

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN



CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

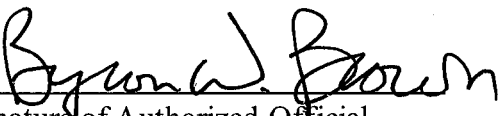
Anti-Lobbying –To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

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

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

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


Signature of Authorized Official

3/24/23
Date

Byron W. Brown, Mayor

Title

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:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M21-MP360502

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: CITY OF BUFFALO, NY

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

16-6002533

* c. UEI:

H1G2YP82NM52

d. Address:

* Street1:

65 NIAGARA SQUARE

Street2:

* City:

BUFFALO

County/Parish:

* State:

NY: New York

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

14202-3313

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

Division Name:

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

Prefix:

* First Name:

MARIA

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

CHUDY

Suffix:

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 7168641423

Fax Number:

* Email: MMELCHIORRE@BUFFALONY.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 AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

M21-MP360502

* Title:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS

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:

USE PY2021 HOME ARP FUNDS TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS, AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, BY PROVIDING HOUSING, RENTAL ASSISTANCE, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER.

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="12,280,862.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="12,280,862.00"/>

*** 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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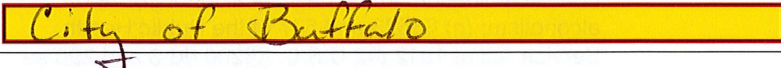

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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives 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.
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CITY HALL
BUFFALO
March 21, 2023

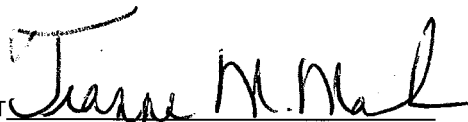
To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby Certify, that at a Session of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, held in City Hall, on February 21, 2023. The attached Resolution was Passed of which the following is a true copy.

No. 23-126

HOME – ARP Allocation Plan

ATTEST


City Clerk

The above resolution was signed by the Mayor on 3/9/2023 and returned to the City Clerk on 3/17/2023.

**City Clerk's Department
BUFFALO**

March 9, 2023

HON. BYRON W. BROWN
MAYOR OF BUFFALO

DEAR SIR:

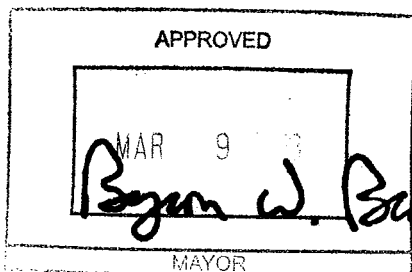
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-19 of the Charter, I present herewith the attached resolution item.

PASSED February 21, 2023

23-126

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Tianna M. Marks
City Clerk



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CITY CLERK



The City of Buffalo Common Council

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

ADOPTED

AGENDA ITEM 23-126

Meeting: 02/21/23 02:00 PM
Department: Strategic Planning
Category: Budget
Prepared By: Maria C Melchiorre
Initiator: Maria C Melchiorre
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 20810 H

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

MULTIPLE PAGE COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMON COUNCIL

TO: THE COMMON COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2023

FROM: DEPARTMENT: STRATEGIC PLANNING

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

PRIOR COUNCIL REFERENCE: (N/A)

TEXT:

Your Honorable Body is requested to approve the City of Buffalo's Allocation Plan for the utilization of grant funds appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) ("ARP") for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) as a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2021 Annual Action Plan.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$12,280,862.00 in HOME-ARP grant funds to the City of Buffalo to be administered to benefit qualifying vulnerable populations through the eligible housing and services activities described the HUD Notice CPD 21-10. This funding allocation is separate and apart from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLRF") program, also established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan fulfills funding requirements for the use HOME-ARP funds and includes description of the following: Consultation, Public Participation, Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis, HOME-ARP Activities, HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals, and Preferences. The requisite public hearing for this Allocation Plan will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, at the Belle Center, located at 104 Maryland St, Buffalo, NY 14201, with a virtual meeting option provided.

Through the stakeholder consultation and data analysis process, working closely with the Homeless Alliance of WNY and the WNY Coalition for the Homeless, the Allocation Plan addresses challenges that significantly impede the ability of service providers to move individuals and families from emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing into stable, longer-term housing. The identified uses of HOME-ARP funding will increase affordable rental housing opportunities for individuals and families currently experiencing homelessness and provide appropriate services to not only shelter these individuals, but transition them from shelters to permanent housing, and provide them the services needed to stay housed. Recommended HOME-ARP eligible activities to be funded as follows:

Use of HOME-ARP Funding	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 1,228,086.20	10%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-	\$ 3,684,258.60	30%	

Congregate Shelters			
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 5,526,387.90	45%	
Administration and Planning	\$ 1,842,129.20	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 12,280,862.00		

Applications for project funding and/or the selection of developers for the development of affordable Rental housing, acquisition/development of non-congregate shelters, and/or the strengthening of Supportive Services offered in the City will be solicited through a Request for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/RFQ), and/or Notice of Funding Availability/Opportunity (NOFA/NOFO) process. The City and/or its subrecipient(s) (if any) will evaluate applications and award funding to applicants who meet the need described in the RFP/RFQ or NOFA/NOFO. Any subrecipient possibly administering these funds will also need to be approved by this Honorable Body.

The Office of Strategic Planning requests that Your Honorable Body:

1. Approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for submission to HUD upon completion of the requisite public comment period; and
2. Authorize pertinent Department personnel to take such steps and actions and to execute such documents and agreements as shall be necessary to implement the Allocation Plan.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD

NAME: Brendan R. Mehaffy TITLE: Executive Director

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

City of Buffalo HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Consultation

Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

The consultation process involved reviewing system-level data and surveying community stakeholders regarding service needs and gaps in service for homeless, low income, and other HOME-ARP qualifying populations throughout the City of Buffalo.

A series of virtual consultation hearings were held with community stakeholders beginning in early 2022. Attendees included direct service providers, fair housing agencies, public housing authorities, and low-income developers familiar with the City of Buffalo. All consultations included a summary of HOME-ARP funding being made available and discussion of recommended eligible uses, shelter and housing priority needs, gaps in the current system, and barriers to providing services. Notes from these meetings and documentation of all outreach will be appended to this document. The City will continue to engage with stakeholders throughout the HOME-ARP Public Participation process.

A complete list of engaged agencies and summarized feedback can be found in the table below:

List of organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Western New York Coalition for the Homeless	Homeless Providers/At-risk Providers/DV/Veterans	2-9-2022; Virtual Meeting	The following gaps have been expressed as the highest areas of need for the qualifying populations: More shelters and more beds (shelter system); More Permanent Supportive Housing; More Senior housing/those on fixed incomes; Access to the supportive services to meet the level of need (health, financial, shelter, housing search, etc.); More units that can house larger families; Prioritizing collaborative efforts;

			<p>Addressing mental health/case managers specializing in homelessness and services; Stabilizing staff and pay; Rapid rehousing improvements; Access to more affordable housing (vouchers) and applying use of housing vouchers more effectively; Creation of shelters for individuals who are sanctioned/hard to serve; Increase the support of enforcing code violations that contribute to inhabitability/displacing households; Strengthen housing court and increase structure improvement programs; Provide more education and advocacy to landlords and tenant relationships; Accessing and converting vacant lots/units for the creation of more housing.</p>
Homeless Alliance of Western New York	CoC Lead/HMIS	2-22-2022; Virtual Meeting	<p>The following gaps have been expressed as the highest areas of need for the qualifying populations:</p> <p>Shelter System Needs: People coming out of treatment facilities not classified as homeless needing additional support; Those leaving prison and not homeless prior to going into prison needing additional support; Usage of Code Blue shelters (these shelters are now being used to house individuals and families long-term, when they are not designed to do so); Those with mental illness not being able to access regular shelter.</p>
BestSelf Behavioral Health	Service Provider		
Restoration Society, Inc.	Mental Health and Homeless Service Provider		
Buffalo City Mission	Shelter and Service Provider		
Teaching and Restoring Youth	Service Provider		

			<p>Housing Inventory and Market Needs:</p> <p>Not enough units was the most commonly expressed need; Rising unit costs and a more competitive market (being priced out) was also a top concern; barriers faced by homeless youth in finding units; Landlords lacking incentive to maintain code-compliant units; need for more effective connections landlords with resources that can assist with repairs.</p> <p>Service Delivery System Needs:</p> <p>More money is needed to pay for staffing; there is a lack of resources to prepare staffing (hands on knowledge and training, possessing previous knowledge working with social work and the homeless); there is a need to get those with mental illness to connect to proper treatment; limited number of landlords willing to rent to high-risk tenants (those who do extensive damage); need for those to leave permanent supportive housing by getting more affordable units.</p> <p>There was an expressed need for more congregate buildings with case services on site; need for more case management to deal with life skills, connecting with resources, more unit availability.</p> <p>Lack of technology support (cell phone obtainment, providing a path for homeless to procure more efficient ways to communicate).</p> <p>Location in Buffalo and putting clients in areas where they can access services (keeping individuals close to areas that are</p>
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			culturally connected and easily accessible).
PUSH Buffalo	Housing Developer and Service Provider	9-15-2022; Virtual Meeting	Expressed need for additional affordable supportive housing development with an emphasis on sustainability as well as a need for further tenant rental assistance.
Salvation Army	Service Provider, Shelter	9-15-2022; Virtual Meeting	<p>Noted that, as a 76-bed shelter for families, they have been at full capacity for 6 months, generally since the State Eviction Moratoriums had lifted. Stays in shelter have become longer due to lack of affordable housing.</p> <p>Barriers to obtaining stable housing for families staying in shelter include mental health concerns, lack of income, substance abuse. Supportive Services are needed to overcome mental health and substance abuse related barriers. Salvation Army also operates a rapid rehousing program, but lack of affordable housing serves as a barrier for those provide time-limited vouchers.</p> <p>Salvation Army is currently developing 160 units of affordable housing at their Buffalo location. They keep a room open for domestic violence. Families presenting with either more family members than they can accommodate or smaller families staying in larger rooms will show in the data as beds not being utilized.</p>
CB Emmanuel	Housing Developer	9-15-2022; Virtual Meeting	Expressed need for the development of additional affordable units for special populations, as well as the general need for developers and non-profits to take greater advantage of opportunities to leverage the

			various State and Federal funding and credit opportunities.
The Belle Center	Service Provider	9-15-2022; Virtual Meeting	Expressed need for additional affordable housing units in order to safely house those who do enter the shelter system. Expressed need for wraparound support services for the same.
Fostering Greatness, Inc.	Service Provider	9-15-2022; Virtual Meeting	Expressed need for additional shelter beds in the community as well as wrap-around supportive services and overall education and support for individuals and families seeking these resources.
Family Promise	Shelter, Homeless Service Provider/Domestic Violence Service Provider	9-15-2022; Virtual Meeting	6 family shelter in Buffalo. Noted that there is an overall lack of affordable housing, especially for larger low-income families who face unique challenges, including discriminatory landlords. Supportive Services are needed for families looking for affordable housing. In general, housing opportunities are limited, even with vouchers. Barriers to affordable housing identified: family size, bad credit, inconsistent income, application fees.
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	Local Government Unit	10-26-2022; Virtual Meeting	Expressed a need for additional shelter beds and affordable housing units to better meet community needs.
Buffalo Municipal Housing Agency	Public Housing Authority	11-10-2022; Virtual Meeting	Expressed Need for more units of affordable housing. Need for larger units to accommodate families. Specific expressed need of revitalization of distressed public housing. Expressed need for provision of supportive services packaged with affordable unit development.

Family Justice Center	Service Provider, Domestic Violence	11-10-2022; Virtual Meeting	<p>Provides supportive services to victims of domestic violence throughout Erie County.</p> <p>Serves approximately 4000 people annually. DV victims seeking services and related homicides have increased since the beginning of the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>Hotels are not a safe answer for DV victims. Rehousing is difficult due to lack of availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable units.</p>
Belmont Housing Resources of Western New York	Public Housing Authority/ Housing Development	11-14-2022; Virtual Meeting	<p>There is an increasing need for shelter beds and not enough support services for those that are in shelters. Helping people to get out of shelters to navigate a tight housing market is even more difficult. There is a need for support to make sure folks don't end up in a revolving door scenario. Permanent supportive housing needs to be expanded for everyone, not just for the chronically homeless. Rapid rehousing is not enough time for folks right now. If you let people go too soon then they will end up back in the shelter system.</p> <p>There are quality concerns with affordable housing units, there is a high number of units not clearing the HUD requirements and abatement. Over the last 5 years there's a huge need for singles, but also on the other end of the spectrum there is a need for 4-5 bedrooms.</p>
Rental Assistance Corporation of Buffalo, New York	Public Housing Authority	11-15-2022; Virtual Meeting	RAC manages 5200 housing choice vouchers for Buffalo and Erie County.

