

## **Executive Summary**

### **AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

#### **1. Introduction**

As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Atlantic County is required to prepare a Five-Year Consolidated Plan that assesses needs within its jurisdiction and spells out how it plans to use HUD resources to address those needs. It is also required to submit an Annual Action Plan for each year. The current Five-Year Consolidated Plan covers program years 2021 through 2025, a period beginning on September 1, 2021 and ending on August 31, 2026.

The Annual Action Plan presented here covers Year 2 of that 5-year period, specifically the 12 months from September 1, 2022 and ending on August 31, 2023.

The CDBG program has as its primary purpose the provision of decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunity to the most vulnerable populations, including low-moderate income households, seniors, disabled adults, domestic violence victims and the homeless. Atlantic County is scheduled to receive \$1,127,243 in CDBG funds for Program Year 2022 (September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023).

The HOME program has as its primary purpose the provision of safe, decent, affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households. Atlantic County is scheduled to receive \$709,569 in HOME funding for Program Year 2022.

In assessing community needs within the jurisdiction, Atlantic County reviewed a wide variety of available data and consulted with municipalities, agencies and organizations from the public and private sectors engaged in front-line provision of services and facilities to eligible populations. Based on the needs so identified, the County has developed both a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan for 2022 that directs HUD resources to effectively assisting our residents.

Though HUD program funding is not guaranteed from year to year and does, in fact, fluctuate annually, Atlantic County and all other grantees are required to set out a plan for the entire five-year period. This plan is based on an assumption of relatively level funding for years 2 through 5. Adjustments will be made with each Annual Action Plan for those subsequent years, but the priorities established in the Consolidated Plan continue to guide decisions.

#### **2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

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

The goals of this Annual Action Plan are enumerated in Section AP-20. They include planned accomplishments in the areas of housing and public infrastructure.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

Atlantic County has an excellent record of using CDBG and HOME funds in an efficient and compliant manner to address identified needs in the County. Along with its public and private partners, the County has regularly completed projects that improve the lives of County residents, particularly low-mod income residents.

In preparing this plan, the successful outcomes previously achieved suggested that some activities, such as housing rehab, were efficient, effective uses of HUD funds and should be continued if there was still a need. Proficiency in completing infrastructure and facility projects and seeing both observed and documented benefits of public service efforts also suggested that inclusion of such activities, where warranted, would enhance opportunities for positively impacting our communities.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Each Urban County municipality was invited to the County's annual Community Development kick-off meeting, held virtually again this year because of Covid-19, to discuss the application process, the basics of the CDBG program and eligible activities. The municipalities are charged with knowing their community's needs and applying the parameters of the CDBG program to develop an eligible application. County and consultant assistance is available to facilitate this process.

Additionally, public hearings were held June 9, 2022 and July 14, 2022 at 3 different times each day to discuss community needs and the draft 2022 Annual Action Plan. These hearings were held by telephone conference call because of the pandemic.

Feedback from the municipalities helped shape goals for the annual plan by providing a sense of infrastructure, facilities, services, etc. needed in each municipality.

### **5. Summary of public comments**

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

Consensus was that a need continues for housing, infrastructure improvements, removal of architectural barriers and public services, including transportation.

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

All comments received were considered in the preparation of this Plan.

## **7. Summary**

Through consultation with a wide array of stakeholders, Atlantic County has developed both a Five-Year plan and this Annual Action Plan for the use of CDBG and HOME funds. The overarching purpose of those Plans is the efficient use of precious and limited resources to effectively address identified needs among the County's most vulnerable residents. The Plan is built on the County's proven methods of meeting needs but with a recognition that needs and the forces that drive them are subject to change. Housing, public buildings and systems, and public services that inform, educate or otherwise elevate the quality of life continue to be the focus of Atlantic County's efforts in this arena.

