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FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - **Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan**

*For Submission to HUD for the
HOME Investment Partnerships -
American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program*

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Introduction

The City of Huntington, West Virginia is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The City of Huntington is the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) for the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium for the HOME Program. The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium consists of the following municipalities: City of Huntington, Cabell County, Barboursville Village, Milton Town, Wayne County, Ceredo City, Fort Gay Town, Kenova City, and Wayne Town.

Congress appropriated \$5 billion in funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. These funds are to be used to assist the homeless and those persons and families who are at risk of becoming homeless. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is administering this program and the City of Huntington was allocated \$2,437,837 in HOME-ARP funds.

The City of Huntington, Department of Development and Planning is the lead entity and the administrator for the HOME-ARP funds.

The City of Huntington prepared this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to address its local needs and to establish priorities for the use of HOME-ARP funds. The City must submit its Allocation Plan to HUD by March 31, 2023. In order to determine the City's needs, interviews and video conferences were held with various housing providers, social service agencies, the Continuum of Care members, advocate agencies, etc. Agencies and organizations that serve all the qualifying populations were contacted and interviewed.

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care cooperatively worked together with the City of Huntington in identifying the needs and gaps in the system to end homelessness in the City and the region.

HOME-ARP Eligible Projects/Activities:

The following projects/activities are eligible with the HOME-ARP funds:

1. Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing

- Acquisition, construction of affordable rental housing for individuals and families that are part of the Qualifying Populations

- Can include single family or multifamily housing, transitional or permanent housing, group homes, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and manufactured housing

2. Tenant Based Rental Assistance

- Providing payments to a tenant to cover housing and housing-related costs, including rental assistance, security deposit assistance, utility deposits, and utility payments to households that are part of the Qualifying Populations

3. Supportive Services

- Providing supportive services to members of the Qualifying Populations under three categories:
 - McKinney-Vento Supportive Services
 - Homelessness Prevention Services
 - Housing Counseling Services

4. Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

- Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of non-congregate shelter units to service individuals and families that are part of the Qualifying populations

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations:

The HOME-ARP Program has the following four (4) Qualifying Populations for this program:

1. Homeless

- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - i. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
 - ii. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
 - iii. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

- i. The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - ii. No subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - iii. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
 - i. Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);
 - ii. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - iii. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
 - iv. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment

2. At Risk of Homelessness

- An individual or family who is extremely low income (<30% AMI), does not have support networks, and meets at least one of the conditions for homelessness (24 CFR 91.5)

3. Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

4. Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:

- Those who are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance or need additional assistance or services to avoid a return to homelessness
- Populations at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability
 - Households whose income is <30% AMI and are experiencing severe cost burden
 - Households whose income is <50% AMI and meet one of the criteria for being At Risk of Homelessness

In compliance with the HUD regulations, the City of Huntington has prepared a substantial amendment to its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan in order to submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

A “draft” of the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was placed on public display on the City’s website at <http://www.cityofhuntington.com/city-government/development-planning/community-development> and at the following locations: Department of Development and Planning, Room 14, City Hall, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington WV 25701; Cabell County Public Library - Guyandotte Branch, 203 Richmond Street, Huntington, WV 25702; and Cabell County Public Library - West Huntington Branch, 901 West 14th Street, Huntington, WV 25704. The display period started on Friday, March 10, 2023 through Friday, March 24, 2023 for a 15-day display period. A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 to present the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and solicit resident comments. Upon completion of the 15-day comment period, the City of Huntington submitted the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through IDIS on or before Friday, March 31, 2023.

Consultation

Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

During the consultation process, the City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium strove to meet with many stakeholders, agencies/organizations, and housing providers that are part of the following categories:

- The CoC serving the City and HOME Consortium’s geographic area;
- homeless service providers;
- domestic violence service providers;
- veterans’ groups;
- public housing agencies (PHAs);
- public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations;
- public or private organizations that address fair housing and civil rights; and
- public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities.

The City of Huntington’s HOME-ARP Consultation Milestones are the following:

HOME-ARP Consultation Milestones	
Consultation	December 2022 through March 2023
Newspaper Notice	March 7, 2023
Social Media Notice	March 7, 2023
On Display	March 10, 2023
Public Hearing	March 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Off Display	March 24, 2023
City Council Approval	March 27, 2023

The City of Huntington held virtual stakeholders meetings, sent out surveys, and emailed questions to agencies/organizations between, December 15, 2022 through March 13, 2023.

The City ran a newspaper notice in the “Herald-Dispatch” on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. In the notice it states that the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display for fifteen (15) days on the City’s website at: <http://www.cityofhuntington.com/city-government/development-planning/community-development> and at the following locations:

- **Department of Development and Planning** - Room 14, City Hall, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington WV 25701
- **Cabell County Public Library - Guyandotte Branch** - 203 Richmond Street, Huntington, WV 25702
- **Cabell County Public Library - West Huntington Branch** - 901 West 14th Street, Huntington, WV 25704

The Public Hearing was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM to discuss the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and solicit resident comments on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

City Council approved the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan at its regular City Council meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023.

The chart below references the four (4) Qualifying Population that each agency/organization that was consulted with serves. The following are the Qualifying Populations:

- **QP 1** - Homeless
- **QP 2** - At Risk of Homelessness
- **QP 3** - Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- **QP 4** - Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Organization Consulted	Type of Agency/Organization	QP's Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
City of Huntington	Government	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting	The City of Huntington was involved in all meetings and was responsible for gathering a list of contacts and participated in asking questions and communicating with local stakeholders.
Huntington Habitat for Humanity	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of available affordable housing depending on area of the city and surrounding counties. • Habitat for Humanity is the #1 builder of single family homes in Huntington. Those types of homes aren't being made by private companies. • Housing stock in Huntington and the surrounding areas is aging. • Disability is a big driver of need for accessible housing rehab. • City population is aging in place. • Huntington has a high proportion of homeless veterans. • Lack of affordable housing is the biggest factor in homelessness.
United Way of the River Cities	Homeless service providers	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/19/2022)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising number of teens in need. Harmony House can't help teens due to its own programs.

	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough bed capacity for homeless. • Many ALICE families are in Huntington and require assistance. • Food insecurity is a serious issue. Donations to food pantry are decreasing because of inflation.
Southwestern Community Action Council, Inc.	<p>Homeless service providers</p> <p>Veterans' groups,</p> <p>Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</p>	QP1/QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/19/2022)	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical and mental health services are lacking. • Affordable housing stock is decreasing. • After MRAP ended, more people have come back to programs. • Childcare and transportation aid. • For veterans, there's a large gap between low-level and high-level mental health services.
Huntington Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/19/2022)	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough supportive services. • Currently has a 30 day wait for PSH housing/vouchers. • Landlords are communicating with each other, making it harder for some to find housing. • Less than 10% of rent is past due - helped by rental assistance. • 1-bedroom units are in the highest demand. • Over 70% of units used MRAP funds.
Harmony House	Homeless service provider	QP1/QP2/QP3	Virtual Meeting (12/20/2022)	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of unsheltered homeless has grown in Huntington.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater influx of LGBTQ youth come to the youth drop-in center. • Mental health/substance abuse treatment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Substance abuse and related trauma is the #1 factor behind homelessness. • Trafficking victims among the homeless pop. • People on drugs sometimes trash housing, which lead to landlords evicting them. This can be prevented with supportive services. • Adequate and available affordable housing is #2 factor behind homelessness. • Bigger DV shelter is needed. • Supportive services that properly prioritize. • More street outreach is needed to connect homeless with resources. • High demand for existing day shelter.
Layne Consulting	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Q1/Q2	Virtual Meeting (12/21/2022)	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High demand for day shelter. Need to increase capacity. • Homeless numbers through PIT count have doubled in the past year. • More people were hired to administer assistance programs but they do not have the office space.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA improvements for shelters/services are needed. • Affordable housing is needed.
Cabell Huntington Wayne Continuum of Care <i>(Harmony House; Pretera; The Center; HEART; St. Peter's Episcopal Community Outreach Program (SPECO); Salvation Army; Stepping Stones; Homeless Veterans Resource Center (HVRC); Volunteers of America (VOA); Branches; Southwestern Community Action Council, Inc. (SWCAC); and Huntington Housing Authority)</i>	<p>CoC serving the City and HOME Consortium's geographic area</p> <p>Homeless service providers</p> <p>Domestic violence service providers</p> <p>Veterans' groups</p> <p>Public housing agencies (PHAs)</p> <p>Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</p> <p>Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities</p>	QP1/QP2/QP3	Virtual Meeting (1/27/2023)	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More case workers in the program. • It's been taking more time to find housing for those with vouchers. • Coordinated Entry served 665 people in January.

Branches DVS	Domestic violence service providers	QP1/ QP3	Email consultation	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection. • Domestic violence resources.
West Virginia Human Rights Commission	Public or private organizations that address fair housing and civil rights	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (11/21/2022)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More disabled people are asking about disability accommodations like support animals. • More need for affordable, accessible housing. • Women and family shelters.
Huntington Human Rights Commission	Public or private organizations that address fair housing and civil rights	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Phone Interview (3/17/2023)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substandard housing issues are the most common type of fair housing complaint. • Affordable housing. • Advocates/support for those with mental health issues. • Cash assistance for emergencies of all kinds.

