

## **New River Valley HOME Consortium HOME-ARP Allocation Plan**

### **Introduction**

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the appropriation of \$5 billion, under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide housing services and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, to be allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding.

The purpose of HOME-ARP is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities, as described in Notice CPD-21-10: *Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*. These include acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, development of rental housing, administration and planning, and nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance. HOME-ARP funds must assist people in HOME-ARP "qualifying populations", which include:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

The New River Valley HOME Consortium has been allocated \$2,161,332 through this appropriation. To receive funding, the Consortium must develop and submit to HUD a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which describes the intended distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must be informed through stakeholder consultation and community engagement.

### **Consultation**

In accordance with Section V.A. of the Notice (page 13), before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, at a minimum, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must consult with:

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

***The following includes the organizations consulted in the preparation of this Allocation Plan, by type:***

CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area	New River Valley Housing Partnership (regional administrator of Virginia Balance of State Continuum of Care)
homeless service providers	New River Community Action New River Valley Community Services New River Family Shelter Women's Resource Center of the NRV To Our House Shelter, including faith-based host partners: Blacksburg Baptist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Our Saviour Lutheran Church
domestic violence service providers	Women's Resource Center of the NRV
veterans' groups	Salem VA Medical Center/Veterans Affairs Total Action for Progress
public housing agencies (PHAs),	Housing Connections: administrator of the Housing Choice Voucher Program for the NRV in partnership with Virginia Housing (THERE IS NO PHA IN THE NEW RIVER VALLEY)
public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Montgomery County Emergency Assistance New River Valley Community Services Town of Christiansburg Giles County Schools Department of Social Services New River Community College Head Start Department of Corrections – Probation and Parole Montgomery County Victim Assistance Program Riner Rescue Squad
Non-profit organizations that address the needs of the qualifying populations	New River Community Action Embrace Healthy Solutions/Embrace Recovery Giles County Christian Service Mission Micah's Backpack Program Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread Community Housing Partners United Healthcare of Virginia Tri Area Community Health Carilion NRV Medical Center CNRVMC St Albans Lewis Gale Hospital Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church City of Refuge Pulaski Open Door Baptist Church

public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities	Total Action for Progress New River Valley Community Services New River Community Action New River Valley Agency on Aging Goodwill Industries of the Valleys Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services Virginia Poverty Law Center Enroll Virginia Southwest VA Legal Aid Society Christiansburg Institute Inc. Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services
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*Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:*

- New River Valley Housing Partnership***  
The membership of the NRV Housing Partnership includes a broad spectrum of housing and service providers who work with homeless populations, as well as representatives from local government and other agencies that support their work. The partnership provides a forum for the local Continuum of Care to meet with its membership to receive input and support for its initiatives and for members to share valuable information about emerging needs and programs. As an active member of the Partnership, the NRV HOME Consortium has used the monthly meetings over the past two years to share information about the HOME ARP funding opportunity and receive feedback from members on the development of the Allocation Plan.
- “Homelessness in the New River Valley” Survey***  
In September 2022, the HOME Consortium partnered with the lead agencies of the local COC to conduct an online survey of the current state of homeless services in the NRV, aimed at assessing need, identifying gaps, and prioritizing solutions.
- NRV HOME-ARP Advisory Committee***  
In October, 2022, The HOME Consortium invited key stakeholders to sit on an advisory committee that was tasked with providing input and direction to the development of the Allocation Plan. Members included representative from New River Community Action, the Women’s Resource Center, New River Valley Community Services, New River Family Shelter, and the City of Radford.
- NRV HOME Consortium Board***  
Over the past two years, HOME Consortium staff have worked to engage the HOME Board (comprised of representatives for all 5 localities) in the planning process, through information-sharing presentations and the solicitation of input into the direction of the Allocation Plan.
- Individual Stakeholder Interviews***  
Home Consortium staff have met individually with several key stakeholders to solicit input throughout the consultation process.

*List the organizations consulted:*

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
New River Community Action	Lead agency for COC, Homelessness prevention and services – sheltered, unsheltered, and persons-at-risk, management of Housing Choice Voucher Program, support for criminal justice system-involved persons, individuals with mental health and substance use disorders	Participation on Advisory Committee, Housing Partnership meetings, individual interviews, survey	Shortage of resources, shelter beds, and available, affordable housing stock; significant gap in services for adults, families, LGBTQ+, sex offenders, medically fragile, unaccompanied youth, persons with disabilities and substance abuse disorders; limited financial assistance; limited housing for families with children; lack of year-round shelter; need for single men’s shelter and transitional housing in Giles County and shelter for unaccompanied youth; need for transitional housing; lack of awareness of resources; doubled-up persons do not meet definition of homeless; need for life skills and supportive services; better transportation across localities
Women’s Resource Center of the NRV	Emergency assistance and housing for persons fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking, legal advocacy, counseling	Participation on Advisory Committee; Housing Partnership Meetings, individual interviews, survey	Significant gap in services for most populations; transportation and employment issues for persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP.; lack of affordable housing; lack of daytime, year-round and long-term shelter; no shelter for unaccompanied youth; more space among these shelters and accommodations for elderly, disabled, LGBTQ+ and families; violence resulting from doubling-up; more vouchers needed and housing that accepts them; educational support for parenting classes, job skills, nutrition, finances, housing services, counseling,

			trauma support; delay in response time; need for transportation in rural areas; need more accessible service for persons with disabilities, language barriers
New River Valley Community Services	Permanent Supportive Housing, working with individuals exiting homelessness and public institutions with mental health disorders and substance abuse disorders, criminal-justice system-involved	Housing Partnership meetings, Participation on Advisory Committee, individual interviews, survey	Significant gap in services for families, adults, sex offenders, LGBTQ+, unaccompanied youth, persons with disabilities, persons with substance use disorders, and persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP. All programs need to be better staffed. Lack of available shelters, affordable housing, financial resources, services. Need for dedicated public service entity/local position to homelessness. Need for more housing options for persons exiting criminal justice system.
Salem VA Medical Center/Veterans Affairs	Veterans assistance	Housing Partnership meetings, survey	Significant gap in services for families, LGBTQ+, sex offenders, persons with disabilities. Need for available, affordable housing stock, financial assistance, and prevention services
Total Action for Progress	Community action, anti-poverty service agency (education, employment, housing)	Housing Partnership meetings, survey	Year-round shelter needed with more outreach
Montgomery County Emergency Assistance	Housing and food security assistance for individuals with mental health disorders, individuals with disabilities, criminal justice system involved, renters, homeless and at-risk of homelessness,	Housing Partnership meetings, survey	Significant gap in services for persons with substance abuse disorders. Barriers to accessing services include transportation, lack of year round shelters for all individuals, restrictions on pets, lack of phone and internet. Need for affordable housing for low income population.

	and individuals with substance use disorders		
To Our House	Seasonal homeless shelter for adults	Housing Partnership meetings, survey	Biggest need is for affordable housing stock. Need for apartments with multiple bedrooms.
Blacksburg Baptist Church	Faith-based community that participates as host site for To Our House homeless shelter	survey	Not enough shelter capacity to serve need; need for permanent, staffed shelter.
St. Mary's Catholic Church	Faith-based community that participates as host site for To Our House homeless shelter	survey	Significant gap in services for families, medically fragile, LGBTQ+, unaccompanied youth, persons with disabilities and substance abuse disorders and persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP. Need for emergency and long-term housing. Need for a larger shelter with private and/or family units.
Our Saviour Lutheran Church	Faith-based community that participates as host site for To Our House homeless shelter	survey	Significant gap in services for adults, families, sex offenders, medically fragile, LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities. Many homeless do not have access to phones to seek help. Need for permanent homeless shelter (year round), affordable housing, tiny-home community, soup kitchen/coordinated food ministry for the whole community, fast emergency aid.
Town of Christiansburg	Municipal government Support for homelessness programs	Housing Partnership meetings, survey	Unsheltered persons sleeping in parks and on trails. Lack of info about services is a barrier; need for robust intake system to match people with services and resources.