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

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

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		Atlantic County Improvement Authority
HOME Administrator		Atlantic County Improvement Authority

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative (optional)

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

Atlantic County, through the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, has prepared both a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and related Annual Action Plans in order to strategically implement federal programs that fund housing, community development and economic development activities within the municipalities that comprise the Urban County. Through a collaborative planning process that involved a broad range of public and private agencies, the County has developed a single, consolidated planning and application document for the use of federal entitlement funds available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. The County will submit this 2022 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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

Coordination begins with communication and the jurisdiction maintains open channels of communications among a varied network of service providers - including health and mental health providers - and the various representatives of low-mod income residents, including public and assisted housing. Atlantic County, through its appropriate divisions, is active in countywide and regional organizations, including the CEAS Committee and Continuum of Care, and is a willing conduit for information and coordination.

#### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The Homeless Committee of the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council has prepared a request for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the SuperNOFA Continuum of Care for the Homeless Program. The Continuum planning process is led by a voluntary association of service and housing providers, City and County government, faith-based and community-based organizations whose focus is to find collaborative solutions for the needs of homeless persons in Atlantic City and Atlantic County.

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

N/A - Atlantic County does not receive ESG funding.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Atlantic County Womens Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Public services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings and conferences.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mental Health Association in Atlantic County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Health Agency

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Public services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (ATLANTIC COUNTY)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Public infrastructure and facilities

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey and submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pleasantville Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey specific to public housing authorities. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ABSECON
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public services and infrastructure

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6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Brigantine
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public infrastructure
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7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public facilities

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	BUENA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public facilities and infrastructure
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Corbin City
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Slum/blight eliminatiom

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10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public facilities and infrastructure
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ESTELL MANOR
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure

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12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	FOLSOM
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure

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14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Linwood
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Borough of Longport
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure

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16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Margate City
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MULLICA TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey. Submitted an application for CDBG funding, which provides insight into the municipality's needs. Additionally, Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority maintain an ongoing relationship with more than 40 other municipalities, government agencies, school districts and community service organizations via e-mail, conference calls, face-to-face meetings, and conferences. The ACIA annually holds a kick-off meeting to discuss municipal needs and CDBG funding. All Urban County municipalities are invited to the meeting. Also, responded to Consolidated Plan
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NORTHFIELD
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PLEASANTVILLE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and improvements

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20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Port Republic
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure
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21	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Somers Point
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public facilities and infrastructure

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22	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VENTNOR CITY
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23	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public facilities and infrastructure

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24	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COVENANT HOUSE OF NEW JERSEY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Completed a Consolidated Plan survey.
25	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Buena Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
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26	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Atlantic County Office of Emergency Preparednes
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis Emergency preparedness
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Review of the most recent version of the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies potential threats to the jurisdiction.
27	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Comcast
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Business Leaders Major Employer
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	E-mail discussion of broadband availability in the jurisdiction and company initiatives regarding same.

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

All appropriate types of agencies were consulted.

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Atlantic County Homeless Consortium	This Strategic Plan includes homelessness prevention activities that help reduce the need for facilities and services for the homeless.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

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

Each Urban County municipality was invited to the County's annual Community Development kick-off meeting, held virtually again this year because of Covid-19, to discuss the application process, the basics of the CDBG program and eligible activities. The municipalities are charged with knowing their community's needs and applying the parameters of the CDBG program to develop an eligible application. County and consultant assistance is available to facilitate this process.

Additionally, public hearings were held May 11, 2022 and June 29, 2022 at 3 different times each day to discuss community needs and the draft 2022 Annual Action Plan. These hearings were held by telephone conference call because of the pandemic.

Feedback from the municipalities helped shape goals for the annual plan by providing a sense of infrastructure, facilities, services, etc. needed in each municipality.

### **Citizen Participation Outreach**

<b>Sort Order</b>	<b>Mode of Outreach</b>	<b>Target of Outreach</b>	<b>Summary of response/attendance</b>	<b>Summary of comments received</b>	<b>Summary of comments not accepted and reasons</b>	<b>URL (If applicable)</b>
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Virtual hearings on community needs held at 3 different times on June 9, 2022.		All comments were accepted.	

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2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Virtual hearings on draft plan held at 3 different times on July 14.			
3	Internet Outreach	Municipalities belonging to the Urban County	Annual kick-off meeting for municipalities held virtually on March 17, 2022.			

