housing problem 4,360 (41.3%) fall under the 30% HAMI threshold, and 3,405 (32.2%) fall under the 50% HAMI threshold.

**Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis  
for Gloucester County**

	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
30% AMI	1,847	4,360	-2,513
50% AMI	6,688	3,405	3,283
<b>Total Rental Units Available</b>	<b>20,801</b>		

Out of 20,801 affordable rental housing units available in Gloucester County, only 8,535 units are available for households that fall under the 30% and 50% Area Median Income. Of these, 1,847 units are available for households at 30% AMI and 6,688 units are available for households at 50% AMI. There is a clear gap in affordable housing inventory for those who fall under the 30% AMI threshold of 2,513 units.

**FLEEING, OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS DEFINED BY HUD IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE**

Out of the 127 individuals who identified as homeless on January 25, 2022, 31 (24.4%) were victims of domestic violence; they were fleeing, or attempting to flee other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the themselves or a family member. The majority of DV victims were in emergency shelter (21) on the night of the count and the rest were in transitional housing programs (10).

Those individuals who fall under this qualifying population, require the assistance of intervention services such as counseling, human resources, employment assistance programs and other workplace support services. When access to these services is readily available, DV victims are proven to have a more positive outlook on life and a greater drive to achieve their goals.

**OTHER POPULATIONS REQUIRING SERVICES OR HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER POPULATIONS AT GREATEST RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY, AS DEFINED BY HUD IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE**

**CHRONICALLY HOMELESS:**

Out of those individuals whom identified as homeless during the PIT count in January of 2022, 11 unsheltered and 45% reported having some type of disability. The most common disability identified was mental health (66.7%) in 29.9% of the total homeless population identified. Currently, there are no safe haven programs available in Gloucester County. The Safe Haven model prioritizes harm reduction and takes a housing-first approach to addressing the needs of the homeless populations. Safe havens serve hard-reach homeless persons who reside on the streets or places not meant for human habitation who have severe and persistent mental illness. Typically, these individuals are unable or unwilling to participate in housing or supportive services and thus little to no precondition on established sobriety and documentation is required.

**VETERANS:**

According to the 2022 PIT count, 3 homeless veterans were taking shelter at emergency shelters in Gloucester County that had no dedicated beds for veterans, while there is increased availability of programming at Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Transitional Housing programs for homeless veterans there is also a need for more dedicated beds at emergency shelters with a specific dedication to homeless veterans.

## **GAPS WITHIN CURRENT SHELTER AND HOUSING INVENTORY AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

### **Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory and the service delivery system**

There is a clear gap in affordable housing inventory for those who fall under the 30% AMI and 50% AMI limits. With limited housing stock and rising rents, even voucher holders are having a challenging time finding housing. In order to address the rising rents, the Housing Authority was able to secure HUD approval for vouchers at 120% of Fair Market Rent, however their voucher holders need in-person housing search assistance that the Housing Authority currently does not provide.

While there is increased availability of programming at Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing programs for households without children, there is a visible gap for more temporary and immediate beds at emergency shelters and transitional housing. Through consultation, there was a high need expressed for additional non-congregate shelter (NCS) development, as current shelters are past capacity. An alternative to development of additional NCS would be to transition those in NCS into housing vouchers with wraparound services for longer term supportive housing.

In terms of service delivery, feedback was consistent that major housing barriers include security/utility deposits and credit scores. There is a need for housing counseling including outreach services for homeless and those at-risk of homelessness, emergency rental assistance, rental counseling, rental search assistance, housing relocation and housing stabilization. There is also a long-term need for social programs to address low credit scores and criminal records, as both are barriers in renting housing.

## **ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS ASSOCIATED WITH INSTABILITY AND INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS**

**Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of “other populations” that are “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:**

The PJ does not plan to formally adopt a definition of “other populations”. However, in looking at the county as a whole, the Gloucester County Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice of 2021 highlights a list of other factors as contributors to fair housing issues/impediments. These issues impact all residents in the area, including those at risk of housing instability and homelessness.

### **i. Lack of Education Regarding Fair Housing Laws**

The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (LAD) prohibits discrimination when selling or renting property. LAD makes it unlawful to refuse to rent, show or sell property based on a person's race, creed, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, marital status, domestic partnership status, familial status, affectional or sexual orientation, sex, or mental and physical disability, including AIDS and HIV-related illness. In the 2021 Analysis, a need for additional education, outreach referral regarding the Fair Housing Act and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination was identified. The county is re-emphasized their support to fair housing education; specifically, to provide updated fair housing information to the public in an accessible, readable, and easy to understand format. Additionally, the county will assist residents with special needs to ensure they have full access to housing and needed services. Finally, the county will continue to work alongside agencies that provide help with fair housing problems such as the HUD Regional Office of Housing and Equal Employment and the local Urban League and the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights.

ii. The Complaint Process

Some confusion exists concerning whom to turn to when a violation of fair housing law is alleged to occur, as well as how to access the State's fair housing complaint system. In addition, the process to file a fair housing complaint is viewed as complicated. There is a general fear of retaliation that may prevent complainants from filing a fair housing complaint. The county is working on raising the visibility of the Fair Housing Complaint Process, including increasing landlord and resident awareness and knowledge of Fair Housing. The County will implement a local fair housing counseling program including a referral service to appropriate State and federal enforcement agencies for enforcement of fair housing laws. Additionally, the County's Fair Housing Officer works with the regional fair housing agency and/or the State of New Jersey Regional Fair Housing Office to plan and conduct presentations and distribute information about fair housing, through elementary schools, public libraries, affordable housing providers and community/recreation centers. This includes the State of New Jersey Regional Fair Housing Office located in Atlantic County, New Jersey, as well as the local HUD-approved Counseling Agencies. The County will also provide, from the Office of Landlord/Tenant Information, within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Division of Codes and Standards, the *Truth-in-Renting* publication that serves as a guide to the rights and responsibilities of residential landlords and tenants in New Jersey.

iii. Transportation Availability and Access to Jobs

There is job growth in Gloucester County, however in order for County residents, especially those that are homeless and at-risk of being homeless, there is in need for additional transportation to link activity centers, employment designation and established residential areas. The commuter rail proposed along the PATCO Glassboro-Camden Line (GCL) should help to address this.

iv. Bias in Lending

One of the most common reasons for loan denial is the "debt-to-income ratio". To address consumer deficits on loan credit education and budgeting, counseling has been made available to residents of Gloucester County through the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Delaware Valley and Tri-County Community Action Partnership. The County works with these two agencies to ensure their services are marketed and accessible to the residents of the County.

v. Lack of Decent Affordable Housing

According to the 2013-2017 (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) CHAS approximately 34.95% of the County's households earn 80% or less of the HUD Area Median Income, suggesting that the County has an inherent need for a significant amount of affordable housing. As the housing stock continues to age, unit rehab and replacement will continue to be in demand.

vi. Availability of Housing for the Disabled

The 2014-2018 American Community Survey (U.S. Census) reported 37,241 disabled persons within Gloucester County, representing 13.6 percent of the population, thus making it difficult to produce or retrofit accessible housing supply to meet the County's high demand. Persons with disabilities face other challenges that may make it more difficult to secure both affordable or market-rate housing, such as lower credit scores, the need for service animals (which must be accommodated as a reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act),

the limited number of accessible units, and the reliance on Social Security or welfare benefits as a major income source. Of the fair housing complaints filed within Gloucester County since 2010, a plurality of them listed Disability as a basis for the complaint.

## **PRIORITY NEEDS FOR QUALIFYING POPULATIONS**

**Identify priority needs for qualifying populations.**

### **HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, AS DEFINED IN 24 CFR 91.5**

Data and consultation point to the priority needs of this population to be improved shelter facilities including additional Non-Congregate Shelter, mental health services and supportive housing or rental assistance with supportive services.

### **AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AS DEFINED IN 24 CFR 91.5**

For those at-risk of homelessness, finding affordable rental units post-quarantine has become even more challenging than the data would suggest. According to consultation, eviction processes have begun and there are not enough available affordable rental units in the area. Affordability is more of an issue now, as many landlords are coming off an extended period of lost rent and many folks are not back to work. Landlords are increasing tenant requirements, such as credit scores, and are asking for rental rates far above the “Fair Market Rate” of the voucher. Priority needs for this population include affordable units, vouchers that are greater than FMR, and security/utility deposit assistance.

### **FLEEING, OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS DEFINED BY HUD IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE**

Those individuals who fall under this qualifying population, require the assistance of intervention services such as counseling, human resources, employment assistance programs and other workplace support services. According to the consultation process, these individuals are most in need of vouchers that are greater than FMR, security/utility deposit assistance, credit repair, mental health service and food resources.

### **OTHER POPULATIONS REQUIRING SERVICES OR HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER POPULATIONS AT GREATEST RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY, AS DEFINED BY HUD IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE**

#### **VETERANS:**

The data shows us the need for more dedicated beds at emergency shelters with a specific dedication to homeless veterans and consultation tells us that veterans are a high need population that need specialized delivery of the same services as the overall homeless and at-risk of homelessness populations.

#### **CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, UNSHELTERED, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Currently, there are no safe haven programs available in Gloucester County. There is a need for supportive services for homeless that continue through until after a person is permanently housed and stable

## **DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF NEED AND GAPS IN SHELTER AND HOUSING INVENTORY AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

**Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan.**

The level of need and gaps in shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems was determined by a thorough analysis of the available data as well as through community outreach efforts including but not limited to an online survey, public hearings, and stakeholder interviews. The data presented and discussed in this assessment was collected from the U.S. Census, ACS, CHAS, PIT Count, HIT Counts, and the data from the existing Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Stakeholders consulted included the following: the public, the Continuum of Care, homeless service providers, veterans' groups, domestic violence agencies, the public housing agency, and other public or private organizations that address fair housing and the needs for persons with disabilities.

## **HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES**

**Describe the method(s)that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:**

In order to meet the demand for affordable housing, the County will be issuing an RFP for non-profits to manage housing vouchers with wraparound services. An RFP will be released and subrecipient applications accepted.

**Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:**

The County will look to partner with subrecipients for all activities and will monitor subrecipient's ability to implement in an effective and compliant manner.

**If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are 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:**  
Not applicable.

**In accordance with Section V.C.2. of the Notice (page 4), PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.**

## **USE OF HOME-ARP FUNDING**

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Percent of the Grant</b>	<b>Statutory Limit</b>
TBRA Wraparound Supportive Services	\$ 330,826		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
TBRA Rental Assistance	\$ 1,500,000		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ #		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 323000	15 %	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 2,153,826</b>		

**Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:**

The County will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with identified priority needs as the need for more affordable rental housing was a priority throughout the consultation and needs assessment. TBRA with supportive services allows the County to quickly deploy assistance for individuals and families that are at-risk of losing their current housing and those that are looking to transition from emergency housing to more permanent housing. The wraparound services are an important support to stabilize families for a successful tenancy. This is especially important given the reported increase in mental health struggles that has emerged since COVID-19.

**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 provision of these supportive vouchers, which can exceed Fair Market Rent (FMR), have the ability to close the gap that currently exists between housing vouchers and the level of rent that the landlord is charging. It is possible that the higher voucher and guarantee of consistent rent will also incentivize landlords to be more flexible on other housing barriers, such as credit score. In addition, the model of combining wraparound services with TBRA will provide households with the housing stability they need so that they can focus on other social service needs – hopefully maintaining housing for those at-risk populations and special populations (such as DV) and offering supportive transitions to long-term rental assistance. Lastly, because these vouchers will have support services, they will be a better fit for formerly homeless households, supporting their transition out of a shelter to more longer term housing.

## **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:**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

## **PREFERENCES**

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A preference permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A method of prioritization is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

Please note that HUD has also described a method of prioritization in other HUD guidance. Section I.C.4 of Notice CPD-17-01 describes Prioritization in CoC CE as follows:

“Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term “Prioritization” to refer to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

If a PJ is using a CE that has a method of prioritization described in CPD-17-01, then a PJ has preferences and a method of prioritizing those preferences. These must be described in the HOME-ARP allocation plan in order to comply with the requirements of Section IV.C.2 (page 10) of the HOME-ARP Notice.

In accordance with Section V.C.4 of the Notice (page 15), the HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether the PJ intends to give a 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).
- The PJ must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

While PJs are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, the PJ must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if the PJ intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive eligibility requirements of another project funding source. **If a PJ fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until the PJ amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan.**

For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

**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:**

There will be no preferences utilized in this project. A preference permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. This project will operate in accordance with all fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements.

**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 subpopulation of the qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:**

There was no preference identified.

