

The City of Bridgeport

HOME-American Rescue Plan Grant Allocation Plan



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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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Introduction

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the allocation of \$4,671,199 to the City of Bridgeport, CT for a new grant called the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). The purpose of HOME-ARP funds 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, HOME-ARP rental housing development, 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 or to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

To receive funding, the City must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. This plan will be submitted and approved by HUD. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must also be informed through stakeholder consultation and public engagement. The following is the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Consultation

Summarize the consultation process:

The City of Bridgeport's consultation process included developing and disseminating an online stakeholder survey to capture broad assessments of the community needs, input on gaps in service delivery and uses for the ARP allocation. The online survey was open from December 11, 2022, through January 31, 2023. The survey included seven ARP program-specific questions and one open ended comment for community needs assessment. The survey received 12 respondents, including those representing homeless services providers, the Continuum of Care (CoC), Fair Housing agencies, affordable housing developers, homeless service providers, domestic violence advocacy groups, and Veteran's Groups, and others.

The City also held multiple virtual meetings with stakeholders regarding HOME-ARP. Meetings were held on November 23, 2021, September 22, 2022, November 18, 2022, and January 11, 2023. Stakeholders that participated in the consultation include: The Housing Collective (CoC), Central Connecticut Coast YMCA (service provider), Recovery Network of Program (medical service provider, serving persons with disabilities), Hartford Healthcare (Healthcare, Organization Serving People with Disabilities), Operation Hope (Homeless service provider), Catholic Charities (Homeless service provider), Rescue Mission (DV service provider; Homeless service provider), Alliance for Community Empowerment, The Center for Family Justice (Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Service Provider), Homes for the Brave (Homeless service provider), Park City Communities (Bridgeport Housing Authority), Southwest Community Health Center (healthcare services, Organization Serving People with Disabilities), Optimus Healthcare (Organization Serving People with Disabilities), Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership (supportive services), City of Bridgeport Department of Social Services (local government)

Discussion topics during the meetings included: HOME-ARP grant funding overview, supporting vulnerable Bridgeport households through collective efforts, aligning strategies with statewide department of Housing workplans and policies, community needs (including TBRA, shelters including seasonal or warming shelters, more affordable housing), Little bathroom right, pros and cons to developing a non-congregate shelter (NCS). Stakeholders concluded non-congregate shelter is needed to temporarily house the most vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness, but those persons will still be in need of permanent housing. If funds are used to increase housing stock, the preferred path would be for acquisition and preservation of affordable housing or strategies to engage property owners and landlords to participate in the program as opposed to constructing new units. Among the homeless crisis response system, TBRA was discussed as the preferred use of funds.

List the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
The Housing Collective	Continuum of Care LEAD	Direct Discussions; Survey	Top needs include supportive services, lack of affordable housing, and homeless prevention. Best use of funds would be TBRA, supportive services and development of affordable housing. Prevention and short-term rental assistance are most needed.
Bridgeport Housing Authority	Housing Authority	Direct Discussions; Survey	Gaps exist in the production and preservation of affordable housing. Additionally, individuals and households who participate in affordable housing programs do not have access to the supportive services and case management they require to remain self-sufficient. Residents on the lower end of the income spectrum who reside in subsidized housing have been hard hit by the fallout of the pandemic. Rental assistance dollars are in high demand. Construction costs are skyrocketing. Consequently, deals which would have been possible 12 months ago are no longer possible in this financial climate. More funding is needed to cover these increased costs and to close the financial gaps that are causing projects to stagnate. Residents of the housing authority owe approximately \$1.2M in rental arrears and the evictions are being executed. There is an exponential need for rental assistance dollars for the public housing population.
Homes for the Brave	Veterans' Group, Organization Serving People with Disabilities, Homeless Service Provider	Direct Discussions; Survey	There is a significant lack of available affordable housing units, especially to give individuals with poor credit or criminal histories a second chance even when they have case management or vouchers. We need more development of affordable housing in safe neighborhoods. It doesn't matter if it is rehabilitated buildings or development of new units. Supportive services are needed to prevent homelessness including financial support as well as case management, counseling, budgeting etc. Services are just as important in prevention as financial support. Clients are facing difficulties with