			<p>Housing Inventory is limited. It's hard for those that have a section 8 housing voucher to find housing right now. It has been very difficult to find market rate housing with a tenant based rental assistance program.</p> <p>More outreach needed to landlords for education and marketing.</p> <p>Disabled clients, having difficulty finding accessible units.</p>
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	Fair Housing	1-17-2023; Virtual Consultation	<p>Expressed that one of the greatest issues for maintaining housing is lack of repairs in privately owned homes. A lot of cases dealt with are very serious housing violations such as rodents, lack of heat, lack of water. Citations can be difficult to process and enforce. One of the gaps they see with QPs is discrimination based on source of income. People are at risk of homelessness because they are going to be evicted or their vouchers are expiring. A lot of people call HOME asking for help with security deposits for help with rapid rehousing programs that tend to have long waitlists, especially for units to accommodate those with disabilities. There is a great demand amongst single people with at least one child. One of the biggest challenges is individuals and families not knowing their rights. Many individuals may not realize that what is happening to them is illegal. The 4 most common types of housing discrimination seen are 1) source</p>

			<p>of income, 2) race, 3) disability, and 4) familial status.</p> <p>Getting the information out to people in as many ways as possible. Make sure places that serve homeless people pass that information along.</p>
Compass House	Emergency Youth Shelter	1-17-2023; Virtual Consultation	<p>Compass House Emergency Shelter serves youth ages 12-17, typically runaway youth. The organization can't predict when families will be having a hard time, will throw kids out, or when kids will run away. Throughout the covid pandemic they did not see as many kids coming to the shelter. Prior to covid they were seeing over 300 a year and now are seeing 150 a year. During covid, kids weren't in school and weren't being seen in person. Even police were picking fewer kids up off the street. The resource center saw greater demand for nonresidential preventative services. One of the things that is happening again are presentations in schools and volunteer fairs and programs to tell people about the program. One of the things we have seen is way more mental illness with youth and they have a lot more issues and more severe issues. Didn't have proper socialization.</p> <p>Salvation Army Emergency Family Shelter—many reasons why they are not at capacity. 77 beds accommodates 33 families. Sometimes homeless families may have more family members than they are able to accommodate. They keep a room open for domestic violence victims. Families presenting with either more family members than they</p>

			can accommodate or less family members than will fill a given unit, will show as bed(s) not being utilized.
Project Mona's House	Service Provider; Shelter (Trafficking Victims)	1-30-2023; Virtual Consultation	<p>Mona's House is designed to help women 18 and older who have been victims of any type of human trafficking. Org stated that the community does not have enough housing for trafficking victims—Housing is the top need for this community. Once full, Mona's House won't be empty for years. Individuals can stay up to 27 months as they work with partner organizations to get on their feet and develop an employment history. Individuals have to be 90 days free of substances in order to move into Mona's house. They have to work with a first step like Viva and recovery solutions. Therefore, not everybody qualifies for Mona's house and individuals may have to find a qualifying apartment instead. Wrap around supportive services are very important in this community where individuals are escaping this form of trauma. Most therapeutic treatment facilities are during the day which can make it difficult for individuals to seek employment. Mona's House is planning to expand their shelter operations and full-time staff, including counselors. Mona's House does a lot of preventative work in Buffalo Public Schools focusing on girls in 3rd to 12th grade.</p> <p>Need more non-congregate shelter beds, more space comes with more responsibilities and the need for more resources.</p>

Altamont Veterans Program	Service Provider; Shelter	2-1-2023; Virtual Meeting	<p>34-bed program partner of the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides clinical services and transitional housing for veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Need access to affordable housing, working on building relationships with landlords who accept the HUD Match voucher. NY Housing gov website, list is often filled. No good reliable source to follow up on leads for housing. Housing can be in neighborhoods that are not conducive to veterans' recovery. Most veterans are transitioning out of the shelter with assistance of HUD match voucher. WNY Veterans Housing Coalition opened their permanent housing program that they are starting to send people to. Vets can sometimes over qualify for HUD voucher, but don't make enough for landlords. Need shelter programs that are designed for higher need individuals—their program is designed for substance use disorder and more mild mental health diagnoses. They just don't have the resources to assist the higher need mental health population.</p> <p>Barriers to achieving long-term stability—credit improvement as it impacts the housing search. Working on educational programs for credit. The development of affordable rental units would be the best use of these funds. On the homeless veterans side the access to affordable housing is key—there's usually a lot of mechanisms in place that they can usually at least offer them places to stay. A quick inflow but a slow</p>
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			<p>out flow. Housing will help with the transitional housing waiting list.</p> <p>Last federal fiscal year numbers 2022: 70 unique individuals with average length of stay being 131 days. Some were with them prior to and post fiscal year. HUD Voucher encompasses most of the transitions out. According to the VA 74.19% of veterans that transitioned out last year transitioned to affordable housing.</p>
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Public Participation

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

- *Date(s) of public notice: 1/20/2023*
- *Public comment period: 2/7/2023 - 3/9/2022*
- *Date(s) of public hearing: 2/7/2023*

Describe the public participation process:

A Public Notice was published in the local newspaper of general circulation, The Buffalo News, as well as in alternative papers and news media, including The Challenger, Panorama Hispano, and the Criterion, as well as being posted to various City and partner agency social media pages. A copy of the Public Notice in English, Spanish, and Arabic was published on the City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning website on 1/20/2023. At the start of the 15-day Public Notice Period, notices were sent directly to stakeholders, government agencies, homeless service providers, and support organizations.

The Plan's public comment period ran from 2/7/2023 until 3/9/2023 where residents were welcome to submit comments in writing to the Office of Strategic Planning via letter, email, or phone call. A public hearing was held on 2/7/2023, in person, at The Belle Center Community Center, as well as virtually, to address any questions and public comments about the Plan and funding. Comments received during the 30-day comment period and public hearing are included in this Plan.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

In addition to providing a virtual Public Hearing option to allow for maximum accessibility for public engagement, the City of Buffalo has adopted a Language Access Plan to assist anyone with limited English proficiency to further access City documents. Contact information for City staff who assist with language access and reasonable accommodation was included in the Public Notice. Translation and reasonable accommodation services were also included in the Public Notice and addressed as needed. Additionally, the City will observe a 30-day Public Comment Period, as opposed to the requisite 15-days, to broaden the opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the Plan.

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

The comments received during the public information meeting, and submitted thereafter, were generally supportive of the information included within the plan, but most recommendations requested that the City look at a certain (sub)population or consider a specific intervention/program type. Recommendations included; supporting rehabilitation of existing units, funding a rental arrears program, the consideration of shared housing in the development of affordable rental units, and the provision of supportive services funding to landlord engagement and financial assistance. All comments received were accepted.

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

N/A

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

This section presents the results of the homeless needs assessment and gaps analysis, drawing on HMIS data, Point-In-Time (PIT) count information, public federal data sources and local program data from entities that provide housing and services to HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. This data has been enhanced with feedback from stakeholders within the City of Buffalo and the Homeless Alliance of Western New York, the Continuum of Care that includes the following counties: Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming.

Section 1: Housing Inventory

Buffalo has an insufficient inventory of affordable rental housing. Among individuals and households in emergency shelter in 2022, 41% stayed more than 30 days; in transitional housing, 34% stayed more than one year. A lack of affordable and available units for persons transitioning out of the homeless system is severely restricting their options for long-term stability. Longer lengths of stay may increase the need for beds, as there is less turnover for new clients to be able to use those resources. This trend also indicates a need for additional housing inventory overall, as fewer available options lead to longer stays in emergency shelter and transitional housing.

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

	Current Inventory (HIC)					Homeless Population (2022 PIT)					Gap Analysis*					
	Family		Adults Only		Children Only	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Child-ren-Only HH	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only		Victims of DV	
	# Beds	# Units	# Beds	# Units	# Beds						# Beds	# Units	# Beds	# Units	# Beds	# Units
Emergency Shelter (non-DV)	147	42	213	--	9											
Emergency Shelter (DV)	24	15	7	--	--											
Transitional Housing (non-DV)	39	12	34	--	--											
Transitional Housing (DV)	13	6	1	--	--											
Permanent Supportive Housing	112	44	1,020	--	--											
Rapid Rehousing (non-DV)	172	48	139	--	2											
Rapid Rehousing (DV)	59	21	4	--	--											
Other Permanent Housing	--	--	70	--	--											
Sheltered Homeless						66	3	313	44	29						
Unsheltered Homeless						--	--	11	--	--						
Current Gap											0	0	0	0	0	0

Data Sources: 1. 2022 Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

Based on the 2022 PIT Count and the 2022 Housing Inventory Count, there is no gap in the homeless housing inventory. While the PIT count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homeless on a single night, stakeholder consultations speak to broader trends in the experiences of homeless service providers—specifically the frequency at which shelters are full and the need for short-term emergency shelters (such as Code Blue shelters) to function as long-term shelters. Further, there is a recognized need from stakeholders for greater numbers of shelter beds for larger low-income families, as well as shelters with lower barriers to entry for those struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. Furthermore, several stakeholders reported that their utilization rate can appear to be less than 100% when they accommodate households that do not neatly fit into the existing bed/unit configurations.

The overall affordable rental housing inventory is also inadequate to address current demand. Specifically, the severe shortage of affordable and available units for renter households at 0-30% AMI and 31-50% AMI increases housing insecurity and rent pressure on these lower-income households.

Within the city's rental housing inventory, there is a severe housing gap for households at 0-30% and 31-50% AMI (see Table 2). Analyzing the household occupancy of rental units by income tier provides additional information. According to 2019 CHAS data, there are 25,865 renter households at 0-30% AMI. However, only 21,440 rental units are affordable to this group of households. Further exacerbating the situation is that only 7,995 of these 21,440

affordable units are occupied by 0-30% AMI households. The remaining 13,445 units are occupied by households with incomes above 30% AMI. ***This results in a housing gap of 17,870 rental units affordable to 0-30% AMI renter households.***

Moving up the income spectrum, there are 11,755 renter households at 31-50% AMI. For this income group, there is an over-supply of 33,070 units affordable to them. However, only 6,090 of the 33,070 units are occupied by 31-50% AMI households. The remaining supply of 26,980 units is occupied by households of other income tiers, likely including some of the 0-30% AMI households who are living in units outside of their income tier which would cause them to be cost burdened. ***This results in a housing gap of 5,665 rental units affordable to 31-50% AMI renter households.***

The housing gap numbers are not meant to be housing production numbers. However, they clearly enumerate the need for affordable and available rental units for the lowest-income renter households.

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Renter Households	0-30% AMI	31-50% AMI
Total Households	25,865	11,755
Affordable Housing Units	21,440	33,070
Units Occupied by Appropriate Income Tier ¹	7,995	6,090
Units Occupied by Other Income Households ²	13,445	26,980
Gap ³	17,870	5,665

¹ Number of housing units occupied by a household of the same income tier (i.e., a 0-30% AMI household occupies a unit that is affordable to a 0-30% AMI household)

² Number of housing units occupied by a household that is not of the same income tier (i.e., a 0-30% AMI unit is occupied by a household above 30% AMI)

³ Total Number of Households minus Units Occupied by Appropriate Income Tier equals the number of units needed to house the balance of the households within that income tier that are occupying units affordable to households above their income tier (i.e., the housing gap).

Data Source: 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

Section 2: The size and demographic composition of the Qualifying Populations

1. Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The number of Erie County residents that meet the definition of homeless under 24 CFR 91.5 was derived from the 2022 PIT Count conducted on January 26, 2022. The PIT Count provides data for all of Erie County, including Buffalo, and the numbers for Buffalo cannot be isolated from the rest of Erie County. The 2022 PIT Count identified a total of 526 persons experiencing homelessness. These included 66 family households with children, 313 adult-only households and three households consisting of children only. Compared to the previous year's count, there

was a 12% increase in homeless persons in 2022 driven primarily by a 50% increase in family households with children along with a 32% increase in children under the age of 18.

Table 3. Change in PIT Count 2021-2022 in Buffalo/Erie County, NY

	2021	2022	Change
Total Persons	471	526	12%
<i>Household Type</i>			
Families with Children	44	66	50%
Adults Only	324	313	-3%
Children Only	4	3	-25%
<i>By Age</i>			
Children under 18	87	115	32%
18-24	41	45	10%
25 and older	343	366	7%

Source: Point in Time Count for 2021 and 2022

While the PIT counts provide one-night snapshots of the homeless population in Erie County for two years, the 2022 APRs include more detailed data of all homeless persons who entered and received services through the Continuum of Care. The 2022 was derived from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) maintained by the Housing Alliance of Western New York. The following demographics describe the homeless populations served during 2022 through street outreach, emergency shelter and transitional housing.

Street Outreach:

- **Total:** A total of 336 persons were encountered through street outreach initiatives, of which 324 (96%) were adults without children. Four children were encountered, three of which were without adults.
- **Race:** 40% were White and 38% were Black among those who reported their race. Another 12 persons (3.6%) identified as multi-racial, 7 (2%) were American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous and 1 (0.3%) was Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.
- **Ethnicity:** 7.7% identified as Hispanic/Latino.
- **Domestic Violence:** 19% reported a history of domestic violence and 36% reported they were fleeing domestic violence.
- **Income:** 42% of persons reported no income when first encountered, 8% reported incomes of \$1-\$500, 20% reported incomes of \$501-\$1,500 and 12% reported incomes of more than \$1,500.
- **Exit Destination:** 40% of persons exited to permanent destinations while another 11% exited to temporary destinations. Exiting to temporary destinations such as emergency shelters, motels/hotels, places not meant for human habitation, etc. can increase the likelihood of returning to homelessness.

- **Veterans:** One person was a chronically homeless veteran and another 11 were non-chronically homeless veterans. Three veterans exited to permanent destinations while two exited to temporary destinations (staying or living with friends temporarily and places not meant for human habitation).
- **Chronically Homeless:** 24% were chronically homeless individuals. Among this group, 75% had mental health disorders, 46% had physical disabilities, 43% reported chronic health conditions, 32% had both alcohol and drug use disorders, 14% had developmental disabilities and 13% had drug use disorders. Individuals may have more than one condition.
- **Youth:** Of the 71 persons under the age of 25, 96% were between 18-24 and the remaining 4% were between 12-17. 62% were male, 25% were female and two persons identified as questioning. 25% of the youths exited to permanent destinations while 14 exited to temporary destinations (emergency shelter/motel/hotel, transitional housing, staying, or living temporarily with friends, and places not meant for human habitation).