## **REFERRAL METHODS**

PJs are not required to describe referral methods in the plan. However, if a PJ intends to use a coordinated entry (CE) process for referrals to a HOME-ARP project or activity, the PJ must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

A PJ may use only the CE for direct referrals to HOME-ARP projects and activities (as opposed to CE and other referral agencies or a waitlist) if the CE expands to accept all HOME-ARP qualifying populations and implements the preferences and prioritization established by the PJ in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. A direct referral is where the CE provides the eligible applicant directly to the PJ, subrecipient, or owner to receive HOME-ARP TBRA, supportive services, admittance to a HOME-ARP rental unit, or occupancy of a NCS unit. In comparison, an indirect referral is where a CE (or other referral source) refers an eligible applicant for placement to a project or activity waitlist. Eligible applicants are then selected for a HOME-ARP project or activity from the waitlist.

The PJ must require a project or activity to use CE along with other referral methods (as provided in Section IV.C.2.ii) or to use only a project/activity waiting list (as provided in Section IV.C.2.iii) if:

1. the CE does not have a sufficient number of qualifying individuals and families to refer to the PJ for the project or activity;
2. the CE does not include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations; or,
3. the CE fails to provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE

If a PJ uses a CE that prioritizes one or more qualifying populations or segments of qualifying populations (e.g., prioritizing assistance or units for chronically homeless individuals first, then prioritizing homeless youth second, followed by any other individuals qualifying as homeless, etc.) then this constitutes the use of preferences and a method of prioritization. To implement a CE with these preferences and priorities, the PJ **must** include the preferences and method of prioritization that the CE will use in the preferences section of their HOME-ARP allocation plan. Use of a CE with embedded preferences or methods of prioritization that are not contained in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation does not comply with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

**Identify the referral methods that the PJ intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):**

The PJ will utilize the Coordinated Entry process.

**If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):**

All qualifying populations will be eligible for a project or activity. There will be no preferences.

**If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):**

There will be no prioritization. Clients will be served on first-come, first-served basis.

## **LIMITATIONS IN A HOME-ARP RENTAL HOUSING OR NCS PROJECT**

Limiting eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project is only permitted under certain circumstances.

- PJs must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.
- A PJ may not exclude otherwise eligible qualifying populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.
- Within the qualifying populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). A PJ must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap identified by the PJ in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.
- For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan.
- PJs may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

**Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:**

The PJ does not intend to limit eligibility.

**If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:**

The PJ does not intend to implement a limitation.

**If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):**

There was no limitation identified.

## **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**  
Not applicable. The PJ does not plan 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.**  
Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.
- **State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.**  
Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.
- **Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.**  
Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.
- **State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.**  
Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.
- **Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:**  
Not applicable. The PJ does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

## APPENDIX A

	United States	New Jersey	Gloucester County
Hispanic or Latino	62,080,044	18,73%	2,002,575
Not Hispanic or Latino:	269,369,237	81,27%	7,286,419
Population of one race:	255,820,254	77,18%	6,996,948
White alone	191,697,647	74,93%	4,816,381
Black or African American alone	39,940,338	15,61%	1,154,142
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,251,699	0.88%	11,206
Asian alone	19,618,719	7.67%	942,921
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	622,018	0.24%	1,944
Some Other Race alone	1,689,833	0.66%	70,354
Population of two or more races:	13,548,983	4.09%	289,471
Population of two races:	12,637,189	3.81%	272,852
Population of three races:	830,158	0.25%	14,950
Population of four races:	71,529	0.02%	1,449
Population of five races:	9,103	0.00%	197
Population of six races:	1,004	0.00%	23
Total:	331,449,281	9,288,994	302,294

Source: 2020 Decennial Census

Point - In - Time Count for 2021  
**NJ-503 Camden City & County/Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC**

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
Unsheltered Homeless				109
Sheltered Chronically Homeless Individuals	167	0	0	167
Sheltered Chronically Homeless Individuals In Families	135	0	0	135
Sheltered Chronically Homeless People In Families	32	0	0	32
Sheltered Homeless Individuals	699	127	0	826
Sheltered Homeless Individuals In Families	473	113	0	586
Homeless Family Households	73	5	0	78
Sheltered Homeless People In Families	226	14	0	240
Sheltered Homeless Veterans	17	88	0	105
Sheltered Unaccompanied Youth	20	17	0	37
Sheltered Homeless Children of Parenting Youth	14	1	0	15
Sheltered Homeless Parenting Youth	0	0	0	0

*Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007*

The Estimated Population of Gloucester County, New Jersey by Age and Sex

AGE		MALE		FEMALE		
Under 5 years	15,335	5.0%	7,845	5.3%	7,490	4.8%
5 to 9 years	20,311	6.7%	10,676	7.2%	9,635	6.2%
10 to 14 years	17,540	5.8%	8,102	5.4%	9,438	6.1%
15 to 19 years	20,463	6.7%	10,494	7.1%	9,969	6.4%
20 to 24 years	18,468	6.1%	9,342	6.3%	9,126	5.9%
25 to 29 years	18,066	5.9%	9,512	6.4%	8,554	5.5%
30 to 34 years	19,497	6.4%	9,773	6.6%	9,724	6.2%
35 to 39 years	18,219	6.0%	9,244	6.2%	8,975	5.8%
40 to 44 years	21,711	7.1%	9,802	6.6%	11,909	7.6%
45 to 49 years	18,549	6.1%	8,996	6.0%	9,553	6.1%
50 to 54 years	21,700	7.1%	10,954	7.4%	10,746	6.9%
55 to 59 years	22,715	7.5%	11,393	7.7%	11,322	7.3%
60 to 64 years	20,947	6.9%	9,834	6.6%	11,113	7.1%
65 to 69 years	16,458	5.4%	7,713	5.2%	8,745	5.6%
70 to 74 years	15,137	5.0%	6,591	4.4%	8,546	5.5%
75 to 79 years	8,169	2.7%	3,825	2.6%	4,344	2.8%
80 to 84 years	6,175	2.0%	2,925	2.0%	3,250	2.1%
85 years and over	5,017	1.6%	1,711	1.2%	3,306	2.1%
SELECTED AGE CATEGORIES						
5 to 14 years	37,851	12.4%	18,778	12.6%	19,073	12.2%
15 to 17 years	12,256	4.0%	6,514	4.4%	5,742	3.7%
Under 18 years	65,442	21.5%	33,137	22.3%	32,305	20.7%
18 to 24 years	26,675	8.8%	13,322	9.0%	13,353	8.6%
15 to 44 years	116,424	38.2%	58,167	39.1%	58,257	37.4%
16 years and over	247,169	81.2%	120,183	80.8%	126,986	81.5%
18 years and over	239,035	78.5%	115,595	77.7%	123,440	79.3%
21 years and over	227,199	74.6%	109,998	74.0%	117,201	75.3%
60 years and over	71,903	23.6%	32,599	21.9%	39,304	25.2%
62 years and over	64,027	21.0%	28,806	19.4%	35,221	22.6%
65 years and over	50,956	16.7%	22,765	15.3%	28,191	18.1%
75 years and over	19,361	6.4%	8,461	5.7%	10,900	7.0%
SUMMARY INDICATORS						
Median age (years)	41.0	(X)	39.7	(X)	42.0	(X)
Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	95.5	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Age dependency ratio	61.9	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Old-age dependency ratio	27.1	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Child dependency ratio	34.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
PERCENT ALLOCATED						
Sex	(X)	0.1%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Age	(X)	1.2%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Total population	304,477		148,732		155,745	

Source: United States Census Bureau - 2021: ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables

Point-In-Time Count Change "Pre & Post" COVID-19  
NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

Sheltered Homeless				Sheltered Homeless Individuals				Sheltered Homeless People In Families			
2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%	2019	2021	Change	%
124	160	36	29.0%	2	7	350.0%	122	151	29	23.8%	
52	46	-6	-11.5%	35	33	-2	-5.7%	17	13	-4	-23.5%
584	620	36	6.2%	525	544	19	3.6%	59	76	17	28.8%
760	826	66	8.4%	562	586	24	42.3%	198	240	42	21.1%
293	355	62	21.2%	164	206	42	25.6%	129	149	20	15.5%
466	468	2	0.4%	397	378	-19	-4.8%	69	90	21	30.4%
1	3	2	200.0%	1	2	1	100.0%	0	1	1	#DIV/0!
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
760	826	66	8.4%	562	586	24	42.3%	198	240	42	21.1%
652	673	21	3.2%	501	507	6	1.2%	151	166	15	9.9%
108	153	45	41.7%	61	79	18	29.3%	47	74	27	57.4%
760	826	66	8.4%	562	586	24	42.3%	198	240	42	21.1%
351	423	72	20.5%	249	292	43	17.3%	102	131	29	28.4%
378	355	-23	-6.1%	296	268	-28	-9.5%	82	87	5	6.1%
2	1	-1	-50.0%	2	1	-1	-50.0%	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
6	3	-3	-50.0%	6	3	-3	-50.0%	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
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15	35	20	133.3%	5	16	11	220.0%	10	19	9	90.0%
760	826	66	8.4%	562	586	24	42.3%	198	240	42	21.1%

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## Point-In-Time Count Change "Pre & Post" COVID-19 NJ-500 Atlantic City & County CoC

Sheltered Chronically Homeless Individuals										Sheltered Chronically Homeless Individuals				
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2019		2020		Change	2019		2020		Change	2019		2020		Change
2	5	32	37	3	150.0%	0	10	11	1	100.0%	0	12	2	20.0%
32	32	0	0	0.0%	150.0%	10	11	11	1	100.0%	10	12	2	20.0%
34	37	3	3	8.3%	8.3%	20	24	24	4	100.0%	20	24	4	20.0%
68	74	6	6	16.3%	164.3%	10	12	12	2	20.0%	10	12	2	20.0%
14	37	23	23	5.0%	5.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
20	21	1	1	5.0%	5.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
0	15	15	15	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
0	1	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
34	74	40	40	0.0%	0.0%	10	12	12	2	20.0%	10	12	2	20.0%
29	0	-29	-29	-100.0%	-100.0%	6	10	4	2	-50.0%	6	10	4	-50.0%
5	12	7	7	40.0%	40.0%	4	2	-2	-2	-50.0%	6	7	7	-50.0%
34	12	-22	-22	-100.0%	-100.0%	10	12	2	2	-50.0%	114	105	105	-50.0%
9	15	6	6	66.7%	66.7%	4	9	5	5	125.0%	51	46	46	125.0%
23	17	-6	-6	-26.1%	-26.1%	5	3	-2	-2	-40.0%	63	58	58	-40.0%
0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
2	2	-2	-2	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	1	1	0.0%
0	3	3	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
0	2	2	2	0.0%	0.0%	1	1	-1	-1	-100.0%	114	105	105	-100.0%
34	37	3	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	12	12	2	20.0%	114	105	105	20.0%

2021 December %

Sheltered Homeless Point-In-Time Count for 2021  
NJ-503 Camden City & County/Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
<i>Under 18</i>	148	12	0	160
<i>Age 18 to 24</i>	31	15	0	46
<i>Over 24</i>	520	100	0	620
	699	127	0	826
<i>Female</i>	329	26	0	355
<i>Male</i>	367	101	0	468
<i>Transgender</i>	3	0	0	3
<i>Gender Non-Conforming</i>	0	0	0	0
	699	127	0	826
<i>Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino</i>	564	109	0	673
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	135	18	0	153
	699	127	0	826
<i>White</i>	374	49	0	423
<i>Black or African American</i>	283	72	0	355
<i>Asian</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	3	0	0	3
<i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021</i>	5	4	0	9
<i>Multiple Races</i>	33	2	0	35
	699	127	0	826

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Sheltered Homeless Individuals Point-In-Time Count for 2021  
NJ-503 Camden City & County/Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
<i>Under 18</i>	6	3	0	9
<i>Age 18 to 24</i>	19	14	0	33
<i>Over 24</i>	448	96	0	544
	473	113	0	586
<i>Female</i>	193	13	0	206
<i>Male</i>	278	100	0	378
<i>Transgender</i>	2	0	0	2
<i>Gender Non-Conforming</i>	0	0	0	0
	473	113	0	586
<i>Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino</i>	403	104	0	507
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	70	9	0	79
	473	113	0	586
<i>White</i>	250	42	0	292
<i>Black or African American</i>	203	65	0	268
<i>Asian</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	3	0	0	3
<i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021</i>	2	4	0	6
<i>Multiple Races</i>	14	2	0	16
	473	113	0	586

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Sheltered Homeless People In Families Point-In-Time Count for 2021  
NJ-503 Camden City & County/Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
<i>Under 18</i>	142	9	0	151
<i>Age 18 to 24</i>	12	1	0	13
<i>Over 24</i>	72	4	0	76
	226	14	0	240
<i>Female</i>	136	13	0	149
<i>Male</i>	89	1	0	90
<i>Transgender</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>Gender Non-Conforming</i>	0	0	0	0
	226	14	0	240
<i>Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino</i>	161	5	0	166
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	65	9	0	74
	226	14	0	240
<i>White</i>	124	7	0	131
<i>Black or African American</i>	80	7	0	87
<i>Asian</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021</i>	3	0	0	3
<i>Multiple Races</i>	19	0	0	19
	226	14	0	240