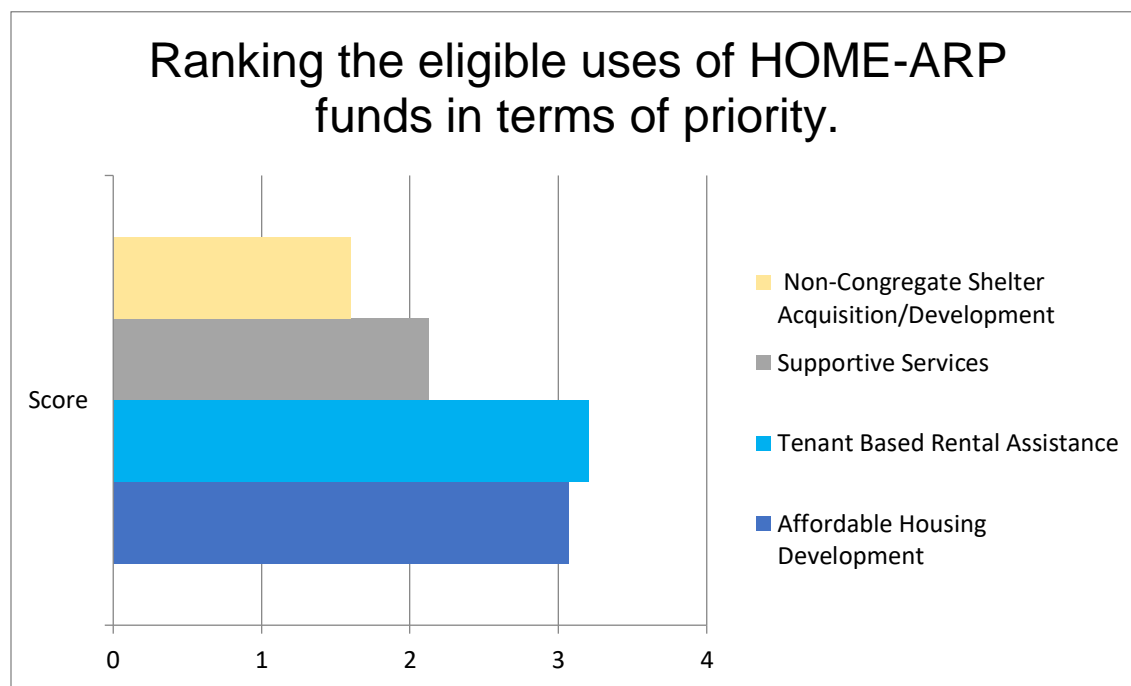
			unreasonable rent requirements, unreasonable credit scores and if they have had difficulties in the past, the issues follow them too far into the future making second chances too difficult.
Alliance for Community Empowerment	Fair Housing, Community action agency	Direct Discussions; Survey	The biggest unmet need is affordable rental housing availability. TBRA is also needed. There are not enough safe shelters for families.
Southwest CT Mental Health System	Homeless Service Provider, Organization Serving People with Disabilities	Direct Discussions; Survey	Greatest unmet needs: Availability of affordable housing; cap on rental increases; fair housing commission or committee is needed. For NCS, individual rooms rather than a traditional shelter would need to be a carefully thought-out program; concerns around length of stay, admission criteria, etc.
Operation Hope	Homeless Service Provider, Organization Serving People with Disabilities, CoC Member, Housing programs and Provider of Affordable Housing	Direct Discussions; Survey	There are gaps in affordable units, subsidies, and flexible funds to move people out of homelessness quickly. A big challenge is meeting all the criteria needed to get into a housing unit and the extremely high costs of rents and competition for units puts the people we serve at a disadvantage.
Optimus Health Care	Homeless Service Provider, Continuum of Care Member, Federally Qualified Health Care Center	Direct Discussions; Survey	Biggest gaps: Affordable housing and availability of housing. We need more availability of studio and 1-bedroom apartments under \$1,000 per month. Better case management and collaboration is needed for service delivery. Affordable housing in the Bridgeport area is the #1 issue that our Community Health Workers face. Being able to communicate with a point person who knows the resources would be most helpful.
Alpha Community Services YMCA	Homeless Service Provider	Direct Discussions; Survey	There are not enough affordable rental units and not enough funding for staff to provide services to the homeless. Services are a key component to maintaining people in their units once housed. We do not need any more shelters. We need permanent supportive housing. We can use more space just for cold weather 24-hour services.
The Center for Family Justice	Domestic Violence/Sexual	Direct Discussions;	Lack of transitional housing or safe non-congregate shelter are the largest needs.

	Assault Service Provider	Survey	Often the housing case managers are stretched thin and do not provide the level of case management needed to assist clients with locating housing even after the funds are provided. The housing is so competitive that often the only apartments that are left for folks are in very unsafe areas, or the landlords are asking for tenant income to be 3xs the monthly rent, which is impossible for the majority of our clients to ever obtain. This could be due to all the NYC transplants coming from the City during the pandemic and relocating to CT using New York money to put towards housing. It could also have something to do with landlords raising rent in order to recoup the losses they suffered during the pandemic. The result is that clients are left with the scraps of properties that no one would want to spend a night in, let alone live in.
Bridgeport Rescue Mission	Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Service Provide	Direct Discussions; Survey	There is insufficient affordable housing inventory. Financial assistance needs to be provided to support those who are experiencing rent hikes at 50% or above previous rent amounts.
Recovery Network of Programs, Inc.	Homeless Service Provider	Direct Discussions; Survey	The gap is the lack coordination of housing resources outside of the CAN system. Citywide coordination with CAN providers will help with maximizing resources, track outcomes and needs which can potentially serve more households, families, individuals. HOME-ARP funding can be provided to the existing shelter for capital improvements. A few challenges clientele face include those with eviction histories have a most difficulty obtaining housing opportunities, those with limited or fixed incomes cannot afford fair market rent rates, those coming out of incarceration struggle with obtaining gainful employment where they are able to obtain and maintain housing. The City should have a variety of affordable housing, rental assistance and homeless prevention options that can meet different needs of those in the community.
The Housing Collective	Homeless Service Provider,	Survey	The major challenge now is that households with one or more working adult can no longer

