
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

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FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - **Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan** **Substantial Amendment #1**

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

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The City of Huntington is amending its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan by making the following amendments:

- **HOME-ARP Supportive Services:** Increase the project/activity budget by reallocating \$600,000 from the HOME-ARP project/activity entitled HOME-ARP Redevelopment of Affordable Housing. The new project/activity line-item budget will be \$800,000.00.
- **HOME-ARP Development of Affordable Rental Housing:** Decrease project/activity budget by \$600,000.00 for a new project/activity budget line-item budget of \$1,272,162.

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
- o 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

- o 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

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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:

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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.	Homeless service providers Veterans' groups, Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1/QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/19/2022)	Identified the following needs: <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)	Identified the following needs: <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)	Identified the following needs: <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.
<p>Layne Consulting</p>	<p>Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</p>	<p>Q1/Q2</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting (12/21/2022)</p>	<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.
<p>Cabell Huntington Wayne Continuum of Care <i>(Harmony House; Prestera; 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>	<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>	<p>QP1/QP2/QP3</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting (1/27/2023)</p>	<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.

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<p>Branches DVS</p>	<p>Domestic violence service providers</p>	<p>QP1/ QP3</p>	<p>Email consultation</p>	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection. • Domestic violence resources.
<p>West Virginia Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>Public or private organizations that address fair housing and civil rights</p>	<p>QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4</p>	<p>Virtual Meeting (11/21/2022)</p>	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <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.
<p>Huntington Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>Public or private organizations that address fair housing and civil rights</p>	<p>QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4</p>	<p>Phone Interview (3/17/2023)</p>	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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The public hearing notice for the City of Huntington HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 was published in the “Herald-Dispatch” on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

The thirty (30) day public comment period on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 was from Thursday, March 26, 2026, through Friday, April 24, 2026. The City of Huntington placed the “Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 on the City’s website at: <http://www.cityofhuntington.com/city-government/development-planning/community-development>.

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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.

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To broaden public participation, the public hearing notice for the City of Huntington HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment # 1 was published in the “Herald Dispatch” on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

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.

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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 of 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
 - **Pretera 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 burdened 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.

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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.

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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	\$ 800,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,272,162.00		
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.

Based on Substantial Amendment #1 the City and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium will allocate 32.8% of the funds for Supportive Services, 52.2% of the funds for the Development of Affordable Rental Housing, and 15% of the funds for Administration and Planning.

The City of Huntington created this Substantial Amendment #1 to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan due to the City getting more requests for supportive services funding and less for development of rental housing. Due to this, the City of Huntington as well as the CoC believe there is a greater benefit to the homeless population with supportive services. The city is still in need for development of rental housing projects/activities and will maintain rental development funding.

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.

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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 a Waiting List for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. Projects will use a project specific waiting list process to manage intake and assessment, standardize prioritization, and facilitate referrals to housing and other resources. The waiting list processes are intended to prioritize assistance to ensure that all Qualifying Populations in need of assistance receive it in a timely manner. The waiting list methodology enables projects to strategically allocate resources and identify gaps and the need for additional resources. The waiting list methodology provides a standardized assessment process to all participants, ensuring uniform decision-making and coordination of care for persons experiencing a housing crisis.

All projects will follow an assessment and triage protocol. The assessment process will collect participant information to ensure all QPs receive housing and support services equally and equitably. The process prohibits 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 HOME-ARP program 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 waiting list. Throughout the assessment process, participants must not be pressured or forced to provide 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 for more than 12 months. Additionally, staff may update participant records with new information as new or updated information becomes known to staff.

Participating projects 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 Waiting List 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 Waiting List method of prioritization. The City of Huntington will use data collected through the intake process to ensure no QP is not provided service. Emergency services are a critical crisis response resource, and access to such services will not be prioritized.

The Waiting List methodology will ensure those on the established community-wide list of all known homeless persons who are seeking or may need 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):

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium intends to only use the waiting list process for all 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

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HUD SF 424 Form



HUD SF 424-B Form



HUD SF 424-D Form



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Certifications



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Substantial Amendment #1

Public Hearing