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

**Sheltered Homeless Veterans Point-In-Time Count for 2021**  
**NJ-503 Camden City & County/Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC**

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
<i>Female</i>	2	1	0	3
<i>Male</i>	15	87	0	102
<i>Transgender</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Gender Non-Conforming</i>	0	0	0	0
	17	88	0	105
<i>Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino</i>	14	84	0	98
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	3	4	0	7
	17	88	0	105
<i>White</i>	9	37	0	46
<i>Black or African American</i>	8	50	0	58
<i>Asian</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021</i>	0	1	0	1
<i>Multiple Races</i>	0	0	0	0
	17	88	0	105

*Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007*

Sheltered Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Point-In-Time Count for 2021  
NJ-503 Camden City & County/Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
<i>Under 18</i>	2	3	0	5
<i>Age 18 to 24</i>	18	14	0	32
<i>Under 25</i>	20	17	0	37
<i>Female</i>	12	9	0	21
<i>Male</i>	7	8	0	15
<i>Transgender</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>Gender Non-Conforming</i>	0	0	0	0
	20	17	0	37
<i>Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino</i>	13	12	0	25
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	7	5	0	12
	20	17	0	37
<i>White</i>	13	2	0	15
<i>Black or African American</i>	6	11	0	17
<i>Asian</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021</i>	0	3	0	3
<i>Multiple Races</i>	1	1	0	2
	20	17	0	37

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

Sheltered Homeless Parenting Youth Point-In-Time Count for 2021  
NJ-503 Camden City & County/Gloucester, Cape May, Cumberland Counties CoC

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Safe Haven (SH)	Total
<i>Under 18</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>Age 18 to 24</i>	10	1	0	11
<i>Under 25</i>	11	1	0	12
<i>Female</i>	11	1	0	12
<i>Male</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Transgender</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Gender Non-Conforming</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino</i>	9	1	0	10
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	2	0	0	2
<i>White</i>	9	0	0	9
<i>Black or African American</i>	2	1	0	3
<i>Asian</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 2021</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Multiple Races</i>	0	0	0	0
	11	1	0	12

Data Source: HUD Exchange - PIT and HIC Data Since 2007

**Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy  
Income Distribution 2015-2019**

	Owner	Renter	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	5,295	5,715	11,010
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	6,540	4,150	10,690
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	11,980	4,365	16,345
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	8,470	1,945	10,415
Household Income >100% HAMFI	51,775	4,680	56,455
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,055</b>	<b>20,850</b>	<b>104,910</b>

*Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data (CHAS) for 2015-2019  
\* HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI)*

**Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy  
Housing Problems 2015-2019**

	Owner	Renter	Total
Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems	22,465	10,565	33,030
Household has none of 4 Housing Problems OR cost burden not available no other problems	61,590	10,285	71,875
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,055</b>	<b>20,850</b>	<b>104,910</b>
Household has at least 1 of 4 Severe Housing Problems	9,060	6,195	15,255
Household has none of 4 Severe Housing Problems OR cost burden not available no other problems	74,995	14,660	89,655
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,055</b>	<b>20,850</b>	<b>104,910</b>

*\* The four housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1 person per room, and cost burden greater than 30%.  
\* The four severe housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1.5 persons per room, and cost burden greater than 50%.*

*Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data (CHAS) for 2015-2019*

**Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy  
Housing Cost Burden 2015-2019**

	Owner	Renter	Total
Cost Burden <=30%	61,585	10,505	72,090
Cost Burden >30% to <=50%	13,575	4,660	18,235
Cost Burden >50%	8,390	5,455	13,845
Cost Burden not available	495	240	735
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,055</b>	<b>20,850</b>	<b>104,910</b>

*\* Cost burden is the ratio of housing costs to household income. For renters, housing cost is gross rent (contract rent plus utilities). For owners, housing cost is "select monthly owner costs", which includes mortgage payment, utilities, association fees, insurance, and real estate taxes.*

*Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data (CHAS) for 2015-2019*

## **APPENDIX B**

The following pages of Appendix B contains documentation of the public participation process, including:

- Public notice
- Public Hearing PowerPoint Presentation
- Public Hearing Attendance/Notes
- Consultation Survey Summary Data



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County of Gloucester)

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CORRECTED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

Gloucester County  
Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal  
Year 2021 Annual Action Plan  
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan  
Public Hearing: March 1, 2023 at 12pm  
and 6pm  
Public Comment Period: February 27,  
2023 – March 13, 2023

Correcting a notice published February 19, 2023. The notice is hereby corrected to following:

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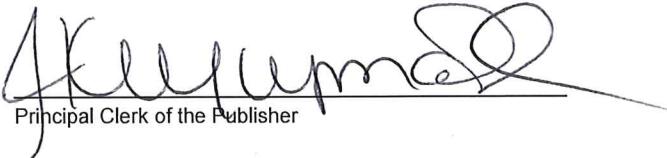
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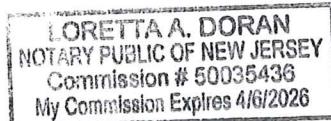
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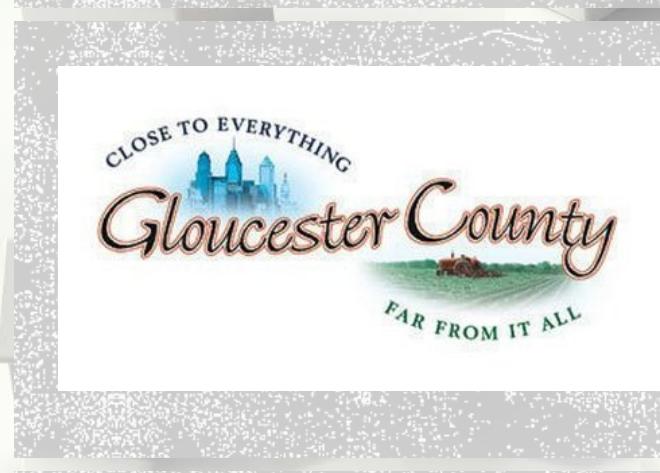
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# HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME ARP)



- Public Hearing to share draft plan and receive public comment
- Public Review 2/27 – 3/13 for review and public comment, document posted on County website
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## THE HOME PROGRAM

- The HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) is an entitlement grant program funded and administered by U.S. HUD.
- The HOME Program focuses exclusively on affordable housing. Eligible activities include:
  - New construction
  - Rehabilitation
  - First time homebuyer assistance, and
  - Tenant based rental assistance.



## THE HOME-ARP PROGRAM

- The American Rescue Plan awarded every HOME community additional funds to address anticipated housing impacts from COVID-19 -- known as HOME ARP funds.
- Gloucester County received \$2.2M in HOME ARP funding.
- All funds must be fully expended by 2030.

# ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME ARP FUNDS



DEVELOPMENT OF  
RENTAL HOUSING (SINGLE  
OR MULTI-FAMILY)



TENANT BASED RENTAL  
ASSISTANCE



DEVELOPMENT OF NON-  
CONGREGATE SHELTER



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

# HOME ARP QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Must occupy 70% of the HOME-ARP assisted units	Homeless as defined at 24 CFR 91.5	At risk of homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 91.5	Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking
Other households requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness	Other households at greatest risk of housing instability	Veterans and families that include a veteran family member	Low-income households, who are not otherwise qualifying populations, may occupy up to 30% of the HOME-ARP assisted units





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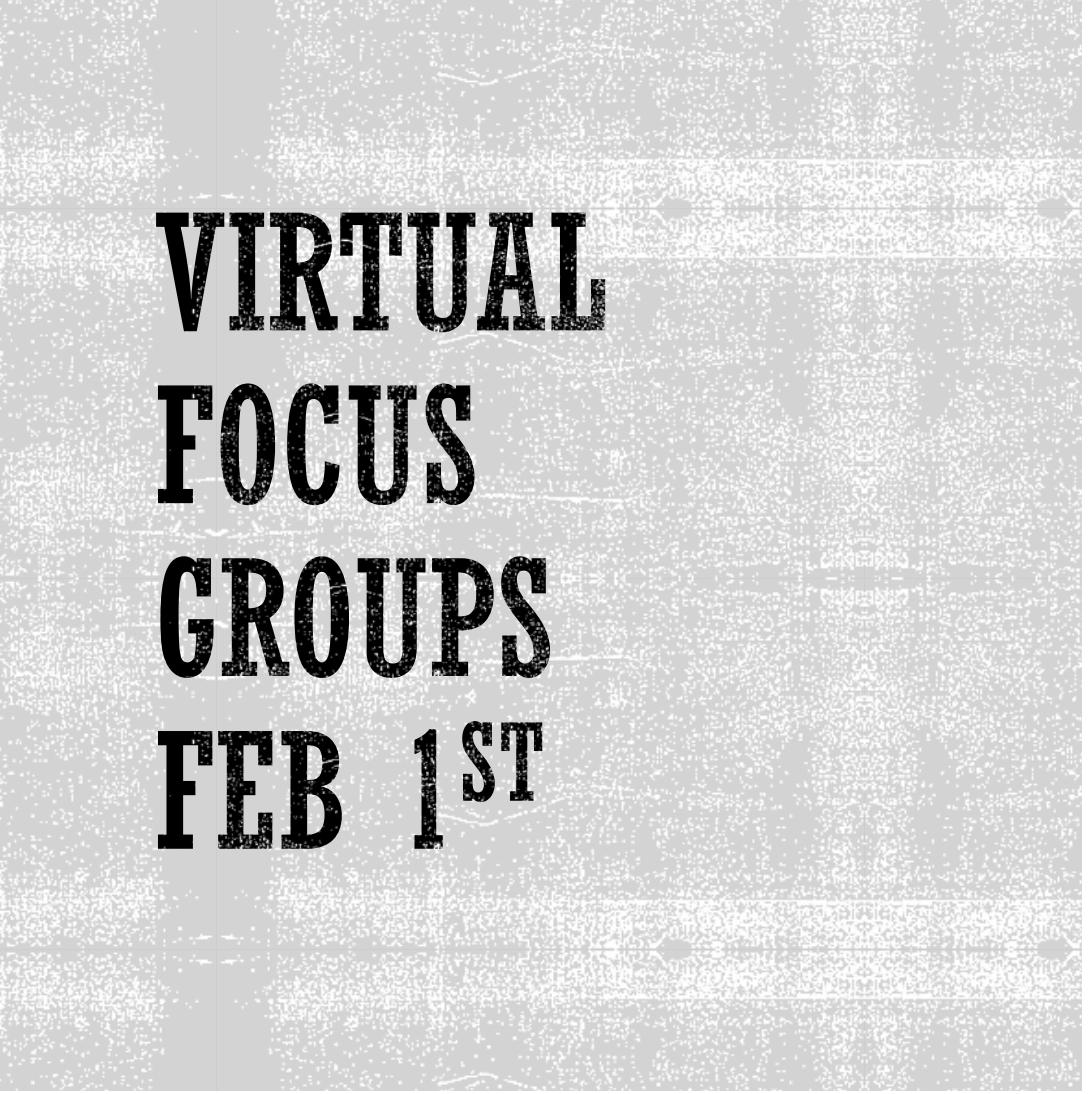
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- **Feb 1st 9:30 am: Housing**

- HOME-ARP funds can be used to acquire, construct and rehabilitate rental housing for occupancy by individuals and families that meet the definitions of one of the Qualifying Populations. HOME-ARP may also be used for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to assist a qualifying household by providing payments towards housing and housing-related costs, such as rent, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility costs.
- Input is needed to understand current housing needs and feasibility of different strategies.

