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Introduction

On September 20, 2021, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated Baltimore County \$7,471,986 in HOME funds through the American Rescue Plan Act HOME Supplemental Allocations (ARP). The HOME-ARP funds are intended to serve primarily people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Funds can be used on a range of activities to support this population with housing stability including: rental assistance, non-congregate shelter, affordable housing development, and supportive services.

This allocation plan has been prepared by the Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development (BC DHCD) and has sought the input from a range of stakeholders including housing developers, advocates, and providers of homeless services, members of our Continuum of Care (CoC), civil rights, disability rights and affordable housing advocates.

Consultation

Before developing its plan, BC DHCD held two input solicitation sessions. One session with the Baltimore County CoC that included homeless service providers, advocates, those experiencing homelessness, landlords that work with providers to house those with high barriers, Domestic Violence (DV) serving agencies, Veteran groups and SSVF providers and providers that serve and advocate for those with disabilities. BC DHCD also hosted a public input session where other community stakeholders were invited. Both sessions provided attendees, through the same PowerPoint Presentation, an overview of the HOME-ARP funding, qualified populations, allowable uses and timeframes for input and development of the administrative plan, as included in [Exhibit A: HOME-ARP PowerPoint Presentation](#).

BC DHCD held internal meetings to include the following teams:

- *Housing Office*: Serves as the only Public Housing Authority (PHA) in Baltimore County;
- *Housing Opportunities and Finance Team*: Responsible for administration of HOME funds in the county;
- *Grants Team Lead*: Administers Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), ESG-CV, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and County funds; and
- *The Homeless Services Team*: Serves as the lead agency for CoC funding.

Finally, per the recommendation received during the 1/23/23 HUD TA session, BC DHCD released an electronic survey in February 2023, to solicit additional input from DV organizations, affordable housing developers, as well as civil rights and fair housing advocates, as seen in [Exhibit B: Baltimore County HOME-ARP Public Input Survey](#) and [Exhibit C: Survey Distribution Email](#). The team that authored this plan also attended numerous help and input sessions to receive technical assistance from state partners as well as HUD TA. A summary of all input sessions and help/TA session are below:

Open Input Sessions with Community Leaders:

- 4/26/22 – Listening Session with CoC Members
- 6/7/22 – Public Input Session with Community Stakeholders
- 2/22/22, 3/9/22, 3/17/22, 10/24/22 – Internal planning discussion with Directors of Housing, Housing Preservation, CDBG and ESG Grants team and Homeless Services team
- 10/18/22, 11/1/22 and 11/15/22 – CoC planning session with CoC leaders to identify priorities for the CoC

Technical assistance sought by BC DHCD to develop plan:

- 2/7/22, 2/18/22, 3/9/22 – Learning sessions with state Department of Housing and Community Development
- 5/20/22, 8/2/22 and 1/23/23 – HUD TA Sessions providing support on Admin. Plan development
- Additional HUD TA was requested for the development of our plan. No response received.

A total of 205 members were invited and 57 attended the virtual listening session with CoC members on April 26th, 2022. Comments and questions received, are summarized in Table A below. A total of 112 member of the community were invited to the virtual Public Input session with the community, held on June 7th, 2022 and 9 attended. Comments and questions received, are summarized in Table B below. The survey was emailed to 114 members of the community on February 13th, 2023 and to 100+ members of the community through consultation with the County Executive's office on February 24th, 2023 with 9 responses. Comments and recommendations received through the survey are summarized in Table C below.

TABLE A: CoC Input Session - 4/26/22

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Daniel Carl Torsch Foundation	Non-Profit; Addiction and Mental Health Services provider	COC Input Session	Can Home ARP funds be used to provide limited hotel stays for Emergency housing?
Baltimore County Public Library	Local Government Agency/ Public Library	COC Input Session	Can a portion of Home ARP funds be allocated for seniors? They are on a fixed income and cannot get a job or move on up, there is not enough affordable housing in Baltimore County period, but not enough designated specifically for seniors.
Heaven on Earth Now	Non-Profit Community Service organization; food donations, health and Literacy Education Services	COC Input Session	Can Home ARP funds be used to create a program that would identify and assist vulnerable populations with special circumstances; individuals that are committed to re-building their lives? Can Home ARP Funds be used to create an incentive program for families who reach goals? Such as transitioning from a housing-based program to independent living.
St. Francis Community Center/ Episcopal Housing Corporation	Non-Profit Housing Services Provider; Fair Housing	COC Input Session	Funds to be used for the Production and Preservation of Affordable housing- there is an increasing and extreme need. How do we remove the obstacles that prevent access to housing? How do we overcome Political opposition of the affordable housing? What is different about this (Home ARP) funding and program?
Department of Housing and	Local County government Agency; Housing	CoC Input Session	Do we have a timeline on how long? 1 Year/ 6 months?

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Community Development			Dependent more on a persons need and how they came into the situation, not such a strict deadline. If we need the money right away is there a way to do the check immediately so they don't lose the assistance or housing?
Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County	Non-Profit community service org; Domestic Violence Service Provider	COC Input Session	<p>Advocating that fund should specifically think about how to help Survivors of Domestic Violence. Not just investing in crisis solutions but long-term affordable housing and comprehensive supports that are necessary to impact trajectory of survivors and recognize the multigenerational impact of DV on children that carries its marks for generations.</p> <p>County wide look at zoning regulations, that in some cases were established in the 90's may or may not be logistically appropriate for current community needs as well as structure, are important. Rewriting legislation is not going to come from a grass roots effort. Can we prioritize funds to challenge zoning laws?</p>
M.e.N.o.W. Inc.	Youth Homeless Services Provider	COC Input Session	Can funds be used to for credit counseling and education?
Baltimore County Public Library	Local County government Agency; Public Library	COC Input Session	<p>Can funds be used to purchase a motel/hotel and convert it to transitional housing or recuperative care?</p> <p>Create incentives for homeowners to become landlords and increase landlord accountability.</p>
Behavior Health Authority of Baltimore County	Local County government Agency; Health	CoC Input Session	<p>Manages a mental health program in partnership with Prolog (38 unit-based grant). Would the funds be able to extend that to 45/50?</p>
United Way of Central Maryland	Provides: Eviction Prevention, Rehousing, Education Equity, Economic Equity, Veterans Services, Fair Housing, Disability Services	COC Input Session	Provide relocation assistance to residents who exhausted ERAP benefits who are in the eviction process or must move.
CAN-Community Assistance Network	Non-Profit community service organization; Community Development; Children & Youth Services	COC Input Session	We have just completed a community needs assessment with over 940 responses. Survey results indicate that affordable housing is amongst most needed. As a follow up to this survey, CAN is now prioritizing supportive services and developing affordable housing projects.
Episcopal Housing Corporation	Non-Profit; Housing; Rehousing; Eviction Prevention Services Provider	COC Input Session	Can Home ARP funds be used to convert former houses of worship or churches to affordable housing developments?

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Baltimore County Office of Housing	Public Housing Authority	Internal Meeting	Persons participating in this program will be added to the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist at date and time of admission to the program.

TABLE B: Public Input Session – 6/7/22

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Community Development Hope	Real-Estate related services	Public Input Session	No comments were received from Community Development Hope
Sisterhood Agenda	Non-Profit/ Domestic Violence and Homeless services provider	Public Input Session	Do women who are homeless or at risk for homelessness and experiencing domestic violence and human trafficking receive preference in the grant-making process? My question is that as a target population does that mean that applications submitted that address that homelessness issue will be given preference? How does that work? Is it a weighted system that you have?
Heroes Helping Heroes	Non-Profit Community Service Organization; Youth Services Provider	Public Input Session	As far as fund eligibility, would an afterschool program for youth development for at risk youth be eligible for these funds? Would a family or a youth have to be currently homeless or would at risk still qualify for these funds? If someone like that wouldn't be eligible, I think it's vital when you're trying in educating and developing youth with homelessness, you're looking at a more proactive education and developing front. Positive things build on each other and gives youth a strong foundation to help them in adulthood. Primarily serving youth in Baltimore County.
Life Church and Ministries of Maryland, inc.	Non-Profit Religious Organization	Public Input Session	Retired state employees and Human Services Agencies within these departments had funds to help support people at risk or experiencing homelessness. You said ARP funds cannot be used if they're receiving some other sort of assistance. Is that federal assistance or state services?
United Churches Assistance Network	Emergency Assistance Cooperative Organization; Eviction Prevention; Food Pantry; etc.	Public Input Session	Offering funds to prevent homelessness and utility turnoffs. We do not build anything. We help on a day-to-day basis. I came in late, but I think I understand these funds need to be used to "build?" Is that correct? Whether these funds were strictly for the capital program?

TABLE C: Targeted Survey Sent to Specialized Stakeholders

Organization Consulted	QP Served	Method of Consult	Recommended Use				Feedback
			Develop/ Preserve affordable housing	TBRA	Supportive Svcs.	Non-Cong. Shelter	
Greater Baltimore Board of REALTORS	Homeless, At-risk of homelessness	Survey	X		X		Disparities of QP Served: Access to funding and housing opportunities Reasoning for Recommendation: This will allow the funds to assist as many communities and populations as possible
Home Builders Care Foundation	Homeless, At-risk of homelessness	Survey	X			X	Disparities of QP Served: We work with other nonprofits who own and operate safety net supportive housing programs for the most vulnerable. Often their facilities are tired and overworked, congested and at capacity. If the county's plan is to develop non-congregate shelter units, might be a good idea to look at existing programs and facilities already in place that could use some additional support. Reasoning for Recommendation: Fundamentally, we need enough decent shelter units to immediately place persons in crisis
Homeless Persons Representation Project	Homeless, At-risk of homelessness, Fleeing (DV/Other), Veterans	Survey	X	X	X	X	Reasoning for Recommendation: Funding should be used to develop new Permanent Support Housing (including funding services for PSH), and to acquire/development non-congregate shelter. PSH units should be developed using scattered site or other integrated models, with a variety of bedroom sizes to serve individuals and families with children. Siting of PSH should further fair housing and focus on areas of opportunity that historically excluded affordable housing. Non-congregate shelter is needed to further the values of self-determination/autonomy, privacy and dignity. Other Feedback: Further community engagement should focus on input from persons with lived experience of homeless that use County shelters and other homeless services.
Disability Rights Maryland	Homeless, At-risk of homelessness, Veterans	Survey	X	X			Disparities of QP Served: There is a dearth of accessible housing for low-income people with mobility disabilities, who use a wheelchair, or need other accessible features.

