



PUBLIC NOTICE
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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HOME – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DRAFT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

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

HOME-ARP funding will assist individuals or households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will address the needs of qualifying populations through HUD-approved eligible activities. These activities include the development and support of affordable rental housing, provision of supportive services, tenant-based rental assistance, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units that will further be outlined in the draft Allocation Plan.

The County will make HOME-ARP funds available for activities once the Allocation Plan has been approved by HUD, and a substantial amendment of the Bergen County FY 2021 Annual Action Plan has been completed.

Public Comment Period: The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan draft will be available from Wednesday, March 1, 2023, through Monday, March 20, 2023.

Copies of the HOME – American Rescue Plan Draft will be available for public review and comment at the following location effective Wednesday, March 1, 2023:

Bergen County Division of Community Development
One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601

A copy of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan draft will also be available on the Bergen County Division of Community Development website at: <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/community-development/home-american-rescue-plan-arp>

The Bergen County Division of Community Development will accept comments on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan draft via email at ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us and by phone at (201) 336-7209, or by U.S. Mail submitted to Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development at One Bergen County Plaza, 4th floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601. The deadline for comments to be received is Monday, March 20, 2023.

Public Hearing

Bergen County's current COVID-19 status is "Moderate." To comply with social gathering requirements, comments will be heard or received via Microsoft Teams. The public hearing will allow anyone desiring to comment to participate; all comments will become a part of Bergen County's HOME- American Rescue Plan. Written comments may be submitted to Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development at One Bergen County Plaza, 4th floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601, or emailed to ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us. All comments must be received no later than Monday, March 20, 2023.

The public hearing will be held on the following date/time with a meeting ID and passcode, as well as a call-in number and phone conference ID:

Microsoft Teams Virtual Public Hearing Details

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
5:30 P.M.

Meeting ID: 260 191 174 960
Passcode: sACiZT

Or call-in

Call +1 (469) 551-3591
Phone Conference ID: 697 515 723#

If there are any questions about how to access the virtual public hearing, please contact Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development via email at ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us or call at (201) 336-7209.

Translation and Disability Assistance

The County will make efforts to provide translation assistance for public meetings and program information. Please contact the Bergen County Division of Community Development office at least 48 hours in advance if translation assistance is needed for the public hearing. To request assistance, please contact Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development via email at ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us or call at (201) 336-7209.

It is the intention of the County to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If an attendee or participant at a public hearing needs special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the County will attempt to accommodate these persons in every reasonable manner. Requests for reasonable accommodations shall be made at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing by contacting Nicholas Garcia at the Bergen County Division of Community Development via email at ngarcia@co.bergen.nj.us or call at (201) 336-7209.

James J. Tedesco III, County Executive

Thomas J. Sullivan, Chair, Board of Commissioners