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

During the HOME-ARP Consultation, the following priority needs for the qualifying populations were stressed:

- Need for more affordable rental housing that is decent, safe, and sound.
- Need for supportive services such as mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, counseling, life skills training, case management, childcare, transportation, legal services, and job training.
- Need for transitional housing.
- Lack of available shelter capacity.
- Funds to rehabilitate emergency shelters, SRO's, and transitional and permanent housing.
- Need to increase the day shelter capacity because of the increase in need.

Public Participation

Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- ***Date(s) of public notice:*** 3/7/2023
- ***Public comment period:*** start date - 3/10/2023 end date - 3/24/2023
- ***Date(s) of public hearing:*** 3/23/2023

Describe the public participation process:

The City of Huntington held one (1) public hearing for consultation with Consortium residents, non-profit agencies and/or organizations, public housing authority, housing providers, Continuum of Care members, etc. on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. During the public hearing, the City staff discussed the process followed in the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This included the interviews and virtual conferences, and comments.

The public hearing notice for the City of Huntington HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was published in the “Herald-Dispatch” on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

The fifteen (15) day public comment period on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was from Friday, March 10, 2023 through Friday, March 24, 2023. The City of Huntington placed the “Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on the City’s website: <http://www.cityofhuntington.com/city-government/development-planning/community-development> and at the following locations:

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The public was able to provide additional comments, via email at KeeferK@Huntingtonwv.gov or via phone at (304) 696-5540, Ext. 2103 or TDD 711. Written comments were addressed to Ms. Katie Keefer, HOME Program Manager, Department of Development and Planning for the City of Huntington, WV until Friday, March 24, 2023, at Huntington City Hall, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

To broaden public participation, the City of Huntington sent out an email blast to all agencies, organizations, and individuals on its list of non-profit agencies, housing providers, advocates, and interested parties, that the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display and date, time, and place of the public hearing. This list consists of email addresses of names and organizations that have previously submitted funding requests or requested to be added to this list so they can be notified of future emails on funding options, proposed plans, and public hearings.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

The City of Huntington did not receive any written nor oral public comments at the Public Hearing held on March 23, 2023, nor while the plan was on public display.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

The City of Huntington accepted all comments received, no comments were not accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

*In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of **all four** of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. If the PJ does not evaluate the needs of one of the qualifying populations, then the PJ has not completed their Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.*

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	72	22	143	143	13								
Transitional Housing	16	4	158	158	85								
Permanent Supportive Housing	133	56	263	263	138								
Other Permanent Housing	8	4	94	94	0								
Sheltered Homeless						8	138	19	22				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	73	2	5				
Current Gap:										0	0	68	68

Data Sources: 1. 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT); 2. 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

	Non-Homeless		
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	17,803		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	6,700		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	10,330		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,325	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,515	
Current Gaps:			6,840

Data Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (ACS), 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 235 homeless individuals identified in the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Counties CoC. Of those people experiencing homelessness, 19 (8.1%) were black, 200 (85.1%) were white, 1 was American Indian or Alaska Native, 1 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 14 identified as having multiple races. Additionally, 155 (66.0%) were male, 80 (34.0%) were female, and there were none counted who identified as transgender or gender non-conforming.

Among the population of those experiencing homelessness, there was a large portion that were identified as severely mentally ill (144 individuals, or 61.3% of the surveyed population) or having chronic substance abuse issues (163 individuals or 69.4% of the surveyed population).

In addition, the City through the ESG funds assisted 1,169 persons and 974 households through emergency shelters components and assisted 47 persons and 26 households through Rapid Re-Housing according to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the FY 2021 program year.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

24 CFR 91.5 defines At Risk of Homelessness as an individual or family that has an annual income below 30% of the HUD area median family income, does not have sufficient resources or support networks and meets one of several other conditions. According to the most recently available HUD CHAS data, 4,630 households (or 24.0% of the total population) live at 30% or less of the HUD Area Median Income and of those 4,630 households: 3,240 have one or more housing problems, which includes either incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, or have a cost burden greater than 30% of their household income.

On February 10, 2023, there were a total of 1,654 households on the Section 8 waiting lists and 5,408 households on the Public Housing waiting lists as of February 2023. Many of those households are duplicated due to households appearing on multiple individual waiting lists for different types of vouchers and public housing units. All waiting lists are still open.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

During the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 27 homeless individuals who were identified as being victims of domestic violence in the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Counties CoC area.

Additionally, according to 2021 data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), there were 327 homeless individuals, of which 28 were with children who have a history of domestic violence and 67 people fleeing domestic violence, of which 11 were fleeing with children.

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, a major domestic violence shelter serving Huntington and its surrounding counties, served 1,303 unique individuals in 2022. 105 individuals were served in their Cabell County emergency shelter and Branches received 7,950 calls to their hotline to direct callers to aid and assistance resources. Additionally, Branches helped 868 individuals develop safety plans to navigate dealing with domestic violence issues.

According to the Huntington Police Department, in 2022, there were 39 recorded incidents of Domestic Assault, 207 recorded incidents of Domestic Battery, and 10 recorded incidents of Domestic Violence Protective Orders being violated. Because these incidents outnumber the number of people fleeing domestic violence as recorded in the HMIS and PIT Count, there may be more people that are victims of domestic assault or battery that could use resources to flee or protect themselves from domestic violence.

According to the Human Trafficking Institute, in the Southern District of West Virginia which includes Cabell and Wayne Counties, there were 3 criminal sex trafficking cases in 2021 (the year with the most recent data available). This shows that there is a human trafficking presence close to the Huntington region and that victims may be in need of help or assistance.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice

Those with disabilities are at greatest risk of housing instability. According to the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data from 2021, there were 9,324 residents (20.2% of the total civilian non-institutionalized population) of the City of Huntington who have a disability. In Cabell and Wayne Counties, there were 17,684 (18.8%) and 9,984 (24.6%) residents respectively who have a disability. This shows that a significant portion of the City's population may be at a high risk of housing instability.

Among others that are at greatest risk of housing instability, are persons and families below 30% of the HUD Area Median Income (AMI) who are burdened by their monthly housing costs are at a higher risk of becoming homeless. According to the most recent CHAS data, 4,630 (24.0%) households in the City have incomes at or below 30% of the HUD AMI. In Cabell and Wayne Counties, 6,910 (17.7%) and 3,330 (22.0%) households respectively have incomes below 30% of the HUD AMI. 6,640 (34.4%) households in the City have a housing cost burden of greater than 30% of their income. In Cabell and Wayne Counties, 10,720 (27.4%) and 2,900 (19.2%) households respectively have an over 30% housing cost burden.

For households requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, there were 47 persons and 26 households assisted through rapid re-housing services according to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Many households in the region have also made calls for rental and utility assistance. According to the United Way of the River Cities (which serves Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, and Mason Counties in West Virginia and Lawrence County in Ohio), 440 calls were made in 2022 for referrals for utility assistance and 318 calls were made for rent payment assistance during the same period. United Way of the River Cities operates the 211 line for referrals for assistance, including rental assistance as part of the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program.

In the most recent data available, as of February 2023, there were 1,936 households on the Public Housing and Section 8 waiting list for the Huntington Housing Authority.

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium also has a significant population of ALICE families. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. This

represents families who are employed and earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but cannot otherwise keep up with the basic costs of living. According to the most recent ALICE Report data from 2019, between 27% and 30% of households in the Counties that make up the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium have incomes that fall below the ALICE threshold of not being able to afford basic housing necessities, but above the Federal Poverty Level.

Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):

The City of Huntington has a variety of resources to assist households experiencing homelessness and at-risk of becoming homeless through Federal, State, and local programs. These programs range from emergency shelters for households experiencing homelessness, through the development of affordable rental housing for extremely low-income and low-income households. Below is a summary of the resources available through the City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:**

The City of Huntington is a federal entitlement grantee. In FY 2022 the City received \$1,653,453 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These funds are used for public service activities, demolition, housing activities, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and economic development activities. Funding is provided to agencies for services to the homeless and those who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Huntington will receive \$1,664,865 in CDBG funds.

- **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program:**

The City of Huntington, as a federal entitlement grantee, received \$734,203 in FY 2022 of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. These funds are used for gap financing to non-profit and for-profit developers for the acquisition and rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing primary for low- and moderate-income households and/or special needs populations. In addition, the HOME Consortium uses HOME funds for down payment and closing cost assistance. Funds support the development of affordable housing to the very low-income to combat those households who are at risk of becoming homeless.

HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Huntington will receive \$759,815 in HOME funds.

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program:**

The City of Huntington is also a federal entitlement grantee for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. In FY 2022 the City received \$147,304 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. These funds are being used for street outreach, emergency shelters, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and HMIS. In addition, funds are being used for the operating expenses and essential services such as job training, and counseling for homeless individuals and organizations that serve the homeless population.

HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Huntington will receive \$145,321 in ESG funds.

- **Housing Inventory Count (HIC):**

The chart below is the Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2022.

	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult Only Beds	Child Only Beds	Total Year Round Beds	Seasonal	Overflow/ Vouchers	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
								Chronic Beds	Veteran Beds	Youth Beds
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing:	22	72	151	0	223	40	0	N/A	13	0
Emergency Shelter	22	72	143	0	215	40	0	N/A	13	0
Safe Haven	0	0	8	0	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Permanent Housing:	77	196	458	0	654	N/A	N/A	N/A	138	0
Permanent Supportive Housing	56	133	263	0	396	N/A	N/A	17	138	0
Rapid Re-Housing	17	55	101	0	156	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Other Permanent Housing	4	8	94	0	102	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Grand Total:	99	268	609	0	877	40	0	17	151	0

The Huntington/Cabell, Wayne Counties CoC has a total 223 emergency, safe haven, and transitional housing beds and 654 permanent housing beds. Of those units, the CoC has 13 beds for veterans, but unfortunately there are no beds for youth under emergency, safe haven, and transitional housing. The CoC also has 138 permanent housing beds for veterans but none for youth. Lastly, there are 17 permanent supportive housing beds for the chronically homeless.