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

Atlantic County's CDBG allocation for 2022 is \$1,127,243. The County's HOME allocation for 2022 is \$709,569.

The expected amount for the remainder of the Con Plan entered below is approximately 3 times the Year 2 allocation

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,127,243	0	0	1,127,243	3,300,000	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is based on estimate of 3 times current allocation

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	709,569	0	0	709,569	2,100,000	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is based on estimate of 3 times current allocation

**Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The County will partner with municipalities, other public agencies and nonprofit organizations, when feasible, to leverage resources and maximize outcomes in housing and community development. Virtually all planned activities have some degree of leveraging from non-federal sources. The source of these funds ranges from municipal capital funds to state grants to developer equity. Economic Development activities are expected to receive little or no CDBG funds but will be contributing millions of dollars toward the same goals as the CDBG program.

Atlantic County will continue to leverage funds from the state and regional sources, effectively multiplying the impact of CDBG and HOME funds.

The Match for the HOME Program will be met through a combination of cash from nonfederal sources, including developers equity, sweat equity, land donated by municipalities and private bank investment in housing projects.

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

Publicly owned streets and other facilities is expected to be used to address some of the needs identified in this Plan.

### **Discussion**

Through leveraging, partnering, extensive engagement of the local business, non-profit and government entities, Atlantic County is dedicated to getting the most out of its annual CDBG and HOME allocations.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator

Table 6 – Goals Summary

#### Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Preserve existing housing stock
	Goal Description	Residential rehab programs using both HOME and CDBG funding.
2	Goal Name	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	Goal Description	Municipal infrastructure projects for accessibility improvements and improvements to eligible residential neighborhoods. This goal will be addressed through Projects 5 through 18.
3	Goal Name	Increase home ownership opportunities
	Goal Description	Using HOME funds for both homebuyer assistance and the creation of a new affordable unit, this goal will be addressed through Projects 3 and 4.

<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administer CDBG & HOME programs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Administration and planning of both the CDBG and HOME programs.

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

With input from a variety of stakeholders, with data from a variety of sources and with hands-on experience in front-line services to the most vulnerable populations in the County, Atlantic County plans a mix of activities in FY 2022 to address a wide range of challenges for those populations. Infrastructure improvements, housing rehab, community facilities and social services are just some of the approaches to improving neighborhoods, houses and, most importantly, families in Atlantic County.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Administration & Planning - 2022
2	Housing Rehab - 2022
3	Homebuyer Assistance - 2022
4	Affordable Housing - CHDO 2022
5	Absecon Ambassador Drive ADA improvements
6	Brigantine Beach Avenue curb cuts
7	Buena Vista Township Hall ADA improvements
8	Egg Harbor Twp. - Infrastructure - 2022
9	Folsom - ADA Improvements -2022
10	Galloway Township ADA improvements
11	Hamilton Township - 2022
12	Linwood ADA improvements - 2022
13	Longport - ADA improvements - 2022
14	Margate - ADA Improvements - 2022
15	Northfield - ADA Improvements - 2022
16	Pleasantville Street Reconstruction - 2022
17	Port Republic - 2022
18	Somers Point Street Improvement - 2022
19	Atlantic County ADA - 2022

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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



**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	General Administration & Planning - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide Eligible low-mod residential areas Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administer CDBG & HOME programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	General program administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$225,448 HOME: \$70,956
	<b>Description</b>	Operation of the CDBG and HOME programs, including planning, monitoring and reporting.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Operation of the CDBG and HOME programs provides the necessary support for all other activities to function. Those activities will benefit several thousand families, primarily low and moderate-income families, from throughout the County.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Programs will be administered from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority office at 133 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, NJ
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planning, monitoring and reporting of the CDBG and HOME programs in an efficient, compliant manner.
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehab - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Preserve existing housing stock
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Preservation of existing housing stock
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$119,958 HOME: \$282,177
	<b>Description</b>	Countywide through the HOME Program and in Buena Borough (\$15,000), Corbin City (\$15,000), Estell Manor (\$15,000), Mullica Township (\$15,000), Ventnor (\$44,958) and Weymouth Township (\$15,000) through the CDBG Program, interest-free loans to eligible homeowners to make needed repairs on their properties.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 15 households, all at 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Countywide through the HOME Program and in Buena Borough, Corbin City, Estell Manor, Mullica Township, Ventnor and Weymouth Township through the CDBG Program. Specific locations to be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide interest-free loans to eligible homeowners to make needed repairs on their properties as well as project delivery costs including intake, income verification, property inspections, testing, spec writing, document preparation and recording and program reporting.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Homebuyer Assistance - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	Loans to assist eligible families with down payment and closing costs for purchase of single-family homes.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 families, all with incomes of 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Program available throughout the Urban County. Specific locations to be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Loans to assist eligible families with down payment and closing costs for purchase of single-family homes.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Affordable Housing - CHDO 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase home ownership opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$106,436

