

ALLENDALE

Borough seeks \$500K affordable housing grant

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Borough officials expect to hear in October or November whether the town will receive a \$500,000 grant from the New Jersey Housing and Finance Mortgage Agency (HFMA) to pay for affordable housing at Orchard Common.

The HFMA Special Needs Housing Trust Fund grant would pay a portion of land acquisition costs and full building maintenance and construction costs, including engineering and architect fees, Mayor Vince Barra said at the June 12 Borough Council

meeting.

The borough, which applied for the grant with the assistance of Bergen United Way last week, is looking to construct eight to 10 bedrooms for special-needs people on 0.63 acres in the northwestern corner of the 3-acre tract at Franklin Turnpike and West Orchard Street. The site also would include a 2.37-acre passive park. The borough agreed to purchase the land last July. It originally was slated for a 24-unit townhouse development.

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