Organization Consulted	QP Served	Method of Consult	Recommended Use				Feedback
							<p>More generally, the County really needs deeply affordable housing for those with incomes at 0 to 60% AMI.</p> <p>Developers who produce housing with LIHTC do not create a sufficient number of deeply affordable units.</p> <p>Reasoning for Recommendation: Producing additional hard units will generate more accessible, affordable housing, and more affordable housing generally. Tenant-based assistance is a good secondary plan because of the County's difficulty in creating affordable units for low-income residents.</p>
CASH (Creating Assets Savings and Hope) Campaign of Maryland	Homeless, At-risk of homelessness, Fleeing (DV/Other), Veterans	Survey			X		<p>Disparities of QP Served: CASH serves a wide variety of individuals who are low-moderate income and see that they struggle to build financial stability for many reasons such as lack of access to a financial institution, free tax preparation and supportive, unbiased financial education/coaching.</p> <p>Reasoning for Recommendation: Housing is a huge concern for the people CASH supports. Providing safe affordable housing options, along with supportive services such as access to safe affordable bank accounts, free tax preparation, financial education/coaching would be investments that help build Baltimore County communities.</p>
CPC	Homeless, At-risk of homelessness, Fleeing (DV/Other), Veterans	Survey	X	X	X	X	<p>Disparities of QP Served: language barrier, lack access to health care, education, housing, community support, childcare, employment, labor/sex trafficking, and pregnant.</p> <p>Reasoning for Recommendation: housing for pregnant women and their children.</p>
Maryland Legal Aid	Homeless, At-risk of homelessness, Fleeing (DV/Other), Veterans	Survey		X			<p>Disparities of QP Served: Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, individuals still find themselves out of work and/or unable to pay their bills, including rental payments. This exacerbates the problem of finding affordable housing in the area and being able to remain current in rental payments.</p> <p>Not only have Baltimore County residents lost their jobs, but they have reduced hours which reduces the amount in their paycheck. A lot of our client population do not get paid leave. This</p>

Organization Consulted	QP Served	Method of Consult	Recommended Use				Feedback
							<p>means that if they don't work, they don't get paid, even if caring for small children or vulnerable adult family members.</p> <p>Reasoning for Recommendation: We represent tenants in failure to pay rent cases and often they are facing eviction because they need rental assistance. This program will stabilize homes and families because it keeps tenants in their home.</p> <p>Other Feedback: If these funds were to go to rental assistance, there shouldn't be any barriers to access it. Forms should be short and minimal. Tenants should not have to jump through a lot of hoops or a prolonged process to gain assistance.</p>
Raising A Reader	Homeless, At-risk of homelessness, Fleeing (DV/Other)	Survey	X		X		<p>Disparities of QP Served: food needs, affordable housing, refugee and immigrant issues, poverty, violence, etc.</p> <p>Reasoning for Recommendation: Support for families to actualize their role as their child's first and most important teacher.</p>
AfriThrive Inc.	At-risk of homelessness	Survey		X	X		<p>Disparities of QP Served: We serve low-income African immigrant lack opportunities to achieve optimal health for example access to culturally appropriate healthy foods, access to linguistically and culturally appropriate and respectful care. This compromises ability to affordable housing because of making difficult choices between rent and other needs.</p> <p>Reasoning for Recommendation: Provision of support services that will open up economic opportunities for underserved populations.</p>

Summary of feedback received and results of consultation with these entities:

Qualified Populations:

- Give preference to Chronically homeless with longest tenure of homelessness and those with a disability that are currently unsheltered
- Give preference to women experiencing or at risk of homelessness due to domestic violence or trafficking.
- Families and single-parent headed households

Allowable Uses of Funds:

Preservation and/or Development of Affordable Housing

Summary of Comments received - More Emergency/Affordable Housing, utilizing existing parcels of land and buildings (naturally occurring affordable housing and worship centers and churches) and work to convert them into affordable housing developments. Convert hotels/ motels to transitional/affordable housing. Increase supply of safe affordable permanent supportive housing (PSH). This can also include the development of integrated congregate PSH or scattered site units to serve individuals.

Justification for supporting this use - Increased affordable and supportive housing is a crucial need in Baltimore County and is therefore a priority for the Continuum of Care (CoC).

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- Tenant based rental assistance, with no barriers to access, for those facing eviction.

Supportive Services

Suggestions Received:

- After school program for youth development and education
- Supportive services for preventing utility turn offs and homelessness
- Supportive services for undocumented citizens
- Credit Counseling and Education
- Allocate a portion of the funds for senior or aging related programs
- Emergency relocation assistance

Justification for not prioritizing these suggested uses – This use was not chosen as some of the suggestions received were not permitted for this funding source as they do not serve the qualified populations for HOME-ARP.

Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

Summary of comments received - Acquire or develop non-congregate shelter to further self-determination/autonomy, privacy and dignity

Justification for not prioritizing this allowable use - This allowable use was not chosen due to the nearly 600 shelter beds, currently available across the county are not fully utilized. This underutilization is due to the use of bunk beds, some accessibility issues and a general downward trend in use of congregate shelter. This trend is being seen nationally and is highlighted in the 2023 State of Homelessness Report¹. The CoC is working with providers to eliminate some bunk beds to increase access to lower bed options for those with physical mobility barriers. The county is also assessing current capacity to determine feasibility to create private rooms in shelter for larger families. During COVID, those areas were used for quarantine for positive cases. Those spaces can be utilized to shelter larger families.

¹ <https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/homelessness-statistics/state-of-homelessness/#key-facts>

Additional Comments Received that did not meet HOME ARP allowable uses:

During the consultation process, several suggestions were made that are outside the scope of HOME-ARP, for example:

- *Use funds for undocumented Immigrants* – It is the understanding that no federal funding can be used to house those without proof of citizenship or residency.
- *Use funds for limited hotel stays* - HOME-ARP is not intended to fund limited hotel stays. This suggestion is being taken under consideration as we address those unhoused and unsheltered with other resources.
- *Use funds to challenge zoning laws*- HOME-ARP does not fund the challenge of zoning regulations. Those interested in this topic should refer to other programmatic possibilities for addressing these needs.
- *Use funds to build relationships for community members to collectively purchase land* - HOME-ARP cannot be used to fund a community land bank, but acquiring land or existing structures to build housing, will be considered.

Public Participation

The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was finalized on March 13th, 2023, and subsequently posted to BC DHCD's website on the same day, as included in [Exhibit D: BC DHCD Website Posting](#).

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/housing/homelessness/index.html>

The draft plan was made available for public comment for 15 calendar days, consistent with the requirements of Baltimore County's current citizen participation plan. All consultation participants, hearing attendees, and survey responders were notified when the HOME-ARP was posted for public comment, as included in [Exhibit E: Public Comment Notification Email](#). The notification outlined how stakeholders could provide additional input, and indicated that public comments would be accepted until Friday March 24th at 5pm. Comments were accepted through email to dhcd@baltimorecountymd.gov and by phone at 410-816-5026.

- ***Date of public hearing: June 7, 2022***
- ***Date of public notice: March 13, 2023***
- ***Public comment period: March 13 -28, 2023***

BC DHCD increased public input through various means. For those unable to attend one of the virtual hearings offered, an online survey was created to gather input. BC DHCD developed an extensive list of 114 nonprofit organizations focused on housing development, as well as fair housing, affordable housing, and disability rights advocacy. 431 total contacts were emailed to advertise different public participation opportunities including the CoC, as seen in [Exhibit F: CoC Listening Session Notification/Invitation Email](#). Those contacted via email after the HOME-ARP Draft was posted, included members of the CoC, those invited to the June 7, 2022 public hearing, and the group that received the input survey.

Recognizing the need for accessibility, BC DHCD chose to hold its sessions on a virtual platform. This allowed participants to engage from anywhere, eliminating the physical barriers that may have hindered individuals with physical disabilities from participating. By leveraging technology, the BC DHCD expanded the reach of our sessions, enabling greater access for diverse communities. Further, understanding the importance of accessibility, closed captions were made available for all virtual

sessions. Captions provided real-time transcription of spoken content, enabling individuals with hearing impairments to fully participate in the discussion.

Comments on the HOME-ARP allocation plan were taken by email and over the phone to ensure individuals with impaired manual skills and limited English proficiency were able to participate fully. Individuals with limited English proficiency were asked to submit their comments in writing for ease of translation.

The BC DHCD held meetings and consulted via email with Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry, Housing Choice Voucher Program (Previously Section 8) Providers, and Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) Providers to better understand the current needs of qualifying populations within Baltimore County. Hearing sessions were advertised on BC DHCD's website under **"Preventing and Ending Homelessness"** with information about the HOME-ARP grant, and a link to [HUD Website: Home-American Rescue Plan Program](#), as seen in [Exhibit G: Email Requesting Listening Session Information be Posted to County Website](#).

TABLE D: Public Comment Feedback March 13, 2023 – March 28, 2023

Date Submitted	Name/ Title	Organization	Method of Consultation	Feedback
3/14/23 @ 5:54 pm	Laurie Rijo De La Rosa/ Homeless Education Liaison	Baltimore County Public Schools	Public Comment Period	I read the statement about undocumented member of our community. In Baltimore County Public Schools approximately 30 percent of our total homeless population is a "new comer" to our community from other countries. Although we cannot provide federal funds, perhaps we could provide outreach and referrals to our sister organizations who provide support to our families. At Baltimore County Public Schools, we get a large amount of requests every year for more daycare support and vouchers so our parents can better access jobs. We see a trend of new mothers who leave a job after a pregnancy and cannot afford housing. We have seen many cases of new mothers begin reluctant to enter shelters- but place themselves in less safe environments.
3/20/23 @ 11:04 am	Ann Dalrymple		Public Comment Period	I recommend that some conservation land be utilized as manufactured/mobile home parks for PSH. There would be more federal funds available to Maryland for this purpose. Support should include medical care, transportation, and employment services.

Response to Submitted Comments

All units and housing resources created with the HOME-ARP funds will be advertised to families experiencing homelessness with school-aged children. If these funds can be used to provide housing to those without documented status that will be advertised to ensure the most vulnerable households are prioritized for this resource. Regarding the second comment, HOME-ARP funding cannot be used to acquire land.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

BC DHCD has combined data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the 2023 Point in Time (PIT) homelessness count, the Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Counts (HIC), the American Community Survey, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, and other supplementary numbers received through consultation with DV Coordinated entry, and specific housing focused program providers to generate the information below.

