



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DELAWARE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**A VIRTUAL 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 the State of Delaware’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, ESG, HTF, and HOPWA). Delaware received an additional funding allocation through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be administered through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to perform activities that must primarily 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.

DSHA 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, DSHA has identified the following priority needs:

- Increased emergency shelter units and beds
- Increased permanent supportive housing for persons with physical disabilities and substance abuse disorders
- Increased affordable and low-income housing

The State of Delaware’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan proposes the following eligible activities and budget amounts:

Supportive services	\$ 500,000
Acquisition/development of non-congregate shelters	\$ 1,924,121
Development of affordable rental housing	\$ 2,100,000
<u>Administration and planning</u>	<u>\$ 798,374</u>
Total Allocation	\$ 5,322,495

A virtual public hearing will be held for the purpose of obtaining public input on **December 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** A draft of the Substantial Amendment, which includes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, will be available for public comment beginning December 6, 2022 through December 20, 2022. The draft HOME -ARP Allocation Plan for public viewing at www.destatehousing.com/Developers/dv_home.php. Oral and written comments will be accepted during the public hearing. Written comments can also be emailed to Cindy Deakyne, cindy@destatehousing.com To be considered, all oral and written comments must be received by DSHA no later than December 20, 2022.

The virtual public hearing on **December 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** can be accessed remotely via at the following link and/or phone number:

<https://destatehousing.webex.com/destatehousing/j.php?MTID=mfd68ca11d418d13c9c0479bf33298e6d>

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DSHA anticipates submitting the 2021 Substantial Amendment to HUD on or about December 22, 2022.