



CITY OF ABILENE

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

2021

INTRODUCTION

In September of 2021, the City of Abilene received notice of the HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) allocation in the amount of \$1,595,072. To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in APR funds to be administered through HOME to perform activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. HOME-ARP funds can only be expended on eligible activities:

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, legal services, rental applications, childcare, case management, and rent assistance)
- Development and support of affordable housing
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

HOME-ARP funds require to be used to primarily to benefit individuals and families in the following specified qualifying populations.

- Experiencing homelessness
- Currently housed in unstable housing situations at the risk of homelessness
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations, requiring supportive services, housing assistance, or to prevent homelessness
- Veterans and families that include a veteran member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

CONSULTATION

The City of Abilene partners with public, private entities, local churches, and non-profits which several are contacted during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. These consulted stakeholders, members of the community, have relevant knowledge of the services most needed and any services gaps, representing those most benefit qualified populations. Agencies contacted are those who work with families and individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, and other qualifying populations.

In developing the allocation plan, Abilene contacted stakeholders to ask for their input and concerns of the HOME-ARP grant, eligible activities, and proposed budget. The City has generated the feedback received from the participants and the following table will provide summaries of the response received. As an ongoing process the City will continue to meet with the stakeholders throughout the process of the HOME-ARP activities to evaluate the ongoing need of the community.

AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED	TYPE OF AGENCY/ORG.	METHOD OF CONSULTATION	FEEDBACK
Abilene Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency	In-person meeting	Need for more rental properties. Including involving the housing section 8 voucher program. There is an extensive waiting list and other agency have exhausted all funding available for rental assistance, but the call remain steady.
Salvation Army	Local Homeless Shelter	In-person	The need to expand homeless shelter availability. They have had to turn people away due to no vacancy. They have intentions of purchasing real estate to be able to expand their services.
The Noah	Domestic Violence Shelter	In-person	During and even the aftermath of the pandemic, there is a great need for more space with in the shelter.
Disability In Action	Persons with disabilities	In-person	Due to the disability of a person, a lot are at risk for being homeless. Need for more assistance with disabilities.
Abilene Hope Haven	Homeless Services	In-person	The need to expand their program and make affordable housing available and develop more permeant housing.
Betty Hardwick Center	Mental Health Support	In-person	Mental health services is offered but the lack of qualified providers creates a

			barrier to helping the community.
Christian Service Center	Homeless Services	In-person	The need for neighborhood organizations, assistance with families and homelessness.
Love and Care Ministries	Homeless Services	In-person	They have seen an increase in service for the homeless community with meals and clothing, becoming homeless due to the rise in rental cost.
Texas Homeless Network	Homeless Services	Email	To provide and partner with agencies with guidance and resources throughout the city.
Legal Aid of West Texas	Legal Assistance	Email	No feedback was received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- **Date(s) of public notice: March 1, 2023**
- **Public comment period: start date – 3/1/2023 end date – 3/16/2023**
- **Public hearing: 3/23/2023**

The Public Comment period for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan began on March 1, 2023, and concluded on March 16, 2023. A Public Notice was published in the Abilene Reporter News on March 1, 2023 and included information regarding the proposed plan as well as the scheduled Public Hearing. The Public Hearing took place on March 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

During the Public Hearing staff discussed the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which included the community needs and the eligible activities set by the HOME-ARP, alongside with the opportunity to allow the public to provide comments on the activities and proposed budget. There were no comments by the public in the form of mail, email, phone, or fax.

DESCRIBE ANY EFFORTS TO BROADEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The City of Abilene published the Public Notice in the Abilene Reporter News and in-person meeting with various community partners, consultation letter were mailed out to key community stakeholders on March 1, requesting comment on the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Organizations consulted included non-profit agencies, homeless service providers, neighborhood associations, social services providers, and advisory boards.

SUMMARIZE THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS:

No comments were received.

