



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE**

**A PUBLIC HEARING AND A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WILL BE HELD TO OBTAIN COMMENT ON THE  
2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

The Annual Action Plan is New Castle County’s application and distribution plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Block Grant Programs (CDBG, HOME and ESG). The County received an additional funding allocation through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be administered through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) to perform activities that must benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These funds are governed by HUD CPD Notice 21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program issued September 13, 2021.

New Castle County, in partnership with Delaware State Housing Authority and the City of Wilmington, conducted an extensive stakeholder consultation process to identify unmet housing and service needs among qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. Based on this information, the County identified the following priority needs:

- Affordable housing—smaller units for low-income and moderate-income households, households at risk of homelessness and other vulnerable populations
- Housing rehabilitation for other vulnerable populations
- Permanent supportive housing and permanent rental housing for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Tenant-based rental assistance for all QPs
- Supportive services for people with disabilities and survivors fleeing domestic violence/human trafficking

The County’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan proposes the following eligible activities and budget:

Development of affordable rental housing	\$ 750,000
Supportive services	\$ 2,371,350
Administration and planning	\$ 550,826
Total Allocation	\$ 3,672,176

A public hearing will be held on December 15, 2022 at the Bear Public Library, 101 Governors Place, Bear, DE 19701 at 1 p.m. The public hearing will also be accessible via:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84138041126>.

*PUBLICATION DATE: NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING*

A draft of the Substantial Amendment, which includes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, will be available for public comment beginning December 1, 2022, through December 19, 2022. The draft document will be available on the County's webpage: [www.newcastlede.gov/456/Community-Development-Housing](http://www.newcastlede.gov/456/Community-Development-Housing).

Oral and written comments will be accepted during the public hearing. Written comments are encouraged and must be received no later than December 19, 2022 at [Vincent.Garlick@newcastlede.gov](mailto:Vincent.Garlick@newcastlede.gov) or in person at New Castle County Department of Community Services, James H. Gilliam Building, 77 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720 to be considered.

Persons needing assistance reading this document, making responses, or requiring special assistance at the Public Hearing, due to physical impairment or Limited English Proficiency are encouraged to contact our office. This Citizen Participation Document is available using the following link:

<https://www.nccde.org/1274/Plans-Reports>

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