

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

CAMDEN COUNTY

Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Public Hearing: March 8, 2023 10am

Public Comment Period: February 24, 2023 – March 10, 2023

Camden County hereby announces that it will be submitting a Substantial Amendment Request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requesting substantial changes to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP). The Amendment consists of the changes to the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

These proposed changes have been identified in the corresponding FY 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment and can be found on the Camden County website at <https://www.camdencounty.com/service/community-development/>

Pursuant to HUD's regulations, the substantial change amends the AAP to include the current HUD program waivers and increases the HOME fund allocation to reflect the additional funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2 to the FY 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) – HOME ARP.

The County will be receiving \$4,108,852 in HOME-ARP funding under the ARP Act funding allocation. The HOME-ARP funding can be used for Development of Rental Housing, Non-Congregate Shelter, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, and Social Services, (for those at greatest risk of instability/cost-burdened), for the following priorities: 1) those at greatest risk of housing instability/cost-burdened, 2) at-risk of homeless, 3) homeless, and eligible costs up to 15% for Administration.

On March 8, 2023 at 10am Camden County will hold a Virtual Public Hearing via the Zoom platform to consider the proposed substantial changes to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. Given the current public health crisis, a virtual hearing is being held in lieu of an in-person hearing. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak during this hearing to verbally submit their public comment. The log-in information for the Virtual Public Hearing will be posted on the County's website at the following address: <https://www.camdencounty.com/service/community-development/>

Citizens are encouraged to review the draft substantial amendment information on the County's website and copies of the documents will be available for review and comment during the 15-day public review period commencing on February 24, 2023 – March 10, 2023. Please provide comments to Camden County Improvement Authority Office, 520 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102 or telephone (856)374-2581, fax (856)-566-3105 or email abianco@camdencounty.com by March 10, 2023.

All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend the public hearings and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment for the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this hearing, please contact Camden County

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Translation and/or interpretation services are available upon request. If you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP), please notify the Camden County Improvement Authority Office, 520 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102 or telephone (856)374-2581, fax (856)-566-3105 or email abianco@camdencounty.com

All general questions and public comments regarding this Substantial Amendment or proposed programming should be directed to Anthony Bianco at abianco@camdencounty.com by March 10, 2023.