SUMMARIZE ANY COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ACCEPTED AND STATE THE REASON WHY:

No comments were received.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAPS ANALYSIS

The needs assessments analyzes the needs of the HOME-ARP clients, the City has evaluated the population size and demographics of the qualifying populations. In the needs assessment and gaps analysis the City applied the current data including 2022 Point in Time Count (PIT Count), and the 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC), or other data available sources. Additionally, the City funds the homeless non-profit agencies through the CDBG program on a regular basis. The funding assist with the repairs needed for the facility to continue serving our local homeless needs.

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	53	17	47	1	0								
Transitional Housing	0	0	10	0	0								
Other Permanent Housing						0	0	0	0				
Homeless						16	4	0	49				
Current Gap										8	4	10	0

DESCRIBE THE SIZE AND DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS WITHIN THE PJ'S BOUNDARIES:

The City of Abilene's boundaries for HOME-ARP funding are the geographic borders of the City. The Qualifying Population (QP) information data connecting to the City of Abilene limits is available through the West Texas Homeless Coalition and with the Point In Time (PIT Count) in connection with the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) that is made available only at the county level, which for the City of Abilene is the Taylor County area. The Point In Time (PIT) provides the estimates of various categories of homeless individuals and the families in Abilene. Additionally, many of the our homeless individuals are currently living with mental health and or substance abuse disorder that are in dire need of services to reduce homelessness.

HOMELESSNESS

The obstacles and challenges most seen in the community are job loss, mental health, and or underlying medical conditions were described as a main cause for homelessness. The lack of affordable housing and permanent housing, making unaffordable rent to prosperous clients, in connection with unemployment, poor credit, history of evictions, unable to pass the background check and or given a second chance are just a few of these barriers.

- A total of 208 households are living through homelessness.
- 43 of those are experiencing chronic homelessness.
- 20 are classified as veteran, 6 are chronic homeless veterans
- 60 are suffering with a serious mental illness.
- 41 are suffering with a substance abuse disorder.
- 32 are survivors of domestic violence.
- 160 family households are experiencing homelessness out of the 208, another category that has seen an increase is children (under the age of 18) is 42 and (age 18 to 24) 15.
- The demographics for race and ethnicity as follows:
 - Black/African American or African – 11.11%
 - White – 75.97%
 - Hispanic – 10.08%
 - Asian – 0.26%
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – 0.26%
 - Multiple Races – 1.80%
 - American Indian or Alaska Native – 0.51%

This data is received from the breakdown of the household currently experiencing homelessness in the Taylor County area by their ethnicity and race.

There has been a drastic increase in the homeless community of Taylor County since 2020. In 2020 there were 116 homeless compared to 208 as of 2022, which is about a 56% increase. In the category of domestic violence there was a 72% increase from 2020 of 15 households and 2022 of 32 households. In

the course of this time the chronically homeless has seen a 50% increase since 2020, 12 in the year 2020 and 20 in the year 2022.

AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS (FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS)

Homelessness is an issue that affects hundreds in the City of Abilene, and with the unfortunate economic situation this will continue to be an issue. Even though the housing expense compared to the national average is lower by 14% there is still the ongoing problem of low wages. According the Taylor County local precinct has seen 1,300 evictions, there are about 2 to 3 evictions a day and at this rate the number will surpass last years.

The Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data provides information midst households that include more than one family and by household income status. The data states that household income less than 30% of AMI is about 5,600, of that amount 3,700 of those are renters for the City. This population also lacks support services and resources to prevent them from becoming homeless as well as being overcrowded in an apartment due to limited income, lack of sufficient income from employment, short term evictions, and constant relocation.

