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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Introduction & Background

In April of 2021, the City of Cambridge was awarded **\$2,325,283** by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) via the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319). Signed into law on March 11, 2021, the Act directs resources to local communities to mitigate the health, housing and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through existing entitlement grant programs. These funds will be delivered to the City via its existing HOME Investment Partnership Act funding and will be henceforth known as HOME-ARP funds.

The utilization of HOME-ARP funds are limited to certain activities and specific beneficiaries as determined by HUD.

Eligible Activities

- **Rental Housing: \$1,000,000**
HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable rental housing primarily for occupancy by households of individuals and families that meet the definition of one or more of the qualifying populations described below.
- **Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)**
HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide tenant-based rental assistance to qualifying households (**HOME-ARP TBRA**). HOME-ARP TBRA is a form of rental assistance that is attached to the household and not a particular rental unit.
- **Supportive Services: \$1,000,000**
HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities. Eligible activities include transitional housing, housing counseling, homeless prevention services and other Supportive Services as listed in Section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Act.

- **Acquisition & Development of Non-Congregate Structures**

A non-congregate shelter (NCS) is one or more buildings that provide private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families and does not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement. HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire and develop HOME-ARP NCS for individuals and families in qualifying populations. This activity may include but is not limited to the acquisition of land and construction of HOME-ARP NCS or acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing structures to be used for HOME-ARP NCS

Eligible Beneficiaries

HOME-ARP requires that funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in the following specified “qualifying populations.” Any individual or family who meets the criteria for these populations is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria (e.g., additional income criteria).

- **Homeless (per 24 CFR 91.5)**
- **At-Risk of Homelessness (per 24 CFR 91.5)**
- **Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking or Human Trafficking (per 24 CFR 5.2003)**
For HOME-ARP, this population includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual’s or family’s primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit.
- **Other Populations** (per section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a))
Generally, this includes individuals and families that do not meet the criteria of the above described populations but are presently receiving services or assistance to prevent homelessness and/or those at greatest risk of housing instability based on income and cost of housing.

Consultation

In accordance with Section V.A of the HOME-ARPA Implementing Notice, before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, at a minimum, the City was required to consult with relevant agencies and key community partners on the areas of greatest need and preferred utilization of HOME-ARP funds, given its statutory parameters. These groups include:

- Continuum of Care serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area,
- Homeless service providers,
- Domestic violence service providers,
- Veterans’ groups,
- Public Housing Agencies (PHAs),
- Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and
- Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

Consultation Process Summary

In August of 2022, the City reached out to Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) subrecipients, CoC Board members, other key shelter providers, and other relevant public agencies to seek input on the utilization of HOME-ARP funds. The City provided the origin and amount of the HOME-ARP funds and the Eligible Activities and Beneficiaries for its utilization.

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

Individuals and agencies were contacted directly. The City provided each with the HOME-ARP award amount, eligible activities and beneficiaries, as asked them to provide any comment or suggestion based on their perspective and experience.

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Transition House	Domestic Violence, Homeless Services Provider (non-CoC or ESG), CoC subrecipient, CoC Boardmember, ESG subrecipient	Direct	Feedback.
HomeStart, Inc.	CoC subrecipient, ESG subrecipient, Homeless Services Provider (non-CoC or ESG)	Direct	Feedback.
Cambridge Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency, CoC Boardmember	Direct	Feedback.
Heading Home, Inc.	CoC subrecipient	Direct	Feedback.
Fenway Community Health / AIDS Action Committee	CoC Boardmember, CoC and ESG subrecipient	Direct	Feedback.
BayCove, Inc.	Coc and ESG subrecipient	Direct	BayCove, Inc. sought clarification on the definition of Non-Congregate Housing
Eliot Community Human Services	CoC subrecipient	Direct	Feedback.

First Church Shelter	Homeless Services (non-CoC or ESG)	Direct	Feedback.
Material Aid and Advocacy Program	Homeless Services (non-CoC or ESG)	Direct	
Solutions at Work	Homeless Services (non-CoC or ESG)	Direct	SAW endorsed a Non-Congregate Shelter use, citing a specific project/location.
Y2Y Harvard Square	ESG subrecipient	Direct	
Saint Patrick's Shelter / Catholic Charities	ESG subrecipient	Direct	
Hildebrand Family Shelter	ESG subrecipient	Direct	
YWCA	ESG subrecipient	Direct	
Salvation Army Shelter	ESG subrecipient	Direct	
Harvard Square Homeless Shelter / Philps Brooks House	ESG subrecipient	Direct	
Healthcare for the Homeless / Cambridge Health Alliance	Homeless Services Provider (non-CoC or ESG)	Direct	
ACT	CoC Boardmember	Direct	
On the Rise	Homeless Services (non-CoC or ESG)	Direct	
Bridge Over Troubled Water	ESG subrecipient	Direct	
Cambridge Public Health Department	Local Public Health Agency	Direct	

First Church – Friday Café	CoC Boardmember, Homeless Services Provider (non-CoC or ESG)	Direct	
Mount Auburn Hospital	CoC Boardmember, Local Hospital	Direct	
Department of Human Services Programs (DHSP)	City’s Public Services Department, CoC Boardmember	Direct	
MultiService Center (DHSP)	City’s Homeless Prevention and Services, CoC subrecipient Homeless Services Provider (non-CoC)	Direct	
Housing Liaison Office	City Manager’s Department Housing Information and Advocacy, Homeless Services Provider (non-CoC or ESG)	Direct	
Community Development Department, Housing Division	City’s Affordable Housing Planning Division, CoC Boardmember	Direct	
Cambridge Commission for	City Commission for ADA Compliance and Advocacy	Direct	CCPD Expressed the Need for More Affordable Housing

Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)			Opportunities for Individuals and Families with Disabilities
Cambridge Human Rights Commission (CHRC)	City Commission that Enforces the City's Human Rights Ordinance and Fair Housing Ordinance	Direct	Additional housing options and support resources for voucher-holders, citing source of income discrimination. Additional housing options and support resources for those at risk of homelessness; particularly individuals with mental health needs. Supportive Services, resources could include funding additional social worker positions – whether centered with the housing itself or through appropriate City depts.
Cambridge Council on Aging (COA)	Division of Cambridge DHSP	Direct	
Cambridge Department of Veterans Services	Veterans Group	Direct	
New England Center and Home for Veterans	Veterans Group	Direct	
Volunteers of America	Veterans Group	Direct	
Boston VA	Veterans Group	Direct	
Bedford VA	Veterans Group	Direct	

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

Generally, respondents acknowledged the breadth of need for the targeted populations. There was support for each type of eligible activity.