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

Demographic data within this plan was gathered from the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) release, the 2021 American Community Survey, the 2020 Decennial Census, and other supplementary sources which are provided when applicable. The total population in Baltimore County generally is 854,535, of those residing within Baltimore County the median age is 39.9.

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Between March 1, 2023 and March 6, 2023, the Baltimore County CoC served approximately 1,270 total individuals across all shelter diversion, prevention, outreach, emergency or transitional shelter programs. Of those served approximately 505 are in shelter and 198 are being served by our funded outreach teams. Therefore, out of the total being served, just over 700 or 55% of those in our jurisdiction meet the literal homeless definition.

Baltimore County CoC has long tenures of homelessness as well. Of the total individuals being served across our system, approximately 30% have been homeless 180-365 days and 21% have been homeless for more than 1 year.

TABLE E: Federal Funding

Type of Housing	2012	2022
Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing - Year-Round	448	571 (27% increase)
Emergency Shelter – Seasonal	46	36 (22% decrease)
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Units	257	289 (12% increase)
VASH Vouchers	225	308 (37% increase)
Total Served Across all Programs During the Calendar Year	1,891	2,700 (43% increase)

- Over the last decade federal funding has not increased the number of shelter, permanent housing or vouchers to meet the growing need.
- Each year during the Point in Time (PIT) count, we count 100-200 unsheltered people.

Source: 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

As seen in Table E above, federal funding for shelter beds, seasonal beds and VASH Vouchers has slowly increased over the last 10 years. However, total PSH unit funding over the last 10 years has only increased by about 12% compared to the overall number served across all homeless programs which has increased by more than 43%. This combined with a limited turnover of our 289 PSH units and no new units has highlighted a need for Permanent Supportive Housing.

For those in shelter that the length of homelessness has been collected, 74 of 345 (21%) meet the chronic homelessness definition. Of those who are unsheltered and being supported by a homeless outreach team, 35% or 70 persons meet the chronically homeless definition. Across all shelter programs, in 2022, the average length of stay in shelter across all households is 109 days.²

- The definition of chronically homeless requires proof of required length of time homeless and a documented disability. Therefore approximately 140 people in our CoC system would require Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) options.
- Currently our CoC only has 289 PSH units in our system, every unit is full and 99% of those housed in PSH stay housed. **Therefore, Baltimore County must increase our overall PSH supply by 67% to meet the need of the chronic and literal homeless.**

² Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) annual System performance Measures (SPM) report.

TABLE F: Housing Inventory Count 2023

Project Type	Total Number of Beds/Units Available	Total Number of Separate Projects of this Type	Total Utilization Reported on Night of PIT and HIC
Emergency Shelter	505	9	80%
Freezing Weather Shelter	51	3	76%
Domestic Violence Shelter	39	2	92%
Rapid Re-Housing	262	9	100%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units	236	9	100%

Source: 2023 Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

The point in time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) counts support a similar conclusion. Despite the PIT count providing an undercount of the annual need.

TABLE G: Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Totals 2019-2023

Source: 2019-2023 Point-In-Time Count (PIT)

In 2023, Baltimore County counted 612 homeless persons and 605 homeless households. 459 were counted in emergency shelter, 21 in Transitional Housing, and 132 were unsheltered. Of the 612 homeless persons counted, 58.01% identified as male and 41.50% identified as female. Of the 612 homeless persons counted, 24% are under age 18, 4% are 18-24, 16% are 25-34, 16% are 35-44, 18% are 45-54, 14% are 55-64, and 8% are over the age of 64.

Of the 612 homeless persons counted, 60.95% identified as Black, African American, or African, 34.48% identified as white, 3.59% identified as multiple races, .65% reported as American Indian, Alaska Native,

or Indigenous, and .33% identified as Asian or Asian American. None identified as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Of the 612 homeless persons counted, 50.98% identified as Hispanic or Latino, while 49.02% identified as Non-Hispanic or Latino.

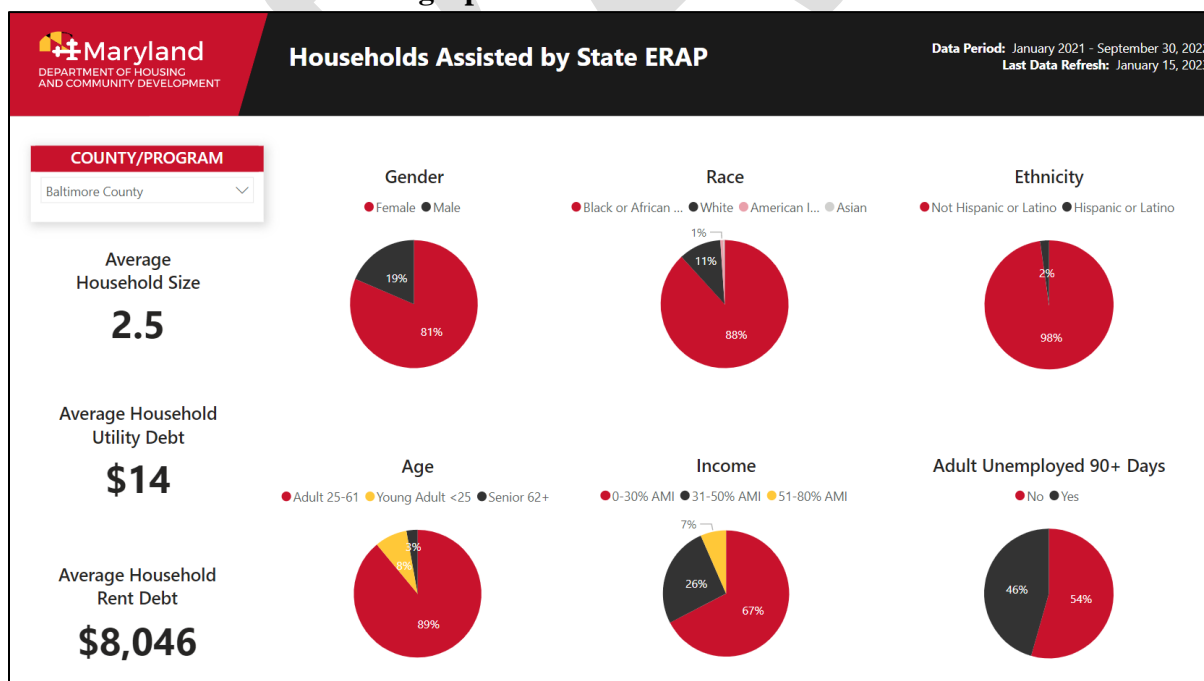
Of the 605 homeless households counted, 233 are households with adults and children. Of the 233 homeless households with adults and children, 3 reported as unsheltered and 230 reported as sheltered. Of the 605 homeless households counted, 372 are households without children. Of the 372 households without children, 122 reported as unsheltered and 250 reported as sheltered. Of the 605 homeless households counted, none are households with children only.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Affordable housing in general is necessary for Baltimore County. Currently there are over 27,000 people on the housing voucher wait list. Using the HUD's American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019 data, Baltimore County has 41,325 households with incomes at or below 30% AMI, 25,035 of those households being renters. Of the total 25,035 renter households with incomes at or below 30% AMI, all households report having at least 1 of 4 housing problems. The housing problems are incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1.5 persons per room, and cost burden greater than 30%.

Over the last 3 years, during the pandemic BC DHCD administered over \$151 million in COVID relief funds to keep people housed and prevent evictions. We have since closed the portal to new applicants for eviction prevention assistance and are prioritizing remaining federal relief funds for households with the most severe need. The State of Maryland also distributed roughly \$48 million in COVID relief funds to 5,426 Baltimore County Households in the past two years through various funding sources.

TABLE H: State ERAP Demographics of Households Assisted



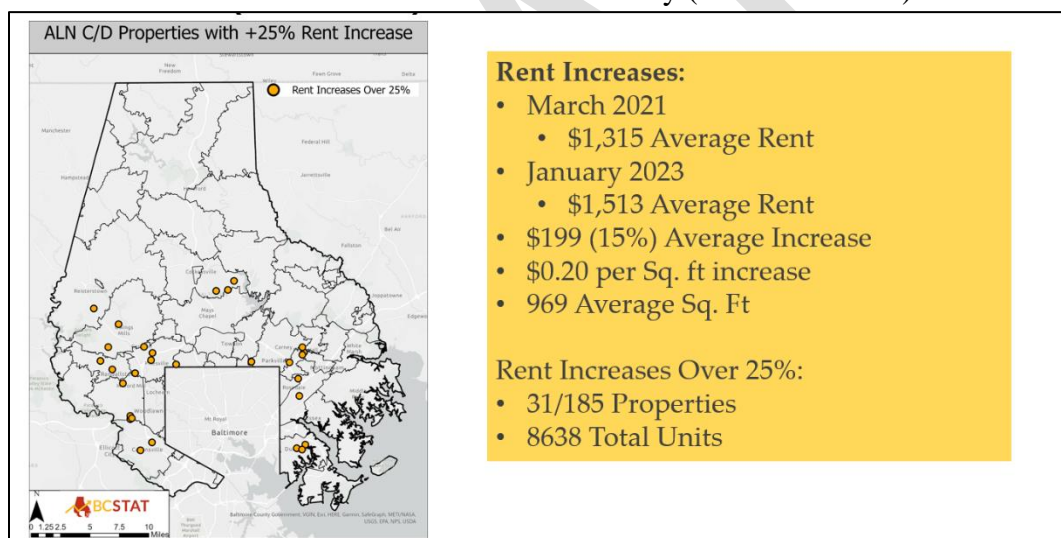
Source: [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development: Emergency Rental Assistance Program Dashboard](#)

Landlord's may seek a "Warrant of Restitution" when a tenant does not vacate property after a Court finding in the landlord's favor on a previous complaint (failure to pay etc.). This allows the landlord to make a plan with the constable or sheriff to evict the tenant and remove the tenant's possessions. A landlord must request a warrant of restitution within 60 days of the judgment.³ The filing of warrants of restitution often indicates that tenants are experiencing financial hardship. When tenants are unable to address their rental arrears or resolve lease violations, they may face eviction. Finding alternative housing options can be difficult, particularly for those with limited financial resources or poor rental histories. The sudden displacement caused by eviction can significantly increase the risk of homelessness.

According to the 2021 American Community Survey, the Median Household income in Baltimore County is \$80,453. Of the total population of Baltimore County 81,052 (9.8%), were determined to be below poverty level. Of those below poverty level, 35,753 identified as male and 45,299 identified as female. Additionally, 73,175 of those determined below poverty worked full-time, year-round for the past 12 months. The number of individuals in poverty in Baltimore County coupled with rent increases up to 25% over the past year have emphasized a deep need for affordable housing.