	Continuum of Care Member, Affordable Housing		<p>afford the cost of rent in Bridgeport or surrounding towns. The number of entries into the crisis response system is growing exponentially with a large cohort of households experiencing homelessness or housing instability due to economic challenges. With rents in the BPT area increased by at least 15% since 2021, we are facing a crisis that is not being addressed sufficiently and the problem will not go away without action. Maximizing on opportunities such as stimulus funds through HOME ARPA and other funding is the only chance for us to make sure that BPT's affordable housing issues do not become a tsunami for a large increase of literal homelessness -- we are already seeing unsheltered numbers rise, with many families living in their cars in the midst of winter in BPT. This is an unsafe and unsustainable problem that is going to get much, much worse. Based on current increased inflow for those experiencing literal homelessness and housing instability, having immediate access to housing due to lack of housing inventory is a critical gap in our system. In addition, having sufficient funds to address the increased need to prevent housing loss through a potential pool of housing stability funding is also a critical gap in meeting community need. I also see this as an opportunity to engage landlords and property owners to ensure that once a person is given a rental assistance voucher that they are able to use the subsidy. Potentially providing sign on bonuses to landlords to build on the existing inventory of affordable housing stock would be certainly help - my concern regarding using HOME ARPA to develop new properties wouldn't take \$4.5 very far, wouldn't add a lot of housing, and wouldn't accurately address the current crisis of unsheltered homelessness in the city of BPT.</p>
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Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

TBRA was ranked as the top best use of HOME-ARP funds, slightly above the need for affordable rental housing development. However, in-person stakeholder discussions concluded that developing new rental housing was the least preferred; rather, acquisition and preservation of affordable housing strategies would be worth pursuing. McKinney-Vento Supportive Services (prevention, outreach, shelter, transitional housing, supportive services, short-term rent subsidies, etc.) were ranked as the third priority. Stakeholder meetings also included conversations on the need for emergency shelter. Non-congregate shelter is needed in the community; however, it is not a permanent solution and does not end homelessness. Comments and insights noted the lack of affordable housing as inadequate to meet the city's needs, especially the QPs. Affordable rental housing development and TBRA were tied as the best use of funds among stakeholders.



Public Participation

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice 2/13/2023***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 2/13/2023 end date - 2/28/2023***
- ***Public hearing: 2/28/2023***

Bridgeport held one public hearing to discuss the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which incorporated information and discussion of community needs and eligible activities related to HOME-ARP, along with an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the proposed budget and activities. A list of eligible HOME-ARP activities and the City's proposed HOME-ARP budget was also presented. The draft Allocation Plan was also posted on the City's website for public viewing and comment. A final presentation was also made to City Council on March 20, 2023 and received full support from the Council, no public comments were made.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

The public notice was posted in both English and Spanish. The City of Bridgeport also posted the public notice, draft HOME-ARP allocation plan, and presentations on the City's website.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process:

No comments were received.

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

No comments were received.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The CoC releases an annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count that includes valuable data for addressing the needs of residents who are experiencing homelessness. The 2020 Bridgeport PIT count data was used to capture the most recent and relevant homeless population data due to alterations in methodology during the 2021 count to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the 2020 PIT Count, white persons make up the majority of the population experiencing homelessness. Nearly 45% of people experiencing homelessness are White/Caucasian, 43% are Black or African American, and the remaining 12% are American Indian, Asian or multi-racial. Forty-one percent of the homeless population identifies ethnically as Hispanic/ Latino. About 73% of homeless individuals are over the age of 24, 6% are ages 18-24 and 21% are under the age of 18. All children belong to households with other adults. There are no homeless child only households. Thirty-six adults (14%) are chronically homeless, and 37 (14%) adults are Veterans.

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless												
	Current Inventory				Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	140	-	59	59								
Transitional Housing	12	-	87	87								
Sheltered Homeless					105	129	37	40				
Unsheltered Homeless					0	22	0	0				
Current Gap									47	-	-5	-5

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

Table: Demographic Composition Of Homeless Persons

Demographic	Percentage	Total
Adult(s) with no Children Household (Single-person or two adults) *	58.2%	149
Family Household (Adult with children)	41.0%	105
Single Children Household	0.0%	0
White	44.9%	115
Black or African American	42.6%	109
Other Race	12.5%	32
Veteran	--	37
Mental Illness	--	16
Domestic Violence Experience or Fleeing	--	40

*Household type was not reported for 2 individuals experiencing homelessness on the night of the Count.

Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT)



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Populations At-risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

HUD defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families who have an income at or below 30% of the area median income (AMI), do not have sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless, or live with instability. According to HUD's 2015-2019 CHAS data, the City has 14,650 households with incomes at or below 30% AMI, (2% of all city households). Eighty-six percent of these households are renter households. Households at-risk of homelessness include an estimated 13,515 households who are severely cost burdened, paying over 50% of their income toward housing and 11,410 who are cost burdened (above 30%, less than 50%). Of the severely cost burdened, 7,700 are renting households with extremely low-incomes ($\leq 30\%$) and considered at greatest risk of housing instability. An estimated 16,470 LMI ($\leq 80\%$ AMI) renters are cost burdened at the 30% mark, equaling approximately 33% of total households in the City.