	<b>Description</b>	Assistance to a Community Housing Development Organization for production of an affordable housing unit.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 family with income of 80% or less of Area Median Income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Available throughout the Urban County. Specific location to be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Assistance to a Community Housing Development Organization for production of an affordable housing unit.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Absecon Ambassador Drive ADA improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$22,663
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements on Ambassador Drive in Absecon.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 500 Absecon residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Ambassador Drive in Absecon.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements on Ambassador Drive in Absecon.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Brigantine Beach Avenue curb cuts
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$30,937
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements along Beach Avenue in Brigantine.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 750 Brigantine residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Beach Avenue in Brigantine.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements along Beach Avenue in Brigantine.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Buena Vista Township Hall ADA improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$32,854
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements at Buena Vista Township municipal building.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey estimates that there are 500 Buena Vista Township residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	890 Harding Highway in Buena Vista Township, NJ.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements at Buena Vista Township municipal building.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Egg Harbor Twp. - Infrastructure - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible low-mod residential areas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$142,409
	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of a project to remediate a drainage basin located in a low-mod residential area to reduce flooding there.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The 2,510 residents of Census Tract 117.02, Block Group 2, 58.4% of whom are in low-mod income households.

	<b>Location Description</b>	Behind the PAL building on Tilton Road and west of Seagull Drive.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Continuation of a project to remediate a drainage basin located in a low-mod residential area to reduce flooding there.
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Folsom - ADA Improvements -2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of a project to remove architectural barriers at municipal park by installing accessible bleachers.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimated 120 Folsom residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Park is located at 1700 12th Street in Folsom.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Continuation of a project to remove architectural barriers at municipal park by installing accessible bleachers.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Galloway Township ADA improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$106,434
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements to the Galloway Township Municipal Building and the Senior Center.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 2,650 Galloway Township residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The Galloway Township Municipal Building is at 300 E. Jimmie Leeds Road in Galloway. The Senior Center is at 621 W. White Horse Pike, Egg Harbor, NJ.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements to the Galloway Township Municipal Building and the Senior Center.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Hamilton Township - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$93,348
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements to Third Street and to Underhill Park.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimated 2,330 Hamilton Township residents with an ambulatory difficulty (2020 ACS five-year estimate).
	<b>Location Description</b>	Third Street in Hamilton Township and Underhill Park in the Mays Landing section of Hamilton Township.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements to Third Street and to Underhill Park.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Linwood ADA improvements - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements to Linwood City Hall.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 325 Linwood residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	400 Poplar Ave., Linwood.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements to Linwood City Hall.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Longport - ADA improvements - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements to various intersections, including crosswalks and curb ramps.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 55 Longport residents with ambulatory difficulties. As a seaside resort community, those benefitting from these improvements are several times the resident population, however.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements to various intersections, including crosswalks and curb ramps.
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Margate - ADA Improvements - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$18,019
	<b>Description</b>	Accessibility improvements along Sumner Avenue.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 250 Margate residents with ambulatory difficulties. As a seaside resort community, those benefitting from these improvements are several times the resident population, however.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Sumner Avenue in Margate.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Accessibility improvements along Sumner Avenue.
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Northfield - ADA Improvements - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$27,420