Public Participation

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

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

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

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

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 2/9/2023***
- ***Public comment period: start date – 2/9/2023 end date – 3/17/2023***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 2/15/2023***

Describe the public participation process:

The City published a Notice on its website, and in the local newspaper- The Cambridge Chronicle (print and on-line)- on February 9, 2023. The Notice described the origins and total allocation of the HOME-ARP funds, a description of the Eligible Activities and Beneficiaries, with appropriate citation, as well as a link to the full HOME-ARP Notice.

The February 9th announcement also advertised an open Public Comment session that was held on February 15, 2023 via the City’s adopted on-line meeting guidelines. The public was again provided with the details and requirements of the HOME-ARP funds, and were informed that a DRAFT version of the Plan would be made available on March 3, 2023, and that comments would be received until March 17, 2023.

A subsequent Notice was published in The Cambridge Chronicle and on the City’s website advertising the availability of the DRAFT Plan, as well as the period for comments to be submitted. The DRAFT version of the Plan was published to the City’s website on Friday, March 3rd.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

HUD requires at 15 calendar day Public Comment period, the City established a 37 calendar day Public Comment period.

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

The comments received expressed interest in expanding civic debate on the use of funds, including (but not limited to) a miscommunication on the duration of the Public Comment period. More specific comments related to the need of facilities to address the un-housed, particularly with those attempting to transition out of homelessness. Certain comments reflected an understandable conflation with non-HOME-ARP “American Rescue Plan” funds received by the City, where the required uses differ greatly.

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

N/A

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	30,530		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	2,835		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	565		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,710	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,345	
Current Gaps			3,655

Affordable Housing Distribution by Neighborhood (as of June 30, 2021)

	Non-Profit / Other	Public Housing	Inclusionary Zoning	Privately Owned	Scattered Site FTHB	Total	% by Neighborhood
East Cambridge	69	389	682	0	21	1,161	13.6%
MIT	0	0	36	0	0	36	0.4%
Wellington-Harrington	326	215	4	64	11	620	7.3%
The Port	433	553	70	37	14	1,107	13.0%
Cambridgeport	593	475	65	151	13	1,297	15.2%
Mid-Cambridge	351	58	7	32	10	458	5.4%
Riverside	316	178	43	128	4	669	7.9%
Agassiz	49	16	4	40	2	111	1.3%
Neighborhood 9	215	92	33	240	7	587	6.9%
West Cambridge	37	8	6	0	5	56	0.7%
North Cambridge	454	578	364	511	16	1,923	22.6%
Cambridge Highlands	155	0	172	0	7	334	3.9%
Strawberry Hill	0	153	0	0	5	158	1.9%
TOTAL	2,998	2,715	1,486	1,203	115	8,517	100.0%
<i>% by Type</i>	<i>35.2%</i>	<i>31.9%</i>	<i>17.4%</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	

Non-Profit /Other Sponsored Housing: includes housing sponsored and/or owned by non-profit developers

Public Housing: includes all state and federally subsidized public housing and former public housing (e.g. RAD conversion) properties controlled and managed by the Cambridge Housing Authority

Inclusionary Housing: includes all privately-owned affordable housing created under the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and similar zoning provisions

Privately-Owned Affordable Housing: includes all privately-owned and/or sponsored affordable housing properties, including limited equity cooperatives, and excluding Inclusionary Housing

Scattered-Site Homeownership: includes affordable homes purchased by first-time homebuyers, excluding those created through Inclusionary Housing and other developers.

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The latest Point in Time (PIT) count conducted on February 23, 2022, determined there to be 267 individuals in Emergency Shelters, 34 individuals in Transitional Housing and 75 unsheltered individuals, resulting in approximately 376 individuals in total.

Taking the populations in Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing and the Unsheltered, approximately 75% are single and 25% are an adult and least one child. Nearly 100 individuals, or 27%, were under 24 years old.

Black/African Americans and Hispanics are greatly disproportionately represented in the Shelter System, with Blacks/African Americans comprising approximately 38% of the Shelter population and only 11% of the City’s population, while Hispanics comprise 23% of the Shelter System while accounting for 9% of the City’s population. Severe Mental Illness, Substance Abuse and Single Youth Parents also accounted for higher than average incidents of homelessness.

Point-in Time Date: 2/23/2022

Summary by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Households without children ¹	246	13	75	334
Households with at least one adult and one child ²	21	21	0	42
Households with only children ³	0	0	0	0
	267	34	75	376

Total Homeless Households

Summary of persons in each household type:

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Persons in households without children ¹	246	14	75	335
Persons Age 18 to 24	21	1	6	28
Persons Over Age 24	225	13	69	307
Persons in households with at least one adult and one child ²	49	56	0	105
Children Under Age 18	26	30	0	56
Persons Age 18 to 24	4	7	0	11
Persons Over Age 24	19	19	0	38
Persons in households with only children ³	0	0	0	0
Total Homeless Persons	295	70	75	440

Demographic summary by ethnicity:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Hispanic / Latino	55	38	8	101
Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino	240	32	67	339
TOTAL	295	70	75	440

Demographic summary by gender:

Female	99	46	18	163
Male	193	24	56	273
Transgender	2	0	0	2
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	1	0	1	2
Questioning	0	0	0	0
Total	295	70	75	440

Demographic summary by race:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
	121	36	11	168
	163	29	62	254
	3	5	0	8
	3	0	1	4
	0	0	0	0
	5	0	1	6
	295	70	75	440

Black or African-American
White
Asian
American Indian or Alaska Native
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Multiple Races

Total

Sheltered

Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

Chronically Homeless persons in households without children ¹	131	0
Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child ²	8	0
Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children ³	0	0
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	139	0