- **Feb 1st 11am: Social Services**

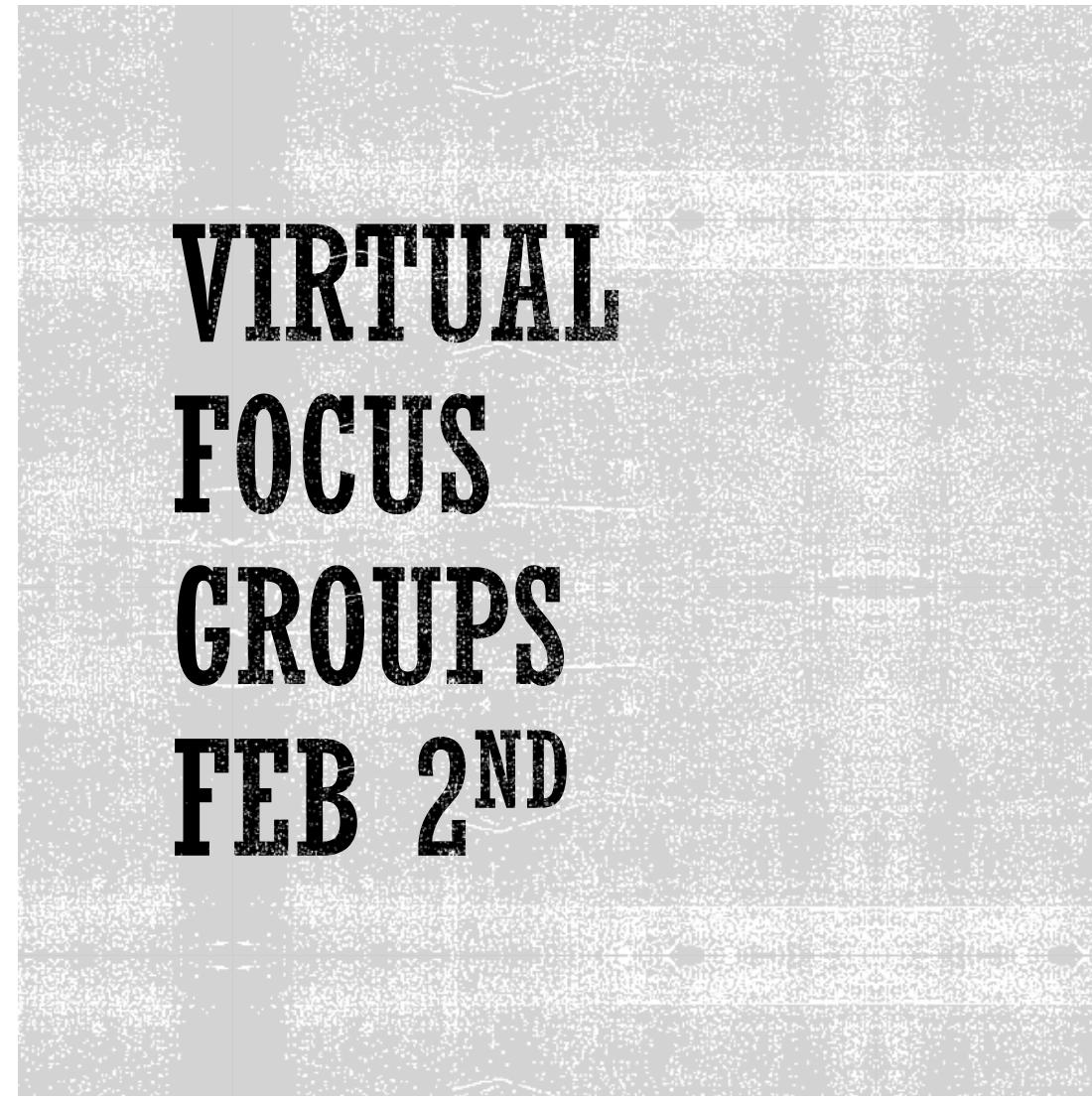
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**VIRTUAL  
FOCUS  
GROUPS**

**FEB 1ST**

- **Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30am: Homeless Prevention**
  - The HOME-ARP program offers an opportunity to fund both wraparound services for homeless prevention and housing counseling for renters.
  - Input is needed to understand the drivers for homelessness, the needs profiles of those at-risk for homelessness and potential strategies to fund.
- **Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am: Emergency Housing**
  - HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire and develop non-congregate shelter. This activity may include the construction of new structures or the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing structures.
  - Input is needed to understand the unmet need for non-congregate shelter in the county and other needs that existing emergency housing providers are seeing among their clients.
- **Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1pm: Social Services**
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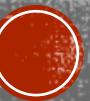
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# THANK YOU!



Gloucester County  
HOME-ARP Public Hearing

**Public Hearing #1:**

Present: *Charles Ansert (Center for Family Services), Lisa Cerny (County), Christina Velazquez (County), Melissa Walsh (Triad Associates)*

Notes:

1. Discussion of Services Structure
  - a. Possibilities to consider include specialties, keeping vouchers/services together for implementation or separate, number of agencies to fund
  - b. Guidance given to utilize a model that includes a Housing Navigator/Case Manager – case management is what is missing
  - c. Recommendation that any staff working under this grant should be required to participate in the CEAS and in the Coordinated Entry Case Conferencing, a subcommittee of the CoC
2. Vouchers
  - a. Public comment to reflect the refining of the voucher math
  - b. Look at the length of the vouchers – the employment history of this population is “spotty at best” and sustainability may be an issue
  - c. It was noted that landlord will take less than FMR, Housing Authority is reimbursing at 120% FMR
  - d. It was noted that the key question here is “How long does it take people to be self-sufficient?” This assistance might be enough to fill a gap for some and other may need to be transitioned to permanent vouchers.
3. Preferences
  - a. This is a non-preference opportunity so wraparound services should be able to assist with the actual service provision
  - b. It was noted that since these funds would serve Gloucester County residents – Coordinated Entry would need a line for this
4. Budget
  - a. Public comment noted that the services vs. the administrative budget might be off – County official explained what the administrative costs cover.

## **Public Hearing #2**

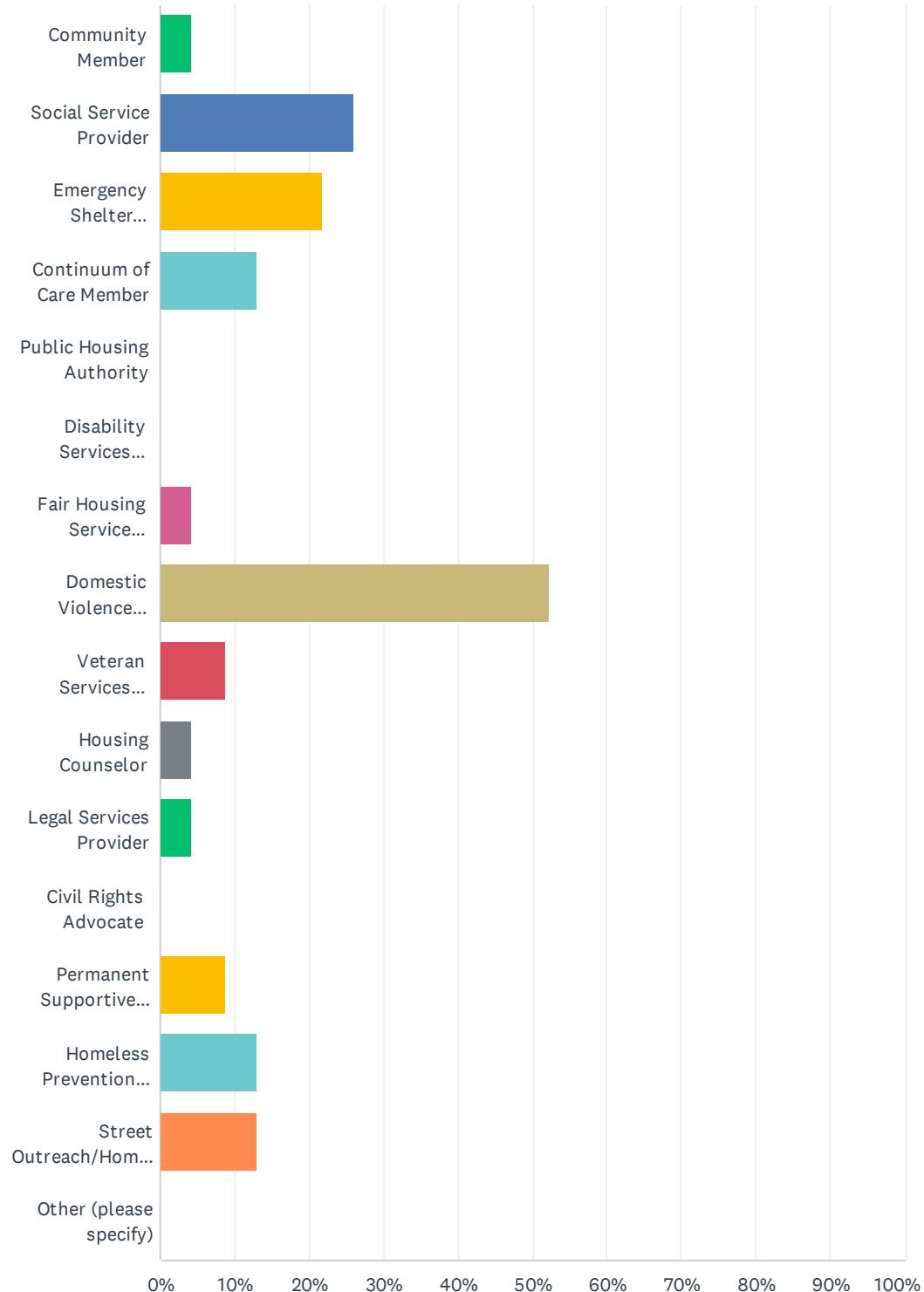
Present: *Rosemarie Parker (Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey), Melissa Walsh (Triad Associates)*

Notes:

- Ms. Parker reviewed the draft Allocation Plan. Supports the project model. She noted that this is the exact work that her organization does.
- She shared that they have worked with working families that have been living in hotels for 2-3 years and once they have access to transitional housing, they are back on their feet in 3 months.
- Families in need don't qualify for government assistance but need help. They have had a 95% success rate.
- If you serve the TANF population, they are working on advancement of education/career and engaged in other services, so they can often afford rent
- Look at McKinney Vento data – the numbers have quadrupled and are much higher than the Point in Time data
- Homeless families are the quickest to turn it around but least likely to ask for help

# Q1 How are you connected with the Gloucester County Continuum of Care?(check all that apply)

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



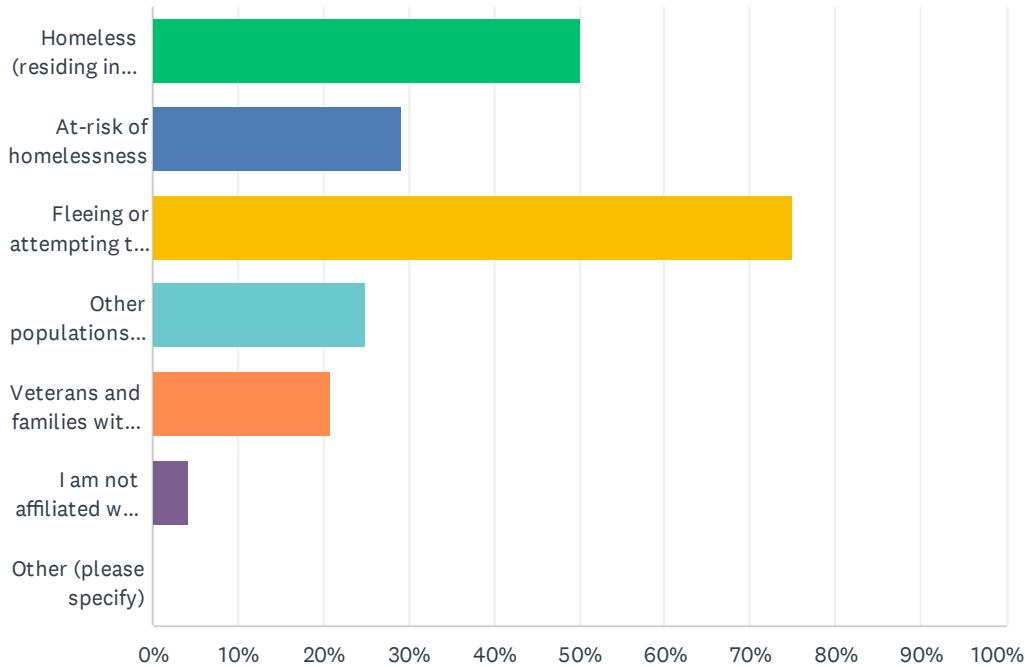
# Gloucester County HOME-ARP Community Needs Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Community Member	4.35% 1
Social Service Provider	26.09% 6
Emergency Shelter Provider	21.74% 5
Continuum of Care Member	13.04% 3
Public Housing Authority	0.00% 0
Disability Services Provider	0.00% 0
Fair Housing Service Provider/Advocate	4.35% 1
Domestic Violence Service Provider	52.17% 12
Veteran Services Provider	8.70% 2
Housing Counselor	4.35% 1
Legal Services Provider	4.35% 1
Civil Rights Advocate	0.00% 0
Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	8.70% 2
Homeless Prevention Service Provider	13.04% 3
Street Outreach/Homeless Engagement	13.04% 3
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 23	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

## Q2 Which HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations does your organization primarily serve? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0

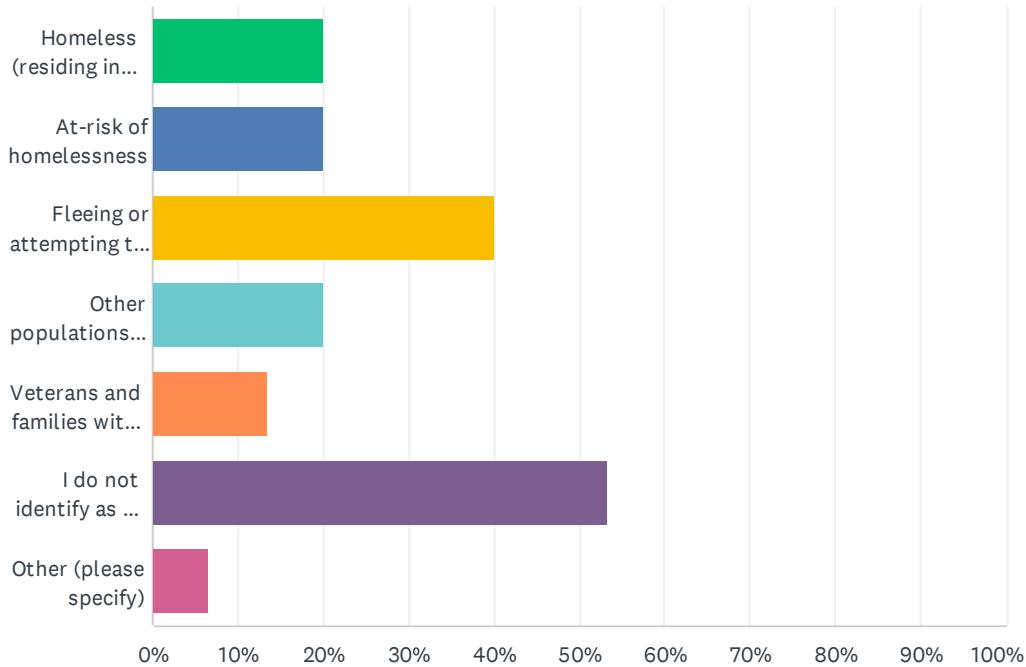


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Homeless (residing in temporary shelter, unsheltered)	50.00% 12
At-risk of homelessness	29.17% 7
Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human tracking	75.00% 18
Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent family homelessness or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability	25.00% 6
Veterans and families with a veteran family member that meets one of the above criteria	20.83% 5
I am not affiliated with an organization that serves the populations described above.	4.17% 1
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 24	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
There are no responses.		