Additionally, according to ACS data, 44% (7,699 households) of cost burdened renters earned less than \$20,000 between 2017-2021, while only approximately 4,998 rental units offer a gross rent price within the needed range to prevent being cost burden. In other words, there is a lack of about 2,7010 affordable rental units for households making under \$20,000 a year. The residents

who reside in public housing in Bridgeport are amongst the lowest earners in the City. Currently, the public housing resident-base owes well over \$1M in rental arrears. Evictions are proceeding and over the next 4-6 months, the City will reach a crisis level in homeless numbers. Per the Housing Authority, this population often includes the elderly, disabled, chronically homeless, and youth aging out of the foster system.

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

Due to lack of reporting, the number of victims fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking are not available for the City, however data is reported at the state level. The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection reported that 15,500 family violence arrest incidents were reported in 2020 across the state. A total of 15,324 individuals were identified as victims. A closer look at the victim total shows that 10,289 victims were female (67.1%) and 5,035 were male (32.9%). According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 37.7% of Connecticut women and 33.9% of Connecticut men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes. The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported that in 2021, 38,989 domestic violence victims and their families received services from victim service providers across the state. In 2020, 47 cases of human trafficking were reported to the Human Trafficking Hotline in Connecticut. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Human Anti-trafficking Response Team (HART) reported that 210 victims of Human Trafficking received services across the state in 2018. Over 87% of the victims served were female. Forty-six percent of the victims were Hispanic, 26% were Caucasian, 19% were African American, and 9% were multi-racial. Race and ethnicity were combined in this report.

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

There is a large overlap between those at-risk of homelessness (above data) and households in need of assistance to prevent homelessness or at greatest risk of housing instability. Lack of affordability is the primary issue highlighted in data and consultation. According to CHAS, of the severely cost burdened, 7,700 are renting households who are also in the extremely low-income range ($\leq 30\%$) and considered at greatest risk of housing instability.

While we don't have data that matches the exact definition of QP #4, we can glean general demographics and need from looking at the City's poverty levels. Poverty is often a direct correlation as it relates to households requiring housing assistance to prevent homelessness or to those being at-risk of housing instability. According to ACS, there are 27,630 (19% of City) residents below the poverty level, of which 35% are under 18 years old. Of those living under the poverty level, an estimated 7,764 (28%) are Black, 3,862 (14%) are White, 5,411 (19.6%) are multiracial, and 9,349 are some other race (34%). Approximately 63% of the population under the poverty level identify as Hispanic or Latino. Females experience a higher rate (16,178) of poverty than males (11,452).

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Supportive services and assistance in transitioning out of emergency shelters and into permanent housing is the primary service need. The need for improved case management has been an observation made by stakeholders. Challenges of a lack of affordable housing, supportive services, and a need for emergency shelter were a common unmet need themes highlighted from the stakeholder's input. Service needs for both sheltered and unsheltered persons include a greater capacity to offer healthcare services, disability assistance, mental healthcare, as well as housing counseling, financial workshops, job training, skills training.

The primary unmet need as it pertains to homeless needs inventory is the availability of beds adults who are experiencing homelessness. According to PIT count and HMIS analysis, there is a need for at least five additional emergency shelter beds and units in order to provide housing services for all homeless adults identified in the PIT Count. It should be noted that the PIT Count is a count of the homeless population on a single night, and the actual number of persons experiencing homelessness is likely greater.

Populations At-risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

ACS estimates approximately 59% of the city's renters are cost burdened (paying over 30% of income to housing costs), or approximately 19,426 total renter households. Lack of affordable housing inventory and a persistent affordability gap challenge both populations recovering from homelessness and those households at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Those at-risk of homeless or housing instability often need short-term subsidies such as mortgage/rent assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, as well as utility assistance to avoid shutoff or security deposits to allow new rental contracts. Stakeholder feedback highlighted the need for more housing vouchers and challenges for households to find affordable housing with a voucher. There is an exponential need for rental assistance dollars for the public housing population. Supportive services such as prevention, housing or financial counseling, landlord mediation for eviction proceedings will also benefit these groups.

Bridgeport Housing Authority reported the need for homeless prevention and assistance dollars. The Housing Authority reported that residents of the housing authority owe approximately \$1.2M in rental arrears and residents are facing eviction. In twelve months' time, affordable housing waitlists in Bridgeport have seen a 94% increase and the CAN has exceeded its service capacity. The housing authority's housing choice voucher participants are unable to find affordably priced units in the private market. On average, voucher participants lease at a 60% success rate in Bridgeport which is far behind the notational average. Consequently, there is a desperate need for new construction and preservation projects. Homeless prevention and rental assistance dollars are urgently needed for this population.

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

According to the 2022 Domestic Violence Counts Report conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, there were 54 requests for shelter, housing, and other supportive services that could not be provided due to lack of resources on the day of the count in Connecticut. Approximately 39% of these unmet requests being for housing and emergency shelter. In 2021, the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported that 2,510 victims and their families received domestic violence housing services across the state and the average shelter utilization rate was 156%, meaning that the shelters ran over capacity throughout the year.

Stakeholders cited the lack of transitional housing or safe non-congregate shelter as a primary need. Often the housing case managers are over assigned and do not provide the level of case management needed to assist clients with locating housing even after the funds are provided. The housing is so competitive that often the only apartments that are left for folks are in very unsafe areas, or the landlords are asking for tenant income to be three times the monthly rent which is impossible for the majority DV survivor clients to obtain. The result is that clients are moving into unsafe units and still facing housing instability.