- Renter Housing Problems:
 - 1 of 4 housing problems- 8685
 - 1 of 4 sever housing problems – 4390
- Renter Cost Burden:
 - Greater than 30% AMI – 4520
 - Greater than 50% AMI – 3795
- Household Income:
 - Less than 30% - 1420
 - 30% less than 50% - 1745
 - Greater than 50% - 5175
- The demographics for race and ethnicity as follows:
 - Black/African American or African – 22.69%
 - White – 57.90%
 - Hispanic – 18.11%
 - Asian – 1.99%
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – 0.18%
 - Multiple Races – 1.02%
 - American Indian or Alaska Native – 0.37%

The low wages are causing a severe cost-burden within housing instability and an increase risk of homelessness. When a household is paying most or large portion of their income on housing expenses, and suddenly the family may have an emergency issue arise or lose of employment due to cut-backs, forces the family to leave their home with permanent shelter. These unforeseen could vary from many issues that include poor credit, the expense of an illness requiring hospital care or stays and time away from their employment, vehicle repair problems that cause an expense that may have not been set aside and the effects the ability to miss work or delayed arrived because of transportation. The cost of high utility bills that might delay a rent or mortgage payment. The lower income households are

predominantly vulnerable to these financial impacts because they are less likely to have or the ability to maintain a savings that could possibly cover these expenses and shield the effects of the monetary demands in covering unexpected events or expenses when a household member is unemployed.

In Abilene, individuals and families many of them are low-income who are currently at risk of seeking to living in a homeless shelter or becoming unsheltered. Many are having to live paycheck to paycheck, working several low paying jobs. They are often away from being one check homeless in the event of sudden loss of employment, transportation, medical emergency, and any life changing situations.

At the moment the children homeless population has increased from 3 in 2020 to 42 as of 2022 an increase of triple since the pandemic. This includes children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, due to the economic sufferings, or similar reasons and now are living in hotels, motels, parks, or abandon properties due to the lack of the availability with emergency shelters. Another populations that affects children is being in the foster care system and awaiting a permanent home with a stable family. Abilene Independent School District offers assistance to the children and families that may be at risk or homeless with resources available within the community.

The recently released incarcerated individuals have similar struggles and may be needing services with behavior health services, mental health services, and substances abuse which in turn will makes them at risk for being homeless upon their discharge. The unfortunate circumstances due to the history of these individuals creates a harsh barrier for obtaining a rental property and being unable to pass the background check, making it near impossible to acquire a residence therefore are forced in to homelessness. Other barriers included with previous incarcerations include education, citizenship status, and foster care history these have created difficulties in housing.

RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY

The cost problem and extreme burden is the most common housing issue to affect all lower income household in Abilene for renters. Overcrowding is another common problem in the many lower income households, though the numbers are much lower than those of the cost burdened. The housing that has been made available to these individuals and families is the conditions of the properties, the properties may lack the completion of plumbing and kitchen facilities but these conditions are not widespread. Many individuals and family express the concern for the housing quality, especially for the lower income households. Of these difficulties, the housing expense negatively impacts the renters who in the lower income and that fall below the 50% area median income. Poverty is often a direct connection as it relates to households requiring housing assistance to prevent homelessness or individuals and families below the poverty level. Most of these houses that often occupied by renters and require the repairs needed do not qualify for the Community Development Block Grant. Families often struggle without the in order to maintain in housing they can afford, verses becoming homeless.

FLEEING, OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

This qualifying population includes any persons or family households who are fleeing or are attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, economic, emotional/psychological abuse, dangerous or life-threatening that relate to violence against the persons or a family member, which can also include a child, that occurs in the family's primary household. This may make the person or family afraid to return to reside in the same residence. The City of Abilene at a local level have the Abilene Police Department partners with Regional Victim Crisis Center and Noah Project to assist and support the victims of domestic violence.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 40.1% of Texas women¹ and 34.9% of Texas men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner rape and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes. The statics from the Abilene Police Department for domestic violence state reported that in 2022 a total of 1,664 incidences had been reported.

The Noah Project of Abilene is a center of care for victims of family violence, sexual assault, and intimate personal violence dedicated to offer temporary housing, this also includes crisis intervention services. As of June 2023, there were 22 women and 26 children residing in the shelter out of these numbers 32 are experiencing homelessness. In 2020, the Noah Project expanded their shelter to add 24 more beds, with 96 beds total across 24 rooms.