Emergency shelter:

- **Total:** Of the 3,659 persons who stayed in emergency shelters during 2022, 75% were adults and 21% were children. These individuals represented 2,646 households: 83% adult-only households, 11% adult households with children, 5% children-only households. The remaining were unknown household types.
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- **Ethnicity:** 11% identified as Hispanic/Latino.
- **Domestic Violence:** 15% reported a history of domestic violence and 36% reported they were fleeing domestic violence.
- **Income:** 40% reported having no income upon entering emergency shelter, while 7% reported incomes of \$1-\$500, 14% reported incomes of \$501-\$1,500 and 12% reported incomes of more than \$1,500. Upon exiting emergency shelter, 40% reported having no income, 8% reported incomes of \$1-\$500, 16% reported incomes of \$501-\$1,500 and 14% reported incomes of more than \$1,500. Exiting with little, if any, financial resources increases the likelihood of returning to homelessness.
- **Length of Participation:** Of the 3,659 persons who stayed in emergency shelters, 59% stayed 30 days or less, 25% stayed between 31-90 days, 16% stayed between 91-365 days and 0.8% stayed between 1-3 years.
- **Exit Destination:** Of the 2,819 persons who left emergency shelter, 45% exited to temporary destinations. A bare majority (50.9%) exited to places not meant for human habitation, while equal percentages (13%) exited to motels/hotels, 11% left to stay temporarily with family, and 8% moved to transitional housing. The remaining 3% exited to Safe Haven or motels/hotels paid by the client.
- **Veterans:** 27 persons were chronically homeless veterans and another 124 individuals were non-chronically homeless veterans. Of the 118 homeless veterans, 45% left emergency shelters for temporary destinations. More than half (58%) exited to places not meant for human habitation.

- **Chronically Homeless:** 14% of the individuals who stayed in emergency shelters were chronically homeless. Of these, 80% reported mental health disorders, 26% had chronic health conditions, 24% had both alcohol and drug use disorders, 15% had drug use disorders, 13% had developmental disabilities, 9% had alcohol use disorders and 2% had HIV/AIDS. Individuals may have had more than one condition.
- **Youth:** Of the 457 persons under the age of 25, 67% were between 18-24 and the remaining 33% were between 12-17. 62% were male, 25% were female and two persons identified as questioning. 25% of the youths exited to permanent destinations while 14 exited to temporary destinations (emergency shelter/motel/hotel, transitional housing, staying or living temporarily with friends, and places not meant for human habitation). These individuals included 43 households comprised of 48 persons between the ages of 18-24 who were parents with 60 children among them. 53% of the homeless youths were females, 45% were males, 3 identified as transgender, 2 as questioning and 1 as no single gender. 74% of homeless youth remained in emergency shelter 30 days or less, 14% stayed 31-90 days, 11% stayed between 91-365 days and 0.09% remained between 1-2 years. Of the 393 youths who exited emergency shelter, 22% left for permanent destinations while 42% exited to temporary destinations (motel/hotel paid by a sponsor, transitional housing, staying or living temporarily with family or friends, places not meant for human habitation, Safe Haven or motel/hotel paid for by the client).

Transitional housing:

- **Total:** 294 persons resided in transitional housing in Erie County in 2022. Of these 94% were adult households without children, 5% were adults with children and one household consisted of only one child.
- **Race:** 46% of individuals were White, 42% were Black and 6% were multi-racial. The remaining were American Indian or Alaskan Native or Indigenous (1%), Asian or Asian American (0.7%) and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (0.3%).
- **Ethnicity:** 12% identified as Hispanic/Latino.
- **Domestic Violence:** 32 individuals (12%) reported a history of domestic violence and 44% were fleeing domestic violence.
- **Income:** 29% reported having no income upon entering transitional housing, while 11% reported incomes of \$1-\$500, 21% reported incomes of \$501-\$1,500 and 19% reported incomes of more than \$1,500. Upon exiting transitional housing, 21% reported having no income, 14% reported incomes of \$1-\$500, 20% reported incomes of \$501-\$1,500 and 27% reported incomes of more than \$1,500.
- **Length of Participation:** Of the 294 persons who stayed in transitional housing, 8% stayed 30 days or less, 17% stayed between 31-90 days, 41% stayed between 91-365 days, 30% stayed between 1-3 years and 4% stayed three years or longer.
- **Exit Destination:** Of the 121 individuals who left transitional housing in 2022, 34% exited to permanent destinations and 27% to temporary destinations.
- **Veterans:** Of the 271 individuals residing in transitional housing, 66 were veterans with 6 being chronically homeless veterans. Of the 33 veterans who left transitional

housing in 2022, 58% exited to permanent destinations while 27% went to temporary destinations.

- **Chronically Homeless:** 21 individuals identified as chronically homeless. Among these, 52% reported mental health disorders, 43% reported physical disabilities, 38% had chronic health conditions, 29% had both alcohol and drug use disorders. Veterans could report more than one condition. Individuals could report more than one condition.
- **Youth:** There were 15 youth in transitional housing, 14 were between the ages of 18-24 and one was between 12-17. There were two households of parenting youths among this group with three children among them. Eight of the 15 youths were female, five were male, one was questioning, and one was transgender. Three youths had lengths of stay on 90 days or less, 10 stayed between 91-365 days, one stayed 2-3 years and one stayed 3-4 years. Of the eight youths who exited transitional housing in 2022, three exited to permanent destinations while four left for temporary destinations (staying temporarily with family or friends).

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#) & Pg.3-8 of Notice

Several local data sources were analyzed to describe the at-risk homeless population.

According to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, there is a housing gap of 17,870 rental units affordable to 0-30% AMI renter households (see Table 2). For now, these households are residing in units that are not affordable to them, meaning they must pay more than 30% of their monthly income on housing costs and are cost-burdened. There is an additional housing gap of 5,665 rental units affordable to 31-50% AMI renter households. Similarly, this gap results in cost burden for the households who pay rents that exceed 30% of their monthly income. This creates an unsustainable living situation and can lead to homelessness.

The Erie County 2022 APR provides the following demographics describing the populations who were provided rapid rehousing services. Some of these individuals and households would be considered at risk for homelessness. Initial research reveals that people assisted by rapid rehousing experience higher rates of permanent housing placement and similar or lower rates of return to homelessness after the assistance ends compared to those assisted by transitional housing or who only receive emergency shelter. Among those exiting rapid rehousing in 2022, 28% had no income and 30% reported incomes between \$1-\$1,000. Limited finances are a primary barrier to permanent housing. Of the 751 persons who exited rapid rehousing, 9% exited to temporary destinations including emergency shelter, staying temporarily with family or friends, transitional housing, places not meant for human habitation, and Safe Haven. Without long-term rental assistance, available affordable rental housing, and supportive services, these individuals and households are at greater risk for returning to homelessness.

Several entities administer Housing Choice Voucher programs in Buffalo. All of these programs have lengthy waiting lists. According to the [Center on Budget & Policy Priorities](#), New York households wait an average of 31 months for vouchers to assist in paying rent. These renter households are at-risk of becoming homeless while waiting for vouchers and paying more than 30% of their income on housing.

Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, a member of the Erie County PHA Consortium, administers 5,365 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) to provide rental assistance to households with incomes up to 80% AMI. According to the BMHA's 2023 Annual Plan, the HCV waiting list contains more than 4,500 applicants of which 82% are below 30% AMI and more than half are in need of one-bedroom units. BMHA owns and manages 31 public housing developments with around 4,000 units of public housing. As of January 18th, 2023, there are 1,745 households on the waiting list for units, of which 46% are in need of one-bedroom units and 29% need two-bedroom units. Of the households on the PHA waiting list, 53% are Black, 39% are White, and 18% are Families with disabilities. Of the households on the HCV waiting list, 66% are Black, 26% are White, 11% are Families with Disabilities, and 44% are Families with Children.

Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. administers the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program for Buffalo. Of the 318 applicant households on the waiting list for assistance, 57% are Black households, 36% are White households and the remaining 6% are other races. 11% of the household applicants are Hispanic/Latino. 56% of applicant households were waiting for 1-bedroom units while 14% required units with 4 or more bedrooms. More than half (53%) are female-headed households, 34% are households with at least member with a disability and 15% are elderly households.

Rental Assistance Corporation of Buffalo administers a Housing Choice Voucher program in the city with 5,242 vouchers in use. The agency's waiting list includes 7,130 applicants, all of whom are at-risk of homelessness while paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs while waiting to receive a voucher. The following demographic data was available for waiting list applicants:

- **Household Type:** The largest group of applicants (62%) are families with children followed by households with at least one member with a disability (29%) and households with at least one member aged 62 or older (9%).
- **Race:** Black households represented 62.81% of all applicants, nearly double the rate of Black households residing in Buffalo. White households represented 23.48% of all applicants.

The City of Buffalo administers an **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)**. The program was initiated in June 2021. To date, the program has received 8,597 applications requesting rental assistance totaling \$79,845,000. Of this amount, 55% was requested to make payments on arrears, 21% for future rent payments and 24% to pay monthly utilities.

As of August 2022, \$45,410,000 has been paid to 6,331 households with an average payment of \$7,173. An additional \$10,291,000 in assistance was pending as of August 2022 for 1,441 applicant households, and 825 applications are on hold or are being reviewed for requests totaling \$5,031,000.

The following summary includes demographic data of the 6,331 households whose applications for rental assistance were approved as of August 2022:

- **Race:** 67% of recipients were Black households indicating a disproportionate financial impact from Covid-19 among Black renters who represented 37% of all city households. White households accounted for 16% of recipients and 42% of all city households. The program counted Hispanic/Latino as a race, of which 11% were

recipients; this group represented 14% of all city households. All other races together accounted for 6% of recipients.

- **Age of Householder:** The majority of ERAP recipients (62%) were between 25-44 followed by 45-64 (26%). 10% were between 18-24 and only 3% were 65 or older.
- **Gender of Householder:** More than two-thirds (68%) of all recipient households were headed by females. However, female-headed households accounted for 58% of all city households, indicating a greater need for rental assistance among this group than male-headed households.
- **Income:** The majority of recipients (59%) had incomes under 30% AMI. As income rose, the number of households receiving assistance declined. 27% had incomes at 30-50% AMI while 13% had incomes at 50-80% AMI. Only 2% of recipients had incomes above 80% AMI.
- **Monthly Rent:** 8% of recipients had monthly rent payments of under \$500 while another 26% were paying between \$500-\$700 in rent. The largest group assisted (39%) were households paying between \$700-\$900 in rent. As monthly rent increased, the number of households assisted began to decline. 21% of households paying \$900-\$1,200 in rent received ERAP funding and only 6% were living in units with monthly rent higher than \$1,200.
- **Household Size:** The largest group of recipients (45%) were one-person households indicating a greater need for rental assistance among single-income households. As household size increased, the level of approved applicants decreased. Two-person households accounted for 22%, three-person households 9% and households of five or more persons 8%.
- **Bedroom Size:** Recipients residing in two- and three-bedroom units represented 36% and 38%, respectively, and were the majority. Households in studio units and one-bedroom units accounted for 16% while those in larger units of four or more bedrooms comprised 10%.

Among the pending applications for assistance as of August 2022, 52% were for households at 0-50% AMI. This analysis indicates the heavy reliance of lower income renter households on rental assistance to maintain housing. For recipients whose employment opportunities have not improved to pre-pandemic levels or better, and whose monthly income remains insufficient to maintain housing stability, the likelihood of eviction due to nonpayment of rent remains a threat without continuing supportive funding.

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 APRs, 19% of homeless persons encountered through street outreach reported a history of domestic violence and 36% reported fleeing domestic violence. Among persons staying in emergency shelter, 15% reported a history of domestic violence and 36% reported fleeing domestic violence. Within transitional shelter, 12% reported a history of domestic violence and 44% were fleeing from it.

According to [NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services](#), “Human trafficking is a difficult crime to detect, largely because victims are hidden from public view and the means used by traffickers are many times subtle.” No specific data on human trafficking victims in Buffalo/Erie County is available.

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

Black Residents: 67% of the households provided financial assistance through the city’s ERAP program were Black households indicating a disproportionate financial impact of the pandemic among Black renter households, who represented 37% of all city households. Belmont Housing Resources reported that 57% of applicant households on its EHV waiting list were Black renter households. Rental Assistance Corporation reported 62.81% of HCV applicants were Black renter households. No other racial or ethnic group was disproportionately represented on these waiting lists for housing assistance.

Persons Exiting to Temporary Destinations: According to the 2022 APRs, 45% of the 2,819 persons who exited emergency shelter left for temporary destinations. Of the 121 persons who exited transitional housing, 34% left for temporary destinations. Households exiting to temporary destinations are more likely to return to homeless or face greater risk of housing instability than those exiting to permanent destinations.

Veterans: Altamont Veterans Program in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reported for 2022 70 unique individuals with average length of stay being 131 days. According to the VA, 74.19% of veterans that transitioned out last year transitioned to affordable housing.

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):

Current Resources related to eligible activities within the City of Buffalo include:

Congregate and Non-Congregate Shelter Units:

- City ESG funding provides support for street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, prevention, and rapid rehousing to assist the homeless and other special needs populations. Applications for ESG funding are reviewed and rated by the Continuum of Care Committee, which has been designated by HUD to coordinate homelessness efforts in the region.
- The local Erie County department of social services (DSS) is the largest single point of entry. The length of stay is generally expected to be less than 30 days; extensions may be granted at some shelters if participants are following through with their case plans. These

shelters include My Place Home, Salvation Army Family Shelter, Faith Based Fellowship, Family Promise, Haven House, a portion of beds at Buffalo City Mission Men's Center (25 beds), and Matt Urban Hope House. Other emergency shelters include: Non-DSS beds at Buffalo City Mission Men's Center and Cornerstone, Little Portion Friary, Haven House, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, Compass House, and Transitional Services, Inc. The Restoration Society, Inc. operates a Drop-in Center, Harbor House, that is often used as if it is an emergency shelter by the community.