### Q3 If not affiliated with an organization, do you identify with one of the following populations? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 15 Skipped: 9

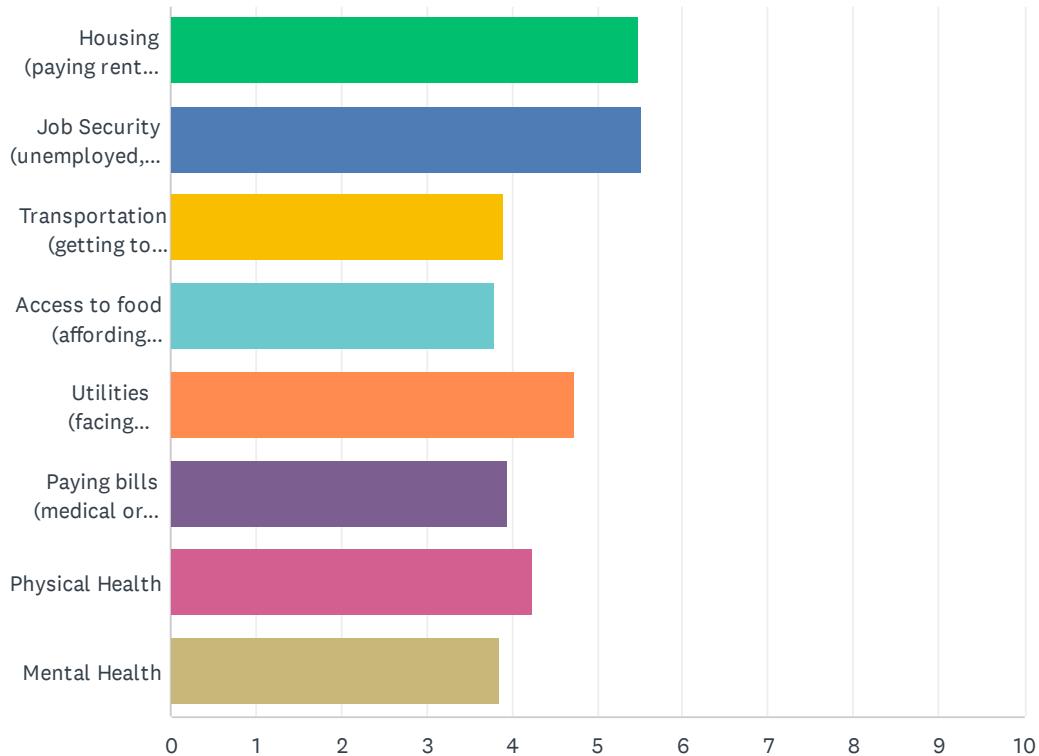


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Homeless (residing in temporary shelter, unsheltered)		20.00%	3
At-risk of homelessness		20.00%	3
Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human tracking		40.00%	6
Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent family homelessness or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability		20.00%	3
Veterans and families with a veteran family member that meets one of the above criteria		13.33%	2
I do not identify as a member of one of the above populations		53.33%	8
Other (please specify)		6.67%	1
Total Respondents: 15			

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Youth homelessness	12/8/2022 11:23 AM

**Q4 Before the COVID-19 pandemic were any of these difficult for you, your neighbors or your clients (please rank by level of difficulty):**

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1

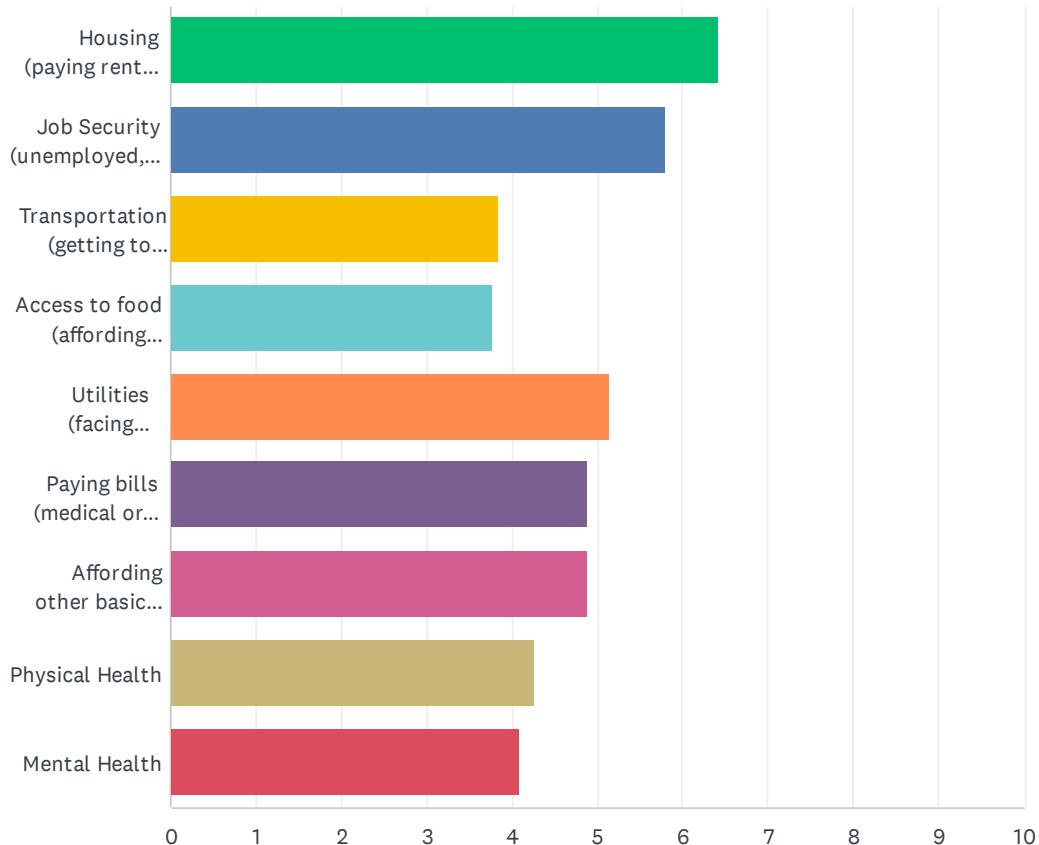


**Gloucester County HOME-ARP Community Needs Survey**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Housing (paying rent, facing eviction, foreclosure, maintenance, etc.)	36.84% 7	15.79% 3	15.79% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.26% 1	5.26% 1	21.05% 4	19	5.47
Job Security (unemployed, got fired or laid off, less income, etc.)	17.65% 3	23.53% 4	11.76% 2	17.65% 3	11.76% 2	5.88% 1	11.76% 2	0.00% 0	17	5.53
Transportation (getting to places you need to go, riding public transit, driving, etc.)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15.00% 3	0.00% 0	50.00% 10	30.00% 6	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	20	3.90
Access to food (affording groceries, getting SNAP benefits, feeding family/friends, etc.)	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	6.67% 1	26.67% 4	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	20.00% 3	15	3.80
Utilities (facing electric, gas, or water shut-offs or difficulty paying)	10.53% 2	15.79% 3	15.79% 3	10.53% 2	15.79% 3	10.53% 2	15.79% 3	5.26% 1	19	4.74
Paying bills (medical or other)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16.67% 3	33.33% 6	5.56% 1	22.22% 4	16.67% 3	5.56% 1	18	3.94
Physical Health	15.00% 3	15.00% 3	10.00% 2	10.00% 2	5.00% 1	5.00% 1	15.00% 3	25.00% 5	20	4.25
Mental Health	13.64% 3	9.09% 2	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	13.64% 3	9.09% 2	13.64% 3	27.27% 6	22	3.86

**Q5 Has the COVID-19 pandemic made any of these more difficult for you, your neighbors or your clients (please rank by level of difficulty):**

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1

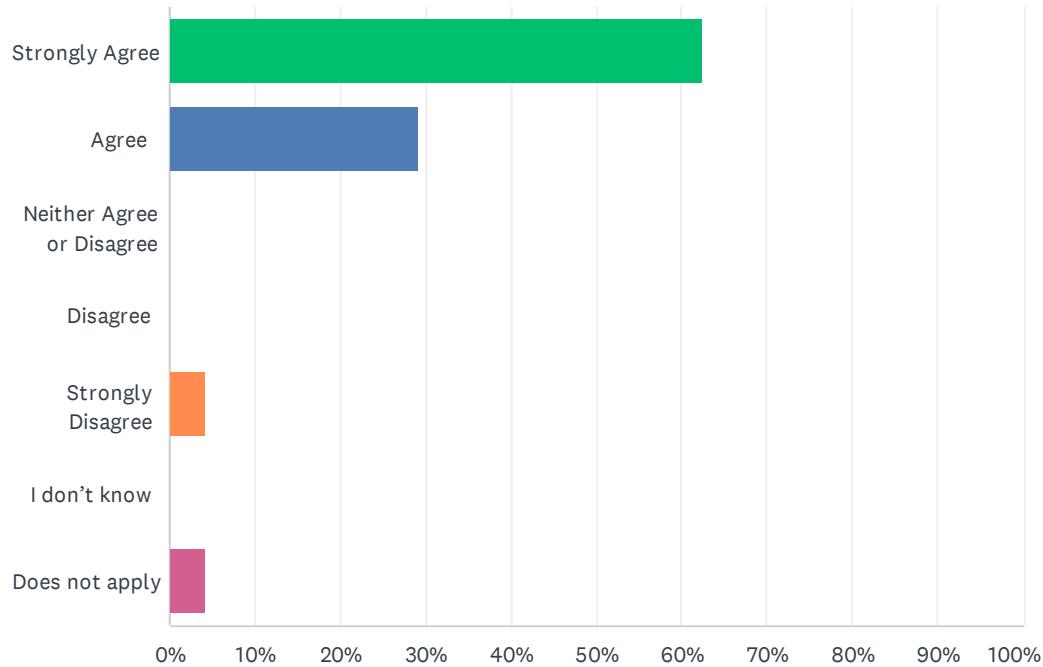


**Gloucester County HOME-ARP Community Needs Survey**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	SCORE
Housing (paying rent, facing eviction, foreclosure, maintenance, etc.)	41.18% 7	23.53% 4	5.88% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11.76% 2	17.65% 3	17	6.41
Job Security (unemployed, got fired or laid off, less income, etc.)	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	6.67% 1	20.00% 3	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15	5.80
Transportation (getting to places you need to go, riding public transit, driving, etc.)	5.26% 1	0.00% 0	5.26% 1	5.26% 1	5.26% 1	36.84% 7	15.79% 3	21.05% 4	5.26% 1	19	3.84
Access to food (affording groceries, getting SNAP benefits, feeding family/friends, etc.)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11.11% 2	0.00% 0	22.22% 4	22.22% 4	22.22% 4	11.11% 2	11.11% 2	18	3.78
Utilities (facing electric, gas, or water shut-offs or difficulty paying)	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	25.00% 4	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16	5.13
Paying bills (medical or other)	0.00% 0	5.88% 1	29.41% 5	17.65% 3	0.00% 0	17.65% 3	11.76% 2	5.88% 1	11.76% 2	17	4.88
Affording other basic needs (not mentioned above)	5.56% 1	0.00% 0	5.56% 1	22.22% 4	38.89% 7	5.56% 1	11.11% 2	5.56% 1	5.56% 1	18	4.89
Physical Health	10.53% 2	0.00% 0	21.05% 4	10.53% 2	5.26% 1	5.26% 1	5.26% 1	15.79% 3	26.32% 5	19	4.26
Mental Health	15.00% 3	10.00% 2	10.00% 2	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	20.00% 4	35.00% 7	20	4.10

## Q6 Myself, my neighbors or my clients have had difficulty finding money to pay our mortgage or rent at any time in the last year (select one).