Embrace Healthy Solutions/Embrace Recovery	Mental Health and Substance Abuse services	survey	Significant gap in services for adults, families, single parent households, sex offenders, medically fragile, persons with disabilities and substance abuse disorders; ‘doubled-up” don’t qualify as homeless; long process of admission for homelessness assistance; lack of shelter spaces; need year-round shelter.
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys	Workplace training and support for populations that include homeless, persons with mental health disorders, criminal justice involved, substance abuse disorders	Housing Partnership meetings, survey	Significant gap in services for adult and family households, sex offenders, persons with substance use disorders. Approx. 50% of people they work with are “doubled up” because they don’t meet all criteria for eligibility for services; shortage of affordable options. LGBTQ+ fear for safety in shelters (sleeping in cars); many clients extremely cost-burdened (on verge of homelessness); clients have had hard time getting someone on the phone to assist them; long waits for persons exiting criminal justice system; need for more affordable, subsidized housing.
Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services	Services for older adults and persons with disabilities	survey	See a significant gap in services for entire homeless population. Multiple barriers including transportation and lack of understanding of available services.
Giles County Schools	education	survey	Significant gap in services for sex offenders, medically fragile, LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities and substance abuse disorders and persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP.
United Healthcare of Virginia	Managed healthcare organization	survey	Significant gaps for adult and family households, sex offenders, medically fragile,

			unaccompanied youth, and individuals with substance abuse disorders. Lack of affordable housing stock.
Citizen volunteer	Volunteer with criminal justice system involved	survey	Need transitional housing for those exiting criminal justice system and therapeutic housing/facility for sex offenders. Barriers: transportation, lack of shelter capacity and affordable housing
City of Refuge Pulaski	Faith-based community offering crisis support, food security, after-school programs	survey	Significant gap in services for unaccompanied youth; lack of transitional housing and affordable housing; support needed for persons exiting institutions and persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP.
Department of Social Services	Food and medical assistance, child protective services	survey	Significant gap in services for adult and family households, sex offenders, medically fragile, persons with substance abuse disorders, persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP, unaccompanied youth. Need for more shelter capacity, emergency and long-term support, affordable housing. Felons have difficulty qualifying for housing.
Giles County Christian Service Mission	Emergency assistance for families in need	survey	Giles County needs shelter with on-site services; no year-round for single adults. Temporary housing and services needed. 'Doubled up' can't get services. Lack of resources for rent support.
New River Community College	education	Housing Partnership meetings, survey	Students at risk of homelessness, unaware of services and in need of emergency support. Also need for child care.



Micah's Backpack Program	Food security for children and families	survey	Transportation is a barrier.
Head Start	Pre-school education	survey	Significant gap in services for single parent families, LGBTQ+, persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP, and persons with substance abuse disorders; persons who are doubled-up are often lower priority; lack of information about services and early intervention; limited resources for unsheltered homeless in rural counties; need for stable employment and transportation; more youth activities needed; need for adequate and well-maintained housing for families; system complicated and overwhelming.
Virginia Poverty Law Center Enroll Virginia	Assistance with obtaining health insurance	survey	Significant lack of services for all populations; need for affordable and immediate housing; barriers to finding safe housing for victims of domestic violence.
Southwest VA Legal Aid Society	Legal assistance for low-income persons, including evictions	Individual interviews, survey	Lack of shelters, resources, services and affordable housing; hidden need of doubled-up persons; fewer resources for persons exiting institutions; more resources needed for victims of domestic violence; significant lack of services for families, LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities and substance abuse disorders.
Open Door Baptist Church	Faith-based community with addictions recovery program	survey	Significant gap in services for persons with substance abuse disorders; delay in response times for homeless services.
Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread	Food security program	survey	Significant gap in services for most populations; lack of shelter space and hard to access over large, rural area;

			need for well-resourced staffing at shelters; need for day shelter in harsh weather; lack of affordable housing close to employment; predatory and unresponsive landlords; rent relief programs dried up; poor condition of housing; lack of day care.
Community Housing Partners	Non-profit, management of affordable housing communities	Housing Partnership, survey	Significant gap in services for single adults, large families, sex offenders, medically fragile, LGBTQ+, unaccompanied youth, people with accessibility issues, and persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP.; need for more affordable housing; assistance for people with language barriers and info about services.
Department of Corrections – Probation and Parole	Probation and parole administration and services	survey	Significant gap in services for single adults, sex offenders, medically fragile, substance abuse disorders. Need more year-round shelter space; poor access to services for persons doubled-up; Justice-involved individuals that are exiting prison/jail and are in need of nursing home, assisted living or in-hospital hospice care have no options. Poorly maintained (sometimes-uninhabitable) housing options; need for follow-up services.
New River Valley Agency on Aging	Services for older adults and their caregivers	survey	Significant gap in services for medically fragile, LGBTQ+, sex offenders, persons with disabilities and substance abuse disorders and persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP; lack of shelter capacity and affordable housing; no shelter program that provides responsive services to the aging

			population with consideration of medical and mobility issues; transportation needed to shelters; life skills training needed.
Riner Rescue Squad	Emergency response services	survey	Significant gap in services for most populations; people living in barns, campers, cars; no shelter in Floyd County.
Tri Area Community Health	Rural medical clinic	survey	Significant gap in services for all populations; no shelter in Floyd County; shortage of affordable housing; lack of year-round and day shelters for adults; many empty houses that could be repaired and used.
Montgomery County Victim Assistance Program	Assistance for victims of crime	survey	Significant gap in services for single mother households, medically fragile, persons with substance use disorders, persons in domestic violence, sexual assault/trafficking QP. Need for life skills support, childcare, shelter and assistance for unaccompanied youth.
Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church	Faith-based community offering assistance for homeless (sheltered) individuals with mental health disorders, homeless (unsheltered) at-risk of homelessness, individuals with substance use disorders	survey	Affordable housing near employment opportunities where public transportation is available or within walking distance. Severely cost-burdened households who are at risk of housing instability: Many families fall through the cracks and are making just above official minimums to receive help, even though they are barely able to maintain a roof over their heads. Need for permanent shelter in regional localities.
Christiansburg Institute Inc.	Non-profit supporting community education, intergenerational	survey	Significant gap in services for adults, single parent and large families, medically fragile.

	empowerment, and the responsible stewardship of African American history, stories, and culture.		LGBTQ+, persons with substance abuse disorders. Homeless are 'hidden' in our community. Lack of shelter space, wrap-around services and resources. Lack of year-round and day shelter for all-adult households.
Carilion NRV Medical Center	Community hospital	survey	Significant gap in services for all populations. Hospital expected to be safety net for homeless with medical needs because of lack of other supportive housing options. Lack of year-round and day shelter for all-adult households. Poor response from homeless hotline. Need for decent low income AND moderate income housing, child care, mental health services, information about available services' transportation, financial assistance, case management, permanent affordable housing with ongoing case management and support.
CNRVMC St Albans	Inpatient psychiatry and behavioral medicine	survey	Significant gap in services for adults, families, medically fragile, LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities and substance abuse disorders. Inadequate shelter and assistance for homeless in the NRV. Need for job placement services.
Red Door Ministries	Support for LGBTQ+ students	survey	Significant gap in services for adults, families, LGBTQ+. Need for more inclement weather housing, life skills and emergency services; free mental health access for all, especially LGBTQIA.
Lewis Gale Hospital	Community hospital	survey	Giant gap in services for most populations. Unsheltered homeless come to hospital because homeless services not

			available. Need for more shelters and awareness of resources.
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***Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:***

The attached report, *Homelessness in the New River Valley (appendix 1)*, is an overview of data compiled from the survey conducted in conjunction with this allocation plan in September 2022. Highlights from the survey responses include:

- There is a feeling that we are not serving any community very well, although those best served are those experiencing domestic violence and single mother households.
- Those households with compounding risk factors (language barrier, compounding medical factors, substance abuse, or criminal record) are not being served as well.
- The top three barriers to accessing homeless services that were named were lack of available, affordable housing stock, transportation, and lack of available shelter capacity.

Survey respondents were asked the question, **“If money and capacity were not an issue, what improvements or additions would you envision for homeless services in the NRV?”** Here is a sample of their responses:

“I would envision rent control and more construction of affordable housing, a massive expansion of free public transportation throughout the area, more meal programs that are well-resourced and are able to provide healthy meals to anyone that needs it.”

“We need much more affordable housing (both more affordable and physical space). We need more accessible assistance both for those with disabilities and those with language barriers (as well as lack of access to internet and transportation services). More trauma informed spaces and practices would be helpful. And more capacity in programs that help with the reduction of barriers to maintaining housing (like substance use or mental health). More education regarding financial independence and credit health (for both adults and teens) would be helpful as well. We have some good programs, we just need so much more.”

“Increase affordable housing options and information for people who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless”

“Housing for those with addiction/MH issues; emergency housing for homeless with wrap-around services; affordable housing; increased subsidy programs for housing; short-term rental assistance with wrap-around services”

“Housing for high barrier individuals (those who are justice-involved, have substance use disorder or mental health disorder). Housing for Sex Offenders who are more likely to be homeless due to many factors including lack of family support, lack of housing due to labeling, inability to be near minors or places that house minors.”

“There’s just not enough affordable housing.”

## **Public Participation**

In accordance with Section V.B. of the Notice (page 13), PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of no less than 15 calendar days. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and before submission.

PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

- The amount of HOME-ARP funding that the PJ will receive, and
- The range of activities the PJ may undertake.

Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, the PJ must follow its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current citizen participation plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 2/26/2023***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 2/26/2023 end date - 3/27/2023***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 3/23/2023***

***Describe the public participation process:***

Public participation in the development and review of this allocation plan was conducted according to the Blacksburg Citizen Participation Plan, which “encourages citizen input in defining housing, community development, and public service needs; services to be provided by community-based organizations; the funding priorities for programs and target populations to be served through resources available in the Consolidated Plan.”

***Describe efforts to broaden public participation:***

Public participation was encouraged and facilitated during a 30-day public comment period through the following:

1. Notice was published at the start of the public comment period through the Roanoke Times, the region’s only daily newspaper (*appendix 2*).
2. The Allocation Plan was available for review and comment on the Town of Blacksburg website.
3. Print copies were available on request from the Housing and Community Connections office.