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

The unmet needs for the populations needing assistance to prevent homelessness or at risk of greater housing instability mirror those from above, including rental payment assistance or utility deposit assistance and development of affordable rental housing units. Those requiring housing assistance to prevent homelessness or those at greatest risk of housing instability often need short-term subsidies such as mortgage/rent assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, as well as utility assistance to avoid shutoff or security deposits to allow new rental contracts. Housing counseling, mental health services, and homeless prevention were highlighted during our consultation as service needs for those at greatest risk of housing insecurity. Healthcare assistance greatly benefits those at-risk of housing instability who are also disabled or elderly in order to help mitigate the challenges of either paying housing costs or medical costs.

Residents who have previously experienced homelessness or are currently receiving 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 for the housing stability of these individuals and families.

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:

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) is the Continuum of Care for the state of Connecticut. The City of Bridgeport works closely in partnership with CCEH to prevent and end homelessness in Connecticut. The CCEH has an extensive list of partner organizations, including public and private institutions, nonprofits, and local government agencies which serve the homeless throughout the CoC and work toward the goal of ending homelessness.

Within the City of Bridgeport, several organizations provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for qualifying populations. **Alpha Community Services YMCA** operates a 110 bed emergency shelter in addition to its Jean Wallace Transitional Housing facility, which has 26 transitional housing beds. **Bridgeport Rescue Mission** has a total of 11 emergency shelter beds. Other nearby organizations serve Bridgeport residents, including **Homes with Hope** with 16 emergency shelter beds and **Inspirica** with 42 emergency shelter beds and 63 transitional housing beds.

For youth that are homeless, there are two emergency shelters. **The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport** has 4 child-only beds and **Kids in Crisis** has a facility with 12 child-only beds.

Permanent supportive housing is also available throughout the City and neighboring communities. PSH providers include **Alpha Community Services YMCA, Bridgeport Housing First Collaborative, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Family and Children's Agency, Homes with Hope, Inspirica, Laurel House, Mid-Fairfield AIDS project, Open Door Shelter, Operation Hope, Pacific House, Recovery Network of programs, Southwestern CT, St. Vincent CRS and The Connection Milestone**. Through these providers, over 1,600 permanent supportive housing beds are available in the Bridgeport area.

Veterans in the City and throughout the CoC are served with transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. **ABRI Homes for the Brave** has three facilities with a total of 66 beds reserved for veterans. The Veterans Administration (VA) uses VASH vouchers to house 81 veterans with permanent supportive housing. **The Connection's Milestone** facility has 10 permanent supportive housing beds reserved for veterans.

The **Center for Family Justice** provides crisis intervention, supportive services, emergency shelter, and more for adults and children fleeing violent and abusive situations. The Center for Family Justice also has a facility with 15 transitional housing beds, offering up to 60 days of shelter for victims in addition to counseling and advocacy services.

The **Connecticut State Department of Housing** operates a tenant-based rental assistance program.

Many of the organizations listed above also provide supportive services to qualifying populations to help provide stability and sustainable housing. Locally available supportive services include food pantries, clothing, hygiene services, transportation, mental health and substance use treatment, general health services, crisis intervention, case management, counseling, advocacy, and more.

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

As noted above, the primary gap in the housing inventory is the availability of quality, affordable housing units of multiple sizes in neighborhoods throughout the City. As highlighted above, for households earning under \$20,000, there is a shortage of over 2,700 affordable rental units. In the City, the estimated vacancy rate is 3.2% with low-income renters most at risk of being unable to find affordable units. Stakeholders noted that many low-income renters are competing with new residents moving to the City that are able to pay an increased rent. Lack of affordable housing inventory has contributed to cost burden, overcrowding, housing instability, and homelessness.

Service delivery needs include case management, mental health and substance use treatment, general health services, crisis intervention, housing counseling, budgeting, and job training. More specifically, there is a high need for support services that address the root causes of homelessness and housing instability. If people are receiving services, they are more likely to remain stable in housing once placed in permanent housing. To appropriately address ongoing needs, case managers meet with household members as needed, create housing and treatment plans and connect them with the services they need based on assessments. Without this ongoing relationship, many households who've exited homelessness are more likely to return to the instability that caused their past homeless episode to begin with. During stakeholder consultation, service providers reported that case managers have large caseloads and do not have the capacity to fully serve the households in need. Additional case managers are needed to improve capacity.

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of "other populations" as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:

The City of Bridgeport recognizes the definition of Other Populations set forth by HUD in the CPD Notice (Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness or At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability). The criteria related to these categories include households/persons who are (1) extremely low-income with a severe cost burden, or households with (2) an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income meet one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the "At risk of homelessness" definition established at 24 CFR 91.5. No further characteristics of housing instability have been defined in the City's ConPlan; thus, the City will use the criteria listed in first six conditions listed in the "At risk of homelessness" definition established at 24 CFR 91.5.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The community needs assessment identified the following priority needs:

1. Lack of affordable housing
2. Rental assistance
3. Supportive Services

During consultation, many stakeholders concluded that due to the shortage of housing stock and extremely high rent cost in the community, the development of affordable housing units where rent will be based on income would be the most efficient approach to housing individuals and families who are on fixed, at or below poverty income levels.