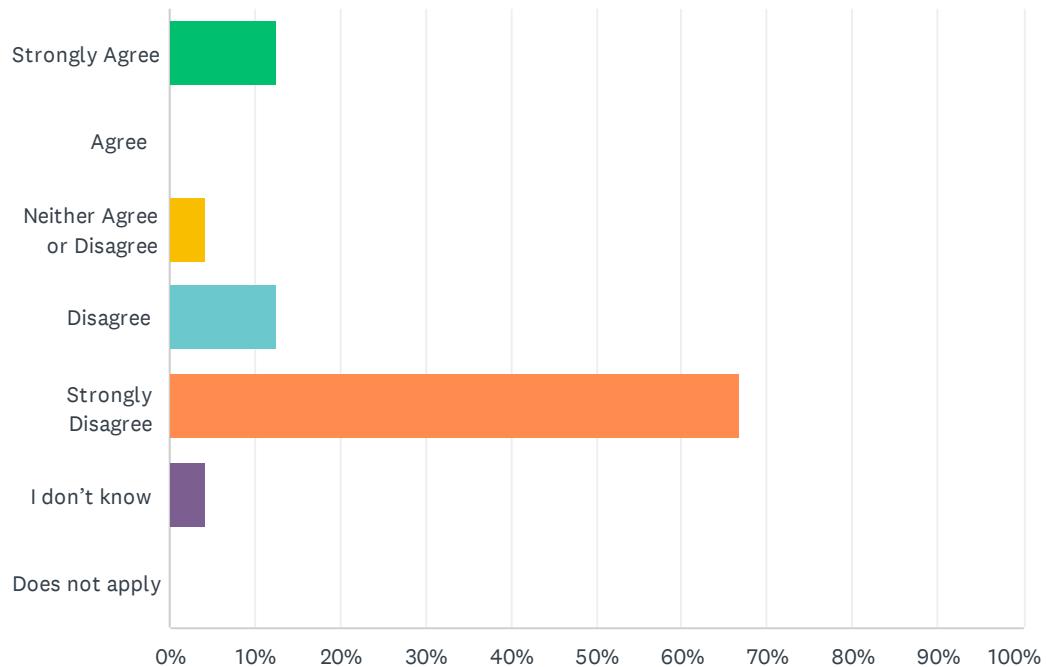
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	62.50%	15
Agree	29.17%	7
Neither Agree or Disagree	0.00%	0
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	4.17%	1
I don't know	0.00%	0
Does not apply	4.17%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24</b>

## Q7 There is sufficient affordable housing available in the County. (select one).

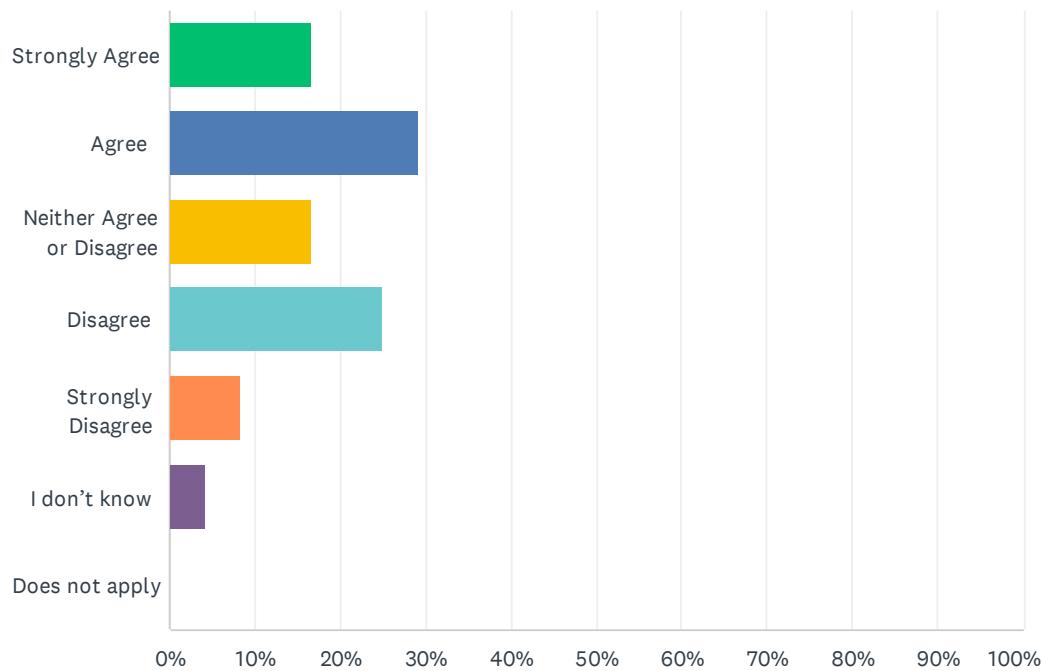
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	12.50%	3
Agree	0.00%	0
Neither Agree or Disagree	4.17%	1
Disagree	12.50%	3
Strongly Disagree	66.67%	16
I don't know	4.17%	1
Does not apply	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24</b>

**Q8 I have access to housing counseling services (foreclosure prevention, housing searches, landlord-tenant support, etc.), if I needed them or if my clients needed them (select one).**

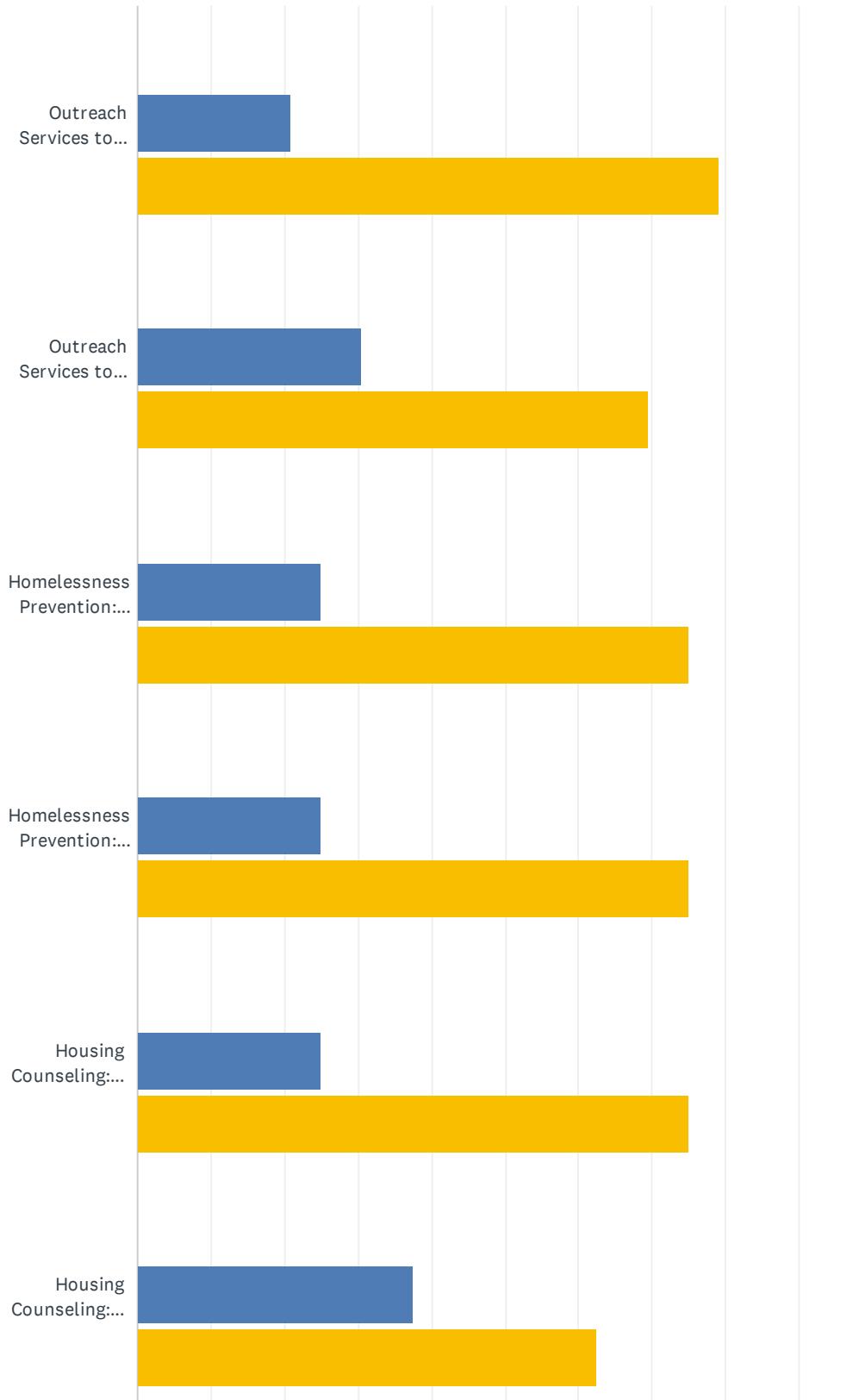
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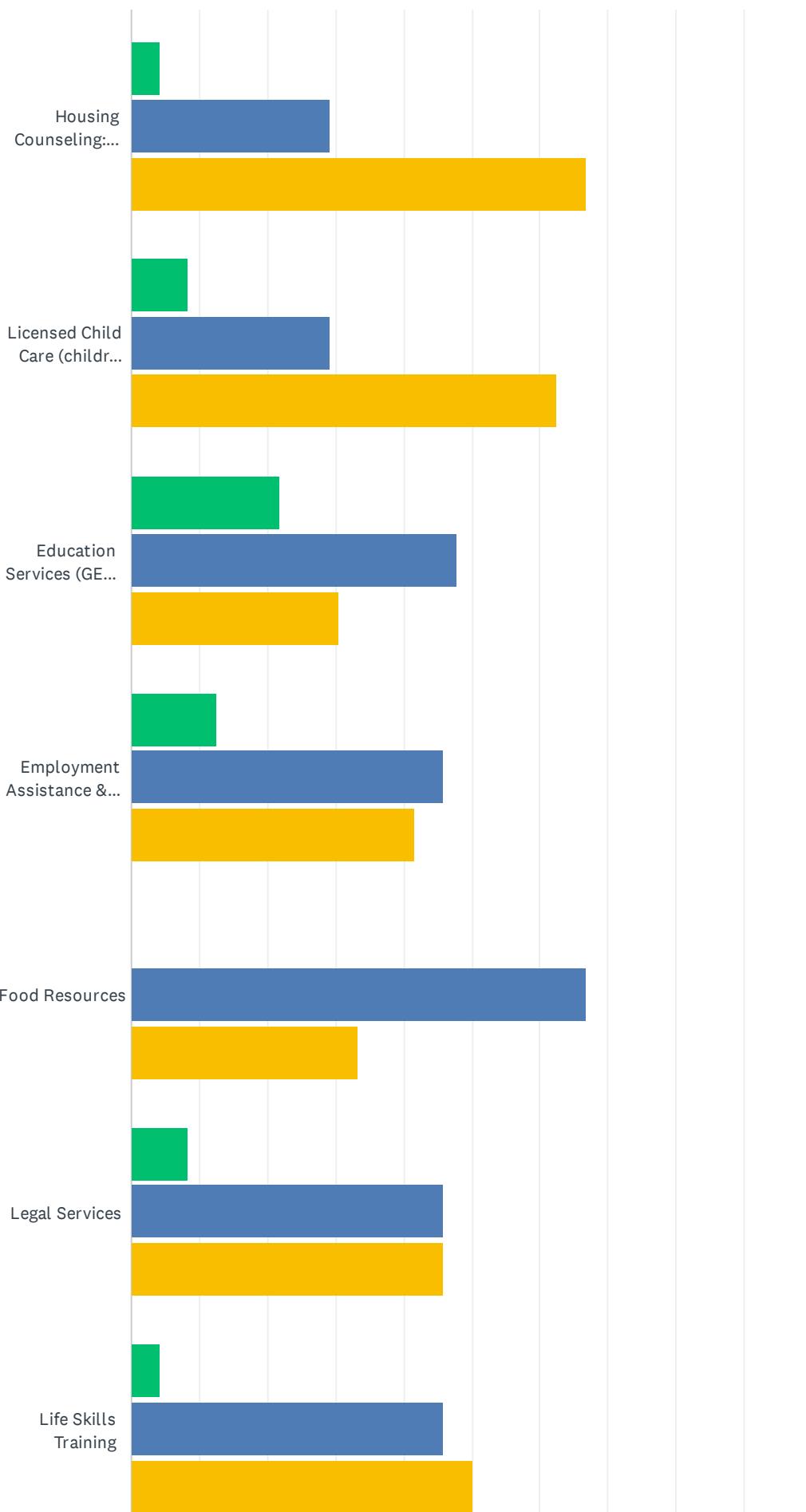
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	16.67%	4
Agree	29.17%	7
Neither Agree or Disagree	16.67%	4
Disagree	25.00%	6
Strongly Disagree	8.33%	2
I don't know	4.17%	1
Does not apply	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24</b>