Based off the 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), there are 215 year-round, emergency shelter beds; 8 year-round, Safe Haven beds; 396 year-round permanent supportive housing beds; and 156 year-round rapid re-housing beds. These resources and supportive services are as follows:

- **Emergency Shelter:**
 - **Branches Domestic Violence - Branches** - 22 beds
 - **Coalition for the Homeless - IQ Shelter** - 20 beds
 - **Huntington City Mission - Cold Weather Shelter** - 40 beds
 - **Huntington City Mission - Women and Family** - 84 beds
 - **Huntington City Mission - Men's Shelter** - 76 beds
 - **WV Veterans Home - Project 214** - 13 beds
- **Safe Haven:**
 - **Coalition for the Homeless - Safe Quarters** - 8 beds
- **Permanent Supportive Housing:**
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - VASH** - 113 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - SNAP 9-11A-12-22** - 33 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - SNAP 8-10** - 16 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - SNAP 5-7-11-21** - 41 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - SNAP 24** - 10 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - SNAP 23** - 8 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - SNAP 2-3-6** - 117 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - SNAP 16-18** - 18 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - SNAP 13-15** - 18 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - HUD-VASH Portability** - 15 beds
 - **Prestera Center - Balen House** - 7 beds
- **Other Permanent Housing:**
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - Seaton Taylor** - 8 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - Fifth Avenue Apartments** - 27 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - Heistad House** - 6 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - Vanity Fair** - 53 beds
 - **Huntington WV Housing Authority - Euclid Place** - 8 beds
- **Rapid Re-Housing:**
 - **Branches Domestic Violence - Branches RRH 2** - 27 beds
 - **Branches Domestic Violence - Branches RRH 1** - 28 beds
 - **Coalition for the Homeless - Targeted RRH** - 54 beds
 - **Coalition for the Homeless - RRH Consolidated** - 156 beds

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count there were 219 households that were currently experiencing homelessness, 146 households were sheltered, and 73 households were unsheltered. The unmet housing need for this qualified population is to increase the number of shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units.

The supportive services that are needed, include the following: childcare, educational services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, landlord mediation, credit repair, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Based on consultation with community stakeholders it was mentioned the need to increase the capacity and supportive services at the day shelter to meet the increased need. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The unmet housing needs of the at-risk of homeless population is the lack of affordable housing units in the City. This refers to that qualifying population who live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income and have one or more housing problems. This qualifying population needs short- and long-term rental and utility assistance, along with affordable permanent housing options. Developing affordable permanent supportive housing units will keep households that are cost burden from becoming homeless.

The supportive services that are needed include the following: childcare, educational services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches, counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, landlord mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 27 homeless individuals who were identified as being victims of domestic violence. Additionally, according to 2021 data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), there were 327 homeless individuals, of which 28 were with children who have a history of domestic violence and 67 people fleeing domestic violence, of which 11 were fleeing with children.

The Huntington Police Department reported that, in 2022, there were 39 recorded incidents of Domestic Assault, 207 recorded incidents of Domestic Battery, and 10 recorded incidents of Domestic Violence Protective Orders being violated. Because these incidents outnumber the number of people fleeing domestic violence as recorded in the HMIS and PIT Count, there may be people that are victims of domestic assault or battery that could use resources to flee or protect themselves from domestic violence.

The unmet housing need for this qualifying population is to increase the number of domestic violence shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units.

The supportive services that are needed are the following: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches, counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

The unmet housing and service needs for other populations who are at greatest risk of housing instability's supportive services to help decrease their risk of housing instability by providing wrap-around services. These individuals may have a substance abuse, mental health issue, and physical or mental disabilities. To prevent housing instability, they need long term permanent housing assistance with case management and wrap-around support services. In addition, another population that is experiencing instability is the physically disabled and the developmentally challenged. There is a need for long-term permanent housing that is accessible for these persons with disabilities.

The supportive services that are needed are the following: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches, counseling services, legal

services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, landlord mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

The City of Huntington and the HOME Consortium's limited supply of affordable housing is the largest gap in the system. This gap is much larger than the available resources that the City and the HOME Consortium have, but the City and the HOME Consortium will use these funds to leverage other funds to spread these funds out as much as possible to develop as many affordable housing options as possible.

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT), the CoC has 73 unsheltered homeless persons and 162 sheltered homeless. With 215 emergency shelter beds as counted in the Housing Inventory Count, this leaves 20 homeless persons living on the streets and waiting to access shelter beds.

To assist in meeting the need to provide permanent housing, the CoC works with the Housing Authority of the City of Huntington for housing assistance through either public housing units or through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. There are currently 1,936 non-duplicated households on the waiting list for Public Housing and Section 8 programs as of February 2023. There were a total of 1,654 households on the Section 8 waiting lists and 5,408 households on the Public Housing waiting lists. Many of those households are duplicated due to households appearing on multiple individual waiting lists for different types of vouchers and public housing units. All waiting lists are still open.

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of "other populations" that are "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability," as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium are not providing additional characteristics associated with instability and increase risk of homelessness in the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

During the HOME-ARP Consultation, the following priority needs for the qualifying populations were stressed:

- Need for more decent, safe, and sound affordable rental housing.
- Need for supportive services such as mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, counseling, life skills training, case management, childcare, transportation, legal services, and job training.
- Need for additional transitional housing.
- Lack of available shelter capacity.
- Funds to rehabilitate emergency shelters, SRO's, transitional and permanent housing.
- Need to increase the day shelter capacity due to the increased demand.

Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:

The City of Huntington determined the level of need and gaps in the shelter inventory, housing inventory, and service delivery system from the following sources:

- Stakeholders' consultations
- Continuum of Care
- Agency surveys
- 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT)
- 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- 2017-2021 American Community Survey Data (ACS Data)
- 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
- 211 Call Data
- City of Huntington Police Reports for Domestic Assault and Domestic Battery
- Public Health Authority
- Huntington Housing Authority - Statistics

Based on the above sources the City of Huntington determined the level of need and gaps in its shelter inventory, housing inventory and service delivery systems.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

The City of Huntington proposes to solicit HOME-ARP applications from non-profit and for-profit agencies, private developers and/or social service providers to undertake eligible HOME-ARP projects/activities. The City will release a Notice of the Funding Available under the HOME-ARP Program in the Herald-Dispatch. Potential applicants will be referred to the City's Department of Development and Planning to complete a funding request for their project/activity. The City's Development and Planning staff will send out an email to its Listserv recipients that have previously submitted funding requests or requested to be added to this list. This will notify agencies, organizations, and interested parties of the availability of the HOME-ARP funds.

The HOME-ARP Guidelines and application will be posted on the City's Department of Development and Planning website. Potential applicants will be directed to the HOME-ARP Program to complete a Funding Application. In addition, the site will have links to the HOME-ARP Guidelines, Application Review Process, and Instructions on how to complete the application.

The City's Department of Development and Planning staff will review the HOME-ARP Applications and rank them to see which applications address the needs identified in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. A review of how the applicant will help to develop and preserve the affordable housing stock in the City and the HOME Consortium. In addition, the City will review how the funds will help support the needs of the homeless population by providing funds for supportive services. The City will evaluate if the applicant will leverage the HOME-ARP funds with private and other public funding sources.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Huntington, Department of Development and Planning will manage the HOME-ARP program's administration, monitoring, and planning components. The projects/activities will be carried out by subrecipients which will be awarded the HOME-ARP funds.

If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

Not Applicable. The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium has not provided any HOME-ARP funds to subrecipient(s) or contractors prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

In accordance with Section V.C.2. of the Notice (page 4), PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 200,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,872,162.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 365,675.00	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation:	\$ 2,437,837.00		

Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium developed the HOME-ARP Budget based on the identified needs from consultation with community stakeholders, agency surveys, the assessment of the data obtained from the Point-In-Time Count (PIT), Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), American Community Survey Data (ACS), HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and other statistical data provide from the CoC.

The City and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium will allocated 8% of the funds for Supportive Services, 77% of the funds for the Development of Affordable Rental Housing, and 15% of the funds for Administration and Planning.

The following is a breakdown of what each category covers:

- **Supportive services** may include some of the following eligible services: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation,

case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance.

- **Development of affordable rental housing** includes the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating cost assistance/reserves.
- **Administration and planning** will set aside 15% of the allocation to cover the cost to administer the HOME-ARP program by the City of Huntington.

These allocations were derived from the data analysis and the key points that were articulated in the community stakeholders' meetings and interviews. It was overwhelmingly mentioned at the stakeholder meetings and interviews that there is a need for new development and preservation of affordable housing stock in the City and the HOME Consortium. The need for supportive services was the second greatest need identified by the stakeholders.

The City and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium are not allocating HOME-ARP funds to Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Non-Profit Operating, and Non-Profit Capacity Building based on community stakeholder consultation and the analysis of community data on the needs for the City and the HOME Consortium.

Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

The 2022 Point-In-Time Count reported 155 persons in 131 households residing in Emergency Shelters and 73 persons/households were unsheltered. The Huntington region's housing market is seeing housing options being reduced because of the increase in housing sales prices, increase in monthly rents, low vacancy rates, and increases in utility costs. These trends are leading to the lack of affordable housing options and the increase of households becoming cost overburdened. Based on the statistics and the community consultation the number one point that everyone mentioned was the need for more affordable housing in the City. The second item that was continually mentioned was the need to provide supportive services. These funds will be used to help the homeless and the persons at-risk becoming of homeless to have affordable housing options. The City is not allocating funds for the acquisition and development of Non-congregate shelters since this does not appear to be a major need.

The HOME-ARP funds will be used to assist the extremely low-income HOME Consortium residents.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium estimates it will assist in the development of at least eight (8) new affordable housing units using the HOME-ARP funds. This number was developed by the City, based off an estimated cost of \$234,000 per unit, which would cover the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating costs and reserves. Additional units can be developed if applicants are able to leverage other funds with HOME-ARP funds. The City and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium in its application process, will encourage applicants to leverage other funds as part of their application.

The new affordable rental units will be available to all HOME-ARP qualifying populations because the needs of all four (4) qualifying populations are greater than the amount of HOME-ARP funds allocated to the City and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium. The City and the HOME Consortium is not restricting funding to any one qualifying population over another.

Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the PJ's priority needs:

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium is looking to leverage the HOME-ARP funds with other Federal, State, local, and private funding sources. The goal is to use these other funding sources to develop more than eight (8) new affordable rental housing units. If other funds are not available, the City and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium will fund projects that only use HOME-ARP funds.

Preferences

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

Not Applicable. The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium does not intend to give preference to one qualifying population versus another because there is a housing need for all four (4) qualifying populations. The needs for all four (4) qualifying populations are greater than the amount of HOME-ARP funds the City has been allocated.

If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

Not Applicable.

Referral Methods

Identify the referral methods that the PJ intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium intends to use the Coordinated Entry System (CE) for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. Participating projects use the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care's CE process to manage coordinated intake and assessment, standardize prioritization, and facilitate referrals to housing and other resources. CE processes are intended to prioritize assistance to ensure that those most in need of assistance receive it in a timely manner. Data from the CE process enables the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care to strategically allocate current resources and identify gaps and the need for additional resources. The CoC's CE process will provide a standardized assessment process to all CE participants, ensuring uniform decision-making and coordination of care for persons experiencing a housing crisis.

All projects participating in CE will follow the assessment and triage protocols of the CE system. The assessment process will progressively collect only enough participant information to prioritize and refer participants to available CoC housing and support services. The CoC prohibits the CE process from screening people out due to perceived barriers to housing or services, including, but not limited to, too little or no income, active or a history of substance abuse, domestic violence history, resistance to receiving services, the type or extent of disability-related services or supports that are needed, history of evictions or poor credit, lease violations or history of not being a leaseholder, or criminal record.

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care respects all client's rights to privacy and choice. It is crucial that persons served by the CoC's CE system have the autonomy to identify whether they are uncomfortable or unable to answer any questions during the assessment process, or to refuse a referral that has been made to them. In both instances, the refusal of the participant to respond to assessment questions or to accept a referral shall not adversely affect his or her position on the CE's prioritization list. Throughout the assessment process, participants must not be pressured or forced to provide CE staff with information that they do not wish to disclose, including specific disability or medical diagnosis information.

Participant assessment information should be updated at least once a year, if the participant is served by CE for more than 12 months. Additionally, staff may update participant records with new information as new or updated information becomes known to staff.

CE participating agencies are required to notify and obtain participant consent for the collection, use, and disclosure of participants' personally identifiable information (PII).

If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):

All qualifying populations that are eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) process. All households seeking service are provided fair and equal access regardless of their location or method by which they access the system.

If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):

The City of Huntington will follow the CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) method of prioritization. The CoC will use data collected through the CE process to prioritize homeless persons within the CoC's geography. Emergency services are a critical crisis response resource, and access to such services will not be prioritized.

The CoC has established a community-wide list of all known homeless persons who are seeking or may need CoC housing and services to resolve their housing crisis. The prioritization list will be organized according to participant need, vulnerability, and risk. The prioritization list provides an effective way to manage an accountable and transparent prioritization process.

If the PJ intends to use both a CE process established by the CoC and another referral method for a project or activity, describe any method of prioritization between the two referral methods, if any. (Optional):

Not Applicable. The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium intends to only use the Coordinated Entry System (CE) Process for the HOME-ARP funded projects.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium will not limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing projects to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation. The need for affordable rental housing is needed across all qualifying populations. The City will solicit proposals for rental housing projects in general. Evaluations of applications will be made and selection will be based on the best proposal submitted.

If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

Not Applicable. The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium does not intend to implement a limitation on the HOME-ARP Program.

If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):

Not Applicable.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds. Not Applicable.

- ***Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity***

Not Applicable.

- ***Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.***

Not Applicable.

- ***State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.***

Not Applicable.

- ***Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.***

Not Applicable.

- ***State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.***

Not Applicable.

- ***Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:***

Not Applicable.

Appendix

Attached are the following items:

- SF 424 Form
- SF 424-B Form
- SF 424-D Form
- Certifications
- Resolution
- Citizen Participation Documentation



HUD SF 424 Form

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

*** Other (Specify):**

*** 3. Date Received:**

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M-21-DP-54-0202

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:**

City of Huntington

*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

55-6000187

*** c. UEI:**

EHVBZ3J7CE95

d. Address:

*** Street1:**

800 Fifth Avenue

Street2:

P.O. Box 1659

*** City:**

Huntington

County/Parish:

Cabell and Wayne Counties

*** State:**

WV: West Virginia

Province:

*** Country:**

USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:**

25401-3314

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Department of Dev. & Planning

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

*** First Name:**

Cathy

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:**

Burns

Suffix:

Title:

Director

Organizational Affiliation:

Department of Development and Planning

*** Telephone Number:**

(304) 696-4486 Ext: 1020

Fax Number:

(304) 264-2136

*** Email:**

BurnsC@Huntingtonwv.gov

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

Not Applicable.

* Title:

Not Applicable.

13. Competition Identification Number:

Not Applicable.

Title:

Not Applicable.

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

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* b. Program/Project

3

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

09/20/2021

* b. End Date:

09/30/2030

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

2,437,837.00

* b. Applicant

0.00

* c. State

0.00

* d. Local

0.00

* e. Other

0.00

* f. Program Income

0.00

* g. TOTAL

2,437,837.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Steve

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Williams

Suffix:

* Title:

Mayor

* Telephone Number:

(304) 696-5540 Ext: 7

Fax Number:

(304) 696-4493

* Email:

mayorwilliams@cityofhuntington.com

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

03/27/2023



HUD SF 424-B Form

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Huntington, WV	DATE SUBMITTED 03/27/2023



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Certifications

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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Signature of Authorized Official

03/27/2023

Date

Mayor

Title



Resolution

2023-R-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, WV
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN -
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR THE HOME - ARP ALLOCATION PLAN TO
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(HUD).**

WHEREAS, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to assist the homeless and those persons and families who are at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is administering this program and the City of Huntington was allocated \$2,437,837 in HOME-ARP funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington in cooperation with Cabell and Wayne Counties, WV have joined together to form the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium and the City of Huntington was designated as the Representative Member to apply for funds as a participating jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington prepared a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which is included as a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment containing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display from March 10, 2023 through March 24, 2023 and the City held a public hearing on March 23, 2023 concerning said amendment, and the comments of various agencies, groups, and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, CABELL AND WAYNE COUNTIES, WEST VIRGINIA, as follows.

SECTION 1. That the Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment which includes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby in all respects **APPROVED** and the City Clerk is hereby **DIRECTED** to file a copy of said Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021 with the Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of this Council.

SECTION 2. That the City is **COGNIZANT** of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of the HOME Investment Partnership - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program with federal financial assistance, including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b)

the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and other assurances as set forth under the certifications.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Huntington, West Virginia, is hereby **AUTHORIZED** to file an Application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which has indicated its willingness to make available funds to carry out the HOME-ARP Program in the amount of \$2,437,837 and is further **AUTHORIZED** to act as the authorized representative of the City of Huntington to sign any and all documents in regard to these programs.

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SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN TIA RUMBAUGH

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY: SD

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL: 3/27/2023 - ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

DATE: 3/27/2023

Lisa Adkins, Asst. City Clerk
BARBARA MILLER, CITY CLERK

DATE: 3/28/2023

Steve Williams
STEVE WILLIAMS, MAYOR

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APPROVE

DATE: 3/27/2023

VETO



Citizen Participation Documentation



Public Hearing

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Molly Ward being duly sworn, depose and say that I am Legal Clerk for *The Herald-Dispatch*, HD Media Co., LLC, who publishes at Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, the newspaper *The Herald-Dispatch*, an Independent newspaper, the morning seven days each week, Monday through Sunday including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas; that I have been duly authorized by the Board of Directors of such corporation and the newspaper mentioned herein; that the legal advertisement attached in the left margin of this affidavit and made a part herof and bearing number 147848 was duly published in the *The Herald-Dispatch* once a week for 1 successive weeks, commencing with its issue of 03/07/2023 and ending with the issue of 03/07/2023, that said legal advertisement was published on the following dates: 03/07/2023 that the cost of publishing said annexed advertisement as aforesaid was \$ 99.53; that such newspaper in which such legal advertisement was published has been and is now published regularly, at least as frequently as once a week for at least fifty weeks during the calendar year as prescribed by its mailing permit and has been so published in the municipality of Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, for at least one year immediately preceding the date on which the legal advertisement set forth herein was delivered to such newspaper for publication; that such newspaper is a newspaper of "general circulation" as defined in article 3, chapter 59, of the West Virginia Code within the publication area or areas of the municipality of Huntington, Cabell, Putnam and Wayne Counties, West Virginia, and that such newspaper is circulated to the general public at a definite price or consideration; that such newspaper on each date published consists of not less than four pages without a cover; and that it is a newspaper to which the general public resorts for passing events of a political, religious, commercial and social nature, and for current happenings, announcements, miscellaneous reading matter, advertisements and other notices.