Summary of all other populations reported:

Severely Mentally Ill	78	6
Chronic Substance Abuse	112	7
Veterans	9	0
HIV/AIDS	2	0
Victims of Domestic Violence	11	3
Unaccompanied Youth	21	0
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth 18-24	21	0
Parenting Youth	3	5
Parenting Youth Under 18	0	0
Parenting Youth 18-24	3	5
Children of Parenting Youth	3	4

Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report

	Family Units ¹	Family Beds ¹	Adult-Only Beds	Child-Only Beds	Total Yr-Round Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
								Chronic Beds ²	Veteran Beds ³	Youth Beds ³
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing	48	119	203	0	322	67	17	n/a	0	0
Emergency Shelter	26	60	188	0	248	67	17	n/a	0	0
Transitional Housing	22	59	15	0	74	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Permanent Housing	56	135	579	0	714	n/a	n/a	n/a	165	3
Permanent Supportive Housing*	23	60	404	0	464	n/a	n/a	179	165	0
Rapid Re-Housing	7	19	5	0	24	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	3
Other Permanent Housing**	26	56	170	0	226	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Grand Total	104	254	782	0	1,036	67	17	179	165	3

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

There is no single dataset reflecting all characteristics of households facing these conditions. Market rate rental housing is unobtainable for low and very low-income households, and over-crowding, instability and excessive housing cost burden threaten many individuals and families. See: "Exits by Destination Type" on pg. 28.

An analysis of all Household types leaving transitional housing and shelter facilities between 10/1/2019 and 9/30/2020 paints a clear picture of the difficulty for those at-risk of homelessness to obtain housing. For households with a child (40 total), 75% were able to secure permanent affordable housing, 23% left for a temporary living situation and 8% left for an unknown destination. The reality was much more troubling for individuals leaving transitional housing and shelter facilities (1,058 total), with only 9% being able to secure permanent affordable housing, 23% exiting for a temporary living situation and an overwhelming 68% exiting for unknown / undetermined destinations.

As with the Point In Time (PIT) count described above, Black/African/Americans were greatly over-represented at 33% of all households.

These figures, taken with other data points, such as the anticipated 6,500 individuals served through core Public Services supported annually by the Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) via CDBG, other federal, state and local funding sources for programs ranging from Food Pantries to Legal Services, Domestic Violence services and Employment Services establishes a level of great need for many Cambridge households. Further, [12.3% of Cambridge individuals are under the poverty line](#). These figures support an estimate of close to 10,000 Cambridge residents being At-Risk of Homelessness at any given time, with an over representation of Black/African American, Hispanic and Single Parent households, as well as individuals experiencing severe mental illness and substance abuse.

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

The CoC uses several data sources to assess the needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The CoC recognizes that domestic violence needs are historically underreported, and that these data sources are not perfect, but the CoC utilizes all data sources available to understand the scope and types of needs in the community. The primary source used to assess the needs related to DV of persons accessing services through the CoC is data from Transition House, the CoC's provider of housing and services for DV survivors. Transition House maintains a comparable HMIS database, which produces deidentified aggregate reports for annual performance assessments for the CoC and ESG programs. The CoC also utilizes data from HMIS to assess the number of clients in different program types who are currently fleeing DV or who have experienced DV in the past. The CoC also reviews data from the following sources to assess broader community need: Cambridge Domestic and Gender Based Violence Prevention Initiative's Assets and Needs Assessment Report (qualitative data gathered through a 4 month series of interviews and focus

groups); Cambridge Police Department's Domestic Crime Data (annual statistics about domestic incidents reported to police); Cambridge Public Health Department's Community Health Assessment; City of Cambridge's Community Needs Assessment; National Network to End Domestic Violence's Census; data from On the Rise, a drop-in center for homeless women; and the statewide SafeLink Domestic Violence Hotline's reports.

The CoC uses information from the above sources to quantify needs and gaps in the homeless service system for persons impacted by domestic violence; determine funding and training needs; improve communication of resources available to clients and staff; and engage in policy work to improve overall system coordination and functioning.

Housing and service programs available to households fleeing DV include: emergency shelter; permanent housing; safety planning; legal advocacy; public benefits advocacy; counseling and support groups; and services in languages other than English. Through training of CE staff and protocols for providing services while prioritizing safety and confidentiality, the CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area. Additionally, the CoC's Coordinated Entry policies and procedures state that households fleeing domestic violence who qualify for an emergency transfer from a CoC funded project shall have priority over all other applicants provided that the household meets all eligibility requirements.

The Cambridge Police department [responded to 702 incidents of Domestic Violence in 2021](#), the latest year for a full report, and averaged 767 incidents over a three year period (2019-2021). Domestic Violence incidents are historically under-reported, with as many as one-in-three women and one-in-four men experiencing a DV incident in their lifetime. Additionally, [numerous studies](#) demonstrate the disproportionate impact on women, women of color, lower-income women and as a substantial contributing factor to the loss of secure housing.

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

Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability. HUD defines these populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:

(1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing to Prevent Homelessness is defined as households (i.e., individuals and families) who have previously been qualified as "homeless" as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type

of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.

(2) At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability is defined as household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below:

i) has annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, as determined by HUD and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs);

(ii) has annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, AND meets e of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the “At risk of homelessness” definition established at 24 CFR 91.5:

(A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;

(B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;

(C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;

(D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;

(E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;

(F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or

(G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.

As with the other Eligible Beneficiaries cited in the HOME-ARP Notice, it is difficult to accurately quantify those who would fall into the above described “Other Populations” category. The extremely high cost of market rate rental housing, the very high and increasing demand for subsidized affordable housing and the impact of COVID on many local businesses and sectors has greatly exacerbated conditions such as Overcrowding, Frequent Moves, Extreme Housing Cost Burden. Likewise, as with the other Eligible Beneficiaries, these conditions are inordinately experienced by persons of color, elders and youths. For more detail, please see the “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability” data and “CHAS Overcrowding” data that follow below.