4. Emails to encourage comment participation were sent to all those participants in the 2022 survey who provided email addresses, to members of the Housing Partnership, Ally membership of the Women's Resource Center, faith-based leaders, and NRV HOME Consortium members.

All public notifications included the following language: "Accommodations for people with disabilities and non-English speaking residents will be provided upon request". The public was invited to make comment at an open meeting of the HOME Consortium Board on March 23, 2023. Comments could also be submitted by email, phone or in person to HOME Consortium staff as well as through an online survey portal throughout the public comment period.

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

Five persons left comments using the online survey portal.

Three of the respondents reported being very comfortable with the Allocation Plan. Their comments included:

"I believe that this is a very warranted use of this funding, as affordable housing is not easily accessible in the NRV";

"There is such a big need" and

"I work with the population this will serve and agree with the immediate need in our area".

One respondent reported being neither comfortable nor uncomfortable with the plan, saying that they did not have enough information to decide.

One respondent reported being "somewhat uncomfortable", citing concerns that affordable housing projects tend to be located in less desirable areas and tend to create a concentration of low income people/families, as well as a concern that these projects rarely receive the funding necessary for long term care and maintenance.

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

There were no comments that were not accepted.

## **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

The Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis portion of the allocation plan examines the size and composition of qualifying populations, identifies current resources available, assesses unmet housing and services needs of these populations, and calls attention to existing gaps.

The following tables provide data on the current state of homeless and housing services and resources in the New River Valley.

**Table 1: Continuum of Care Housing Inventory**

Type	Family		Adults Only	
	Congregate Beds	Non-congregate Units	Congregate Beds	Non-congregate Units
Emergency Shelter	47	9	24	1
Transitional Housing	0	6	0	1
Permanent Supportive Housing				14

**Table 2: 2022 New River Valley Point-in Time Count**

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	<i>Emergency</i>	<i>Transitional</i>		
Total number of households	29	4	6	39
Total number of persons	36	16	6	58
Total number of households with children	5	3	0	8
Adults with a serious mental illness	7	2	2	11
Adults with a substance abuse disorder	6	0	2	8
Adult survivors of domestic violence	8	4	0	12

*Data source: 2022 NRV Point In Time Count*

**Table 3: 2021 COC Coordinated Entry Data**

Persons served through Coordinated Entry	
Total number of persons served	369
Number of households	257
Number of adults	307
Number of children (under age 18)	62
Number of youth (under age 25)	38
Number of veterans	8

Coordinated Activity During Year		
Assessment/Event	Total Occurrences	Successful Referral
Housing needs assessment	327	
Referral to Emergency Shelter bed opening	160	25
Referral to Rapid Rehousing project resource opening	103	45

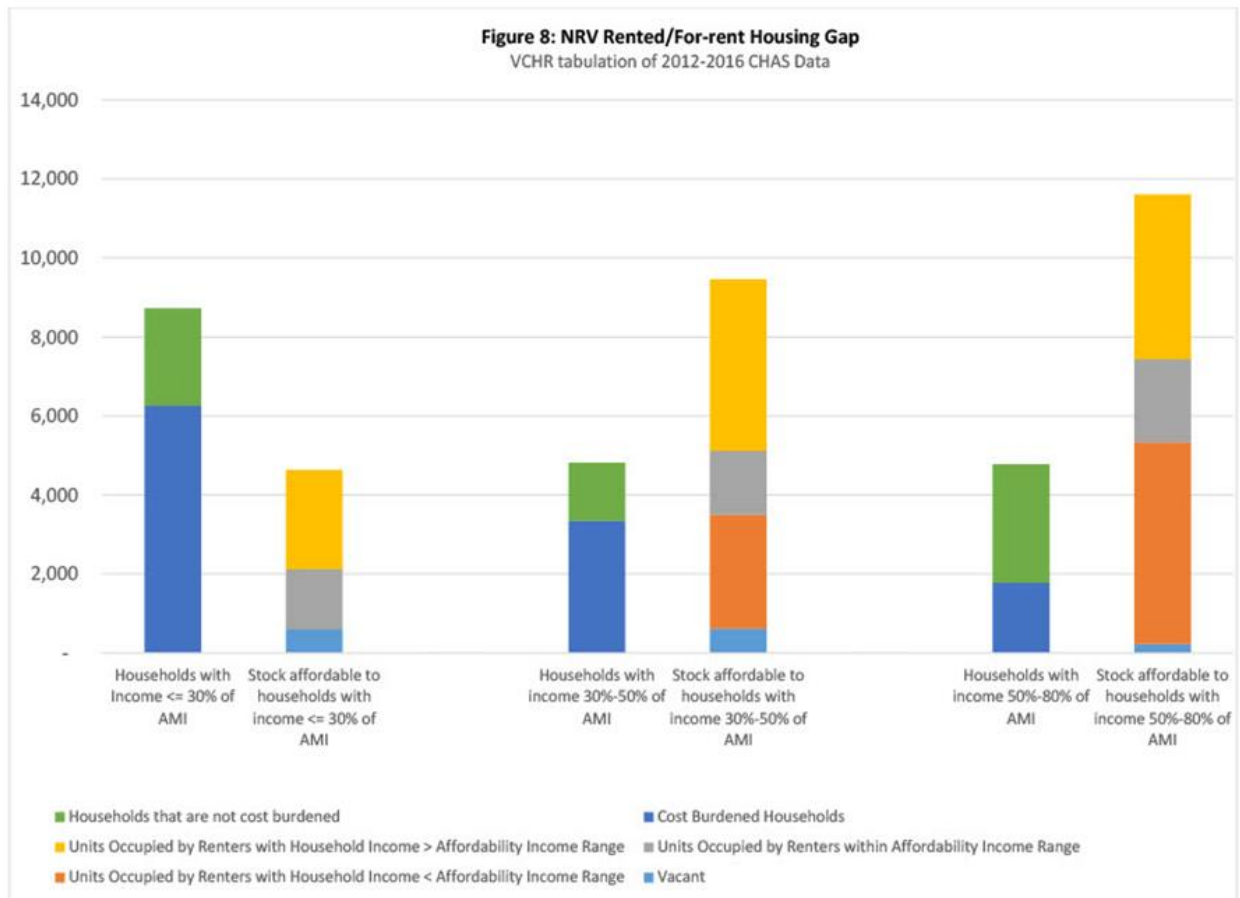
*Data source: 2021-2022 HMIS data, New River Coordinated Entry DHCD*



**Table 4: New River Valley Affordable Housing Stock**

	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	25865		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	1629		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (lacks complete kitchen facilities, lacks complete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, and/or cost burdened – pays more than 30% of income on housing)		5075	
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems			4705

**Data Source:** Rental Inventory - 2013-2017 CHAS



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

***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

In 2022 the Point In Time Count, which is used to count sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January, found that there were 6 unsheltered persons, 36 staying in shelters, and 16 staying in transitional housing. Of these, 14% identified as having a serious mental health illness, 19% with having a substance use disorder, and 21% as being adult survivors of domestic violence.

The NRV Continuum of Care operates a Coordinated Entry System (CES) which acts as an entry point for persons seeking homelessness and housing assistance. In 2021/22 the CES made 160 referrals for emergency shelter beds.

Project Hope provides assistance for children experiencing homelessness in the New River Valley, and children living in local shelters, with funding from the Virginia Department of Education as authorized under the **McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act**, Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95). In 2020/2021 they reported 16 unsheltered children/youth; 27 in shelters; 130 who were “doubled up” (sharing space with another family) and 43 with temporary shelter in a hotel/motel.

An analysis conducted by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development of New River Valley Racial Disparities in 2020-2021 indicated significant disparities in the representation of the Black, African American or African group within the homelessness system as compared to percentage of total population. This group makes up approximately 4.48% of the population of the New River Valley (2011-15 ACS). The Homeless Management System (HMIS) data showed they represented 13% of those entering the homelessness system and 7% of those entering crisis housing.

***At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

HMIS data for the New River Valley indicates that 369 persons and 257 households sought housing assistance in 2021-22. Of these, 103 were referred to the Rapid Rehousing program.

Casey Edmonds, a housing specialist with New River Community Action (NRCA), reports that rapid rehousing participants are requiring longer terms of assistance due to the limited availability of low-income housing. Factors such as the lack of an affordable wage, rising rent costs and the number of clients who are severely cost-burdened, are major challenges to this population. Other current needs that have been observed by NRCA staff include:

- The number of baby boomers who are reaching retirement age, and are locked into fixed incomes.
- An increase in the number of persons who are on disability due to substance abuse and mental health disorders.

- Approximately 3 out of 5 families served lack reliable transportation, making it difficult for them to access more affordable housing options in rural communities that are geographically distanced from employment opportunities.
- An increase in program participants exiting incarceration, who face the challenges of finding landlords who are willing to accept them as well as a need for on-site support services.
- An ongoing shortage of emergency housing vouchers to assist households/individuals with higher barriers who are experiencing homelessness.