Of those living in emergency shelter there is a higher rate in poverty level for the Hispanic, Black, and other multi-racial categories, women are even more expected to suffer from housing that they would require the emergency shelter to assist. Unlike women, the shelter does not offer housing for men to seek refuge, which is a cause for instability in the City and leading to homelessness.

OTHER QUALIFYING POPULATIONS, REQUIRING SERVICES OR HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, GREATEST RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY

The other qualifying populations category have many similar needs as the persons and families in the at-risk of homelessness section. Housing instability and unstable housing for residents living in this type of situations include other populations who have previously qualified as homeless or are currently housed in a temporary and emergency shelter, and needing additional housing assistance or supportive services to prevent them from becoming or returning to homelessness. These include the following individuals who are a) formerly homeless who are currently housed but need additional assistance to avoid returning to homelessness; b) annual income at or below 30% of the median family income and severe housing cost burden; c) annual income at or below 50% of the median family income and have one of the following risk: Facing eviction, continuously moving, overcrowding with family situations; Living in hotel/motel at own expense.

Lack of affordability is the primary issue affecting the city. According to the CHAS data, housing problems as a household that has one or more of the following: incomplete kitchen, incomplete plumbing, more than 1 person per room, and cost burden more than 30% is at 8,685. Of these

problems, there are 4,390 at or below 50% AMI. Individuals in this population are likely to consist of disproportionately of people who are Hispanic, black or non-white.

The Abilene Housing Authority, manages the Housing Choice Voucher Program, state that there is a need for more affordable rental units to made available to the community. They also state that the available properties lack the HUD standards for affordability, living conditions and safety issues. While the Abilene Housing Authority also manages the Public Housing units, there is also an enormous waiting list for availability for those seeking housing. The Abilene Housing Authority has a 2.5 year waiting list, and the Public Housing has about 1.5 waiting list. This creates a combination of landlords who place an economic hardship for those renters who have limited options. This is recognized with other agencies as well as the Continuum of Care. While non-profit organizations within the city offer assistance with rental deposits, this does not eliminate the issue of affordable housing.

The City continuous to work with the local Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing in neighborhoods that are in need of revitalization. This will further increase the stock of affordable housing and support low-income housing. There is a lack of available lots to build these affordable homes however, there is a great waiting list of clients to the program. The City will continue to seek developers who are interested in developing and maintaining rental affordable properties.

DESCRIBE THE UNMET HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED HOMELESS POPULATIONS; THOSE CURRENTLY HOUSED POPULATIONS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS; AND, THOSE AT GREATEST RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY OR IN UNSTABLE HOUSING SITUATIONS:

Shelter and unsheltered homeless populations

The primary unmet need as it pertains to homes needs inventory is the availability of beds and units for households with only an adult present. Individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness are at dire risk of constant harm due to high numbers of mortality for preexisting health issues, exposure to the elements, lacks of medical care, and extended hospital stays. The longer time that people spend living without shelter is a cause for isolation and depression, which can lead to more complex situation and take longer to accept assistance for shelter.

According to 2022 Point-In-Time Count concludes that there are a total of 208 homeless and of that 120 are living in the unsheltered and 88 are living in shelters within the City. The main focus of unmet need as it relates to homeless needs inventory is the availability of beds and units for household families with only an adults present. There is a need for that amount of 120 beds in order to provide assistance as needed to these individuals. The barrier is also delaying the availability to provide other services to the unmet qualifying population. A need for additional beds for our youth is another specific need.

The struggles of the common low wages, shortage of affordable housing, mental health and disability assistance was a major concern of the community. Services to be provided for the domestic violence and sexual assault victims is of high importance, especially with agencies lacking the availability for housing. This creates an unforeseeable challenge for these qualifying populations that are seeking safety and refuge, ultimately may be forced into homelessness.