Affordable and Permanent Supportive Rental Housing and Tenant Based Rental Assistance:

- The City's ESG programs support Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention Services for homeless and at-risk households. The Erie County Department of Social Services (DSS) or 2-1-1 after hours is the first stop in the Continuum of Care's (COC) Emergency and Transitional Shelter placement system. The local CoC administers a variety of Rapid Rehousing and scatter-site Permanent Supportive Housing programs for those with disabling conditions. While these programs serve all of Erie County, the majority of clients are located within the City Buffalo.
- Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (BMHA) provides affordable housing options to low-income residents, as well as voucher program to subsidize local rent.
- Belmont Housing Resources of WNY and Rental Assistance Corporation oversee the region's HUD Section 8 rental vouchers for low-income residents of Buffalo.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#) & Pg.3-8 of Notice

According to stakeholders, the greatest need exists for safe, affordable rental housing for persons transitioning out of emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing facilities. Data analysis revealed an overall housing gap of 17,780 rental units available and affordable to 0-30% AMI households and another 5,665 rental units available and affordable to 31-50% AMI households. The housing gaps for these two income groups significantly impedes the ability of service providers to move people from emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing into stable, longer-term housing.

Stakeholders reported that gentrification in some Buffalo neighborhoods has resulted in more single-family units emerging where multi-family existed previously, thus contributing to a decrease in the rental inventory. In addition, stakeholders reported that rents have risen overall, often exceeding the allowable HUD payment standards. Landlords can charge higher rents from tenants who are not restricted by the HCV payments. As a result, landlords that may have previously participated in the HCV program are no longer interested in it.

According to stakeholders, intensive case management and wrap-around supportive services are required as soon as homeless individuals and families are placed in housing to assist in stabilizing

them and decreasing their chance of returning to homelessness. While numerous service providers are available, stakeholders also reported that their capacity to provide adequate levels of supportive services is strained due to staff shortages, inexperienced staff, staff turnover, and insufficient wages.

Stakeholders reported a lack of single beds in shelters for single adults. In addition, entire families are being housed in the city's Code Blue shelters, which are meant to provide shelter and warm meals in times of cold weather emergencies. These families would normally be housed at emergency shelters to keep the Code Blue shelters available for single persons seeking a safe and warm place during extreme cold.

There is a need for a no- or low-barrier emergency shelter and supportive services to assist homeless individuals who live in uninhabitable areas in close proximity to emergency shelters. According to stakeholders, some of these individuals have barriers such as mental illness, drug and alcoholic disorders, and other conditions that make them a danger to themselves and to others—reasons why they are not admitted to shelters. Others are reluctant to enter the homeless system and are not aware that entering the shelter is the first step toward receiving supportive services and other assistance from the Erie County Department of Social Services (DSS).

Other needs identified by stakeholders included the following:

- A lack of transportation for shelter residents between the emergency shelter locations and the DSS offices is a major barrier to accessing supportive services. Shelter residents must find their own mode of transportation.
- Immigrants and refugees in need of supportive services face the challenges of language barriers and obtaining the documentation needed to access services.
- Food access is a challenge for individuals and families placed in motels/hotels. For families receiving SNAP assistance, the lack of proper food storage and cooking equipment may force them to buy more costly and less nutritional ready-to-eat meals.
- Background and credit checks for persons who have not had employment/regular employment or who have a criminal background frequently cause landlords to reject their applications.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#) & Pg.3-8 of Notice

According to the CHAS data, there is a housing gap of 17,870 rental units affordable to 0-30% AMI renter households (see Table 2). For now, these households are residing in units that are not affordable to them, meaning they must pay more than 30% of their monthly income on housing costs and are cost-burdened. There is an additional housing gap of 5,665 rental units affordable to 31-50% AMI renter households. Similarly, this gap results in cost burden for the households who pay rents that exceed 30% of their monthly income.

According to stakeholders, more income-based housing is needed. There is not a significant inventory to date, and a portion of the existing supply is reaching the end of its tax credit affordability period. Furthermore, other historically affordable rental units are seeing large increases in rental prices, therefore, making them unaffordable to low-income households that could formerly live there. Additionally, transportation services are crucial for homeless and at-risk populations to maintain employment and utilize other necessary services such as childcare.

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

The following comments were provided by stakeholders who were interviewed for this plan.

At least 1-2 clients are unable to be served by Haven House (emergency shelter) every day. Cornerstone Manor, Buffalo's City Mission, is nearly always full but will on occasion accept a domestic violence household when absolutely necessary.

Among the immigrants and refugees who have relocated to Buffalo, there is a level of acceptance of violence among some of their cultures. Erie County has placed persons fleeing domestic violence in motels/hotels but has stopped the practice due to the high risk of abusers finding their victims in hotels. 98% of the individuals and families who have fled domestic violence in the county are high fatality risk cases. There were 19 domestic violence homicides in the county in 2019, where none of the victims had prior connections with supportive services. The need in Buffalo for additional emergency shelter beds for victims of domestic violence is high and exacerbated by the threat of lethal violence against victims who do not have a safety net to assist them in fleeing their abusers.

Local service providers are expecting to see increases in the need for more shelter beds as new immigrants arrive from New York City. Assisting people to move out of emergency shelter is only possible when there is quality, affordable rental housing available for them to move into and supportive services to assist them.

In terms of rapid rehousing, this type of assistance is inadequate because it does not provide enough time for individuals and households to secure long-term stable housing in the current market.

Stakeholders also reported that there is funding available for supportive services. The real need is for safe, affordable and decent housing to place clients and their families who are fleeing domestic violence.

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

Stakeholders identified the following needs:

- For people with disabilities, accessible housing is a continuing and critical need.

- Landlords discriminate based on the age of children in a family seeking to rent a unit, which may indicate an unwillingness to remediate for lead-based paint if the children are 6 or younger.
- Many tenants seeking units might realize they are being discriminated against but don't have the time to fight it. They will move on to the next opportunity because they are desperate to find a unit they can rent.
- Some landlords have accepted deposits from tenants but did not follow up to rent the units.

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

There are gaps in the housing inventory system for affordable rental housing for households at 0-30% AMI and 31-50% AMI as well as for Permanent Supportive Housing. In terms of the supportive services delivery system, existing agencies are spread thin providing the necessary support to a growing number of clients needing assistance. With the rising cost of living, affordable housing is more important now than it ever has been. Prior to COVID, the main funding source for prevention programs was ESG. However, with the pandemic, the City received an influx of resources to help households remain housed. Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) was initiated in June 2021. To date, the program has received 8,597 applications requesting rental assistance totaling \$79,845,000. Of this amount, 55% was requested to make payments on arrears, 21% for future rent payments and 24% to pay monthly utilities. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and CARES Act Funding were the first of their magnitude to help households at risk of homelessness. However, these resources are beginning to phase out as grant funds are spent, and evictions are still occurring. The Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis indicates the heavy reliance of lower income renter households on rental assistance to maintain housing. For recipients whose employment opportunities have not improved to pre-pandemic levels or better, and whose monthly income remains insufficient to maintain housing stability, the likelihood of eviction due to nonpayment of rent remains a threat.

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:

No additional information to provide.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Through the stakeholder consultation process and data analysis, the City of Buffalo has identified the following priority needs:

- Additional emergency shelter for victims fleeing domestic violence who need to be immediately housed to remain safe
- A no- or low-barrier emergency shelter for homeless individuals who are being refused entry due to drug and alcohol use
- Affordable rental housing for households at 0-30% AMI and 31-50% AMI for transitioning out of emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing for a variety of household sizes (studio up to 4+bedroom units)
- Permanent Supportive Housing for homeless persons and families who require wrap-around supportive services to stabilize and remain housed (studio up to 4+bedroom units)
- Tenant-based rental assistance for keeping housing affordable once those who are homeless and at risk of homelessness are able to find housing
- Increased capacity building for supportive service providers who are in need of experienced case managers to adequately serve the homeless and at risk populations
- Better code enforcement to force violators to correct deficiencies and preserve affordable units
- Tenant/landlord trainings

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

The City analyzed the data sources listed below to develop a profile of housing and supportive services needs for HOME-ARP qualifying populations. This analysis was supplemented with valuable input from stakeholders who were consulted and provided nuanced context for understanding the reality of the need and gaps in the current system. From this perspective, the City was able to identify the priority needs of the qualifying populations in Buffalo.

The following data sources were consulted:

- American Community Survey (ACS), 2016-2020
- HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), 2015-2019
- Housing Alliance of Western New York Continuum of Care:
 - 2022 Point-In-Time Count
 - 2021 Point-In-Time Count
 - 2022 HMIS Annual Performance Reports
 - 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
- Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority:
 - 2023 Annual Agency Plan
 - Housing Choice Voucher waiting list
- Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc.:
 - Emergency Housing Voucher waiting list
- Rental Assistance Corporation of Buffalo:
 - Housing Choice Voucher waiting list
- [Center on Budget & Policy Priorities](#)
- [NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services](#)

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:

Applications for project funding and/or the selection of developers for the development of affordable housing will be solicited through a Request for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/RFQ), and/or Notice of Funding Availability/Opportunity (NOFA/NOFO) process. The City will release a RFP/NOFA/NOFO to solicit applications related to the development of affordable rental housing, acquisition/development of non-congregate shelters, and/or the strengthening of supportive services offered in the City. The City will evaluate applications and award funding to applicants who meet the need described in the RFP/RFQ or NOFA/NOFO. Potential partners in the development of the RFP/RFQ may include the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, the City Community Stakeholder, and the local Continuum of Care. The anticipated timeline for release of the RFP/RFQ is late Spring/Early Summer 2023.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Buffalo will not administer eligible 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:

No HOME-ARP funds were provided to subrecipients prior to HUD acceptance.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 1,228,086.20		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 3,684,258.60		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)			
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 5,526,387.90		
Non-Profit Operating			5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building			5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 1,842,129.20	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 12,280,862.00		

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

The City has allocated the highest amount of its allocation (45%) to the development of affordable rental housing. Based on the Needs Assessment & Gaps Analysis in conjunction with stakeholder feedback, Buffalo lacks an adequate inventory of quality rental units that are affordable and available to households at 0-30% AMI, which includes the qualifying populations. Expanding this inventory with HOME-ARP funding will provide more opportunities for individuals exiting emergency shelter and transitional housing to become stably housed.

The need for additional non-congregate shelters was identified in several ways, including Code Blue shelters taking in families who had nowhere else to seek shelter in extreme winter weather, homeless individuals who reside outdoors on the periphery of emergency shelters but who cannot gain access to them due to entry barriers, and victims of domestic violence and those fleeing from domestic violence who are frequently turned away from emergency shelters due to lack of beds. The City has allocated 30% of its HOME-ARP grant for this purpose.

Buffalo will allocate 10% of its grant to finance supportive services provided by agencies and organizations within the community. Layering supportive services with affordable housing will increase the likelihood of homeless and at-risk of homeless individuals becoming stably housed.

The remaining 15% of the HOME-ARP grant will be used for program planning and administration.

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 rationale for this Plan is supported by the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis. Both the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis and Consultation data show that Buffalo has an insufficient inventory of affordable rental housing. According to CHAS data, there is a housing gap of 17,870 rental units affordable to 0-30% AMI renter households and a housing gap of 5,665 rental units affordable to 31-50% AMI renter households. The housing gaps for these two income groups significantly impedes the ability of service providers to move people from emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing into stable, longer-term housing. According to stakeholders, the greatest need exists for safe, affordable rental housing for persons transitioning out of emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing facilities. Increasing affordable rental housing opportunities for individuals and families currently experiencing homelessness and providing appropriate services will transition these individuals from shelters to permanent housing and provide them the services needed to stay housed. Further, with many shelters operating at full or near full capacity, short-term emergency shelters have been functioning as long-term shelters—a service these facilities are not designed for. While shelter providers attest to the need for a greater number of non-congregate units for larger families, the rising number of homeless persons in the City is driven primarily by a 50% increase in family households with children along with a 32% increase in children under the age of 18.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The City of Buffalo is currently researching the cost of developing supportive housing and is investigating which funding types can be leveraged with HOME-ARP funding. The City continues to incentivize developers to include supportive housing for the qualifying populations within any affordable or mixed income housing development in the City. As noted in the Need Assessment and Gaps Analysis, there is a need for more affordable rental housing in Buffalo. To address this need, the City has allocated \$ 5,526,387.90 in HOME-ARP funding to the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. The City has not yet developed program guidelines and/or an application for these funds, but it is estimated that the funding will result in the production of approximately 20 units of affordable rental housing. Given the high cost of developing affordable housing and low incomes of the qualifying populations, it is likely that the units will have ongoing operating/rental subsidies, which will be secured later in the project development process.

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

The City of Buffalo 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan noted that there was a shortage of affordable,

safe housing units in our community. One of the overarching goals of the City’s Consolidated Plan is “Providing decent housing by preserving affordable housing stock, increasing availability of affordable housing, reducing discriminatory barriers, increasing the supply of supportive housing for those with special needs, and transitioning homeless persons and families into housing.” The City’s HOME-ARP plan supports that goal, and will address the following needs as identified in the 2020-24 Con Plan; increase affordable rental housing for low and moderate-income residents, special needs populations and persons experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless.

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 City does not establish preferences within the scope of this Allocation Plan. The City will determine if preferences will be established for an eligible activity on a project-by-project basis and will submit an amendment to its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan before committing funds.