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

The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, which provides programs and services to adults and children who have experienced sexual or domestic violence, reported the following services provided during their 2020-21 fiscal year:

- hotline crisis calls: 2,324 (of these calls, 292 resulted in referrals to homelessness programs)
- emergency advocacy program persons served: 350
- domestic violence victims served: 774
- nights of shelter, emergency & transitional housing shelters: 9,606
- sexual assault victims served: 242

***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***

HUD defines cost-burdened households as “families who pay more than 30% of their income for housing...and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation, and medical care.” The 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment showed this as the most predominate housing issue effecting households across multiple sectors. The NRV Regional and Local Housing Study (2021) found that 21% of non-student households are cost-burdened, with nearly half of those paying more than 50% of their income on housing (severely cost-burdened). Almost 100% of cost-burdened households have incomes below 80% AMI, with the largest concentration in the 0-30% LMI category. Available data suggests between 27 and 47% of Black-African American households are cost-burdened. Persons at risk of homelessness who participate in rapid rehousing programs are also frequently severely cost-burdened.

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

- **The Housing Partnership of the New River Valley** coordinates the region’s Continuum of Care plan. The following organizations work within this network to provide homeless services, including emergency shelters, seasonal shelters, transitional housing, homeless prevention, and rapid re-housing:

- **New River Community Action:** housing counseling, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing
- **Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley:** emergency shelter, transitional housing, Rapid re-housing, crisis intervention and case management for women and children experiencing domestic abuse (26 shelter beds, 6 non-congregate units, 7 transitional units)
- **New River Family Shelter:** emergency shelter for families with children (22 beds, 5 non-congregate units)
- **To Our House:** seasonal evening-only shelter for adults (14 non-congregate units)
- **The Warming Station:** seasonal evening-only shelter for families (7 beds, 2 non-congregate units)
- **New River Valley Community Services** provide services for children and adults who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and/or substance abuse disorders at several facilities located throughout the region. Currently supporting 14 tenants in permanent supportive housing
- **The Community Health Center of the New River Valley** has two locations (in Christiansburg and Pearisburg) that provide medical, dental, and behavioral health care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay or income status. The Free Clinic of Pulaski County provides similar services.

*Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:*

***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

The Point in Time Count does not indicate a significant deficit in available shelter accommodation for homeless individuals and families. Unmet needs that were mentioned by survey responders included a lack of year-round, 24 hour shelter beds, the lack of shelter beds in some rural communities, and the lack of affordable housing (to prevent and address homelessness). Service needs that were cited include mental health and substance abuse support, employment training, and housing counseling.

***At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

Lack of available and affordable housing was the most common need demonstrated through data analysis and voiced by participants in the community survey and stakeholder interviews. Individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness have limited options for success when the housing stock falls desperately short of current need. Other needs reported were financial aid and crisis support services.

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

Survey respondents ranked this population as the best served in the New River Valley. The most commonly reported need was for more emergency and transitional housing.

***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***

A robust selection of services exist across several agencies to meet the needs of those requiring assistance and who are at the greatest risk of housing instability. The consultation process revealed the need for a more coordinated effort to increase awareness of how to access these services, and to ensure that the more rural communities are able to participate fully. Several survey responses expressed concern about individuals and families who are “doubled up” (i.e. living in the home of another because of economic hardship or lack of available housing). Funding is often not as available for assisting in these cases, as they do not meet most definitions of “homeless”. Overall, the most consistently voiced concern was that economic assistance to support housing was insufficient, and that the severe lack of affordable housing (especially for those in the 0 – 30% AMI group who are at risk of homelessness) made re-housing extremely challenging.

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

Point-In-Time data for the past few years has indicated that the shelter system is generally sufficient to meet the need for overnight shelter during the colder months of the year. Several efforts are currently underway to increase the capacity for some of the rural areas to provide additional shelter beds in their communities, making transportation less of a challenge. Plans are also being developed to conduct an unofficial Point in Time count during the summer to assess the need for year-round shelter beds.

The most immediate gap affecting the qualifying populations is the severe shortage of available, affordable housing. 2013 – 2017 CHAS (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) data indicated that there were 1629 rental units that were affordable to households at 30% of AMI At-Risk of Homelessness) in the NRV, and 5075 households in need of this housing, resulting in a gap of 3446 units. The 2021 New River Valley Regional and Local Housing Study found an even greater number of households in this category (6,000+) and only 2,000 or so units to meet the need. Agencies providing housing support services are severely challenged when lack of available units prohibits their ability to assist with stabilizing households.

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

The Consortium has not identified any additional characteristics to be included in this Plan.

***Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:***

The HOME ARP Allocation Plan consultation process echoed the findings of the NRV Regional and Local Housing Study and the 2022 – 20226 Consolidated Plan, indicating that the most urgent priority needs effecting all Qualifying Populations is for an increase in affordable rental housing units.

***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:***

An inventory of shelter and transitional housing beds was conducted as part of the consultation process and compared with Point In Time Count data and reports from service providers, indicating that shelter capacity is doing an adequate job for the most part at addressing the need.

A regular meeting of shelter providers has recently been established to assess shelter capacity and explore opportunities for collaboration across current and potential shelter facilities. The existence of several community efforts that are underway to expand shelter services indicated that smaller gaps in parts of the region were being addressed.

Data on affordable housing in the region speaks overwhelmingly for the challenges faced by all qualifying populations to find appropriate housing that is deeply affordable to meet their current economic needs. Without an increase in rental housing stock for those in the greatest need, service providers are at a loss to break the cycle of homelessness that faces so many of their clients.

## **HOME-ARP Activities**

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

The HOME ARP Advisory Committee was tasked with choosing project direction based on the results of the needs assessment. With the decision to fund an affordable housing project, the committee will now create both a Development Team and a Service Coordination Team.

The Consortium will use an RFP process to identify a developer for the new construction and/or rehabilitation portion of the project. This process will be in alignment with the one used for standard HOME construction projects.

The Development Team will be comprised of the non-profit project owner/manager, HOME Consortium staff, architect, builder or general contractor, service providers, and members of the Advisory Committee. The Team will be responsible for all feasibility and planning activities and be responsible for identifying potential homes that can be rehabbed for the purpose of affordable housing and/or sites for new construction.

The Service Coordination Team will be comprised of the non-profit project owner/manager, HOME Consortium staff, the resident manager, maintenance staff, service providers and tenant representatives. The Team will be responsible for maintenance, operations and ongoing tenant services.

***Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:***

The HOME Consortium will administer grant activities directly.

***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:***

The HOME Consortium will not allocate funds to a subrecipient or contractor to administer the entire HOME-ARP grant.

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

**Use of HOME-ARP Funding**

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Percent of the Grant</b>	<b>Statutory Limit</b>
Supportive Services	\$ #		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,750,681		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 108,066	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 108,066	5 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 194,519	9 %	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 2,161,332</b>		

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

The NRV HOME Consortium will apply \$1,750,681 of its HOME-ARP allocation to the development of an affordable rental project that will create approximately 15 – 25 new units to meet the housing needs of qualifying populations. The Consortium plans to partner with a local non-profit that has agreed to own and manage the rental property. As this will be their first experience in residential property management, they will be provided support through the allocation of \$108,066 (5%) for Non-Profit Operating and \$108,066 (5%) for Non-Profit Capacity Building. Administration and Planning funds of \$194,519 (8%) will be used by the HOME Consortium to cover administrative costs such as dedicated staffing, and planning costs such as consultant fees.

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

The following characteristics, as identified through the needs and gap analysis, support the rationale for the plan to fund these activities:

- Current shelter capacity is generally keeping pace with the needs of the homeless population. Efforts are underway to increase capacity and service provision where specific gaps exist. The most severe gap is the shortage of affordable housing options for those who are leaving sheltered or unsheltered homelessness.
- Several agencies have robust supportive service programs in place to assist qualifying populations in areas such as housing counseling, financial aid, addictions and mental health support. Efforts by these agencies are consistently hindered by the lack of affordable housing available to their client base.
- The housing inventory that is affordable to those in greatest need (0-30% AMI) will need to expand significantly before permanent housing solutions can be realized for the majority of this population. Housing success for many will mean ensuring that the necessary supports are in place to overcome significant barriers. The non-profit that has agreed to own and manage the new units is actively involved in providing homeless and housing support services. They are also committed to connecting potential tenants with other support services (eg. mental health, addictions, employment) as well as the financial supports that may be needed to make their tenancy achievable over the long-term (eg. Housing Choice Vouchers, Permanent Supportive Housing for Adults with Serious Mental Illness slots).

## **HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals**

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

The number of affordable rental units that will be created through this project will depend largely on the anticipated match funds that the Consortium hopes to leverage with HOME-ARP funds. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is the administrator of State HOME-ARP funds, and will be making grants available to localities to support affordable housing projects. With these two sources, as well as other potential funds, it is anticipated that this project will produce 15 – 25 new affordable units for qualifying populations.

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

The 15-25 affordable rental units produced through this project will address the most urgent need of qualifying populations in the New River Valley: increased capacity to meet the housing needs of extremely low income individuals and families.