	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of project to remove architectural barriers to accessibility at Birch Grove Park by installing accessible parking spaces and walkways.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 460 Northfield residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Birch Grove Park is located at 1675 Burton Avenue in Northfield.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Removal of architectural barriers to accessibility at Birch Grove Park by installing accessible parking spaces and walkways.
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Pleasantville Street Reconstruction - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible low-mod residential areas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$136,152
	<b>Description</b>	Reconstruction of Franklin Boulevard from Adams Street to Charles Street.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The 2,580 residents of Census Tract 120, Block Group 2, 59.5% of whom are low-mod income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Franklin Boulevard from Adams Street to Charles Street in Pleasantville.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Reconstruction of Franklin Boulevard from Adams Street to Charles Street.
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Port Republic - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Otherwise eligible geographic area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000

	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of a project to remove architectural barriers at the public beach located on Park Avenue by providing accessible parking and beach access.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there are 75 Port Republic residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Public beach on Park Avenue.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Continuation of a project to remove architectural barriers at the public beach located on Park Avenue by providing accessible parking and beach access.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Somers Point Street Improvement - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible low-mod residential areas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$41,601
	<b>Description</b>	Repayment of a loan used for reconstruction of Meyran Avenue from Shore Road to Bay Avenue.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,890 residents of Census Tract 128.01, Block Group 1, 54% of whom were low-mod income at the time the street reconstruction was completed.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Meyran Avenue from Shore Road to Bay Avenue, Somers Point.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Repayment of a loan used for reconstruction of Meyran Avenue from Shore Road to Bay Avenue.
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Atlantic County ADA - 2022
	<b>Target Area</b>	Urban Countywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements to public facilities & infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$70,000

	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of a project to remove architectural barriers at the Atlantic County One-Stop Center.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey estimates that there are 20,550 Atlantic County residents with ambulatory difficulties.
	<b>Location Description</b>	2 S. Main St., Pleasantville, NJ.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Continuation of a project to remove architectural barriers at the Atlantic County One-Stop Center.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

Assistance from the CDBG and HOME programs will be allocated throughout the Urban County municipalities. As discussed in the response to the next question, the County sets aside funding for each municipality based on HUD's allocation formula. The largest allocations go to Pleasantville, which has the Urban County's largest concentrations of minority residents - 40% African-American/Black and 40% Hispanic - and the Urban County's highest concentration of low-income residents, with nearly 24% below the Poverty Rate. Many of the municipalities use their CDBG funding for activities that benefit population groups presumed to be eligible, including seniors and severely disabled adults.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Urban Countywide	55
Eligible low-mod residential areas	17
Otherwise eligible geographic area	28

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Atlantic County allocates CDBG funds to each municipality through a pro-rata formula based on HUD's allocation breakdown of percentages that each municipality contributes to the County allocation as a whole. Each community can then select a project that meets its needs, provided the activity also meets the national objectives and eligibility of the CDBG program. HOME funds are used for housing activities county-wide.

This process results in a distribution of CDBG resources that addresses needs throughout the County in a manner that emphasizes assistance to municipalities with lower median incomes and meets all program regulations.

### **Discussion**

# Affordable Housing

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

The Atlantic County Improvement Authority Office of Community Development has developed a plan to address the key issues raised in the course of the housing analysis, and which met the HUD requirements for elements to be addressed by this plan.

The five overarching goals, intended to benefit low- and very low-income persons are:

- 1) To provide decent housing
- 2) To provide a suitable living environment
- 3) To expand economic opportunities
- 4) Prevention of Chronic Homelessness
- 5) Increase Minority Home Ownership

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	46
Special-Needs	0
Total	46

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	20
Acquisition of Existing Units	25
Total	46

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

### Discussion

Atlantic County has adopted the following AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES.

***1: Preservation of the existing affordable housing stock in residential neighborhoods (renter and***

***owner occupied).***

The County will continue its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, which provides financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners. The financial assistance is provided for the repair or rehabilitation of substandard housing to meet local building codes and Section 8 Housing Quality Standards, and to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions.

