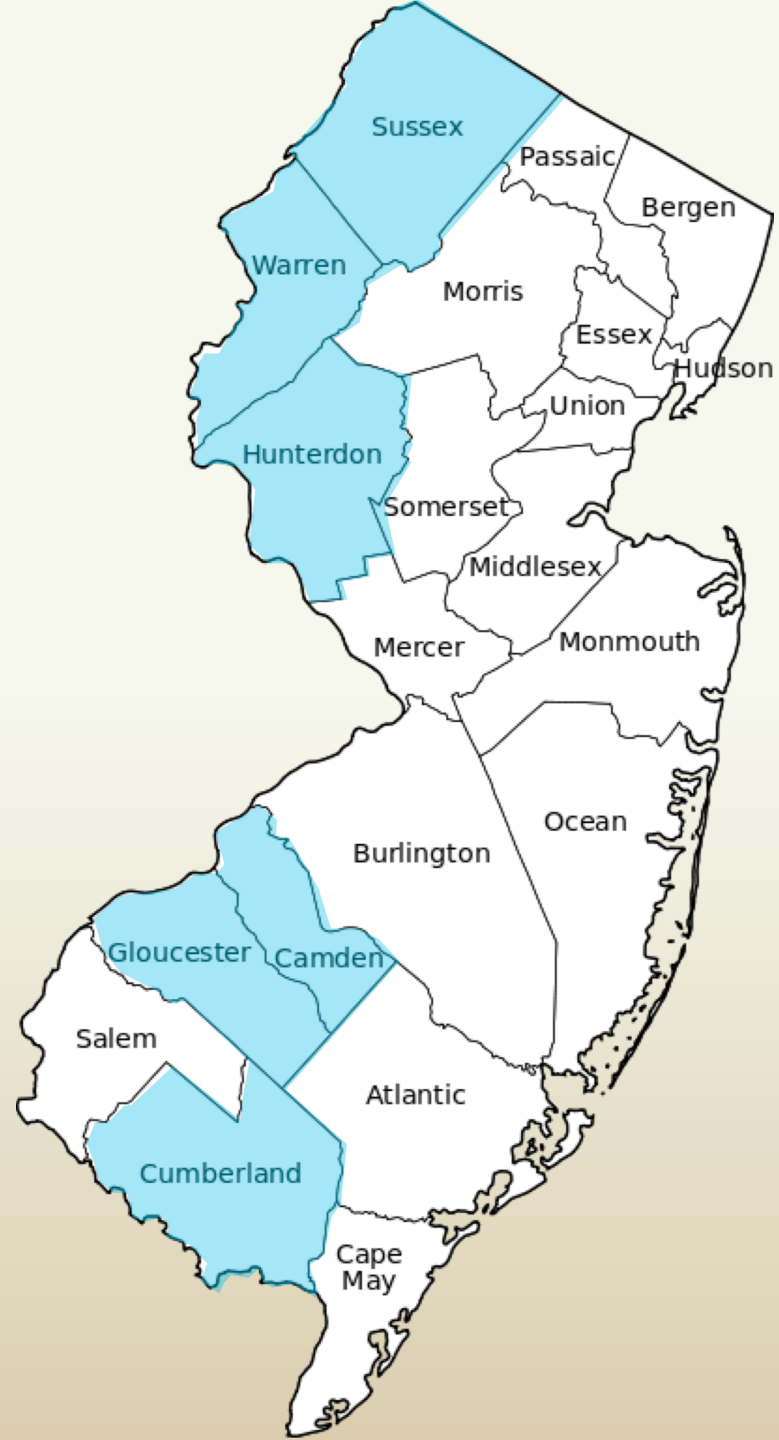




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HOUSING ASSOCIATES

CoC Mergers



Jurisdiction, Governance, and Management

- What are the benefits of creating a new CoC?
- What are the concerns of creating a new CoC?
- How will merging affect CoC structure, planning, capacity, and decision-making?
- How can the CoC be structured to maximize benefits and minimize negative consequences?



Jurisdiction, Governance, and Management

Potential Benefits

- Increased ability to focus on coordination in a multi-county consortium
- Economies of scale: 1 application required instead of 2
- Maximize use of bonus funds
- Performance and competitive edge likely to improve
- Regional planning enhanced

Potential Challenges

- A regional continuum would add a layer of planning
- Potential loss of local county control over decision-making
- Staffing capacity might be a challenge for smaller CoCs
- Application performance likely to drop for high ranking CoC
- Strong facilitation will be required

Decision-making Group

- How can the primary decision-making group and designated committees coordinate merged CoC activities fairly representing all jurisdictions?
- Who will be part of the primary decision-making group of the merged CoC?

Lead Agency

- Does the lead agency have sufficient capacity?
- Will the agency be able to carry out year-round planning and service coordination?
- Can the lead agency effectively manage the merged CoC's application, administer HUD funds, and organize meetings
- How will lead agency activities be funded?
- How will lead agency be accountable to CoC?



Homeless Assistance and Resource Allocation

- Does the merged CoC have a shared vision for addressing community housing needs?
- Does the merged CoC have performance-based goals that support CoC vision?
- Is there a mutually agreed upon method for allocating resources within CoC geography?
- Is there an established, impartial review and ranking process with priorities that are consistent with goals of all jurisdictions?

HMIS

- Who will operate merged CoC's HMIS system?
- Who will conduct data analysis and monitor data quality?
- How will HMIS be jointly funded?
- How will the merge affect potential participation in subsequent AHARs?



“To merge, or not to merge”