The below data table was created by county staff using [ALN Apartment Data: Nationwide Multifamily Data Services](#) for the purposes of BC STAT, it covers rental increases for class C and D⁴ properties in January 2023 compared to March 2021.

TABLE I: **ALN Rent Increases in Baltimore County (Price Class C/D)**



Source: [ALN Apartment Data: Nationwide Multifamily Data Services](#)

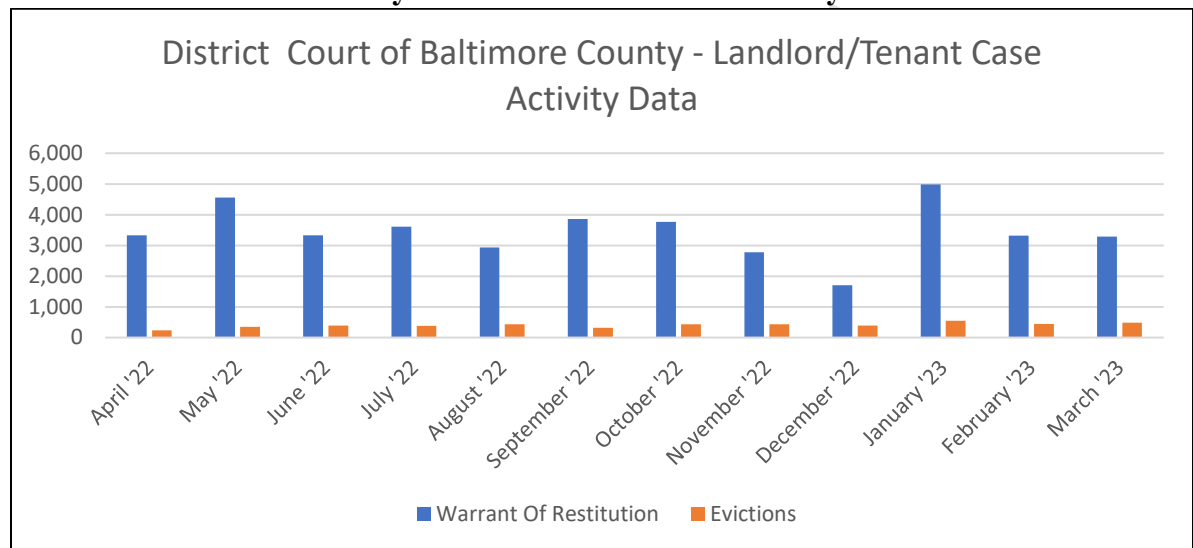
The above rental increase data are not the only rental increases that have happened in Baltimore County but the ones we can get data for. The highest increases seen were \$533. There were over 25 properties whose classification (A, B, C or D) increased. Class C and D are the properties that BC DHCD has worked with the most through the Eviction Prevention program. These properties are also in the highest demand because they are more affordable than Class A or B properties. In total, 8,638 class C and D units had an increased rent of over 25% from March 2021 to January 2023. The average rent increase was \$199 (15%).

³ [Rent Court and Eviction Cases - Peoples Law](#)

⁴ The Property Class Ladder: Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D are used to convey important attributes of a property and the neighborhoods they're located in. Determining "class" involves weighing important characteristics (location, age, income of residents, appreciation, condition, and crime rates). Class A properties are at the very top rung of the real estate "ladder."

The number of warrants of restitution filed in the District Court of Baltimore County indicate the overall scale of housing instability. The high numbers suggest a larger population working full time while still struggling to make rent payments, which is indicative of an affordable housing shortage and a lack of rental assistance options. The high level of eviction cases has strained Baltimore County's Housing Choice Voucher program and intensified the rates of homelessness. The District Court of Baltimore County's Landlord/Tenant Case Activity for the past year can be found below.

TABLE J: Baltimore County Landlord/Tenant Case Activity



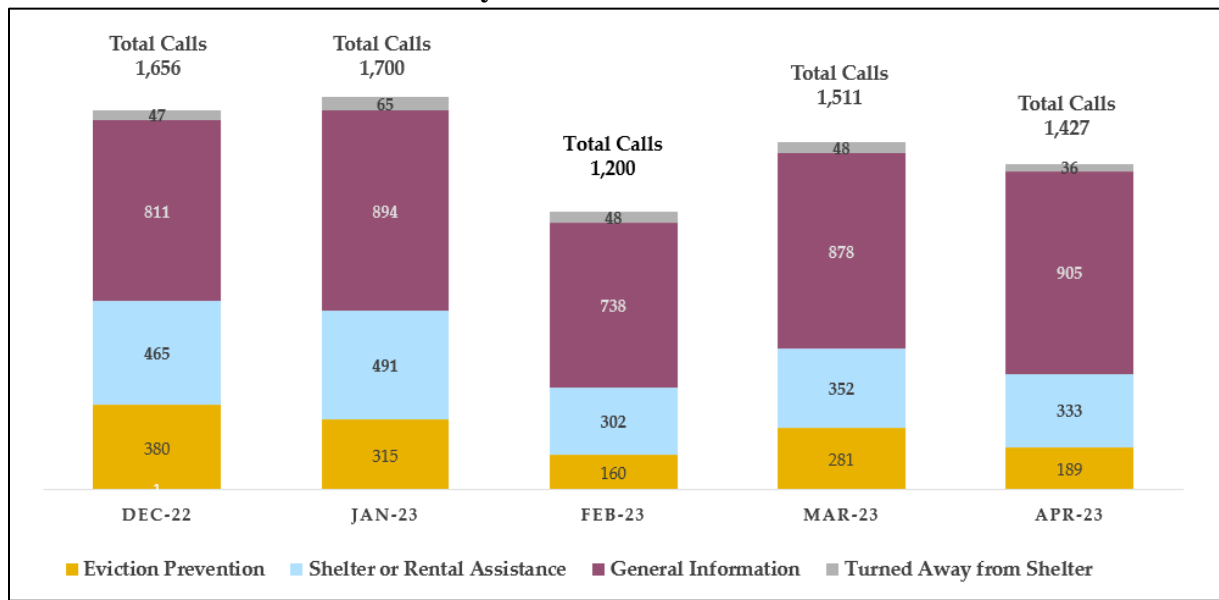
Source: [District Court of Maryland - Case Activity Report 2022](#) and [District Court of Maryland - Case Activity Report 2023](#)

⁵ * "Warrant of Restitution" - landlord request the court to authorize the constable or sheriff to evict the tenant.

** "Evictions" - Removal of property and person from the premise. Eviction must take place within 60 days after the court orders the Warrant of Restitution*.

Consistent with the above findings, during the month of April 2023, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry (CE) hotline received 1,427 calls, of those 189 called for eviction prevention assistance and 333 called for shelter or rental assistance. While AMI is not collected at the time of CE call, based on the demographics of households served with eviction prevention COVID relief funds, it is assumed the majority of those households calling meet the required 30-50% AMI requirement.

TABLE K: CoC Coordinated Entry Call Trends



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

Baltimore County’s organizations, professionals and law enforcement have goals that align with ending domestic violence and supporting victims of these crimes locally and at the state level. Persons experiencing domestic violence continue to be a high priority population for Baltimore County. There is currently one emergency shelter focused on serving families fleeing domestic violence and two other providers that offer short-term hotel stays to those fleeing DV, stalking or trafficking. .

According to Maryland’s [SHIP Domestic Violence 2010-2017](#) report, domestic violence contributes greatly to the morbidity and mortality of Maryland citizens. Up to 40% of violent juvenile offenders witnessed domestic violence in their homes, and **63% of homeless women and children have been victims of intimate partner violence as adults.**

TABLE L: Domestic Violence Monthly Summary Reporting

Grounds by Case Type Summary

APRIL 2023

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The Grounds by Type Summary report provides summaries and percentages based on the grounds for issuing temporary and final orders. Statistics are grouped by case type (protective, peace, and juvenile peace.)

DV PROTECTIVE

Grounds	Count	Percent
ASSAULT	30	46.2
CAUSED A FEAR OF HARM	22	33.8
CAUSED HARM	4	6.2
FALSE IMPRISONMENT	4	6.2
MENTAL ABUSE OF A CHILD	1	1.5
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD	1	1.5
STALKING	3	4.6
Total Orders	65	

PEACE

Grounds	Count	Percent
ASSAULT	7	31.8
CAUSED A FEAR OF HARM	6	27.3
HARASSMENT	5	22.7
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	1	4.5
TRESPASSING	3	13.6
Total Orders	22	

Total All:

87

Source: [State of Maryland, Administrative Office of the Courts Domestic Violence Monthly Summary Reporting](#)

Of the 232 total DV protective order respondents in Baltimore County in April 2023, 61 (26.3%) respondents identified as female, 168 (72.4%) identified as male, and 3 (1.3%) identified as unknown. Of the 115 peace order respondents in Baltimore County in April 2023, 72 (62.6%) respondents identified as female, 42 (36.5%) as male, and 1 (0.9%) unknown.

Of the 232 total DV Protective order respondents in Baltimore County in April 2023, 2 (0.9%) respondents identified as Asian, 130 (56%) Black, 12 (5.2%) other, 12 (5.2%) other, and 76 (32.8%) white. Of the 115 peace order respondents in Baltimore County in April 2023, 1 (0.9%) identified themselves as Asian, 69 (60%) Black, 4 (3.5%) other, 6 (5.2%) undetermined, and 35 (30.4%) White.

Of the 232 total DV Protective order respondents in Baltimore County in April 2023, 1 (0.4%) respondent age range was 0-17, 25 (10.8%) were between the ages of 18 and 25, 172 (74.1%) were between the ages of 25 and 59, 6 (2.6%) were 60 and over, 28 (12.1%) of the respondents ages were undetermined. Of the 115 total DV Peace order respondents in Baltimore County in April 2023, 16 (13.9%) were between the ages of 18 and 25, 48 (41.7%) were between the ages of 25 and 59, 4 (3.5%) were 60 and over, 47 (40.9%) of the respondents ages were undetermined.

Baltimore County understands that these numbers only represent one month of instances of domestic violence and stalking, and only instances of domestic violence and stalking that have been reported to the Court. Currently, the Baltimore County CoC has a separate Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry (DV CE) that receives calls from those fleeing DV, trafficking, and stalking. Callers are referred to either the one DV Emergency Shelter, the emergency hoteling program, the one DV Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), or the one DV Permanent Housing (PH) program in the county. Some additional data was available through consultation with the Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry System in Baltimore County.

