

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **CITY OF PATERSON NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN to residents of the City of Paterson that a draft version of the Substantial Amendment to its HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan will be available for review and comment for a 15-day public comment period.

Federal HOME-ARP funding was created to assist individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and/ or non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan defines the use of the HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs within the HUD-approved eligible activities.

The City of Paterson proposes a substantial amendment to the HUD approved HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to add preferences in specific HOME-ARP funded projects. A preference permits an applicant that meets one of the eligible Qualifying Populations (QP) and qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before other eligible QP applicants that do not qualify for the preference. In the HOME-ARP Substantial Amendment the City of Paterson proposes a preference for individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness at the time of their application for HOME-ARP assistance and/ or Veterans that meet any of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

A copy of the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Substantial Amendment is available for a 15-day public review and comment period starting on **November 18, 2024 and ending on December 3, 2024**. Copies of the draft Substantial Amendment to the plan are available at the Department of Community Development located at 125 Ellison Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Paterson, NJ 07505, Paterson City Hall, Clerk's Office, located at 155 Market St. Paterson, NJ 07505, the Paterson Free Public Library located at 250 Broadway, Paterson NJ 07505, and on the City's website [www.patersonnj.gov](http://www.patersonnj.gov). Interested persons are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the attention of Director Barbara Blake-McLennon, at the address above or via email [bmcclennon@patersonnj.gov](mailto:bmcclennon@patersonnj.gov). Oral comments can be provided to Director Barbara Blake-McLennon by calling (973) 321-1212. All comments received by 3:00 p.m. on **December 3, 2024** will be considered.

#### **Translation Assistance:**

The City will make efforts to provide translation assistance for public meetings and program information for persons who may need assistance reviewing printed documents, reports and/or other related materials. Citizens may contact the DCD office at (973) 321-1212 at least 24 hours in advance to request translation assistance to Spanish and other languages, if available.

#### **Disability Assistance:**

The City will make reasonable efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to those who are disabled in order to provide information and service concerning federally funded programs. Citizens may contact the DCD office at (973) 321-1212 at least 24 hours in advance to request a reasonable accommodation related to a disability.

By order of:  
André Sayegh, Mayor

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