***2: Increase homeownership for lower income households through homebuyer assistance, new construction and/or Rehab/Sale***

HOME Program funding is being set aside to provide homebuyers assistance to low- and moderate-income households. These funds will be used to provide down payment assistance. This program includes active involvement from local banks and mortgage companies that provide permanent mortgage financing for low- and moderate-income homebuyers. Subsidies of up to \$10,000 per household will be allowed.

Funding will be allocated to assist CHDO and non-profit organizations to construct affordable housing to be sold to low and moderate income households. The county conservatively estimates the creation of one new affordable homes during the coming fiscal year.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

There are 2 Public Housing Authorities located within the Atlantic County Urban County municipalities - the Pleasantville Housing Authority and the Buena Borough Housing Authority. Both were consulted in the preparation of this plan and both provided much of the information used to complete this section. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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

No actions using CDBG funds are planned.

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

Both Housing Authorities within the jurisdiction will continue to meet with the resident councils that exist at each public housing community and to consider their input for planning and decision making.

### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

N/A

### **Discussion**

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

The County's strategy for implementing its homelessness program is a multi-faceted approach to the problem, focusing on the prevention of homelessness and the provision of emergency services for homeless persons and families.

The strategy for eliminating chronic homelessness flows from the priorities described in the Consolidated Plan. Treating the homeless and providing the means and support necessary to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living are all a part of the efforts and programs in place in the County. The institutions and structure to properly address this issue are in place.

The County plans to employ the resources of the CDBG program, the HOME program, the Workforce Investment Board, the municipal housing authorities, the County Board of Social Services, and a number of not-for-profit service providers to achieve our goals.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

Just over 2 years ago, the Atlantic County Continuum of Care created a new Board and adopted new by-laws for operation. Staff support will still be provided by the Atlantic County Department of Family and Community Development. To implement the 10 year Plan to End Homelessness, which was approved in 2012, a new single point of entry was developed. The Atlantic Homeless Alliance, composed of the Atlantic County Department of Welfare, Jewish Family Services and the Pleasantville Housing Authority began operation in February 2014. The SPOE will employ eleven staff to facilitate the coordination of care of those who present as homeless in Atlantic County. This should lead to more effective efforts to divert from homelessness and to rapidly re-house individuals who present to the system.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The Homeless Committee of the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council annually prepares a request for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the SuperNOFA Continuum of Care for the Homeless Program. The Continuum planning process is led by a voluntary association of service and housing providers, City and County government, faith-based and community-based organizations whose focus is to find collaborative solutions for the needs of homeless persons in Atlantic City and Atlantic County. Funding obtained through this process supports emergency shelter

and transitional housing programs, among other efforts directed at homelessness.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The County's support network, provided by government and private, non-profits alike, includes services that connect the homeless to transitional programs in the areas of health care, employment and training, housing, transportation and life skills.

Goals contained in this Consolidated Plan that relate to these efforts include improving public facilities, supporting public services and increasing home ownership opportunities.

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

The prevention of homelessness is a key element in Atlantic County's efforts to address homelessness. By providing rehabilitation assistance and referral services for low-income households the County aims to prevent the conditions that would precipitate homelessness.

The goal is to make significant steps in eliminating the sources of homelessness by providing not only emergency assistance to the homeless, but also by providing assistance to very low- and low-income households that are threatened by homelessness. The objective is to assist low-income households or individuals who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless with housing rehabilitation funds, emergency repair funds and other forms of emergency assistance.

## **Discussion**

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

The major barrier to affordable housing in Atlantic County is the unemployment and underemployment conditions caused by a sharp contraction of the casino/entertainment industry in Atlantic City and the ongoing impact of the pandemic.

**Funding:** This impediment involves the lack of Federal and State resources for affordable housing initiatives. Continuously shrinking Federal and State funding sources to subsidize affordable housing projects is limiting opportunities, whether new construction or the conversion of vacant, foreclosed houses into homes occupied by families with low to moderate incomes.

**Low Incomes:** The relatively low-income level of many of the residents of the County is another significant impediment to affordable housing. The level of subsidies required to engage developers in the construction of affordable housing or to acquire and rehabilitate vacant houses is often high, and this limits the number of units that can be built or repurposed in any given period. Low incomes also make it more difficult for potential homeowners to accumulate the funds for down payments, or to qualify for loans with many financial institutions. Deeper subsidies are needed to entice private developers and qualify potential buyers.