## Q9 How would you rate the following eligible unmet supportive services needs for you, your neighbors or clients?

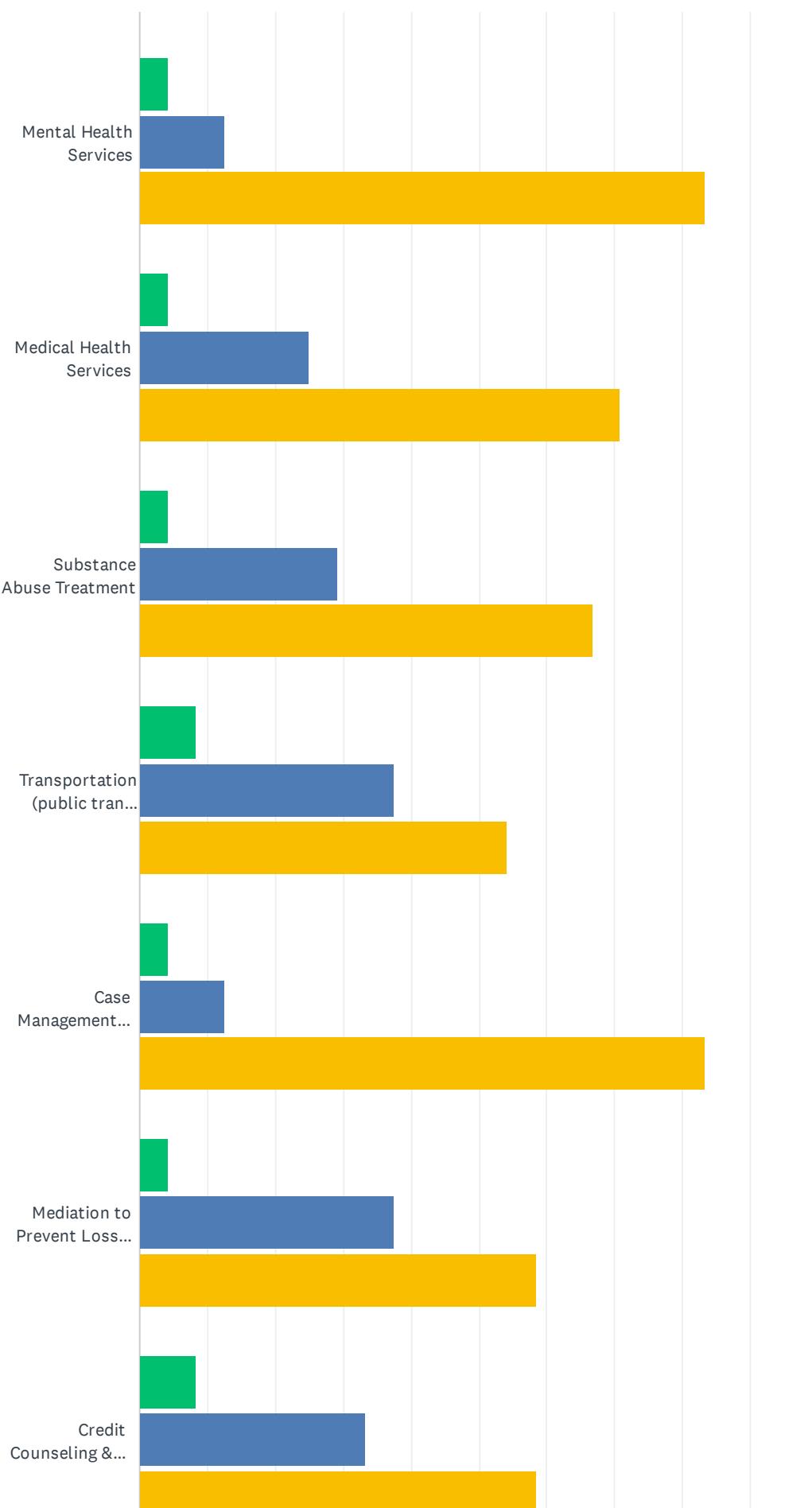
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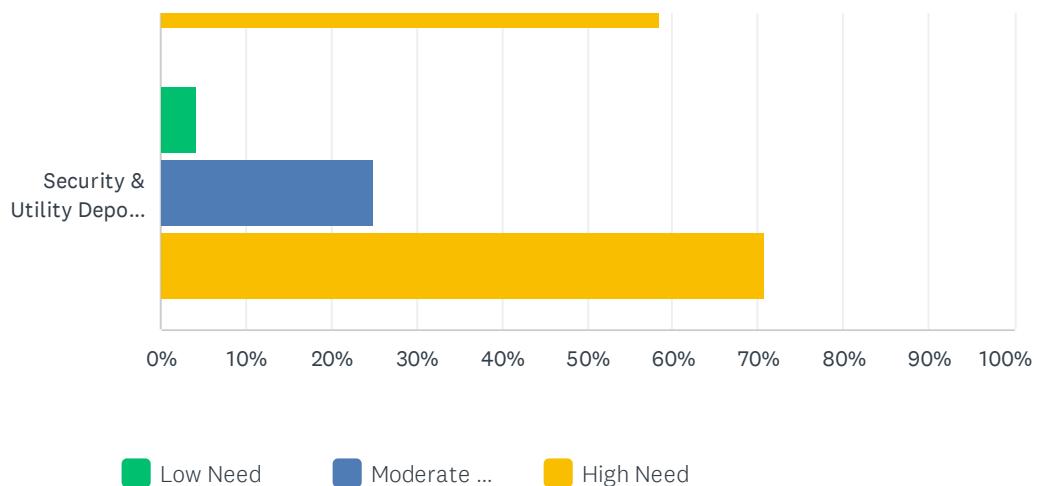
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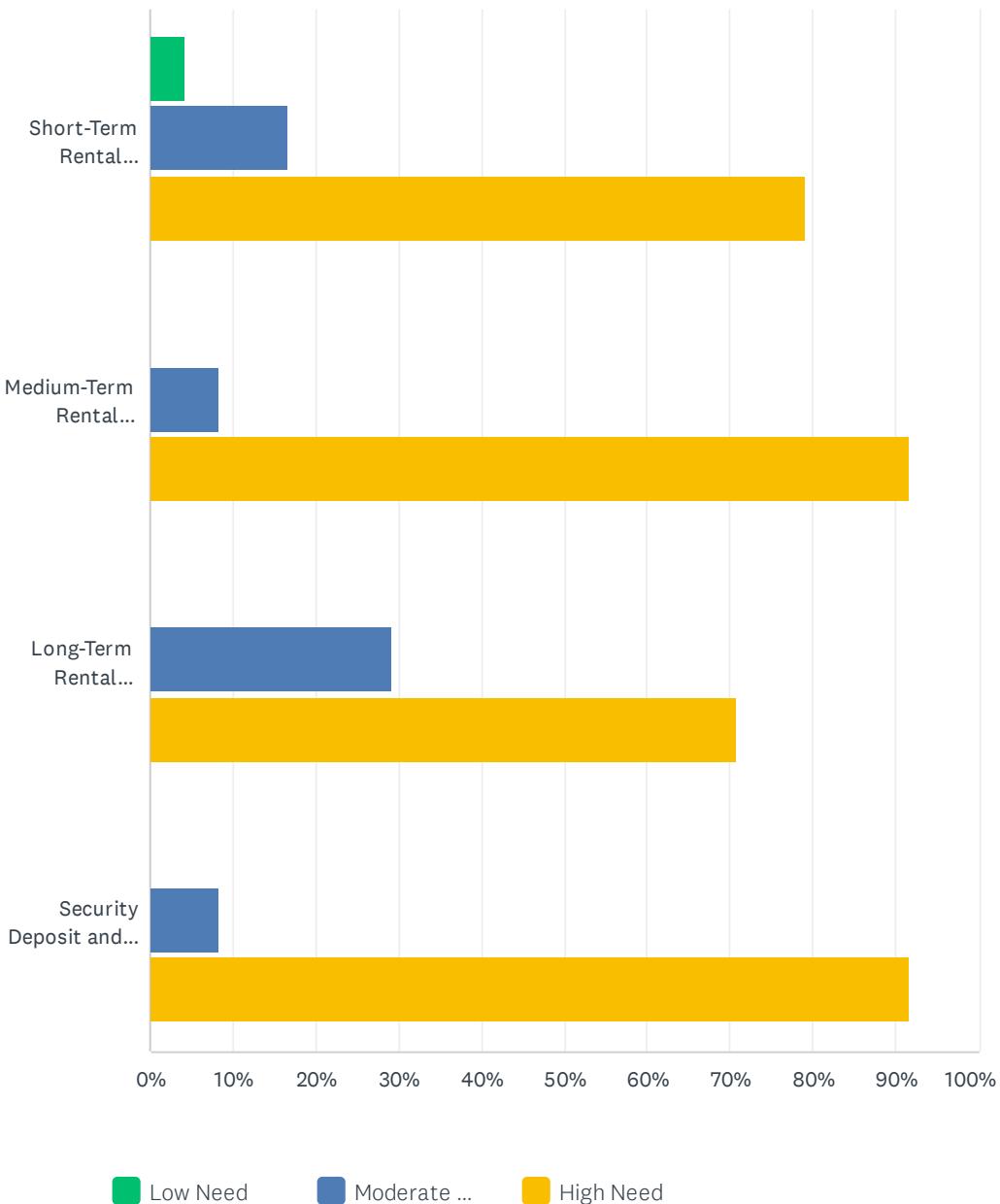
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	LOW NEED	MODERATE NEED	HIGH NEED	TOTAL
Outreach Services to Unsheltered Homeless	0.00% 0	20.83% 5	79.17% 19	24
Outreach Services to those At-Risk of Homelessness	0.00% 0	30.43% 7	69.57% 16	23
Homelessness Prevention: Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services	0.00% 0	25.00% 6	75.00% 18	24
Homelessness Prevention: Emergency Rental Assistance	0.00% 0	25.00% 6	75.00% 18	24
Housing Counseling: Rental Counseling & Search Assistance	0.00% 0	25.00% 6	75.00% 18	24
Housing Counseling: Fair Housing & Landlord-Tenant Law	0.00% 0	37.50% 9	62.50% 15	24
Housing Counseling: Resource Referrals	4.17% 1	29.17% 7	66.67% 16	24
Licensed Child Care (children under the age 13, disabled under age 18)	8.33% 2	29.17% 7	62.50% 15	24
Education Services (GED, ESL, Literacy, etc.)	21.74% 5	47.83% 11	30.43% 7	23
Employment Assistance & Job Training	12.50% 3	45.83% 11	41.67% 10	24
Food Resources	0.00% 0	66.67% 16	33.33% 8	24
Legal Services	8.33% 2	45.83% 11	45.83% 11	24
Life Skills Training	4.17% 1	45.83% 11	50.00% 12	24
Mental Health Services	4.17% 1	12.50% 3	83.33% 20	24
Medical Health Services	4.17% 1	25.00% 6	70.83% 17	24
Substance Abuse Treatment	4.17% 1	29.17% 7	66.67% 16	24
Transportation (public transit fares)	8.33% 2	37.50% 9	54.17% 13	24
Case Management (assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring delivery of individualized services)	4.17% 1	12.50% 3	83.33% 20	24
Mediation to Prevent Loss of Permanent Housing	4.17% 1	37.50% 9	58.33% 14	24
Credit Counseling & Repair	8.33% 2	33.33% 8	58.33% 14	24
Security & Utility Deposit Assistance	4.17% 1	25.00% 6	70.83% 17	24

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Transitional Housing for survivors of DV, SV, HT, Abuse, etc.	11/29/2022 9:59 AM

Q10 HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide tenant-based rental assistance(TBRA) to Qualifying Populations. The household (individual or family) could be assisted through the payment of rent, security deposits, and/or utility deposits. How would you rate the following unmet tenant-based rental assistance needs for you, your neighbors or your clients?