## 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:*

The HOME Consortium does not intend to give preferences for one or more qualifying population or subpopulation for the project defined in this Allocation Plan.

*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:*

N/A

## Referral Methods

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

Referral methods have not yet been identified for the HOME ARP activities in this plan.

*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):*

N/A

*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):*

N/A

*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):*

N/A

## Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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

The HOME Consortium does not intend to limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation.

*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:*

N/A

*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):*

N/A

## **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines**

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance 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*

The HOME Consortium does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.

## Appendix 1:

### Homelessness in the New River Valley survey report

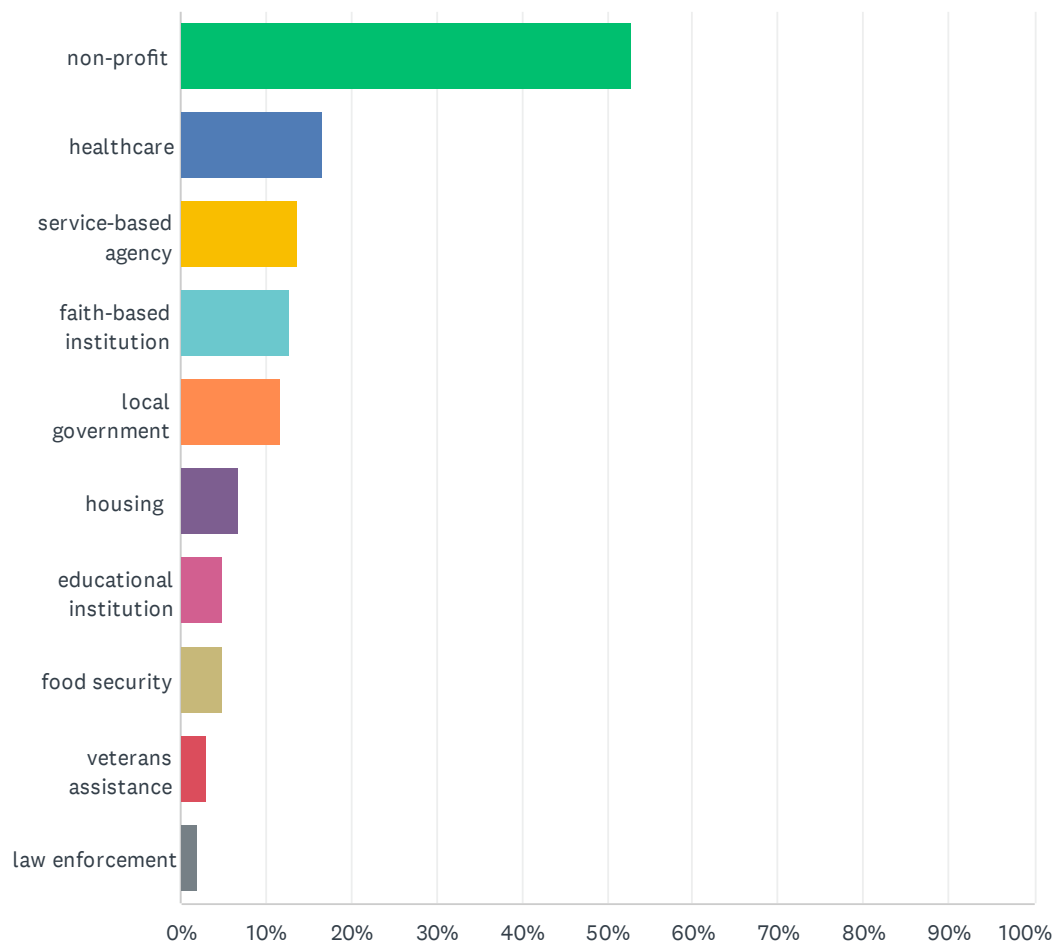
# Homelessness in the New River Valley

a survey conducted by  
the New River Valley HOME Consortium &  
the New River Valley Housing Partnership

September 2022

## Q1 Which of these sectors are you most closely affiliated with?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 3



## Homelessness in the NRV

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
non-profit	52.94%	54
healthcare	16.67%	17
service-based agency	13.73%	14
faith-based institution	12.75%	13
local government	11.76%	12
housing	6.86%	7
educational institution	4.90%	5
food security	4.90%	5
veterans assistance	2.94%	3
law enforcement	1.96%	2
Total Respondents: 102		

## Q2 What is the name of the organization/institution that you are affiliated with?

Answered: 87   Skipped: 18

New River Community Action  
Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley New  
River Valley Community Services  
Total Action for Progress  
Mount Olivet United Methodist Church  
Salem VA Medical Center/Veterans Affairs Montgomery  
County Emergency Assistance Town of Christiansburg  
Embrace Healthy Solutions/Embrace Recovery Goodwill  
Industries of the Valleys  
Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services Giles County  
Schools  
To Our House Homeless Shelter  
United Healthcare of Virginia  
City of Refuge Pulaski  
Department of Social Services  
Giles County Christian Service Mission  
New River Community College  
Micah's Backpack Program  
NRCA Headstart  
Sunnyside Communities  
Valley Justice Coalition  
Kingsway Prison and Family Ministry  
Industrial and Commercial Ministries  
Virginia Poverty Law Center - Enroll Virginia Southwest  
Virginia Legal Aid Society  
Open Door Baptist Church  
Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread  
Community Housing Partners

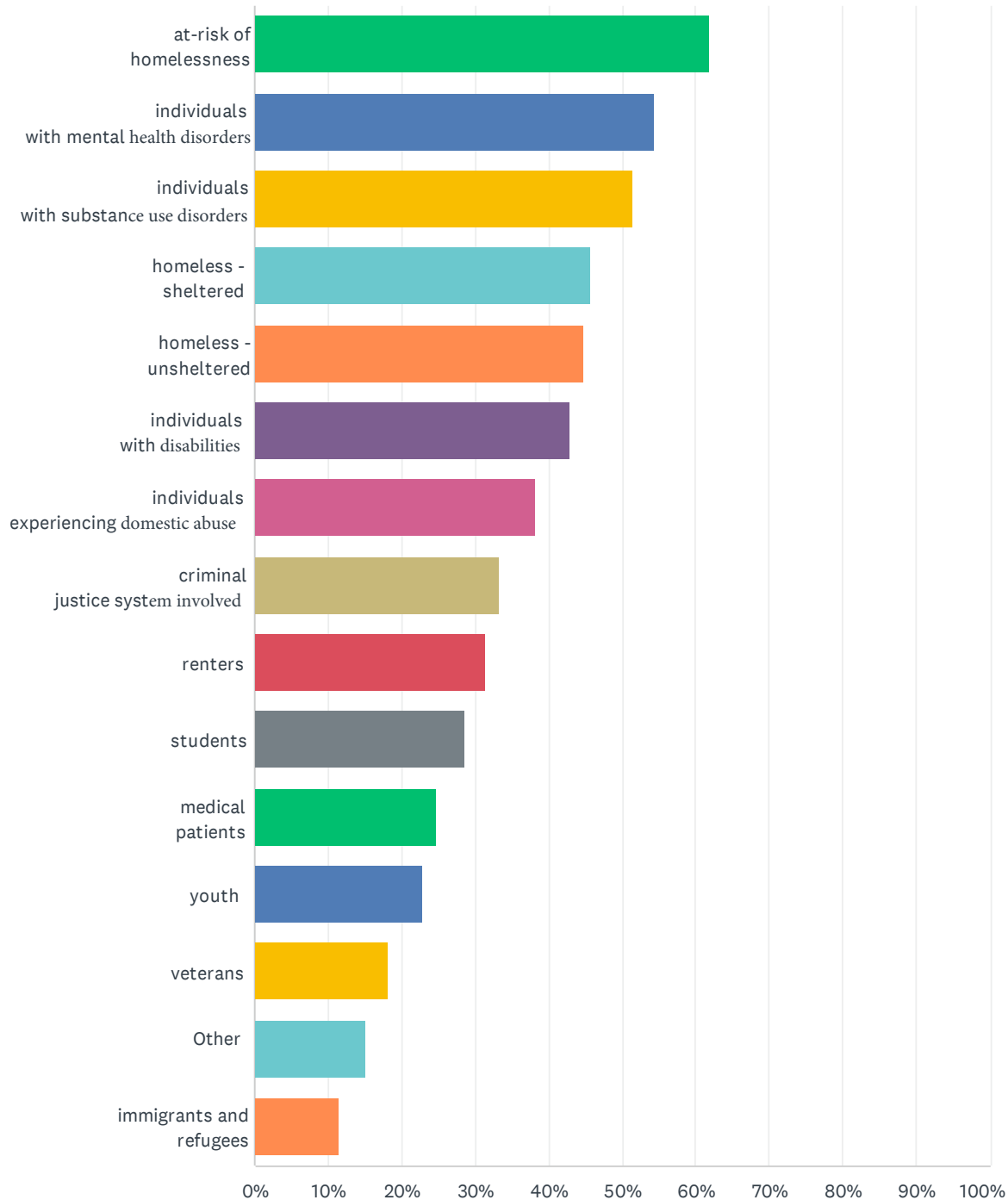
The Barter Clinic  
Riner Rescue Squad  
Skyline Nursing and Rehab  
Tri Area Community Health  
Montgomery County Victim Assistance Program  
Blacksburg Baptist Church