- During the FY 22 (7/1/2021 through 6/30/22) the DV CE 24-hour assessment and referral hotline, received calls from 487 distinct households seeking DV shelter.
- The current DV shelter has 29 total beds and our CoC can temporarily shelter up to 15-20 more in hotels.
- As of February 2023, 11 families are on the DV RRH wait list and 3 families fleeing DV are on Emergency Housing Voucher (EHVs) wait list. Those fleeing DV is one of a few priority populations for the EHVs.

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

Housing Instability

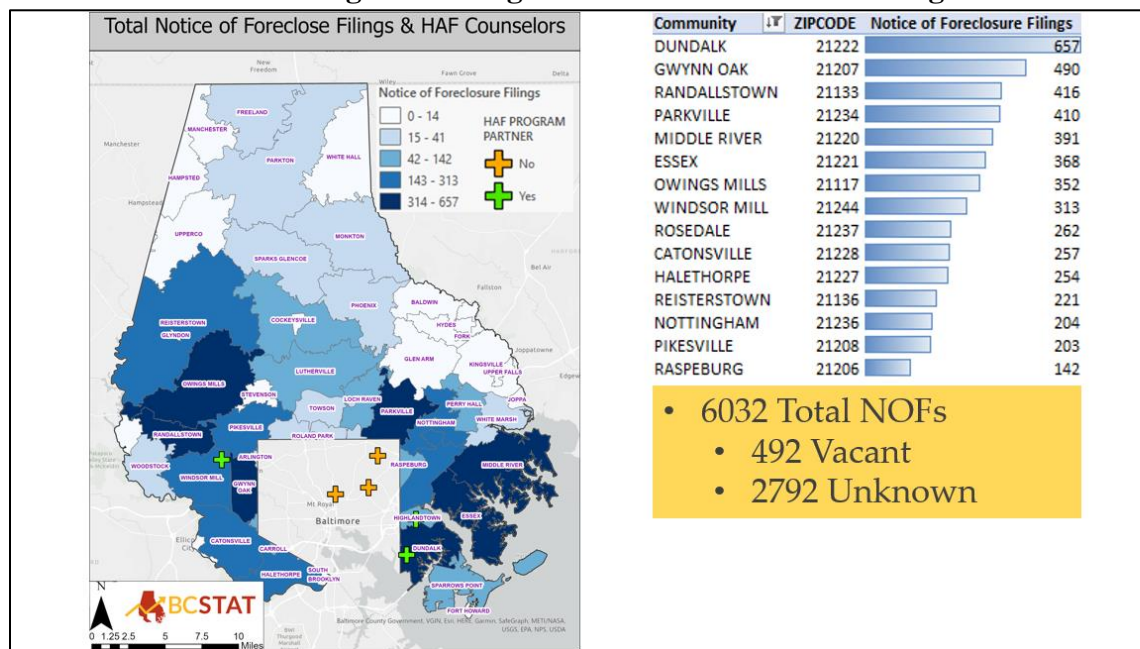
Residents who have been previously homeless or are currently using some type of rental assistance may need the assistance to continue for a short or long period of time. Funding existing services and housing assistance programs is important to the housing stability of these individuals and families. In addition, Baltimore County and the surrounding region has a lack of quality affordable housing available for residents in need causing cost burdens leading to housing instability. There is also a need to assist residents living in unstable situations increase their income, build savings, and acquire assets through additional supportive services in the community.

Additionally, foreclosure and housing instability are interconnected issues that can have profound implications for individuals and families within Baltimore County. When a homeowner faces foreclosure, it signifies the inability to meet mortgage payment obligations, often resulting from financial distress or unforeseen circumstances. The consequences of foreclosure extend far beyond the loss of property.

A Notice of Intent to Foreclose (NOI) is a warning notice that a foreclosure could be filed in court, which must be sent no less than 45 days before a foreclosure is filed. [The Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund \(HAF\)](#) is a program that assists Maryland residents who are struggling to keep up with mortgage payments or other housing costs. The number of HAF applications in Baltimore County (below) highlight a growing need for affordable housing.

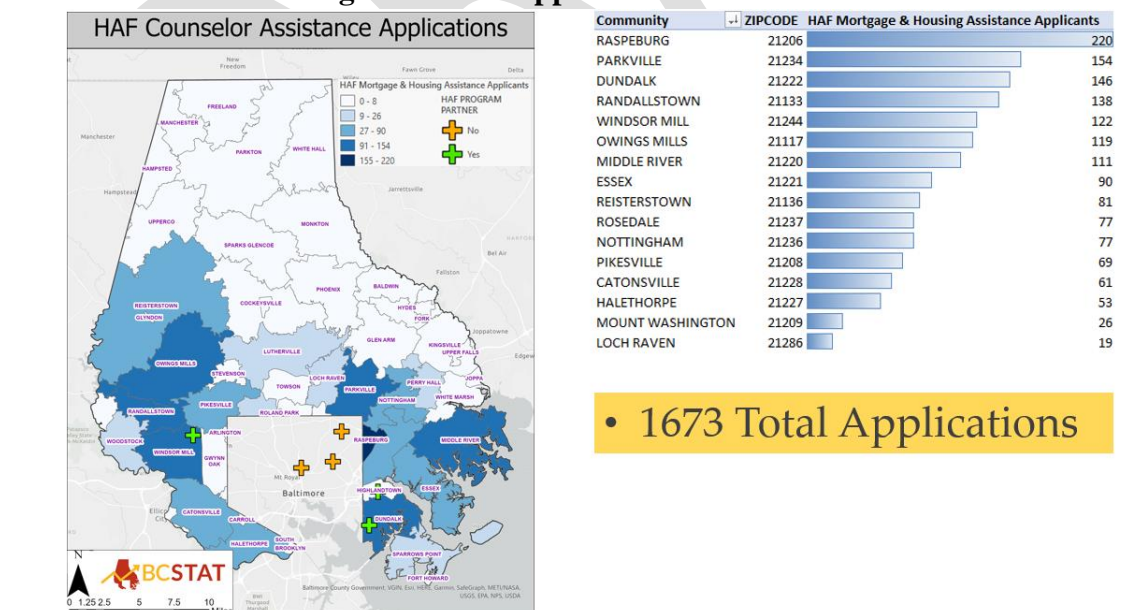
The below data tables were created using the [Maryland Notice of Intent to Foreclosure by Zip Code Open Data Report](#) by county staff for the purposes of BC STAT, they cover the month of March 2023.

TABLE M: HAF Housing Counseling & Notice of Foreclosure Filings



Foreclosure not only causes housing instability, the disruption in housing can lead to a loss of social networks, community ties, and access to essential services such as schools, healthcare facilities, and employment opportunities. By prioritizing preventative measures such as affordable housing solutions, Baltimore County can reduce instances of housing instability.

TABLE N: HAF Housing Counselor Applications



Veterans requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness

Baltimore County keeps an updated By Name List of all homeless veterans. The ending veteran homelessness of the CoC holds bi-weekly case conferencing meetings to discuss each veteran. At the conferences, providers who work directly with the veterans share real time updates and discuss the status of their housing plans. Representatives from the Veteran Administration (VA), supportive services for veteran families (SSVF), homeless outreach and CoC lead staff attend the meetings. Of those on the list, ages range from 32 to 73, and 9 individuals were identified as chronically homeless.

There are currently 28 active veterans on By Name List. 22 entered our CoC since January 2023. 13 entered since March 2023. Between January and October 2022 82 Veterans were served and 9 (11%) were housed. Between November and February 7, 2023 34 Veterans were served and 9 (26%) were housed. Between February 8 and May 1, 2023 42 Veterans were served and 20 (47%) were housed. 20 additional Veterans have been approved for HUD VASH Voucher and will be housed.

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):

Baltimore County is currently under a voluntary conciliation agreement with HUD due to a lack of development of affordable housing and are required to develop and/or renovate up to 1,200 affordable housing units over the next 6 years. Baltimore County receives an annual allocation in federal formula grant funding such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Continuum of Care (CoC) state and county funding. The funding that supports the limited Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in Baltimore County is primarily our CoC funding. We have only 289 PSH units across the county. The County Council has approved the establishment of a Housing Trust fund, and our goal is to use some of the HOME-ARP allocation to support the development of more affordable and PSH units across the county.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The community listening sessions and the survey responses highlight the need for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Comments included:

“Funds to be used for the Production and Preservation of Affordable housing- there is an increasing and extreme need.”

“Can funds be used to purchase a motel/hotel and convert it to transitional housing or recuperative care?”

“We have just completed a community needs assessment with over 940 responses. Survey results indicate that affordable housing is amongst most needed. As a follow up to this survey, CAN is now prioritizing supportive services and developing affordable housing projects.”

“Can Home ARP funds be used to convert former houses of worship or churches to affordable housing developments?”

“Funding should be used to develop new Permanent Support Housing (including funding services for PSH), and to acquire/development non-congregate shelter. PSH units should be developed using scattered site or other integrated models, with a variety of bedroom sizes to serves individuals and families with

children. Siting of PSH should further fair housing and focus on areas of opportunity that historically excluded affordable housing.”

“There is a dearth of accessible housing for low-income people with mobility disabilities, who use a wheelchair, or need other accessible features.

More generally, the County really needs deeply affordable housing for those with incomes at 0 to 60% AMI.”

“Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, individuals still find themselves out of work and/or unable to pay their bills, including rental payments. This exacerbates the problem of finding affordable housing in the area and being able to remain current in rental payments.”

Baltimore County needs more Permanent Supportive Housing Units. According to the needs assessment and gaps analysis table (Housing Inventory Count 2023), Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing Units are 100% utilized, while shelters are only at up to 80% their capacity. Community comments show Homeless individuals and families need access to more permanent solutions.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The community listening sessions and the survey responses expressed that there is a dearth of affordable housing with rent still rising, an urgent need to assist at-risk individuals and families experiencing long-term poverty, and a desire for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) without barriers to application. Comments included:

“Funds to be used for the Production and Preservation of Affordable housing- there is an increasing and extreme need.”

“Provide relocation assistance to residents who exhausted ERAP benefits who are in the eviction process or must move.”

“We have just completed a community needs assessment with over 940 responses. Survey results indicate that affordable housing is amongst most needed. As a follow up to this survey, CAN is now prioritizing supportive services and developing affordable housing projects.”

“Can Home ARP funds be used to convert former houses of worship or churches to affordable housing developments?”