[Current estimates of market rate rental prices](#) establish the cost of a 1-bedroom apartment at over \$2,500, a 2-bedroom apartment at over \$3,300 and a 3-bedroom apartment at over \$4,000. Homeownership presents an even greater barrier, with condominiums starting at over \$800,000 and single-family homes at over \$1.5 million. Essentially, the only units affordable to low and moderate-income families are subsidized affordable housing units.

Currently, [the City has about 8,500 affordable units, or just under 15% of its total housing stock.](#) Given the typical unit size, number of subsidized units, size of transitional housing residents at any given time, it is reasonable to estimate that there over 10,000 individuals that qualify as Other Populations at any given time, considering the breadth of factors.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5:

Homeless individuals and families face comprehensive unmet needs. Chief among these needs is the availability of affordable rental housing. In Cambridge, affordable rental housing is almost exclusively subsidized and the demand greatly outpaces supply. Supportive Services to navigate the search for affordable housing is crucial to this process, as are services to remain a qualified tenant. Other unmet needs include assistance in obtaining general life necessities.

A recent report by the Cambridge Ad Hoc Working Group on Homelessness, comprised of a broad array of residents, community leaders and City staff across all relevant departments, concluded that short and interim measures should be taken to enhance and increase Supportive Services, while the permanent solution to homelessness is the creation of Permanently Supportive Housing units in the City. The full Report is located at:
<https://www.cambridgecoc.org/s/Cambridge-Homelessness-Report-FINAL-January-2022.pdf>.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Due largely to the incredibly high cost of rental housing in Cambridge, and the precipitating impact of extreme housing cost burden, the availability of quality affordable rental housing is the top unmet housing need for individuals and families at-risk of homelessness. Services to find affordable housing opportunities and assistance in navigating situations that impact current housing status are the greatest Supportive Service needs for those most at-risk of homeless.

A recent report by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston demonstrated that while 100% of extremely low-income renters (ELI) lived in subsidized housing units, 72% still faced substantial housing cost burden (a prime indicator of At-Risk of Homelessness). Additionally, the Report also found that for every 100 ELI households, there were only 56 ELI units available. (See page 30 for detail).

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

A well-known factor exacerbating the situation for those in, fleeing or attempting to flee DV situations is financial constraints faced by the victim. Whether it be the control the offending party exudes over the victims finances, or the financial dependency, or the necessity for shared expenses, the feasibility of exiting the situation is inescapably economic for most victims.

While Supportive and Transitional Housing / DV Shelter services are crucial, ultimately it is the availability of an affordable housing unit that is required for the DV victims' success. Along with the housing data presented above, detailing the lack of available units, more traditional providers of affordable rental housing have been inundated by need. Currently, the waiting list for an affordable housing unit through the Cambridge Housing Authority stands at over **21,000** (<https://cambridge-housing.org/cantwait/>), while the City's own Coordinated Entry list is in the hundreds.

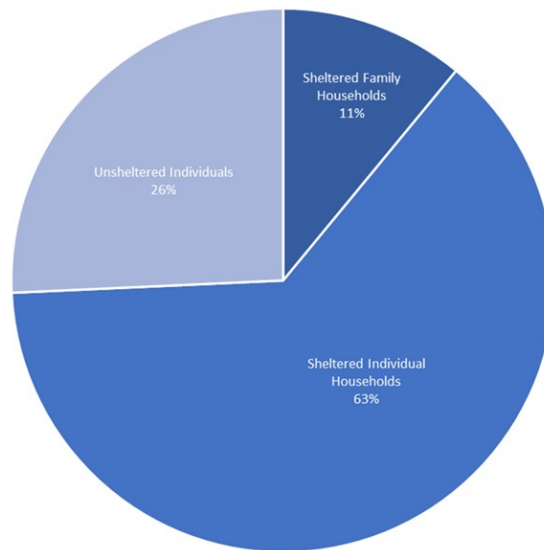
Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

As with the other Eligible Beneficiaries cited in the HOME-ARP Notice, individuals and families that fall under the "Other Populations" face an extremely difficult housing market. The need for more Affordable Rental units is paramount, and the need for Supportive Services to connect with these opportunities and maintain these opportunities is a crucial component. The lack of these opportunities leads to continued over-crowding, continued frequent moving and all but assures that leaving a facility results in entering the condition of homelessness.

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:

- Homeless population
 - 1,301 households served in emergency shelter and transitional housing between 10/1/19 – 9/30/20
 - 11% exited to permanent destinations
 - 59% of individuals had short stays (<30 days)
 - 68% of individuals with unknown exit destination
 - 346 households counted in the 2021 Point-in-Time count
 - 615 households with active enrollments in Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, Daytime services in the last 90 days
 - About 130 individuals in temporary shelters
 - About 75-100 individuals living unsheltered
 - About 260 households assessed by CCAN
 - Approximately 100 households placed in EA family shelters outside of Cambridge with children in Cambridge schools



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- Homeless population
 - 1,301 households (1,426 persons) served in emergency shelter and transitional housing between 10/1/19 – 9/30/20

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Age of All Persons in Household



Cambridge CoC Meeting

June 29, 2021

- Homeless population
 - 1,301 households (1,426 persons) served in emergency shelter and transitional housing between 10/1/19 – 9/30/20
 - Data continue to indicate overrepresentation of Black or African American people experiencing homelessness

CoC Code: MA-509 Name: 2020 Reporting Year Evening Upload Report Period: 10/01/2019 - 09/30/2020 Submission Type: official