At-Risk of Homeless and Homelessness Prevention

The City of Abilene is seeing a lack of affordable housing, the market is and remains on the high end even with house prices no longer escalating. The rental properties available throughout the City of Abilene has seen an all-time high end, there are multiple developers building in the City but with unaffordable prices. The Housing Authority of Abilene that administers the Housing Voucher Program currently has a waitlist of 12 months, and the Public Housing Authority has a 2 year waitlist for assistance. There is and remains a high demand for rental assistance with the City of Abilene. The elderly community falls in the lines of this population that are unstable due to healthcare. The at-risk of homelessness and instability often is just in need of a short term assistance such as rent or mortgage aid in order to avoid eviction or foreclosure. Following with rent and mortgage assistance many are needing utility assistance for deposits or to avoid termination of services. A benefit to supportive services for housing, financial education, and mediation between tenant and landlord to avoid eviction.

There are large numbers of households in the City that are cost burden, housing that cost exceeds 30% of the median income, or the severely cost burden that exceeds 50%. These households often struggle with these situations that are at risk of eviction or homelessness if they experience any type of interference to the income or expenses, for example hospitalization, medical care, job loss, vehicle repair. This category of individuals and families who are unstable because of their financial situation, require needs of rental/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, food assistance, clothing, personal hygiene products, case management, employment, education, internet, legal, child care, transportation, and many other services needs.

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

The only organization shelter to assist with domestic violence victims, and their family in Abilene is the Noah Project. Along with sheltering victims to become survivors, its services are designed to meet the individual needs of each person to include: food/clothing, legal services, safety planning, counseling, transportation/accompaniment, employment assistance, education support, referrals, support groups, and professional counseling.

Housing is a main concern for men, women, and children who can all be victims, as well as the individuals that are disabled. The need for better housing standards and increasing access to shorter term shelters with available supportive services could alleviate this population. This population with vulnerable people experiencing domestic violence, have a priority need for: Shelter, case management, service's needs (food, basic necessities, transportation, education, health care, child care, life skills, benefit programs, home modifications, and mental health services.

Other Populations Unstable Housing

The residents that have previously been homeless or are currently receiving some sort of rental assistance, may need this assistance for longer periods or even shorter time frames. The need is also greatly needed for residents living in unsuitable housing conditions when the property is lacking proper functions. Assistance is needed to those individuals who are residing in the unstable housing to increase their income, financial education, begin to build savings, and acquire assets with additional supportive services within the City. This population is and has similar distinguishing as the persons and families of the at risk of homelessness and those needs that have been previously mentioned. In Abilene, individuals and families many of them are low-income who are currently at risk of seeking to living in a

homeless shelter or becoming unsheltered. Many are having to live paycheck to paycheck, working several low paying jobs. They are often away from being one check homeless in the event of sudden loss of employment, transportation, medical emergency, and any life changing situations.

There is a lack of affordable housing stock available for residents in need causing cost burdens which will eventually lead to housing uncertainty. Housing that are extremely-low or very low-income and are renting and living with housing problems. This population with extremely low or very low-income are in need of assistance to increase their income, build savings, and increase assets through supportive services in the community.

The most unmet need of this qualifying population is affordable housing and affordable rental housing units in the City. The emergency shelter for the City is Salvation Army but usually is always at maximum capacity and the only other emergency shelter is for victims of domestic violence.

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:

While the City is needing facilities to accommodate the local homeless population, there is a great need for the supportive services to meet this population. This could possibly include transportation, employment and job training, child care, food, disability services, and mental health services through our local agencies. The homeless community has been growing so with these support services a large portion of this qualifying population will be able to take advantage of the services offered.

There are other areas and agencies addressing the homeless local needs and those at risk of homeless needs which include United Way of Abilene, Public Housing Authority, and Habitat for Humanity of Abilene, Noah Project, Salvation Army, Love and Care Ministries, Betty Hardwick Center, Christian Service Center and many others.