“There is a dearth of accessible housing for low-income people with mobility disabilities, who use a wheelchair, or need other accessible features. More generally, the County really needs deeply affordable housing for those with incomes at 0 to 60% AMI. Developers who produce housing with LIHTC do not create a sufficient number of deeply affordable units.”

“Producing additional hard units will generate more accessible, affordable housing, and more affordable housing generally. Tenant-based assistance is a good secondary plan because of the County's difficulty in creating affordable units for low-income residents.”

“Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, individuals still find themselves out of work and/or unable to pay their bills, including rental payments. This exacerbates the problem of finding affordable housing in the area and being able to remain current in rental payments. Not only have Baltimore County residents lost their jobs, but they have reduced hours which reduces the amount in their paycheck. A lot of our client population do not get paid leave. This means that if they don't work, they don't get paid, even if caring for small children or vulnerable adult family members”

Per the needs and gaps analysis, Baltimore County is home to 73,175 residents who are below poverty and have worked full-time, year-round for the past 12 months. Baltimore County needs more units

affordable to households earning 30% or less of the annual median income, meaning it is likely that households within this income bracket will enter homelessness without proper support networks. Individuals and families who received State or County Emergency Rental Assistance no longer have access and are adding to the pool of Extremely Low-Income households as rents continue to rise. Unmet needs, then, are twofold. First, more affordable housing units are essential. Second, continued preventive measures such as rental assistance are imperative to slow down new households who may enter the Coordinated Entry system.

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

Baltimore County through its consultation with the Family Crisis Center, Baltimore County's DV Coordinated Entry, found a need to expand its Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing to meet the demand of individuals and families fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking. As needs are continuing to grow, individuals and families fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking show a need for prioritization as seen through public comments below.

“Advocating that fund should specifically think about how to help Survivors of Domestic Violence. Not just investing in crisis solutions but long-term affordable housing and comprehensive supports that are necessary to impact trajectory of survivors and recognize the multigenerational impact of DV on children that carries its marks for generations.”

“Do women who are homeless or at risk for homelessness and experiencing domestic violence and human trafficking receive preference in the grant-making process? My question is that as a target population does that mean that applications submitted that address that homelessness issue will be given preference? How does that work? Is it a weighted system that you have?”

Per the needs assessment and gap analysis, 63% of homeless women and children have been victims of intimate partner violence as adults. Baltimore County has 11 families on the DV RRH wait list, and 3 families fleeing DV are on Emergency Housing Voucher (EHVs) waitlist. Those fleeing DV is one of the few priority populations for the EHV's. Baltimore County has only one DV Rapid Re-Housing (RHH) and one DV Permanent Housing (PH) program. During the FY 22, 487 distinct households called the DV CE 24-hour assessment and referral hotline. These callers are referred to either the one DV Emergency Shelter, the emergency hotline program, the DV Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), or the DV Permanent Housing (PH). The current DV shelter has 29 total beds and our CoC can temporarily shelter up to 15-20 more in hotels. DV RHH and PH are full and have waitlists.

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

Other populations share the same unmet needs as at-risk individuals: affordable housing and rental assistance. Further comments from consultation included:

“Can a portion of Home ARP funds be allocated for seniors? They are on a fixed income and cannot get a job or move on up, there is not enough affordable housing in Baltimore County period, but not enough designated specifically for seniors.”

“Can Home ARP funds be used to create a program that would identify and assist vulnerable populations with special circumstances; individuals that are committed to re-building their lives?”

“Funds to be used for the Production and Preservation of Affordable housing- there is an increasing and extreme need.”

“Provide relocation assistance to residents who exhausted ERAP benefits who are in the eviction process or must move.”

“We have just completed a community needs assessment with over 940 responses. Survey results indicate that affordable housing is amongst most needed. As a follow up to this survey, CAN is now prioritizing supportive services and developing affordable housing projects.”

“Retired state employees and Human Services Agencies within these departments had funds to help support people at risk or experiencing homelessness. You said ARP funds cannot be used if they’re receiving some other sort of assistance. Is that federal assistance or state services?”

“CASH serves a wide variety of individuals who are low-moderate income and see that they struggle to build financial stability for many reasons such as lack of access to a financial institution, free tax preparation and supportive, unbiased financial education/coaching. Housing is a huge concern for the people CASH supports. Providing safe affordable housing options, along with supportive services such as access to safe affordable bank accounts, free tax preparation, financial education/coaching would be investments that help build Baltimore County communities.”

“Housing for pregnant women and their children.”

“Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, individuals still find themselves out of work and/or unable to pay their bills, including rental payments. This exacerbates the problem of finding affordable housing in the area and being able to remain current in rental payments.”

“Not only have Baltimore County residents lost their jobs, but they have reduced hours which reduces the amount in their paycheck. A lot of our client population do not get paid leave. This means that if they don't work, they don't get paid, even if caring for small children or vulnerable adult family members.”

With rising rents and expired state and county rental assistance, the Other Populations described in this plan will also likely move to at-risk, if not homelessness, if preventative measures are not taken.

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

As detailed in prior sections of this plan, emergency shelter is available and, in some cases, underutilized in our county especially for families. The real need is for more affordable and permanent supportive housing for adults without children. Units that have a subsidy and supportive services associated with them are key to address our returns to homelessness as a Continuum of Care. The rents in Baltimore County are very high, and current Rapid Re-Housing funding does not provide enough months of rental assistance and follow up case management, so highly vulnerable households do return to homelessness. The average percentage of those returning to homelessness after being placed in housing is relatively low compared to other CoC data. The highest rate of returns to homelessness are those who were placed in permanent housing and after 6 months, 7% return to homelessness. The averages drop to 5% after 2 years of being placed into housing and 3% return after 12 months of placement.⁶

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

⁶ HMIS SPM report 2022.

populations” that are “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

Due to the critically low supply of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) across Baltimore County, the rising number of chronically homeless individuals, and those aging in shelter the CoC has utilized Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) as a bridge subsidy to permanent, more stable housing. This approach has been successful with new ESG-CV funds throughout the pandemic. Those funds are running out and the length of time the CoC can provide RRH support is shortened to pre-pandemic levels (max 6-9 months). This matched with rising rental costs and very picky landlords, if an individual or client is placed into housing with RRH assistance and is unable to sustain after the subsidy ends, that eviction creates even more barriers for them to be re-housed. This echoes the need for additional affordable housing and PSH. We also are finding the quality of housing that is considered “naturally occurring affordable housing” is declining. For this reason, we chose to use some of the HOME-ARP funds to rehabilitate existing affordable housing to improve and preserve it for individuals and households with numerous housing barriers that have a higher potential for return to homelessness.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The priority needs of the County’s homeless population were identified during the survey, CoC meeting, public hearings and stakeholder consultations. Throughout the public participation process and documented by data in the gaps and needs sections of this Plan, there was a consensus that there is a need for affordable housing (for families and individuals identified as homeless and those at-risk). Therefore, the County’s priority must be to find ways to assist households who are experiencing homelessness and those struggling to afford units and at risk of homelessness through the creation of more supportive housing using all tools necessary.

- Safe, affordable, quality housing that offers rents that do not keep pace with the private rental market as high needs individuals and households, some of whom are on fixed income, are unable to afford.
- Permanent supportive housing that offers rental subsidy and dependable ongoing case management for those who are chronically homeless.

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:

In addition to feedback received through survey distribution and consultation, a number of data sources and community plans were reviewed to determine the needs and system gaps for HOME-ARP qualifying populations. The following data sources were consulted:

- BC STAT Housing Stability Data (March 2023)
- Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) data
- Eviction Prevention Data from ERAP Programs (2021-2022)
- Housing Inventory Count 2023 (HIC)
- Point-In-Time Count 2023 (PIT)
- Continuum of Care HMIS System Data
- State of Maryland Domestic Violence Monthly Report (April 2023)
- Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry Call Trends (December 2022 – April 2023)

- Maryland Judiciary – Landlord/Tenant Case Activity Data (April 2022 – March 2023)

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 and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Baltimore County will utilize established process' to allocate capital funding to planned affordable housing and PSH financing deals. For the renovation of existing affordable housing, we will partner with our DHCD Housing Opportunities and Finance team that administers county HOME funding to identify credible contractors and developers that specialize in renovation. Funding for supportive services will be made available through our annual consolidated funding Request for Proposal (RFP). This competitive RFP process is how Baltimore County considers applicants for CDBG, CoC, ESG, state, and county sources for projects serving the homeless. Once HOME-ARP is incorporated, a separate scoring rubric will be created to allocate points based on HOME-ARP criteria. Funds available will be made known following the approved Consolidated Plan, public participation plan process. Providers will submit applications, they are reviewed by an independent review committee, scored and discussed. Funding is awarded for these grants on an annual basis as required by the Consolidated Plan.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Baltimore County will administer the renovation and capital development funds directly to developers that apply through the public application process.

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 only administrative funds that have been used so far have been applied to staff salaries that have worked to engage participants in the public comment/input sessions and to develop this draft plan.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 874,168		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 1,323,370		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 4,153,650		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 1,120,798	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 7,471,986		

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 provide a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

Baltimore County considered characteristics of its shelter and housing inventory, and supportive services needs identified in the gap analysis, and feedback from stakeholders, to determine funding priorities for the HOME-ARP program. The County was able to identify, with the development of the needs assessment and gap analysis activities that will assist the qualified populations in Baltimore County. The results of the gap analysis demonstrated a need for affordable housing for individuals and families at or below 30% AMI. Further, the needs and gap analysis, supported by stakeholder input identified the need for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). Based on the survey feedback, most respondents, identified the new affordable housing units as the top need. Additionally, respondents prioritized the need for Tenant Based Rental Assistance and supportive services. This need was further supported by the County's foreclosure and Warrant level household data. The relationship between warrants of restitution, foreclosure filings and the lack of affordable housing is deeply intertwined. Affordable housing, defined as housing that costs no more than 30% of a household's income, is in short supply in Baltimore County. As housing prices soar and rental markets become increasingly competitive, low-income individuals and families are left with limited options. The scarcity of affordable housing perpetuates a cycle of financial strain, where tenants are forced to allocate a significant portion of their income towards housing expenses, leaving them vulnerable to eviction and homelessness.

The consequences of the insufficient supply of affordable housing are far-reaching. Eviction resulting from Warrants of restitution, and displacement due to foreclosure can thrust individuals and families into a state of housing instability. Suddenly losing their primary residence, they face the daunting task of finding alternative housing options. The aftermath of eviction and foreclosure significantly amplifies the risk of homelessness, as individuals struggle to navigate the system. The "Use of Home-ARP Funding" Table above represents the proposed HOME-ARP budget by activity type.