Carilion New River Valley Medical Center  
Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
Carilion NRV - St. Albans Behavioral Health  
LewisGale Hospital Pulaski

Carilion NRV Medical Center - Behavioral Health  
Salem Veterans Affairs Hospital

### Q3 Which of the following populations do you deal with most closely? (choose as many as apply)

Answered: 105 Skipped: 0



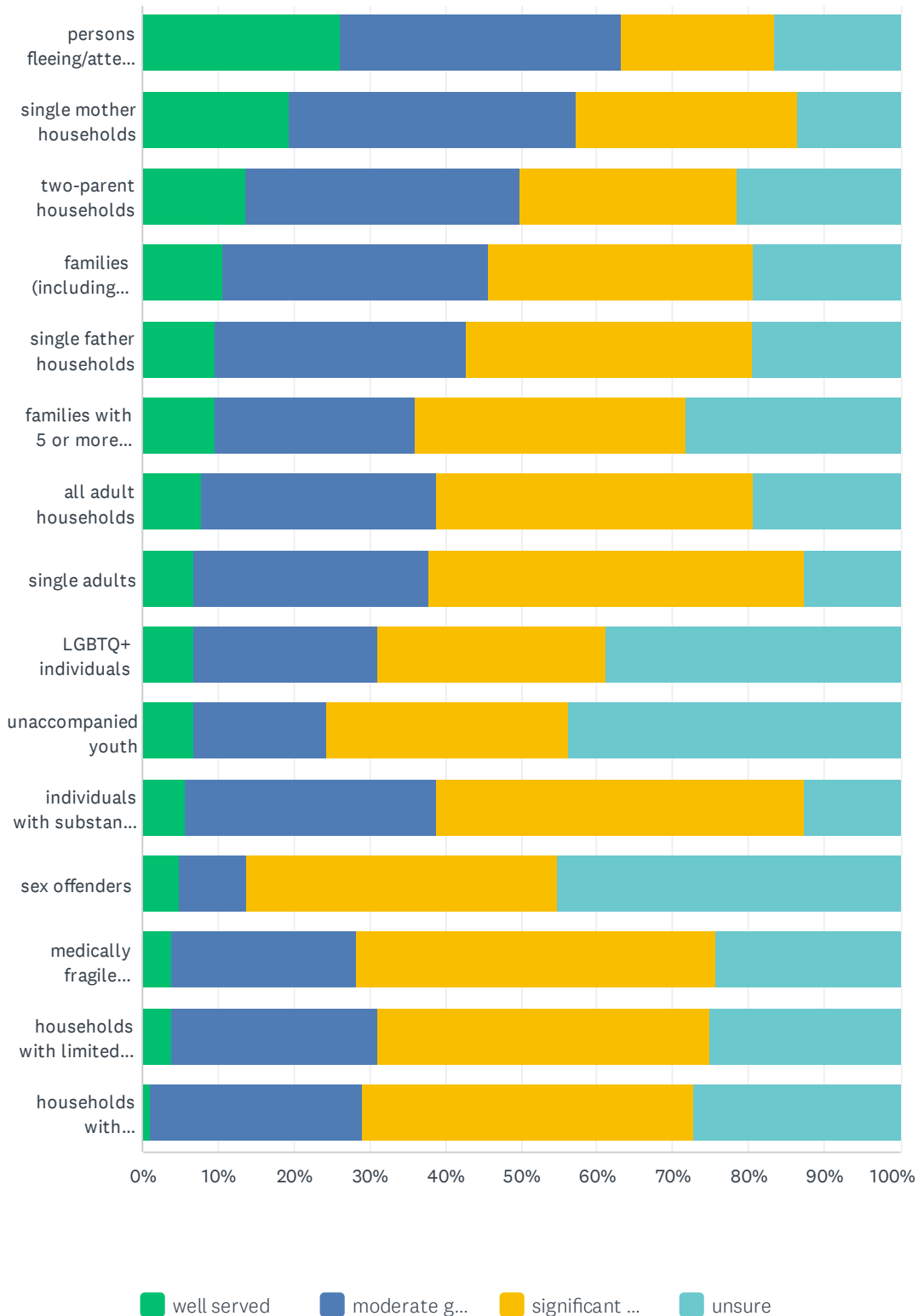


## Homelessness in the NRV

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
at-risk of homelessness	61.90%	65
individuals with mental health disorders	54.29%	57
individuals with substance use disorders	51.43%	54
homeless - sheltered	45.71%	48
homeless - unsheltered	44.76%	47
individuals with disabilities	42.86%	45
individuals experiencing domestic abuse	38.10%	40
criminal justice system involved	33.33%	35
renters	31.43%	33
students	28.57%	30
medical patients	24.76%	26
youth	22.86%	24
veterans	18.10%	19
Other	15.24%	16
immigrants and refugees	11.43%	12
Total Respondents: 105		

## Q4 In your opinion, please rate how well the following populations are served by homeless programs in the NRV? (check all that apply)