IDENTIFYING ANY GAPS WITHIN THE CURRENT SHELTER AND HOUSING INVENTORY AS WELL AS THE SERVICE SYSTEM:

As mentioned before there is a primary gap within the homeless shelters and housing inventory that may be available for the qualifying populations. There are approximately 12 beds available in the shelters and a total of 208 residents who need a bed, and depending on the weather could vary in need of the request for shelter. The City of Abilene, will work in partnership with non-profit organizations to evaluate present needs to assist in funding gaps and other services. There is an estimated need for 100 more emergency shelter beds, that could shelter persons in a variety of conditions. The gap is estimated at 863 for the Section 8 Vouchers for families with income at or below 50% of the median income, with including a cost burden of having to pay more than half of the household income for rent and utilities.

The number of rental households with income at or below 50% AMI paying more than 50% of income for rent, including utilities is at 2,565, the households with income at or below 30% AMI is at 2,945. The lack of affordable housing in the City is estimated at 5,600 for renters needed.

This amount does not meet the needs of the qualifying population suffering from homelessness or domestic violence. There is a need to expand these facilities and include the supportive services that will assist the individuals and families with financial education, job training, child care, and food.

The West Texas Homeless Network continues to meet on a monthly basis to review and actively work through and to determine what takes priority, and what units are available for the incoming individuals to work together to get these individuals and families assistance into housing. To identify the gaps in the area, the community believed that an outreach to the homeless community to provide with healthcare, case management, supportive services, substance abuse counseling, and capacity building.

The supportive services needs have increased in the past years, as the effects of the pandemic on the local economy, small businesses, families, and the local non-profits agencies that normally would be able to step in and assist. Some of the community concerns have been the increase of the homeless population not having shelter availability and having to reside in abandoned or vacant houses, because of this there has been an increase in vacant house fires throughout the City. Neighbors are concerned for those properties that are next door to them and that are abandoned or vacant.

IDENTIFY THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING ASSOCIATED WITH INSTABILITY AND AN INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IF THE PJ WILL INCLUDE SUCH CONDITIONS IN ITS DEFINITION OF "OTHER POPULATIONS" AS ESTABLISHED IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE:

Homelessness is the main reason why households often fall into homelessness why they are in a home that is unstable. Also a frequent reason for homelessness is domestic violence, unemployment, and inability to pay rent or mortgage. Assistance for the homeless is the last resort for households of extremely low-income due to there being very few and limited resources who could offer the temporary or emergency shelter. To identify and target prevention of homelessness, there needs to be a strategy and policies to address issue like care systems, hospitals, child services, and criminal justice systems.

Individuals, families, children, and unaccompanied youth who are in an unstable household or are staying with others due to lack of having their own home, are not considered homeless and are unable to received homeless assistance. These families in education resources are considered at risk of homelessness and are eligible for addition services and support.

IDENTIFY PRIORITY NEEDS FOR QUALIFYING POPULATIONS:

The City of Abilene Neighborhood Services staff remains in communication with the local non-profits and service providers to identify the needs of the community that they serve on a daily basis. The priority needed within the community is to provide emergency shelter for the people experiencing literal homelessness.

Homeless

The City considers this population is in the category for immediate housing, along with other needs of services like healthcare, basic needs, and counseling. Obtaining housing assistance with rent and landlords that are willing to work with these individuals or families.

Housing Services assisting with financial needs for deposits and utilities to be able to stand on their own.

Necessities to include items like household goods, hygiene, and the main items to support housing stability.

Individuals and Families at Rick of Homelessness

The priority need for the at-risk population is also housing assistance. These individuals and families have struggle with the cost burden of high rentals or economic problems that have prevented them with the ability to pay rent/mortgage, utilities, and household necessities.

Financial Assistance would be needing to assist this population in paying their rent/mortgage and utilities for a time frame.

Support Services, that could provide case management to educate on money management or better employment.