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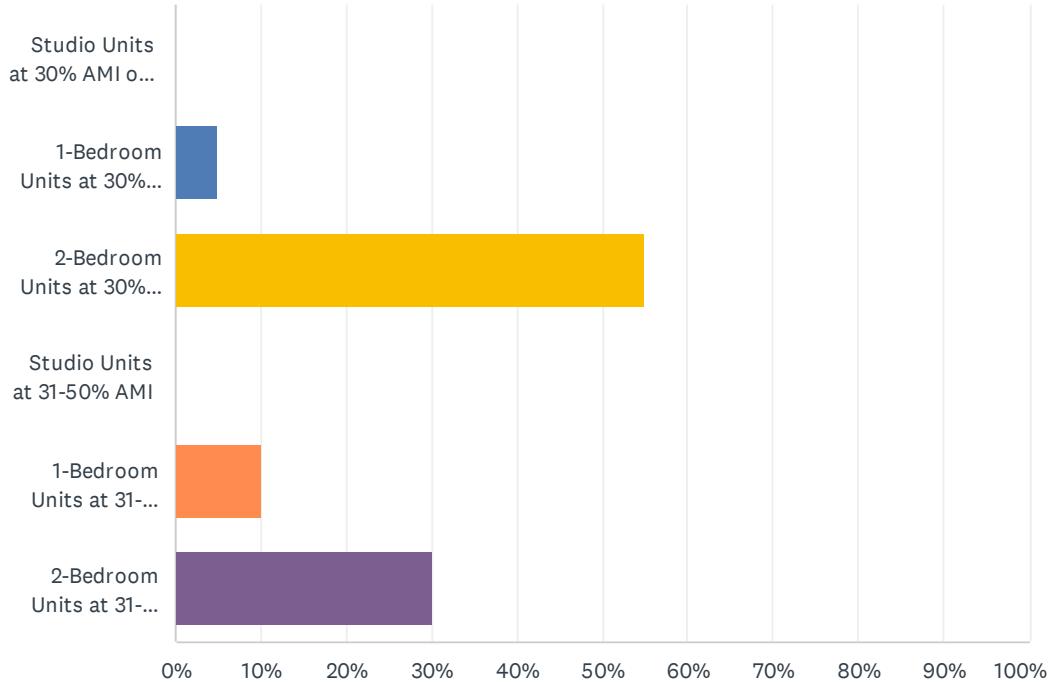


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	LOW NEED	MODERATE NEED	HIGH NEED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Short-Term Rental Assistance (0-3 months)	4.17% 1	16.67% 4	79.17% 19	24	2.75
Medium-Term Rental Assistance (4-24 months)	0.00% 0	8.33% 2	91.67% 22	24	2.92
Long-Term Rental Assistance (25+ months)	0.00% 0	29.17% 7	70.83% 17	24	2.71
Security Deposit and Utility Deposit Payments	0.00% 0	8.33% 2	91.67% 22	24	2.92

**Q11 HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable rental housing primarily for occupancy by individuals and families in Qualifying Populations. How would you rate the need for unmet affordable rental housing production in the County?**

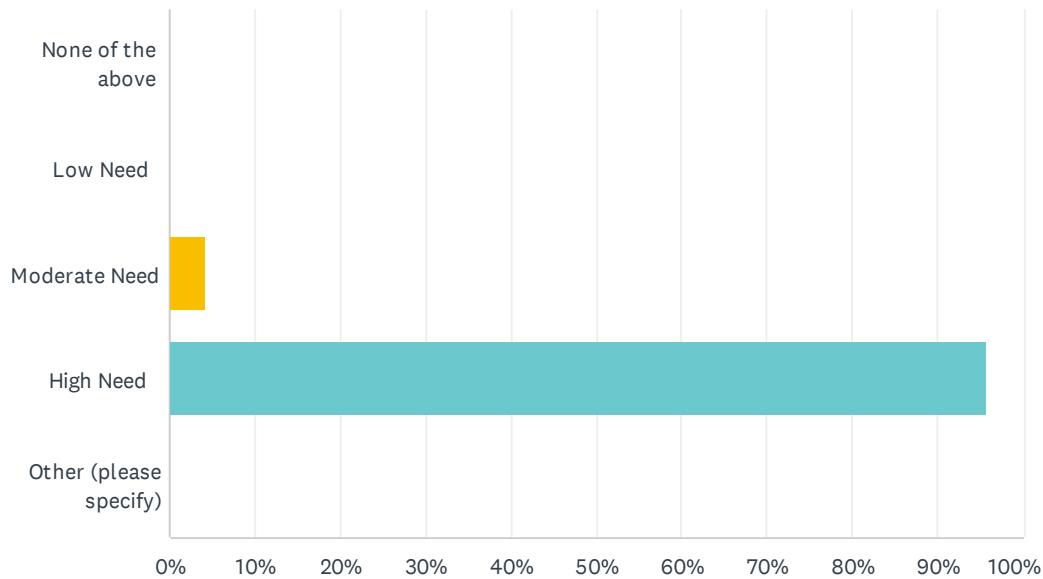
Answered: 20 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Studio Units at 30% AMI or lower	0.00%	0
1-Bedroom Units at 30% AMI or lower	5.00%	1
2-Bedroom Units at 30% AMI or lower	55.00%	11
Studio Units at 31-50% AMI	0.00%	0
1-Bedroom Units at 31-50% AMI	10.00%	2
2-Bedroom Units at 31-50% AMI	30.00%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20</b>

Q12 HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire and develop a non-congregantshelter (NCS). A non-congregant shelter provides private units or rooms that include a full bathroom as temporary shelter to individuals or families (in HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations). How would you rate the need for a new or expanded non-congregant shelter in the County?

Answered: 24      Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	0.00%
Low Need	0.00%
Moderate Need	4.17%
High Need	95.83%
Other (please specify)	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
There are no responses.		

**Q13 Name of your organization, if applicable:**

Answered: 20    Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Center For Family Services	12/8/2022 1:06 PM
2	Senior Citizens United Community Services	12/8/2022 12:15 PM
3	CFS	12/8/2022 11:23 AM
4	Center For Family Services	11/29/2022 9:59 AM
5	Center for Family Services	11/27/2022 8:34 AM
6	Center For Family Services	11/23/2022 10:12 AM
7	Center for Family Services	11/22/2022 11:55 AM
8	Center for Family Services	11/22/2022 11:24 AM
9	Center For Family Services	11/22/2022 10:49 AM
10	Mother Child Center for Family Services	11/22/2022 10:49 AM
11	Volunteers of America Delaware Valley	11/21/2022 10:07 PM
12	Volunteers of America	11/21/2022 9:43 PM
13	CFFS	11/21/2022 8:07 PM
14	Center for Family Services	11/21/2022 3:40 PM
15	Services Empowering Rights of Victims	11/21/2022 2:53 PM
16	Center for Family Services	11/21/2022 2:30 PM
17	Center for Family Services	11/21/2022 1:55 PM
18	Center For Family Services	11/21/2022 1:43 PM
19	Center for Family Services	11/21/2022 1:37 PM
20	Center For Family Services	11/21/2022 1:12 PM

**Q14 Name of your individual program, if applicable:**

Answered: 16    Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Emergency Services	12/8/2022 12:15 PM
2	Street Outreach services	12/8/2022 11:23 AM
3	SERV	11/29/2022 9:59 AM
4	SERV	11/27/2022 8:34 AM
5	SERV	11/23/2022 10:12 AM
6	SERV	11/22/2022 11:55 AM
7	Mother and Child	11/22/2022 11:24 AM
8	Mother/Child Residential	11/22/2022 10:49 AM
9	Eleanor Corbett House	11/21/2022 10:07 PM
10	Eleanor Corbett House	11/21/2022 9:43 PM
11	SERV	11/21/2022 8:07 PM
12	SERV	11/21/2022 3:40 PM
13	Services Empowering Rights of Victims	11/21/2022 2:53 PM
14	Services Empowering Rights of Victims	11/21/2022 1:55 PM
15	SERV	11/21/2022 1:43 PM
16	SERV	11/21/2022 1:37 PM

## Q15 Do you have any additional information about community needs in Gloucester County that you would like to share?

Answered: 8    Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	-Transitional housing needed for Victim services and other populations needed. -Supportive housing and parenting support for developmentally delayed & disabled should be explored as a needed resource	11/29/2022 9:59 AM
2	Working in a domestic violence shelter, I have seen the need for affordable housing. Our shelter are past capacity and we scramble to find space for our survivors. There is a very high need for affordable housing.	11/22/2022 11:55 AM
3	None at this time	11/22/2022 11:24 AM
4	As a rural community transportation often comes up as a priority need, however with the recent rise in housing cost there is a greater for financial supports to assist individuals and families seeking safe stable housing. This can be done by providing funding or reimbursing for application fees, paying for security deposits, offering more vouchers and low as well as affordable housing units.	11/21/2022 10:07 PM
5	Additional avenues to help with assisting those who do not qualify through the board of social services.	11/21/2022 9:43 PM
6	no	11/21/2022 3:40 PM
7	n/a	11/21/2022 2:53 PM
8	I did not know how to answer number 11	11/21/2022 1:12 PM

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="checkbox"/>  * Other (Specify): <input type="checkbox"/>
* 3. Date Received: 03/31/2023	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="checkbox"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="checkbox"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: M-21-DP-34-0215	
<b>State Use Only:</b>		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="checkbox"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
* a. Legal Name: County of Gloucester		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 21-6000660		* c. UEI: WNT5CG4AEF79
<b>d. Address:</b>		
* Street1: Office of Government Services		
Street2: 1480 Tanyard Road		
* City: Sewell		
County/Parish: <input type="checkbox"/>		
* State: NJ: New Jersey		
Province: <input type="checkbox"/>		
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code: 08080-4222		
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>		
Department Name: Dept. of Economic Development	Division Name: Housing & Community Development	
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
Prefix: Mrs.	* First Name: Christina	
Middle Name: <input type="checkbox"/>		
* Last Name: Velazquez		
Suffix: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Title: Supervising Development Specialist		
Organizational Affiliation: Gloucester County, Office of Housing & Community Development		
* Telephone Number: (856) 307-6664	Fax Number: <input type="checkbox"/>	
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### \* 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:

US Department of Housing & Urban Development

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

\* Title:

### 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:

HOME ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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### 16. Congressional Districts Of:

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

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

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### 17. Proposed Project:

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

### 18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="2,153,826.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,153,826.00"/>

### \* 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 218, 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:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

\* Date Signed:

## **HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS**

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

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

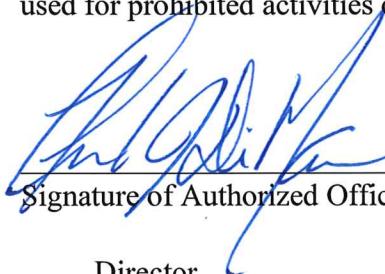
**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

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**HOME-ARP Certification** --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director  
Title

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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 awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
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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.
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE  
PROGRAM YEAR 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND APPROVING THE HOME  
INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM –AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
(HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the County adopted a Resolution on July 8, 2020 approving its five-year Consolidated Plan, which identified housing and community development needs, and developed priorities and multiyear goals from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2021, the County adopted a Resolution approving the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Program Year 2021 (PY2021), which was approved by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is presently implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, was signed into law to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses. HOME-ARP appropriated \$5 billion dollars in ARP funds to be administered through HOME Investment Partnership Program to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has been notified by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will receive an allocation of \$2,153,826.00 in HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds to be used to help communities provide housing, shelter, and services for people experiencing homelessness and other qualifying populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's HOME-ARP allocation plan include serves as the framework which aligns and focuses funding from HOME-ARP in accordance with CPD Notice 21-10; and

**WHEREAS**, the HOME-ARP Allocation Action Plan was made available for 15-day public comment on February 27, 2023 – March 13, 2023 and public hearing on March 1, 2023.

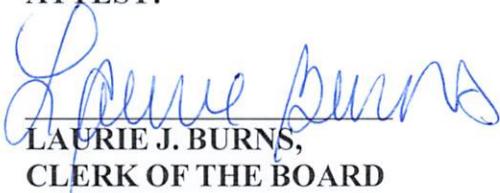
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gloucester as follows:

1. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which includes the intentions for use of funds from the HOME-ARP Program in the amount of \$2,153,826.00, is hereby approved and the Commission Director is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of said plan with the meeting minutes.

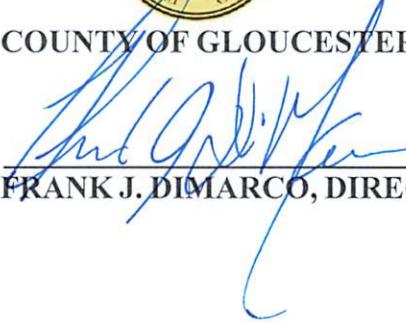
2. The Commission Director is authorized to: (a) act as a representative of the County of Gloucester, and (2) execute and file applications for financial assistance for such amounts as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is willing to make available under the specified programs and assure compliance with the conditions that are imposed in accepting funding from these programs, and (3) provide such assurances and execute any and all certifications as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including any additional or revised data which may be requested during the review of said applications.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gloucester held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Woodbury, New Jersey.

ATTEST:

  
LAURIE J. BURNS,  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

  
FRANK J. DIMARCO, DIRECTOR