For homeless populations, priority needs include rapid re-housing and supportive services to achieve housing stability. Those who are experiencing or are at-risk of homelessness need access to more affordable housing and shelter options that provide short-term, mid-term, and long-term interventions. Those who are at-risk of homelessness have a strong need for homelessness prevention and stabilizing services, while those who are currently homeless or experiencing chronic homelessness need more street outreach and case management services. Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking have a particular need in emergency and transitional housing support as well as pertinent supportive services. For households experiencing housing instability or who are at-risk of homelessness, priority needs include providing appropriate supportive services, including medical and mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, transportation, case management services, and other services essential for achieving independent living to help prevent homelessness and increase housing stability. However, most of these households will also need a livable wage and supportive services to create long-term self-sufficiency.

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

The gaps in services and programs needed to provide shelter, housing, and services were determined using data and feedback from multiple sources. To determine the level of need and gaps, the City of Bridgeport looked at both qualitative and quantitative measures. Data from the U.S. Census and CHAS data were used in partnership with feedback and on-the-ground insights from key stakeholders in the area. The takeaways from data analysis and stakeholder input were incorporated into the needs assessment.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City expects to administer programs through an application process. Once the City has received the full HOME-ARP grant award from HUD, the City will conduct a Request for Proposals for a specified period of time to make it a more competitive process in awarding these funds. During that time any organization, developer, subrecipient, or Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is eligible to apply. At the close of the application period, all applications received will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and their ability to deliver on the priority needs identified within this plan. Each applicant will also be reviewed for their ability to carry out the project meeting all eligibility criteria.

Award(s) will be made based on the applicant's project scope as it pertains to the outlined priority needs in this plan as well as the applicant's familiarity with utilizing federal funding and ability to comply with all federal and local requirements.

The City will consider using the ESG program as a potential source to operate NCS developed with HOME-ARP funding. The ESG program funded emergency shelter will target homeless individuals and families. The HOME-ARP NCS will provide shelter access through a HOME-ARP referred method, which includes the option to utilize HOME-ARP Expanded Coordinated Entry or Coordinated Entry and other Referral Methods

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

The City will administer the program. The City has not yet used the HOME-ARP administrative funds.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$1,300,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$2,250,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$520,520		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$0		
Non-Profit Operating	\$0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$600,679	12.8 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$4,671,199		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

The City's goal is to seize this opportunity by using the HOME-ARP funding to provide rental assistance to households that need immediate and ongoing assistance to avoid being evicted and upgrade or expand the stock of shelter for people experiencing homelessness and other populations by creating non-congregate shelter. Ultimately, this funding will help to meet the needs of qualifying populations and make a significant, long-term investment in our community. There are many options on how we can use the HOME-ARP funds. After a thorough evaluation, the City is opting to focus on using the HOME-ARP funding specifically on:

- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters to create private temporary units/rooms for households experiencing homelessness or fleeing abusive situations. This may include the acquisition of land and construction of HOME-ARP NCS or the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing structures such as motels, or hotels, or other facilities to be used for HOME-ARP NCS.
- \$520,520 of the HOME-ARP allocation will go towards assisting QP persons and households with rental assistance to prevent eviction, the risk of homelessness or homelessness.
- The City will allocate \$1,300,000 to supportive services in order to provide the necessary assistance for addressing many of the underlying issues and needs of the QPs.

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:

There is a significant need for all eligible activities that could be funded with HOME-ARP funds. Gaps exist for rental assistance, affordable housing stock, shelter availability, and there is a need for more homeless and homeless prevention supportive services. Bridgeport identified activities that will best assist individuals and families of the most vulnerable qualified populations by reviewing the community needs assessment, incorporating both analyzed housing and shelter data, and the stakeholder feedback of the current trends. Stakeholder discussions highlighted that NCS would be a good starting point and is highly needed for the most vulnerable homeless population, but affordable units would still be needed to permanently house those sheltered. NCS could potentially address each need via segmenting funding allocations with funds directed to each project type based on community need. Additionally, stakeholders suggested that funds should be used for acquisition and preservation to increase affordable rental housing. Stakeholders indicated that acquisition and rehab would be a more efficient use of the funds than new construction. Supportive services will supplement the efforts by the City and its nonprofits to provide assistance with case management, outreach, homeless prevention, and other.

Many stakeholders in the homeless crisis response system agreed that TBRA is the preferred use of funds. TBRA needs to be accompanied by supportive services to ensure that households provided with rental assistance are assessed for service needs and root causes of homelessness. A portion of funds also needs to be directed to housing stability services to ensure that those exiting homelessness or unstably housed situations have the tools they need to achieve future housing stability.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

Not applicable. The City estimates to assist 80-100 households with TBRA. The money to develop NCS will provide an estimated 40-60 more units.

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

Not applicable.

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:

Bridgeport will not provide preferences to any population or subpopulation.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

The City does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

Supporting Documents

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

M-21-MP-09-0200

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:

City of Bridgeport

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

06-6001865

* c. UEI:

VFZDTXQ1PN97

d. Address:

* Street1:

999 Broad Street

Street2:

* City:

Bridgeport

County/Parish:

* State:

CT: Connecticut

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

06604-4320

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Planning & Economic Dev.

Division Name:

Housing & Community Dev.