Fleeing or attempting to flee Domestic Violence or Human Trafficking

For individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, priority needs are similar to those in the homeless population due to their situation leaving them without stable and permanent housing. The Abilene Police Department and Noah Project prioritizes these individuals and families to find safety measures and safe environment. They are also referred to services for legal advocacy, childcare, employment, counseling, support groups, education, children services and safety planning.

Housing Services that requires safety as a priority and eliminating any dangerous, shelters that can provide support for individuals and families. Obtaining housing assistance with rent and landlords that are willing to work with these individuals or families. Financial assistance for fees of deposits, and rental and utility payments until able to support themselves.

Support Services which are case management to assist this population with the appropriate resources and benefit of services for a permanent home, mental health, health care, employment, and childcare.

Necessities to include items like household goods, hygiene, and the main items to support housing stability.

Other Qualifying Populations

Once again this population is similar to the at risk of homeless as mentioned previously. This category for immediate housing, along with other needs of services like healthcare, basic needs, and counseling. They are in need of assistance to prevent homelessness.

Housing assistance to be provided financially and resources to pay their rent/mortgage and or utilities for some time.

Supportive Services would be needed in the form of case management to address the barriers and challenges to housing.

The priority needs of each qualifying population is acknowledge through the city along with all the additional needs.

EXPLAIN HOW THE LEVEL OF NEED AND GAPS IN ITS SHELTER AND HOUSING INVENTORY AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS BASED ON THE DATA PRESENTED IN THE PLAN WERE DETERMINED:

The gaps that are in the local shelters according to the providers is the need to provide adequate shelter, housing, and services. The level of need for the unsheltered and shelter households experiencing homelessness was a great factor in determining the resources needed. There is a great

need for the supportive services available to the shelters, to be able to properly house the families and individuals with permanent supportive housing and services to achieve the permanent housing stability.

HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

DESCRIBE THE METHOD FOR SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING AND/OR SELECTING DEVELOPERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, SUBRECIPIENTS AND/OR CONTRACTOR AND WHETHER THE PJ WILL ADMINISTER ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY:

The City of Abilene will administer the programs and intends to provide funding for the acquisition and development of non-congregated shelters. Additionally, the awarded agency will make provision of supportive services available. Once funds have been received from the HOME-ARP grant awarded to the City from HUD, the City will conduct a review of projects and proposals for a specific time frame. At that time non-profits, developers, and organizations may submit the applications with project specifications. All applications received will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility and ability to be able to complete the job as well as identify the priority needs identified in the plan. All plans submitted will be examined for the ability to complete and carry out the project.

The plan awards will be based on familiarity with utilizing federal funding and the ability to comply with all federal and local regulations. The project scope should be outlined with the priority needs in the plan as well.

IF ANY PORTION OF THE PJ'S HOME-ARP ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS WERE 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:

The City has not yet used administration funds, and will administer the program.

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 organizations operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits. The following table may be used to meet this requirement.

The city will solicit applications from non-profit, services providers, and developers with eligible activities for shelters and housing. A Request for Proposal will be issued, specifying eligible activities, applicants, and funding amounts requested will be provided with instructions.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 200,000.00		
Acquisition & Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$1,060,107.60		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Housing	\$ 0		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 47,852.16	3%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 47,852.16	3%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 239,260.08	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$1,595,072.00		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

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 City of Abilene has identified the homeless population and reviewed the need for the local homeless shelters, the data collected through the Point-In-Time calculations suggest the need for expansion and other services. There is a lack of shelter beds and vacancies throughout the city and the need for funding these activities, for all the qualifying populations.

Additionally, the gap is also showing the need for mental health services to combat the vulnerable homeless population that has been an increase in the past years. Many of the individuals that are seeking refuge are possibly fleeing a violent situation not only for themselves but their family. Being able to provide these supportive services to include other needs of financial counselling, child care, basic education skill, job training, meals and groceries, and life skills. To prevent qualifying population from falling back into homelessness the City will continue to support all non-profit agencies with the services that are offered to the participants and encourage independency.