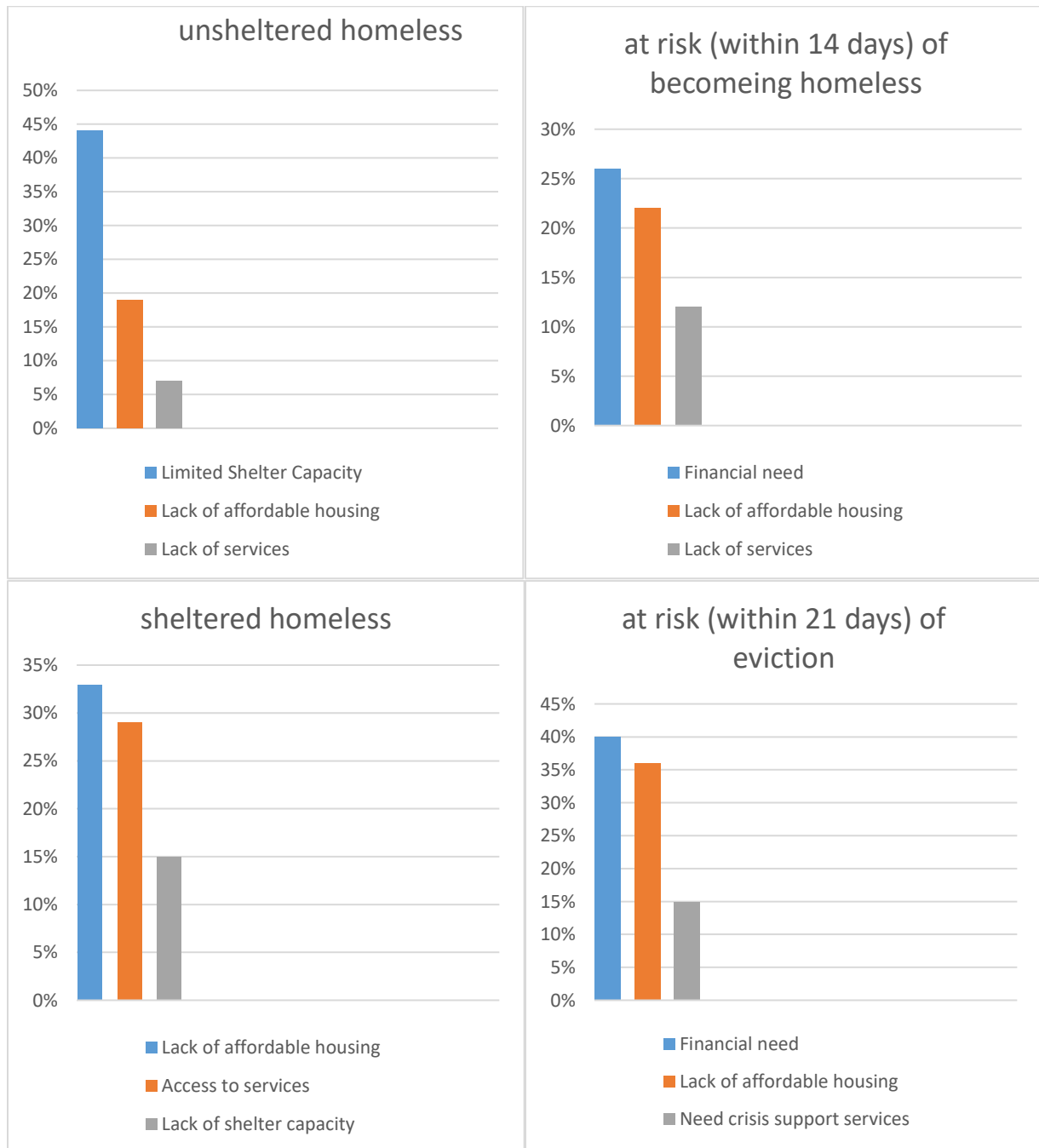
Answered: 104 Skipped: 1



# Homelessness in the NRV

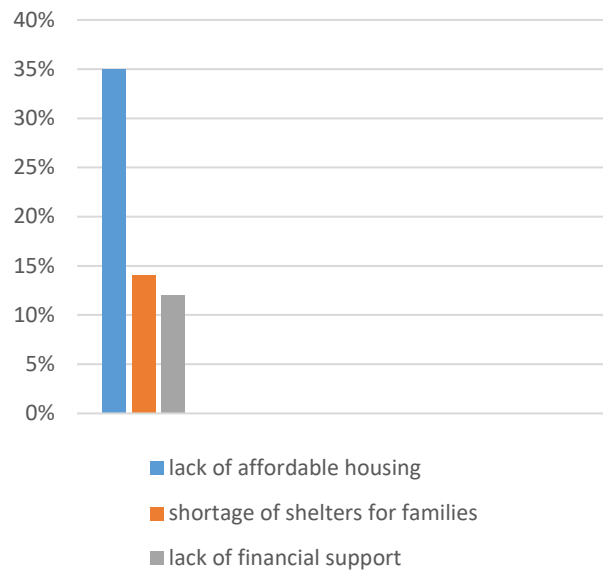
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	13.73% 14	36.27% 37	28.43% 29	21.57% 22	102	2.36
	10.68% 11	34.95% 36	34.95% 36	19.42% 20	103	2.44
	9.71% 10	33.01% 34	37.86% 39	19.42% 20	103	2.48
	9.71% 10	26.21% 27	35.92% 37	28.16% 29	103	2.54
	7.77% 8	31.07% 32	41.75% 43	19.42% 20	103	2.53
	6.80% 7	31.07% 32	49.51% 51	12.62% 13	103	2.55
	6.80% 7	24.27% 25	30.10% 31	38.83% 40	103	2.62
	6.80% 7	17.48% 18	32.04% 33	43.69% 45	103	2.69
	5.83% 6	33.01% 34	48.54% 50	12.62% 13	103	2.55
	4.90% 5	8.82% 9	41.18% 42	45.10% 46	102	2.81
	3.88% 4	24.27% 25	47.57% 49	24.27% 25	103	2.68
	3.88% 4	27.18% 28	43.69% 45	25.24% 26		

## Q5 Please describe what you consider to be the unmet service and housing needs of any of the following populations that you are familiar with. Answered: 81 Skipped: 24

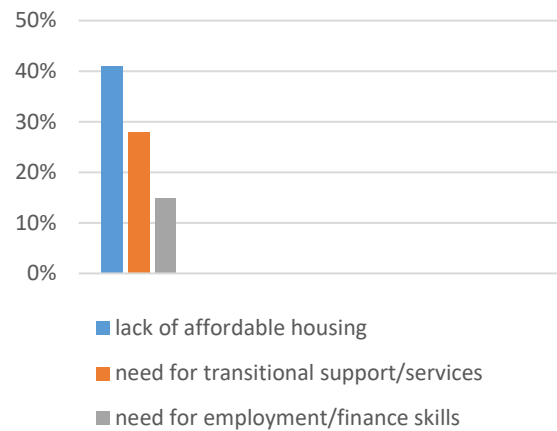




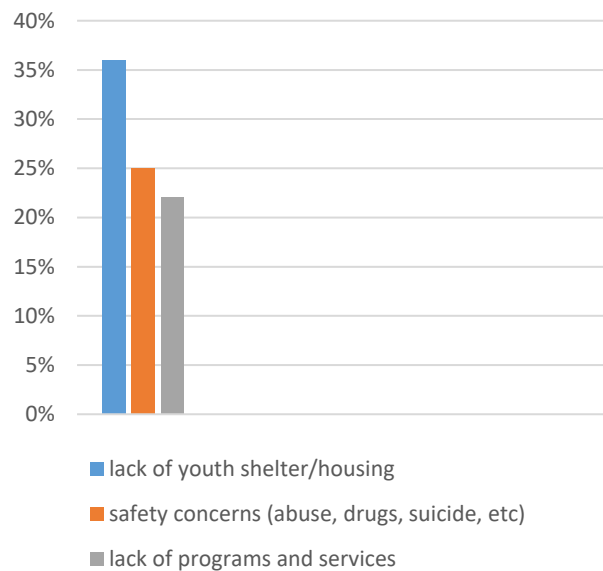
### families with children



### formerly homeless who are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance



### unaccompanied youth

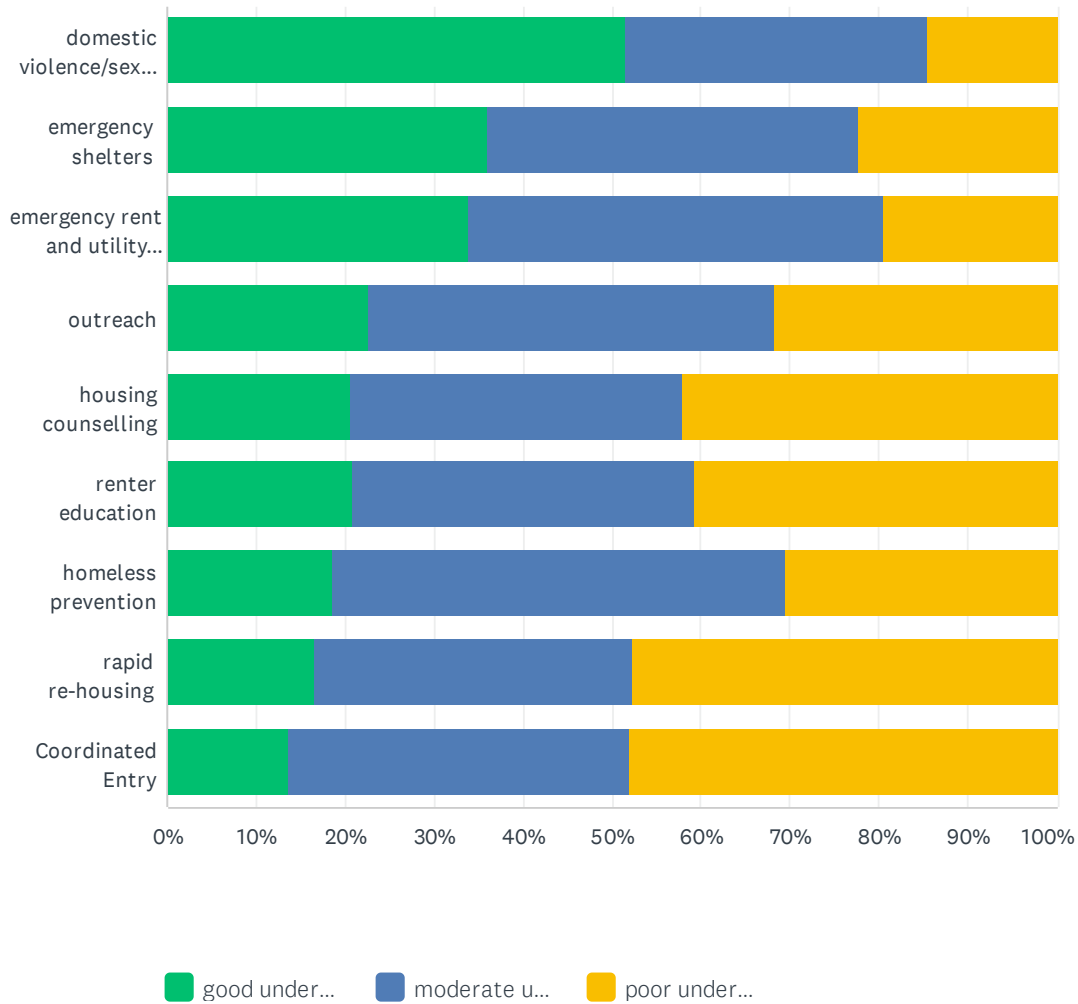


## Homelessness in the NRV

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
unsheltered homeless	83.95%	68
at-risk (within next 14 days) of becoming homeless	71.60%	58
at-risk (within 21 days) of eviction	67.90%	55
sheltered homeless	64.20%	52
	60.49%	49
persons exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care	58.02%	47
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severely cost-burdened households who are at risk of housing instability	54.32%	44
	53.09%	43
formerly homeless	48.15%	39
unaccompanied youth	44.44%	36
	12.35%	10

## Q6 How would you rank your understanding of the following available homeless services in the NRV?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 2