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

Prefix:

* First Name:

Thomas

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Gill

Suffix:

Title: Director of Office Planning & Economic Dev.

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: (203) 576-7221

Fax Number: (203) 332-5611

* Email: thomas.gill@bridgeportct.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.239

* Title:

HOME Investment Partnership 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:

City of Bridgeport 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="4,671,199.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="4,671,199.00"/>

*** 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:

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

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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.
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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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Date



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES FOR PROGRAM YEAR 49
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

The Town of Fairfield's Office of Community and Economic Development, in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan, will hold a public hearing to solicit citizen input on prospective projects for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Program Year 49. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** This public hearing will be held in-person at the Old Town Hall 2nd floor conference room, located at 611 Old Post Road, Fairfield CT. A call-in number will also be provided to anyone wishing to participate virtually via Zoom. Those wishing to participate should contact the office at (203) 256-3120 or via email at cedoffice@fairfieldct.org or visit the webpage at www.fairfieldct.org/ced for call-in instructions. Program Year 49 begins October 1, 2023 and will end on September 30, 2024.

The Office of Community and Economic Development is seeking input as to the projects and activities it should include within its Action Plan for Program Year 49 that will meet the Town's housing and non-housing community development needs. These projects may include: public improvements; public facilities; public services; and economic development activities. Citizens and/or representatives of public or private organizations may present a proposed project or public service activity, or discuss program performance or any other aspects of the program at this public hearing.

The Town of Fairfield has not received notice to date of its CDBG allocation for the upcoming PY 49 program year. The Town intends to use the current year's grant of \$511,466 as the baseline for planning purposes, from which it will make adjustments as additional information becomes available.

Applications for specific proposals can be obtained and questions regarding the program may be addressed to the Office of Community & Economic Development, 611 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT, 06824, (203) 256-3120. All proposals received by March 13, 2023, and determined to be in conformance with CDBG regulations, shall be considered.

Individuals with disabilities should contact Peter Ritchey, ADA coordinator, to make arrangements (203) 256-3077, 5 days prior to the meeting, if possible.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a draft of the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan for the City of Bridgeport has been completed and will be available for a 15-day public review period. The City was awarded \$4,671,199.00 in HOME-ARP funds in a one-time allocation from HUD. The Allocation Plan is required by HUD for the City to receive federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the allocation of funding to assist qualifying populations who are experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations by providing affordable rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter in order to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The Allocation Plan defines the use of federal HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Citizens are invited to review and make comments on the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for (16) sixteen days beginning February 13, 2023 to February 28, 2023 and comments concerning the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must be received by February 28, 2023 by 5:00 PM. The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for review at the Office of Housing & Community Development, 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604; Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM and can also be downloaded and viewed from the City website at: <https://www.bridgeportct.gov/hcd>. All interested agencies, groups, and persons who wish to comment on this report are invited to submit written comments to the Office of Housing & Community Development at the above address.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held by the Citizen's Union virtually on February 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM to review and comment on the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Zoom Meeting Information:
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Meeting ID: 865 5559 7873 Passcode: 522283
Dial In: 1 (929) 436-2866

For more information on how to participate at the public hearing please email Obiora.Nkwo@BridgeportCT.Gov, or call: (203) 394-6981

Accessibility: The City of Bridgeport will make accommodations for any person(s) who has/have a disability, language barrier, or any other condition that may prohibit them from attending and/or commenting on a public hearing by calling Obiora Nkwo, five business days in advance at (203) 394-6981 (voice) or email: Obiora.Nkwo@BridgeportCT.Gov.

TRUMBULL TOWN COUNCIL
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following resolutions were enacted at a meeting of the Town Council held February 6, 2023, pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Trumbull:

1. RESOLUTION TC29-111: reappointing Jonathan B. Tropp as a member and Vice Chairman of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2026.
2. RESOLUTION TC29-112: reappointing David Rosenburg as a member of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2026.
3. RESOLUTION TC29-113: appointing Kalim Jan as a member of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2026.
4. RESOLUTION TC29-114: appointing Alissa Hallas a member of the Trumbull Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee.
5. RESOLUTION TC29-115: approving Antinozzi Associates as the architect for the Booth Hill Elementary School Roof.
6. RESOLUTION TC29-116: authorizing the Trumbull Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Roof Replacement Project at Booth Hill Elementary School.
7. RESOLUTION TC29-117: authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications for the Roof Replacement Project at Booth Hill Elementary School.
8. RESOLUTION TC29-118: authorizing the Middlebrook and Booth Hill Elementary School Roof Building Committee charge of the roof project at Booth Hill Elementary School.
9. RESOLUTION TC29-119: appropriating \$38,955 from the General Fund to Salaries Full Time 01022800-501101 \$26,420; Fringe Benefits – FICA 01013400-511150 \$ 2,022; Fringe Benefits – Def. Contr. Plan 01013400-522110 \$1,850; Fringe Benefits – Medical 01013400-511151 \$8,663.
10. RESOLUTION TC29-120: appropriating \$31,573 from the General Fund to Hazardous Waste Day 01030400-581886 \$31,573.
11. RESOLUTION TC29-121: appropriating \$142,613 from the General Fund to Program Expenses 01080800-522205.
12. RESOLUTION TC29-122: BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the State grant award of \$734,369 for the Thrushwood Lake Dam Project and authorizes Vicki A. Tesoro as First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Trumbull, and to perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to administer and implement the project and meet the terms of such documents and agreements.
13. RESOLUTION TC29-123: approving the contracts for the sale of town-owned properties at 29 Haverhill Road and Lot #145 Haverhill Road and authorizing Vicki A Tesoro, First Selectman, or her designee to execute deeds to said properties and any other closing documents required to complete the sales; and authorizing the Town to pay all closing expenses, including real estate commissions associated with these conveyances. Copies of the adopted resolutions are on file and open to public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk. Dated this day February 13, 2023. Mary Markham Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT
JUVENILE MATTERS
ORDER OF NOTICE

NOTICE TO Christopher Hernandez, father of child born on 5/12/22 to Alexandra T of parts unknown.