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me in my said county this day: 03/07/2023

My commission expires

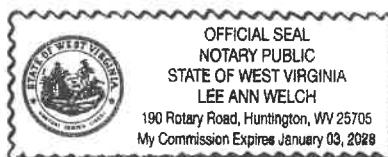
January 3, 2028

Lee Ann Welch

Notary Public

Cabell County, West Virginia

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**CITY OF
HUNTINGTON, WV
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
THE HOME-ARP
ALLOCATION PLAN
FOR HOME -
AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN PROGRAM
FY 2021 ANNUAL AC-
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STANTIAL AMEND-
MENT**

The notice is hereby given by the City of Huntington, Cabell and Wayne Counties, West Virginia, that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM, prevailing time, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington WV 25701. City Hall and Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please call the City of Huntington's Department of Development and Planning, at (304) 696-5540, Ext. 2103 to make arrangements, or for persons who may have a hearing impediment, please contact 711 for the TTY/TTD Relay.

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In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies, and other interested parties, the City of Huntington has placed its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on public display starting Friday, March 10, 2023 and ending on Friday, March 24, 2023, at which time the Substantial Amendment will be presented to City Council for approval at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023. The Draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan may be examined at the City's website <http://www.cityofhuntington.com> and at the following locations:

Department of Development and Planning
Room 14, City Hall, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington WV 25701

Cabell County Public Library - Guyandotte Branch
203 Richmond Street, Huntington, WV 25702

Cabell County Public Library - West Huntington Branch
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All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Written comments may be addressed to the attention of Ms. Katie Keefer, HOME Program Manager, Department of Development and Planning for the City of Huntington, WV until Friday, March 24, 2023, at Huntington City Hall, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701, or via phone at (304) 696-5540, Ext. 2103; TDD 711; or via email at KeeferK@Huntingtonwv.gov.
Steve Williams, Mayor
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Steve Williams, Mayor

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HOME-ARP

BASIC INTRODUCTION

HOME + THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

HOME

- Provides annual entitlement funds to support the development and preservation of affordable housing through homeownership and rental activities
 - New Construction, Rehabilitation, Acquisition
 - DPA
- Consortium includes Cabell and Wayne Counties

ARPA 2021

- Meant to address impact of COVID-19
- \$5 billion appropriated for the HOME Program to address needs of homeless assistance and supportive services, creating the HOME-ARP Program

Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Consortium
Awarded \$2,437,837 in HOME-ARP

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QUALIFYING POPULATION (QPS)

- Funds must be used to assist the following Qualifying Populations (QPs):
 - Homeless
 - At risk of Homelessness
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee DV
 - Other Populations
 - Does not meet above definitions but may meet other criteria:
 - Require services to prevent homelessness
 - Greatest risk of housing instability
 - Income and expenses
 - Income and hardship

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Rental Housing Development
- TBRA
- Supportive Services
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter
- Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance

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HOME-ARP ALLOCATION DRAFT BUDGET

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 200,000.00	8%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,872,162.00	77%	
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 365,675.00	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation:	\$ 2,437,837.00		

Based on consultations with agencies providing services to the homeless population and those at risk of homelessness as well so **needs & gap analysis**

Priorities & Needs Identified

- More affordable housing units (new and rehabilitated)
- Supportive Services

RENTAL HOUSING (1/13) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Rehabilitation (& Reconstruction defined in 2 CFR 92.2)

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RENTAL HOUSING (2/13) BASICS

- 70% of units must admit households based only on qualifying household status (QPs)
- Up to 30% of HOME-ARP units may be rented to **low-income households** (follow 24 CFR 92.252)
 - Complicates **underwriting** and operation- HUD allows **flexibility** to ensure projects are financially viable and affordable throughout compliance period
 - Work with **PHA** and other rental assistance programs to obtain project based rental assistance
 - Substantial capital from HOME-ARP and other sources may be required to **limit debt service**
 - ARP suspends the maximum per-unit subsidy limit for HOME-ARP units
 - Consider mixed-income developments
- Minimum **15 year affordability period** for all units regardless of per-unit subsidy or type of project
- Permits **ongoing operating cost assistance** or to **capitalize a project operating cost assistance reserve** to address **operating deficits** for HOME-ARP units

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RENTAL HOUSING (3/13) OPERATING COST ASSISTANCE

- Unique to HOME-ARP
- To pay **ongoing operating cost assistance** or **capitalize** an operating cost assistance reserve for HOME-ARP units/costs when PJ determines through underwriting that the reserve is **necessary** to maintain **long-term feasibility**
 - Based on **NEED** to ensure feasibility for the minimum 15 year affordability period
 - Cannot fund both capitalized reserve and ongoing payments
 - Reserve must be held by the project owner in a **separate interest-bearing account** and sized based on an analysis of **projected deficits** remaining after expected payments toward rent are applied to the unit's share of operating costs
- Operating costs include:
 - Admin expenses
 - Property management
 - Insurance
 - Utilities
 - Property taxes
 - HOME-ARP unit maintenance

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RENTAL HOUSING (4/13) UNDERWRITING AND SUBSIDY LAYERING

- 15 year minimum period of affordability
- Projects should **minimize debt service**- maximize public assistance in development and operations
 - Grants and forgivable loans
 - Operations will likely rely on project-based rental assistance and other voucher programs
 - Importance of operating cost reserves
- Must consider **viability and feasibility** of entire project, not just HOME-ARP units
 - Supportive services
 - Mixed-income/use
- Must include ongoing operating cost assistance and capitalized reserve in underwriting and subsidy layering analysis
 - HOME-ARP operating cost assistance reserve must be sized based on deficit AFTER projected rent revenue is applied

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RENTAL HOUSING (5/13) UNDERWRITING AND SUBSIDY LAYERING- PJ STANDARDS

- Can use existing HOME standards but should develop unique standards for HOME-ARP projects
 - HOME - Income
 - HOME-ARP - QP status
- Unique to the type of project
 - 100% HOME-ARP QP
 - Mixed-income (HOME units, FMR, LIHTC)

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RENTAL HOUSING (6/13) UNDERWRITING AND SUBSIDY LAYERING- PJ STANDARDS

- Examine sources & uses
 - Cost are reasonable and necessary
 - Subsidy required to fill gap
 - Developer fee is permitted but must be reasonable
- Market Assessments- demand for project
 - HOME-ARP QP units DO NOT require assessment
 - Demonstrate there is an unmet need thru gap analysis, CoC data, waiting lists, surveys, inventory counts
 - Other units (income restricted or FMR) the assessment is needed (24 CFR 92.250(b)(2))
- Developer Capacity
- Other commitments
- Operating budget to determine if operating assistance is needed (15 year minimum)
 - Pro forma
- Assessment of overall viability
 - Pro forma

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RENTAL HOUSING (7/13) INCOME DETERMINATIONS

- QPs
 - No initial income determination required for eligibility- only to determine tenant contribution
 - Starting **1 year after initial occupancy** the PJ must examine income to determine the appropriate **tenant contribution** (24 CFR 92.203(a)(1)(i) or (ii))
- Low-income Households
 - Normal HOME regs
 - Households assisted by Other Programs
 - May use Federal or State determinations when household is receiving assistance through applicable programs and does not have to obtain source documentation or calculate income
 - Section 8 Owner's determination
 - PHA determination
 - CoC (subrecipient determination)
- Over-income Tenants
 - Same as HOME- increased income over 80% does not warrant eviction or refusal to renew lease, rather we adjust rents
 - QP to low-income (24 CFR 92.252(a))
 - QP or Low-income to not low-income (24 CFR 92.252(i)(2)) (FMR or 30% of income)

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RENTAL HOUSING (8/13) RENT LIMITATIONS

- QPs
 - Never exceed 30% of adjusted income for very low-income household- **HUD published HOME-ARP rent limits**
 - Federal or State Project-based Rental Assistance
 - So long as they pay < 30% of adj. income, the rent charged is the allowable rent under the Fed or State program
 - Tenant-based Rental Assistance
 - Rent permissible under that assistance program
- Low-income Households
 - Same as HOME (24 CFR 92.252(a))
- SROs (= primary residence and must contain sanitary facilities, may contain food prep. facilities)
 - Sanitary and Food Prep = zero-bedroom FMR
 - Only Sanitary = max HOME-ARP rent is based on 75% of the zero-bedroom FMR

Rent Limits include Utilities
Rent + Utilities < or = HOME ARP Rent Limit

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RENTAL HOUSING (9/13) TENANT CONTRIBUTION

- PJ must determine tenant contribution for QPs
- Tenant contribution must be affordable based on **household's income**
- Project and Tenant-based Assistance Programs trump ours (cannot contribute more than what is permissible under that program)
- If no project or tenant-based assistance is provided and the tenant cannot sufficiently cover rent, project owner may draw down funds from **operating cost assistance reserve** if projected rental revenue minus operating costs of unit results in a **deficit**
- When there is a unit deficit and no capitalized reserve
 - PJ may provide **ongoing operating cost assistance**
 - Tenant may receive HOME-ARP TBRA