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):

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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):

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N/A

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N/A

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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N/A

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N/A

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Se hará una audiencia pública sobre el Plan de asignación del HOME-ARP en persona, con opción virtual, para obtener la opinión pública el **martes 7 de febrero de 2023 a las 6:00 p.m.** en la **cafetería del Belle Center Community Center en 104 Maryland Street, Buffalo NY, 14201.**

Un borrador de la Enmienda Sustancial, que incluye el Plan de Asignación de Vivienda del HOME-ARP, estará disponible en línea en <https://www.buffalony.gov/324/Consolidated-Plan-Documents> para revisión pública del **martes 7 de febrero de 2023, hasta el jueves 9 de marzo de 2023**. Se aceptarán comentarios orales y escritos durante la audiencia pública y durante el siguiente período de comentarios de 30 días. También se pueden enviar comentarios por escrito por correo electrónico a HUDAdministrator@buffalony.gov. Para que sean considerados, todos los comentarios orales y escritos los debe recibir la Ciudad a más tardar el **jueves 10 de marzo de 2023.**

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Únase por teléfono: +1-415-655-0001 llamada gratis en EE. UU. Código de acceso telefónico:
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أجرت المدينة عملية تشاور مع أصحاب المصلحة لتحديد احتياجات الإسكان والخدمات غير المستوفاة بين الأفراد المؤهلين والأسر التي لا مأوى لها، والمعرضة لخطر التشرد، أو في الفئات السكانية المؤهلة الأخرى الضعيفة من أجل تطوير خطة تخصيص HOME-ARP. تعد خطة التخصيص مطلوبة من HUD للمدينة لتلقي أموال منحة HOME-ARP الفيدرالية. تمثل خطة تخصيص HOME-ARP خطة استراتيجية توضح بالتفصيل تخصيص التمويل لمساعدة الأفراد أو الأسر المؤهلة من خلال توفير السكن بأسعار معقولة، والمساعدة في الإيجار، والخدمات الداعمة، و/أو المأوى غير الجماعي، للحد من التشرد وزيادة استقرار الإسكان. تحدد خطة التخصيص استخدام أموال منح HOME-ARP الفيدرالية لتلبية هذه الاحتياجات.

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يمكن الوصول إلى جلسة الاستماع العامة يوم الثلاثاء 7 فبراير 2023 عبر Webex أو الهاتف على ما يلي:

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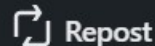
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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

The City of Buffalo Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning consulted with the following organizations in the development of this Allocation Plan:

Western New York Coalition for the Homeless

Homeless Alliance of Western New York

Buffalo City Mission

Restoration Society, Inc.

BestSelf Behavioral Health

Teaching and Restoring Youth

PUSH Buffalo

Salvation Army

CB Emmanuel

The Belle Center

Fostering Greatness, Inc.

Family Promise

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning

Buffalo Municipal Housing Agency

Family Justice Center

Belmont Housing Resources of WNY

Rental Assistance Corporation of Buffalo

Housing Opportunities Made Equal

Compass House

Project Mona's House

Altamont Veterans Program

NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY STAKEHOLDERS

- The greatest need exists for safe, affordable rental housing for persons transitioning out of emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing facilities.
- Gentrification in some Buffalo neighborhoods has resulted in more single-family units emerging where multi-family existed previously, thus contributing to a decrease in the rental inventory.
- According to stakeholders, more income-based housing is needed.
- Stakeholders reported a lack of single beds in shelters for single adults. In addition, entire families are being housed in the city's Code Blue shelters, which are meant to provide shelter and warm meals in times of cold weather emergencies.
- There is a need for a no- or low-barrier emergency shelter and supportive services to assist homeless individuals who live in uninhabitable areas in close proximity to emergency shelters.
- While numerous service providers are available, stakeholders also reported that their capacity to provide adequate levels of supportive services is strained due to staff shortages, inexperienced staff, staff and turnover, and insufficient wages.

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- A lack of transportation for shelter residents between the emergency shelter locations and the DSS offices is a major barrier to accessing supportive services.
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- Food access is a challenge for individuals and families placed in motels/hotels. For families receiving SNAP assistance, the lack of proper food storage and cooking equipment may force them to buy more costly and less nutritional ready-to-eat meals
- Background and credit checks for persons who have not had employment/regular employment or who have a criminal background frequently cause landlords to reject their applications.
- For people with disabilities, accessible housing is a continuing and critical need.
- Landlords discriminate based on the age of children in a family seeking to rent a unit, which may indicate an unwillingness to remediate for lead-based paint if the children are 6 or younger.
- Many tenants seeking units might realize they are being discriminated against but don't have the time to fight it. They will move on to the next opportunity because they are desperate to find a unit they can rent.

NEEDS IDENTIFIED THROUGH DATA ANALYSIS

The City completed the homeless needs assessment and gaps analysis, drawing on HMIS data, Point-In-Time (PIT) count information, public federal data sources and local program data from entities that provide housing and services to HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. The following data sources were consulted:

- American Community Survey (ACS), 2016-2020
- HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), 2015-2019
- Housing Alliance of Western New York Continuum of Care:
 - 2022 Point-In-Time Count
 - 2021 Point-In-Time Count
 - 2022 HMIS Annual Performance Reports
 - 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
- Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority:
 - 2023 Annual Agency Plan
 - Housing Choice Voucher waiting list
- Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc.:
 - Emergency Housing Voucher waiting list
- Rental Assistance Corporation of Buffalo:
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- Center on Budget & Policy Priorities
- NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

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Housing Inventory	<p>The overall affordable rental housing inventory is inadequate to address current demand. There are gaps in the housing inventory system for affordable rental housing for households at 0-30% AMI and 31-50% AMI as well as for Permanent Supportive Housing.</p> <p>This housing gap impedes the ability of service providers to move people from Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Rapid Rehousing into stable, longer-term housing.</p> <p>The Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis also indicates the heavy reliance of lower income renter households on rental assistance to maintain housing.</p>
Shelter Inventory	<p>Additional emergency shelter for victims fleeing domestic violence who need to be immediately housed to remain safe.</p> <p>Need for additional Non-Congregate Shelters to accommodate larger families.</p> <p>A no- or low-barrier emergency shelter for homeless individuals who are being refused entry due to drug and alcohol use.</p>
Service Delivery Systems	<p>Increased capacity building for supportive service providers who are in need of experienced case managers to adequately serve the homeless and at risk populations</p>

PRIORITY NEEDS IDENTIFIED

Through the stakeholder consultation process and data analysis, the City of Buffalo has identified the following priority needs:

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- Better code enforcement to force violators to correct deficiencies and preserve affordable units
- Tenant/landlord trainings

PROPOSED BUDGET

Eligible Activities	Funding Amount Proposed
Supportive Services	1,228,086.20
Acquisition/Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	3,684,258.60
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	5,526,387.90
Planning & Administration	1,842,129.20
Total	\$ 12,280,862

NEXT STEPS

1. 30-day Public Comment Period 2/7/23 – 3/9/23
2. Common Council Approval
3. Submission to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development prior to 3/31/23
 - Up to 45 days to respond and approve
4. Implementation—further details on solicitation of eligible projects and programs will be made available later this Spring.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS?

Thank you for your participation in today's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Public Hearing!

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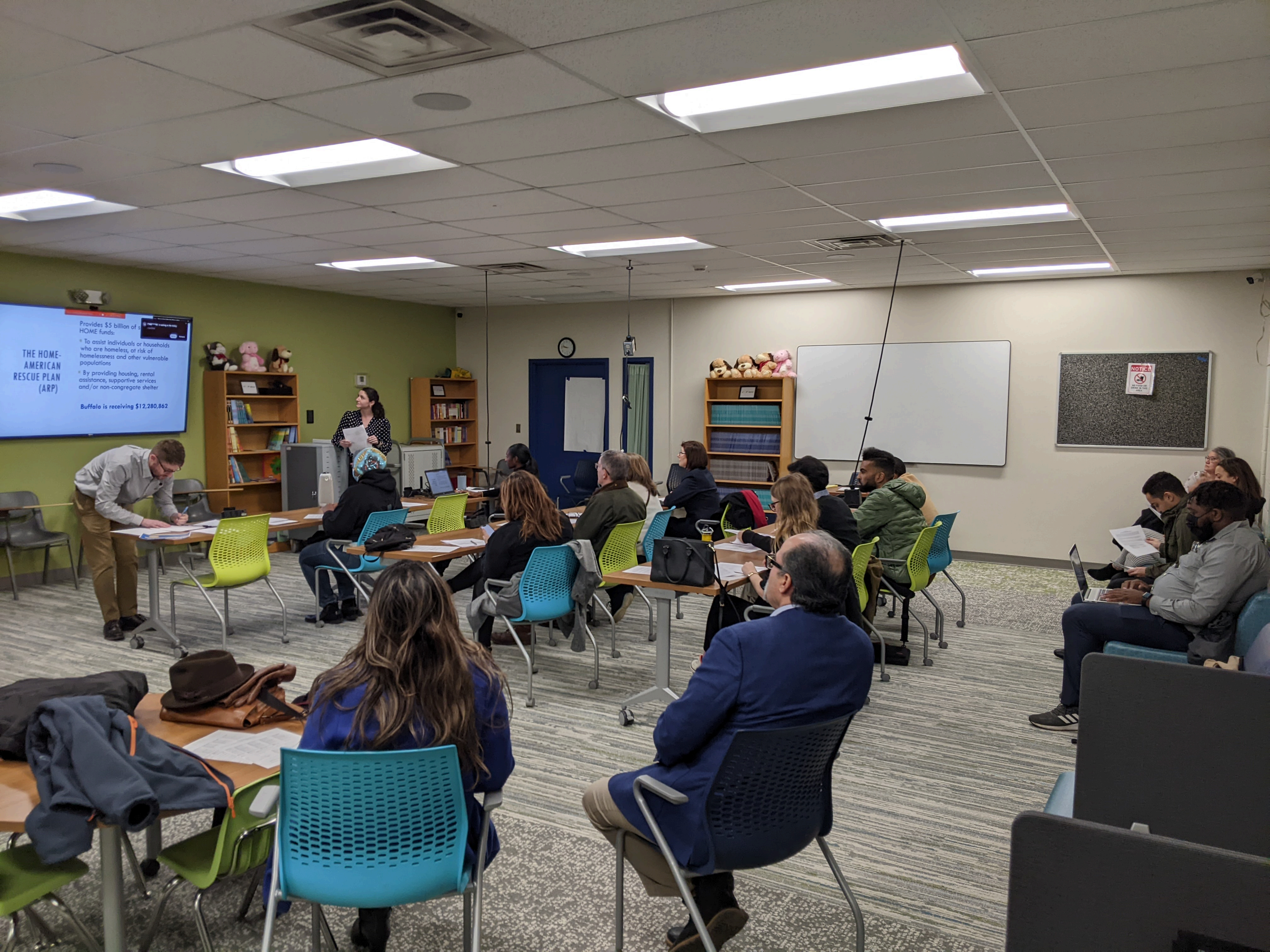
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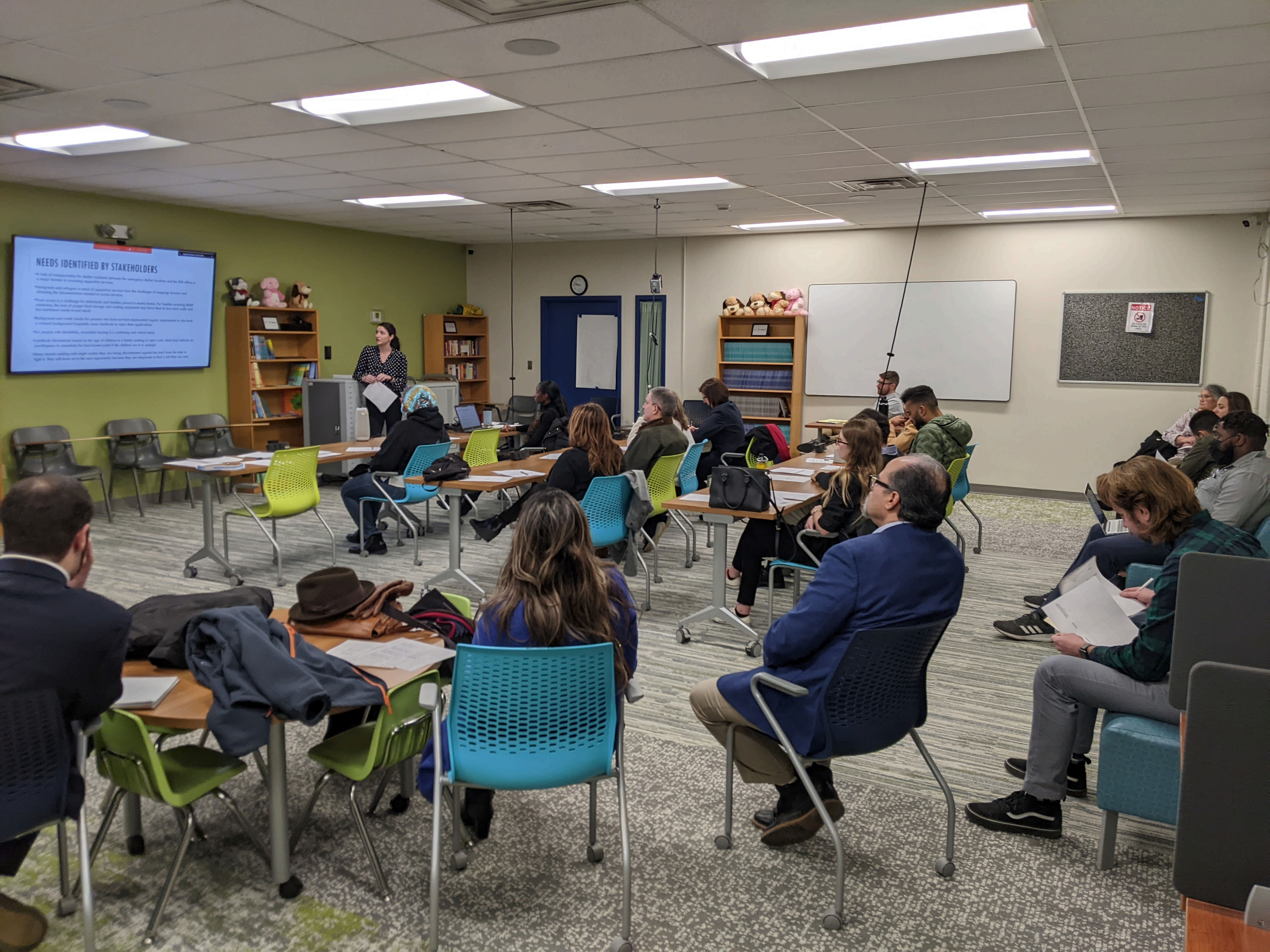


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Sure.