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:

Baltimore County plans to dedicate up to \$3 million to **renovating and preserving 10 units** of existing affordable housing in our jurisdiction. The units will be renovated, they will receive rental subsidy and a basic level of supportive services up to 5 years.

- This calculation was reached with the assumption of an average \$45,000 renovation budget per unit at the start, unit-based rental subsidy for up to 5 years and an average supportive service cost of \$5,800 per unit per year for up to 5 years.

Baltimore County plans to allocate the remainder of the HOME-ARP funding (\$3.3 million) to the **development of 10 new units of PSH**. These new units will have a project based rental subsidy tied to them along with more intensive supportive services. The new units may be developed as part of planned new affordable housing developments within our county pipeline. They most likely will not be all co-located in a concentrated development PSH project.

- This calculation was reached using a recommended average total development cost (TDC) for the Baltimore metro area of \$300,000 per unit, supportive service costs ranging from \$3,000-\$10,000 annually and an average annual operating cost of \$7,500.

For both funding allocation scenarios, Baltimore County plans to leverage existing housing choice or specialty homeless set aside vouchers to sustain each household after the 5-year period. This timeframe will depend on the needs of the household and how much support will be necessary for them to sustain without the supportive services.

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:

To support the plan outlined above, Baltimore County anticipates that the HOME-ARP funding will allow our county to jump start the development of new units and the preservation of existing units. We anticipate leveraging other county and state sources to sustain additional affordable and PSH development. Investing in the renovation of existing naturally occurring affordable housing units, will allow our county to preserve and improve existing housing stock that is available to help keep higher needs households housed. Additionally, that renovation allows for the permanent investment and improvement to ensure future tenants will have higher quality/healthier housing options. This will serve as a pilot to justify future investment in renovation and preservation of affordable housing in our county.

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:

Baltimore County will utilize our current and recently updated coordinated entry process for referrals to the units created or renovated with HOME-ARP funding. Preference will be given to the following qualified populations:

- Homeless (McKinney Act Definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
 - Those with the longest length of homelessness and meeting the definition of chronically homelessness – those with the greatest risk of housing instability.
- Fleeing/Attempting to flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking or Human trafficking
 - Definitions from VAWA regulation at 24 CFR 5.2003, except
 - Human Trafficking definition from Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.

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:

The two qualified populations were chosen based on data and gaps analysis presented throughout this plan. To meet the current growing need for the chronically homeless, 329 new PSH units are needed in Baltimore County to meet the current need. For the population fleeing DV, the current options for quality, safe and affordable permanent housing options is limited.

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):

N/A

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):

While prioritizations will be given during the CE process, for the qualified populations (QP's) outlined, all QPs will have the opportunity to be considered. The Baltimore County CoC has been receiving HUD technical assistance to expand our coordinated entry to include assessment, prioritization and referral to permanent housing (PH) within our jurisdiction to include RRH and PSH referrals. Currently, priority for all CoC PSH and RRH resources, is given to chronically homeless households, with the longest lengths of time home homeless and highest needs assessment score. The CoC is able to pull real time by name lists from our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) based on these criteria. For the DV referrals, our CE team will work in tandem with our DV CE provider to ensure highest needs households fleeing DV, Stalking or trafficking, will be prioritized for housing assistance.

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):

To add to the response above, referrals will be received through our CE hotline. Callers are assessed and given a needs score based on prioritization criteria for Permanent Housing. The CE team will conduct bi-weekly case conferences with providers and agencies that will receive referrals. They will make referrals based on the by name list produced from HMIS. This up to date by name list helps identify existing and new consumers of homeless services and prioritize them. This system will prevent a "first come, first served" allocation of resources.

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):

DV referrals will be accepted from the DV Coordinated Entry (CE) system that is separate but equal in focus and function to the CoC Coordinated Entry system. HUD requires each CoC to establish a separate but comparable DV CE system. Baltimore County has this DV CE and while assessment and prioritizations are based on an accepted DV best practice lethality assessment, prioritization criteria for permanent housing are consistent with that of the non DV CE.

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:

The new units will be limited to the homeless and those fleeing DV based on need and the data outlined throughout this plan.

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):

Baltimore County will utilize remaining federal and state COVID relief funds and annual homeless prevention funds allocated through current federal, state and county sources to address the needs of those at risk of homelessness, to prevent potential homelessness of families and those with a risk of housing instability.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines -- **NOT APPLICABLE

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 with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)](#). The guidelines must describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Appendix

Exhibit A: HOME-ARP PowerPoint Presentation



HOME- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Program - 6/7/22

Heather Sheridan
Senior Advisor on Homeless Services
Department of Housing & Community Development



Welcome and Overview

Agenda

- I. Overview of HOME-ARP Funding
 - I. Priority Populations and Allowable uses
- II. Development of the Administrative Plan
 - I. Public hearing, Draft, Comment Period and Final submission to HUD
- III. Public Input Session
 - I. 60 minutes total, each speaker will be timed.

HOME-ARP Overview

- \$5 billion nationwide for homelessness assistance and assistance to other vulnerable populations to:
 - Baltimore County's HOME-ARP allocation - **\$7.4 million**, (through Sept. 30, 2030)
- Participating jurisdictions (PJs) may use HOME-ARP funds for the following eligible activities:
 - Production or preservation of affordable rental housing
 - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 - Provision of supportive services
 - Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units
- HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals and families that meet the requirements for one or more "qualifying populations" (QPs)

Qualifying Populations

- **Homeless** (McKinney Act definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
- **At-risk of homelessness** (McKinney Act definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
- **Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence**, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
 - Definitions from VAWA regulation at 24 CFR 5.2003, except
 - Human trafficking definition from Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
- **Veterans and or veteran families** that meet one of the above criteria

Additional Qualifying Populations

- **Families that require services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness** including households that:
 - previously qualified as “homeless”
 - are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance
 - need additional assistance or support to avoid returning to homelessness
- **Households at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability** - a household that has:
 - Annual income \leq 30% of area median income **and** paying more than 50% of monthly income towards housing

OR

 - Annual Income \leq 50% of AMI **and** meets one of the conditions of “at risk of homelessness” defined at 91.5 paragraph (iii)

Allowable Uses for Home-ARP

Production/Preservation of Rental Housing

Eligible Activities:

- Acquisition of standard rental housing
- Construction of rental housing
- Rehabilitation of rental housing - Includes conversion of non-residential buildings to housing

Eligible Costs:

- Development of hard and soft costs, Relocation, Operating cost assistance/reserves

Rental Housing Targeting:

- 70% or more of total rental units funded with HOME-ARP grant must be restricted for occupancy by qualifying households at time of household's initial occupancy – called "QP units"
- 30% or less of total rental units funded with HOME-ARP may be restricted for occupancy by low-income households – called "LI units"
 - Proportions in a project may vary, but LI Units are only permitted in projects that also include QP units restricted for qualifying households

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Eligible Activities:

- Can assist qualifying populations to pay rent, security or utility deposits and utility payments, and utility deposits.

Eligible Costs:

- Rent and security deposit
- Utility payments, as part of rental assistance
- Utility deposit payments, as part of rental assistance or security deposit assistance

Other Things to Know:

- Assistance is attached to qualifying households rather than the unit – can be mobile
- Participating jurisdiction chooses term of contract
- If used in HOME or HOME-ARP rental unit, inspections deferred
- Cannot be used in connection with homebuyer programs

Supportive Services

Eligible Activities:

- HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as standalone programs or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities

Eligible Costs:

- McKinney-Vento Supportive Services: adapted from the services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services: adapted from eligible homelessness prevention services under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) regulations and are revised, supplemented, and streamlined.
- Housing Counseling: as defined in Part 5, including requirement that counseling only be provided by HUD-certified housing counselors

Other Things to Know:

- Individuals and families who meet a QP definition and are not already receiving these services through another program are eligible for HOME-ARP supportive services

McKinney Vento Support Services and Prevention

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child care• Education services• Employment assistance and job training• Food• Housing search and counseling services• Legal services• Life skills training• Mental health services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outpatient health services• Outreach services• Substance use treatment services• Transportation• Case management• Mediation• Credit repair• Landlord/tenant liaison• Services for special populations• Financial assistance costs |
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Eligible Costs - Housing Counseling

- Staff salaries and overhead costs of HUD-certified housing counseling agencies – direct housing counseling services
- Development of a housing counseling work plan
- Marketing and outreach
- Intake
- Financial and housing affordability analysis
- Action plans
- Follow-up communications with program participants

Acquisition/Development Non-Congregate Shelter

Eligible Activities:

- Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) is defined as one or more buildings that:
 - Provide private units or rooms for temporary shelter
 - Serve individuals and families that meet one or more of the qualifying populations
 - Do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement

Eligible Costs:

- Acquisition costs
- New construction, with or without land acquisition
- Rehabilitation of existing structures (such as motels, nursing homes)
- Development hard and soft costs
- Replacement reserve (for costs identified in capital needs assessment)

Other Things to Know:

- Ongoing operating costs of NCS cannot be paid for by HOME-ARP

Administrative Funds

- Assistance to Nonprofits
 - Up to 5% of allocation to pay operating expenses of funded nonprofit organizations
 - Up to an additional 5% of allocation to pay eligible costs related to developing capacity of funded nonprofit organizations
 - Can be provided if PJ expects to provide HOME-ARP funds to the organization for HOME-ARP activities within 24 months
 - Eligible costs are “general operating costs” of the nonprofit
- Limitations on Assistance to Nonprofits
 - In any fiscal year, operating assistance may not exceed > 50% of the general operating expenses of organization for that fiscal year, or \$50,000
 - In any fiscal year, capacity building assistance may not exceed > 50% of general operating expenses of organization for that fiscal year, or \$50,000
 - If an organization receives both types of assistance in a fiscal year, the aggregate total amount it may receive is greater of 50% of their operating expenses for that year or \$75,000

Next Steps

Homelessness CoC Input Session held – April 26, 2022

Incorporate feedback into Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

15 Day Public Comment Period on draft document

Submission of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD for approval
By August 31, 2022

Input Session

To provide a comment, please type your name, title and organization into the chat of this WebEx. Your name will be called, on a first-come, first-served basis and each speaker will be limited to no more than 3 minutes.