Working from the other direction, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority is intimately involved in Economic Development efforts in the county. Currently utilizing non-HUD resources plus a Section 108-backed component, the ACIA helps grow businesses that, in turn, increase economic opportunities for County residents.

**Building and Construction Fees:** To some degree, the fees to construct a new house, including connection fees to municipal water and sewer systems and new State approved development fees are a barrier to new affordable housing. Presently, these fees cannot legally be reduced or waived as they are set by municipal ordinances.

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

*1) Regional economic development efforts, including employer attraction and retention as well as job training efforts are underway, but reconfiguring the County's economic identity and make-up will take several years.*

*2) Atlantic County, through the use of HOME funds, continues to assist non-profit affordable housing development. The County will continue to provide technical assistance to non-profit organizations*

*seeking state and federal funds for affordable housing development both rental and homeownership.*

**3)** *The County expects to continue its homebuyers program throughout the five years covered by this Consolidated Plan. The County will also assist business start-ups and expansions to bring job opportunities to the region.*

**4)** *Review building fee ordinances if requested by municipalities and recommend modifications as necessary; investigate possibility of non-profit organizations having fees waived.*

**Discussion:**

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

This section summarizes by various category the anticipated benefits and impacts of the activities contained in this Annual Action Plan. The individual goals and aims of these activities are described in AP-35 the Projects Section, but this section shows how multiple activities reinforce each other in address broad areas of community development.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of funds. There are many needs in all of the areas - public facilities, public services, infra-structure, and economic development – and county and municipal resources go only so far.

The County, through both staff and consultants, is constantly looking for additional funding sources to address the unmet needs identified in our community. We routinely attract state, federal, regional and private funding for improvements and services that aide the community at large and lower income neighborhoods and residents in particular. Those efforts will certainly continue during 2022.

The development of more and better jobs for low and moderate income persons would help reduce the scale or scope of needs as well. In this vein, the County undertakes economic development projects to attract and retain employers and works with local and regional job training entities to enhance residents' work skills.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Atlantic County has adopted the following AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES.

#### ***1: Preservation of the existing affordable housing stock in residential neighborhoods (renter and owner occupied).***

The County will continue its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, which provides financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners. The financial assistance is provided for the repair or rehabilitation of substandard housing to meet local building codes and Section 8 Housing Quality Standards, and to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions.

#### ***2: Increase homeownership for lower income households through homebuyer assistance, new construction and/or Rehab/Sale***

HOME Program funding is being set aside to provide homebuyers assistance to low- and moderate-income households. These funds will be used to provide down payment assistance. This program includes active involvement from local banks and mortgage companies that provide permanent

mortgage financing for low- and moderate-income homebuyers. Subsidies of up to \$10,000 per household will be allowed.

Funding will be allocated to assist CHDO and non-profit organizations to construct affordable housing to be sold to low and moderate income households. The county conservatively estimates the creation of one new affordable homes during the coming fiscal year.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

Lead hazards are addressed during housing rehabilitation efforts. All homes built before 1978 that receive rehabilitation assistance are tested for the presence of lead-based paint. When evidence of paint is found, surfaces are removed or the material is encapsulated to prevent exposure. In the homebuyers program, when defective painted surfaces are found, the surface must be tested for lead-based paint as well and treated by a qualified trained contractor.

The County's Lead-Based Hazard reduction strategy, administered by the Department of Health, involves the administration of the Lead Intervention for Children at Risk Program (LICAR) which supports the abatement or reduction of lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing. The Department of Health provides administrative and program delivery staff responsible for marketing the LICAR program; conducting application intake, review, and approval; completing environmental reviews; completing housing inspections and when funding is available preparing work write-ups and cost estimates for lead hazard control work; preparing contractor bid packages and supervising advertisement for bids and selection of contractors; managing temporary resident relocation while lead hazard control work is being completed and monitoring work in progress through to completion.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The County's anti-poverty strategy is linked to economic programs provided by a variety of entities, including the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, Casino Reinvestment Development Agency (CRDA), Workforce Investment Board and more. The objective of poverty reduction requires programming for job readiness areas, including job training and placement, supportive public services, education and basic skills development. The overriding principle however is to create new jobs and opportunities for households with incomes below the poverty level. It is only through comprehensive, coordinated strategies that nurture skills and provide opportunities to gain and retain employment and thus improve the quality of life, that people can improve their situation.