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:

Not applicable

DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PRODUCTION GOAL THAT THE PJ HOPES TO ACHIEVE AND DESCRIBE HOW IT WILL ADDRESS THE PJ'S PRIORITY NEEDS:

Not applicable

IDENTIFY WHETHER THE PJ INTENDS TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO ONE OR MORE QUALIFYING POPULATIONS OR A SUBPOPULATION WITHIN ONE OR MORE QUALIFYING POPULATIONS FOR AN ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY OR PROJECT:

The City will not provide preferences given to any qualifying populations or subpopulations

IF A PREFERENCE WAS IDENTIFIED, EXPLAIN HOW THE USE OF A PREFERENCE OR METHOD OF PRIORITIZATION WILL ADDRESS THE UNMENT EED OR GAP IN BENEFITS AND SERVICES RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE QUALIFYING POPULATION OR CATEGORY OF QUALIFYING POPULATION, CONSISTEN WITH THE PJ'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANAYLSIS:

Not applicable

HOME-ARP REFINANCING GUIDELINES

IF THE PJ INTENDS TO USE HOME-ARP FUNDS TO REFINANCE EXISTING DEBT SECURED BY MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING THAT IS BEING REHABILITATED WITH HOME-ARP FUNDS, THE PJ MUST STATE ITS HOME-ARP REFINANCING GUIDELINES IN ACCORDANCE TH 24 CFR 92.206(B). THE GUIDELINES MUST DESCRIBE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WITH THE PJ WILL REFINANCE EXISTING DEBT FOR A HOME-ARP RENTAL PROJECT, INCLUDING:

The City does not intend to use HOME-ARP fund to refinance existing debt secured by non-congregate shelters.

Establish 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

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:**

48-0001

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

M-21-MC-48-0210

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M-21-MC-48-0210

State Use Only:**6. Date Received by State:****7. State Application Identifier:****8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:***** a. Legal Name:** City of Abilene, Neighborhood Services*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

75-6000440

*** c. UEI:**

VXLM73M8PA7

d. Address:*** Street1:** 555 Walnut Street

Street2:

*** City:** Abilene

County/Parish:

*** State:** TX: Texas

Province:

*** Country:** USA: UNITED STATES*** Zip / Postal Code:** 79601-0060**e. Organizational Unit:****Department Name:**

Planning and Development

Division Name:

Neighborhood Services

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**Prefix:** Mrs.*** First Name:** Leticia

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:** Reeves

Suffix:

Title: Division Manager**Organizational Affiliation:**

Neighborhood Services

*** Telephone Number:** 325-437-4558**Fax Number:** 325-437-4577*** Email:** leticia.reeves@abilenetx.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 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 & Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

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

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

N/A

* Title:

N/A

13. Competition Identification Number:

N/A

Title:

N/A

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

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

City of Abilene HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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* a. Applicant

19

* b. Program/Project

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

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

10/01/2022

* b. End Date:

09/30/2023

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

\$1,595,072.00

* b. Applicant

* c. State

* d. Local

* e. Other

* f. Program Income

* g. TOTAL

\$1,595,072.00

*** 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 18, 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:

Robert

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Hanna

Suffix:

* Title:

City Manager

* Telephone Number:

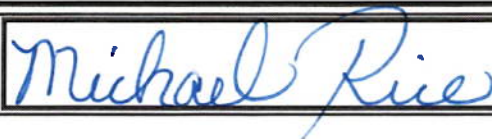
325-676-6206

Fax Number:

325-676-6229

* Email: robert.hanna@abilenetx.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

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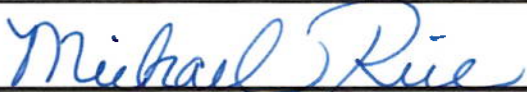
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HOME-ARP Certification --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.



Signature of Authorized Official

3-28-23

Date

Asst.

City Manager

Title