Race and Ethnicity of HoH and Adults



Cambridge CoC Meeting

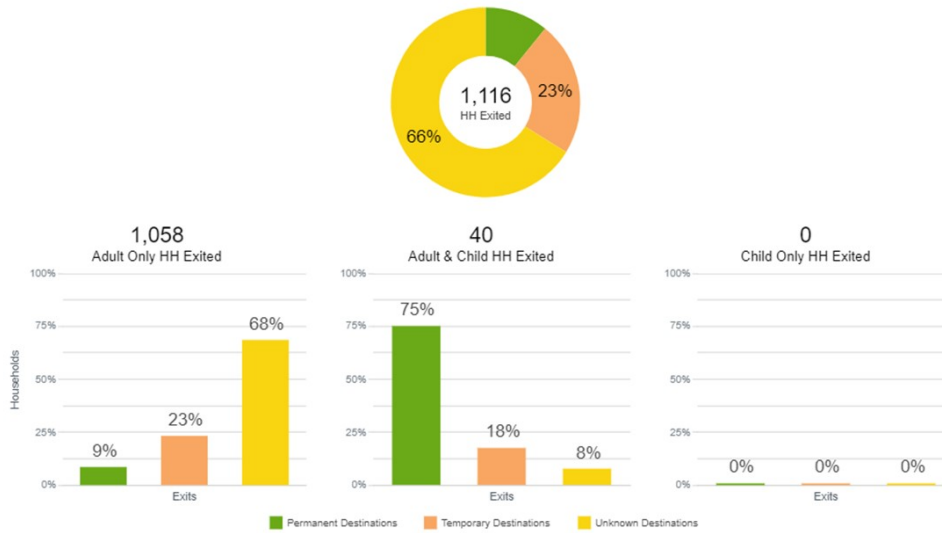
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Exits by Destination Type

Percent of households that exited to permanent, temporary, and unknown destinations by household type.



**The Growing Shortage of Affordable Housing for the Extremely Low Income in
Massachusetts - Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**

	Cambridge
Number of renter households	27,509
Number of ELI renter households	4,774
Percent of renter households that are ELI	17%
ELI households that are rent burdened	72%
ELI households that are severely rent burdened	52%
AA units for ELI households (per 100 ELI households)	56
Market Supplied AA units for ELI households (per 100 ELI househol..	

source:

<https://www.bostonfed.org/publications/new-england-public-policy-center-policy-report/2019/growing-shortage-affordable-housing-extremely-low-income-massachusetts.aspx>

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5:

Affordable Rental Housing, Permanently Supportive Housing (PSH), Supportive Services to Obtain and Maintain Housing.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5:

Affordable Rental Housing, Permanently Supportive Housing (PSH), Supportive Services to Obtain and Maintain Housing.

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

Affordable Rental Housing, Permanently Supportive Housing (PSH), Supportive Services to Obtain and Maintain Housing.

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

Affordable Rental Housing, Permanently Supportive Housing (PSH), Supportive Services to Obtain and Maintain Housing.

Creating quality permanently affordable rental housing and permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities represents the greatest need for all individuals and families for the populations defined in the HOME-ARP Notice. Critical services for those unable to secure permanent affordable housing opportunities also exists as a priority need, as a consequence of the greatest need of available housing being as yet unmet. These critical services include those described in the HOME-ARP eligible activity of Supportive Services.

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's determination of a need for more affordable rental housing is informed by data expressed throughout this Plan, ranging from a 21,000 person wait list at Cambridge Housing Authority (page 26), to recent CHAS data analysis (page 15) demonstrating a need for over 3,600 units for cost-burdened households, to the City's Ad Hoc Homelessness Working Group (page 25) to the City's recently completed Envision Cambridge Comprehensive Plan, to analysis by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (page 31), to the constant and on-going statements by residents and service providers in multiple contexts that increased affordable rental housing opportunities are in dire need.

A recent analysis (see page 28) demonstrated that approximately 10% of those served by the emergency shelter programs in the City exited to a permanently affordable housing situation. Over 20% exited to temporary housing situations, and close to 70% exited the emergency shelter system to unknown destinations.

These data speak to the critical need to expand the number of permanently affordable units in the City dedicated to these populations.

Additionally, these data demonstrate on-going need to provide critical services to the greater than 90% who leave the emergency shelter system to destinations other than permanent housing.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

The City intends to collaborate with local non-profit housing agencies with which it has a long and successful track record of producing quality affordable housing, as well as all other agencies and organizations in Cambridge who have a long and successful track record of serving the populations identified in the HOME-ARP Notice.

For Affordable Rental Housing, the City intends to identify a project that aligns with the specific criteria and intent of the HOME-ARP Notice. These development projects are typically initiated by a local non-profit who has identified a viable opportunity for development and is seeking to leverage multiple federal, state and local funding opportunities. Once a project has been identified, an RFP process for subcontractors will be employed in line with the City's standing protocols for affordable housing development.

Supportive Service awards will be managed by the CoC through an RFP process that will identify the greatest needs and most effective deployment of resources to meet those needs.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City intends to administer the activity directly, but will make any final determination based on the type of activities that are ultimately funded and a determination on what method of delivery for these activities is the most efficient and effective way of achieving successful outcomes for the targeted populations.

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:

N/A

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

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 1,000,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,000,000		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 325,283	14 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,325,283		

Development of Affordable Rental Housing: \$1,000,000

HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable rental housing primarily for occupancy by households of individuals and families that meet the definition of one or more of the qualifying populations described in Section IV.A of this Notice (“qualifying households”). Unlike the regular HOME Program, which targets HOME-assisted rental units based on tenant income, 70 percent of all HOME-ARP units will admit households based only upon their status as qualifying households. This complicates the underwriting and operation of projects that include HOME-ARP units. As a result, the requirements for HOME-ARP rental housing provide significant flexibilities to enable HOME-ARP rental projects to remain financially viable and affordable for the qualifying populations throughout the minimum compliance period.

Eligible HOME-ARP rental housing includes “housing” as defined at 24 CFR 92.2, including but not limited to manufactured housing, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and permanent supportive housing. Emergency shelters, hotels, and motels (including those currently operating as non-congregate shelter), facilities such as nursing homes, residential treatment facilities, correctional facilities, halfway houses, and housing for students or dormitories do not constitute housing in the HOME-ARP program. However, HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire and rehabilitate such structures into HOME-ARP rental housing.

Supportive Services: \$1,000,000

HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities. Supportive services include: a) services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (“McKinney-Vento Supportive Services”)¹ (42 U.S.C. 11360(29)); b) homelessness prevention services; and c) housing counseling services.