**You may also email comments to Hsheridan@baltimorecountymd.gov

THANK YOU



Exhibit B: Baltimore County HOME-ARP Public Input Survey



Baltimore County HOME-ARP Public Input Survey

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated Baltimore County \$7,471,986 in HOME funds through the American Rescue Plan Act HOME supplemental Allocations (ARP). The HOME-ARP funds may be used for the following eligible activities: (1) Production or preservation of affordable rental housing; (2) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); (3) Provision of supportive services; and (4) Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals and families that meet the requirements for one or more "qualifying populations" which include the following: (1) Homeless (McKinney Act definition); (2) At-risk of homelessness (McKinney Act definition); (3) Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking (VAWA & Trafficking Victims Protection Act definitions); and (4) Veterans and or veteran families that meet one of the other criteria.

(3) Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking (VAWA & Trafficking Victims Protection Act definitions); and (4) Veterans and or veteran families that meet one of the other criteria.

Name

Title	First	Last
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Organization

Which qualifying population(s) does your organization serve?

- ☐ Homeless ☐ At-risk of homelessness
- ☐ Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- ☐ Veterans
- ☐ My organization does not serve one of these qualifying populations

What are some disparities impacting the population(s) your organization serves?

Where does your organization recommend Baltimore County invest HOME-ARP funds?

- ☐ Production or preservation of affordable rental housing ☐ Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- ☐ Provision of Supportive Services ☐ Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Units

Why do you think this will be the best source of our investment based on the needs of the qualifying population you work to assist?

If you have any other feedback please share it below:

Submit

Exhibit C: Survey Distribution Email

Baltimore Co. HOME-ARP Funds - Need Your Input



Charissa Rogge

To

Cc: Heather Sheridan

Bcc: 'amy@dundalkusa.org'; 'leechristopherw@yahoo.com'; 'timothysmanor@gmail.com'; 'hope2forme@yahoo.com'; 'vharris@kairosdevelopmentllc.com'; 'kladly@gbchrb.org'; 'georgelwagner@gmail.com'; 'mail@calverthousing.org'; 'housing@howardcountymd.gov'; 'brendan@sbrothersdev.com'; 'jennifer@empower410.com'; +104 others

Retention Policy - Exchange Inactive Mailboxes - 20220418 (1 year, 5 months)

Expires 8/6/2024

Reply Reply All Forward ...

Mon 2/13/2023 3:15 PM

Good Afternoon,

The Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development is seeking input from your organization. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated Baltimore County \$7,471,986 in HOME funds through the American Rescue Plan Act HOME supplemental Allocations (ARP).

These funds may be used for the following eligible activities:

1. Production or preservation of affordable rental housing;
2. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA);
3. Provision of supportive services; and
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

These funds **must** be used to primarily benefit individuals and families that meet the requirements for one or more "qualifying populations" which include the following:

1. Homeless (McKinney Act definition);
2. At-risk of homelessness (McKinney Act definition);
3. Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking (VAWA & Trafficking Victims Protection Act definitions); and
4. Veterans and/or veteran families that meet one of the other criteria.

We want to know where you think these funds could best serve the above qualifying populations. Your feedback could help our department invest these funds where they are needed most.

If your organization is interested in providing input, please follow the link below and complete the survey before noon on Friday, February 17, 2023:

<https://www.cognitiforms.com/BaltimoreCountyDepartmentOfHousingAndCommunityDevelopment/BaltimoreCountyHOMEARPPublicInputSurvey>

Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development
The Jefferson Building
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201
Towson, MD 21204

If you have HOME-ARP questions, please contact Heather Sheridan, Chief of Homeless Services
Email: hsheridan@baltimorecountymd.gov

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Exhibit D: BC DHCD Website Posting

BALTIMORE COUNTY HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is currently planning use of \$7.4 million in HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds. This funding will be directed to assist individuals or households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

HOME-ARP funding must be used to serve one or more of the following qualified populations:

- Homeless (McKinney Act Definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
- At risk of homelessness (McKinney Act Definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking
- Other populations where assistance would:
 - Prevent the family's homelessness; or
 - Serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability
- Veterans and families including a veteran member that meet one of the preceding criteria

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit the qualifying populations through the four eligible activities:

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing
- Provision of Supportive Services
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Units

Learn more about the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's ARP](#). The proposed uses for the HOME-ARP funding are included in the [Draft Allocation Plan](#). This Plan will be open for public comment through Tuesday, March 28 at 5 p.m. Submit comments by email to dhcd@baltimorecountymd.gov or by phone at [410-887-8822](tel:410-887-8822) (callers are to leave a message). Interested persons who have comments in a language other than English may send an email for accurate translation.



Exhibit E: Public Comment Notification Email

Baltimore Co. HOME-ARP **Draft** Allocation **Plan**

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Department of Housing and Community Development

Bcc: Aimee.bollinger@maryland.gov; aimee.harmon-darrow@hud.gov; alexis@familycrisiscenter.net; alice.barry@VA.gov; arodriguez@turnaroundinc.org +537 others

Tue 3/14/2023 11:40 AM

Good Morning,

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated Baltimore County \$7,471,986 in HOME funds through the American Rescue **Plan** Act HOME supplemental Allocations (ARP).

These funds may be used for the following eligible activities:

1. Production or preservation of affordable rental housing;
2. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA);
3. Provision of supportive services; and
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

These funds **must** be used to primarily benefit individuals and families that meet the requirements for one or more "qualifying populations" which include the following:

1. Homeless (McKinney Act definition);
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3. Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking (VAWA & Trafficking Victims Protection Act definitions); and
4. Veterans and/or veteran families that meet one of the other criteria.

With input from a range of stakeholders, the Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development has prepared a **draft** HOME-ARP Allocation **Plan**, which outlines the **plan**ned use for the awarded funds.

The **draft** allocation **plan** has been posted to our website and will be up for review through end of day Monday March 27th, 2023.

To review the **draft plan**, click the link below:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/housing/homelessness/index.html>

To provide input on the **draft** HOME-ARP Allocation **Plan**, please submit comments as soon as possible, but no later than 4pm on **Monday March 24th, 2023**. Comments may be submitted by email to dhcd@baltimorecountymd.gov or by phone at 410-887-5522.

Comments will be reviewed and applied to the **plan** where applicable. Comments received that do not meet the requirements of HOME-ARP will be recorded as received in the updated **plan** submitted to HUD.

Thank you for your interest in this important funding.

Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development
The Jefferson Building
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201
Towson, MD 21204

If you have HOME-ARP questions, contact Heather Sheridan, Chief of Homeless Services: hsheridan@baltimorecountymd.gov

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Exhibit F: CoC Listening Session Notification/Invitation Email

Heather Sheridan

Subject: HOME-ARP Listening Session - CoC Stakeholders

Start: Tue 4/26/2022 9:30 AM
End: Tue 4/26/2022 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Heather Sheridan

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Charissa Rogge

Members of the CoC please join us for an overview session of the anticipated \$7.4 million in HOME-ARP funds to Baltimore County. Directions to join this meeting are at the bottom of this email and a computer with working audio is required to join.

This listening session is only open to members of our CoC. A public hearing will be held in early May. During the meeting we will review the allowable uses for the HOME-ARP funding and collect input and feedback that will inform our county administrative plan to be submitted to HUD for approval. Verbal comments will be received at the 30 minute mark of the meeting and directions to submit written comments will be provided at the end of the meeting.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be

administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). More information can be found here: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp

BALTIMORE COUNTY'S HOME ARP ALLOCATION: \$7,471,986

ELIGIBLE QUALIFYING POPULATIONS:

HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations: Homeless At-risk of homelessness Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking In other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit the qualifying populations through the four eligible activities:

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2. Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing
3. Provision of Supportive Services
4. Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Units

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Meeting password: 8bsPAC4SpD3

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You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Exhibit G: Email Requesting Listening Session Information be Posted to County Website

From: Michael Thomas <mthomas1@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 12:58 PM

To: Joy Roberts <jroberts@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Cc: Heather Sheridan <hs Sheridan@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: HOME ARP Public Input announcement 5-6-222

Good afternoon Joy,

Please post the information below (marked in quotes) to the Baltimore County Homelessness webpage.

- Post announcement to County URL: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/housing/homelessness/index.html>

- Information to be posted (below)

- Event registration link for attendees: <https://baltimorecountymd.webex.com/baltimorecountymd/onstage/g.php?MTID=edaeb5a91379db0cbd984ea93b04b8e4a>

"Please join Baltimore County DHCD for a public input session on the planned use for \$7.4 million in new HOME-ARP funds. This funding will be directed to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. Registration is required to attend. Click to register: <https://baltimorecountymd.webex.com/baltimorecountymd/onstage/g.php?MTID=edaeb5a91379db0cbd984ea93b04b8e4a>

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More information can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp

During the meeting we will review the allowable uses for the HOME-ARP funding and collect input and feedback that will inform our county administrative plan to be submitted to HUD for approval. A computer with working audio is required to join."

Michael Thomas, MB&A

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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:**

03/31/2023

4. Applicant Identifier:

Baltimore Co. CoC MD-505

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:**

Baltimore County, Maryland

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

52-6000889

*** c. UEI:**

FQB4M5AZEY39

d. Address:

*** Street1:**

105 West Chesapeake Ave.

Street2:

Suite 201

*** City:**

Towson

County/Parish:

Baltimore county

*** State:**

MD: Maryland

Province:

*** Country:**

USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:**

21204-4711

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Hsng. & Community Development

Division Name:

Homeless Services

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

Prefix:

Ms.

*** First Name:**

Heather

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:**

Sheridan

Suffix:

Title:

Chief of Homeless Services

Organizational Affiliation:

Employee of DHCD, CoC Lead Agency

*** Telephone Number:**

410-887-5522

Fax Number:

*** Email:**

hsheridan@baltimorecountymd.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Act

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

M-21-UP-24-0201

* Title:

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

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Baltimore County HOME-ARP

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

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

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="7,471,986.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="7,471,986.00"/>

*** 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: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**

OMB Number: 2501-0017
Expiration Date: 01/31/2026

Instructions for the HUD-424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications, which replace any requirement to submit an SF-424-B or SF-424-D. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

*Authorized Representative Name:

Prefix: *First Name:
Middle Name:
*Last Name:
Suffix:

*Title:

*Applicant Organization:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which

is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

7. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

8. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802).

*Signature:

Terry F Hickey

*Date:

3/23/2023

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Director
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Baltimore Co. Dept. Of Housing and Comm. Development	DATE SUBMITTED 03/31/2023

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

Section 3 --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

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.

Terry F. Hickey
Signature of Authorized Official

3/23/2023
Date

Director, DHCD
Title