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RENTAL HOUSING (10/13) COMPLIANCE PERIOD

- Minimum 15 years
 - HAP Projects- must be greater of 15 years or the term of HAP Contract
- Recorded Deed of Trust is required
 - Legally binding agreement that restricts the use of the property
- Property Standards- same as HOME
- Unit must have executed lease that complies with Section VI.B.19 of the Implementation Notice

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RENTAL HOUSING (11/13) TENANT PROTECTIONS

- **Executed Lease** is required
- Owner leases vs Sponsor subleases
- Prohibited lease terms in 24 CFR 92.253(b)
- Owners and sponsors cannot terminate or refuse to renew a lease or sublease except for serious or repeated violations of terms and conditions; federal, state, or local law violations; or **good cause**
 - Increase in income does not constitute good cause
- If HOME-ARP operating cost assistance was committed, the tenant cannot be evicted for inability to pay rent during compliance period
 - Inability to pay rent = household cannot pay more than 30% of income towards rent, based on income determination by PJ in last 30 days
- **Minimum 30 day notice** must be given to tenant specifying grounds for eviction or refusal to renew

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RENTAL HOUSING (12/13) COORDINATED ENTRY AND PROJECT WAITLISTS

- **Referral Methods** can include (Section IV.C of Implementation Notice)
 - CoC's Coordinated Entry
 - **Project-specific waitlist**- based on chronological order

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RENTAL HOUSING (13/13) COMPLETION AND OCCUPANCY

- Completion = same as HOME
 - 4 year completion deadline
 - 6 month lease up period
 - Marketing Plan to HUD if not met
 - Must repay if not leased up within 12 months

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NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER (NCS) (1/9)

- NCS = one or more buildings that provide private units or rooms as **temporary** shelter that **does not require a lease or occupancy agreement**
- Cannot fund operating costs
- Consider available ongoing operating funds so that project remains viable through **restricted use period**
- **Replacement Reserve** is allowable for restricted use period
 - Capitalized based on Capital Needs Assessment documented by PJ selected inspector/contractor

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NCS (2/9) RESTRICTED USE PERIOD VS MINIMUM USE

- All NCS project must operate as NCS for the **minimum use period** that is determined based on type of activity
 - Acquisition Only: 3 years
 - Mod. Rehab: 5 years (< 75% of appraised value)
 - Sub. Rehab: 10 years (> 75% of appraised value)
 - New Construction: 10 years
- During the **restricted use period** the project may:
 - Remain NCS in compliance with HOME-ARP
 - Be used as non-congregate emergency shelter under the ESG Program and comply with 24 CFR part 576 that apply when ESG funds are provided for operation costs or essential services in the shelter
 - ESG regs trump HOME-ARP regs if there is a conflict
 - Be **converted** to permanent affordable housing (Section VLE.11 of Implementation Notice)
 - Be **converted** to permanent housing as defined in Subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (CoC Perm. Housing)

Restricted Use Period
Acquisition Only: 10 years
Rehab: 10 years
New Construction: 15 years

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NCS (3/9)

- QP only
- Access should be integrated with other assistance and services by incorporating the NCS into the CoC's CE, provided the CE is in accordance with Section IVC of Implementation Notice
- Recorded DoT required

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NCS (4/9) PROJECT DUE DILIGENCE

- Project must be financially feasible **throughout restricted use period**
 - Because HOME-ARP cannot fund operating costs, the project should **secure operating funds**
- PJ must review
 - Develop Capacity- relevant experience
 - Owner Capacity- relevant experience
 - Budget
 - Sources and Uses
 - Timeline
 - Operating Budget
 - If gap exists then plan should be submitted for acquiring operating assistance
- Determine **Conversion** plans before committing funds

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NCS (5/9) PROPERTY STANDARDS

- Based on type of activity
 - Rehab
 - Acquisition
 - New Construction
- On-going Standards
 - Annual inspections
 - Hazardous vs non-hazardous findings and corrections

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NCS (6/9) PROJECT COMPLETION

- Completed within 4 years of commitment
- Must operate as shelter within 6 months after completion or submit plan to HUD

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NCS (7/9) CONVERSION TO RENTAL HOUSING

- **Permanent Affordable Housing or CoC Permanent Housing**
- HOME-ARP funds cannot be used for conversion
- Written Agreement must describe conversion as a possible outcome
 - Specify conditions of approval by PJ

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NCS (8/9) CONVERSION TO PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **Permanent Affordable Housing**
 - Cannot invest additional HOME-ARP Funds to pay for conversion or operations
 - Must be financially feasible and meet property standards (budget review, etc.)
 - Must amend restricted use documents- HOME affordability requirements
 - CE for tenant selection

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NCS (9/9) CONVERSION TO CoC PERMANENT HOUSING

- Convert to **Permanent** or **Permanent Supportive Housing**
 - 24 CFR 578.43 and/or 24 CFR 578.45 (CoC Program Regulations)
 - HOME-ARP use restrictions remain until CoC funds are provided and regulations are imposed

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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Provided as separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activity
 1. Sect. 401(29) of McKinney Vento Homelessness Assistance Act
 2. Homeless Prevention Services (Sect.VI.D3 and D4)
 3. Housing Counseling
- Examples: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance costs.

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HOME-ARP FAQs

What is HOME-ARP?

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HOME-ARP funds are meant to assist homeless populations, how does HOME-ARP define homeless?

There are 4 Qualifying Populations, i.e. eligible beneficiaries. Meaning that, in order to qualify to receive the services or housing offered through HOME-ARP funding, a person or family must meet at least 1 of the following definitions:

1. Homeless
2. At risk of homelessness
3. Fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
4. Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet other similar criteria as outlined under the HOME-ARP Program regulations

What activities are eligible under HOME-ARP?

1. Production or preservation of affordable rental housing
2. Tenant Based Rental Assistance
3. Supportive Services
4. Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

How much can the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium receive in HOME-ARP funding?

\$2,437,837

How can HOME-ARP funding be secured by the City?

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How was the plan developed?

The HOME-ARP Plan is based on the needs identified through consultations with community stakeholders, agency surveys, and statistical data from various sources. Through these consultations and data reviews the overwhelming need was for additional affordable housing units and supportive services.

SIGN IN SHEET

HOME ARP Public Hearing - March 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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Public Hearing Minutes
City of Huntington HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
FY 2021 Annual Action Plan- Substantial Amendment

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Staff Present: Katie Keefer, Brad Nunley

Ms. Keefer opened the public hearing by reading the Public Hearing Notice:

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Ms. Keefer noted that no public comments had been received prior to the public hearing, and that no members of the public were present to give comment.

Then being no further business, the hearing was dismissed.



Agency/Organization Survey and Consultation

HOME – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AGENCIES/PROVIDERS/ADVOCATES SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Catholic Charities

Address: 2015 Adams Avenue, Huntington, WV 25704

Contact Person: Dr. John M. Brown

Title: Director

Phone: 304-650-3514

E-Mail: jbrown@ccwva.org

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve:

200+

Describe the range of programs and services you provide:

Adult education; utility assistance; other types of assistance

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve:

- **Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:**

not sure

- **Households who are at risk of homelessness.**

not sure

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness.**

not sure

- **Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability**

Those in addictive addiction

- **Persons living in unsuitable housing situations.**

not sure

- **Any other Populations**

not sure

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

not sure

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

not sure

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

not sure

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

addiction; poverty; mental issues

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless				
At Risk of Homelessness				
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking				
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability				

Identify current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

not sure

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness:

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Other Comments/Suggestions:

HOME – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AGENCIES/PROVIDERS/ADVOCATES SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Huntington WV Housing Authority

Address: 300 W 7th Ave.

Contact Person: Angela D. Holloway

Title: Director of Management

Phone: 304-526-4400

E-Mail: asharp@hwwvha.org

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve:

2457 total available Units, vouchers, and or Certificates for households meeting 50% and 80% Area Median Income. Of the Vouchers, Certificates and Units below is how some of them are designated.

Our agency has 202 PSH Certificates Designated for Homeless and or DV clients

100 designated for Veterans

244 FUP designated for clients with open CPS cases to reunify children with family members

156 Mainstream vouchers for Non-Elderly Disabled individuals

22 Emergency Housing Vouchers for DV-RRH and RRH referrals

104 MOD Rehab Units for Homeless individuals only

All other units and or Vouchers are prioritized by Being Displaced, Disability, Income, DV, Homeless.

We currently have on average of 50 unused PSH (Homeless Certificates) unused due to lack of referrals from our COC.

Describe the range of programs and services you provide:

LIPH, HCV (TBRA, and PBRA), PSH, EHV, MOD REHAB, VASH, FUP, MAINSTREAM

Our agency also has a Safehaven that is a 24 hour Shelter for Dual Diagnosed individuals who are Homeless or transitioning from Hospitals.

HWWVHA also has a CES team of 3 Supportive Caseworkers

Our Family Resource Center is for our LIPH clients for emergent needs and also for afterschool needs for kids etc.

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve:

- **Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:**

Supportive Services, Financial stability, No Jobs first program in our area to assist clients in engaging them to do resume's, job search, interviewing skills etc.

- **Households who are at risk of homelessness.**

Supportive Services , Follow up Case management once housed

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness.**

Financial resources to assist clients in paying past utilities, they also need help to keep them on currently.

- **Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability**

Disabled individuals, Persons with SUDS and or Mental health disorder and Youth (24 and under), unemployed individuals.