Eligible Services & Costs

Eligible Supportive Services: There are three categories specifically included as supportive services under HOME-ARP:

- McKinney-Vento Supportive Services: McKinney-Vento Supportive Services under HOME-ARP are adapted from the services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (“**McKinney-Vento Supportive Services**”) ([42 U.S.C. 11360\(29\)](#)).
- Homelessness Prevention Services: HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services are adapted from certain eligible homelessness prevention services under the Emergency Services Grant (ESG) regulations at [24 CFR Part 576](#).
- Housing Counseling Services: Housing counseling services under HOME-ARP are those consistent with the definition of housing counseling and housing counseling services defined at [24 CFR 5.100](#) and [5.111](#), respectively, except that homeowner assistance and related services are not eligible HOME-ARP activities.

Eligible Costs of Supportive Services for Qualifying Individuals and Families: HOME-ARP funds may be used to pay eligible costs associated with the HOME-ARP supportive services activity in accordance with the requirements of the Notice.

Eligible Costs Associated with McKinney-Vento and Homelessness Prevention Supportive Services:

- All qualifying households are eligible to receive supportive services under the HOME-ARP supportive services activity. Eligible costs associated with McKinney-Vento supportive services and homelessness prevention supportive services include:
 - Costs of child care;
 - Costs of improving knowledge and basic educational skills;

- Costs of establishing and/or operating employment assistance and job training programs
- Costs of providing meals or groceries
- Costs of assisting eligible program participants to locate, obtain and retain housing
- Costs of certain legal services
- Costs of teaching critical life management skills
- Financial assistance costs, including:
 - Rental application fees
 - Security deposits
 - Utility deposits
 - Payment of rental arrears
- The costs of homelessness prevention services are only eligible to the extent that the assistance is necessary to help program participants regain stability in their current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing to achieve stability in that housing.
- PJs must establish requirements documenting an eligible cost as McKinney-Vento supportive services to an individual or family in a qualifying population, homelessness prevention services, or Housing Counseling.

Eligible Costs Associated with Housing Counseling: Costs associated with housing counseling services as defined at [24 CFR 5.100](#) and [5.111](#) are eligible. Costs may only be paid under HOME-ARP if housing counseling services are provided by HUD-certified housing counselors and organizations.

- Eligible costs include:
 - Staff salaries and overhead costs of HUD-certified housing counseling agencies related to directly providing eligible housing counseling services to HOME- program participants
 - Development of a housing counseling workplan
 - Marketing and outreach
 - Intake
 - Financial and housing affordability analysis
 - Action plans that outline what the housing counseling agency and the client will do to meet the client's housing goals and that address the client's housing problem(s)
 - Follow-up communication with program participants
- Costs for the provision of services to existing homeowners related to homeownership and mortgages to existing homeowners are not eligible under HOME-ARP.
- If a program participant is a candidate for homeownership, costs associated with pre-

purchase homebuying counseling, education and outreach are eligible under HOME-AR

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 recognizes that *all* of the Eligible Activities defined in the HOME-ARP Notice represent priority needs as they relate to the targeted populations and the challenges they currently face. The City intends to deploy its HOME-ARP allocation in a way that most effectively enhances the strategies currently employed to provide the targeted populations with much need housing opportunities and services.

The creation of permanently affordable rental housing is the primary goal of the City, as established by the City Council in response to market rate housing cost escalation making housing unobtainable. While this remains the overarching goal to providing individuals and families with permanent housing, the City understands the need for programs and services for those who are unable to secure permanent housing opportunities.

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:

As demonstrated throughout the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, that while the City invests heavily in the creation of affordable rental housing units the need remains extremely high due to the fact that only rental units that are affordable to low-income individuals and families are those that are subsidized. Simply put, demand is outpacing supply. Further, there is a critical need for PSH units and the Supportive Services that enable individuals and families to obtain and maintain these housing opportunities.

For detail see Data Tables on pages 15-21, 27-30 and discussion on page 32.

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 intends to use its HOME-ARP allocation in concert with other resources to create as many as **4 HOME-ARP specific funded** permanently affordable rental housing, the total number of which will ultimately be determined by the final project scope and the amount of other leveraged resources.

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 availability of quality affordable housing units for low and very low-income individuals and families and the Qualifying Populations identified in the HOME-ARP Notice remains the greatest need in Cambridge. Expanding the number of units available to these populations is the most effective way of meeting this need.

The City hopes to increase the City's Affordable Housing stock by **4 HOME-ARP specific funded units** by leveraging other Federal, State and Local resources to create more permanently affordable units through a larger project.

Preferences

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A *preference* permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A *method of prioritization* is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

Please note that HUD has also described a method of prioritization in other HUD guidance. Section I.C.4 of Notice CPD-17-01 describes Prioritization in CoC CE as follows:

“Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term “Prioritization” to refer to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

If a PJ is using a CE that has a method of prioritization described in CPD-17-01, then a PJ has preferences and a method of prioritizing those preferences. These must be described in the HOME-ARP allocation plan in order to comply with the requirements of Section IV.C.2 (page 10) of the HOME-ARP Notice.

In accordance with Section V.C.4 of the Notice (page 15), the HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether the PJ intends to give a preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- The PJ must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

While PJs are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, the PJ must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if the PJ intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive eligibility requirements of another project funding source. **If a PJ fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until the PJ amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan.**

For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

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 intend to give preferences within qualifying populations.

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

PJs are not required to describe referral methods in the plan. However, if a PJ intends to use a coordinated entry (CE) process for referrals to a HOME-ARP project or activity, the PJ must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

A PJ may use only the CE for direct referrals to HOME-ARP projects and activities (as opposed to CE and other referral agencies or a waitlist) if the CE expands to accept all HOME-ARP qualifying populations and implements the preferences and prioritization established by the PJ in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. A direct referral is where the CE provides the eligible applicant directly to the PJ, subrecipient, or owner to receive HOME-ARP TBRA, supportive services, admittance to a HOME-ARP rental unit, or occupancy of a NCS unit. In comparison, an indirect referral is where a CE (or other referral source) refers an eligible applicant for placement to a project or activity waitlist. Eligible applicants are then selected for a HOME-ARP project or activity from the waitlist.