2 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So.

3 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:00:23.250 --> 00:00:23.460

Huh.

4 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:01:36.840 --> 00:01:39.900

Right. I'm going to.

5 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:01:39.900 --> 00:01:46.860

Let some people in on the remote meeting, and then we'll get started in just a couple of minutes.

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7 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Hello.

8 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Hello.

9 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Hello.

10 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So.

11 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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12 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Hello.

13 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So.

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I can understand.

16 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
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Sure.

17 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:03:35.580 --> 00:03:39.360
Okay.

18 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
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Let people on.

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Because the strategy, so we can do that.

20 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
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Hello, I've been on my just sign in for us for this.

21 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:03:53.370 --> 00:03:56.370
Thank you. Bye.

22 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:04:06.840 --> 00:04:10.740
Snapshot some of those.

23 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:04:18.270 --> 00:04:23.100
Yeah.

24 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
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It's recordings yeah, it's this 1. that would be.

25 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:04:31.169 --> 00:04:35.159
Right.

26 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:04:35.159 --> 00:04:41.789
So, people, joining accepting people from the lobby.

27 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:04:46.824 --> 00:04:57.894

For those of you just joined me please make sure to sign in. And there's also a optional survey there at the end of the table just disclosing client characteristics for the community center.

28 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Okay, um, you have 2 different sign in sheets I'm signing on both. Yeah, please Thank you. 1 is for the city once for Bell center.

29 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Hello.

30 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:05:25.619 --> 00:05:34.589

So, for those of you just walking in, please make sure to sign in whether it's now or before you leave.

31 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:05:34.589 --> 00:05:38.309

My name is Maria.

32 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:05:38.309 --> 00:05:43.734

I am the hub programs manager for the city of Buffalo, office and strategic planning.

33 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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And this evening we have come together at this public hearing both virtually and here in person to discuss our home American rescue plan allocation plan for the city of Buffalo.

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So, what is home art if you recall there was the American rescue plan passed in 2021 and those funds uh, it was a 1.9Trillion dollars stimulus package, and of those funds.

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They were allocated to various different departments to administer for various needs for the U. S. population. So, um, the specific block of funding that we're talking about tonight.

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On the American rescue plan was appropriated to the US Department of housing and Urban development.

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So these funds are HUD funds, and they are therefore governed by HUD regulations, similar to the home investment partnerships funds. I'm not sure if you may have familiarity with that.

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But that is a standard entitlement grant that the city of Buffalo receives every year again, from the Department of.

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Housing and Urban development so the difference between.

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Morning morning, thanks for joining us just make sure to sign in either. Now before before you leave, thank you. Um, so the difference between home arc.

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And the standard home program that the city of Buffalo has had, as as a part of his program's route.

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For decades is that this is a 1 time funding allocation it is in 1 time funding allocation of 12,280,862 dollars made to the city of Buffalo specifically to assist individuals, or households who are homeless,

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or at risk of homelessness as well as other populations as such as those individuals and families leading, or attempting to flee situations of domestic violence.

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and families leading or attempting to flee situations of domestic violence

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As well, as situations of human trafficking, this also includes veteran populations that are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. And this also includes other vulnerable populations.

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This can include individuals and families at or below 30% area, median income and other groups that are either homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

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These funds were allocated for specific eligible uses again to assist the. the

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These qualifying populations, and those uses include the development of affordable rental housing, rental assistants, supportive services, and the development or acquisition of non congregate shelter.

50 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So, the 1st step again, mandated by fund in this, uh, the allocation plan process was stakeholder consultations.

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So the city of Buffalo undertook the city of buffalo's mayor's office of strategic planning, undertook a extensive series of stakeholder consultations, beginning in early, 2022, um, going through, uh, to some most recent.

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to some most recent

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Just in the past month or so to wrap up those stakeholder consultations the list, you can see here identifies the majority of groups that we spoke with, during the stakeholder process.

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There are also other groups that we've been able to reach out to and will continue to consult with during our public participation process.

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So, again, stakeholder consultations in form part of the needs and gaps.

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Analysis, so we'll get to that in a moment, but essentially.

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You know, the, the, the guidance issued by HUD, uh, required us to consult with organizations that represent the interests of those qualifying populations.

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But the next slide, so, what were some of the needs identified by these stakeholders in these consultations?

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So the greatest need expressed by far was the need for safe, affordable rental housing for persons transitioning out of emergency shelter,

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transitional housing and rapid rehousing facilities gentrification in some Buffalo neighborhoods was recognized as resulting in a greater number of single family units. Where more.

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Multi family units previously existed thus contributing to a decrease in rental inventory.

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Um, we go back on site, go back to 2 slides.

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1 more 2nd, yeah so, um, Additionally, according to stakeholders, in terms of the gap in affordable rental housing,

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there is more there is a need for more income based housing in the community stakeholders also reported a lack of single beds in shelters for single adults. In addition.

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The entire families are being housed or have been housed in code blue shelters, which.

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We're not set up to function as long term shelters, but rather short term, emergency shelters.

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And so really, we're seeing in terms of our shelter system, uh, gap for, for families as well as for individuals who.

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For reasons related to mental health substance abuse, et cetera.

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There is a need for no or low barrier,

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emergency shelter beds as well for those individuals who are unable to access other shelter opportunities further while there are numerous supportive service providers in the community

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stakeholders did report the capacity to provide adequate levels of service.

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Uh, it's strange due to staff shortages and experienced staff staff, turnover and insufficient wages again, with that. The supportive service system here in the city.

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So those are some of the needs going further a lack of transportation for shelter residents was identified as well as the need for immigrant and refugees in their need for supportive services,

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facing language barriers, obtaining necessary documentation and just overall understanding the system, um, food access is also, a challenge spoken to by our stakeholders for individuals and families who are living in temporary.

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Shelter so, again, in motels and hotels for families, receiving snap benefits oftentimes in these temporary shelter situations, there's a lack of proper food, storage, cooking equipment.

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That may force them into more of a fast food prepared food situation, which is obviously not ideal background and credit checks for persons who have not had employment, or have had your regular employment,

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or may have a criminal background is a big barrier to.

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To stable housing for a lot of individuals and families as well, as people with disabilities living with disabilities,

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accessing housing is a continuing critical need we see discrimination based on familial status as well as discrimination based on income source, um, in addition to race discrimination, as,

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as we do continue to see in the city many tenants seeking units may not realize that they are being discriminated against.

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But may not have the time or the resources to fight that type of situation. Um, and for that reason, they may just move on to the next opportunity out of desperation when really there there could be a case there.

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Um, so these are these are the state, these are the needs broadly identified in our stakeholder consultation process and then, in addition to the stakeholder consultation process, there was a data analysis piece.

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So, if you want to go into the next slide, in terms of data analysis.

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The city completed a homeless needs assessment and gas analysis, the data drawn on for this analysis included data, which is data that is collected by our continuum of care as well as point in time,

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count information. And so, if you're unfamiliar at the point in time count is a participatory count of half sheltered and unsheltered homeless during 1 day at different points of the year.

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We also reviewed public federal data sources and local program data from entities that provide housing and services to these qualifying populations.

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So you can see here a list of the data sources that were referenced in the data analysis piece of this plan.

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All right, so through data analysis, um, these are some of the key needs that were identified again the overall.

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Latest need identified by all stakeholders as well as by the data is the lack of affordable rental housing inventory. It is adequate in the city to address current demand.

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There are gaps in the housing inventory system for affordable rental housing for households 0 to 30% am I.

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and also, at 31 to 50%, for permanent as well, as for permanent, supportive housing, this gap impedes the ability of service providers to move people from emerging. people from emerging

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Emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid re, housing into stable, long term housing. Our needs assessment and gap analysis also indicates a heavy reliance of lower income rental households on rental assistance to maintain housing.

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In terms of our shelter inventory, the data and stakeholder analysis, identified a need for additional emergencies.

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For additional, um, emergency shelters for victims between domestic violence who need to be immediately housed to remain safe.

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Um, there's also a need for additional non, congregate shelters to accommodate larger families and again a further need for no or low barrier,

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emergency shelter for homeless individuals who cannot access current shelters due to mental health or substance abuse issues.

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And then further, in terms of the service delivery system, again, increase, capacity,

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building for supportive service providers is needed for experienced case managers to adequately serve these populations.

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So so, a part of the allocation plan process is that we took our 1st step in consultation with stakeholders.

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We took that data as well, as our data analysis, and through the analysis of both of those pieces of data.

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We were able to identify the priority needs for these qualifying populations and so the priority needs identified are again affordable rental housing is the biggest need identify.

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Especially for larger families, we're seeing larger, maybe multi, generational households that require larger units that we're not seeing as much of.

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So, but the need really does vary between studio to larger family units but overall there is a significant gap that was identified through data analysis process.

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In affordable rental housing affordable to how.

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At or below 50%, permanent, supportive housing is a great need for homeless persons and families who require wraparound, supportive services to be remain stable housed.

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So, again, those supportive service needs further additional emergency shelter for victims, clean domestic violence as well as a no barrier emergency shelter for homeless individuals, tenant base, rental assistance.

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Because again, we've. we've

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Identified that a large number of households in the community do rely on rental assistance for to remain stable housed as well as increased capacity.

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Building is a need for supportive service providers. Better code enforcement is needed to force housing violators to correct deficiencies and preserve affordable units.

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And lastly, tenant, landlord trainings, and this again goes back to tenants not necessarily.

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Always being aware of their rights, or the pathways that are afforded to them in representation, um, as well as landlord trainings, in terms of, um.

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How what is required of them in terms of being a landlord and not only the state of New York, but the city of Buffalo so, based on our needs and gaps analysis,

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the funding proposal again, the full allocation to the city of Buffalo in the home our program was 12,280,862 dollars. two hundred and eighty thousand eight hundred and sixty two dollars

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Based on stakeholder, consultations and data analysis.

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The working group in the office of strategic planning came to the above budget recommendations,

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and so these budget recommendations are based on the greatest need being the development of affordable rental housing and so therefore,

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the largest pod you'll see here is for that purpose followed by acquisition development of non congregate.

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Sir, and then supportive services, strengthening supportive services in the community as we've expressed the need is great there as well.

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So you should all have a print out so that you can refer to these recommended project categories throughout the Q and a here. But we can certainly go back to any of these slides as needed.

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So, again, this is the recommended budget at this point. The allocation plan is, this is, this is what is proposed in the allocation plan. Um, so if we want to go on to the next slide.

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No worries what are the next steps.

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Next steps, so the allocation plan is going on public display today. So there is a copy of the documents. If there's not 1 in front of you, we have a couple available upfront that you can take a look at before leaving today.

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It will be available on the city website the, the link for which will be it's in the notice here, but it's if you go to the, the office of strategic plan.

124 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Page, that's where you'll be able to find all HUD consolidated plan related documents. So this document, the allocation plan is going to be on display for 30 days.

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And during that time we encourage you to submit written or oral comments.

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During this time, we will be going through the common council process and getting common council input on these recommended budget lines. Once the 30 day public comment, period has elapsed.

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We will be submitting the allocation plan to upon receipt. Hud will have about 45 days to respond. And approve, we've been hearing that that moves a little faster these days. And we're hopeful for that.

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And then. then

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Approved we will move into the implementation phase and in terms of further public details on solicitation of eligible projects and programs,

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you will see information a little bit later this spring regarding further implementation and solicitation.

131 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:22:16.559 --> 00:22:30.209

So, again, today's, today's hearing, and this 30 day common period is on the funding priorities that have been recommended in the allocation plan, based on stakeholder, consultation and data analysis.

132 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So, I'm gonna go to the next slide. All right so that's that is our presentation of the objectives that we've identified for these funds.

133 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Uh, we ask that any questions you have either on virtual, if, if you're virtual, please put questions in the chat, and we will read them out as we receive them.

134 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So, again, if you have a question and your virtual, please.

135 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Put them in the chat and we will go through and answer them accordingly and then we will open up the floor here in person to questions at this time as well.

136 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So thank you, and just if you don't have any questions or comments today, you want to take some time to review the plan again we will be accepting comments through until March, 10th,

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all written and oral comments will be accepted through until March 10th, and will be appended to the plan being submitted to. to

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00:23:35.969 --> 00:23:45.779

So, if you don't have any questions or comments today, please feel free to submit any subsequent comments you may have to the email address here on the screen.

139 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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And the, in addition to the plan itself, the PowerPoint will be made available on the website following this evening's presentation as well questions. Here we go. All right. Yeah, we can go ahead.

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Do we want to do do you mean.

141 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Yeah, yeah, if you could read them out that that would be great. Mm. Hmm.

142 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Give me a favor, just a name and Chad is.

143 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Right here they are.

144 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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They have 2 questions who are the stakeholders.

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That's true.

146 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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What is the strategic plan and the funds are not approve.

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Alright, so decrease decrease and that's part of that is what is something to address the needs identified.

148 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Um, so we've gone back here, um, for the participants, uh.

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Uh, reference to our stakeholder consultation list and again, we encourage participation from any organizations not included here during our public participation process.

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This list encompasses those that we were able to engage with. And so, if we were not able to engage with an organization, we are still seeking input during the public participation process.

151 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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The 2nd question, I believe, was what is the plan for funds?