- **Persons living in unsuitable housing situations.**

Being able to identify Mainstream resources in our area (DHHR, HWVHA, Harmony House, Mission, VA Resource Center etc.)

- **Any other Populations**

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

I believe the resources are there, however I don't believe some people know how to utilize them. I also believe there needs to be more than one point of entry into the homeless resources. Right now we have one Coordinated Entry, if a client doesn't feel comfortable going to that location they end of doing without or staying on the street. I believe that there should be multiple points of Coordinated Entry, Information and Referral, HCM etc. All of these teams should also have Supportive Services teams as well.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

No, if we can get casemanagement to assist the clients to respect the units they live in I believe there is enough housing for everyone in Huntington. The key is to respect the unit and or owner then they will be willing to work with the clients.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Housing the clients is not the issue, we can house the clients all day. It's the follow up case management that seems to be a big issue in our area. Once the clients are housed they are being evicted within the first year of their lease for multiple reasons. We rehouse them to another unit with the same results. The destruction of property and lack of followup case management from the caseworkers is a very big issue.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Financial instability, No Jobs first program to assist clients in engaging them to do resume's, job search, interviewing skills etc.

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
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Identify current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

Assistance with paying utility deposits, past due utility bills, Security Deposits

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness:

Personal family issues, no job and or lack of hours at job, evictions, utilities off, disability

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Housing, Mainstream resources, Job Search and or applying for disability

Other Comments/Suggestions:

I believe having more supportive service case workers, money to assist with Security deposits, past utility bills and utility deposits would help tremendously in our area.

Michael Long

From: Amanda Weiss-McComas <mccomas@branchesdvs.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 3:55 PM
To: Michael Long
Cc: Katie Keefer; Melinda Midkiff; Karl Haglund
Subject: Re: DV Data for HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Hello,




Below is some data that we pulled for you from 2022. I included all the areas you mentioned plus a few more just in case. If you might need anything else or have questions please let me know.

Total number of unique individuals served – 1,303
Total number of unique individuals served in Cabell County emergency shelter- 105
Total number of individuals experiencing human trafficking- 4
Total number of hotline calls – 7,950
Total number of unique individuals served Rapid Rehousing – 111
Total number of DVPs assisted – 298
Total number of individuals safety planned with – 868

Thank you so much!



Amanda Weiss-McComas
Executive Director
Branches Domestic Violence Shelter
She, Her, Hers ([what's this?](#))

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Subject: DV Data for HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Hello Amanda,

The City of Huntington hired our firm to assist in developing the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which would give \$2,437,837 in federal money to give aid to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, among other qualifying populations. One of the groups that this program is meant to serve is those fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking. Do you have any data you'd be willing to share with us that could give us a picture of the prevalence of DV or human trafficking in Cabell and Wayne Counties? We would appreciate any information like the number of people served in your shelters in 2022 or the number of human trafficking victims served by your organization in the same year.

We understand that this data is sensitive, so we only need high-level big picture information like numbers and demographics instead of information about specific cases or victims.

Thank you,



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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan



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What is HOME-ARP?

\$5 billion in total funds provided by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) intended to assist the homeless and those at risk of homelessness

\$2,437,837 awarded to City of Huntington for the program

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Eligible Activities

Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing

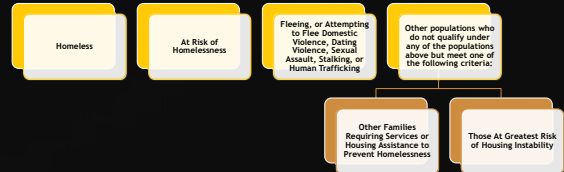
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Supportive Services, including homeless prevention services and housing counseling

Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

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Qualifying Populations (QP)



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Discussion Questions

- Brief overview of the programs and services your organization offer?
- What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?
- Do you know of any gaps in the shelter system, housing inventory, or service delivery system?
- What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?
- Any barriers in the City's housing market?
- Among the four QPs, what is the level of priority for each population? (i.e. high, medium, low)
 - Homeless
 - At Risk of Homelessness
 - Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
 - Other populations
- What are priority needs for each QP?

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**Cabell Huntington Wayne Continuum of Care
General Membership Meeting**

Meeting Date & Time	January 27, 2023 10:00AM – Virtual Meeting
Attendance	Marissa Clark (Harmony House), Michelle Massie (Pretera), Ally Layman (Harmony House), Amanda Coleman (Harmony House), Christina Walters (The Center), Melinda Midkiff (City of Huntington), Mike Long (Urban Design Venture), Mae Gilbert (Harmony House), Craig Manns (Harmony House), Sonya Beckett (Harmony House), Jeremy Spurlock (Pretera), Rachel Rush (HEART), Erin Dalton (SPECO), Kacee Craft (Salvation Army), Pip Lloyd (Harmony House), Sue Hage (Stepping Stones), Heather Green (HVRC), Rebekah Stamper (VOA), Sara Blevins (BDVS), Amber Ross-Chapman (BDVS), Julie Kinder (SWCAC), Jeff Plymale (HWVHA), Nancy Frye (Legal Aid), Katie Keefer (City of Huntington)
Next Meeting	The next CoC Meeting will be held on Friday, February 24, at 10:00am, via Zoom.

#	AGENDA ITEM	Spokesperson	UPDATES/DISCUSSION
1	Approval of December Minutes	All	→ Approved with corrections to Housing First subcommittee notes.
2a.	CoC Steering Committee	Marissa Clark, Harmony House	→ In the last Steering Committee meeting, we reviewed APR data and compared the data with last year's numbers. Data indicates improvement systemwide in employment and mainstream benefits at exit. Data shows a decrease in the percentage of clients exiting to the streets (places not meant for human habitation). Data also indicates a decrease in the percentage of clients who exit with cash benefits.
2b.	HMIS	Jeremy Spurlock, Pretera	→ Meetings are going well! At the last meeting, there were several new attendees. COLA updates for clients who receive SSI/SSDI benefits, the length of time homeless metric, and annual assessment were topics discussed. → Jeremy stressed the importance of accurately recording the date of homelessness and entering the client entry location when a clients moves from PH to PH.
2c.	Housing First	Michelle Massie, Pretera	→ Housing First meetings are held on Tuesdays, at 9:30am, via Zoom. → The prioritization list is growing, as the CoC needs more case workers. Please ensure all clients on the prioritization list have housing applications turned in and that all boxes are marked for any available housing.
2d.	Staff Development and Training	Sara Blevins, Branches	→ The subcommittee met and discussed how to grow the committee and to develop a direction for 2023. The group identified targeted invites and added seven members to

			the subcommittee and established goals for the year. → The next meeting will be held on February 17. All are welcome!
2e.	Frontline	Jacki Woods, Harmony House	→ In the last meeting, Sara Hoffman, Disability Rights of WV, presented. 15 people attended the meeting. The group discussed ways to increase participation. In February, the meeting will focus on teen dating violence.
2f.	Veterans Committee	Angela Miller, Veteran's Administration	→ No update.
2g.	Permanent Supportive Housing	Michelle Massie, Prestera	→ Met on January 10 and reviewed 14 apps. A briefing was held on January 12. → It has been taking an increasing amount of time to find housing for those who have vouchers.
2h.	Transitional Youth	Marc Sowards, Harmony House	→ The Transitional Youth Subcommittee meets on second Wednesdays at 11:00am. John McBrayer will assist with the subcommittee moving forward. → The Center has new life skills and peer recovery groups starting in February. BDVS and Big Brothers Big Sisters will facilitate a teen dating violence group in February.
2i.	Coordinated Entry	Sonya Beckett, Harmony House	→ Coordinated Entry (CE) Subcommittee meets on last Tuesdays after the Housing First meeting. → CE is fully staffed. Last month, CE served 665 people (predominately male with one transgender person). 80 served were 55 years old or older; 400 reported SMI; 362 reported SUD; and 184 reported a history of DV. 409 of the people served reported no income, while 338 reported no SNAP benefits. CE has been advising people to utilize the cold weather shelter.
2j.	Advocacy	Nancy Fry, Legal Aid of WV	→ The Advocacy Committee met in-person in January, and the next meeting has been scheduled for February 16. The group discussed the need for 1-bedroom apartments (with all utilities included), the lack of affordable housing, landlords' hesitancy to rent to people experiencing homelessness, and the skills clients need to maintain housing.
2k.	Street Outreach	Sonya Beckett, Harmony House	→ Street Outreach (SO) has been very busy and is facilitating case management for clients, sometimes all the way until the client is housed. → SO served 154 clients (predominately male) last month with 3 workers. There has been a decrease in the number of elderly and youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness. A large percentage of the clients served are living with SMI and/or SUD. SO partners with other SO groups, including The Center, the City of Huntington, and Wayne. Workers were also involved in the annual PIT count this week and identified new encampments.
2l.	Agents of PRIDE	Ally Layman,	→ More than 10 anti-LGBTQ+ bills are going through the WV house right now. Please