The PJ must require a project or activity to use CE along with other referral methods (as provided in Section IV.C.2.ii) or to use only a project/activity waiting list (as provided in Section IV.C.2.iii) if:

1. the CE does not have a sufficient number of qualifying individuals and families to refer to the PJ for the project or activity;
2. the CE does not include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations; or,
3. the CE fails to provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE

If a PJ uses a CE that prioritizes one or more qualifying populations or segments of qualifying populations (e.g., prioritizing assistance or units for chronically homeless individuals first, then prioritizing homeless youth second, followed by any other individuals qualifying as homeless, etc.) then this constitutes the use of preferences and a method of prioritization. To implement a CE with these preferences and priorities, the PJ **must** include the preferences and method of prioritization that the CE will use in the preferences section of their HOME-ARP allocation plan.

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):

The City intends to use the CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) process for referral to HOME-ARP funded housing.

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):

All qualifying populations will be eligible.

If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):

The CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) system covers 100% of the CoC's geographic area, which includes the entirety of the City of Cambridge. Any homeless household presenting within the CoC is eligible for an intake with CE. Operationally, CE is accessible through the entire geographic area by offering both fixed intake sites and mobile intake via outreach staff. The broad array of services and providers in the geography – including ESG and CoC programs, state family shelters, community meal programs, law enforcement community outreach teams, recovery coaches, substance use programs, faith-based providers, and MH crisis intervention teams – engage with the CE system by working together on client cases and directing new clients towards CE.

The CE uses a standard assessment process. Clients present at either the Cambridge Multi-Service Center primary access point or access Coordinated Entry intake in the field from designated outreach staff. Intake staff ascertain the subpopulation that the household belongs to (i.e. homeless individual, family at risk of becoming homeless, etc.) and then either assess them in the event that they are equipped as an access point for that subpopulation, or connect them to the appropriate access point if not (for example, a street outreach worker coming across someone who is housed but at-risk would help them schedule an appointment at the Multi-Service Center, which is the designated access point for that population). Following any needed triage as discussed above, Coordinated Entry intake staff administer the assessment appropriate to that subpopulation and enroll the household in HMIS as appropriate. 3. The CE system, policies and assessment process are updated using feedback from stakeholders. In 2019 the standardized assessment tool was shortened and streamlined using feedback collected from participants and providers. The CE Working Group is currently engaged in a process mapping endeavor assisted by technical assistance providers to formalize feedback loops and facilitate more expedient updates based on data and feedback from participants and providers.

The CE's mobile access points – street outreach workers and mobile case managers – are designed specifically to reach clients with the highest barriers to accessing assistance. Street outreach workers are trained to engage clients who are not likely to seek services on their own or to present at a traditional service location. They also draw upon their relationships with clients who have historically refused to engage with any other services besides outreach. The fact that outreach workers make up a core component of the CE staff team and are trained assessors means they engage proactively with the most vulnerable households (particularly outdoor sleepers) resulting in intake/assessment of this population on the spot.

The CE system prioritizes people most in need of assistance through use of standardized assessment designed to identify those with highest severity of service needs and prioritization of chronically homeless persons with longest duration of homelessness.

Resources that are prioritized through CE-including PSH, RRH, and Housing Navigation-are allocated based on dynamic prioritization, ensuring that the clients most in need of these resources receive access to them in as timely a manner as possible. Housing Navigation staff assisting participants prioritized for permanent housing work to understand and honor client

preferences throughout their engagement with participants. While the availability of resources directly prioritized through CE is significantly exceeded by the number of clients appropriate for these interventions, assessment staff maintains strong knowledge of local services and collaborations in order to provide referrals to community resources that may be of assistance, so that clients who are not highest prioritized can still receive timely and meaningful help

If the PJ intends to use both a CE process established by the CoC and another referral method for a project or activity, describe any method of prioritization between the two referral methods, if any. (Optional):

N/A

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

Limiting eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project is only permitted under certain circumstances.

- PJs must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.
- A PJ may not exclude otherwise eligible qualifying populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.
- Within the qualifying populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). A PJ must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap identified by the PJ in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.
- For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan.
- PJs may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

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

The City does not intend to limit eligibility.

If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

N/A

If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):

N/A

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)](#). The guidelines must describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

- Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity.
- Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.
- State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
- Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.
- State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
- Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:

The City does not plan on using any portion of its HOME-ARP award for refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

03/31/2023

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M21-MP250202

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

The City of Cambridge

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

04-6001383

* c. UEI:

JJ3JKMU5K4L1

d. Address:

* Street1:

795 Massachusetts Avenue

Street2:

* City:

Cambridge

County/Parish:

* State:

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

Zip / Postal Code:

02139

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community Development

Division Name:

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

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Robert

Middle Name:

Tom

* Last Name:

Keller

Suffix:

Title: Project Planner

Organizational Affiliation:

City of Cambridge

* Telephone Number:

(617) 349-4602

Fax Number:

* Email: rkeller@cambridgema.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 Partnership Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

M21-MP250202

* Title:

HOME-ARP

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Some combination of Affordable Rental Housing, TBRA, Supportive Services and Non-Congregate Shelter activities funded by HOME-ARP grant that serve the eligible beneficiaries as defined by HUD in the H

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

* a. Applicant MA7, 5

* b. Program/Project MA7, 5

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

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 09/20/2021

* b. End Date: 09/30/2030

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	2,325,483.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	2,325,483.00

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

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

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

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Yi-An

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Huang

Suffix:

* Title: City Manager

* Telephone Number: 6173494300 Fax Number:

* Email: citymanager@cambridgema.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

3/28/23

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Cambridge, MA	DATE SUBMITTED 3/28/23

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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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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.