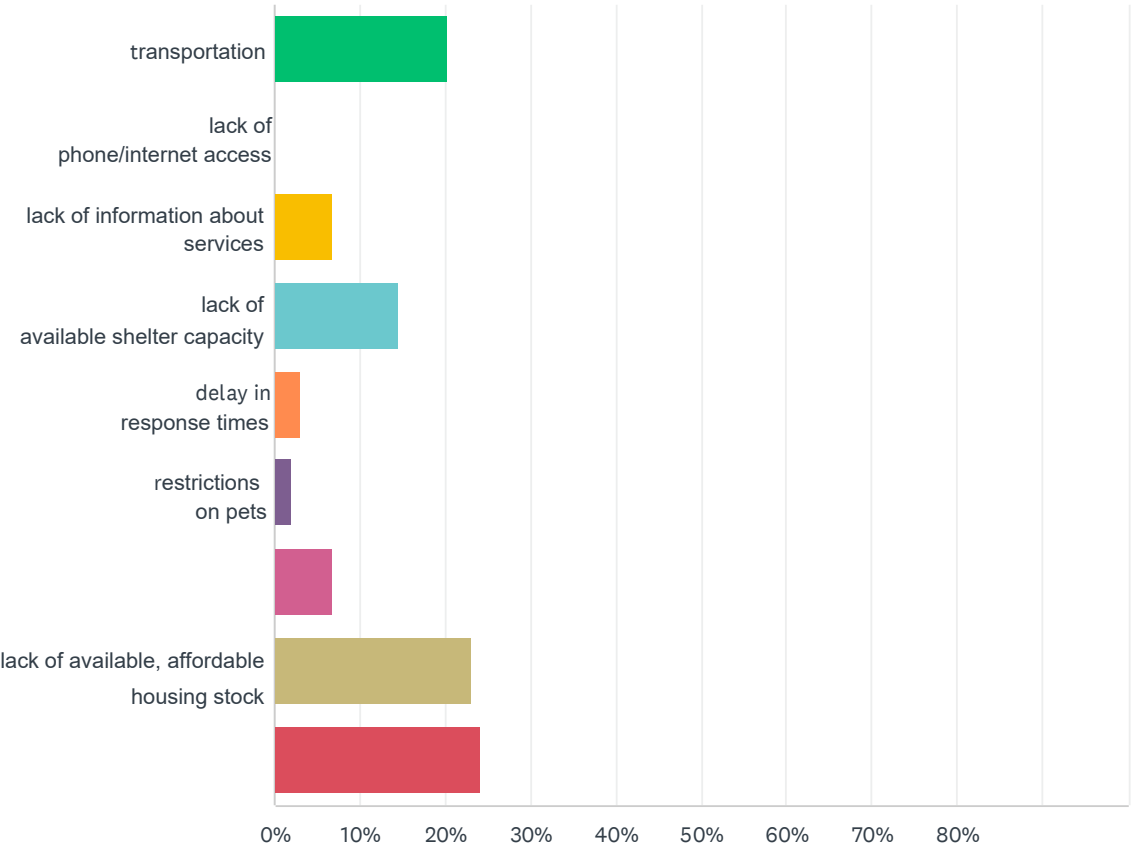


## Homelessness in the NRV

	GOOD UNDERSTANDING	MODERATE UNDERSTANDING	POOR UNDERSTANDING	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
domestic violence/sexual assault shelter	51.46% 53	33.98% 35	14.56% 15	103	1.63
emergency shelters	35.92% 37	41.75% 43	22.33% 23	103	1.86
emergency rent and utility assistance	33.98% 35	46.60% 48	19.42% 20	103	1.85
outreach	22.77% 23	45.54% 46	31.68% 32	101	2.09
housing counselling	20.59% 21	37.25% 38	42.16% 43	102	2.22
renter education	20.79% 21	38.61% 39	40.59% 41	101	2.20
homeless prevention	18.63% 19	50.98% 52	30.39% 31	102	2.12
rapid re-housing	16.50% 17	35.92% 37	47.57% 49	103	2.31
Coordinated Entry	13.73% 14	38.24% 39	48.04% 49	102	2.34

# Q7 What do you see as barriers to your clients/program participants accessing homeless

Answered:104 Skipped:1



ANSWER CHOICES		
transportation	20.19%	21
lack of phone/internet access	0.00%	0
lack of information about services	6.73%	7
lack of available shelter capacity	14.42%	15
delay in response times	2.88%	3
restrictions on pets	1.92%	2
lack of year-round and day shelter for all-adult households	6.73%	7
lack of available, affordable housing stock	23.08%	24
Other (please specify)	24.04%	25
		104

## Q8 What do you think our region does well to support homeless services?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 25

1. Dedicated and compassionate professionals and volunteers.

*But...they are working in underfunded and understaffed situations.*

2. Great coordination between service providers and willingness to address the issue regionally and across disciplines.

*But...information and contacts only go so far when there is a lack of shelter, affordable housing, and resources to meet need.*

3. Addressing immediate/emergency needs (NRCA emergency assistance and hotline).

*But...the lack of affordable and accessible housing is too great to support beyond crisis or in chronic, multifaceted situations.*

4. Three programs: NRV Family Shelter, To Our House, and Women's Resource Center.

*But...To Our House is only open during the winter months and all programs don't support the full range of populations needing services*

## Q9 If money and capacity were not an issue, what improvements or additions would you envision for homeless services in the NRV?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 14

1. Year-round, 24/7, permanently staffed shelter that could serve more people than currently being served at existing facilities.

- *Would have a mix of both private individual and family units (i.e. not all individual units would be grouped together to allow for LGBTQ friendly and other situations)*
- *Would be accessible for the elderly, medically fragile, and disabled.*

2. Shelters located in each NRV locality to help support access to jobs, transportation and services.

3. Shelter with wrap around services (onsite/mobile) to help move people beyond crisis.

- *Job skills, vocational rehab, and support with job placement*
- *Financial planning and budgeting skills*
- *Support obtaining identification / documentation, and enrollment in benefits*
- *Health (physical and mental) assessments, routine care and counseling*
- *Healthy food (nutrition) access*
- *Support for substance abuse issues*
- *Transportation access*
- *Access to childcare and educational opportunities*
- *Support accessing transitional or permanent housing (counseling, rental assistance, and other housing services.)*

4. Access to more permanent affordable housing for low and moderate income individuals and families.

- *Especially for those with high barriers to entry including people with felonies, sex offenders or other strong charges.*

Appendix 2:

Roanoke Times public Comment ad 2/26/23

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**Fax:**  
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**Total Amount**                      \$595.52  
**Payment Amount**                      \$0.00

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**New River Valley HOME Consortium  
HOME ARP Allocation Plan  
Notice of Public Comment**

In accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the New River Valley HOME Consortium seeks public comment on the proposed draft of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

The purpose of HOME-ARP is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities. Eligible activities include: acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, development of rental housing, administration and planning, and nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance.

HOME-ARP funds must assist people in HOME-ARP "qualifying populations", which include: sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness, those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking, other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, and those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations.

The New River Valley HOME Consortium has been allocated \$2,161,332.00 through this appropriation. To receive funding, the Consortium must develop and submit to HUD a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which describes the intended distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must be informed through stakeholder consultation and community engagement.

Members of the public are invited to comment on the draft allocation plan during the 30-day public comment period of 2/26/23 – 3/5/23. In-person comments will be received at a public meeting of the HOME Consortium Board on 3/23/23 at 2:30 pm at the Pulaski Innovation Center, Room 107, 6580 Valley Center Dr, Fairlawn, VA.

The draft Plan can be viewed and comments entered on the Town of Blacksburg's website at <https://www.blacksburg.gov/departments/departments-ak/housing-and-neighborhood-services>. Comments may also be given via e-mail to: [housing@blacksburg.gov](mailto:housing@blacksburg.gov), by phone at (540) 443-1613, by mail to Housing and Community Connections, 303 Wilson Ave., Blacksburg, VA 24060 or in person at the scheduled public meeting.

Accommodations for people with disabilities and non-English speaking residents will be provided upon request. For additional information, please call (540) 443-1613.

### 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:**

**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:** Town of Blacksburg

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

54-6001146

**\* c. UEI:**

U9CCW97ANWH3

**d. Address:**

**\* Street1:** PO Box 9003

**Street2:** 300 South Main Street

**\* City:** Blacksburg

**County/Parish:**

**\* State:** VA: Virginia

**Province:**

**\* Country:** USA: UNITED STATES

**\* Zip / Postal Code:** 24060-4861

**e. Organizational Unit:**

**Department Name:**

Housing and Community Connect.

**Division Name:**

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

**Prefix:**

**\* First Name:**

Matthew

**Middle Name:**

**\* Last Name:**

Hanratty

**Suffix:**

**Title:** Assistant to the Town Manager

**Organizational Affiliation:**

**\* Telephone Number:** 540.443.1611

**Fax Number:**

**\* Email:** mhanratty@blacksburg.gov



## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Housing and Urban Development

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

M21-DP510214

\* Title:

HOME ARP

### 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:

HOME ARP Activities to benefit Qualifying Populations

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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

\* a. Applicant VA-9

\* b. Program/Project VA=9

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

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date: 04/03/2023

\* b. End Date: 09/30/2030

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	2,161,332.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	2,161,332.00

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ \*\* I AGREE

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

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix: \* First Name: Marc

Middle Name:

\* Last Name: Verniel

Suffix:

\* Title: Town Manager

\* Telephone Number: 540.443.1005

Fax Number:

\* Email: mverniel@blacksburg.gov

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:



\* Date Signed: 3/20/23

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Town Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Town of Blacksburg	DATE SUBMITTED March 31, 2023

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Town Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Town of Blacksburg	DATE SUBMITTED 3/31/23

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




**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.

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
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Title