It is anticipated that current efforts will continue during the current program year. In addition, Atlantic County has initiated another tool for economic development. Specifically, a business loan program funded by a Section 108 loan from HUD. The program's objective is to add jobs to a county severely

impacted by recent, dramatic contraction of the casino industry.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

In order to fulfill the goals established in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan, cooperation from all levels of government and the private sector is essential. County and local level agencies and lending institutions have already been working together to provide more affordable housing and promote community development. However, as the needs for housing assistance, public services and economic development increase while public funding decreases, greater involvement and cooperation from all sectors will be necessary.

To that end, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and various departments in County government will continue to be active in a broad range of conversations, plans and program implementation ranging from housing to homelessness to social service delivery to job creation and workforce training.

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

As a common partner with so many of the public and private housing and social service providers, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and Atlantic County government have been a natural conduit for communication and interaction among these entities. The County CD Program will continue to serve in that capacity while respecting the autonomy and uniqueness of each partner.

### **Discussion:**

Whether fostering partnerships among Atlantic County's various agencies and organizations or looking to continue to develop the County's own staff or keeping on top of the latest tools to combat lead-based paint poisoning and the cycle of poverty, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority will continue going beyond minimum requirements and basic expectations for one simple reason – so many of our County's most vulnerable residents deserve no less.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

Atlantic County has identified all CDBG and HOME activities to be undertaken in FY 2022 in the Projects Table, including administrative, public infrastructure projects, public services and affordable housing, both rehabilitation and new construction.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	98.00%

#### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

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

as follows:

Atlantic County will use HOME funds only for investments that conform to 24 CFR 92.205(b).

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Atlantic County uses HOME funds for two types of homebuyer activities. They are

- 1) homebuyer purchase assistance, which provides loans to help with down payments and closing costs, and
- 2) direct buyer subsidy for houses constructed or rehabbed, in whole or in part, with HOME funds, generally built or rehabbed by the County's non-profit partners, both CHDO and non-CHDO alike.

Atlantic County has chosen to use the **Recapture** option for all programs. The HOME program's investment, and thus the period of affordability, is ensured in all cases by a mortgage and note payable to the County should the property be sold during the period of affordability.

Repayments are in the amount of the direct subsidy, subject to availability of net proceeds. For the homebuyer down payment assistance program, all HOME funds are considered the direct subsidy. In the construction/rehab sale properties, the direct subsidy is the amount of HOME funds used to reduce or help reduce the sales price from market value to an amount affordable to the buyer.

In the event that net proceeds – defined as sales price less other debt on the property – is insufficient to repay the entire direct subsidy, the recaptured amount shall be determined by the following formula: HOME direct subsidy/Total project cost x net proceeds = Recapture amount.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The HOME program's investment, and thus the period of affordability, is ensured in all cases by a mortgage and note payable to Atlantic County should the property be sold during the period of affordability.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Atlantic County will not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing

that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds.

Atlantic County intends to use HOME funds for homebuyer assistance and for rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family housing and will use the HOME affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD.

Eligible applicants for all HOME-assisted activities will consist of households with annual incomes of 80% or less of the Area Median Income. Applications will be solicited by way of public notices, postings on County and municipal websites and word of mouth. Applications for homeownership assistance and owner-occupied rehabilitation will be processed as received, that is, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications from affordable housing developers will be competitive based on criteria consisting of the developer's experience is producing quality affordable housing, past performance (if any) when partnering with the Atlantic County HOME program and project leveraging.

Atlantic County does not intend to limit the beneficiaries of any HOME-assisted activity to any segment(s) of the low-income population nor does it intend to give preference to any segment of the low-income population.