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


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

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

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Signature of Authorized Official



Date

City Manager

Title

HOME ARP Grant Agreement

Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act

Assistance Listings #14.239 – HOME Investment Partnerships Program

1. Grantee Name and Address Cambridge 51 Inman Street Attn: Dept of Human Service Program Cambridge, MA 02139-1732		2. Grant Number (Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)) M21-MP250202	
		3a. Tax Identification Number 046001383	3b. Unique Entity Identifier (formerly DUNS) 076584341
		4. Appropriation Number 861/50205	5. Budget Period Start and End Date FY 2021 – 09/30/2030
6. Previous Obligation (Enter "0" for initial FY allocation)			\$0
a. Formula Funds			\$
7. Current Transaction (+ or -)			\$2,325,483.00
a. Administrative and Planning Funds Available on Federal Award Date			\$116,274.15
b. Balance of Administrative and Planning Funds			\$232,548.30
c. Balance of Formula Funds			\$1,976,660.55
8. Revised Obligation			\$
a. Formula Funds			\$
9. Special Conditions (check applicable box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Attached		10. Federal Award Date (HUD Official's Signature Date) 09/20/2021	
11. Indirect Cost Rate*		12. Period of Performance Date in Box #10 - 09/30/2030	
<u>Administering Agency/Dept.</u>	<u>Indirect Cost Rate</u>	<u>Direct Cost Base</u>	
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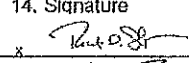
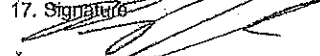
* If funding assistance will be used for payment of indirect costs pursuant to 2 CFR 200, Subpart E-Cost Principles, provide the name of the department/agency, its indirect cost rate (including if the de minimis rate is charged per 2 § CFR 200.414), and the direct cost base to which the rate will be applied. Do not include cost rates for subrecipients.

The HOME-ARP Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Grantee is made pursuant to the authority of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.) and Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2) (ARP). HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 92 (as may be amended from time to time), the CPD Notice entitled "Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program" (HOME-ARP Implementation Notice), the Grantee's HOME-ARP allocation plan (as of the date of HUD's approval), and this HOME-ARP Grant Agreement, form HUD-40093a, including any special conditions (in accordance with 2 CFR 200.208), constitute part of this Agreement. HUD's payment of funds under this Agreement is subject to the Grantee's compliance with HUD's electronic funds transfer and information reporting procedures issued pursuant to 24 CFR 92.502 and the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice. To the extent authorized by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 92, HUD may, by its execution of an amendment, deobligate funds previously awarded to the Grantee without the Grantee's execution of the amendment or other consent. The Grantee agrees that funds invested in HOME-ARP activities under the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice are repayable in accordance with the requirements of the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice. The Grantee agrees to assume all of the responsibility for environmental review, decision making, and actions, as specified and required in regulation at 24 CFR 92.352 and 24 CFR Part 58, as well as the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice.

The Grantee must comply with the applicable requirements at 2 CFR part 200, as amended, that are incorporated by the program regulations and the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice, as may be amended from time to time. Where any previous or future amendments to 2 CFR part 200 replace or renumber sections of part 200 that are cited specifically in the program regulations or HOME-ARP Implementation Notice, activities carried out under the grant after the effective date of the 2 CFR part 200 amendments will be governed by the 2 CFR part 200 requirements, as replaced or renumbered by the part 200 amendments.

The Grantee shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Universal Numbering System and System for Award Management (SAM) requirements in Appendix I to 2 CFR part 200, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) in Appendix A to 2 CFR part 170.

Funds remaining in the grantee's Treasury account after the end of the budget period will be cancelled and thereafter not available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose. Per 31 U.S.C. 1552, the Grantee shall not incur any obligations to be paid with such assistance after the end of the Budget Period.

13. For the U.S. Department of HUD (Name and Title of Authorized Official) Robert D. Shumeyko, CPD Director	14. Signature  Digitally signed by: Robert Shumeyko	15. Date 09/21/2021
16. For the Grantee (Name and Title of Authorized Official)	17. Signature 	18. Date 10/18/2021

19. Check one: ☒ Initial Agreement ☐ Amendment #

20. Funding Information: HOME ARP
Source of Funds Appropriation Code PAS Code Amount
2021 861/50205 HMX \$2,325,483.00



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

April 28, 2021

The Honorable Sumbul Siddiqui
Mayor of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139-3219

Dear Mayor Siddiqui:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 allocation for HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. The American Rescue Plan appropriated \$5 billion to help communities provide housing, shelter, and services for people experiencing and other qualifying populations. These HOME-ARP funds are in addition to your regular FY 2021 HOME formula allocation. This one-time funding creates a significant opportunity for you to meet the housing and service needs of your community's most vulnerable populations.

Your jurisdiction's FY 2021 HOME-ARP allocation is \$2,325,483.

HOME-ARP funding gives jurisdictions significant new resources to address their homeless assistance needs by creating affordable housing or non-congregate shelter units and providing tenant-based rental assistance or supportive services. Later this year, the Department will issue an implementing notice providing guidance on HOME-ARP, including instructions and requirements for developing a substantial amendment to your jurisdiction's FY 2021 Annual Action Plan describing your proposed use of the funds. HOME-ARP funds are available for expenditure until September, 2030.

HOME-ARP funds are allocated through the HOME formula to all participating jurisdictions that qualified for an annual HOME Program allocation for FY 2021. HOME-ARP funds must be used for individuals or families from the following qualifying populations: homeless; at-risk of homelessness; fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; other populations where providing assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; and veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.


HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activities including the production or preservation of affordable housing; tenant-based rental assistance; supportive services, including homeless prevention services and housing counseling; and the purchase or development of non-congregate shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Additionally, HOME-ARP provides up to 15 percent of the allocation for administrative and planning costs of the participating jurisdiction and for subrecipients administering all or a portion of the grant. HOME-ARP can provide up to 5 percent of the grant for operating costs of Community Housing

Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other non-profit organizations, including homeless providers. Additional funding is available to these organizations for capacity building. Like other formula grant funds, HOME-ARP funds will be administered in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

While your jurisdiction will not have access to HOME-ARP funds until HUD has issued an implementing notice and subsequently reviewed and accepted a substantial amendment to your FY 2021 Annual Action Plan, I urge you to begin consulting with homeless service providers, domestic violence service organizations, public housing agencies, and other organizations and agencies that assist qualifying populations in your area. Early identification of the unmet needs among these populations and consideration of potential uses of HOME-ARP funds will position your jurisdiction to design and implement its HOME-ARP Program expeditiously.

The Office of Community Planning and Development looks forward to working with you to ensure the success of this critical program. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Arthur Jemison II
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development