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If the funding plan is not approved, we are working closely with hub reps to ensure that this plan encompasses all of the required components for approval.

153 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So we have a timeline that we are working towards again closely with HUD. And the goal is that these funds will be approved, they would not be approved in part, but in full, um.

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And I think there was 1 other elements of that question. Yeah, it was what is the plan to address the needs of the portfolio? All right, so the, the needs identified again.

155 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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If we want to go back to the priority needs slide, we can go back to stakeholders. If anyone wants to take another, look there. So priority needs identified.

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So, our top priority needs are the development of affordable rental housing for households at 0.

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30% am I and 31 to 50% am I so, at this time we've allocated over 5Million? Um.

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To actually execute, so we've allocated 5,526,387 to the development of affordable rental housing and so again, this is not an implementation program design document. This is an allocation plan budget document.

159 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So you will see further information being made publicly available later this spring on implementation and program design. This is simply not simply but.

160 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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spring on implementation and program design this is simply not simply but

161 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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This exercise, and this allocation plan is identifying the priority means, and making budget decisions based on priority needs.

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So priority need 1, being affordable rental housing and that is the top provision of funds in the proposed budget priority number 2.

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so, permanent supportive housing going under the umbrella of affordable rental housing so priority number 2, being acquisition development of non, congregate shelter and.

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That category has received an allocation of 3,000,684 258.

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And again, that is because this is through stakeholder, consultation and data analysis.

166 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:27:34.854 --> 00:27:47.424

The top priority needs, identified, followed by supportive services provision, and strengthening of supportive services in the community, being the 3rd priority need identified.

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And that category has been allocated 1,228,086 dollars. two hundred and twenty eight thousand eighty six dollars

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00:27:54.054 --> 00:28:06.144

So, in terms of implementation and program design, you will see more information about soliciting projects and programs coming out of this office. But at this time, this document is an allocation plan.

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And so further details on implementation will not be in found in this document.

170 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:28:11.579 --> 00:28:19.349

Again, priority needs identified budget objectives and priorities based on the priority needs identified.

171 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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All right uh, yes, I, um.

172 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:28:23.969 --> 00:28:29.579

I have a couple questions on page 14. there's a table that shows.

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The number of households numbers, affordable units and so on and so forth.

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Um, but it's, you know, references the, this certain, um.

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Categories right. So what I'm curious about and maybe this is something that I need to dig into the data source to find out about is is where the.

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Above 50 per hour, in terms of availability to people and then, like.

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How many people are actually occupying that, like like, what is our overall for? It? Look like cause 1 of the issues is.

178 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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The rents are too high, right? I mean, just in general otherwise we wouldn't be looking at these kinds of numbers. So we can like, pour money into developing more affordable rental housing. But at the end of the day, we have if we have housing stock, that's available. And it's just not accessible because it's.

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It's overpriced and that's like the piece I'm kind of looking for. So I'm wondering if that information is in the report anywhere or.

180 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So, because.

181 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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This plan speaks to the needs of qualifying populations so that being those at or below the area, median income identified here there is you won't find in this document on analysis of.

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You know, availability of market rate units, um, however, you know,

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the data analyzed does speak to affordable affordable units or units affordable to these groups that are occupied by groups above 50%.

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So that that number of units impacts the number of units you're seeing here. Oh, so that's what. what

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The, the other income households line is.

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00:30:21.659 --> 00:30:36.564

I got it, and we can certainly, you know, talk a little more detail about the data afterwards, if you'd like but, um, yeah, that's and if you have any other, I think you said you had any questions did when I'm in a positive that was a handover. Yes, I saw that I got to check in with the digital.

187 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:30:36.864 --> 00:30:42.714

Okay. So it actually tagged on to 1 of the, the online questions about, um.

188 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:30:43.769 --> 00:30:47.849

It's funding and approval process and I apologize. I know I got your way. So, um.

189 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:30:47.849 --> 00:30:52.439

Something like that um, is this 12,000,000.

190 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:30:52.439 --> 00:31:00.359

Existing money that needs to get approved by 5 for this program or is this a new allocation?

191 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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That if it were to get approval would then come from. But it's a great question. This is a question. We're receiving a lot in the community so I want to take the opportunity Thank you for asking. So you'll see on the handout.

192 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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I believe it's spelled out in 1 of those paragraphs. Um, when the American rescue plan act was passed in 2021, it was a 1.9Trillion pot of funds.

193 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So, the city of Buffalo, and I'm sure you've all seen a lot of the programmatic activities that have been going on in terms of. have been going on in terms of

194 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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That are both funding that funding that 331Million that comes from a PoC called the state and local corona virus recovery funds. So that is separate and apart that is passed through Treasury the US Department of Treasury.

195 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So, this 12Million pot is not included in that 3331Million pot. This is separate and apart it is administered through HUD. So it has a completely different set of regulations than the.

196 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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hud so it has a completely different set of regulations than the

197 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:32:00.359 --> 00:32:08.034

The Treasury funds that the city of Buffalo is is working so hard on getting administered out to you guys.

198 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:32:08.034 --> 00:32:21.654

So, this is separate and apart, and this is specifically for the homeless, the at risk of homelessness and those fleeing, or attempting to flee situations of domestic violence or trafficking.

199 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:32:22.104 --> 00:32:24.084

So separate and apart.

200 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:32:24.359 --> 00:32:30.659

That's the only thing you take away today. Yeah, you want to check in with anyone online? No book.

201 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:32:30.659 --> 00:32:34.709
Nothing really major is the sort of issues we have. Um.

202 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:32:34.709 --> 00:32:39.059
If the, um, Here's where the reporting implementation will be on the website.

203 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:32:39.059 --> 00:32:43.349
And the document available yeah. Would be available to see how.

204 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:32:43.974 --> 00:32:54.534
Absolutely, yes so the document is available now, because it's been filed with common counsel for review. So it'll be available in 2 places. It's available through the common council agenda system.

205 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:32:54.534 --> 00:33:07.254
If you know how to access that, but the placement it will be posted for the office of strategic planning is, when you navigate to the city's web page, you're able to select various departments from a drop down menu.

206 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:33:07.584 --> 00:33:13.254
If you go to the office of strategic planning. It'll be an option posted.

207 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:33:13.349 --> 00:33:27.594
Under consolidated plan documents and so we will circulate a link to those that we at least have on here. And if we have your email address on here as well, we will circulate a link.

208 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:33:27.594 --> 00:33:31.884
So you are able to access that the document will be posted there.

209 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:33:31.884 --> 00:33:42.774
This evening with the PowerPoint presentation, and again That'll be available for public comment for 30 days until March 10th and all comments are encouraged.

210 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:33:43.349 --> 00:33:44.579
In New York world.

211 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:33:44.579 --> 00:33:52.439

Yeah, yeah, so 1 of the key things that you've noted power that you found was missing was.

212 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:33:53.034 --> 00:34:07.134

Permanent affordable housing, something that people can work transitioning to move into. I think 1 of the ideas was, you know, rooming houses and single room occupancy. Is there any discussion of changing the zoning code? You can do that free.

213 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:34:07.134 --> 00:34:22.044

It's only you can only build and, uh, and 1 zoning, which is obviously the most expensive when we have the city, they can do that for free to just expand where you can build out. And that's something that was floating at all just a 1 time.

214 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Source opportunity, so, at this point, there hasn't been any discussion of any zoning change that would go along with this funding source.

215 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:34:31.614 --> 00:34:40.224

Any, you know, there will be specific projects that are reviewed for these funding this funding source.

216 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:34:40.254 --> 00:34:52.434

Um, and any, any specific zoning related issues would be on a project by project basis, but in terms of overall zoning reform in response to this funding source, that's not something.

217 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:34:52.439 --> 00:34:54.389

I think that's that's currently being considered.

218 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:34:54.389 --> 00:34:57.479

Bye.

219 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:34:58.499 --> 00:35:02.849

Thank you. Okay. I just have 2 questions so.

220 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:35:02.849 --> 00:35:09.479

As the city figured out based on inflation and the cost of materials, how many units they could actually.

221 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:35:09.479 --> 00:35:12.959

Filled with 5.5Million then.

222 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:35:12.959 --> 00:35:19.679

The other question I have is, are they going to give it to public housing authorities or are they trying to.

223 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:35:19.679 --> 00:35:23.879

Allocate responding out to developers. Do we have an idea.

224 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:35:23.879 --> 00:35:33.599

So, I'm just going to flip here to where we have that isn't necessary. Portion of the plan is, um.

225 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:35:33.599 --> 00:35:40.974

An estimate of units, but again, that's going to be based on the proposals that we solicit.

226 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:35:41.004 --> 00:35:48.654

Right because you can only build a certain number of larger family units versus, you know, a larger number of smaller units.

227 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:35:48.654 --> 00:36:03.444

And so that number will really be dependent on the project specifics, but I do want to direct your attention to page 32. this is the section of plan called home our production housing goals. goals

228 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So the goal with this funding is that it would be leveraged with other types of funding in the development of affordable housing, or non congregate shelter. Um, so really, you know, to get to a number.

229 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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We have here an approximate number, and that is based on the home investment partnerships, maximum subsidy limits.

230 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:36:26.994 --> 00:36:33.594

And so if you're at all familiar with the home program out of HUD, um, there are maximum subsidies.

231 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:36:33.684 --> 00:36:39.594

Limits for how much you can invest in terms of these 100 dollars into these affordable units.

232 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:36:39.594 --> 00:36:47.094

And so this number of 20 is again, based is an estimate based on those home maximum subsidy limits,

233 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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the ultimate number of units that will be produced out of this funding source is again dependent on the types of projects and programs. That are that are that we see through through the solicitation process.

234 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Thank you absolutely. I think was there another piece to your question? Oh, yes. Uh, just.

235 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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How are they decided to are they going to do public housing authorities? Or are they going to do reach out to developers? So the outreach component will be part of the solicitation process. Uh, we encourage.

236 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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All to apply in that process, there would be opportunity to leverage. There may be opportunity to leverage specific voucher opportunities in combination with these funds.

237 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:37:35.934 --> 00:37:39.774

But again, that type of decision would come on a project by project basis.

238 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:37:41.609 --> 00:37:44.969

So, I just did the math.

239 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:37:44.969 --> 00:37:53.459

And if I take 5,526,388 and divided by 20 units, I get something like 276.

240 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:37:53.459 --> 00:37:58.649

1000 dollars a year and so the question is.

241 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:37:58.649 --> 00:38:11.370

Well, there's the morning exactly. Is that? Yeah Yeah, we try and build 170,000 dollars.

242 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:11.370 --> 00:38:14.970

I just want it cost to build stuff. That is the right thing.

243 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:14.970 --> 00:38:18.570

Thank you, sir, it's affordable housing.

244 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:18.570 --> 00:38:23.190

Well, once you build more than 1 or 2 units on alive.

245 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:24.300 --> 00:38:29.970

Questions the important, um, I guess I have a question on the.

246 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:29.970 --> 00:38:35.010

I know it's sort of like, uh, he's, he's pretty low on the list, but on the code enforcement piece.

247 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:35.010 --> 00:38:40.410

Is that going to come out of, uh, planning administration, part of the allocation, or.

248 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:40.410 --> 00:38:46.350

Because I think a code enforcement February, a bit of an issue and that is that like a.

249 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:46.350 --> 00:38:51.690

Is that a funding problem in the 1st place or what's the hold up on?

250 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:51.690 --> 00:38:57.300

Some of these issues that people are dealing with, and keeping them from being solved in a timely manner.

251 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:38:58.135 --> 00:39:07.885

That's a really good question and I would, I would say anyone here from feel free to hop in on some of these more complicated, systemic questions like that.

252 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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But, in terms of the provision of the funds that we've identified here, anything related to code enforcement, any work under this grant,

253 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:39:18.835 --> 00:39:26.785

that would be related to code enforcement would likely come out of planning and administration. But the way that the, the head programs work.

254 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:39:27.300 --> 00:39:39.595

Is that planning administration funds are directly tied to the projects and so if if we don't have any specific code enforcement related projects,

255 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:39:39.595 --> 00:39:49.645

that would limit the amount of planning and administration funds that could really be put towards that goal. So, there are other. Um, again, this is a 1 time funding opportunity.

256 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:39:49.855 --> 00:39:56.965

We are an entitlement ramp community, so we receive an allocation of hub funding every year.

257 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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And it's that funding that would be better targeted for code enforcement operations than than this 1 time funding opportunity. Um, but certainly certainly a very important question.

258 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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And, and there are opportunities out there to, to further efforts in that in that area.

259 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:40:16.500 --> 00:40:23.040

So the planning and administration allocations, all their expenses, internal to the city government.

260 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:40:23.040 --> 00:40:33.900

So, planning administration is for program delivery and for internal city government operations, and getting the funds out. Yes.

261 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:40:34.920 --> 00:40:38.760

And again, planning and administration can only be charged.

262 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:40:38.760 --> 00:40:44.490

For direct contributions to specific projects and programs.

263 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:40:45.840 --> 00:40:48.900

Yep, and you did mention that this is.

264 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:40:48.900 --> 00:40:57.600

Should be doing more of a strategic piece of a larger, um, project development.

265 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:40:57.600 --> 00:41:05.910

So, my question is, we have a project in the hopper now, or Pre development now.

266 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:41:05.910 --> 00:41:10.770

When do you, uh, what's the expectation when these funds will be available?

267 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:41:10.770 --> 00:41:24.445

To join, that probably means that. Yes, so the HUD deadlines for this funding source. So, like, I could we go to the, um, I think the very last slide or the 2nd, last slide where we say next steps.

268 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:41:24.775 --> 00:41:37.375

So, for the allocation plan would just be piece like you said, of of an overall reader implementation process. Uh, this piece is due to HUD, prior to the 31st.