		Harmony House	<p>check on your LGBTQ+ friends and acquaintances!</p> <p>→ The Agents of Pride meetings have had low attendance lately. All LGBTQ+ folk and their allies are welcome to attend meetings on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 10:00am on Zoom.</p> <p>→ The group will show community support by participating in the Unity Walk (Huntington Pride & Women's March). Also, plan now to participate in Fairness Day at the WV Legislature. Several Coc agencies will table at the event. Please show up and show your allyship.</p>
3.	CoC Vote – Steering Direct Services Representative	Marissa Clark, Harmony House	<p>→ Agency votes for the person who will represent direct services staff on the Steering Committee for a two-year term must be submitted to Malinda Morrello by 11:30am today. Descriptions of all three nominees were sent out to the CoC listserv.</p>
4.	HOME-ARP	Michael Long, Urban Design Ventures	<p>→ Urban Design Ventures is working with the City of Huntington on the Home ARP Allocation Plan, as part of the American Rescue Plan. Huntington was allocated \$2.4 million. Eligible activities include production or preservation of affordable rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services (including homeless prevention services and housing counseling), and purchase and development of non-congregate shelter. The funds can serve the following populations: homeless; at risk of homelessness; fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; other families requiring services or housing assistances to prevent homelessness; and those at greatest risk of housing instability.</p> <p>→ Urban Designs is conducting a survey to learn about community needs before they begin writing an allocation plan. Amanda sent it out on the CoC listserv. Please complete the survey and provide input!</p>
5	Point-in-Time Count	Marissa Clark, Harmony House	<p>→ The annual PIT count was conducted this week. Street outreach staff are canvassing again this morning. The count went well, and several new encampments were identified.</p>
6	Other & Announcements	All	<p>→ No announcements.</p>

Consultation Meeting Minutes
City of Huntington HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
FY 2021 Annual Action Plan- Substantial Amendment

Huntington Habitat for Humanity

12/15/2022 at 11:00 am

- Huntington Habitat for Humanity
 - Home construction
 - Owner-occupied rehab
 - Veterans housing
 - Veteran owner-occupied rehab
 - Accessibility rehab
- Uneven availability of affordable housing – wide variety of good and bad housing available depending on the region of the city
 - Housing stock is aging
- Habitat is the #1 builder of single-family homes, which is not the best reflection of new housing construction
- Housing rehab need factors
 - Disability is a big driver of need for housing rehab – population is aging in place
 - Roof repair is most common type of rehab given
 - HVAC system replacement
- Among the homeless that comes to Habitat for help, most are couch surfers
- There are a few instances of people who would otherwise be homeless without housing rehab
- Huntington Habitat has no involvement with rental properties
- Large numbers of veterans among homeless population
- Huntington Habitat often works with VA Medical Center
- Many homeless (esp. veterans) are disabled
- Affordability (or lack thereof) is the biggest factor in those becoming homeless
- Huntington has a comparatively larger homeless population than other similar cities
 - Because of more services
 - Helped by university, which is a source of talent to staff and run the services

In Attendance:

- Dave Jordan
- Mike Long
- Katie Keefer (City of Huntington)
- David Michael (Habitat for Humanity)

Social Services Meeting

12/19/2022 at 9:00 am

- United Way
 - Performs little direct service work
 - Collaborates with CoC
 - Daytime drop-in center for teens – rising number of teens in need
 - Covers gap because teens can't be helped by Harmony House
 - Food insecurity programs
- SCAC
 - Homeless shelter in Mason County
 - Homeless veterans program
 - Case management
 - Utility assistance
- Not enough beds for homeless in Cabell County
 - Harmony House is busy
 - Observes encampment (>100 people) close to United Way office
- Need for affordable housing
- ALICE
- Medical/mental health services are needed
- Food insecurity is a serious problem
- For veterans, there's a gap between low-level mental health services and top-level services provided
- Challenges with linking veterans to access (connecting vets to social security, healthcare)
- HUD VASH – voucher for veterans
 - Voucher provides case management
- Pantry issues
 - High demand for food aid because of food insecurity
 - High inflation – donating is going down
- Many homeless are from outside counties
- ALICE pop. Is particularly prevalent in area because of wage structure
 - Hourly wage, no benefits
 - Higher rate of those who have not graduated high school or college
- Lack of affordable rental properties
- Larger amount of utility assistance during pandemic
 - United Way has huge demand for utility assistance
 - Electric is most expensive (most houses have electric heating)
- United Way will send us 211 data of calls for assistance
- Many people have come back to programs after MRAP ended
 - Not served well by quick pull-out of services
- Childcare is an underappreciated need
 - Made worse by the wage structure and odd working hours of parents – daycares are only open during normal working hours

- Huge need for transportation aid

In Attendance

- Mike Long (Urban Design Ventures)
- Melinda Midkiff (City of Huntington)
- Carol Bailey (United Way of the River Cities)
- Julia Kinder (Southwestern Community Action Council)

Huntington Housing Authority

12/19/2022 at 2:00 pm

- Provides low-income housing
- 108 housing units total
- Wants continuation of supportive services
 - No funding, staffing turnover has impacted services
- More problems with rental assistance
- 30 day wait for housing/voucher through PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing)
 - People stay at the Mission shelter during this waiting period
- There's a landlord association in Huntington and landlords talk to one another, making it harder for some people to find housing
- Less than 10% of rent is past due – helped greatly by rental assistance
- Not much turnover in HHA units
- Monthly pest control gives a reason to do checks on the units every month
 - If apts. are in bad shape, they are informed that they have to clean up in advance of an inspection 1 month later – almost never failed
- 1-bedroom are in high demand
 - 2 4-bedroom and 0 5-bedroom
- Over 70% of tenants use Mountaineer Rental Assistance
- There is a need for assistance for paying utility bills

In Attendance:

- Dave Jordan (Urban Design Ventures)
- Mike Long (Urban Design Ventures)
- Katie Keefer (City of Huntington)
- Angie Holloway (Huntington Housing Authority)

Harmony House

12/20/2022 at 3:00 pm

- Harmony House – lead agency for CoC
 - Grown since 2015
 - Runs a low-barrier day shelter
 - Unsheltered homelessness has grown in the Huntington area – backed up by PIT count numbers
 - Day shelter plus street outreach is used as a means gaining rapport with homeless
 - Runs social security payee program
 - Rapid rehousing
 - HOPWA
 - Supportive services with extra aid
 - Affordable housing
 - 2 active buildings with 66 units
 - 1 more building was previously used but it had to be closed down because of structural issues
 - Youth drop-in center
 - Seen greater influx of LGBTQ youth
 - Wellness and recovery center
 - Uses harm reduction principles
 - Isolation/quarantine shelter – will be closed soon because of Covid funding drying up
- Homeless people are more spread out in the city than before – used to find them in one specific place but now they're in all sorts of other places
- Increase in mental illness/substance abuse issues
- Claims substance use/abuse (and related trauma) is the #1 factor behind homelessness in Huntington region
- Many trafficking victims among the homeless
- People on drugs sometimes trash housing, leading to many landlords evicting them
- Lack of adequate and available affordable housing is the #2 factor behind homelessness in Huntington
 - Poor aging housing stock
 - Stigma against renting to former homeless
- Previous shared housing initiatives have failed
- Domestic Violence – Branches is the main DV shelter in the area
 - Needs bigger shelter
- Large number of homeless have previously experienced DV
- CoC funding sources
 - CoC
 - MHBG
 - Opioid response funding
 - Private foundations
- Need bigger day shelter and staffing because of the increase in unsheltered homelessness
- Need supportive services that properly prioritize

- More street outreach is needed to connect with homeless
- City is currently developing a CRT team
- CoC did motel/hotel placement during Covid but has decreased recently

In Attendance:

- Dave Jordan (Urban Design Ventures)
- Mike Long (Urban Design Ventures)
- Katie Keefer (City of Huntington)
- Amanda Coleman (Harmony House/Cabell-Huntington Continuum of Care)

Layne Consulting

12/21/2022 at 11:00 am

- Is currently handling a plan to relocate and expand Harmony House
- Maybe look to add these units as part of mixed use development
- Maybe a program to help move families and households into the open market of housing
- High demand for the day shelter
 - Doesn't even have enough bathrooms for the people in the shelter
- Homeless numbers through PIT count have doubled in the last year
- Have hired more people to administer the various programs but does not have the space
- Aging facilities
- Offering a lot of clinical services and need space to offer the services
- Need the buildings to be more ADA
- Need de-stress spaces for staff and clients
- 66 units permanent housing, 54 is Vanity Fair
- Mission is running a cold weather shelter this year
- Need more affordable housing
- Need 50 units attached to the day shelter
 - Then need another 56 units. Multiple structures
- Prioritizing – Look who you can help and what levels of care/services they need
- Need to develop 100 units
 - 1 beds
 - 2 beds
 - Family units
- NDC – will develop a funding stack to develop these 100 units

In Attendance

- Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures)

- Dave Jordan (Urban Design Ventures)
- Mike Long (Urban Design Ventures)
- Katie Keefer (City of Huntington)
- Margaret Mary Layne (Layne Consulting)

Huntington Human Rights Commission

3/17/2023 at 4:00 pm

- Huntington Human Rights Commission is in rebuilding mode--came back just before Covid and is still catching up on getting complaints system operational
- Most complaints they receive are for housing issues (substandard housing especially)
 - However, housing complaints are more likely to be submitted because employment complaints often deal with companies that are not located in the City, which are not in the HRC's purview.
 - Affordable housing is needed.
- The complaint process takes a long time.
 - People are likely to be homeless by the time that the complaint is resolved.
- Mental illness is a common issue among complaints
 - People with mental illness issues might not be able/willing to present themselves in a way that helps them get what they need
 - They often fall through the cracks and lose contact with the organization.
- Gaps in services:
 - Cash assistance for emergencies of all kinds - rent, medical, catch-up money
- Has not received any fair housing complaints about local shelters

In Attendance:

- Mike Long (Urban Design Ventures)
- Marshall Moss (Huntington Human Rights Commission)