A petition/motion has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, rivate or public agency or a suitable and worthy person.

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on **2/28/23 at 2:00 PM at 60 Housatonic Avenue Bridgeport CT 06604**

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the **Connecticut Post** a newspaper having a circulation in **Bridgeport**

JUDGE Hon Michael G. Maronich
DATE SIGNED 1/24/2023

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will provide one for you at court expense. Any such request should be made immediately at the court office where your hearing is to be held.

PROBATE NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary Elizabeth Stutz, Of Trumbull, AKA Mary E. Stutz (23-00036)

The Hon. T. R. Rowe, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Trumbull Probate Court, by decree dated February 7, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Stephanie A. Miller,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Robert Stutz
c/o WILLIAM JOHN BRITT,
BRODY WILKINSON PC,
2507 POST ROAD,
SOUTHPORT, CT 06890

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Craig Schmarr (23-00031)

The Hon. Max L. Rosenberg, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Stratford Probate Court, by decree dated February 9, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Lorraine Maglione,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Christopher Schmarr,
Administrator, 79 Maple Vale Drive, Woodbridge, CT 06525

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Alan T. Pistey (23-00040)

The Hon. Max L. Rosenberg, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Stratford Probate Court, by decree dated February 7, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Lorraine Maglione,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

David J. Morrissey, Administrator, 285 Seaside Avenue, Apt 4, Milford, CT 06460

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Margaret E. Rooney (23-0032)

The Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Fairfield Probate Court, by decree dated February 8, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Cheryl Monk,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Joan Griffin
c/o DOUGLAS RADER BROWN,
BRODY WILKINSON PC,
2507 POST ROAD,
SOUTHPORT, CT 06890

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF John D. Williamson, Of Trumbull (23-00074)

The Hon. T. R. Rowe, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Trumbull Probate Court, by decree dated February 7, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Stephanie A. Miller,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Clare M. Williamson,
7617 Woodside Hill,
Fort Worth, TX 76179

PROBATE NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Theresa Ward, of Monroe, AKA Theresa Radovic (22-00508)

The Hon. T. R. Rowe, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Trumbull Probate Court, by decree dated February 9, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Stephanie A. Miller,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Albert Radovic
c/o EUGENE A SKOWRONSKI,
LAW OFFICES OF,
EUGENE A. SKOWRONSKI,
200 DIVISION ST 2ND FL,
ANSONIA, CT 06401

Vera Martino
c/o EUGENE A SKOWRONSKI,
LAW OFFICES OF,
EUGENE A. SKOWRONSKI,
200 DIVISION ST 2ND FL,
ANSONIA, CT 06401

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Wayne J. Murray, Deceased, AKA Wayne Murray (22-01420)

The Hon. Paul J. Ganim, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Bridgeport Probate Court, by decree dated January 24, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Kristen Dellamarggio,
Clerk

The fiduciary is:

CATHY S KOHUT,
CATHY S. KOHUT,
20 EASTON ROAD, PO BOX 38,
MONROE, CT 06468,
(203)261-7491.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF William A. Bevacqua, Of Trumbull (23-00037)

The Hon. T. R. Rowe, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Trumbull Probate Court, by decree dated February 6, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Stephanie A. Miller,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Renee Bollier
c/o PETER DAVID HERSHMAN,
HERSHMAN LEGAL GROUP,
420 E. MAIN STREET, STE 10,
BLDG 1, BRANFORD, CT 06405

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Sik Hur (23-0063)

The Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Fairfield Probate Court, by decree dated February 9, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Cheryl Monk,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Peter Hur
c/o KATHLEEN M DUNN,
KNOTT, KNOTT & DUNN,
1656 MAIN STREET,
STRATFORD, CT 06615

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MITCHELL RIBEIRO, deceased (22-00395)

The Hon. Fred J. Anthony, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Shelton Probate Court, by decree dated February 8, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan M. Pulos,
Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Mario Ribeiro
c/o MICHAEL R CORSELLO,
LAW OFFICES OF, MICHAEL R. CORSELLO, LLC,
10 BYINGTON PLACE,
NORWALK, CT 06850

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary Sekelsky, AKA Mary S. Sekelsky, AKA Mary Sisko Sekelsky, AKA Mary F. Sekelsky (23-0066)

The Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Fairfield Probate Court, by decree dated February 8, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Diane Auray,
Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

William M. Sekelsky
c/o JAMES HOGAN LOVE,
JAMES HOGAN LOVE ESQ.,
79 SOUTH BENSON ROAD,
FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

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