269 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So we will be submitting again at the. the

270 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:41:40.770 --> 00:41:49.050

The wrap of our public comment period, once all public comments have been synthesized into into the document after that point.

271 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:41:49.050 --> 00:42:00.900

Implementation you can see further details on solicitation for eligible projects later this spring. We have to wait until.

272 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:42:00.900 --> 00:42:14.190

Except and approves this budget plan in order to move forward on those specific implementation pieces. Um, but you should see further information coming out about that later this spring. Um.

273 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:42:14.190 --> 00:42:23.400

That being said the commitment deadline for these funds from HUD is 2026 and the expenditure deadline is 2030.

274 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:42:25.140 --> 00:42:38.605

But I know don't imagine there that the funds would not be spent until that time because there's a lot of regulations governing that once funds are committed I don't want to get too much into the weeds, but there's 4 years for expenditure for a project.

275 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:42:38.785 --> 00:42:52.105

That has funds committed, um, but in terms of further details on how you can apply for these funds for, for an existing project that is in design, that information will be coming out.

276 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:42:52.105 --> 00:42:55.075

Just a little bit later this spring after this allocation plan has.

277 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:42:55.140 --> 00:42:56.370

Been approved by hut.

278 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:42:59.010 --> 00:43:03.420

Do you have any other questions or comments from the online group?

279 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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People.

280 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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In the support of services, right? At the top. Mm. Hmm.

281 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:43:16.230 --> 00:43:19.320

That's going to cover.

282 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:43:19.320 --> 00:43:22.890

People who have special needs.

283 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:43:22.890 --> 00:43:27.720

Ironically, homeless mental health issues are also and.

284 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:43:27.720 --> 00:43:31.320

Counselors and case managers.

285 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:43:32.340 --> 00:43:40.740

Yes, okay. So that, that all of those fall under the definition of supportive services for this group of qualifying populations. Okay. Yep.

286 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:43:40.740 --> 00:43:48.030

Part 2, there's already a shortage of, uh, mental health professionals.

287 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:43:48.030 --> 00:43:53.280

So is 1 of the ways to reach them going to be.

288 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:43:53.280 --> 00:43:57.870
Because you need experience people, so you don't have time for people to go to school for, for.

289 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:43:57.870 --> 00:44:05.280
Or 6 years so, is that going to be going to program like best self?

290 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:44:05.280 --> 00:44:11.010
That is a mental health agency to enhance salaries or to attract.

291 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:44:11.010 --> 00:44:17.520
Because it's, there's a shortage and so how are you going to get the people that you need.

292 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:44:17.520 --> 00:44:21.330
To provide services to the people who need services.

293 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:44:22.410 --> 00:44:26.340
We didn't come from, or I guess too you could.

294 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:44:26.340 --> 00:44:36.030
Recruit around the world really you know, I mean, there are people with these experiences um, but they're in short supply.

295 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:44:36.030 --> 00:44:45.330
Absolutely, no, that's a very important point to make. And in terms of the provision of supportive services funding here, this would again be allocated.

296 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:44:45.835 --> 00:44:59.815
A solicitation of programs and projects, and so there would be a review of which proposals again, the criteria of the review will be will come out of the implementation design process,

297 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:45:00.085 --> 00:45:09.025
but there will be a review and those supportive services programs selected that support. Not only, um.

298 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:45:09.360 --> 00:45:19.500
What you described as the various wraparound services that supportive housing requires? Um, they will be selected based on.

299 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:45:20.640 --> 00:45:34.135

The, you know what the needs are in the community, right? So, um, it could be hiring. It could be, um, you know, further supplies. It could be it could be a lot of different things under supportive services.

300 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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But exactly what you described is, is the intent of the funding line to to really bridge that gap in in the current supportive services system.

301 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:45:47.220 --> 00:45:52.590

Um, any, any other people? Yeah. Um, so.

302 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:45:52.590 --> 00:46:06.840

I know this isn't the HUD funding, but since there are stuff from care and the listing, and the issues that were raised in that list was, um.

303 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:46:07.015 --> 00:46:13.465

Enforcement and educating landlords and tenants on their rights and responsibilities.

304 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:46:13.855 --> 00:46:23.545

And so my question for staff is, is the city doing anything outside of this to start getting that result.

305 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:46:23.790 --> 00:46:34.050

Start moving in the right direction on code enforcement. And are you 1 of the and I was like, I don't know where to look like.

306 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:46:34.050 --> 00:46:48.900

So, um, there's a fair housing officer that works out of the Buffalo urban renewal agency that manages a very large piece load of tenant and landlord disputes and issues of of discrimination. Um.

307 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:46:48.900 --> 00:47:03.210

So, he, he files a report with the common council every year. And so a lot of the information about the work that he does in that regard can be found through those reports that go to the common Council. Um, I think, you know, there's, there's always.

308 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:47:03.445 --> 00:47:17.965

As, as it was identified it as a priority need, which means there's this gap in terms of what we're currently seeing in the community and so, while there is work being done in all of these, in all of these categories, there is always more work to be done, um,

309 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:47:17.995 --> 00:47:23.125
so there's no plans for any particular project to specifically to improve that.

310 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:47:23.815 --> 00:47:38.155
Are there other than other than the person who's already existing in city? I don't think I can speak to any upcoming projects or activities. Um, because there are a lot of, um, stimulus funds that have come into the community at this point.

311 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:47:38.185 --> 00:47:43.945
Um, and a lot of them are, uh, like program and project based.

312 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:47:44.005 --> 00:47:53.335
So they're, they're very well could be, um, but it's it is an issue that is addressed by our offices on an, on a daily basis.

313 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:47:53.430 --> 00:48:02.340
And it's just again, the question of of expanding these services as much as, as much as we're able to. So.

314 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:48:02.340 --> 00:48:14.460
But, with home arc, at this point, again, as as we spoke to the funding is really for those eligible categories that we identified. They do. Yeah.

315 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:48:14.460 --> 00:48:26.520
Yeah, and just if we can't answer any questions today from the planning department, we can always connect you with the Department of permits and inspections to speak more about some of the initiatives that are coming out of their offices as well. So, we can follow up with absolutely.

316 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:48:26.520 --> 00:48:35.610
Question this is probably something that hasn't either. He's still in the works, or hasn't been determined, or won't be announced until the spring. But has there been discussion gap on.

317 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:48:36.265 --> 00:48:48.595
Agencies, um, requesting funds from various priority areas and can they provide, can they request more than what application? Is it separate application processes that will take place?

318 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:48:48.625 --> 00:48:51.505
Or is it all in 1 application of everything that could be.

319 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:48:52.470 --> 00:48:57.745

So, at this time, we won't be able to speak to those specific implementation details.

320 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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You can expect that there will be an application process that is made publicly available again a little later this spring whether or not that process will allow for application for various categories in 1 application

321 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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can't really speak to that at this point. But we will certainly keep everyone both online and in the room as well as the greater public of the.

322 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:49:22.470 --> 00:49:24.060

That process yeah.

323 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:49:24.060 --> 00:49:32.040

I just sent 1 more question so, no, I, I think we, they're addressing the increasing of the housing stuff, but.

324 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Have they looked into about preservation of housing stock? Because that's another major issue that I see is that rents are going up. A lot of times tenants are really kind of stuck in a situation where.

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They need the quality of the house to come out with the property. Go up.

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And the landlords don't really want to do that. Uh, have they ever looked into like, an emergency prepared program? That's something that's been discussed in Rochester for the same application.

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Uh, the other thing that they brought up in Rochester was the tenant purchase assistance program so that's just a concept that say a tenant is living in a property, and they want to acquire that property that might be another option too.

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So, and that sounds like a really great program, and I will say we do have an emergency repair program out of Buffalo, urban renewal agency currently utilizing community development, block grant funds. Okay.

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So, in terms of.

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The specific types of projects that would be undertaken with these funding this funds again that is going to be on a, on a project by project basis, but I will say the funds are available for either new construction or rehab. Yep.

331 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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No, any other questions on mine.

332 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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And again, if you, you know, if you take a look at the plan and have any further questions, we are holding a 30 day public comment period. So, again, if we want to skip to the last slide there, um.

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1 more so, this is the email address that all written comments can be submitted to during the 30 day public comment period.

334 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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And again, that's up until Friday, March 10th.

335 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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I mean, are there.

336 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Yeah, so please feel free to stay if you have any further questions, any, any more information that you're looking to discuss and again,

337 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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we will be sending around just an email with the PowerPoint and the plan for all of those emails here and on the virtual.

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So, it will also be available on the office of strategic planning website, but.

339 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Powerpoint and the plan again, 30 day public comment, period. So please feel free to reach out at any point with additional comments or questions and then just 1 more piece here before anyone leaves.

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There is an optional survey. This is a client characteristic form. So, I mentioned the community development block grant a minute ago.

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This is a form that allows us to wrap client characteristics for individuals and families.

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That attend services and events at locations that are supported by the community development block grant so that we can track accomplishment, demographics so optional survey.

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But if you wouldn't mind filling it out before you leave, it would certainly be much appreciated.

344 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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Someone has a good job, so.

345 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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What was the question? Someone else if you could share the survey on it?

346 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So much time. Oh, oh, oh, yeah.

347 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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I, I just want to explain what's her? It was someone that.

348 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:53:20.280 --> 00:53:25.590

Oh, my God. Yeah.

349 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

00:53:25.590 --> 00:53:29.460

Oh, okay.

350 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)

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So, okay under strategic planning and then he's in your office.

351 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
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He's actually let me look into things on everyone's employees.

352 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:53:49.260 --> 00:53:57.030
Alright, thank you so much. Oh, just stop and then go back to here.

353 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
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Thank you for attending to in the beginning.

354 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
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Thanks bye. Bye.

355 "Office of Strategic Planning" (3413735168)
00:54:05.640 --> 00:54:07.236
Right.

Melchiorre, Maria C.

Subject: RE: HOME ARP

From: Melchiorre, Maria C.
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:46 PM
To: S. Flores <srandallflores@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: HOME ARP

Good Afternoon Mr. Olsick,

Thank you for your participation in the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan process by providing comment for the City's consideration.

As mandated by HUD, the City followed a lengthy Consultation and Data Analysis process to identify the priority needs for the qualifying populations eligible under this funding source. Those populations include the homeless, those at risk of Homelessness, those fleeing or attempting to flee situations of domestic violence or human trafficking, and other populations identified at greatest risk of housing instability.

Several priority needs were identified through the Needs Analysis and Gaps Assessment process, which included a consideration of housing resources currently available in the community. Based on this analysis, the greatest areas of need identified were the following: additional affordable rental units, additional shelter beds, additional permanent supportive housing opportunities for those who require wrap-around services to remain stably housed.

Payment of Rental Arrears is an eligible activity under the Supportive Services line of this plan, as well as short-term and medium-term financial assistance for rent. While Tenant Based Rental Assistance has not been included in the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, it is a recognized need in our community. Currently, there are programs at the City and County level working to address this need. As the City continues to review its priorities and community needs, there is always the opportunity for additional funding to be allocated to Rental Assistance programs future. We encourage you to participate in this year's Annual Action Plan process where spending objectives for housing and public services resources will be discussed.

I hope this clarifies some of your concerns. If not, we are always looking for ways we can positively improve and invite you to meet with us to have a meaningful exchange on how we can positively enhance our communities and support residents.

Again, thank you for taking the time to reach out.

Respectfully,
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From: S. Flores <srandallflores@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 8:31 AM

To: HUD Administrator <HUDadministrator@ch.ci.buffalo.ny.us>; CouncilStaff <CouncilStaff@buffalony.gov>

Subject: HOME ARP

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To Whom It May Concern,

What is your reason for not allocating a single dollar for rent arrears within the HOME ARP plan? Low income tenants desperately need more resources.

Sincerely,

Stephen Olsick

Melchiorre, Maria C.

To: Melchiorre, Maria C.
Subject: RE: HOME-ARP public comment

From: Melchiorre, Maria C.
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 12:37 PM
To: 'Kexin Ma' <kexinma@wnyhomeless.org>
Subject: RE: HOME-ARP public comment

Good Afternoon Kexin,

Thank you again for your participation in our HOME-ARP stakeholder consultations and citizen participation processes.

We appreciate your comments and wanted to take a moment to provide a couple of responses.

Thank you for asking us to consider shared housing or co-living as a model for more affordable rental units. We will be welcoming all proposals for the development of affordable rental housing that serves the qualified populations, and this includes more modern approaches not currently common in this City, i.e. shared space, Accessory Dwelling Units, etc. These types of projects may be subject to further regulatory approvals but are certainly a welcome opportunity.

Thank you for also advocating for the provision of supportive services funds to landlord engagement and financial assistance. The inclusion of the supportive services line in this allocation plan will allow us to provide funding to assist clients where there may currently be a gap in services. Eligible activities include not only housing search and counseling services and financial assistance, but also landlord-tenant liaison services, as well as legal services.

Lastly, thank you for comments on the potential tiers of priority for the funding. At this time, we have not indicated and preferences or prioritization among the qualified populations. Your comments will continue to be considered as the City determines if preferences will be established for an eligible activity on a project-by-project basis and will submit an amendment to its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan before committing funds.

Thank you again for your comments, which will be included in the City's submission to HUD. As we move forward with the HOME-ARP implementation process, we look forward to further discussion with HAWNY on how we can positively enhance our communities and support residents.

Again, thank you for taking the time to submit comments.

Respectfully,
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Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 2:59 PM

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Subject: HOME-ARP public comment

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Hi Maria and Sue,

I hope you guys are not working downtown today. What a horrible fire.

I'd like to submit a public comment for the HOME ARP fund. Please see attached. If there are any questions or if there is additional step I need to do to submit this please let me know. Thank you!

"Shame corrodes the very part of us that believes we are capable of change." --Brene Brown

Kexin Ma, MUP Executive Director

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